The Parish News.

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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Wilkins,
Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Pancoast.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Wiegand,
Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Arrison.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets when called by Secretary.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Mrs. Kennedy, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Mrs. Hockley, Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Judson, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Semple, Miss Sanders.

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Treasurer.—Mrs. Rogers.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Bullock.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Lundy,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Stewart,
Miss Harlan, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Koons, Miss M. S. Wilkins,
Miss Stratton, Miss Oliver,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Bullock.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Monday.

Miss Bullock, Miss Orne,
Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Dixcy, Mrs. Griffith,
Miss Mellon, Miss M. Mellon,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss S. Eisenbrey,
Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Madeira,
Mrs. Hazlehurst, Mrs. Rogers,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Mrs. Wilson,
Miss Turnbull, Miss Sanders.

BAPTIZED.

Jan. 2d, Ethel May Whitehead.
" 9th, Lucien Verdi Carpenter.
" " Miss Clara Davis.
" 13th, Ada Marie Zell.
" 19th, Anna Aileen Edson.

MARRIED.

Jan. 18th, Thomas Lea Perot and Clara C. Stratton.

BURIED.

Jan. 17th, Mrs. Mary N. Christopher.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

For Missionary Box Committee,	$154 92
" Bishop Paddock,	100 00
" Female Benevolent Society,	120 00
" Special Services Expenses,	90 02
" Rectory at Lansdale,	100 00
" Pensioners,	50 00
" General Charities,	134 28
	$749 22

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

The offerings at the Morning Service will be:

Septuagesima, (Feb. 6.)—For General Charities.
Sexagesima, (Feb. 13.)—For Diocesan Missions.
Quinquagesima, (Feb. 20.)—For Sunday-schools.
Ash Wednesday, (Feb. 23.)—For Missionary Box Committee.
First Sunday in Lent, (Feb. 27.)—Deaf Mute Mission.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS which the Rector of a Parish wishes to say, and which his people ought to hear, which cannot well be said from either pulpit or chancel. An endless string of announcements makes an unseemly break, and often introduces a false note in the services. Besides, they are quickly forgotten, and consequent confusion arises. The pulpit acknowledges a prescriptive obligation to deal only with weighty matters, and in a sober style. There are many things which occur in parish life which cannot be made dignified. There is much information which the people ought to have for which there is no suitable vehicle of conveyance.

THE PARISH NEWS proposes in ST. STEPHEN'S to take this place, and something more. It will contain standing notices of the organizations in the Church. It will report to the congregation, month by month, what has been done. When the people contribute to any object they wish to know how much has been secured for the object, and where the money has gone. They have a right to know. When pressing claims for help come, these claims will, as far as possible, be stated in this paper. Times and places of meetings will stand here staring people in the face, so that they cannot forget them. Something will be told of what is going on in the Church at large. Instruction will be given, as well as may be, in matters which pertain to practical questions of Church manners and Church doctrine. In a word, this paper is intended to do a *Deacon's* work.

It will be sent to every parishioner, and, in addition will be distributed in the pews. It is not an experiment, but the introduction of a piece of machinery which has been thoroughly tested elsewhere.

SOME MONTHS AGO the clergy of all Churches of all names in this city came to a determination to try some extraordinary method to get the ear of the large class of people who never go anywhere to church. The method agreed upon was to hold a week of simultaneous, free, popular services in every church in the city. The time agreed upon was the second week in January. It was regretted by Churchmen that some week in Lent should not be chosen instead, but they were not strong enough to have their way. Accepting, therefore, the time agreed upon, the Bishop issued a letter strongly approving the attempt, and urging the parishes to join in it. Some did so, among them our own. The Rector believed and still believes that our Church cannot afford to even *seem* to be indifferent when the whole Christian community moves in any matter. A district was assigned to us: from 7th to 10th streets and from Market to Walnut. The Rector called together the gentlemen and submitted the scheme to them. They divided up the district among themselves and undertook to make a house to house visitation, asking every soul to come to Church some evening during the appointed week. The clergy were at their post, and the full choir did their work as they do on Sundays. Have the services been a success? That question is difficult to answer—it depends on what one means by success. On Monday evening about one hundred people were present. The attendance steadily increased until it reached about three hundred. They were mostly strangers, many of them evidently people not familiar with our service. They were attentive and devout, and whether they were benefitted thereby God knows. From all we learn, the attendance throughout the city was about the same as with us. Something at any rate has been gained.

First, Our own people have been brought face to face with the fact that they are surrounded by a great multitude who have little or no interest in the things which we count valuable, and that in some way—this way or some other—these people must be reached.

Second, These people themselves have learned that the Christian people of the city are not indifferent to their religious welfare. The Saturday advertisements in the *Ledger* ought to have taught everybody long ago that there is no foundation whatever for their excuse, that they "do not go to Church because they are not wanted." If they are not wanted, why are these advertisements paid for? But now that every house has been visited and its inmates personally asked to come, this ought no longer to be heard.

Third, In the aggregate, many thousands who have not been in the habit of doing so have been induced to hear the "foolishness of preaching," which is the ordained way to bring men to Christ and His Church.

THE RECTOR OF EVERY LARGE PARISH laments continually that he does not know his people, and cannot get to know them. That personal relation of priest and people, and of which the best preaching grows, seems to be impossible. In this parish there are more than seven hundred families represented. They are scattered from Camden to 49th street, and from 1500 north to 1500 south. The Rector has made it a rule to pull every door-bell in his parish at least once a year. Occasionally he gets into a house in this, his capacity as parish priest, but more frequently not. The gentlemen are down town at their business. The children are at school or in the nursery. Frequently he has a very pleasant chat with the lady —about the weather, about mutual acquaintances, and when he can bring it about, concerning the religious life of the family. But it is all very unsatisfactory. When he goes into the pulpit he is very much in the dark as to what he should say. Of the difficulties in faith and in right living which may be exercising his people he knows almost nothing. He is tempted to envy the Methodist who has learned something in Class-meeting, or the Roman Catholic who has learned in the Confessional what the people are thinking about.

It is not very clear just how this state of things is to be bettered. With the reticence of good breeding we shrink from the naked exposure of soul which is encouraged before a Presbyterian "Session," or a Methodist Class-meeting. The Confessional, for well or ill, we have abolished, and cannot set it up without being disloyal as Churchmen, and running a risk beside, which experience has proven to be too great to think of.

At the same time, it cannot be too much insisted upon that it is the chiefest part of the priest's office to give counsel and help in religious and moral perplexities. The ability to do this varies, of course, with different men, but it may be assumed that all are qualified to a degree to do this. It is incredible that after years of study and experience with just such matters any Minister is not able to do this. He can at any rate bring the sympathy of an honest and earnest mind—and *he can keep secrets.*

THE PEWS IN THE CHURCH are rented. This is done because long experience has shown that it is, upon the whole, the best way to carry on a Church. It is the simplest, most straightforward and honest, and produces the best results both spiritually and temporally. The support of a Church with its benevolent and charitable machinery costs money, as does everything else that is worth having. We do not believe that the American people can ever be reached or won by asking them to take the Church *in forma pauperis.* It is not the "free" churches which are filled with worshipers, but pewed ones. It is they also who support the Church's general charities. This can not be done where the Offertory is always needed for parish expenses. We had the opportunity not long ago to compare the offerings of this Church with those of probably the first, and certainly the most successful free Church in the country; our average offerings for *charities* are more than theirs for all purposes put together!

But it does not follow that because the pews in a Church are rented, strangers are therefore not welcome. As a matter of fact they are, and they have the opportunity to purchase a *right* to their presence by contributing as they are able to the good works which we are trying to do.

But, again, some arrangement is necessary whereby those who have pews can use them, and at the same time strangers he hospitably received. Our plan is, that all seats which it is known will not be occupied are filled by the Verger at the beginning of the Service. When the *Psalter* has been reached, (*i. e.,* about *eight minutes* after service has begun), wherever a seat remains vacant it is filled, and the occupant of it is as welcome as he would be in his own chair in his own house.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS a special offering has been made in this Church for Missions. Two years ago it was for the "Missionary Enrollment Fund," and amounted to about $1500. Last year it was for Diocesan Missions, and reached $1200. It is based upon the supposition that each member of the parish will contribute an average of $5. A band of ladies have acted as collectors of this amount. They visit every family, receive the amount, and on the third Sunday in February put it into the alms basins. These ladies do not ask any one for an offering. They simply carry about the books for the Rector. They will do the same this year. Each one has a half dozen families, of people who live near together, whom she visits. She does not go on her own responsibility at all, but representing the Church. With the exception of two or three ill-natured persons who do not intend to do any thing for Church purposes, and who will not be asked again, and whose room in the Church is worth more than their company, they have met with a kind reception, even when the people visited did not see their way to give the amount asked.

When one does not think he is able to contribute for any purpose asked, he should say so, and that is the end of it. We suppose he is honest when he so says, and he ought not to be pressed.

The collectors will meet at the Parish House *on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, at 12 o'clock.*

We need half a dozen more in order to make the work lighter. If any lady or gentleman who can give two or three hours to this work will serve, they will be of the greatest use.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE have undertaken to keep a limited number of *poor ladies* who are compelled to work for their own livelihood. They try to provide for them quietly plain or fancy work to do, and will put on exhibition at the Parish House such articles as they may wish to dispose of. The first display of this kind will be at the Parish House on Tuesday, February 8th, from 11 to 1 o'clock. The ladies of the congregation will find it interesting to look in.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SAMPLES of the cases which the *Missionary Box Committee* supply:—

BUENA VISTA, COL., Easter Monday.

DEAR MISS L——.

My husband has given me your note to answer, not that he fails in warmly appreciating its welcome promise, but that he knows the blessing of a box comes nearest the heart of the house-mother. Perhaps the delay you speak of has made me more thankful than if it had come earlier in the season, since I had entirely given up any hope of the kind, supposing that the number of boxes had not held out to reach so far westward.

It is delightful news indeed that such help is on the way. I rejoice especially over the stitches saved, for my eyes trouble me greatly, and the Spring sewing is a great bugbear. My husband thinks it will be as much as three weeks before the box can reach us, but as soon as it does, I will write again.

Meanwhile I can only thank your Society, and I do so most heartily, for the work of love you have been doing for us—the great benefit it will be to us.

There is no doubt of my finding use for the articles you mention. There is no lack in this western country of people needing such help.

Sincerely and gratefully,

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BUENA VISTA, COL.

DEAR MISS L——.

I am glad to be able to report at last the safe

arrival of the box. We have unpacked it, and enjoyed greatly the appropriation of the various gifts by the different members of the family. We shall be reminded of the kindness of St. Stephen's Church, or rather of the ladies connected with that Church, for many a day to come. May they be blessed in so abundantly blessing others!

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

St. Augustine, Texas.

My Dear Miss L——.

The box has come safely at last, and I must say it is an agreeable surprise to find so many valuable things in it—all so useful and good—much more than I expected, especially the fine clothing. I was just planning to get some nice clothing, and now these come in exactly. The pants, vest and coats are just what I wanted; and how thankful my heart was as I took them out of the box you may imagine.

They all fit very nicely, except I fear I wasn't quite particular enough, or else not quite skilful enough in measuring my arms, as the sleeves of the fine coat, particularly, are about two inches too short. The other coat will do well enough. But I wonder if you could find enough of the same material to make the sleeves longer? I think it could be done here, or to make the best job of it, it ought to be fixed by the tailor that made it. If you can give me the name I can send it back and not trouble any one. It is a great pity I didn't know well how to measure. But I did not think of getting such fine outer clothing, and perhaps was not careful enough about measuring. Can you take the trouble to write me? Give my kindest Christian regards to all concerned. I pray the Lord to reward them all fourfold for their truly Christian care for one of His unworthy servants.

Yours kindly and truly,

St. Paul's Rectory.

Mrs. ——.

The coat and box came to hand safely. The coat was a trifle large for Mr. ——, but I have opened the seams, refitted it, and it is splendid—so warm and comfortable in this northern climate. The shoes for each were a perfect fit. The remaining things are useful, *just* what we most needed—good quality. And it remains for us to send our sincere thanks to the good ladies of St. Stephen's Aux. for this substantial aid. And as you have shown your faith by your works, we will show our faith by the more faithful performance of duty to God.

Please accept thanks coming from thankful hearts, and be assured that we appreciate your labor of faith and love.

Very respectfully,

To Secretary of St. Stephen's Missionary Box Committee.

Dyerville, Iowa, Dec. 6, 1886.

Dear Madam:

I have received a letter from the Secretary of St. Stephen's Guild, asking me if there was anything else, not mentioned in my letter, that I would like added to a missionary box your Guild would so kindly send me. I believe I asked for a pair of Winter boots, No. 8, last D; Winter underwear, size 44; socks 10½, and a suit of clothes. I have not had a new suit in over three years. I have had old ones re-made, and vests made out of the skirts of coats. I would like some pocket handkerchiefs, large size, and a light overcoat for Spring. I ask for this as I am obliged to drive a great deal. I have, besides this place, charge of Farley, 7 miles east; Lareda, 8 miles south; Manchester, 16 miles west. Besides, my congregation live, some 11 miles west from here, some 12 miles south, some 11 miles east; I visit them constantly, and during this year I have driven over 3000 miles.

My principal work is here and at Farley; on Sunday I have service here in the morning, drive to Farley, have Sunday-school and service, and return here for evening service. The next Sunday I go to Farley, have Sunday-school and service in the morning and service in the afternoon, and service here in the evening. So I have three services, Sunday-school, and 14 miles drive every Sunday.

I find the most economical way of living is to keep house; that is, I have a house, have my rooms on one side and a man and his family on the other. She attends to my rooms, and I supply my own table, she doing the cooking and serving my meals in my study. I have a hesitancy about asking for more than I have already done, but I am emboldened by the letter I received to say that, if it comes within the province of the Guild, canned vegetables would be very acceptable, as they are very dear here. I merely make this suggestion, and will not be at all disappointed if they are not sent. With many thanks for the kind letter I received, and begging you will not think I ask too much,

Very respectfully,

Dyerville, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1886.

Mrs. ——, Secretary S. Stephen's Missionary Box Committee:

Dear Madam:

The box which your Guild so kindly sent me was received yesterday. Everything is most acceptable. The suit fits me perfectly. The stockings are the right size, and the cloak will prove very useful. The shirts and collars are too small for me, as also the coat and vest, but I have two needy parishioners to whom they will be God-sends. I can not thank your Guild sufficiently for their liberality; nor grateful enough to our Heavenly Father for raising me up such kind friends to help me. I shall remember you in my prayers, that heaven's greatest blessings may be thine in this life, and in the one to come the greatest blessing of seeing the Master's face and of hearing His loving words, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

I am thankful for the liberal donation of canned vegetables. I shall enjoy them, and they will remind me of the thoughtfulness of S. Stephen's Guild. I will be glad if you will return to them, at your meeting, my unfeigned thanks for what they have done for me.

Very respectfully,

I enclose the freight bill, although I feel it is trespassing on the liberality of the Guild, and that I ought willingly to pay the charges, but at your request I send them.

Our Churches.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: FACTS.

I. Stations.—The number of stations is 143; 47 of which are in Western Africa, 34 in China, 46 in Japan, 1 in Greece, 15 in Haiti.

II. Laborers.—The whole number of laborers is 271.

a. In Athens there is one foreign lady assisted by twelve teachers.

b. In Africa there are 12 clergymen, 1 missionary physician, 8 lay readers, and 26 catechists and teachers.

c. In China there are 25 clergymen, 3 foreign missionary physicians, 10 foreign lay workers, and 64 catechists, teachers and Bible readers.

d. In Japan there are 9 clergymen, 2 missionary physicians, 13 foreign lay workers, and 25 catechists, teachers, lay readers and Bible readers.

e. In the Haitien Church there are 12 clergymen, 39 lay readers, catechists and teachers. (The lay assistants, with two exceptions, are not paid by the Board.)

*111. SCHOOLS.—There are 14 Boarding-Schools; 4 being in Africa, 4 in China, 4 in Japan, and 2 in Haiti. Also a Divinity and Medical School, with the College, in China, and a Medical School in Africa, and a Divinity School in Japan. The number of pupils in these Boarding-Schools aggregates 561. There are 71 Day Schools, containing 2425 pupils, in all 2986; besides 69 Sunday-schools, with an attendance of 2540 (two-thirds of whom, however, are the children of the Boarding and Day Schools).

IV. COMMUNICANTS.—The number of Communicants is 1464, of whom there are in Africa 481; in China 358; in Japan 252, and in Haiti 373.

V. CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.—There are 3 candidates for Holy Orders in Africa, 12 in China, 1 in Japan, 3 in Haiti, and 2 Postulants.

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SPEAK OUT FOR THE CHURCH.

"From all sides, from all denominations of Christians, people are turning their thoughts to the Church's claims, and worship and history. Almost every month the writer of this meets with some new worshiper, who is just learning the Church's ways. Every year some other body of Christian people takes a step in search of the 'old paths.' People who used to denounce the Prayer Book most bitterly are quietly appropriating many of its beauties. Holy Days are winning their way to the approval of all—Christmas and Easter need no apologies now. Good Friday is remembered more and more widely. The *Te Deum* and *Gloria Patri* are sung often in congregations where they were once shut out as Romish.

"The patience, the firmness, the strong conservative fidelity which have held fast the old apostolic truths and worship, however unpopular, are finding their reward.

"But the Church and Churchmen must remember that they need to do something more than 'hold fast.' They must 'speak out.'

"'Why don't you let people know what your Church is?' is the question often asked by those just learning to love it. 'This worship,' said one, lately, 'is what I have been longing for for years. It has been described to me as a mere formality; I find it full of life and earnestness.' Said another: 'I have long joined in the popular cry that your Church was so exclusive. Now I know for myself that no other body of Christians has such liberal terms of communion. Why don't you take pains to show that fact to all?' And yet another recently asked the writer, 'Why are you Churchmen so close-mouthed?' You go about your business, and don't seem to care for what others think. If you would only speak out for your Church, as others do for theirs, you would do better."—*Rev. Wm. M. Barker.*

ON SUNDAY evening last the Arch Street Opera House held more than 1700 attendants. The Rev. Frederic Palmer preached the sermon, and although several hundred persons stood during the service, not one went out.

These services, which are now in their sixth year, have aroused a generous rivalry on the part of the Presbyterians, who use the same theatre for similar purposes every Sunday afternoon. One of the city armories is also open every Sunday night for religious services. There is no sensible diminution, however, of the numbers in attendance at the Opera House. The Rector of this Church is announced to preach there this evening. Last Sunday evening all those who had been in a church within the last six months were asked to remain standing after one of the hymns. Only 169 out of the 1700 present stood up!

THE COURT OF APPEALS of the State of New York has rendered a decision in the case of the suit of the Rev. S. D. Hinman against Bishop Hare, reversing the action of the inferior tribunal, which awarded damages to the amount of $10,000. Bishop Hare is to be congratulated upon the decision.

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BAPTIZED.

Jan. 30. William Henry Simms.
Feb. 1. James Emmot Caldwell.
" 3. Julia Bock.
" 3. Walter Bock.

MARRIED.

Feb. 3. William E. Hillis and Jennie Ruhl.

BURIED.

Feb. 8. Mrs. Addie Gillespie Whilldin.
" 8. Joseph Borner.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For Theatre Services,	$260 76
" Sunday-schools,	122 40
" Diocesan Missions,	1223 34
" Printing Parish News,	20 00
" Female Benevolent Society,	2 00
" General Charities	128 93
	$1757 43

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

The offerings at the Morning Service will be:

March 6.—Second Sunday in Lent, for General Charities.
" 13.—Third " " Domestic Missions.
" 20.—Fourth " " General Charities.
" 27.—Fifth " " Colored Missions.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS—PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.
THURSDAYS, 3½ to 5½ P. M., Mrs. Arrison and Miss Wilkins, Teachers.

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THE OFFERTORY FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS, as reported above, is in every way gratifying. Upwards of twelve hundred dollars is a large sum of money for this purpose. It is all the more gratifying because it was almost entirely made up of small sums. It sets St. Stephen's this year where we were last year, the foremost in the Diocese in this work.

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE reports that five boxes have been sent this Winter by the Committee: One each to Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, and two to Virginia, one being for Freedmen. All of these have been gratefully acknowledged. The Committee have received $157.42, but owing to donations of partly worn clothing and discounts the value of the boxes amounted to $351.83. The Committee are trusting to the Lenten-offerings to enable them to send other boxes for which they are pledged. One of these being for a hospital in the West, clothing suitable for the sick, and old linen will be gladly received and may be sent to the Parish Building.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE, as was announced last month, have undertaken to aid needy gentlewomen by receiving the work which they are able to produce, and putting it on sale at the Parish House. The number of such women is incredible. Well bred, well nurtured, and in consequence unable to compete in the hard grind of competition to make a living, they go to the wall. They have never learned the tricks of the trade. Still there are some things which they *can do better* than professionals. This sort of work the ladies take charge of, take orders for and sell as far as they can. One public exhibition and sale has been already held with a success really astonishing. Another will be held in the Parish House on March 24, from 10 to 5 o'clock, of which further notice will be given in due time.

MANY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Leason, formerly a "Parish Visitor." For some years she did very faithful work in the way of visiting among the poor, and in looking after the children of the Sunday-schools, and such work. The present Rector conceiving that such work should be done by the clergy themselves, did not think well to continue the office which she held, and was able some years ago to secure a place for her in the employ of the City Mission, where she did the same work for the same salary. Gradually, however, her health and strength failed until she was compelled to give it up. The kindness of ladies of the parish who were interested in her provided for her necessities. Six months ago she was, at her own wish, removed to her old home in Maryland, where she died. Her life was a hard one, but she lived it bravely, and is now at rest and peace.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS of the Benevolent Society beg to inform the Congregation that they fear they will be obliged to send the poor women away earlier than usual, for lack of funds. And also to state that they have on hand a great number of household articles for sale, such as sheets, pillow-cases, etc. Can you not buy some of these? They have also unbleached muslin garments. The Selling Committee is on duty Wednesday, 12 M., at 1124 Girard street.

THE BISHOP HAS APPOINTED the Sunday after Easter, at the Morning Service, for Confirmation. This rite is the one by which, as the phrase goes, one "joins the Church." Of course, the phrase is misleading, as everybody knows. Every man, woman and child who has been baptized is already a member of the Church. Being confirmed does not make one any more a member than he was before. Nevertheless, the popular phrase does designate a real fact, as such phrases always do. It assumes that by *Confirmation* one does come into *a new relation* to many things concerning religion. What is it for, therefore? Who is it for? What results may fairly be expected of it?

In the first place, it is the public declaration of one's citizenship in the kingdom of God. The Church does not conduct her affairs in a corner. A man or woman comes to us, let us say, from another Church. He brings his certificate of membership with him. We accept that certificate in all courtesy. It is sufficient witness to the fact that the bearer "believes the articles of the Christian faith, and intends to lead a sober, righteous, and godly life." These are *all* the qualifications which the Church demands, and all that her priests are *allowed* to require.

But the man so coming intends to become and to be known as one of us. We welcome him, and let him come from where he may we believe before God that he gains enormously by coming. If he come from Rome, he finds freedom and sweet reasonableness; if he come from Protestantism, he finds order and spiritual support. These things we believe. That others believe so, too, is proven by the experience of the Rector of this Church, in which experience he is not singular. Of all those, whom in the course of his ministry he has presented for Confirmation, *nearly two-thirds have been born and reared in other Churches!*

When they come to us, therefore, we welcome them with both hands,—*but,* we ask something of them. We are about to become publicly responsible for them; they must on their part publicly assume their place among us. There must be nothing secret or underhanded about it. They must be admitted by the only rite which we possess for that purpose—they must be Confirmed.

But this is the lowest possible ground upon which to explain the rite. The Scripture, and the unbroken custom of the overwhelming majority of Christians have found infinitely more in it than this. They have found in it the Gift of the Holy Ghost! The phrase is a mighty one, but the thing which it signifies is true. Religion is the gift of God to men. He is lavish in this as in all His gifts, but here, as elsewhere, His gifts are habitually given in certain well defined methods. The *conditions* must be fulfilled. In sober truth, the condition of a certain grace is the "Laying on of the Apostles' Hands." It is idle to argue that the connection cannot be traced between the means and the end; or that the means are so commonplace that such stupendous consequences cannot depend upon them; or that other people seem to get on without the rite at all. The reply is, this is God's way—ordained arbitrarily if you will, but still ordained.

Ordained for whom? For those who are qualified to receive it. Moral faculties, *e. g.*, cannot be given to an animal for the reason that there is no place in its nature upon which to fasten them. So the Gifts of God in Confirmation can only be given to those whose spiritual nature has been otherwise developed to the point of receiving them. It is the experience of all that this is a point for which no date can be fixed. It is simply for those who have ceased to be children, and have come to be "discreet." Up to that time they are under cover; God's gifts are held in trust and doled to them by those whom God has set over them. This is meant to be so, for sake both of the child and its parents. If they allow it to go empty, it must suffer the loss—and "better for them that they had never been born!" But now the child,—having passed through the ferment which attends the change from the boy to the man, from the girl to the woman—is to be brought by the parents, not driven, but "brought to the Bishop to be confirmed," as the parents solemnly promised at the child's baptism to do. There is to be no compulsion here. There needs none. The youth or the maiden detects unerringly what their parents *wish* them to do in the matter, and that they usually do.

So, again, the rite is for that large class who are Christians in all their beliefs and habits, honorable men and pure women who revere the Master, who live as best they may by His rule, and expect to lie down in hope of His resurrection and be buried with Christian burial. For many reasons, lack of early opportunity, self-distrust, shyness which borders closely upon cowardice, from some speculative difficulty in an unimportant doctrine—from neglect, which at first may be venial, but which changes into a sin—from a hundred causes they have not yet done what they know to be their duty. Confirmation is for these. Do you believe the articles of the Christian faith as they are contained in the Apostles' Creed? Do you promise by the help of God to lead a sober, righteous and godly life? If so, then *you* are one of those whom the Bishop is coming to Confirm. Give your name to the Rector. Tell him where he may see you and when. Make any sign you see fit, and he will answer it.

A Class of Ladies for Bible study has been formed, which will meet at the Parish Building at 3.30 o'clock on the second Tuesday of each month, at which time the Rector will go over the outline of the section of Scripture which the members will study at home during the rest of that month. The lesson at present under study is Acts i. to viii. The questions for examination papers have already been distributed. *In addition* to these, the following topics may be written upon as briefly as possible:

1. What do you consider the most important event narrated in Acts i. to viii., and why?

2. State what you know of *five* of the following places, and the events connected with each.

(a) Mt. of Olives. (e) Gaza.
(b) The Beautiful Gate. (f) Ethiopia.
(c) Solomon's Porch. (g) Azotus.
(d) Samaria (City of.) (h) Cæsarea.

3. Explain any *five* of the following passages.

(a) A Sabbath day's journey.
(b) The ninth hour.
(c) Acts ii: 47. "*Such as should be saved.*"
(d) Acts iii: 19. "*When* the times of refreshing."
(e) "The *Grecians.*"
(f) "The *Council* and all the *Senate.*"
(g) "The *lively* oracles."
(h) "Calling upon *God* and saying."

4. What do you understand the gift of tongues to have been?

The following letters are samples from a large pile which lies constantly upon the Rector's table—and upon his heart.

Quantico, Md., Jan. 25th, 1887.

My Dear Rev. Brother:

As you were once my rector at Middletown, Conn., I thought I might make an appeal to you, in behalf of my old church. I must raise $200.00 immediately. Will you not help me? It is my first attempt at building up the waste places of Zion. I have three old, but very poor, parishes. At one time they were not the least among all the tribes of Israel.

If God and my brethren will help me, I will try to raise to its former position in Maryland the ancient parish of Stepney.

I enclose two circulars and two blank pledges. I thought you might hand one of them to a brother clergyman.

Hoping that the year may be a happy one for you,

I remain, your brother in Christ,
F. B. Adkins.

Rev. S. D. McConnell.

Dear Sir:—Bishop Peterkin, last June, 1886, confirmed a class of ten for us and laid the corner-stone of our chapel named S. Stephen's. When we began we never expected to ask aid; but we are farmers, and on account of failure in crops we are helpless. We have no Bishop, and our Rector has left us, and while we are doing nothing our Sunday-school is suffering. We only need enough to finish inside, buy windows, doors, etc. We have raised all the funds possible by different kinds of entertainments, and now we must beg or give up. We are sixteen miles from our Parish Church, too far to attend. We have worked hard for two years in our Sunday-school with an occasional Church service, hoping to gather funds enough to build, and to see all go for nought is very hard. We are not trying to build anything fine, only a plain, little frame building; and if some of the large Sunday-schools would, in pity, think of us and take even a penny collection for us, we would be enabled to go on. I beg to refer you to Rev. Edw'd Woolten, of Seaford, Del., who will tell you of our hard struggle; also to Bishop Peterkin, of West Virginia. Very respectfully,

Mrs. M. M. Todd.
Federalsburgh, Caroline Co., Md.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find a flaw when he has forgotten the cause.

THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION CONCERNING Church Unity was issued by the House of Bishops at the last General Convention, and stands as a statement of what our Church is ready to do to bring about unity in our divided Christianity.

WHEREAS, Many of the faithful in Christ Jesus among us are praying with renewed and increasing earnestness that some measures may be adopted at this time for the reunion of the sundered parts of Christendom!

Now, therefore, We, Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Council assembled as Bishops of the Church of GOD, do hereby solemnly declare to all whom it may concern, and especially to our fellow-Christians of the different Communions in this land, who, in their several spheres, have contended for the religion of CHRIST:

(1.) Our earnest desire that the Saviour's prayer "that we all may be one" may, in its deepest sense, be speedily fulfilled.

(2.) That we believe that all who have been duly baptized with water in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST, are members of the Holy Catholic Church.

(3.) That in all things of human ordering or human choice relating to modes of worship and discipline, or to traditional customs, this Church is ready in the spirit of love and humility *to forego all preferences of her own:*

(4.) That this Church does not seek to absorb other Communions, but rather, co-operating with them on the basis of a common Faith and Order, to discountenance schism, to heal the wounds of the Body of CHRIST, and to promote the Charity which is the Chief of Christian graces and the visible manifestation of CHRIST to the world.

But, furthermore, we do hereby affirm that the Christian unity now so earnestly desired by the memorialists can be restored only by the return of all Christian Communions to the principles of unity exemplified by the undivided Catholic Church during the first ages of its existence; which principles we believe to be the substantial deposit of Christian Faith and Order committed by CHRIST and His Apostles to the Church unto the end of the world, and therefore incapable of compromise or surrender by those who have been ordained to be its stewards and trustees for the common and equal benefit of all men.

As inherent parts of this sacred deposit, and, therefore, as essential to the restoration of the unity among the divided branches of Christendom, we account the following, to wit:

(I.) The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Revealed Word of GOD.

(II.) The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian Faith.

(III.) The two Sacraments—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by Him.

(IV.) The Historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the Unity of His Church.

Futhermore: Deeply grieved by the sad divisions which afflict the Christian Church in our land, we hereby declare our desire and readiness, so soon as there shall be any authorized response to this Declaration, to enter into brotherly conference with all or any Christian bodies seeking the restoration of the organic Unity of the Church, with a view to the earnest study of the conditions under which so priceless a blessing might happily be brought to pass.

BISHOPS POTTER AND LYMAN IN LAMBETH PALACE.—On February 4th, services were held in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace, commemorative of the Consecration of Bishops White and Provoost, one hundred years ago. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London both took part in the services, as did also Bishops Lyman and Potter. Bishop Potter made the address, for a report of which we are indebted to the New York *Herald*. The American Minister, Mr. Phelps, and probably a hundred others were present.

YOU NEVER get to the end of Christ's words. There is something in them always behind. They pass into proverbs; they pass into laws; they pass into doctrines; they pass into consolations; but they never pass away, and after all the use that is made of them they are still not exhausted.—*Dean Stanley.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

WEEKDAYS, MORNING PRAYER, Oct. to May, 11 A. M., daily.
" EVENING " " " 5 P. M.

LECTURE at Wednesday and Friday P. M. Services, during Lent.

HOLY COMMUNION, Every Sunday, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
" " Maundy Thursday Evening.
" " Easter Day, 8 o'clock and 11 o'clock.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 o'clock.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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THURSDAYS, 5.00.
FRIDAYS, 9.00 and 4.30.
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HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday, 10.30, other Sundays, 7.30.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

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Sundays, 2.30. Chapel.

BAPTIZED.

Feb. 27. Herbert Rowe Smith Lister.
Mar. 4. Mary Reynolds Pile.
" Annie Reed Moore.
" Walter Brennan Moore.
" William Edward Moore.
" Wm Joseph Hodgson
" Thomas Garrett Young.
" Frederic Sipp.

MARRIED.

Mar. 17. Richard J. W. Emery and Juliet D. Quinlyn.

BURIED.

Mar. 1. Gilbert S. B. Truax.
" 5. Moore Kerr.
" 9. Wm. M. Allen.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Deaf Mute Mission,	- - -	$126 12
" Missionary Box Committee,	- - -	90 42
" Diocesan Missions,	- - -	15 00
" Domestic Missions,	- - -	188 75
" General Charities,	- - -	349 40
		$770 09

OFFERINGS FOR APRIL.

April 3. Easter Decorations.
" 8. (Good Friday), Female Benevolent Societies.
" 10. (Easter), To be distributed by Rector.
" 17. General Charities.
" 24. Society for Increase of Ministry.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING for study of lesson, every Friday from 3½ to 4½ o'clock P. M., 1124 Girard Street.

THERE WILL BE TWO CELEBRATIONS of the Holy Communion on Easter Day, at 8 o'clock and 11 o'clock. At one or other of these, every communicant in the Parish will receive. It is inconceivable that any one who has the right to stay should turn his back on his Lord's table on that day!

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL EASTER FESTIVAL will be on the Sunday after Easter, at 4 o'clock, in the afternoon. The carols are sung by the children of the Burd Orphan Asylum, the Parish Day school and Sunday school. The offerings of the children during the year are at this service presented and devoted to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children.

THE BISHOP WILL CONFIRM at the morning service, the Sunday after Easter, April 17.

All those who expect to be Confirmed will meet the Rector on Friday in Easter week, immediately after the 5 o'clock service, to sign the Parish Register, and make final arrangements. The Rector begs to repeat that it will give him sincere pleasure to meet half-way, or the whole way, for that matter, any one who is thinking of Confirmation. He wishes also to point out that the question for every man and woman to ask is not "Why should I be confirmed?" but "What reasonable apology have I for not doing so?"

Seats will be provided for those candidates who have no regular places of sitting.

The time of the ceremony is immediately after the sermon, if there be a sermon, or if not, takes the place of the sermon. The ladies will leave their bonnets in their seats. The class will assemble at the chancel rail, and *remain standing* until the Rector gives them the signal to kneel. (The proper attitude for the *congregation* in the Confirmation office, is to stand until the Bishop bids them to prayer.) There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion immediately after, at which all the newly Confirmed are expected to receive. (It is one of the "lesser morals" of the Church, that the consecrated Bread shall always be in an open, *ungloved* hand.)

Those to be Confirmed will, by some means, find a little time on the Sunday morning before coming to Church, to be alone with God, and ask His blessing upon what they are about to do.

THE OFFERINGS ON EASTER DAY will be for whatever good object each person contributing may mark his gift. If he does not designate it for anything special, the Rector will distribute it among such Church and charitable objects as, in his judgment, may be most useful. It is the custom of the Rector, as of all rectors, to pledge his parish to do certain things, and then to ask his people for the wherewithal to redeem these pledges. It is understood, in all such promises, that he is only to do his best, and not make promises over and above what he may reasonably expect his people to do. Our memoranda of promises for the year beginning May, 1886, at this writing has the following aspect:

For Rent of Parish House . .	(Paid)	$950 00
" Furniture " " . . .	(Paid)	400 00
" Theatre Services . . .	(Paid)	250 00
" For Chapel at Lonsdale . .	(Paid)	100 00
Scholarship in St. Augustine's School for Colored Clergy, Raleigh, N. C. . . .	(Paid)	50 00
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" Italian Mission, Phila.		50 00
" For French Mission in Wis.		25 00
" Mission at Northeast, Pa.		25 00
" Purchase of Convocation lot at 9th Street and Lehigh Avenue . . .	(Paid)	500 00
" Diocesan Missions . . .	(Paid)	800 00

Will somebody be good enough to redeem each of these unpaid promises at Easter? Sir, which will you take? Madam, which do you prefer? At what do you estimate this year your duty in sense of gratitude for your hope of resurrection?

At the Easter Services it will be impossible to keep the seats unoccupied after the time to begin services. The pew holders and regular attendants will be admitted through the north transept doors. The front doors will be opened *five minutes* before the service time, after which all pews will be filled as full as they will comfortably hold.

We are quite aware of the inhospitable look that this method has. Reasonable people, however, will see the reasonableness of it; unreasonable ones will not, but that cannot be helped. The vociferous complaint that he was not given a seat on Easter day is usually heard from the man or woman who has not been inside a Church since last Easter. He declines to identify himself anywhere, to do any work, to take any responsibility, and then when he concludes to go to Church once, simply and solely for his own entertainment, he is indignant because a seat is not reserved for him, and because those who go always do not make way for him. Still, there is not very many of him, and it is hardly worth while to be much disturbed by him. He can be set over against that other very rare individual, who looks inhospitable when strangers are shown to his pew. If it would only always happen that the two would get into the same seat!

Most of our visitors—who, we delight to say, are very many—are reasonable, courteous, and recognize the fact that we wish to treat them just as well as we know how—only we must be allowed to make our own rules for it.

The Women's class for Bible Study has been successful beyond all expectation. At the last meeting sixty ladies were present, and between twenty and thirty carefully written examination papers were presented. The attendance was not only from our own Parish, but many thoughtful women from elsewhere. The plan seems to meet such a general want, that it has been determined to widen and extend our methods.

The following is proposed, and, God willing, will be formally entered upon next autumn:

1. To enroll a class of about one hundred ladies, from this parish or any other, who have some time and leisure, and who honestly wish to be well informed in religious and ecclesiastical matters. The class having been formed (each member paying a slight matriculation fee, not exceeding $5), with the aid of one of the Professors in the Divinity School, a course of study will be arranged in four Departments: (1) *The Scriptures*, (2) *The Prayer Book*, (3) *Church History*, (4) *Church Theology*. Each lady will then elect which one or more of these Departments she will take. The Rector of this Church, and one or two others, will take charge of the various departments. A lecture will be given once a month, at the Parish House, in each Department, these lectures being open to all who join the organization.

It is confidently expected by this means to draw together a company of earnest and bright women, who by study will fit themselves to intelligently represent the Church wherever they may be. It is believed, also, that this sort of work is fully as valuable, and will produce quite as much result for the Church, as does very much of our "Church work."

The next meeting will be at the Parish House on Tuesday, April 12th, at 3.30 o'clock.

The lesson at present under study is Acts viii. to xi. 18.

Examination Papers will be submitted not later than April 5, on the following topics:

I. St. Paul. (1) Biography so far as before us; (2) Character.

II. *Cause* of Persecution by the Jews; *Results* of the Persecution.

III. Confirmation.

IV. Supernatural Gifts: their purpose and their limits.

V. The Gospel and the Gentiles.

VI. St. Peter. (1) Biography; (2) Character.

The Theatre Services in the Arch St. Opera House have been carried forward until now by the Rectors of Holy Trinity, St. Luke's, St Stephen's, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, of Jenkintown. So far, little attempt has been made to do anything more than preach simply and earnestly to the crowds who go there, and who will not go to Church. Of course, innumerable cases have arisen where

the services of the Church have been asked to baptize, bury, visit sick and relieve the poor. The attempt is now being made to secure some more tangible results. The Rev. Mr. Johnson, who first started the services, has been induced to come back from New York, and to take charge of that large congregation as, in some sort, his parish. He has already begun visiting, securing their names, and hopes to organize a sort of Guild, or Society in some such way as will bring him into the relation of Pastor to people who have no shepherd. Our Parish House has been put at his disposal evenings for headquarters for "Girls' Friendly Societies," and such other purposes as may be fit, and may help forward the work. The Rector has not hesitated to promise for our people that we will lend a helping hand in whatever way may be found the best.

The building of a Rectory for St. George's Church, 61st Street and Hazel Avenue, was begun last fall. The work was suspended for the winter, but is expected to be resumed in the spring. Almost $900 is still required to finish it. It was for this object that the fair was held at the Burd Asylum last year, in which so many of the ladies of the congregation took an active part. The Sunday on which the collection was made for it in St. Stephen's was so very stormy that many of the congregation were absent, and the amount contributed was not as large as was expected. The Rector will be glad to receive additional contributions for this most deserving object.

On Quinquagesima Sunday, Bishop Whitaker confirmed twelve persons in the Chapel of the Burd Asylum, ten of whom were pupils.

The attendance at the week-day services during Lent has been large, but there are many faces not seen there which ought to be. It is noteworthy that it is the busiest men who are most frequently there. Gentlemen, your business will not suffer if you take a half hour once or twice a week to say your prayers. Some people, not superstitious, think that in the long run it will suffer if you don't.

SELECTED.

A Word to Parishioners.—Parishioners are heard very often to complain that their clergyman did not come to see them when they were sick or in trouble. They think hard of him for it. They have felt themselves slighted, and are ready to accuse him of partiality and indifference to their wants. This is the fact in most all parishes.

Now, will people look at the other side of the matter?

How many of those thus afflicted are sure that their clergyman knew of their trouble? Every one will grant that a Minister ought not to be blamed for not attending to a case of which he is in perfect ignorance. Clergymen are human and not omnipresent nor omniscient. Their means of information are not supernaturally strained so that they can tell by intuition when a parishioner is ill or in need of spiritual care. Yet many people act as though they were. The fault in a large majority of cases lies with the people themselves. Their first duty, if they feel the need of a clergyman, is to send word to him; then he will come. Otherwise they may be ill a long time without his knowing it. If you send word of your condition, and your Rector does not come to you, then complain, for you have a perfect right to do so.

If you do not let him know that his services are needed, then you do him and yourself both a grievous wrong, and he is the one to complain of your neglect. Above all things don't argue that the minister ought to know the state of health of from a hundred to a thousand souls under his charge. He ought to know nothing of the kind; he can know nothing until he is told. The true Priest is ever ready; he is more ready, generally, to be of aid to his people than people are to claim his aid.

Cut this out to Keep.—"The general rule for position in the Church Service is to stand for praise, kneel for prayer, and sit for instruction.

"At baptism, standing is the right posture for the whole congregation, till the Lord's Prayer, which is said all kneeling.

"At the Marriage Service the people stand from the beginning to the end; the bride and bridegroom only kneeling at the blessing.

"At Funerals the people should stand throughout, except during the reading of the Lesson.

"At Confirmation the best rule—that which is also the most easily followed, as it is constantly marked by the eye—is to sit while the Bishop sits, rise when he rises, stand while he stands, and kneel when he kneels, except that both minister and people should remain kneeling while the Bishop blesses the newly Confirmed."

KNEELING IN CHURCH.—A writer in the *Church Press* says: "In a recent issue, under 'Church Properties,' people are urged on entering their pew to 'bow their head in silent prayer.' Is there any authority for recommending such a posture? It is a favorite one, doubtless, and adopted throughout the prayers with singular unanimity by entire congregations. But it seems hardly reconcilable with obedience to the rubrical direction that the people shall kneel. Sitting on the edge of the seat, drawing the shoulder up to the ears, and touching the forehead to the back of the pew in front, is certainly not kneeling. It is an attitude of prayer for which there is no authority in the Prayer-book; neither does the Bible give us a description of any like posture. As the Bishop of Central New York once wrote, with reference to this very thing: 'We are not told that Daniel hunched his back three times a day toward Jerusalem, but that he kneeled on his knees.'

"It is a curious fact that people who 'hunch their backs' are firmly convinced that that is kneeling, and as a general rule are indignant at any hint that it is not. It would be interesting to know when and how this misconception arose. When we Americans have occasion to use the English Prayer-book, the exhortation to the people to confess their sins to Almighty God, 'meekly kneeling upon their knees,' seems to us very unnecessarily explanatory; and our version, 'devoutly kneeling,' appears like a decided improvement; but it may be it had been better to have left it unchanged. Perhaps it is owing to the absence in our Prayer-book of that one unmistakable direction that, while English congregations kneel on their knees, American ones so often kneel on their foreheads."

STANLEY'S CONVERSION.—During a recent interview between Mr. Stanley and a newspaper correspondent, the intrepid explorer and founder of the Congo Free State said: "I have been in Africa for seventeen years, and I never met a man who would kill me if I folded my hands. What has been wanted, and what I have been endeavoring to ask for the poor Africans, has been the good offices of Christians ever since Livingstone taught me, during those four months that I was with him. In 1871 I went to him as prejudiced as the biggest atheist in London. To a reporter and correspondent, such as I, who had only to deal with wars, mass-meetings and political gatherings, sentimental matters were entirely out of my province. But there came for me a long time for reflection. I was out there away from a worldly world. I saw this solitary old man there, and asked myself, 'How on earth does he stop here? Is he cracked, or what? What is it that inspires him?' For months after we met I simply found myself listening to him, wondering at the old man carrying out all that was said in the Bible: 'Leave all things and follow me.' But little by little his sympathy for others became contagious; my sympathy was aroused; seeing his piety, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how he went quietly about his business, I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it. How sad that the good old man should have died so soon! How joyful he would have been if he could have seen what has happened here!"

COME OUT, JOACHIM! One day when Martin Luther was completely penniless he was asked for money to aid an important Christian enterprise. He reflected a little, and recollected that he had a beautiful medal of Joachim, Elector of Brandenburg, which he very much prized. He went immediately to a drawer, opened it and said, "What art thou doing there, Joachim? Dost thou not see how idle thou art? Come out and make thy self useful." Then he took out the medal and contributed it to the object solicited for. Have not some of our readers idle Joachims which they could send out to do good in missions at home and abroad?

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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" EVENING " Fridays, 5 P. M.
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BAPTIZED.

April 4 Frank Arthur Orton.
" 9. Mary Buell Hine.
" 9. Eugenia Bradford Hay.
" 9. Edith Grigg.
" 9. Addrew Jackson Holman.
" 9. Florence Holman.
" 9. Laura Isabella Sutton.
" 15. Elma Airey.
" 15. Katherine Evans.
" 18. Mary M. Haddock.

MARRIED.

Mar. 29. Daniel Nichols Bates and Mary Alma Ferguson.
April 11. Edward Henry and Maria A. Noon.
April 18 Douglass Hilger and Anna Ridgway Worrell.

BURIED.

Mar. 31. Louisa Simms.
" 4. Mrs. Mary Shunk.
Apr. 21. John E. Dodd.

CONFIRMED.

Sunday after Easter.

Howard H. Higham, Lillian V. Bates,
Mrs. Margaret M. Parmalee, Emma Henry,
Mary E. Bannister, Mrs. Idella W. Higham,
Mrs. Virginia Vanderslice, Dr. Charles A. Oliver,
Wm. N. Stewart, Annie W. Denny,
Edward Hazlehurst, Edith Bernard Grigg,
Elizabeth Marvell, Mrs. Wm. N. Stewart,
Mrs. Alison White V. May Walker,
Carrie J. Clark, Catherine P. Hansel,
Fannie Keim, Woodman H. Robertson,
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Mary L. Koons, Stockton Stokes,
Josephine Simpson, Mrs Lizzie D. Clayton,
Elizabeth C. Simpson, Eugenia Bradford Hay,
Virginia Simpson, Elma Airey,
Mrs. Lillie Hopkinson, Elizabeth H. Taylor,
Mrs. Elizabeth Pine, Lillian Claybaugh,
Mrs. Mary Buell Hine, Carrie Bowers,

Katherine Evans, Helena Groh,
Albert Saunders Hills, Margaret E. Wynne,
Clara Davis, Stella Driver,
Maud E. Lowry, George Young.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

Colored Missions.	$120 00
Easter Decoration.	191 47
Easter Offering,	936 46
Home for Crippled Children, (S. S Sums),	146 28
General Charities,	178 87
Total,	$1573 08

THE EASTER OFFERING, as announced above, amounted to $936.46.

It has been distributed as follows, including the sums marked by the givers for specific purposes :

Mission at Glen Cove, Minn.,	$100 00
Colored Missions, through Mrs. Brent, Va.,	20 00
Mission at North East, Pa.,	25 00
Missionary Box Com.,	5 00
Deaf Mute Mission,	9 00
Italian Mission,	50 00
Disabled Clergy,	5 00
Church Home for Children,	25 00
French Church,	5 00
Home for Crippled Children,	9 00
Female Prayer Book Society,	25 00
Bishop White Parish Library Society,	25 00
Scholarship in St. Augustine (colored) Divinity School, N. C.,	50 00
Scholarship in (colored) Divinity School, Va.,	100 00
Scholarship, through Rev. C. B. Perry, Baltimore,	50 00
Mission at Chew's Landing, N. J.,	20 00
St. Simeon's Mission, 9th st. and Lehigh ave.,	200 00
Sheltering Arms,	85 50
Not yet appropriated,	127 96
	$936 46

THE EASTER SERVICES this year were an unqualified delight. What with a beautiful day, sweet music, a large and devout congregation and a very generous offering for charities, it was good to be there, as it was also to be at the Children's Carol Service, the Sunday after Easter. Good management and good teaching has marked the schools, this Winter, to an unusual degree.

THE RECTOR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW of a place for a young woman (she is a young lady, but prefers to sink the lady for the present). She is quite competent, having learned by a somewhat bitter experience to take care of a house, or to do whatever needs to be done in a household, and is, withal, a good tempered, nice girl.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE held a sale, lately, of articles made by ladies who are compelled to earn their own livelihood. Sixty-eight ladies submitted their work, of which there were 1139 pieces. They consisted of all sorts of fancy and useful articles, from embroidered handkerchiefs to preserved peaches and five hundred other things. The articles sold brought in $756.47. The depositors put their own prices on their work, and the Committee simply expose it for sale, and charge no commission. No lady will be allowed to deposit her work for sale unless she is one who is compelled to earn her own liveli hood. The organization cannot be used by any one to earn an odd dollar for knick-knacks or luxuries. There is too much real honest need in the world to allow time to be wasted that way.

The lady offering her work for sale must in some way make herself and her needs known to some member of the House Committee, upon whose endorsement alone her work will be received. This work so far has been extraordinarily successful. The other ladies have come to the aid of the House Committee, and their friends, both in the parish and outside, have co-operated to good effect.

A LADY SIGNING HERSELF, "W. N. K," enclosed the Rector a small sum of money, to be used for a person in distress, in case it should be used. It is not needed, and will be returned to the lady if she will ask the Sexton.

LINES suggested by Sunday afternoon studies in the life of our Lord.

I want to have Thee in my heart, dear Lord,
  There to abide—no more a transient guest ;
Earth-love has dwelt there many a happy year,
  Twining its flowers and building safe its nest.

The very gifts that should have made Thee dear,
  Taking Thy room, leaving no space within
The temple for its rightful Lord and Priest.
  While giving lodgment there for care and sin.

Now love prevails, thy grace doth conquer me,
I yield; O, help me to fling wide the door;
Break sin's strong fetters, cleanse and set me free.
"Give me thine heart!" Lord, it is Thine once more.

It needs Thee more each moment of the day,
Waking would find Thee present in the night;
To hold Thy hand by fair or thorny way,
In darkest seasons finding strength and light.

I list the story of Thy patient grace;
Thy tears I see, the hand outstretched to save.
The dazed blind beggers gaze upon the light,
And Lazarus rises from his rock-hewn cave.

Hot fever flies before Thy cooling touch,
The loathsome leper is made clean and whole;
And she whose sin was loving overmuch,
Weeps happy tears, new life born in her soul.

Spirits of evil quail before Thy word;
At Thy command is stilled the tempest's roar;
All things, save man, obey creation's Lord,
He bars his heart when Christ stands at the door.

The outstretched hand—a pierced hand he spurns—
The eyes that wept o'er doomed Jerusalem,
Still sadly plead beneath the thorn-scarred brow;
It was for *us* He died, as well as them.

O, love divine! help, pity, strengthen me;
Nor let me go without Thy blessing given,
Until I feel that I am wholly Thine,
And earthly love is tinged with hues of heaven.

R. A. Williams.

SELECTED.

What Missionary Bishops do.—Bishop Walker, of North Dakota, thus gives some of his experiences during the past Winter in a letter written February 2d. "The weather grows worse with us. Trains are delayed—on many branch roads they have been abandoned. Blizzards are raging every few days. The thermometer registers 20 degrees below zero by day, and 35 degrees by night, almost all the time. It has shown the mercury at 42 degrees and even 48 degrees below zero, and it has touched even 56 degrees. One of our missionaries had both cheeks very severely frozen while about his work, walking ten miles to a station in the midst of a blizzard, to hold a service. Another, strange to say, had his nose frozen while in bed at night. He had gone to one of his stations on a Saturday night, with a view to holding service according to appointment on the following day. He was assigned a room to sleep in where there was no fire. The mercury stood at fully 25 degrees or more below. The result was the calamity referred to above. Another fact that will perhaps amuse you is this. I myself have had my feet frozen recently, while in bed, too. I was on a visitation, and was sent to bed in a fireless room in a hotel. The bulk of the building was unoccupied. It was saturated with cold. The mercury stood at about 30 degrees below. We have not the extreme luxury of the East in the frontier hostelries. Mine was a single bed. It was short in proportion. The bed clothes had the same characteristics, narrowness and shortness. If I pulled them over my head to prevent the face from freezing, as the Indian does, there was an uncovering at the extremities, and consequent peril there. I could not take in a reef by drawing my feet upward, because the blankets were narrow. It was a puzzle all night to know how to dispose of the extra five and a half inches of a six-foot three and a half inch man in a five-foot ten inch bed. At some period in the night when I dozed, I presume I cut the Gordian knot. The result was frozen feet in the morning. I have been a limper instead of a walker ever since."

The Arrival of Bishops White and Provoost in America.—Easter Day was the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival in America of Bishops White and Provoost after their consecration to the episcopate in the chapel of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth, England, on February 4, 1787.

In his "Memoirs," Bishop White says:

"We left London on the evening of the 5th of February, reached Falmouth on the 10th, were detained there by contrary winds until Sunday, the 17th, when we embarked, and after a voyage of precisely seven weeks, landed at New York on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, April the 7th; sensible, I trust, of the goodness of God in our personal protection and safety, and in His having thus brought to a prosperous issue the measures adopted for the obtaining of that episcopacy, the want of which had been the subject of the complaint of our Church from the earliest settlement of the colonies, and which, we hope, will be now improved to her increase, and to the glory of her Divine Head."

Missions.—Missionary work in West Africa has been wonderfully successful. The *Gleaner*, speaking only of that part of it which is connected with the Church Missionary Society, enumerates seven European missionaries and forty native clergy (one of them a bishop and two archdeacons,) with 9,000 communicants, and 7,000 scholars in ninety schools and seminaries; there were 1,228 baptisms in the past year. Yet the Bishopric of Sierra Leone was not founded till 1852; the Yoruba country was untouched till 1842; and the Niger district received its first missionaries only in 1857, when no one dreamed that the youth helping Mr. Kissling in Fourah Bay College would be known all over the Christian world in 1887 as one who, for a quarter of a century, has well filled the position of the first native African bishop since the days of the early Church.

A PRAYER.

BY A. W. THOROLD, D. D.

LORD BISHOP OF ROCHESTER, ENGLAND.

O Lord of Souls, who hast chosen and called me to service in Thy Church, all my trust is in Thee, for in Thee are the springs of my life. Abundantly give me of Thy Blessed Spirit, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; and use me as it shall please Thee for the glory of Thy Name. Make my will patient, my conscience pure, my temper bright. Empty me of self, and fill me with the meekness of wisdom. Increase my faith, mellow my judgment, stir my zeal, enlarge my heart. Let my life enforce what my lips utter. Do Thou choose for me the work I do, and the place in which I do it; the success I win, and the harvest I reap. Preserve me from jealousy and impatience; from self-will and depression. Make me faithful unto death, and then give me the crown of life.

All this I ask for Christ's sake. Amen.—*Selected.*

Gen. Lew. Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," then an unbeliever, was riding one day with Col. Robert Ingersol, the notorious infidel. In course of the conversation Ingersol said to the General, "If you want to have no doubt as to the falseness of the Bible, take it and read it with care." Acting upon this suggestion he did so, but it had precisely the opposite effect, and gave to the world the book *Ben Hur.—Ex.*

A gentleman was one day relating to a Quaker a tale of deep distress, and concluded very pathetically by saying: "I could not but feel for him." "Verily, friend," replied the Quaker; "thee did right in that thee felt for thy neighbor; but did thee feel in the right place—did thee feel in thy pocket?"—*Ex.*

Four hundred converted Jews are clergymen in the Church of England, three of whom have risen to the rank of bishop.

CONSTITUTION

OF

The Church Unity Society

OF THE

Diocese of Pennsylvania.

I. Name.

This Society shall be called "The Church Unity Society of the Diocese of Pennsylvania."

II. Objects.

The purpose of this Society shall be to foster a desire for the corporate reunion of all Christians, and to promote the same.

III. Principles.

This Society shall seek for reunion upon the following declaration of principles as set forth by the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the General Convention of 1886, viz:

(1) The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the revealed Word of God.

(2) The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian Faith.

(3) The two Sacraments,—the Baptism and the Supper of the Lord,—ministered with unfailing

use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by Him.

(4) The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church.

IV. METHODS.

To pray for the visible organic unity of all Christians.

To prepare and circulate publications.

To arrange for and hold public meetings in the interest of Church unity.

To arrange for and hold conferences with representations of other Christian bodies.

To secure such Diocesan action as may tend to bring about reunion.

V. MEMBERS.

Any baptized person may become a member by sending his or her name to the Secretary and paying not less than one dollar ($1.00) a year, or may become a life member by paying not less than twenty dollars ($20) at one time.

VI. OFFICERS.

The Officers shall be a President, Vice President, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

There shall be an Executive Committee to consist of the Officers of the Society together with seven others to be chosen at the Annual Meeting, of which Committee five members shall be a quorum.

VIII. POWERS.

The powers of the Executive Committee shall be to have general charge of the affairs of the Society, and to promote its objects, to collect and disburse funds, to approve and print publications, and to fill all vacancies among its own members or among the Officers of the Society occurring between annual meetings.

IX. ANNUAL MEETING.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society in May, at the call of the Executive Committee, to elect Officers, to hear the report of the Executive Committee and to transact other business.

X. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings shall be called by the Secretary at the request of the Executive Committee, or at the written request of fifteen members.

XI. NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

The Secretary shall give one week's notice of all meetings.

XII. AMENDMENT.

The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any meeting, provided that the proposed amendment be first referred to the Executive Committee and that notice of the same be given in the call for the meeting.

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The first public meeting, under the auspices of this Society, will be held in St. Stephens' very soon, and the attention of our people is most earnestly called to this most important matter.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, MORNING PRAYER, Wednesdays, 11 A. M.
" EVENING " Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 o'clock.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 and 4.30.
WEDNESDAYS, 9.00 and 7.15, with Lecture.
THURSDAYS, 5.00.
FRIDAYS, 9.00 and 4.30.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday, 10.30, other Sundays, 7.30.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE.

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Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
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Mrs. Roberts,
Mrs. Bickley,
Mrs. Arrison,
Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Rowland

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
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Treasurer.—Miss Wilkins.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,
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Mrs. Kennedy,
Miss Magee,
Mrs. Neidhard,
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Miss Williamson.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Kelly,
Miss Lundy,
Mrs. Rogers,
Mrs. Wiegand,
Miss Williamson,
Mrs. Shill,
Mrs. Low.
Miss Johns,
Mrs. Dixcy,
Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Thomson,
Mrs. Stratton.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M

Mrs. Newlin,
Miss Bell,
Miss Lammot,
Mrs. Struthers,
Mrs. Hazlehurst,
Miss Mellon,
Miss Williamson,
Miss Jamieson,
Miss Oliver.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Miss Wilkins,
Mrs. Roberts,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Pancoast.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Wiegand,
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EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison,	Miss Van Dusen.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets when called by Secretary.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Mrs. Kennedy, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

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Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Arrison,
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Mrs. Semple,	Miss Sanders

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.

Superintendent.—Mrs. Dixcy.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Rogers.

Secretary.—Miss Sanders.

Librarian.—Miss Bullock.

Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.

Secretary of Chancel Committee—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey,	Miss Lundy,
Misses Maulsby,	Miss Stewart,
Miss Harlan,	Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Koons,	Miss M. S. Wilkins,
Miss Stratton,	Miss Oliver,
Miss A. VanDusen,	Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stoutenborrough,	Miss Bullock.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Monday.

Miss Bullock,	Miss Orne,
Miss Clarkson,	Miss Sanders,

Mrs. Struthers.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Dixcy,	Mrs. Griffith,
Miss Mellon,	Miss M. Mellon,
Miss Eisenbrey,	Miss S. Eisenbrey,
Mrs Taylor,	Mrs. Madeira,
Mrs. Hazlehurst,	Mrs. Rogers,
Miss Stoutenborrough,	Mrs. Wilson,
Miss Turnbull,	Miss Sanders.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

THURSDAYS, 3½ to 5½ P. M., Mrs. Arrison and Miss Wilkins, Teachers.

CLASS FOR HOME BIBLE STUDY.

Secretary, Miss Sanders, 410 S. 15th St.

Lecture and Examination Papers. 2d Tuesday in each month, 3.30. Parish House.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sundays, 2.30. Chapel.

BAPTIZED.

May 1. Catharine Rose Pennington.
22. Joseph Grove Strang.

MARRIED.

John L. Barnes and Bessie Needs.

BURIED.

April 25. Mary H. Haydock.
May 20. Benjamin F. Clayton.

OFFERINGS.

Society for Increase of Ministry,	$100 00
General Charities,	288 85
	$388 85

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Parish to the Diocesan Convention, which was held this month, shows a steady and wholesome growth in the activity and devotion of the people, for which we sincerely thank God.

The Report is as follows:

Baptisms—Adults,	10	
Infants,	34	
		44
Confirmed,		45
Communicants—Added new,		45
Added by removal,		40
Died,		8
Removed,		10
Present number, (about),		800
Marriages,		12
Burials,		25
Money Receipts—From Pew Rents,		$11,584 00
" Investments,		2,311 32
" Burd Orphan Asylum,		18,285 76
" Offertories,		13,180 89
		$45,361 97
Expenditures—Current Expenses,		$14,413 73
Burd Asylum,		16,273 29
Episcopal and Convention Fund,		560 00
Expenditures—Sunday-School,		392 10
Parish School,		991 90
Poor,		1033 17
Through Female Benevolent Society,		988 81
" Missionary Box Committee,		750 00
" Altar Society,		549 49
Domestic Missions,		864 03
Foreign "		169 01
Colored "		295 00
Diocesan "		2024 16
Deaf Mute, "		334 34
Episcopal Hospital,		784 18
Bibles, Prayer Books, etc.,		103 25
Theological Education,		305 54
Disabled Clergy,		361 36
Home for Crippled Children,		306 53
Church Home,		25 00
Sheltering Arms,		85 50
Lincoln Institute,		150 00
Educational Home,		65 00
Parish House—Rent,		950 00
" " —Furnishing,		450 00
Printing,		153 00
Miscellaneous,		385 50
		$43,768 89

THE ALTAR SOCIETY, whose work is included in the report published in this number, is one of the newer organizations of the Parish which deserves special mention for the thoroughness and efficiency of its work. It is a matter of the very first importance in the public services of the Church that everything should go forward smoothly and without jar or break. To this end it is necessary that everything should be arranged to the last detail beforehand. It is unseemly and distracting for the officiating priests to scuffle about looking for this book and that place. The Altar Society sees to it that everything is ready. The clergy can enter the Church without worry, and conduct the service without break, largely because the ladies of the Altar Society make it easy to do so. The work of the Society in the adornments of the Chancel speaks for itself. One has only to look at it. Nor has their work been confined to our own Church.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE or class for home study is finally arranged for. The first Lecture will be on Tuesday, October 4th, at half-past three o'clock, in the Parish House, 1124 Girard Street. The class will consist of one hundred ladies. The course of study will extend over two years. An entrance fee of $5 will be charged to cover the expenses of the school. The membership is not at all confined to our own Parish. There will be four courses of study:

I. *The Bible*—The Rev. Prof. Peters, Lecturer.
II. *Church History*—The Rev. S. D. McConnell, Lecturer.
III. *The Prayer Book*—The Rev. Wm. R. Huntington, D. D. (of New York) Lecturer.
IV. *Church Theology*—(Lecturer to be announced hereafter.)

After each lecture a series of questions for examination will be given out to the students in that course, but, while it is recommended to write and submit answers to the questions, it will be obligatory upon no one to do so. Each lady will be at liberty to attend any one or all the courses as she may elect.

A library of works of reference in the different courses will be collected as soon as possible, and placed in the Parish House for the use of the members.

There is every reason to believe that the work done by this institution will be good and lasting. There are many church women who have intelligence, leisure, and an honest desire to know more, and more accurately than they do the things which belong to their faith. Much of the knowledge which they do possess is scrappy and unsatisfactory. There was never a time when it was more desirable for the people to know *just what the Church does teach* than now. Such knowledge, diffused among the women of the Church, will be preserved and handed on. Schools for the higher secular education of women are springing up on every hand. It is proposed to provide for the higher religious education also. While the courses of instruction will be popular, so as not to be beyond any fairly intelligent woman, it is intended that it shall be systematic and thorough.

We felicitate ourselves especially upon securing the Rev. Dr. Huntington's aid. No voice in the Church can speak with so much authority or interest upon liturgies as his The course of study in his Department (which will also give an idea of

the method in all the Departments) will be as follows:

Liturgies: The students are expected to have an American and an English Prayer Book; Barry's Teachers' Prayer Book, or The Prayer Book Interleaved. (These are all small and easily procured books.)

The lesson each month will be that portion of the Prayer Book considered in the preceding month.

The Course of Lectures will be as follows:

First year:

Oct. 25. The Origin of Liturgies.

Nov. 22. History of the English Prayer Book, including the American Version of 1789.

Dec. 20. Structure of the Daily Offices.

Jan. 24, 1888. The Lectionary and the Psalter.

Feb. 28. Venite, Te Deum, Benedicite, Benedictus, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

Mar. 27. The Prayers.

Apr. 24. The Apostles' Creed.

May 29. The Litany.

Second year:

I. Structure and Purport of Holy Communion Office.
II. The Office as far as the Creed.
III. The Nicene Creed.
IV. Creed to End of Prayer of Consecration.
V. Remainder of Office.
VI. Baptismal Office.
VII. Occasional Offices

THE PARISH NEWS will print, from month to month, the names and pages of the various books to be read in connection with this and the other courses.

Ladies wishing to join the class will please address MISS ANNE SANDERS, Secretary, 410 S. 15th Street.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION, which met in St. Luke's Church in May, among other actions, did the following things:

The Bishop reported that 9 persons had been ordained, 2 deposed, 3 corner-stones laid, 3 churches consecrated, 2,149 confirmed.

The committee on the claims of lay deputies to seats reported adversely to the admission of Miss Addie C. Baker, of St. Luke's, Chadd's Ford, on the ground of its unconstitutionality. The report was adopted.

A resolution was reported by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Watson, of the Committee on the Permanent increase of the Episcopal Fund, urging the need of a substantial increase, and the appointing a committee of five to devise means to secure an additional sum of $100,000.

The report of the Board of Missions was very encouraging, showing great activity in all the convocations. The receipts by the Treasurer of the Board was $12,447.53. Amount contributed outside the board for maintenance of diocesan missions and permanent improvement of mission churches, $28,700.00. Total receipts, $41,147.53.

By resolution attached to the Report of the Committee on the American Church Building Fund it was urged that each parish contribute to that fund once a year, and that an auxiliary commission of five clergymen and five laymen be appointed for this diocese.

The election for Standing Committee resulted in the following being chosen:

The Rev. Daniel Goodwin, D. D., the Rev. Benjamin Watson, D.D., the Rev. J. D. Newlin, D.D., the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, D.D., the Rev. J. De Wolfe Perry, D.D., Mr. W. W. Frazer, Jr., Mr. P. P. Morris, Mr. James S. Biddle, Mr. Edward Olmsted, Dr. John Ashurst.

Canon X. was passed, which provides that for the Episcopal and Convention Fund not more than four per cent. shall be assessed on the salary of the minister, including the use of rectory and current expenses, that is, fuel, lighting, music, bell ringing, care of the Church and grounds and ordinary repairs.

A Canon was passed relating to the trial of a clergyman, which provides that a court of ten clergymen shall be triennially elected for this purpose from the presbyters of the diocese entitled to seats in the convention (except members of the Standing Committee for the year who shall not be eligible). The accused shall have the right to peremptorily challenge five and may challenge any or all the rest for cause.

The court as chosen by ballot is as follows:

The Rev. Henry Brown, E. A. Foggo, D.D. T. C. Yarnall, D.D., J. B. Falkner, D.D., the Rev. Isaac Gibson, W. P. Lewis, D.D., W. F. Paddock, D.D., C. A. Maison, D.D., the Rev. George G. Field, the Rev. G. H. Kinsolving.

SELECTED.

SENDING CHILDREN TO ROMISH SCHOOLS.—The following words from a wise and devoted clergyman of our Church will bear serious pondering:

"This practice is growing among American Protestants, and has been forced upon our notice in our own parish in several instances within the past few years. We do not hesitate to condemn it thus openly and emphatically. If the Rector were more frequently consulted—as he ought to be—as to the schools away from home to which the children of his charge are sent, this protest would not be necessary. But so far as he is responsible before God for the souls of his people, he must protest against their exposing their children in this way to influences calculated to so largely undo the religious teachings of their own Church. It is one thing to respect the faith and views of those calling themselves Christians, who differ from us. This we heartily do. We recognize their rights of conscience and worship as fully as we maintain our own. But it is a very different thing to act as if difference in faith amounted to nothing, and to stultify our own faith by bringing in another which contradicts it. It is not the only point to ask whether children thus taught are imperilling their salvation. We do not need to ask or answer such a question. It is enought that they are thus exposed to what this Church calls "false teaching"—opposed to the Gospel—and that it is made the solemn duty of her clergy to "banish and drive away all such erroneous and strange doctrine" from her midst. As for the claim that no direct influence is used in these schools to pervert Protestant faith, it is answer enough that the indirect influences of this kind are strong and constant. As for the kind of education given, there is as good and, we believe, a better, sounder, and more thorough education to be had in Protestant schools, and we believe also, one far more valuable and practical, than the mere graces and accomplishments which are the main attractions of Romish conventual education. As for the cheapness of such education—no one will deny this; but it ought to be a very poor consideration and compensation in the eyes of those who ought to value their own faith and their childrens' more than all things else.

"We have spoken thus plainly out of a sense of duty. We wish to emphasize what we have said, too, with all the authority which belongs to our office. We beg our people to give good heed to what has been said."

"WILL PARENTS AND SPONSORS look into the Baptismal Office, and notice that it is their duty to *take care* that children are brought to Confirmation? With too many the initial effort is left to the Rector, when the Church places the responsibility for it with them. With some, the neglect of duty is so gross that they actually hinder the Rector in his work with the children; they will not suffer those who are entering the kingdom of heaven to go in. How many are actively engaged at this moment in preparing their children's minds for decision with reference to the Bishop's visit? With boys especially, it it needful that they "take sides" early.

A NOTABLE TILT.

Col. Ingersoll was thrown accidentally into the society of Henry Ward Beecher. Four or five gentlemen were present, all of them prominent in the world of brains. A variety of topics was discussed with decided brilliancy, but no allusion made to religion. The distinguished infidel was of course too polite to introduce the subject himself, but finally one of the party, desiring a tilt between the Colonel and Mr. Beecher, made a playful remark about Colonel Ingersoll's idiosnycracy, as he termed it. He at once defended his views in his usual apt rhetoric, in fact he waxed eloquent. He was replied to by several gentlemen in very effective repartee. Contrary to the expectation of all, however, Mr. Beecher remained an abstracted listener, and said not a word. The gentleman who had introduced the subject with the hope that Mr. Beecher would answer Col. Ingersoll, at last remarked:

"Mr. Beecher, have you nothing to say on this question?"

The old gentleman slowly lifted himself up from his attitude, and replied:

"Nothing. In fact, if you will excuse me for changing the conversation, I will say, that while you gentlemen were talking my mind was occupied with a most deplorable spectacle which I witnessed to-day."

"What was it?" at once inquired Col. Ingersoll, who, notwithstanding his peculiar views of the hereafter, is noted for his kindness of heart.

'Why," said Mr. Beecher, "as I was walking down town to-day, I saw a poor lame man, with crutches, carefully and slowly picking his way through a cesspool of mud, in the endeavor to cross the street. He had just reached the middle of the filth, when a big burly ruffian, himself all bespattered, rushed up to him and jerking the crutches from under the unfortunate man, left him sprawling and helpless in the pool of liquid dirt, which almost engulfed him."

"What a brute he was," said Col. Ingersoll.

"What a brute he was," they all echoed.

"Yes," said the old man, rising from his chair and brushing back his long white hair, while his eyes glittered with their old-time fire as he bent them on Ingersoll, "yes, Col. Ingersoll, and you are the man. The human soul is lame, but Christianity gives it the crutches to enable it to pass across the pathway of life. It is your teachings that knock these crutches from under it, and leave it a helpless and rudderless wreck in the slough of despond. If robbing the human soul of its only support on this earth—religion—be your profession, why ply it to your heart's content. It requires an architect to erect a building; any incendiary may reduce it to ashes!"

The old man sat down, and silence brooded over the scene. Col. Ingersoll found that he had a master in his own power of illustration, and said nothing. The company took their hats and separated.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The programme for the jubilee service in Westminster Abbey on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 21, has been announced. The arrangements for fitting up and decorating the interior of the Abbey are to be on such an elaborate and extensive scale that the dean and chapter are to give possession of the building to the lord chamberlain on Monday, May 2, and it will be entirely closed to the public till Sunday, June 3, during which period the daily services are to be held in the adjoining parish church of St. Margaret's. It is intended to arrange the seats on much the same system as was adopted at the coronation; every place will be numbered and booked to the person who is to occupy it. There will be a wide passage up the nave from the west door to the choir-gates, along which the Queen, the royal family, the great officers, and the representatives of foreign courts will pass in procession. The difficulty of finding places for all the representative personages who must be invited is great. Everybody regrets that the Queen should have preferred the abbey to St. Paul's which is so admirably adapted in all respects for a state service of this kind. The whole service is to be comprised within an hour, by the Queen's command, and this sharp time limit makes the selection of the music a very difficult business, and will embarrass the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose sermon cannot possibly exceed fifteen minutes in delivery. The service is to begin with the *Te Deum*, which will probably be sung to the effective setting of Sir John Goss. This is the Thanksgiving *Te Deum*, which he composed for the service at St. Paul's on the occasion of the recovery of the Prince of Wales in 1872. Then will come a few prayers and collects, to be followed by Dr. Bridge's new "Jubilee Anthem." The archbishop's sermon will be next, and the service will conclude with Handel's "Coronation Anthem," "Zadok the Priest;" or with the "Hallelujah Chorus." Dr. Bridge's new anthem, which was performed before the Queen and Princess Beatrice in the private chapel at Osborne on January 28, when her majesty approved of the work and accepted the dedication, is set to words from II. Chron. ix. 8. The first part of this verse is introduced into the Coronation Service, and the second part was the text of the sermon which was preached in the abbey by the Archbishop of York at the coronation of George III. The melody of the National Anthem is introduced very effectively at two places in the accompaniment, and there is a *chorale* founded upon the tune of "Gotha," which was composed by the Prince Consort.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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Miss Eisenbrey, Miss S. Eisenbrey,
Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Madeira,
Mrs. Hazlehurst, Mrs. Rogers,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Mrs. Wilson,
Miss Turnbull, Miss Sanders.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.
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CLASS FOR HOME BIBLE STUDY.

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Lecture and Examination Papers. 2d Tuesday in each month, 3.30. Parish House.

BAPTIZED.

May 29. Elvira Roxana Wertimer.
" 29. Marguerite Lucile Wertimer.
June 17. Mary Rodney Evans.
" 17. Rutledge Thornton Wiltbank.
" 17. Edward Saunders Wiltbank.

MARRIED.

May 25. Lieut. Wm. Stetson Hogg, U. S. N., and Clara M. Heyl.
June 1. Geo. S. Ritchie and Mary Darragh Bladen.

BURIED.

May 29. Florence Lippincott.
June 6. Mrs. Mary E. Thomson.
" 8. Ulysses Mercur.
" 21. Joseph Grove Strang.

OFFERINGS.

General Charities, ... $209 18

THE RECTOR REGRETS, more than he can say, that his wretched illness has broken in so much upon his work. He has gone away for a vacation of two or three months. He does not think that he needs it, but his friends say that he does, and said it in such a way as to convince him that they meant it, and so he is gone. The affairs of the Parish are in the competent hands of the Rev. Mr. Miller, who can always be found by going to the Parish House, 1124 Girard Street.

ONE OF THE NECESSARY DRAWBACKS to church work in a large city, especially one in the latitude of Philadelphia, is that everything has to come to a stand-still in the Summer. Not only is much time lost, but the enthusiasm flags and requires still more time to get things under way again. Practically everything ends at Easter. The Sunday-school goes on a month or so longer, but by the end of that time so many teachers have left town that it has to stop too. There is no use

complaining of this. It is one of the has-to-be's. But some care needs be observed lest church people get the notion that a vacation in church work means a vacation in religion. There is no vacation in religion. The duty and necessity of receiving the Holy Communion, saying one's prayers, and hearing sermons is just as great at the seashore or the mountains as in the city. One's religion, if it be of any value, is not at all a matter of geographical locality, nor is it in any way affected by the thermometer. If it cannot stand the test of change of circumstances, there is something defective in its quality. A prayer book is a very small and convenient article of luggage, and any churchman or woman knows well enough how to use it to lead the devotions of a little group of friends in the parlor of a Summer hotel or out under the shade-trees. If there is a church in the place where one is, it is his business to go to it.

Religion, like every other activity, is largely a matter of habit. Habit is just as potent a factor in good things as bad ones. The habit of church-going is one which is readily broken. Summer is a perilous time for it. If suspended then there is always danger of its not being resumed, or of having lost its zest when the Autumn comes.

Then again, one cannot overestimate the importance which it is to the little local church or chapel for the Summer visitors to go to it. It brings hope and new life to the people who are always at home there. It is not what one puts in the alms basin alone—this is the small part of it. It is the evidence that the people who belong to the great world, the great world of business, of fashion, have not lost relation with the other world which is unseen. Then there is nearly always some local guild, or society, which one can look in upon and encourage by some touch of the Church's free masonry. In a word, if one's religion is good for anything in Winter, it will not shrivel and disappear under the changed circumstances of Summer. Is it too much to hope that wherever St. Stephen's people are seen this Summer, they may show by their conduct that the Church of which they are members is one which believes in earnest and steadfast duty?

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the death of Bishop Stevens, of Pennsylvania, recalls a life of singular strength. Representing as he did the great Diocese of Pennsylvania, and especially the Church in the great City of Philadelphia, it is but a just tribute to his character to say that he proved himself eminently worthy of both. A firm gentleness, guided with a rare good judgment, marked everything he said and did. Pronounced in his views, fearless in expressing them, he yet had a winsomeness that kept him free from unnecessary personal antagonisms. His long episcopate has covered an era in the Church's development filled with stirring events and achievements, in many of which he himself was a prominent actor. At his death, after a long and weary illness, the whole Church joins in lamenting a good and a wise leader in the important field over which he presided.—*The Churchman.*

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Board of Diocesan Missions has been distributed in the Parish. It states that the total amount contributed exceeds that of last year, which greatly exceeded the contributions of any previous year. The receipts from all sources were $12,447.53.

Appropriations were made and paid as follows:

TO CONVOCATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.	Appropriated.	Amount appropriated last year.
To Convocation of Chester.....	$3,000 00	$1,950 00
" " West Philada.....	800 00	770 00
" " Norristown.....	700 00	400 00
" " Germantown.....	2,800 00	2,700 00
" " Northeast Philada	1,200 00	850 00
" " Northwest Philad.	1,400 00	1,060 00
" " Southeast Philada	1,800 00	1,690 00
" " Southwest Philad.	800 00	800 00
Total appropriations for general purposes	$12,500 00	$10,220 00
Special appropriation to St. John's, New London, to clear debt church building.....	150 00	
Grand total.....	$12,650 00	

There is a balance of $1,850.80 carried forward to the account of next year.

The Convocation reports show that the financial part of the work has been thoroughly systematized,

and that only seven churches in the entire Diocese failed entirely to make any contribution. Thus the support of Diocesan missions, on the basis of regular and systematic contributions from *all* the churches, may be said to be now firmly established. Moreover, the money paid into the treasury of the Board by no means represents all that has been raised for Diocesan mission work or church extension in the Diocese.

THE WORK of the Children's Country Week Association increases steadily as the years go by. The growing appreciation of this charity has brought larger revenues to its treasury, and in consequence nearly one thousand more little children have enjoyed the Country Holiday in 1886, than in any previous year. Those who have a bountiful share of the world's goods, and are away from the heated city, cannot do a kinder deed than to help this movement, which gives to those crowded in the courts and alleys a chance to breathe the pure country air even though but for a little while.

SELECTED.

A PRETTY anecdote is told of Queen Victoria and Mendelssohn. A short time before his death the great composer visited the Queen. He sat down to the piano, and played accompaniments while she sang some of his songs. When Mendelssohn rose to go, Victoria warmly thanked him for the pleasure he had given her, and said:

"'Now, what can I do to give you some pleasure?' expecting him to mention some gift or honor she could confer upon him. Mendelssohn at first declined to mention anything, but when her Majesty insisted, he frankly told her that he was a lover of little children, and that he desired to see the royal children in their nurseries. The Queen mother was much pleased, and kindly led him through the nurseries, and they spent a pleasant hour talking in a friendly way about their children."

MACAULAY once said, in conversation, "We are tormented by the little troubles of life, not its great ones. A great one calls forth our thought to overcome it, and is usually conquered; the small ones we allow to vex or depress us. If a thousand Megatheriums were let loose in Europe, they would all be killed and in museums in twenty-four hours." An excellent text is this—worth pondering, especially by those who mourn over "the universal wretchedness of human life."

CARLYLE once asked an Edinburgh student what he was studying for. The youth replied he had not quite made up his mind. There was a sudden lightning flash of the old Scotchman's eye, a sudden pulling down of the shaggy eyebrows, and the stern face grew sterner as he said: "The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder; a waif, a nothing, a no man. Have a purpose in life, if it is only to kill and divide and sell oxen well, but have a purpose; and having it, throw such strength of mind and muscle into your work as God has given you."

LOSSES.

Upon the white sea-sand
There sat a pilgrim band,
Telling the losses that their lives had known,
While evening waned away
From breezy cliff and bay
And the strong tides went out with weary moan.

One spake with quivering lip
Of a fair-freighted ship,
With all his household to the deep gone down;
But had wilder woe,
For a fair face, long ago,
Lost in the darker depths of a great town.

There were some who mourned their youth
With a most loving truth,
For its brave hopes and memories ever green;
And one upon the West
Turned an eye that would not rest,
For far-off hills, whereon its joy had been.

Some talked of vanished gold,
Some of proud honors told,
Some spake of friends that were their trust no more;
And one of a green grave
Beside a foreign wave,
That made him sit so lonely on the shore.

But when their tales were done
There spake among them one,
A stranger, seeming from all sorrow free—
"Sad losses have ye met,
But mine is heavier yet,
For a believing heart hath gone from me.

"Alas!" these pilgrims said,
"For the living and the dead,
For fortune's cruelty, for love's sure cross,
For the wrecks of land and sea;
But, however, it came to thee,
Thine, stranger, is life's last and heaviest loss."

—*Francis Browne.*

HAPPINESS.—Most people seem to consider that happiness is to be obtained by possessing the good things of this world, such as riches, grandeur, and power; but these, so far from procuring it, are very often the source of much misery to their possessor.

Indeed, the misery attendant upon riches has become a proverb; and how men, universally admitting its truth, should yet think that riches is the only path to happiness is perfectly astonishing.

Neither must we look for happiness in power or grandeur.

The kingly diadem often covers a brow oppressed with care; and the royal robes conceal a breast to which happiness is a stranger.

Yet people are still wedded to the belief that the splendor of a crown and the flattery of courtiers must make their possessor so supremely happy, that whatever miseries are attendant on his station must be swallowed up in the preponderance of his bliss.

It is this false idea that has incited men to wade through seas of blood and crime, in order to obtain what they consider to be the acme of happiness—a throne.

But, suppose such men do obtain the object of their ambition, suppose they do obtain the crown, the riches, the power, which they have so often coveted, do they procure, along with them, the happiness which they expected?

No; for they find nothing in all their power to allay the remorse which preys upon their mind.

Let us now look on the other side of the question.

Let us behold the unfortunate traveler who through life, in the midst of poverty and seeming misery, still maintains his inward peace of mind—still feels the bliss of being happy.

Though frowned on and scorned by the world—though despised by those on whom fortune has more profusely lavished her favors—though considered but as an outcast from society—still he will have more inward peace, more calmness of soul than those who, with riches, have to experience the pangs of a guilty conscience.

There is nothing, however, either in riches or poverty to make a man happy or otherwise.

Happiness and misery depend upon the mind—upon the inward soul of the individual.

Outward circumstances cannot control it; or, if they do, they do so in a very small degree; for we see that misfortune, that poverty, that all the ills of the world cannot make a good man miserable; and that splendor, riches, and all the good things of this life cannot make a bad man happy.

The single thought is a mine of comfort; it is a universal remedy for all the wounds which misfortune inflicts upon him.

OLD SUNDAY CUSTOMS.

Dr. Eggleston, in a paper on "Church and Meeting House before the Revolution," in April *Century*, says; "In Connecticut, perhaps more than anywhere else, Sunday was a sort of popular idol, nor did the rigor of its observance abate perceptibly until long after the Revolution. This extreme scrupulosity about Sabbath-keeping was doubtless the moving cause of the building of the 'Sabbath-day houses;' these were little shanties standing on the meeting-house green, each intended to accommodate a family during the interval between the two services. Some Sabbath-day houses were built with a stall at one end to shelter the horse, while the family took refuge in the other, where there was a chimney and a meagre furniture of rude seats and a table. Here on arrival, before the first service, the owners lighted a fire and deposited their luncheon, and to this camp-like place they came back to eat their doughnuts and thaw themselves out after their first long sitting in the arctic climate of the meeting-house. Sometimes two families had a Sabbath-day house together, sometimes there were two rooms in a Sabbath-day house that the sexes might sit apart—for nothing so agreeable as social converse between boys and girls was permitted during the consecrated time. But some parishes in Massachusetts, and perhaps elsewhere, had a common 'noon-house' for all comers to rest in. Fireside assemblages on Sunday, whether in the parsonage or the noon-house, were in danger of proving delightful to those who were prone to enjoy the society of other human beings, and hence the pastors 'were put upon their best contrivances,' to have most of the interval between the services filled up with the reading aloud of edifying books and other exercises calculated to keep the mind in a becomingly irksome frame."

UPSETTING MOSES.

One of the wits of the *National Baptist* has written a "Saw-mill Dissertation" on the subject of "Upsetting Moses," from which we take an extract, Jim Mahley began the talk: "I say, Deacon, Darwin's theory of evolution is a little hard on the 1st chapter of Genesis. Of course we don't know yet how it will turn out; but it looks a little as though they were going to upset Moses."

The Deacon gave no answer. He surely must have heard Jim's remark. Presently he was observed to be counting his fingers slowly, and with pauses for thought between each enumeration. After a while Jim ventured to ask, "Counting your saw logs, Deacon, aren't you?"

"No," said the Deacon; "I'll tell you. Your remark set me a thinking. I was just counting out how many times in the course of human history somebody has upset Moses. First of all, two old jugglers, named Jannes and Jambres, undertook this; but they failed. Then a certain king named Pharaoh went at the work of upsetting. He must have found it more work than he anticipated, for he has not reached home yet. Then three leaders of liberal thought, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, went to the job. They failed in the upsetting party; but they secured a bit of ranche for themselves which they and their children hold quiet possession of until this day. Later on, a king named Nebuchadnezzar entered upon the upsetting business. He did not succeed either. He spent seven years chained to a stump; and when he had served out his time he had changed his mind and was a sadder and wiser man. His successor met with still greater disaster in a similar attempt. Since that time there have been no end of persons who have tried to upset Moses. Some ancient heathens, Celsus and Prophyry, and Julian the Apostate, and latterly those German critics, and these "scientific" people, and then that man Ingersoll, are at the same thing.

"Years ago, when I was in Boston, I heard of a meeting of Freethinkers, at a place called Chapman Hall. I could not resist the temptation to go just once and hear what they said. And what do you think they were doing? They were engaged in the old enterprise of upsetting Moses. And yet Moses hath to-day, in the synagogues of Boston, more persons that preach him than he ever had before.

"It is astonishing how much upsetting it takes to upset Moses. It is like upsetting a granite cube. Turn it on which face you will, there it stands as solid as ever. The cube is used to being upset, and does not mind it. It always amuses me when I hear a fresh cry from some new quarter averring that some man, whom nobody has ever heard of, has found out a sure way of doctoring what all others have failed. And now here comes Jim Manley; and Moses has to be upset again. Ah, well—" and the Deacon sighed.

There was a roar of laughter which made the rafters of the saw-mill ring, and all joined in it except Jim.

"IN THE NAME OF THE PROPHET, FIGS?"

"In the name of the Prophet, figs?"
  Through the drowse of the noon afar,
Came droning the Arab vender's cry
  As he threaded the thronged bazaar.
With the courage that comes of faith,
  He neither had thought nor care,
Though the lip of the scornful Greek might curl
  Or the insolent Frank might stare,

"In the name of the Prophet, figs!"
  A traveler loitering near,
Half screened in a niche's deep recess,
  Turned languidly round to hear.
But scarce had the Arab passed
  Ere a ripple that seemed a sigh
Blurred faintly the calm of his lip, and broke
  In a haze on his dreaming eye.

"In the name of the Prophet, figs!"
  He listened with downcast face.
"This Moslem," he said, "is brave to own
  His creed, in the market place;
While I, with supremest trust,
  And a hope that can know no shame,
Not once in the midst of this multitude
  Have thought of my Prophet's name."

"In the name of the Prophet, figs!"
  No vagueness about the way.
He honors the slow muezzin call,
  When his hour has come to pray.
It matters not where he be,
  His worship his faith reveals;
Would I have the manhood, amid these crowds,
  To kneel as the Arab kneels?

"In the name of the Prophet, figs!"
  It sinks to an echo sweet,
Yet floats to me back with a pungent sting
  Of reproach in this foreign street.
It bids that, with faith as bold
  As the Moslem's, I bravely do
All things whatever, or great or small,
  In the name of my Prophet, too!

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THE parents of unbaptized children are reminded that they can have baptism administered at any service, by giving timely notice to the clergy of the church. It is not well to postpone this duty, but right that the children be brought to the church for Holy Baptism at the earliest opportunity.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH will be open all Summer, both morning and afternoon on Sundays, and at 11 o'clock every Festival and Saint's Day during the season. Last Summer it was closed for a month because the nature of the repairs required it.

ROBERT RAIKES in telling how he began to feel an interest in Sunday-schools, says: "The utility of an establishment of this sort was first suggested by a group of little miserable wretches whom I observed one day in the street, where many people employed in the pin manufactory reside.

"I was expressing my concern to one, at their forlorn and neglected state, and was told, that if I were to pass through that street on Sundays it would shock me, indeed, to see the crowds of children that were spending that sacred day of rest in noise and riot, to the extreme annoyance of all decent people. I immediately determined to make some effort to remedy the evil. Having found four persons who had been accustomed to instruct children in reading, I engaged to pay the sum required for receiving and instructing such children as I should send to them every Sunday. The children were to come soon after ten in the morning and stay till twelve, they were then to go home and return at one; and after reading a lesson they were to be conducted to church. After church they were to be employed in reading the catechism till after five and then be dismissed, with an injunction to go home without making a noise, and by no means to play in the street. This was the general outline of regulations."

One cannot but marvel at the change that has taken place, not only as to the time occupied in teaching, but also as to the purpose of the Sunday-school itself. There are but few who go to learn to read and write, except the Chinese who are within our land. The object of the school has been changed. The secular studies have been superseded by the religious, so that the school has taken so prominent a place that it is feared the children are led to think their attendance there does away with any need for taking part in the services of the Church. Many seem to think that the Sunday-school is the children's church. There are earnest voices warning against this tendency, and trying to show how that the school has a very valuable place, not in supplanting the Church, but rather in strengthening its hold upon the young by guiding them, in the critical age, to devote their lives to its service, and to love and avail themselves of the sacramental means of grace which our Lord has established.

The influence of the old system of teaching to read and write has not entirely passed away. There are men and women, at the present day, who say that all the learning they ever received was from the faithful teacher who, knowing there was no other way, took the children just as they were and patiently helped them to learn on Sunday what they could not find time or place during the other days of the week. But these cases are now the exception. Our public day schools and our Winter night schools give all opportunity to learn. Parents must be woefully indifferent to the interests of their children if they do not avail themselves of the privileges extended.

And so it is, the Sunday-school has drifted away from its first work. There is no need for such labor. But the other work is not taken from it, but rather it seems, as the years go by, the religious training of the young comes more and more heavily upon the Sunday-school teacher. Our public schools, from their nature, cannot teach the principles of our holy religion. Constituted as they are, they necessarily are shut off from all this. They are for the children of all people, and creeds are different and sects are opposed. This is so universally acknowledged that it is even made, in certain quarters, a reason for crying out against the present system of public school education. But the schools are as they are, and the children must not have their religious training neglected, or woe be to the nation. What then is to be done? It is evident the teaching must be found elsewhere. The Church's idea is that the parents or sponsors should assume the responsibility of teaching, which is rightfully theirs. Having faithfully done this, and seeing that the child learns the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to the soul's health, and that it is virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life, the Church urges the parents that they shall cause these children to come to the Church "obediently to hear and to be ordered by the minister." This is the ideal —but it is not followed generally. Even if it were, under the present condition of society, many children would absolutely fail to have any attention paid to their religious training. The Church feels this to be, alas! too true. Therefore is it in all the different bodies of Christians, and among those who are disciples of other religious systems, the Sunday-school is taking a steadily developing importance.

If all were earnest in their faith, realized their responsibility, and were capable of imparting in-

struction on the one hand, and the minister, on the other, could find a way to meet each individual child, and so do that which the Church most earnestly directs to be done, there would be no need for the Sunday-school. But how many Christians fail to take an hour or so to give religious teaching to their children! How many feel incompetent to do more than watch over themselves, lest by bad example they should do injury to their holy faith! How many there are who do not belong to the Church, and whose children are uncared for! What, with the many demands made upon the clergy in one way or another, would the religious training be, if it were not for the noble band of men and women of the Church who come forward to give an hour or so in the Sunday-school, and many more during the week in teaching and preparing the lesson for the little class of which they have the charge?

It must be remembered the teaching of the school does not relieve the parents of responsibility. The work of the teacher is not to supplant, but to supplement the home training—or in the absence of such training, it is to be the means by which such home teaching is begun. It is found to be true that the little child is often the means of bringing parents to the Church. So that the religion of the fireside obtained its warmth from that of the class in the Sunday-school.

Of course, the control and management of the school is under the direction of the Rector or Pastor. He has the care of the souls committed to him. He is responsible for the teaching, and it is his duty to drive out all erroneous and false doctrine. The teachers are of his appointing, and it is his office to see that they are faithful and fit persons, capable of imparting truth, and fond of those entrusted to their care.

The instruction should be helpful and calculated to indelibly stamp God's living Word within the mind and heart. The singing should be cheerful, and the words such as will carry something definite to the child's mind—something of the gospel the Church is commissioned to teach,—something of the duties required of those who whould be obedient to God's commands. The lessons of the school should not be too long. All should be so done that the children may be led to realize their adoption into God's family, His Church, and the services so conducted, that when the children pass from school into the church to take part in the worship of the faithful in the consecrated building, they may feel at home. For they hear the same creed, the same gospel, the same chants and hymns of praise, the same devout prayers offered up to the God and Father of us all through Jesus Christ our Lord.

JOHN AND THE POSTAGE STAMP.

John was a boy who "lived out." Every week he wrote home to his mother, who lived on a small, rocky farm among the hills. One day John picked up an old envelope from the kitchen wood-box, and saw that the postage-stamp on it was not touched by the postmaster's stamp, to show that it had done duty and was henceforth useless. "The postmaster missed his aim then," said John, "and left the stamp as good as new. I'll use it myself."

He moistened it at the nose of the tea-kettle, and carefully pulled the stamp off.

"No," said conscience, "for that would be cheating. The stamp has been on one letter; it ought not to carry another."

"It can carry another," said John, "because, you see, there is no mark to prove it worthless. The post-office will not know."

"But you know," said conscience, "and that is enough. It is not honest to use it a second time. It is a little matter, to be sure; but it is cheating. God looks for principle. It is the quality of every action which He judges by."

"But no one will know it," said John, faintly.

"*No one!*" cried conscience. "God will know it—that is enough, and He, you know, desires truth in the *inward parts.*"

"Yes," cried the best parts of John's character, "yes; it is cheating to use the postage-stamp the second time, and I will not do it."

John tore it in two and gave it to the winds. The boy won a glorious victory.—*Children's Friend.*

The lowest resignation is not to be found in martyrdom; it is only to be found when we have covered our heads in silence, and felt, "I am not worthy to be a martyr; the truth shall prosper, but not by me."

OUR DAILY RECKONING.

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And counting, find
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard;
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if through all the livelong day
You've cheered no heart by yea or nay;
If through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace,
That brought the sunshine to one face,
No act most small,
That helped some soul, and nothing cost,
Then count that day as worse than lost.

In a lately discovered epistle of St. Clement the following prayer is found: "Save those of us who are in tribulation, have mercy on the humble, lift up the fallen, appear to those in want, heal the ungodly, turn those of thy people who have gone astray; feed the hungering, deliver those of us who are in bonds, raise up the weak, comfort the faint-hearted; let all the nations know that thou alone art God, and Jesus Christ, thy Son, and we thy people, the sheep of thy pasture."

A SHORT SERMON.

How often do we hear ignorant, half-educated men; how often do we hear audacious young men pronouncing on difficult problems of science and religion with a certainty which to maturer years seems absolutely ridiculous. We all of us, young and old, need the grace of modesty and humility; the conviction that many of us, perhaps most of us, are but as dust and ashes in the presence of the great oracles of wisdom in the various branches of knowledge whom God has in this or former ages raised up among us.—*Dean Stanley.*

WHO IS BUDDHA?

Did you ever notice, my son, that the man who tells you he cannot believe the Bible is usually able to believe almost anything else? You will find men who turn with horror and utter disbelief of the Bible and joyfully embrace the teachings of Buddha. It is quite the thing, just now, my son, for a civilized, enlightened man, brought up in a Christian country and an age of wisdom, to be a Buddhist. And if you ask six men who profess Buddhism who Buddha was, one of them will tell you he was an Egyptian soothsayer who lived two hundred years before Moses; another will tell you that he brought letters from Phœnicia and introduced them in Greece; a third will tell you that she was a beautiful woman of Farther India, bound by her vows to perpetual chastity; a fourth will, with a little hesitation, say he was a Brahma of the ninth degree and a holy disciple of Confucius; and of the other two, one will frankly admit that he doesn't know, and the other will say with some indecision that he was either a dervish of the Nile (whatever that is) or a *felo de se*, he can't be positive which. Before you propose to know more than anybody and everybody else, my son, be very certain that you are at least abreast of two-thirds of your fellow-men. I don't want to suppress any inclination you may have toward genuine free-thought and careful, honest investigation, my son. I only want you to avoid the great fault of atheism in this day and generation; I don't want to see you try to build a six-story house on a one-story foundation.

Before you criticise, condemn and finally revise the work of creation, my son, be pretty confident that you know something about it as it is, and don't, as a man who is older in years and experience than yourself, don't, let me implore you, don't turn this world upside down and sit on it and flatten it entirely out, until you have made or secured another one for the rest of us to live in while you demolish the old one.

THE STRANGER AND HIS FRIEND.

"Ye have done it unto me."—St. Matt. 25 : 40.

J. MONTGOMERY.

A poor, way-faring man of grief
Hath often crossed me on my way,
Who sued so humbly for relief,
That I could never answer: "Nay."
I had not power to ask His name,
Whether He went or whence He came;
Yet was there something in His eye
That won my love—I know not why.

Once, when my scanty meal was spread,
He entered; not a word He spake,
Just perishing for want of bread,
I gave Him all; He blessed it; brake
And ate, but gave me part again;
Mine was an angel's portion then,
For while I fed with eager haste,
That crust was manna to my taste.

I spied Him, where a fountain burst
Clear from the rock; His strength was gone:
The heedless water mocked His thirst;
He heard it—saw it hurrying on.
I ran to raise the sufferer up.
Thrice from the stream He drained my cup—
Dipt and returned it, running o'er;
I drank, and never thirsted more.

'Twas night; the floods were out; it blew
A winter hurricane aloof.
I heard His voice abroad, and flew
To bid Him welcome to my roof.
I warmed, I clothed, I cheer'd my guest,
Laid Him in my own couch to rest.
Then made the hearth my bed, and seem'd
In Eden's garden, while I dream'd.

Stript, wounded, beaten nigh to death,
I found Him by the high-way side.
I roused His pulse, brought back His breath,
Revived His spirit, and supplied
Wine, oil, refreshments—He was heal'd.
I had myself a wound concealed;
But from that hour forgot the smart,
And peace bound up my broken heart.

In prison I saw him next, condemned
To meet a traitor's doom at morn,
The tide of lying tongues I stemm'd,
And honour'd Him, midst shame and scorn.
My friendship's utmost zeal to try,
He asked if I for Him would die;
The flesh was weak, my blood ran chill;
But the free spirit cried, "I will!"

Then in a moment to my view
The stranger darted from disguise;
The tokens in His hands I knew—
My Saviour stood before my eyes.
He spake:—and my poor name He named—
"Of Me thou hast not been ashamed;
These deeds shall thy memorial be.
Fear not; thou dids't them unto Me."

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.—Ps. xix. 1.

A CHURCHMAN WITH A CAPITAL "C,"

1. A Churchman is one who believes fully in the Church; a churchman believes in it a little. A Churchman belongs to her, out of principle; a churchman out of mere choice. A Churchman stands by his parish, no matter who the Rector is; a mere churchman, if he likes the Rector. The Churchman is in his place at worship, stern circumstances alone preventing; a churchman, if weather, convenience, inclination, or any one of a half a dozen other things be favorable. A Churchman kneels; a churchman only leans over. When we kneel, let us kneel. To shrug the shoulders and crook the spine over the pew-top in front of us, is *not* kneeling according to Webster. Kneeling is being on the knees!

We don't read that "Daniel shrugged his shoulders and crooked his spine three times a day, towards Jerusalem," but that he "*kneeled*," &c. All Church-folk kneel; church-folk bend over.

2. In the name of good taste, let us never stare. This anywhere, particularly at Church, is vulgar. To stretch the neck around and gaze back at the door, to see who is coming in, is bad taste. Never mind other folk; attend to the service.

3. A Churchman gives of his means, as a privilege; he who is only a churchman, as a kind of tax. And in a great many other ways, is there a great difference between Churchmen with a capital "C," and those without. For instance:

4. Never find fault with your Rector as to what services shall be held; or, I may add, how he shall conduct them, or anything else about them. He is the *only* person in the whole parish, who has anything to say about *what* services shall be held; *how* they shall be held; and *when* they shall be held. It is impertinent to take him to task about his *official acts;* his Bishop and his own conscience are his only ecclesiastical superiors. The churchman of the lower-case initial may violate this rule; let him *alone* do it.

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8. *Never say* Sabbath, unless you mean Saturday.

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BAPTIZED.

July 31. John Campbell Christensen.
Aug. 13. William Lincoln Miller.

BURIED.

Aug. 13. Mrs. Eliza Kenlock.
" 19. " Mary C. Challenger.
" 23. " Beulah T. Milne.

OFFERINGS.

General Charities, ...	$30.08

THE RECTOR, the Rev. Dr. McConnell, now traveling in the West, has written home that he is enjoying his vacation, and is steadily improving in health. He expects to be back on the first Sunday in October, and to resume his work.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL will be re-opened on the first Sunday in October.

Teachers are reminded of this, at this early date, that they may have ample time to send word by card, or otherwise, to the scholars of their respective classes, that they will be glad to welcome them to the school again. This kindly interest will be greatly appreciated, and will ensure a good attendance at the early sessions. If the teachers cannot, for any cause, resume their work at the opening of the school, or find they cannot enter upon the work at any time during the coming year, they will please notify the Rev. Mr. Miller, who has charge of the school, so that he may obtain other teachers in their place. Nothing is so discouraging to the scholars as to find, after coming time and and again to the school, no teacher is there to give them the instruction promised. Last year the school was in a good flourishing condition, and it is felt the labor and interest expended were not lost. More can be done, and it is hoped that many new classes may be formed, and that more children from the congregation and neighborhood may become regular attendants. The Superintendent makes it his duty to visit the scholars in their homes, and this he will begin to do in the month of September, but the notice from the teacher will greatly help to gather the children into the school after their long vacation.

The School sessions, as heretofore, will be held in the morning, beginning at quarter before ten o'clock and close at quarter before eleven, thus giving time to go to the Church services, seats in the transept gallery being reserved for the school.

Teachers will send word to the Parish House, 1124 Girard street, if they do not intend to take their classes this coming year.

SELECTIONS.

WITH hearty thanks to Almighty God your Bishops recognize an increasing desire among Christian people for that unity for which our Lord prayed on the night before His crucifixion, and which He declared to be the visible evidence before men of the truth of His Gospel.

For this unity the Church has never ceased to labor and to pray, and now, especially, she is called upon to stand with open arms and earnest pleading, ready to yield to the utmost in any matter of human ordering or any choice of human will, so that she may join heart to heart with all who desire to stand upon the unchanging basis, without which no external unity is possible and with which, amid great diversities, unity is founded as on a rock—that is the unchangeable faith as expressed in the Creed of Nicea, the two divine Sacraments, the open Bible, and that Apostolic Order, which is the witness and keeper of these to the end of time.

These things are the deposit committed to the Church of God, not for her own sake, but for the sake of all men. For all men she holds them in trust, and in these latter days, pleads anew in deep love and all humility, that all who name themselves with the name of Christ would draw near and see, and with one mouth pray for that Apostolic unity and peace which is found alone in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and rests secure upon the foundation of Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head cornerstone.

And yet your Bishops feel keenly that the differences which separate Christian folk are not the things which lie nigh the heart of the people. Thousands are asking in doubt—some of them in despair—Is there any Revelation? Is there any guide? Is there a God? We fear that much of the strife which has arrayed class against class is the result of the teaching of misguided men, that the Bible is a myth, God a name, and religion a superstition; and feeling a profound sympathy for these men of toil who have filled our cities with creations of beauty, we know that they cannot afford to give up the Gospel of the Son of God. Their wildest dream of brotherhood has never compassed anything so surpassingly beautiful as that, by the appointment of God Himself, the poorest laborer may become "a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven." This brotherhood gives to the poorest man the inalienable right to appeal from the injustice of man to that God and Father who always hears the cry of His suffering children. It tells the rich man that the very condition of his fellowship with Jesus Christ is that he shall become the poor man's brother. The Gospel has not one law for capital and another law for labor. The truest political economy sustains the noble maxim of St. Paul, that "No man liveth unto himself." The voice of our divine Master speaks through all the centuries; "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." Our time, our talents, our wealth, are a sacred trust, not to be used in idle luxury, in wanton waste, or selfish indulgence, but used by us as stewards who must give an account to God. The problem which perplexes the wisest is solved by the divine law, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." These are not days to preach platitudes about doctrine, or to philosophize about religion. The Church must, in the spirit of Christ, be the mediator to re-unite these sundered bonds. The rights of labor are primary rights, with which neither the tyranny of mobs nor the oppressions of capital may interfere. The rights of capital are not less sacred, to enjoy the reward of honest labor and wise forethought, and use it for the benefit of others. Every form of misfortune has, by virtue of the Incarnation, a

claim to the help of its prosperous brother. We cannot know how far-reaching is that awful truth until that day when our Lord shall say to each one of us, "Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

Brethren of the clergy, an awful responsibility rests upon us. Our office is an offense to men and an insult to God, if we forget that the very terms of our commission are to represent Jesus Christ. The burdens which rest heavily on the people are not the gains which have repaid business ventures, but the vice, the crime which follows in the train of sin, and which costs this Nation more than all its schools, charities, and churches. Sin, and the evil which flows from it, can be cured only by the Gospel of the Son of God. For a time bayonets and police may protect our property and guard our homes. But no nation has ever survived the loss of religion. Whenever the tie which binds man to God is broken, all other ties are snapped asunder. Take from men all sense of accountability to an unseen power, all obligation to an eternal and unchangeable standard of right, limit men's horizon by the grave, admit no tie between man and man but selfishness, and then might will be right, and the armed force, which alone can protect the inalienable rights of the freeman, shall itself be constant menace to his liberty. Your Bishops are devoutly grateful for all which loving hearts are doing to bind up these wounds and heal this strife. We affectionately urge those over whom the Lord has made us shepherds to give personal service, personal efforts, to stay this flood of infidelity which is sweeping over our land. We cannot silence these gainsayers by arguments about religion. They have scoffed, and will scoff, against Christ and His Church. But the Christ who dwells in your hearts, the Christ who speaks through and works with you, none can gainsay or deny.—*From Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops, 1886.*

THE CHRISTIAN IN SOCIETY.

Many a conscientious Christian is perplexed as to his duty with reference to society, and as to what may be a proper deportment when required to mingle in it.

The whole subject is perplexing, and there are details which will require separate consideration from time to time. Certain general principles may make the matter more clear to your mind. Such as these:

First. Society is usually made up of the good and the bad, just as business circles are. If it is ever wholly bad, it may be your duty to withdraw from it, or to enter it only with the view of reforming it. One can hardly think of a Christian seeking social enjoyment in a circle which he knows to be wholly evil, and which will expect him to do evil with them. But as society is today, the good and the bad are mingled; and as the Christian enters into it, he is to avoid evil and to do his utmost to encourage goodness. Your Saviour's example, in this and in all other respects, is to be your example. He mingled with men, was at a wedding, at their feasts, and ate with publicans and sinners; but we cannot think of Him as exercising any other than a restraining, purifying influence upon the evil elements, and as encouraging goodness, however little of it some had whom He associated with.

Second. The tone of society is ever capable of improvement, and it may be your work to assist in improving it.

The conversation, the entertainments, and many of the usages of society might be elevated. Every one who tries to elevate them does a very great favor to all the others. The tone of society is simply the aggregate of the tone of each individual. Each one who carries into society a refined, well-bred spirit, sanctified by religion, is doing much to raise the standard.

Third. A Christian has it within his power to protest always by example, and sometimes by word, against such usages of society as he deems at variance with good morals or with Christian principle.

Thus he can withdraw, or refuse to be present, or he can in proper way and at proper times, express his disapprobation, not always openly, but to those who have given offence. If, for example, one is asked to go where there is immodest dressing, or where intoxication is encouraged, or where the laws of health are violated by improper hours, he can decline such invitation.

Fourth. A Christian will always set his face against the petty shams, hollow artifices, and polite deceptions which are sometimes tolerated in society, and will aim to encourage truth and honesty. He will seek to be real himself, and will show that he prefers reality to gaudily decked falsehoods.

These four points will probably cover most of the ground. If you seek to be real, and to avoid shams, if you protest, by example, against sinful compliances, if you try to elevate the tone of society, and to encourage its good elements, you will probably be solving many of the points which will greatly hinder one who is not as much in earnest, or one who hesitates to carry his religious principles everywhere.—*The Rev. Geo. W. Shinn.*

GROWTH VERSUS CRISIS.

"I'll get rich this year, or I'll die in the attempt," cried a young man this morning, as he dashed up the steps of an exchange. He was not willing to grow rich by slow and steady accumulation; he must become so suddenly, we mused, passing on. The words have rung in our ears all the morning, because such men "die daily." They forget that every day life has its mission; that it fits in according to the plans of the Divine Architect, and that much of the misery results from the possessors of life endeavoring to do what never was designed for them. They try to fit where they were never cut and hewn for, aspiring to the capstone of the temple when nature and Providence intended them for foundation stones, buried down deep in the clay and sand. Men strive to become millionaires, and end with being madmen.

Did not the grand old theory of growth versus the irresponsible conception of "crisis" find suggestive and most abundant exemplification in the plans and proceedings of Wall street, when men were suddenly called thieves in a day? Man a thief in a day! Never! The soil was there already. A thief, like a cabbage, grows, for the line of development in the realms of morality is not so dissimilar from the line of the natural as to cause the formation of a different law. Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap character; sow character and you reap destiny. From the act to the destiny is the logical procedure until the climax is reached. This we can assert with axiomatic positiveness.

When we beheld firm after firm shaking, shivering and dying as to its mercantile existence; heard of abused trusts, trampled honors, sunken reputations, and smirched characters, followed by the heart-burnings, the hatreds, the horrible suspicions engendered by all this duplicity of dealing, we asked ourselves, "What is it all worth, this wild hunt after the wealth that perishes with the getting thereof, leaving as a heritage of its former possessions, bitter memories, blighted hopes, blasted prospects, and, too often, the blackness of darkness as the outlook for eternity?"

How frequently, when this cursed greed for gold has carried men down into misery and ignominious death do they exclaim, "Oh, I have been ground between the millstones of circumstances!" What folly! Circumstances, like everything else, grow. Even solar systems are first stardust, then nebulæ, then isolated worlds, and at last systems. So with circumstances; first the dim, distant shaping of events; then the better definition of matters, then the closer presentation of affairs, and the bit is placed in the mouth of circumstances, and they are driven to success. And why? Because development is natural, crisis the reverse. Circumstances are planted by Providence, and designed to have a natural growth. It is when men try to force circumstances that they are caught in disaster and perish. Give a man with brains, energy and character, who will faithfully work and patiently wait, success must come to such, and it is lasting. "Such become morbidly conscientious, some cry. Far better to be morbidly conscientious than accommodatingly lax. Strictness in a matter of conscience is centripetal, and seeks the center of truth; laxity is centrifugal, and flies into the darkest and most extended depths of error. God help any man, and we speak it reverently, prayerfully—who deliberately covets capital rather than character, who chooses to add dollars only to his possessions. "He sows to the flesh, and of the flesh must reap corruption." And why? Because the moral law is the natural—the law of development. It is irrevocable, and works undeviatingly, persistently and unerringly. Then what is the use of men trying to flank its methods, its processes, its results by any means which they may originate in the self-complacency of "getting ahead of

things?'' Suddenly the heraldry, the pomp, the power is gone, and they start on a third stage of existence, with a character deflected to the wrong, and perpetuating its determined course throughout all eternity. I don't know about wrong, for almost am I persuaded to believe that somewhere, and at some future time the Lord will permit evil to slay itself, and right only to be eternally established. Yet it is a grand thing for a grand character to have money. It becomes a potential factor in the hands of such. Not so much to make thousands more as to unmake misery, to help the helpless, and save the drifting ones of earth. The aching heart is comforted, the throbbing temple soothed, and many a naked, hungry child of want and woe clothed and fed, many a tear of sorrow distilled away in the alembic of a kindness that is not of this world. And the Christianity which does not include such charity, is the very negation of Christianity, the bitter seedling of natural planting rather than the engrafted growth of the spiritual.—*Muriel Rousseau.*

LIKE flakes of snow, that fall unperceived upon the earth, the seemingly unimportant events of life succeed one to another. As the snow gathers together, so are our habits formed. No single flake that is added to the pile produces a sensible change; no single action creates, however it may exhibit, a man's character; but as the tempest hurls the avalanche down the mountain and overwhelms the inhabitant and his habitation, so passion, acting upon the elements of mischief, which pernicious habits have brought together by imperceptible accumulation, may overthrow the edifice of truth and virtue.

EDUCATION is a humanizer and an equalizer as well as an illuminator. Persons with fuller education come to have a better understanding of their duties, a higher degree of self-respect, that impels them to a fair recognition and fulfillment of their duties, with a resulting amenity of manners and consideration for the rights of others that does an immense degree of good.

A WISE man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.—Prov. 24: 5.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

Go forth to the Battle of Life, my boy,
  Go while it is called to-day;
For the years go out, and the years come in,
Regardless of those who may lose or win—
  Of those who may work or play.

And the troops march steadily on, my boy
  To the army gone before;
You may hear the sound of their falling feet,
Going down to the river where the two worlds meet:
  They go to return no more.

There is room for you in the ranks, my boy,
  And duty, too, assigned;
Step into the front with a cheerful grace—
Be quick, or another may take your place,
  And you may be left behind.

There is work to do by the way, my boy
  That you never can tread again;
Work for the loftiest, lowliest men—
Work for the plough, adze, spindle and pen;
  Work for the hands and the brain.

The Serpent will follow your steps, my boy,
  To lay for your feet a snare;
And pleasure sit in her fairy bowers,
With garlands of poppies and lotus flowers
  Enwreathing her golden hair.

Temptations will wait by the way, my boy—
  Temptations, without and within;
And spirits of evil, in robes as fair
As the holiest angels in heaven wear,
  Will lure you to deadly sin.

Then put on the armor of God, my boy,
  In the beautiful days of youth:
Put on the helmet, breast-plate and shield,
And the sword that the feeblest arm may wield
  In the cause of Right and Truth.

And go to the Battle of Life, my boy,
  With the peace of the gospel shod,
And, before high heaven, do the best you can
For the great reward, for the good of man,
  For the kingdom and crown of God.

—*Little Sower.*

DOING nothing for others is the undoing of one's self. We must be purposely kind and generous, or we miss the best part of our existence. The heart that goes out of itself gets large and full of joy. This is the great secret of the inner life. We do ourselves the most good doing something for others.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
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Joseph Clayton, 1124 Girard Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

TRUSTEES:

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:

Rev. Gideon J. Burton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10 30 and 4.30.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday, 10.30, other Sundays, 7.30.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE.

1124 Girard Street.

House Committee:

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Roberts,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Mrs. Bickley,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Rowland

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.

1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.

2nd Directress.—Mrs. Dixcy.

Treasurer.—Miss Wilkins.

Secretary.—Miss Sanders.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Miss Magee,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Pancoast,
Miss Hine,	Mrs. Roberts,
Mrs. Hockley	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Kennedy,	Miss Williamson.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Johns,
Mrs. Kelly,	Mrs. Dixcy,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Rogers,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Hazlehurst,
Miss Williamson,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Shill,	Mrs. Thomson,
Mrs. Low.	Mrs. Stratton.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Newlin,	Mrs. Hazlehurst,
Miss Bell,	Miss Mellon,
Miss Lammot,	Miss Williamson
Mrs. Struthers,	Miss Jamieson,
	Miss Oliver.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Wilkins,
Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Pancoast.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson.

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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Wiegand,
Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Arrison.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets when called by Secretary.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Mrs. Kennedy, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

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Mrs. S Caldwell, Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Judson, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Semple, Miss Sanders

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service

President.—The Rector.
Superintendent.—Mrs. Dixcy.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Rogers.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Bullock.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

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Miss Harlan, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Koons, Miss M. S. Wilkins,
Miss Stratton, Miss Oliver,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Bullock.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Monday.

Miss Bullock, Miss Orne,
Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Struthers.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Dixcy, Mrs. Griffith,
Miss Mellon, Miss M. Mellon,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss S. Eisenbrey,
Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Madeira,
Mrs. Hazlehurst, Mrs. Rogers,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Mrs. Wilson,
Miss Turnbull, Miss Sanders.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M, Miss Stoddard, Teacher.
THURSDAYS, 3½ to 5½ P. M., Mrs. Arrison and Miss Wilkins, Teachers.

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BAPTIZED.

Sept. 11. Matilda Herbig.
" 11. Bertha Herbig.
" 11. Geo. Bowers.
" 25. Samuel Erven Henderson.

MARRIED.

Sept. 20. Henry Mark Thornhill and Mary Clinton Wright.

BURIED.

Aug. 30. Sarah A. Morrison.
Sept. 2. Mrs. Lena Thomas Barksdale.
Sept. 6. Katherine M. Blight.
Sept. 8. James Bowker, M. D.

OFFERINGS.

General Charities,	$126 55
Special,	50 00
Total,	$176 55

THE St. Stephen's Church Woman's Institute is open to women outside of our parish as well as those within. Miss Anne Sanders, Secretary, 410 South 15th Street, will give all needful information concerning admittance. Ladies wishing to join the class will please address her. In another place within this paper a full statement of the plans, purposes and course of study is given, and also, notice of the time of beginning the lectures.

THE Sunday-school of this parish will re-open on Sunday, October 2d, at 9.45 o'clock. It is expected that teachers, if in town, will present themselves for duty and take charge of their respective classes. Other members of the Church, who are willing to enter upon this work, will please apply to the Rev. Mr. Miller, so that he may prepare classes for them.

THE daily services will be resumed in October. Morning Prayer every day at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5 o'clock. These services are meant for all the people of the parish, and while all cannot attend each particular service, yet no member of the parish ought to let the week pass without taking advantage of some of these hours of prayer.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.—There will be a lecture in each course once a month, which lecture will go over the ground assigned as a lesson to students in that course. The lectures in each course are open to students in all other courses.

For those who have time or inclination to pursue them courses of reading are recommended supplementary to the lectures. After each lecture a series of questions for examination will be given to the students in that course; but, while every one is recommended to write answers to these questions, it is obligatory upon no one to do so.

The lectures will be delivered at St. Stephen's Parish House, 1124 Girard St., Tuesday afternoons at 3.30 o'clock. A selected library of works of reference will be placed in the Parish House for the use of members of the Institute. An entrance fee of $5 will be charged to cover the expenses of the Institute. Ladies wishing to join any of the classes will please address MISS ANNIE SANDERS, Secretary, 410 S. 15th Street.

The membership is not at all confined to our Parish. The Institute has the hearty endorsement of the Bishop of Diocese, who has examined and approved the courses of study and reading adopted.

According to the announcement made last May the first lecture was to be delivered October 4th. It has been found necessary to change this date to October 18th. The following is the programme for all the courses.

I. The Bible. The Rev. Prof. John P. Peters, Ph.D., Lecturer.

General subject: The Rise, Development and Fulfilment of the Hope of Messiah or Christ.

The object of this course is, in the first year, to study the preparation for the coming of Christ, as set forth in the Old Testament; in the second year, to study the fulfilment and development of the Old Testament hopes of Christ as taught in the New Testament.

Oct. 18 The idea of a Messiah in the Northern Prophets, 800–750 B. C.

Nov. 15. The idea of Messiah at the time of the Assyrian invasions, circa 700 B. C.

Dec. 13. The Judgment of the World. The Kingdom of God.

Jan. 17. Messianic idea at the time of the fall of Jerusalem, circa 600 B. C.

Feb. 14. Redemption from Babylon, and redemption from the world.

Mar. 13. Messianic thought in the post-exilic Prophets.

April 10. Messiah in the Psalms.

May 8. Messianic hope revived at the Maccabean revolt.

The text book for this course is the *Bible* (revised version preferred). The student should study the passages assigned as a lesson, and determine the sense to the best of her ability without a commentary or other helps. If afterward she desire to use a commentary, the best for general use are (1), *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges;* (2), *The Bible Commentary* (Speaker's).

The lesson to be studied in connection with Lecture I is, Amos ix; Hosea 1, iii, xi, xiii, xiv. In connection with this lesson and lecture, the student is recommended to read one or more of the following: Bartlett & Peters' *Scriptures, Hebrew and Christian,* pp. 398–420; *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges,* introduction to Hosea; Briggs' *Messianic Prophecy,* chap. vi,; Geikie's *Hours with the Bible,* vol. iv, chap. ix. The student is also recommended to read a history of the Jews in connection with the whole course (Milman or Stanley preferred).

II. Church History. The Rev. S. D. McConnell, D, D., Lecturer.

The first lecture in this course will be delivered Nov. 8th. The details of the course will be published in the next number of the PARISH NEWS.

III. The Prayer Book. The Rev. Wm. R. Huntington, D. D. (New York), Lecturer.

Oct. 25. The Origin of Liturgies.

Nov. 22. History of the English Prayer Book, including the American revision of 1789.

Dec. 20. Structure of the Daily Offices.

Jan. 24. The Venite, the Psalter and the Lectionary.

Feb. 21. The Te Deum, the Benedicite and the Gospel Hymns.

Mar. 20. The Apostles' Creed.

Apr. 17. The Prayers.

May 15. The Litany.

As text-books in this course the students are expected to have, in addition to the English and American Prayer Books, either *The Prayer Book with Commentary* (S. P. C. K.), or Barry's *Teacher's Prayer Book*, or *The Prayer Book Inter-leaved* No lesson is assigned in connection with Lecture I, which is introductory, but the following are recommended to be read: Evan Daniel's *The Prayer Book, its History, Language and Contents*, preface and pp. 1–6; Burbidge's *Liturgies and Offices of the Church*, Chaps. I–IV.

The lectures for the second year will be as announced in the PARISH NEWS for May.

IV. Church Theology.

The object of this course is, in the first year, to investigate the grounds of our belief in God, and the evidences of Christianity; in the second year, to study the fundamental doctrines of the Church on the basis of the Apostles' Creed.

First year, Lectures I–IV.—Evidences of Theism.
" " V–VIII.—Evidences of Christianity.

Nov. 1. God and Religion. (Lecturer, Rev. Prof. John P. Peters, Ph. D.)

Nov. 29 and Jan. 3. God and Nature. (Lecturer, Rev. Prof. Geo. S. Fullerton, A. M.)

Jan. 31. The Moral Argument.

Feb. 28 and Mar. 27. Moral Evidence for Christianity.

Apr. 24. Historical Testimony.

May 22. Resurrection, Miracles, Inspiration.

(The other lecturers will be announced next month.)

The text-book for lectures I–IV is Flint's *Baird Lectures on Theism;* for lectures V–VIII, Row's *Manual of Christian Evidences*. The lesson to accompany Lecture I is Lecture II in Flint's *Baird Lectures*. To be read in connection with this lecture and lesson are recommended the following: Marcus Dod's *Mohammed, Buddha and Christ;* Flint, lecture I, and appendices I–VIII.

SELECTIONS.

RULES FOR READING HOLY SCRIPTURES.

These rules are part of a sermon preached in the parish church of Broad Clyst, in Devonshire, by the Rev. Prebendary Acland, the vicar, on the "Duty of Searching the Scriptures."

1. In reading Holy Scriptures keep steadily before you its great purpose of teaching you the will of God and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

2. Let its beautiful histories, and the many interesting questions which arise out of it, serve (as they are doubtless intended) to engage your attention, and to help you to look at God's dealings with man in many different points of view; but never read or search into them in a mere spirit of curiosity, or let them distract you from its one great purpose.

3. Read it *reverently;* remembering that God caused the books to be written as they are, and to come down to us as we have them; and that He is speaking to you through them.

4. Read it *thankfully;* blessing God who has caused it to be written for your learning; and often reflecting how sadly in the dark we should have been without its guiding light and what blessed hope you have through it, which without it you would not have had.

5. *Read it prayerfully.* It is well to offer a short prayer before reading; but I mean as to the whole spirit of your reading, read with the wish and with the expectation that the voice of God, Holy Scripture, may speak to your heart and conscience, and that you may be better for reading that portion which is before you.

6. Read it *humbly,* remembering that a book which God has caused to be written by men gifted with His Holy Spirit for that purpose, must be, very much of it, far above us; that we must be content to wait till God shall give us more light; and that meanwhile He will enable us to understand *all* that is good and needful for us to know. —*Christian Mirror.*

IF thou wouldst bear thy neighbor's faults cast thine eyes upon thine own.—*Molinos.*

LITTLE THINGS.

We call him strong who stands unmoved—
Calm as some tempest-beaten rock—
When some great trouble hurls its shock;
We say of him, his strength is proved;
But when the spent storm folds its wings,
How bears he then life's little things!

About his brow we twine our wreath
Who seeks the battle's thickest smoke,
Braves flashing gun and sabre stroke,
And scoffs at danger, laughs at death;
We praise him till the whole land rings;
But is he brave in little things?

We call him great who does some deed
That echo bears from shore to shore—
Does that, and then does nothing more;
Yet would his work earn richer meed,
When brought before the King of Kings,
Were he but great in little things!

—*From Treasure Trove.*

THE ARAB'S PROOF.

Some years ago a Frenchman who, like many of his countrymen, had won a high rank among men of science, yet who denied the God who is the Author of all science, was crossing the great Sahara in company with an Arab guide. He noticed with a sneer that at certain times his guide, whatever obstacles might arise, put them all aside, and kneeling on the burning sands, called on his God.

Day after day passed, and still the Arab never failed, till at last one evening the philosopher, when he rose from his knees, asked him, with a contemptuous smile: "How do you know there is a God?" The guide fixed his eyes on the scoffer for a moment in wonder, and then said, solemnly: "How do I know there is a God? How do I know that a man, and not a camel, passed my hut last night in the darkness? Was it not by the print of his foot in the sand? Even so," and he pointed to the sun, whose last rays were flashing over the lonely dessert, "*that* footprint is not that of a man."

GENERAL CLERGY RELIEF.

The Executive Committee of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and of Aged, Infirm and Disabled Clergymen, being unable to respond to many most pressing applications for relief, are compelled to appeal to the Church, and to ask sufficient contributions to permit new grants to be made.

About $10,000 is now distributed annually to some one hundred and thirty clergymen, widows and orphans, whose names are now on the list. They have been appointed from over thirty different Dioceses, and $100 a year is the largest amount given to any one.

During the past two years the income has just sufficed to pay those on the list. Since June, 1885, but one new appropriation has been made, and there are twenty-three applicants now awaiting grants.

Some of the most urgent cases are as follows:

1. A clergyman, age 72, suffering from general debility, largely the effect of long exposure in his work.

2. A clergyman, age 88, no family, no property, receives $100 a year from his brother Clergy.

3. A clergyman, age 70, thirty-nine years in the Ministry, receives $200 annually from Diocesan Christmas Fund.

4. A clergyman, age 77, in orders for fifty-two years, and for fifty-one years a pioneer Missionary in the West.

5. Two widows, ages 48 and 39. Two children. Have only $150 a year for support of the family of four persons.

6. A widow. Three children, ages 8, 4, and 2. Income $60 a year.

7. A clergyman, age 41. Disabled by bronchitis. Eighteen years in the Ministry. Wife and five children, ages 5 to 12. No income. Entirely destitute.

8. Clergyman, age 68. Disabled by consumption. Thirty years in the Ministry. Five children, two of the sons weak-minded, and dependent upon their father for support.

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A VERY ancient inscription on the Church of St. Giacomo di Rialto, Venice, runs: "Around this temple let the merchant's law be just, his weights true, and his covenants faithful." John Ruskin was the first to discover this beautiful line, and he says it is the "pride of my life."

THE BOY AND THE MAN.

A Swedish boy, a tough little knot, fell out of the window and was severely hurt; but, with clenched lips, he kept back the cry of pain. The king, Gustavus Adolphus, who saw him fall, prophesied that that boy would make a man for an emergency. And so he did, for he became the famous General Bauer.

A woman fell off the dock in Italy. She was fat and frightened. No one of a crowd of men dared to jump in after her; but a boy struck the water almost as soon as she, and managed to keep her up until stronger arms got hold of her. Everybody said the boy was very daring, very kind, very quick, but also very reckless, for he might have been drowned. The boy was Garibaldi; and, if you will read his life, you will find these were just his traits all through—that he was so alert that nobody could tell when he would make an attack with his red-shirted soldiers; so indiscreet sometimes as to make his fellow-patriots wish he was in Guinea, but also so brave and magnanimous that all the world, except tyrants, loved to hear and talk about him.

A boy used to crush the flowers to get the color, and painted the white side of his father's cottage in the Tyrol with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaineers gazed at as wonderful. He was the great artist Titian.

An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings of his pots and brushes, easel, and stool, and said: "That boy will beat me one day." So he did, for he was Michael Angelo.

A German boy was reading a blood-and-thunder novel. Right in the midst of it he said to himself: "Now, this will never do. I get too much excited over it. I can't study so well after it. So here goes!" and he flung the book out into the river. He was Fitche, the great German philosopher.

There was a New England boy who built himself a booth down at the rear of his father's farm, in a swamp, where neither boys nor the cows would disturb him. There he read heavy books, like *Locke on the Human Understanding*, wrote compositions, watched the balancing of the clouds, revelled in the crash and flash of the storm, and tried to feel the nearness of God, who made all things. He was Jonathan Edwards.

Boys and girls, entering your teens, you are at the head of life's rapids. Your craft is already catching the drift of strong desires, ambitions, passions. Have no anxiety except to aim at what is right, at the purposes which are deepest and purest. Vow to yourself and to God, who will help you. Then away down life's stream! It will be exhilarating, grand; all true life is! But take care.

REMIND ME OF THE KING.

La Fontaine, chaplain in the Prussian army, once preached a very earnest and eloquent sermon on the sin and folly of yielding to a hasty temper. The next day he was accosted by a major of the regiment with the words:

"Well, sir, I think you made use of the prerogatives of your office to give me some very sharp hits yesterday."

"I certainly thought of you while I was preparing the sermon," was the answer; "but had no intention of being personal or sharp."

"Well, it is of no use," said the major; "I have a hasty temper, and I cannot control it; it is impossible."

And, still adhering to this opinion, after some further conversation he went his way.

The next Sunday La Fontaine preached upon self-deception, and the vain excuses which men are wont to make.

"Why," said he, "a man will declare it is impossible to control his temper, when he knows that, were the same provocation to happen in the presence of his sovereign, he not only could, but would, control himself entirely. And yet he dares to say that the continual presence of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords imposes upon him neither restraint nor fear!"

The next day his friend, the major, again accosted him.

"You were right yesterday, chaplain," he said humbly. "Hereafter, whenever you see me in danger of falling, remind me of the King!"

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.

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Meets on Tuesdays at 2.30 P. M.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Mondays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Mellon, Miss S. Eisenbrey,
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Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Rogers,
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Mrs. Griffith, Miss Clarkson,
Miss M. Mellon, Miss Taylor,
Miss J. Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.
THURSDAYS, 3½ to 5½ P. M., Mrs. Arrison and Miss Wilkins, Teachers.

CLASS FOR HOME BIBLE STUDY.

Secretary, Miss Sanders, 410 S. 15th St.
Lecture and Examination Papers. 2d Tuesday in each month, 3.30. Parish House.

CALENDAR.

Nov. 1. All Saints.
" 6. 22d Sunday after Trinity.
" 13. 23d Sunday after Trinity.
" 20. 24th Sunday after Trinity.
" 24. Thanksgiving.
" 27. 1st Sunday in Advent.
" 30. St. Andrew.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Oct. 2. Mary Sadie Guscott.
" 2. Louisa Kline.
" 2. George Washington Kline.
" 14. Bessie Pancoast Munnikhuysen.
" 21. Florence May Bailey.
" 21. Howard Joseph Moore.
" 23. Pearl Therese Wagner.
" 23. Lilly Christine Webber.

MARRIED.

Oct. 10. Edward V. Kane and Ida A. Clark.
" 12. James Brooks Stetson and Agnes R. Hemphill.
" 12. Wm. F. Draper and Maud D. Turner.
" 25. Henry S. Denison and Carrie P. Mahon.

BURIED.

Oct. 12. Henry W. Eckstein.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

General Charities, ...	$386 87
Domestic Missions, . . .	125 60
Glencoe, Minn., ...	100 00
Total, .	$612 47

OFFERTORIES IN NOVEMBER.

Nov. 20. For Female Benevolent Society.
Thanksgiving Day. For Episcopal Hospital.
Other Sundays. For General Charities.

THE daily services were resumed in October. Morning Prayer every day at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5 o'clock. These services are meant for all the people of the parish, and while all cannot attend each particular service, yet no member of the parish ought to let the week pass without taking advantage of some of these hours of prayer.

THERE are several vacancies in the Ecclesiastical Embroidery Class, which meets at the Parish House on Mondays, at 10 o'clock. Any ladies who wish to learn this art, and at the same time aid in adorning God's House, should attend.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

CHURCH HISTORY DEPARTMENT.

Nov. 8. Subject, The First Century.
Dec. 6. " The New Testament.
Jan. 10. " The Age of Persecution, A. D. 100–A. D. 313.
Feb. 7. " The Age of Triumph, A. D. 313–A. D. 400.
Mar. 6. " The Barbarians.
Apr. 3. " The False Prophet.
May 1. " The Rise of the Papacy.
May 29. " The Crusades.

The text book in this course will be Kurtz's *Text Book of Church History.* The standard book of reference will be Robertson's *Church History.*

In connection with the first lecture may be read Ullhorn's *Conflict of Christianity and Heathenism*, Gibbon's *Decline and Fall*, chap. xv. Farrar's *Early Days of Christianity*, Cave's *Primitive Christianity*, Fisher's *Beginning of Christianity.*

LECTURERS.

Oct. 25. Rev. Dr. Huntington, The Prayer Book.
Nov. 1. " Peters, Church Theology.
" 8. " McConnell, Church History.
" 15. " Peters, The Scriptures.
" 22. " Huntington, The Prayer Book.

Time, 2.30. Place, St. Stephen's House.

THE BIBLE.

Lecture II. The Idea of Messiah at the time of the Assyrian Invasions.

Lesson. Isaiah ii; Micah iv, v; Isaiah vii, ix: 1-7, x: 5—xii, xix: 16–25.

Courses of reading. Bartlett & Peter's *Scriptures, Hebrew and Christian*, pp. 453–480, or *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges*, introduction to Micah, or Brigg's *Messianic Prophecy*, pp. 180–183, and 190–219, or Geikie's *Hours with the Bible*, vol. iv, chaps. x–xvii. The student should also read Milman's *History of the Jews*, vol. i, pp. 423–432, or Stanley's *History of the Jewish Church*, vol. ii, pp. 381–419.

Note.—The best commentary on Isaiah is Cheyne's *The Prophecies of Isaiah.*

THE PRAYER BOOK.

Lecture II. History of the English Prayer Book, including the American Revision of 1789.

Courses of reading Evan Daniel's *The Prayer Book, its History, Language and Contents*, pp. 7–55, Burbidge's *Liturgies and Offices of the Church*, chap. v, or Hob's *Manual of the Book of Common Prayer*, chaps. vi and vii; Butler's *History of the Prayer Book*, chaps. i–xi in part i; Procter's *History of the Book of Common Prayer*, chaps. i–v of part i.

The lesson is the Introduction or Preface respectively in *Prayer Book Interleaved*, or *The Teachers' Prayer Book*, or *The Prayer Book Commentary.*

AN APPEAL FROM MRS. BUFORD.

One year has passed since I appealed to my friends to help me in maintaining my hospital, and now, when the beautiful October days have come again, I venture to beg most earnestly a continuance of their generous support and tender sympathy. My hospital and school are dependent entirely on the voluntary contributions of the friends God has given me. During the past year boxes of clothing have been most kindly and generously sent, and have been of inestimable value to me; but the contributions in money have been much smaller, while the number of patients has been much larger than in the preceding years. During the past year they have varied from thirty to forty-five, more than could be well accommodated; but I have been enabled to take care of them, and to help many outside besides. Three

days in each week the physician is in attendance at the hospital; on these days we have often from twenty to thirty sick persons brought to him for treatment, and the quantity of medicine, especially quinine, given out is almost incredible. Though typhoid fever has been, and is still, most prevalent around us, we have had no case this Summer at the hospital. The expenses for the past year, including the salaries of my two teachers and the other necessary expenses of my school, the salaries of the physician, matron, wages of the nurses, servants, groceries, medicines, and the numberless incidentals I cannot enumerate, have been three thousand and sixty-three dollars and some cents. Believe me, I have tried faithfully to keep them down and make them less, but it is hard to do, hard to turn away from the poor creatures who appeal to me; impossible for me to turn a deaf ear to their cries for help. I know I have been charged with being too easily moved with compassion for them, and pamperizing the negroes by indiscriminate charity. I care for none of these things; to my own Master I stand or fall; to Him I must render an account of my stewardship of the gifts entrusted to me for His poor black children. In His great pitiful eyes it will be no heinous sin if mine are full of tears for them, my heart aching with pity, my hand stretched out to help, even though it may be sometimes the worthless and undeserving. We all do plead for mercy; we all do call ourselves miserable sinners, and very often we say we have done those things we ought not to do; we have left undone those things we ought to do. I know as well as those who stand afar off and cooly criticise. Ah! who can know better than I do, that the destitution and want and misery I see daily, are due mainly to idleness, to thriftlessness, to ignorance, but who hath taught them higher things? These four years, in a negro hospital, have been a fearful experience, an ordeal few women have passed through. Often, quivering with the sight of hopeless deformity, loathsome disease, and fierce physical pain, I wonder why were these creatures born; why did the God of mercy give them life? And wearily I puzzle my poor weak brains trying to solve the old, old problem, why sin and wrong-doing, and the train of miseries that follow them, are allowed to be. In God's own time, in His own way, not ours, will come the beautiful solution. Now, all we, His happier children, can do, is, if our brother be hungry, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; if he be naked, clothe him; if he lie wounded, bleeding by the wayside, with tender, pitiful hands bind up the gaping wounds, and gently lift him up. But even in this negro hospital have I seen gleams of a higher life, and glimpses of that rare patience and sublime fortitude which shed their halo round the saints and martyrs holy. Let me recall one group gathered in our ward for men, last Spring. A small white bed on one side of the blazing fire; a little child of nine years lying helpless, where he had lain, patient and still, for many months—poor little Isaac, we knew the sands of life were running very low. By his side, day after day, sat Robert, the blind boy; Isaac used to be his little guide in the happy days they could walk out in the sunshine together. Very tender and touching was the friendship between these stricken children. They had their little toys together, and shared their little delicacies, and had quiet little games with pins, "head and penut" they called it, which seemed to give them constant amusement. It was pitiful when the Angel of Death came at last, and little Isaac was laid to rest—to see the blind boy weeping beside his comrade's open grave, led back by stranger hands, sitting with bowed head in his accustomed place, beside the vacant bed. Opposite to them, propped up with pillows (he couldn't lie down) old Link suffered for days, and weeks and months without a murmur or complaint. He had lost one leg years before, and now the other one was so diseased we knew it must be amputated, or he would die, and we knew, too, if the operation was performed the chances were largely against him. "I had rather save his life than any man's in the hospital," the physician said to me; "I have known him all my life as a true and faithful man." Old Link had been a hero in the defence of his father's family during the war. The Sunday before the fatal day, I sat by him and read over and over about the beautiful city, with golden streets and gates of Orient pearl, wherein there is no sorrow, no pain. The tears trickled slowly down his weathered cheeks. I asked him if he were afraid to die. I told him how faithful and true he had been to his earthly master, and how we all loved and honored him. "I tried," he said, "to be a dutiful servant to old marster, I is tried to serve my Heavenly Marster too, I ain't afraid, living or dying, I trusts Him." The next day, but one, the physicians met; the old man asked for a little while, and hobbling with great pain and difficulty to his bedside he knelt for a long time in prayer. Then calmly, serenely he laid himself down; the chloroform was administered. But his awakening was in that radiant Paradise, wherein there is no pain. He survived the amputation only half an hour. In little Isaac's place to-day is lying a poor man, James Bennett, whose back was broken eight years ago, and whose life has been one long agony ever since. It will soon be over now; but my heart aches for the thin, hollow-eyed woman who comes at rare intervals to comfort him. Her home is twenty miles away, where are the six little children for whom she works so hard to get bread. In old Link's bed, a boy writhes in agony. In the woman's ward, a poor girl lingers in the last stages of consumption. Out on the piazza, basking in the sunshine, are many greyheaded old men and woman—past work now, past suffering, almost. Two strong, stalwart men are there, too, both stone-blind. Flitting through the wards, out on the piazza, out under the trees, in the quivering shadows, dressing herself twenty times a day, in strange, fantastic style, poor crazy Rosa wanders the livelong day—never quiet, never silent—muttering, bowing with nods and becks, and wreathed smiles to forms, by us unseen—listening with rapture to voices, to us unheard—the poor deaf mute, perfectly harmless, perfectly tractable, is happy, I trust, with the shadowy people with whom she holds converse. Out under the trees, the children are playing, among them a strong, stout young woman, picking up acorns with as much zest as a little child. Amy is an idiot. Shambling up to her sideways—he can't walk straight—comes George, in dresses and aprons like a girl. He is deformed from spinal disease. Near her sits little Mollie, blandly smiling, though the green earth and blue skies are black darkness to her; and Estelle and little Alice play around, and Baron Trenck is brought out in his nurse's arms. He is my jail bird—born last year in our country jail, where his lunatic mother was confined. We have another baby now, little Dorritt; she is a jail bird too. Her mother was sentenced last week to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, and her wailing three month's baby left behind.

My friends and helpers—you, whose hands have built this asylum for the wretched—you will not fail me now. I have been censured severely for writing such painful things. I cannot help it; I see nothing but pain and misery there, and I want to show you as plainly as I can what this hospital is, that you may judge if it be a charity worthy your continued support. Silver and gold have I none; without your help I am as powerless as poor little Dorritt. One hundred dollars for each bed—three thousand paid annually, can and *shall* meet all the expenses of my school and hospital. Most earnestly I beg you to pity and help these afflicted creatures I have shown you.

Under the glittering cross pointing heavenward, just over the front entrance of the hospital, in large, clear, beautifully carved letters, is this inscription: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto ME."

Lawrenceville, Va., Oct. 4, 1887.

SELECTIONS.

An illustration of the proverbial difficulty of transferring ideas from one language to another is related by Mr. Brady, one of the first missionaries to Sitka. He called in the help of the best interpreter he could find to secure a good translation of the Twenty-third Psalm. Now, as we all know, there is no small difficulty in making an ordinary company of city-bred people appreciate the pastoral similes of the Bible. If one knows nothing about sheep how can he know about a shepherd? The Alaskans are even in a still worse situation. Not only do they have no domestic animals, but they cannot go anywhere to get sight of any. Besides, they are familiar with a mountain sheep in such a way as to make the acquaintance positively misleading. They hunt the mountain sheep, and only a very bold and wary hunter can take him

as he passes from crag to crag, with one eye on his enemy far below him and the other on his feeding places. Imagine Mr. Brady's chagrin when he found that the consoling phrase, "The Lord is my shepherd," had been translated "The Lord is a great mountain sheep hunter," thus completely reversing the figure.

FUNERALS.

They should not be held on Sunday, unless unavoidable:

Because they are likely to interfere with Church services, or other engagements of the minister, which have been previously made.

Because on Sundays many people will attend through idle curiosity, who would be employed in their business on other days.

Because Christian people should not cause unnecessary work on the Lord's Day.

Funeral services should always be held in church, if possible:

Because the family of the deceased can then take their last look at the remains at home, without having their parting grief intruded upon by the public.

Because those who attend the funeral can be better accommodated in the church than in a private house. There is generally seating room enough in the church for all who attend, and they can be so seated as to see and hear all that is going on in the service.

Because in a private house the minister and choir are usually placed in an awkward position, making it difficult for them to speak and sing.

Because, in church, those who attend are more likely to observe a solemnity befitting the occasion.

Because our beautiful burial service is provided by the Church to be used in the church.

Because on such occasions we want all the comfort and peace that the hallowed associations of religion can give.

Because we are committing our beloved ones to the merciful keeping of God, for whose worship and praise the church has been set apart.

Because by our Baptism we became members of the Church, and were thus brought into covenant relations to God, and thereby made members of Christ, children of God and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

ST. ANTHONY'S SERMONS.

AN OLD LEGEND AMPLIFIED.

Saint Anthony preached to the Priory throng,
Saint Anthony's sermons were terribly long,
So dreary, so weary, so learnedly deep
That all of the Brothers were soon fast asleep,
He sighed as he looked at them, placid and still,
For he loved his own sermons, as some people will.
Then away in a huff to the river he sped,
A sermon he'd preach to the fishes instead.

He stood on the brink and his sermon began,
But fish are no fonder of sermons than man.
So he girt up his cassock, quoth he "I must go
And see if they'll listen to me down below."
That night as the Monks in refectory sat,
They wondered and asked what the Saint could be at
When a young brother said as he bent o'er his dish,
"He's gone to the river to preach to the fish!"

So down to the river they started in quest,
And peered through the water with curious zest,
Till they spied, in the bed of the river below,
The Saint and the fish sitting row upon row.
And 'tis said ever since that historical night,
Not a fish in that stream can be tempted to bite,
The reason's as plain as the waters are deep—
Saint Anthony's sermons have sent them to sleep.

AFFECTION.

We sometimes meet with men who seem to think that any affectionate feeling is weakness, They will return from a journey, and treat their families with dignity, and move among their children with the cold and lofty splendor of an iceberg, surrounded with its broken fragments. There is hardly a more unnatural sight on earth than one of these families without a heart. A father had better extinguish a boy's eyes than take away his heart. Who, that has experienced the joys of friendship, and values sympathy and affection, would not rather lose all that is beautiful in nature's scenery than be robbed of the hidden treasures of his heart?

Cherish, then, your heart's best affection. Indulge in warm, gushing, and inspiring filial, parental and fraternal love. Love God and your fellow-men, love everybody and everything that is lovely. Teach your children to love; to love the rose, to love the robin, to love their parents, their brothers and sisters, to love God. Let it be the studied object of their domestic culture to give them warm hearts and ardent affections. Bind your whole family together by these strong cords; you cannot make them too strong.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

TRUSTEES:

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:

Rev. Gideon J. Burton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 and 4.30.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday, 10.30, other Sundays, 7.30.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE.

1124 Girard Street.

House Committee:

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Roberts,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Mrs. Hockley,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Griffith.
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Rowland

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.

1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.

2nd Directress.—Mrs. Muirheid.

Treasurer.—Miss Wilkins.

Secretary.—Miss Magee.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Miss Magee,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Pancoast,
Miss Hine,	Mrs. Roberts,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Kennedy,	Miss Williamson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Brinton.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Johns,
Mrs. Kelly,	Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Rogers,	Mrs. Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Oliver,
Miss Williamson,	Mrs. Thomson,
Mrs. Shill,	Mrs. Stratton,

Mrs. Low.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Newlin,	Mrs. Struthers,
Miss Bell,	Miss Williamson.
Miss Lammot,	Miss Jamieson,

Miss Oliver.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Wilkins,
Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bright.
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Pancoast.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11 30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Wiegand,
Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Arrison.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets when called by Secretary.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Mrs. Kennedy, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Mrs. Hockley, Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Judson, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Semple, Miss Sanders

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Superintendent.—
Treasurer.—Mrs. Rogers.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Bullock.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Lundy,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Stewart,
Miss Taylor, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Koons, Miss M. S. Wilkins,
Miss Stratton, Miss Oliver,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Bullock,
Mrs. Wilson.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Tuesdays at 2.30 P. M.

Miss Bullock, Miss Sanders,
Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Struthers.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Mondays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Mellon, Miss S. Eisenbrey,
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Madeira,
Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Rogers,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Griffith, Miss Clarkson,
Miss M. Mellon, Miss Taylor,
Miss J. Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M, Miss Stoddard, Teacher.
THURSDAYS, 3½ to 5½ P. M., Mrs. Arrison and Miss Wilkins, Teachers.

CLASS FOR HOME BIBLE STUDY.

Secretary, Miss Sanders, 410 S. 15th St.
Lecture and Examination Papers. 2d Tuesday in each month, 3.30. Parish House.

CALENDAR.

Dec. 4. 2d Sunday in Advent.
" 11. 3d Sunday in Advent.
" 18. 4th Sunday in Advent.
" 21. St. Thomas.
" 25. Christmas Day.
" 26. St. Stephen's Day.
" 27. St. John the Evangelist.
" 28. Holy Innocents.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Nov. 10. Samuel McConnell Coleman.
" 18. Mrs. Elizabeth Wood Green.
" 19. Joseph Schields.
" 19. Jane Schields.
" 23. John Butler.
" 23. Edward Safe.
" 23. Henry Davis.
" 23. Lizzie Davis.
" 23. James Davis.
" 27. Frank Schields.
" 27. John Schields.

BURIED.

Nov. 10. William Marfilius.
" 22. Richard Vaux Campbell.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

General Charity Fund,	$397 02
Parish House (coal),	103 00
Church Woman's Institute,	660 00
Female Benevolent Society,	160 25
Episcopal Hospital,	586 38
Sheltering Arms,	3 00
Total,	$1909 65

OFFERTORIES IN DECEMBER.

Dec. 18. For Missionary Box Committee.
Christmas. Aged and Infirm Clergy.
Other Sundays. General Charity Fund.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

CHURCH HISTORY.

Dec. 6. Rev. Dr. McConnell.

Lecture II. The New Testament.

Lesson. Kurtz, pp. 123–126; Westcott, *The Bible in the Church*, pp. 1–10, 23, 52–65, 117–120.

THE BIBLE.

Dec. 13. Rev. Dr. Peters.

Lecture III. The Judgment of the World.

Lesson. Isaiah xxiv-xxvii, xxxiv, xxxv; Joel iii; Zephaniah iii.

Courses of reading. Bartlett & Peters' *Scriptures, Hebrew and Christian*, pp. 485–489; Brigg's *Messianic Prophecy*, pp. 153–160, 220–226, 291–309, 311–313, 317–320; Geikie's *Hours with the Bible*, vol. iv, chaps. vi, xv; vol. v, chap. vi. Cheyne's *The Prophecies of Isaiah*, chaps. xxiv–xxvii, xxxiv, xxxv.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

Dec. 20. Rev. Dr. Huntington.

Lecture III. Structure of the Daily Office.

Lesson. Such portions of *The Prayer Book Commentary, The Teachers' Prayer Book*, or *The Prayer Book Interleaved*, as are indicated by the the title of the lecture.

Courses of reading. Evan Daniel's *The Prayer Book, its History, Language and Contents*, pp. 77–88; Burbidge's *Liturgies and Offices of the Church*, chap. viii; Butler's *History of the Prayer Book*, chap. ii, in part ii; Procter's *History of the Book of Common Prayer*, chap. i and appendix 2, in part ii; Hole's *Manual of the Book of Common Prayer*, chaps. ix, x.

A SLIGHT CHANGE IN THE SERVICE will be begun this month. The custom has been for the Minister to repeat the first suffrages in the Litany, (*O God the Father of Heaven, &c.,*) and for the people to repeat it after him. Hereafter the people will repeat these *in concert with the Minister*. This is one of the changes recommended by the Committee of the General Convention upon changes in the Prayer Book. It is not only a better way in itself, but is a return to the original way from which the custom of the last century has departed.

THE RECTOR OF THIS CHURCH has always lamented that he could not know his people better than he does. He is quite aware that no man can preach the Gospel effectively to strangers. Christianity is so intensely personal a matter that the personal element must enter into it at every stage. Sunday after Sunday he sees men at Church whose faces have become familiar to him. They come sometimes for months together. But where they come from, and where they go to he does not know. Many of them are evidently Christian men. Some of them seem from time to time to be impressed with some considerations which he submits; but they disappear, and so far as he knows no result accrues. Now, he wishes to know these men—to have a speaking acquaintance with them at any rate. A number of gentlemen of the parish join with him in this feeling so entirely that they are willing to take considerable trouble to bring about a better acquaintance.

Last week, in response to an invitation given from the chancel, a large number of gentlemen who are more or less regular attendants at the services, came to the *Parish House, 1124 Girard Street*, to meet the Rector and some of his friends. It is not too much to say that the result was good in every way. It was so good that it was mutually agreed to fix the *last Wednesday evening in every month* as a time when the Clergy of the parish will meet the gentlemen whom they see in the Church on Sundays, at *1124 Girard Street.*

DOES ANY BODY WANT TO ADOPT a little girl? There has been brought to the attention of the Rector the case of a little girl who is left absolutely destitute. She is 11 years old, exceedingly pretty, good and lovely. She is well born and well bred.

Her father was an officer in the U. S. Navy. She has no kith nor kin living. Is there not some family who has a comfortable home where the music of a child's voice is not heard, who would bless themselves and one of God's orphans as well by taking this waif to their hearth and heart?

REPORT OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. The Altar Society of St. Stephen's Church present to the congregation the third annual report.

During the year the work in its different branches has been steadily and quietly going on.

Letters of most grateful thanks have been received for those gifts the Society has been able to give to poorer parishes, to enable them to have those necessary things, so that all things can be done decently and in order. Not as many surplices and sets of altar linen were made as could have been disposed of, as they would have taken more time and hands than the members had to devote to that part of the work.

The Library Committee are very much disappointed that the congregation still make their duties too much of a sinecure, and hope that they will send them more papers, periodicals, etc., for the benefit of the Missionaries who are too far from any libraries to get any reading matter.

THE PARISH NEWS and St. Stephen's Church Woman's Institute were started, and are under the auspices of the Altar Society, but they have been so well managed by the Clergy and Laity that the members are only too thankful that they are such powerful agents for good, that the benefits are felt beyond the bounderies of our own parish.

The Treasurer reports:

Received,	$185 00
Paid,	144 55
Balance,	$40 45

THE LADIES OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE having been so successful in the work undertaken last year, of providing a way for gentlewomen to dispose of their handiwork, will hold a third sale on Dec. 7th, 8th and 9th at 1124 Girard Street.

The sale consisting of articles of fine plain sewing, fancy work, jellies, preserves, cake, etc., will open at 12 M. on Dec. 7th, and at 10 o'clock on Dec. 8th and 9th, closing each day at 4 P. M.

It is earnestly requested that all who can will aid in this important work.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Roberts,
Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Rowland,
Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Hockley.

THE MANAGERS OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY of St. Stephen's Church, present to the congregation their twenty-second annual report.

During the year two thousand and twenty-six garments and pieces of work were made.

Value of clothes given to the parish children and others, $7.00.

The Missionary Box Committee feeling they could accomplish more in their branch of the work, and do it much more quickly as a distinct organization, separated from the Benevolent at their own request, and with the full approval of this Society.

The Managers wish to remind the ladies of the congregation that they are now ready to fill any orders they may give them for garments, and earnestly beg they will aid them by buying towels for the kitchens and butler's pantries, and other household articles, of which there is always a full supply on hand.

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Received from offertory,	$369 42
Subscriptions,	104 50
Sales,	528 58
	$1002 50
Paid for Dry Goods,	$602 67
" Packages,	4 65
" To Women for Sewing,	369 68
" To Missionary Box Committee,	23 00
	$1000 00
Balance,	$2 50

THE THEATRE SERVICES for Non-Churchgoers, with the support of which this parish has been associated for several years, began earlier than usual this Autumn, but have been thronged from the start. Our Parish House has been placed at the disposal of the Rev. J. E. Johnson, who is in charge of this work, for such times as may not interfere with our own parochial uses, and several evenings in the week are already occupied by enterprises in connection with the Theatre congregation. Our people may be able to co-operate in some of this work; as, for instance, in carrying on the Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society which meets Monday nights. We shall have more to say about this by and bye. These Theatre Services, held as they are, right here in the immediate neighborhood of our parish church, and within the limits of what may be called our geographical limits, will always be entitled to our lively interest and support.

A good many pathetic things occur in connection with these Theatre Services. A dying man told a City Missionary, who had been suddenly called to his bed-side, that he knew about the Saviour, for he had been two or three times to the Theatre Services.

After the meeting one Sunday night, the clergyman found a fashionably dressed young man whose attire was in odd contrast with that of the fifteen or twenty others caught that night in the net. With the tears coursing down his face he related how he had left a young wife at home and for several days lived in the saloons and dens of the neighborhood. Passing the theatre that night he had been attracted by the light and the sound of music and entered. While there the Spirit caught him and he cried to God for help. The clergyman tried to interest some church people in his case, but not succeeding, rejoiced to hear soon after that he had been admitted to a Lutheran Church in the city, and his last information from him was to the effect that he was engaged as a volunteer lay-helper in the Evangelistic work of that denomination in this city. It will be easy to imagine the satisfaction of his parents, who are among the wealthy and influential people of this city, as well as the joy of his young wife. Such incidents might be indefinitely multiplied.

SELECTIONS.

PUT YOURSELF IN HIS PLACE.

It's a very good rule in all things of life,
When judging a friend or brother,
Not to look at the question alone on one side,
But always to turn to the other.
We are apt to be selfish in all our views,
In the jostling, headlong race;
And so to be right, ere you censure a man,
Just "put yourself in his place."

It is very hard to be just—to know
The reason another may give—
How much he has struggled, and fought, and striven,
How honestly tried to live;
How much been cheated, how sorely tried,
Ere the wrong he was forced to embrace;
And if you would learn these things, the way
Is to "put yourself in his place."

There's many a man crushed down by shame,
Who blameless stands before God,
But whom his fellows have utterly scorned
And made to "pass under the rod;"
Whose soul is unstained by the thought of sin,
Who will yet find saving grace,
And who would be praised where you now condemn,
If you would, "put yourself in his place."

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

"Where are the children?" is often asked as one looks over our congregations. The reason given is that "they attend the Sunday-school." But is this any reason at all? Is it designed that the Sunday-schools be to the children a substitute for the church? We all know that these schools do not in any sense fill the place of public worship. Songs and banners, and libraries, and illustrated papers, and the amusing ways by which young teachers draw together and hold the interest of children, all have their value, but can it be weighed a moment against the solid impression made upon childhood by the Christian Year, by the gathering

together in the family pew, by the dear old familiar prayers, by the holy reverence for the house of God, by the love of public worship formed in childhood and growing with the years? If these and all the clustering advantages and associations of public worship must be given up for the school, who will not say that the loss is greater than the gain? Christian parents! send your children to the Sunday-school if you will, but do not, on this account, fail to have them at your side in the house of God. In a few years they will go from you out into the world, and where will they get a love for the church and habits of attendance unless they acquire them when young?

OLD AGE.

Dean Bradley, successor of Stanley in the deanery of Westminster, tells an anecdote of him as he neared his sixtieth year. He was traveling in Germany on a Rhine steamer, and getting acquainted with a boy (he loved children), the boy asked him his age, which being answered, he said, "Why, all your life is over." "No," said the Dean, "the best time is yet to come."

"You must be on the wrong side of sixty," said one acquaintance to another. "No," he replied, "I am on the right side." Old age is cheerless enough to one lacking faith in God and Christ; but bright with divinest hopes when one has for his portion the Christ, whom to know with the Father is eternal life. Let every man mourn as old age creeps upon him if he be without faith in the Holy One. Let every man rejoice as age comes upon him if he trusts in Him who said, "Because I live, ye shall live." Life here is only the state of infancy. We know, in part, and that a small part, but there * * * the best time is yet to come."

A plain London lighterman, only a navigator on the Thames, was in the Abbey, standing before the monument of John Wesley, and as he talked with the Dean, knowing he had been to Palestine, said, "It must have been beautiful to have walked where the Saviour walked." "Yes," and with a saintly look he said, "Beautiful to walk in the steps of the Saviour." Stanley's words, as he spoke of death, are so beautiful we quote them: "There the soul finds itself on the mountain ridge overlooking the unknown future; our company before is gone, the kinsfolk and friends of many years are passed over the dark river, and we are left alone with God. We know not in the shadow of the night who it is that touches us—we feel only that the everlasting arms are closing us in; the twilight of the morning breaks, we are bid to depart in peace, for by a strength not our own we have prevailed, and the path is made clear before us."

Great and many are the compensations of advancing age.

THE ROYAL TABLET.

A certain king would build a cathedral, and that the credit of it might be all his own, he forbade any from contributing to its erection in the least degree. A tablet was placed in the side of the building, and on it his name was carved, as the builder. But that night he saw, in a dream, an angel, who came down and erased his name, and the name of a poor widow appeared in its stead. This was three times repeated, when the enraged king summoned the woman before him and demanded, "What have you been doing, and why have you broken my commandment?" The trembling widow replied, "I love the Lord, and long to do something for His name and for the building up of His church. I was forbidden to touch it in any way; so in my poverty, I brought a wisp of hay for the horses that brought the stones." And the king saw that he had labored for his own glory, but the widow for the glory of God, and he commanded that her name should be inscribed upon the tablet.

An Irishman was taken to see a cathedral. As he entered the magnificent building, bewildered by its beauty, he turned to his companion and said: "Phwy, Moike, it beats the devil." "That's the intintion, Pat."

A Scotchman who had lived a careless life, asked his minister, as he saw death approaching, whether it would help him in the next world if he were to give £1,000 to the church. The reply was, "Ah, weel, I canna just say that; but the experiment wad be weel worth tryin'."

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Miss Williamson,	Mrs. Thomson,
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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Newlin,	Miss Jamieson,
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Miss Stevenson.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Meets (in Parish House) Third Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

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Meets when called by Secretary.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

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Meets on Tuesdays at 2.30 P. M.

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Meets on Mondays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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CALENDAR.

Jan. 1. Circumcision.
" 6. Epiphany,
" 8. First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 15. Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 22. Third Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25. St. Paul, the Apostle.
" 29. Septuagesima.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Dec. 14. Alfred Ingersoll Phillips.
" 26. Clarence Walter Hicks.

MARRIED.

Dec. 10. Walter R. Sherman and Isabella N. Annette.
" 13. John Henderson and Annie N. Annette.
" 22. Dr. George R. Moorhouse and Mary Ogden White.

BURIED.

Dec. 12. Kate Watson Reynolds.
" 16. J. Nathanael Holman.
" 22. Infant son of Matthew and Lydia Semple.
" 26. Mrs. Emma Louisa Evans.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

General Charity Fund, - - -	$277 43
Missionary Box Committee, - -	108 55
Aged and Infirm Clergy, - -	320 89
Special, for distribution by the Rector,	40 00
" " " " "	75 00
" " " " "	55 00
" " " " "	5 00
" " " " "	5 00
Total, - -	$886 87

OFFERTORIES IN JANUARY.

Jan. 15. For Foreign Missions.
" 29. For Sunday-schools.
Other Sundays, General Charity Fund.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

CHURCH HISTORY.

Jan. 10. Rev. Dr. McConnell.

Lecture III. The Age of Persecution.

Lesson. Kurtz, pp. 82-92.

Read: Robertson, vol. i, chaps. v and vi; Bingham's *Antiquities*, book i, chap. iii; book ii, chap. i; Milman's *History*, book ii, chap. ix.

THE BIBLE.

Jan. 17. Rev. Prof. Peters.

Lecture IV. The Messianic Idea about 600 B. C.

Lesson. Jeremiah iii, xxiii, xxxiii, xxx, xxxi; Ezekiel xxxiv, xxxvii–xxxix.

Courses of reading. Bartlett & Peters' *Scriptures, Hebrew and Christian*, part iv, chaps. vii–xi; or Brigg's *Messianic Prophecy*, chaps. viii and ix; or Geikie's *Hours with the Bible*, vol. v, chaps. vii, xiv and xx, vol. vi, chaps. ii and iii; also Milman's *History of the Jews*, vol. i, pp. 434–451; or Stanley's *History of the Jewish Church*, vol. ii, pp. 427–491.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

Jan. 24. Rev. Dr. Huntington.

Lecture IV. Structure of the Daily Office, together with the Venite, Psalter and Lectionary.

Lesson. Such portions of *The Prayer Book Interleaved*, *The Prayer Book Commentary*, or *The Teachers' Prayer Book*, as are indicated by the title of the lecture.

Courses of reading. Evan Daniel's *The Prayer Book, its History, Language and Contents*, pp. 77–118; or Burbidge's *Liturgies and Offices of the Church*, chap. viii; or Butler's *History of the Prayer Book*, part ii, chaps. i and ii; or Procter's *History of the Book of Common Prayer*, part ii, chaps. i and ii, and appendix 1; or Hole's *Manual of the Book of Common Prayer*.

CHURCH THEOLOGY.

Jan. 3. Rev. Prof. Fullerton.

Lecture III. God and Nature (continued).

Lesson. Flint's *Baird Lectures on Theism*, lecture vi.

Courses of reading. Le Conte's *Religion and Science;* or Bruce's *The Miraculous Element in the Gospels*, chaps. i and ii; or Temple's *Relations between Religion and Science*, chaps. iii–vii.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL, bearing in mind the eternal truth that this, like all years, will be a happy year if it is a *good* year, otherwise not.

THE CLERGY OF THE PARISH wish gratefully to acknowledge the many tokens of good-will, great and small, which came to them at Christmas time. Surely there is no relation in life where affection expended brings back so swift and large a return as in that of a pastor to his people.

They wish specially to acknowledge one or two gifts of value and beauty which came without the name of the giver.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH held its regular monthly meeting at the Parish House on Monday, Dec. 19th. Miss Julia Emory, of New York, was present, and spoke very favorably of the methods of working in the Domestic Department of the Church's labor. She explained the manner in which our missionaries are helped by the boxes of clothing, household linen, etc., sent to them, and how the timely assistance thus given helped to bring relief to those whose salaries are small, but whose wants are large and demand relief. Surely by the earnest helpfulness of Christian women in our more favored parishes, gladness and strength are put into the hearts and homes of the earnest men who are laboring in the far western fields of work and in our southern districts. It is a good undertaking. It is hoped the Society organized in our parish may soon have every earnest woman of St. Stephen's Church enrolled as a member.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE, which was opened at the Parish House this Fall, has proved successful far beyond the most sanguine hopes of its projectors. The idea was and is to provide a course of instruction far more systematic and thorough than has been heretofore accessible to church women. If anything is "churchly" work this is it; to learn what the church is, what it believes and teaches, and what it does not. The Institute numbers one hundred and forty women, as many as at present there is room for. They are picked women, chosen by a process of natural selection. They come not from our parish alone, but from

nearly every one in the city. They are women who have a mind to work. They attend a lecture every week in one of the four departments, on *The Scriptures*, by Rev. Prof. Peters, of the Divinity School; *The Prayer-Book*, by Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York; *Church Theology*, by Rev. Prof. Fullerton, of the University, and others, and *Church History*, by the Rector of this Church. There is no attempt made by the instructors to "cut it fine." On the contrary, they are quite awake to the fact that no body of students can be found more able to take the best that they can give. The interest has steadily increased from the beginning, and there seems to be good reason to believe that no project has been started for many a day which will be more far-reaching and lasting for good to the church. Certainly its projectors have no other object in mind but this.

A St. Andrew's Society has been formed in the Parish. It was done in the following fashion and for the following purposes. The Rector asked twenty-five or more young men, who are communicants, to meet him, when he laid before them the fact that in a parish situated as ours is, which comes in contact with so many men who are strangers, there is much work which the clergy cannot do. He asked for volunteers to help him. The terms of enlistment are subscription to the following pledges:

1. To pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom among men, and for God's blessing on the labors of the Brotherhood.

2. To make an earnest effort each week to bring at least one man within hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth in the services of the Church.

3. To obey the call of the Rector in all *reasonable* requests for service.

The Society now numbers about twenty-five members. It is composed of lawyers, physicians, editors, gentlemen of leisure, salesmen, manufacturers, railroad men, business men. Any member is at liberty to return his card and resign at any time, but while he remains a member he does whatever reasonable duty he is asked to do by the Rector. Recruits are wanted, but only of men who are ready to back up their Christianity by their work. The Rector wants to shake hands with any man who is a communicant, or ready to become one, who is not already doing work for the Church in some capacity to the limit of his time and ability, of which every man must be his own judge. The Rector wants to know that he has back of him a body of men who can be called upon in an emergency to help. Such emergencies do not frequently arise, but they do sometimes, and there are cases constantly arising among the men of a great city when he needs the help of manly men. Gentlemen, the help he wants is *not* in money, but in hands and hearts and brains.

Two receptions have already been held by the clergy and the St. Andrew's men, at the Parish House, which were both pleasant and profitable. At the last, on Wednesday, December 28, Dr. Hine, a member of the Society, gave an informal lecture, which was greatly appreciated by those present. It is hoped this feature of the receptions may be adopted during this winter season.

The Ladies of the Parish House Committee held a sale in December of articles made and entrusted to them by needy gentlewomen. The articles were of all consumable sorts, from a pot of jam to an oil painting. They were sent in by *ninety* women. The ladies arranged the sale and called in their friends to buy. They received for the things sold $1128.35. Every cent of this without any deduction for expenses was handed to the women depositing. No better or more truly churchly work than this has been or can be done. The poor ladies with whom the world has gone hardly and who are compelled to earn their own livelihood, have their work thus brought before those who are able to buy it, and it does those who buy quite as much good as those who sell. It was a good job well done.

SELECTIONS.

CONSECRATION.

By Francis Ridley Havergal.

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and "beautiful" for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own.
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour,
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

HISTORY.

Why do we want to know history? Why does history form a recognized part of our liberal education? Simply because all of us, and every one of us, ought to know how we have come to be what we are, so that each generation need not start again from the same point, and toil over the same ground, but, profiting by the experience of those who came before, may advance towards higher points and nobler aims. As a child when growing up, might ask his father or grandfather, *who* had built the house they lived in, or who had cleared the field that yielded them their food, we ask the historian whence we came, and how we came into possession of what we call our own. History may tell us afterwards many useful and amusing things, gossip, such as a child might like to hear from his mother or grandmother; but what history has to teach us before all and everything, is our own antecedents, our own ancestors, our own descent.

Now our principal intellectual ancestors are, no doubt, the *Jews*, the *Greeks*, the *Romans*, and the *Saxons*, and we, here in Europe, should not call a man educated or enlightened who is ignorant of the debt which he owes to his intellectual ancestors in Palestine, Greece, Rome, and Germany. The whole past history of the world would be darkness to him, and not knowing what those who came before him had done for him, he would probably care little to do anything for those who are to come after him. Life would be to him a chain of sand, while it ought to be a kind of electric chain that makes our hearts tremble and vibrate with the most ancient thoughts of the past, as well as with the most distant hopes of the future.

Let us begin with our religion. No one can understand even the historical possibility of the Christian religion without knowing something of the Jewish race, which must be studied chiefly in the pages of the Old Testament. And in order to appreciate the true relation of the Jews to the rest of the ancient world, and to understand what ideas were peculiarly their own, and what ideas they shared in common with the other members of the Semitic stock, or what moral or religious impulses they received from their historical contact with other nations of antiquity, it is absolutely necessary that we should pay some attention to the history of Babylon, Nineveh, Phœnicia and Persia. These may seem distant countries and forgotten people, and many might feel inclined to say, "Let the dead bury their dead; what are those mummies to us?" Still, such is the marvellous continuity of history, that I could easily show you many things which we, even we who are here assembled, owe to Babylon, to Nineveh, to Egypt, Phœnicia and Persia.

Every one who carries a watch, owes to the Babylonians the division of the hour into sixty minutes. It may be a very bad division, yet such as it is, it has come to us from the Greeks and Romans, and it came to them from Babylon. The sexagesimal division is peculiarly Babylonian. Hipparchos, 150 B. C, adopted it from Babylon, Ptolemy, 150 A. D., gave it wider currency, and the French, when they decimated everything else, respected the dial plates of our watches, and left them with their sixty Babylonian minutes.

Everyone who writes a letter, owes his alphabet to the Romans and Greeks; the Greeks owed their alphabet to the Phœnicians, and the Phœnicians learnt it in Egypt. It may be a very imperfect alphabet—as all the students of phonetics will tell you; yet, such as it is, and has been, we owe it to the old Phœnicians and Egyptians, and in every letter we trace, there lies imbedded the mummy of an ancient Egyptian heiroglyphic.—*Max Muller.*

WHY AM I A HEATHEN?

We heathen are a God-fearing race. Ay, we believe the whole universe-creation—whatever exists and has existed—is of God and in God; that, figuratively, the thunder is his voice and the lightning his mighty hands; that everything we do and contemplate doing is seen and known by him; that he has created this and other worlds to effectuate beneficent, not merciless, designs; and that all that he has done is for the steady, progressive benefit of the creatures whom he endowed with life and sensibility, and to whom, as a consequence, he owes and gives paternal care, and will give paternal compensation and justice—yet his voice will threaten and his mighty hands chastise those who deliberately disobey his sacred laws and their duty to their fellow men.

"Do unto others as you wish they would do unto you" or "Love your neighbor as yourself," is the great Divine law which Christians and heathen alike hold, but which the Christians ignore.

This is what keeps me the heathen I am! And I earnestly invite the Christians of America to come to Confucius.—*Wang Chin Foo, in North American Review.*

WHY I AM NOT A HEATHEN.

I not only discriminate between Christianity and its professors, but I also discriminate between true Christians and hypocrites. Confucius says, "It is impossible to carve on rotten timber." Christianity is not responsible for the acts of morally rotten men; and yet, where there is any soundness at all, it has demonstrated its power to heal and to save. . . . Christianity will survive this last and most terrible of attacks. Indeed, I am silly enough to believe that that religion, which flourished in spite of the Pharisee and the Sadducee, which survived the persecutions of the Cæsars and finally supplanted them, which passed through the Dark Ages of ignorance and barbarism undimmed in lustre, which rose serenely after the terrible French Revolution, will continue to reign supreme as long as eternity itself shall endure. Christianity has demonstrated its fitness to supply my spiritual needs. Its authenticity as a history no reasonable man can deny. I believe, I accept its truths, as I hope to be happy in this life, and to enjoy a blessed immortality in the life to come. Do you wonder that I am a Christian? I cordially invite all heathen, whether American, or English, or Chinese, to come to the Saviour.—*Rejoinder to Wang Chin Foo, by Yan Phou Lee, in North American Review.*

BEARS HELPING EACH OTHER.

A gentleman was once making inquiries in Russia about the method of catching bears in that country. He was told that to entrap them a pit was dug several feet deep, and after covering it over with turf, leaves, &c., some food was placed on the top. The bear, if tempted by the bait, easily fell into the snare.

"But," he added, "if four or five happen to get in together, they all manage to get out again."

"How is that?" asked the gentleman.

"They form a sort of ladder by stepping on each other's shoulders, and thus make their escape."

"But how does the bottom one get out?"

"Ah! these bears, though not possessing a mind and soul such as God has given us, yet can feel gratitude; and they won't forget the one who has been the chief means of procuring their liberty. Scampering off, they bring the branch of a tree, which they let down to their poor brother, enabling him speedily to join them in the freedom in which they rejoice."

Sensible bears, we should say, and a great deal better than some people that we hear about, who never help anybody but themselves.—*The Carrier Dove.*

"MADAM," said a husband to his young wife, in a little altercation which will spring up in the best regulated families, "when a man and his wife have quarreled, and each consider the other at fault, which of the two ought to advance toward a reconciliation?" "The best natured and wiser of the two," said the wife putting up her mouth for a kiss, which was given with unction. She was the conqueror.

WHEN the clergyman announced that there would be a nave in the church which was building, an old lady remarked that she knew the party to whom he referred.

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Feb. 2. Purification of St. Mary the Virgin.
" 5. Sexagesima.
" 12. Quinquagesima.
" 15. Ash Wednesday.
" 19. 1st Sunday in Lent.
" 24. St. Matthias.
" 26. 2d Sunday in Lent.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Jan. 8. Elizabeth Cleemann Clayton.

MARRIED.

Jan. 17. Munroe Smith and Carolin J. Clark.
" 25. Edward L. T. Mackenzie and Sallie B. Muthersbough.
" 31. Theodore P. Farrell and Katherine Levin.

BURIED.

Jan. 5. Mary E. De Sacque,
" 6. Lydia J. Andrews.
" 7. Henry Pedro Alves.
" 14. Mrs. H. M. Chapman Nichols.
" 19. Adine Drew.
" 20. Isaac McCeaigue.
" 22. James Ritchie.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

For General Charities, - - -		$376 16
" Foreign Missions, - - - -		162 36
" Sunday Schools, - -		112 00
" Père Vilatte, - - - -		10 00
Bishop Stevens' Memorial Church,	25 00	
" " " "	5 00	
" " " "	60 00	
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" " " "	25 00	
" " " "	1 00	
		126 00
Total, - -		$786 52

OFFERTORIES IN FEBRUARY.

Ash Wednesday, for Missionary Box Committee,
Friday evenings, " " " "
1st Sunday in Lent, Feb. 19, for Diocesan Missions.
Other Sundays, for General Charities.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

CHURCH THEOLOGY.

Jan. 31. Rev. Prof. Fullerton.

Lecture IV. Subject.—The Moral Argument for Theism.

Lesson. Flint's *Baird Lectures on Theism*, lectures, vii and viii.

Courses of reading. Flint's *Baird Lectures*, ix, x, and appendices; Le Conte's *Religion and Science*; Temple's *Relations between Religion and Science*, lecture viii; Lotze's *Philosphy of Religion*, viii-x.

CHURCH HISTORY.

Feb. 7. Rev. Dr. McConnell.

Lecture IV. The Age of Victory.

Lesson. Kurtz, pp. 151–5, 158–162, 187–193.

Read: Milman, book iii, chaps. iv and v: Robertson, vol. ii, pp. 1–40; Cutt's *Turning Points*, pp.162–175; Stanley's *History of the Eastern Church;* Herzog's *Encyclopædia*, articles: "Constantine," "Arius," "Monasticism;" Kingsley's *Hypatia.*

THE BIBLE.

Feb. 14. Rev. Prof. Peters.

Lecture V. Redemption from Babylon. Redemption from the World.

Lesson. Is. xlii, xliv: 5, xliv: 24, xlv: 7, xlviii., xlix., li: 9, liii., lv., lx.

Recommended to be read. Brigg's *Messianic Phrophecy*, chaps, xi and xii; or Geikie's *Hours with the Bible*, vol. vi, chaps xiv and xv; also Stanley's *History of the Jewish Church*, vol. iii, pp. 22-36 and 70-72. Students are also referred to Cheym's *The Prophecies of Isaiah.*

THE PRAYER BOOK.

Feb. 21. Rev. Dr. Huntington.

Lecture V. The Te Deum, the Benedicite and the Gospel Hymns.

Lesson. Corresponding portions of *The Prayer Book Interleaved, The Prayer Book Commentary*, or, *The Teacher's Prayer Book.*

Courses of reading. Evan Daniel's *The Prayer Book, etc.*, pp. 118-128.

CHURCH THEOLOGY.

Feb. 28. Rev. James Haughton of Bryn Mawr.

Lecture V. Subject.—The Moral Evidences of Christianity.

Lesson. Row's *Manual of Christian Evidences*, chaps, i-iii.

Courses of reading Fisher's *Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief*, chaps, xv and xvi; or Row's *Christian Evidences in relation to Modern Thought*, lectures i-iii; or McIlvain's *Evidences of Christianity*, lectures ix-xi.

"THE QUIET DAY FOR WOMEN" will be celebrated in St. Stephen's, Wednesday, Feb. 29th. The services will be conducted by the Bishop. They will begin with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock, with an address which will be followed by other services and addresses at short intervals throughout the day.

A PUBLIC MEETING of the "Association of Parish Guilds" will be held in the Church, Thursday evening, March 1st. Previous meetings of this Association have been held this Winter in the Church of the Epiphany, and at St. James' Church. On these occasions the lecturers were the Rev. Dr. Courtenay of Boston, and the Bishop of Mississippi. At the meeting, March 1st, the lecturer will be the Rev. B. W. Maturin of Philadelphia.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE WEEK-DAY SERVICES during Lent ought not to be left to caprice or impulse. Select such time, one or more services during the week, as are most suitable, and *on those days go to Church and worship God.* It may interfere with your business a little, very likely it will. But is your business so important that it will not allow you half an hour a week to say your prayers? If so, your business is driving you harder than you ought to be driven, and the business which will occupy you permanently bye and bye is less in your mind than it ought to be. Religion, if it be real and not a sham, will not be content with the crumbs and remnants of our life. If that is all you can give it, it has too much Divine dignity to remain with you at all. And it will not do so. The appetite for worship is one which grows by

what it feeds upon. No sense of hunger will be felt by those who neglect it, or, if so, the sense of loss will be vague and not referred to its true source. The experience of ages has put this matter to the ultimate test. Therefore, "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as," we are sorry to say, "the manner of some is."

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS, will be placed on the altar on Sunday, Feb. 19th. This annual offering has come now to be an "institution" in St. Stephen's. On the second Sunday in February, the Rector will tell the people what he knows about Diocesan Missions. In the week following, every family and individual in the Parish will be visited by a committee of Collectors, among whom the parish is divided for that purpose. This Committee simply calls to *receive* the offerings of those who are willing to give. They make no effort, whatever, to raise any amount. The Rector will do all that. Of course, the committee will be courteously received by all well-bred people, whether they can see their way to contributing or not. The basis of this annual offering is $5.00 from each member of the parish. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any the poorer. The result has been to put St. Stephen's first in the Diocese in this matter. Of course, there is many a one in the parish who cannot give anything like the sum above mentioned, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given, both for themselves and their poorer neighbors. They will do so again.

The whole amount gathered by the collectors will be by them put on the almsbasins, Sunday, February 19th. Last year it amounted to $1,223.34.

A NEW CHARITY, known as the "Garment Branch of the Benevolent Society," has been organized, has gone to work, and hereby asks the support of St. Stephen's people.

The object and method is as follows:

To assist by gifts of clothing deserving poor people, charitable institutions in the city which depend upon voluntary contributions, missionaries' families, and the poor under their care.

The condition of membership is, that the person joining shall *contribute two ready-made garments in the year.* These garments may be any thing from an overcoat to a pair of baby stockings,—shirts, blankets, pillow cases, any garments for any age or sex.

The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Muirhead, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Lundy, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleeman, Miss Stoddard, Miss Bell. The Society, which was organized about two weeks ago, now numbers about *eighty* contributors. From now until Easter, a representative of the committee will be at the *Parish School Building*, from 11 to 1 o'clock every Monday, to receive contributions of garments. Each package sent must be addressed to the "Garment Committee," and marked with the name and address of the sender.

The garments will be distributed on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at which time the current year will close. The next distribution will be Nov. 30th, before which time the contributions for next year will be received.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop has appointed Tuesday in Holy Week, March 27th, at 11 o'clock, as the time for the annual confirmation in this church. This is the date to which we have been accustomed for many years, although for the last two years it has been changed on account of the illness of the late Bishop.

Who should be confirmed? (1.) Such children of Christian parents as have come to discretion, and are old enough and wise enough to take upon themselves the promises which their parents took for them at their Baptism. This does not mean *children who have not come to discretion.* The Rector of this parish will not present children for confirmation. Of course no definite age can be fixed. One child at fifteen may be as old as another at twenty. It means young people who are old enough to form moral judgements, and to know what they are doing. The candidate is called upon to declare that he "believes the Apostles' Creed." It is not required that he should be old enough or learned enough to say clearly *why* he believes it, but he must be old enough to know whether he does or does not believe it. He is called upon to promise to "lead a sober, righteous and godly life." This promise he cannot fairly be asked to make until he is old enough to have some intelligent notion about what it is to live, and what sobriety and righteousness mean. Not that it requires any great age or wisdom to understand these things. The judgment of the young man or maiden is often much more clear here than is that of their more sophisticated father or mother. He who is old enough to prefer right to wrong as the rule of his life, and who humbly begs Divine aid and sustentation therein, is the one who aught to be confirmed.

(2.) The man or woman whose life is already fairly honest, pure and upright, but who is not openly identified with the Church of the living God, or doing that which in him may lie to bring his fellow-men to the righteousness of Christ. It is worth while for such a man to consider whether his present attitude is honorable? He believes in Jesus Christ, rules his life as well as he may by his counsels, expects to be buried as a Christian man and to face the Son of Man when he wakes up again, but declines to acknowledge in the only practicable way what is the scource and ground of the very real goodness which he now possesses. The things which prevent him ordinarily are not sufficient. They are a foolish shyness, which is childish; the notion that he "is not good enough," whereas he knows perfectly well that the very purpose of the Church is to nourish and produce goodness; the fear that he "may not be able to keep his promises," whereas he ought to know that the same obligations precisely rest upon him whether he promises or not.

(3.) Those who at present possess membership in other churches, but are attracted by what they and we believe to be our "better way." As a rule, this class of persons constitute a large proportion of those confirmed in our Church. A curious mistake sometimes obtains that by being confirmed they tacitly treat with disrespect their present membership, or rather that our Church does not recognize them as having been members of the church. As a matter of fact, we do precisely what all other churches do. We have our own way of public avowal of membership as they have their way. The certficate of membership, which such a one brings with him takes the place of all examination as to religious character and moral fitness. It does not compel the reception of the member by us any more than a certificate from us would compel reception by Lutherans or Presbyterians. In either case it is an act of courtesy.

But we ask those who come that they shall stand up before our people and publicly identify themselves with us, as we become responsible for them.

But what is the meaning and use of the Rite? Ideally it is simply this; the young man or woman who has been up to this time sheltered under parental care, now begins his own religious life. At the outset, the Church, (to which he already belongs), bids him call to mind what his profession is, bids him kneel and receive her benediction at the hands of the only man who can act for the Church. This benediction is not only a prayer, but something more. It gently constrains the Spirit of God, which moveth as the wind, to touch and fill the humble soul, striving for goodness with "wisdom and ghostly strength."

SELECTIONS.

PEOPLE who think that everything is going to the *bow-wows* because of our Knights of Labor and strikes may rest assured. There were exactly the same troubles in the middle ages, and here we are in the shank of the 19th century. The old masonic guilds used to make almost as much trouble as the present day Anarchists.

MODERN religious opinion puts sins in the following order of harmfulness: Against neighbor, against self, against God. The true order is, perhaps, just the reverse.

THE ancient and famous city of Damascus, which was a place of importance 1900 years B. C., is busy with plans for laying railroad lines through the streets. Street cars in a city said to have been founded by Araham would be a startling novelty. The place has 120,000 inhabitants.

A WHITE squall caught a party of tourists moving across a lake in Scotland, and threatened to capsize the boat. When it seemed that the crisis had really come, the largest and physically strongest of the party, in a state of intense fear, said: "Let us pray!" "No, no, my man," shouted the bluff old boatman; "let that little man pray; you take an oar!"

BISHOP POTTER, of New York, has consented to take the lead in the Burial Reform movement. The object of the reformers is to cause to cease Sunday funerals, floral decorations, many carriages, metallic and other durable and costly caskets, and other mistaken and vulgar customs now in vogue. Nothing is more lamentable than the burden of an expensive funeral upon an already broken-hearted family, who can see no way of paying the bill, yet incur the expense lest it be supposed they did not mourn. We might begin the reform among ourselves by having funerals in church, saying "no flowers" when printing obituary notices, and furnishing only sufficient carriages for the mourners. Of course, that would do away with long processions, but what of it. A funeral seems to us the very last place for display.

HOW TO KILL A PARISH.

The following rules for doing so are worth careful reading:

Absent yourself from service. It takes a very dull or careless minister to stand up against empty pews.

Stay at home whenever it rains on Sunday, or is hot, or cold.

Never let the rector know he has ever done you any good.

Take a class in Sunday-school and be in your place about three Sundays out of five, and late the other two.

Attend no church meeting if you have an opportunity of going anywhere else.

Differ from the rector on almost every point involved in the management of a parish.

Snub strangers. Request the ushers never to put one in your pew. If one is near you in church, never hand him a prayer book or hymnal. Never speak to any whom you see there Sunday after Sunday, unless you have been regularly introduced.

If you are sick, do not send word to the rector, but let him find it out himself. He will probably call about the time you are able to go out and spend the day. In the meanwhile, take every occasion to tell the church people that you fear the rector is not much of a pastor; that he doesn't seem to know who are sick; that he has not been to see you for weeks, and all the time you have been so miserable!

If times are hard, money scarce, business dull, inform the vestry that you must give up your pew. You cannot afford to do anything for the church this year. By the time you have paid for your tobacco, ribbons, jewelry, livery and excursions, you really haven't anything left.

Never "talk up" your church. Do not let outsiders know that a church exists. Go with others elsewhere, whenever you get a chance. Tell the members when you get back how you enjoyed yourself.—*Church Work.*

RELIGIOUS CREEDS.

Creeds are no mere device of men. They come to us with the august authority of God Himself, for they are the utterance in her corporate capacity of that church to which the promise was given that He would be with her till the end of time and guide her into all truth. Their statements are moreover simple, easy to be grasped by the plainest and most unlearned among men; they chronicle divine facts of revelation, not theories—they tell what God has done for man, not of man's speculations concerning God. Theological opinion varies doubtless within the church as well as out of it; individual thinkers follow up lines of thought and indulge in teachings widely divergent from one another; but the creeds are repeated still Sunday after Sunday with all the old ferver and faith; they are the anchor which keeps the church from drifting far into the doctrinal error, however individuals and parties may from time to time wander. On the other hand, it is an old story how doubtful is the orthodoxy of the sects which have repudiated the old creeds; many are the instances in which religious bodies have in the course of a few generations drifted from their original position into the blankest negation of the faith of their founders. Once cut loose from the creeds, declare that the Bible is all sufficient for doctrinal statement, bid every man find there the treasure for himself, and the door is opened to every form of unfaithfulness and wild vagary.—*The Churchman.*

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CALENDAR.

March 4. 3d Sunday in Lent.
" 11. 4th " "
" 18. 5th " "
" 25. The Sunday next before Easter.
" " The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Feb. 3. Mary Burton Klein.
" 11. Frank William Fisher.
" 14. Edward Augustine Strutt Evans.
" 25. Jesse Eddy Smith.
" 26. James William Ridpath.
" " David Josiah Coles.
" " Esther Catherine Coles.

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" 29. John Henry Fredericks and Mrs. M. Gertrude Ball.

BURIED.

Feb. 8. Elizabeth J. Wiltbank.
" 17. Frank W. Fisher.
" 27. Anne M. Lemly.
" " Sophie Beauveau Rhodes.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For Diocesan Missions, . .	$1418	34
" Missionary Box Committee, . .	176	99
Bishop Stevens' Memorial Church,	100	00
" " " "	5	00
" " " "	5	00
" " " "	5	00
" " " "	25	00
" " " "	1	00
	141	00
For General Charities, . . .	$407	52
" " " (Special Contribution) . .	50	00
Total, -	$2193	85

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18, for Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays, General Charity Fund.
Wednesday mornings, Missionary Box Committee.
Friday afternoons, " " "

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

CHURCH HISTORY.

March 6. Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Lecture V. The Barbarians.
Lesson. Kurtz, Sec. 74 to Sec. 81.
Read: Robertson, book ii, chap v; Gibbon, A. D. 397 to A. D. 410; Merivale's *The Continental Teutons;* White's *Eighteen Christian Centuries*, 4th and 5th Centuries.

THE BIBLE.

March 13. Rev. Prof. Peters.
Lecture VI. Messianic Thought in the Post-exilic Prophets.
Lesson. Haggai, ii; Zechariah, iii, iv, vi:9–15, ix, xiii; Malachi, iii, iv.
Courses of Reading. Brigg's *Messianic Prophecy*, chaps vii and xiv; or Geikie's *Hours with the Bible*, vol. vi, chaps xviii, xix and xxi; or Introductions to Haggai's Zechariah in the *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges*; also Milman's *History of the Jews*, vol i, pp 463–488; or Stanley's *History of the Jewish Church*, vol iii, pp 70–139.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

March 20. Rev. Dr. Huntington.
Lecture VI. The Prayers.
Lesson. Corresponding portions of *The Prayer Book Interleaved, The Prayer Book Commentary*, or, *The Teacher's Prayer Book.*
Courses of Reading. Evan Daniel's *The Prayer Book, etc.*, pp. 143–159, and 186–194; or Hole's *Manual, etc.*, pp. 63–71, and 112–119.

CHURCH THEOLOGY.

March 27. Rev. James Haughton.
Lecture VI. Subject.—The Moral Evidences of Christianity.
Lesson. Row's *Manual of Christian Evidences*, chaps. iv–vi.
Courses of Reading. Row's *Christian Evidences in relation to Modern Thought*, lectures iii and iv; or Fisher's *Theistic and Christian Belief*, chap. xvii.

THE RECTOR WISHES TO MEET all who expect to be confirmed, immediately after the 5 o'clock service on *Friday, March 23d.* On that evening no public confirmation lecture will be delivered, but instead, some more private counsel, to the confirmation class alone, concerning the duties of communicants will take its place.

A YOUNG LADY,—(not too young)—wishes and needs a situation as housekeeper, companion, or governess to little children. She is thoroughly capable, having known both wealth and the reverse. Whoever secures her services will be glad of it. Enquire of the Rector.

THE OFFERTORY FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS last month was very gratifying indeed. Each year since we began the plan now obtaining the amount has steadily increased. It is all the more valuable, moreover, because it comes from the whole parish —scarcely a family which had not its name in the Alms Plate. This is as it should be. The gentlemen who took the trouble to act as collectors, report that, almost without exception, they were courteously received, and found that people had been thoughtful not to take more of their time than necessary.

THE CHANGE IN THE MORNING SERVICE during Lent, that is the alternating of Morning Prayer and Litany, Sunday mornings, has been made for the single purpose of bringing the whole service into such compass of time as will permit communicants to remain to the Holy Communion. In making this change the Rector does not venture to say how frequently any individual should receive. The truth is, no rule can be made which is not mischievous. A certain divine courtesy is the only guide. The table is spread, and the guests invited, generally. But inasmuch as they are not bidden by name, and inasmuch as in a large parish it is of necessity a sort of standing feast, a communicant *may* withdraw without discourtesy to the Host, even having such a conscious understanding with Him that he goes away with a benediction on his head, leaving temporarily vacant at the Board the place which he has so often

filled, and will again, with relish. But this may not be done too often. How often would be too often, no one man may say for another. Whether one should remain or not, does not depend upon his feeling at the time, and yet it does do so in part. An obstinate anger at a neighbor which will not down, a possible sin in the near future which keeps plucking at the imagination, a fault in the near past, the bad taste of which is still in the mouth—any of these clearly disqualify. So also does an immediate and clear call of duty to one's fellow-man which cannot be discharged without withdrawing from the Holy Communion.

The simple truth would seem to be this:

For a Christian the fellowship of the Holy Communion at stated intervals ought to be just as natural for him as it is for him to eat his dinner. Like his ordinary meals, he may be called away from it; another duty may, for the time, override it; his (spiritual) health may be such that he cannot partake, but these he will regard as the *exceptions*, and as a *rule*, he will be found at the table.

THE EASTER OFFERING will, as usual, be devoted to whatever pious and charitable purpose each giver shall designate. So much of it as is not specially designated the Rector will distribute according to his best judgment.

Two things should be borne in mind by the givers:

(1) That the gift should be a real gift and not a sham one. If one, on Easter Day, with the hope of his own immortality before him, wishes to make a thank-offering for this inestimable benefit, let him do so in an honest and manly fashion. But don't let him go through the form of making an offering, giving a trifle out of defference to custom, and to good manners. It is quite honest and honorable for a man to give nothing, when he thinks he cannot afford it, but it is neither honest nor honorable to give less than he thinks he ought.

(2) It ought to be borne in mind by the many people who go out of town in the Summer, that our obligations are calculated for a year, and need the equivalent of a year's gifts to redeem. Of course those who assume other obligations in the places where they go for the Summer ought to be free from the burden which they carry while here, and they are so, both in fact and in right, but "to evade one's responsibilities by moving" is—well, we don't just care to say what it is.

Before the beginning of each church year the Rector cannot well avoid pledging his parish for specific sums for various purposes. Of course, he has no legal right to do so, and it is always understood in such promises that he will simply bring the matter before his people, and do what he may to have the promises redeemed.

The pledge list at this date shows as follows:

For Parish House Rent,	*Paid*	$1000
" Expense of Theatre Services,	*Paid*	500
" Diocesan Missions,	*Paid*	800
" Support of Divinity Student,	*Paid*	150
" Scholarship in St. Augustine's School, (Colored)		50
" Scholarship in Petersburg, Va., (Col.)		100
" Italian Mission,	*Paid*	50
" " "		50
" Church at Alden Station, Pa.,	*Paid*	20
" Col'd Church, Lawrenceville, Va.,	*Paid*	50
" Church at Kearney, Nebraska,	*Paid*	25
" " " Fayetteville, Tenn.,		15
" Expenses of Sunday-School Magazine,		100
" Church at Dillon, Montana,	*Paid*	100
" " " North Platte, Nebraska,	*Paid*	50
" Colored Church, Rustburg, Va.,		25

PROBABLY THE CONGREGATION are not aware of the fact that on Friday evenings there is an assembly at the Parish House of those who attend the services of the Arch St. Opera House Sunday evenings. The people meet the minister in charge of those same services, sing hymns under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, and some of the ladies of the parish try to entertain them with games, cake, etc. This cake is always acceptable to close the evening with, and any donations toward supplying it would be very acceptable to the people who attend.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE WEEK-DAY SERVICES during Lent ought not to be left to caprice or impulse. Select such time, one or more services during the week, as are most suitable, and *on those days go to Church and worship God.* It may interfere with your business a little, very likely it will. But is your business so important that it will not allow you half an hour a week to say your prayers? If so, your business is driving you harder than you ought to be driven, and the business which will occupy you permanently bye and bye is less in your mind than it ought to be. Religion, if it be real and not a sham, will not be content with the crumbs and remnants of our life. If that is all you can give it, it has too much Divine dignity to remain with you at all. And it will not do so. The appetite for worship is one which grows by what it feeds upon, No sense of hunger will be felt by those who neglect it, or, if so, the sense of loss will be vague and not referred to its true source. The experience of ages has put this matter to the ultimate test. Therefore, "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as," we are sorry to say, "the manner of some is."

BEFORE we can really lift up other hands, our own must have been lifted up by his good Spirit, and our own feeble knees must have been confirmed by much bowing at his footstool.—*F. R. H.*

THOUGHTS FROM ST. STEPHEN'S.

"And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus."

The learned counsel summoned them;—
They answered calmly, these plain men;—
Astonished!
The learned said—
"These men have been with Jesus Christ—
The Nazarene!"

. . . . . .

Here, there,
Ay, everywhere,
If they admit
Or it deny,
All recognize,—
The ignorant or overwise,—
The mystic, marvellous, gracious power,
Enriching, as a heavenly dower,
That permeates,
Anew creates,
Intensifies the worth,
Kindles the flame
And bids it to illumined rise,
The soul that flies
From self to dwell beside
"The Crucified!"
This was He e'er the nails were driven!
This was He when He left high heaven!—
Unto the nature Heavenly
What dire dread load—
That of Humanity!

. . . . . .

What happiness
For us,
If this of us be told,—
This legend old,—
"They've been with Him—
The Nazarene!"

E. S. S.

February 5th, 1888.

As the offerings on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent are for the Missionary Box Committee, perhaps it would be well if some report were to be made of the work done by that committee. Four boxes have been sent—one to a student at Trinity College, the son of a clergyman, and expecting himself to study for the ministry. It was most gratefully acknowledged. Another to a clergyman in Oregon with a family of seven children. Father, mother and children were well provided with various articles of clothing, besides books, toys, and games for the children. Mr. B., in acknowledging the box, says: "I sincerely hope the other missionaries may be as fortunate as we have been." Another box to a mission station in Colorado, where everything is so enormously high that the people get along with as little as possible. Coal has been selling this Winter at $15.00 a ton, and kerosene at 75 cents a gallon. This box seems to have been very welcome. It arrived at exactly the right time—Christmas Eve. In his letter of thanks, Mr. O. says: "I feel the missionary box is a greater support to the missionary in the far West than the missionary stipend. Because behind it and with it comes a personal interest and love in the special work. It always comes with such a hearty good will. The money comes in a general, cold way, and mostly with the wish that the missionary may soon be able to do without it." The box packed last week was sent to Virginia, to a lady whose life is devoted to work among the freedmen. It depends entirely upon the Lenten offerings how many more boxes shall be sent this season. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

SELECTIONS.

THERE is no unbelief;
Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod,
And waits to see it push away the clod,
He trusts in God.

Whoever says, when clouds are in the sky,
"Be patient, heart; light breaketh by-and-by,"
Trusts the Most High.

Whoever sees, 'neath Winter's fields of snow,
The silent harvest of the future grow,
God's power must know.

Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep,
Content to lock his sense in slumber deep,
Knows God will keep.

Whoever says, "To-morrow," "The Unknown,"
"The Future," trusts to the power alone
He dares disown.

The heart that looks on when the eyelids close
And dares to live when life has only woes,
God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief;
And day by day, and night unconsciously,
The lives by that faith the lips deny—
God knoweth why.

—*Edward Bulwer Lytton.*

THOSE who are loyal to the Church will be glad to follow the example of our blessed Lord, and retire into the wilderness to fast and to pray, and to hold communion with our Heavenly Father.

THERE are now twenty-seven vessels engaged in missionary work in different parts of the world under the auspices of sixteen societies; of these missionary vessels, sixteen are running on the coasts or rivers of Africa, and six among the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

WE desire to hint briefly that a low-necked dress is not the proper dress for church, if indeed for anywhere. We have seen this sort of a thing at a church wedding. St. Paul says "it is a shame for a woman to pray unto God uncovered." He meant, we believe, with uncovered head; how much more would he have preached against a much greater impropriety!

I AM fully convinced that the soul is indestructible, and that its activity will continue through eternity. It is like the sun, which, to our eyes, seems to set in night; but it has, in reality, only gone to diffuse its light elsewhere.—*Goethe.*

COUNT that day lost, whose low descending sun,
Views from thy hand no worthy action done.

SPEAKING of anthems calls to mind the story of two British sailors who were talking of their shore experience. One had been to a cathedral and had heard some very fine music, and was descanting particularly upon an anthem which gave him much pleasure. His shipmate listened for a while and then said: "I say, Bill, what's a hanthem?" "What?" replied Bill, "do you mean to say you don't know what a hanthem is?" "Not me." "Well, then I'll tell yer. If I was to tell yer, 'Ere, Bill, give me that 'andspike,' that wouldn't be a hanthem; but was I to say, 'Bill, Bill, Bill, giv, giv, giv me, give me that, Bill, giv me, giv me that hand, giv me that hand, handspike, spike, spike. Bill, giv, giv me that, that, hand, handspike, hand, handspike, spike, spike, spike, ah-men, ah-men. Billgivemethathandspike, ah-men.' Why, that would be a hanthem"

A SOFT answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.

IS IT TOO LATE?

It may be too late, quite too late, to set right mischief once done, to avert consequences, to stop the working of the evil that we have set in motion. But it is never too late to come back to God. If you can't be what you might have been, yet you can still be something that Christ will love and value—a humble, penitent soul. If you cannot serve God as you might have done—nay, if you have done harm that you can never undo—yet you can still give him what he values more than all service—a will surrendered to his will. If it is too late for everything else, it is never too late to join the service of Christ.—*Bishop Temple.*

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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CALENDAR.

May 1. SS. Philip and James.
" 6. 5th Sunday after Easter.
" 10. Ascension Day.
" 13. Sunday after Ascension.
" 20. Whitsun-Day.
" 21. Whitsun Monday.
" 22. Whitsun Tuesday.
" 27. Trinity Sunday.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 5. James Kirbell Bayes.
" 11. Marion Artzt Knorr.
" 18. Alvin Mercer Parker.
" 18. Clarence Schields.

MARRIED.

April 19. Anthony Wayne Robinson and Marie Denis Bullock.

BURIED.

April 16. Mary Wilmer Lippincott.
" 20. George Bauers.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

Easter Offering,	$7780 50
Home for Crippled Children,	167 01
Society for Increase of Ministry,	253 00
General Charities,	209 20
Total,	$8409 72

OFFERTORIES FOR MAY.

May 13. Sunday after Ascension—For Building Parish House.
" 20. Whitsun-Day—Indian Missions.
Other Sunday mornings—For General Charities.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

CHURCH HISTORY.

May 1. Dr. McConnell.

Lecture VII. The Church and Islam.

Lesson. Kurtz, §§. 65, 94, 95.

Read: Gibbon's *Decline and Fall*, chap. 1; Cox's, *The Crusaders*, (in Epochs of History Series); Cutts' *Turning Points*, chaps. xxix and xxxvi; Herzog's Encycl. Art, *Mohammed; "The Talisman," Count Robert of Paris.*

Lecture VIII. The Papacy.

THE BIBLE.

May 8. Rev. Prof. Peters.

Lecture VIII. The Messianic Hope and the Maccabean Revolt.

Lesson: Daniel ii, vii, ix, xii.

Courses of Reading. *First Book of the Maccabees;* Briggs' *Messianic Prophecy*, chap. xv; Westcott's *Introduction to the Study of the Gospels*, chap. ii; Geikie's *Hours with the Bible*, vol. vi, chap. xv; Milman's *History of the Jews*, books ix and x; or Stanley's *History of the Jewish Church*, lectures xli and xlviii, also *Encyclopædia Britannia*, arts Apocalypse, Apocrypha and Daniel.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

May 15. Rev. Dr. Huntington.

Lecture VIII. The Litany (*continued.*)

Lesson, Corresponding portions of *The Prayer Book Interleaved, The Prayer Book Commentary*, or *The Teacher's Prayer Book.*

Courses of Reading. Evan Daniel's *The Prayer Book, etc.*, pp. 143–194; or Burbidge's *Liturgies and Offices of the Church*, chap. ix; or Butler's *History of the Prayer Book*, part ii, chap. iii; or Proctor's *History of the Book of Common Prayer*, part ii, chap. i; or Hole's *Manual of the Book of Common Prayer*, chap. xii and xv.

CHURCH THEOLOGY.

May 22. Rev. Dr. Perry.

Lecture VIII. The Resurrection.

Lesson. Row's *Manual of Christian Evidences*, chaps. x and xi.

Courses of Reading. Row's *Christian Evidences in Relation to Modern Thought*, lectures v and vi; or Fisher's *Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief*, chaps. iv, vi, x; or Temple's *The Relations between Religion and Science*, lectures vii and viii. Book of reference, Bruce's *The Miraculous Element in the Gospels.*

THE VESTRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH propose, as soon as possible this Spring, to build a Parish House on the ground available which adjoins the north side of the church. The building will cover the present Vestry-Room and the unoccupied ground in front of it, a space of 25 by 50 feet.

The cost of the new building (together with some necessary repairs in and about the church) will be at least $15,000.

Inasmuch as this is the first time since the organization of the parish (in 1823) that the Vestry have ever appealed to the congregation to raise money for any purpose connected with the property of the church, they think it but right to say why they do so now.

The steadily-increasing work of the parish reached a point some time since which made it necessary to secure a more spacious and convenient place in which to do it. Three years ago the house 1124 Girard Street was rented for this purpose. It costs about $1000 a year, which is paid by individual members of the congregation. It is very uncertain how long this house can be secured. It is also inconvenient, undesirable from a religious point of view, to have the parish work separated from the church and its services. We propose, therefore, that the parish shall erect a three-story building, fronting on Tenth Street, beside the church, which will take the place of the present rented house.

Heretofore every improvement of this kind has been paid for from income or from invested funds. Although it would be possible, we do not deem it advisable to do this again. In our judgment the endowment ought to remain untouched. While the church is in a flourishing condition, as it is now, *it should do the work which belongs to its own time, without drawing on the past or discounting the future.*

The proposed improvement will provide for the uses of the parish for many years to come.

Therefore, for the first time, the Vestry ask the people of St. Stephen's for the means to do a work which, in our unanimous judgment, is wise and necessary, and we do so with entire confidence that the people will readily and fully respond to our appeal.

A committee of the Vestry will wait personally upon as many as possible of the congregation, to receive their subscriptions for this purpose.

Owing to the size of the parish, however, and the fact of its people being so scattered, they will not be able, by any means, to visit all.

Those who have not been called upon before that time, will be good enough *to place their subscriptions in the offertory on Sunday morning, May 13th.*

Very Respectfully,

S. D. McConnell, Rector,
L. C. Cleemann, Church Warden,
Crawford Arnold, Rector's Warden.

Wm. Lippincott,	Seth Caldwell, Jr.
Geo. B. Roberts,	Edward Rowland,
Geo. Blight,	Henry C. Olmsted,
Beauveau Borie,	J. A. Caldwell,
W. M. Stewart,	W. H. Washington.

Note.—*The plans of the proposed building, as approved by the Vestry, can be examined at the Parish House, 1124 Girard Street.*

THE CONVENTION REPORT.

Each parish in the Diocese is required to make a report to the Diocesan Convention, which meets in May, of the work done during the year ending May 1st.

The Report of St. Stephen's is one which shows real and substantial progress. A copy of it has been printed for the information of the people. Following it will be found more detailed reports of the various parish agencies:

REPORT.

Baptized; Infants 48, Adults 16, Total	64
Confirmed	55
Marriages	20
Burials	40
Communicants; Added new, 55; Added by removal, 34; Died, 11; Removed, 14; Present number	900

MONEY RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

From Pew-Rents	$12,591 22
" Collections in Church	17,701 89
" Subscriptions	1,660 00
" Investments	18,699 32
Total	$51,052 43

EXPENDITURES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Current Expenses	$14,147 80
Burd Orphan Asylum	14,901 41
Episcopal and Convention Fund	394 00
Sunday Schools	212 00
Parish School	823 89
Poor.—(of which through Female Benev. Soc., $937 31)	1,850 35
Foreign Missions	167 36
Domestic " (of which through Missionary Box collection, $695 00)	3,337 45
Colored Missions	295 00
Diocesan " (including for Theatre Services, $500)	1,870 51
Deaf Mute "	15 00
Episcopal Hospital	586 38
Bibles, Books, Prayer Books, Tracts and Printing	820 25
Theological Education	448 00
Disabled Clergy	433 89
Altar Society	586 31
Church Woman's Institute	660 00
Parish House	1,245 80
St. Michael's All Angels' Home for Colored Crippled Children	3,100 00
House of Merciful Saviour, for Crippled Children	1,167 00
Church Home	52 00
Magdalen Society	50 00
Sheltering Arms	30 00
Educational Home	65 00
Sunday School Magazine	100 00
Miscellaneous	445 70
Balance to new year, for Church	1,597 17
" " " " Burd Asylum	1,650 16
	$51,052 43

The Female Benevolent Society reports as follows:

Number of garments given out to be made	2033
Number of Women employed	50
Balance from last year	$2 50
Offertory	285 43
Subscriptions	82 00
Sales	567 38
Total	$937 31
EXPENDED FOR	
Dry Goods	$362 99
Delivery of Packages, Paper and Twine	5 00
Paid to Women for sewing	368 24
Given to Missionary Box Committee	100 00
Total	$836 31
Balance	$101 08

The Garment Committee has received for distribution, 498 garments. Of these, 190 have already been distributed. Many of them coming in so late in the season, it was thought best to keep them over for distribution next Fall. Its account stands thus:

Cash	$10 00
Expended for Printing, Stationery, etc.	6 28
Balance	3 72

The Missionary Box Committee report that they have received from the parish $695 23.

With this they have sent boxes of clothing and other necessaries to Missionaries at Ouray, Col.; Newport, Oregon; Hartford, Conn.; Sioux Falls, Dakota; Gordonsville, Va.; Vinitaville, Va.; Carribelle, Fla.; Laredo, Texas

The Altar Society reports as follows:

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

Nov. 1st, 1887, Balance,	$ 59 31
Received through the Rector,	416 37
Embroidery lessons paid by the Class,	65 00
Making Cotta,	5 63
Money for St. Simeon's Mission,	40 00
	$586 31

EXPENDED.

For Flowers for Easter,	$125 00	
Sundays and Saints' Days,	111 48	$236 48
Expenses for Library Committee,		24 90
EMBROIDERY COMMITTEE.		
Green Altar Cloth,	96 20	
Linen for Altar Cloth and Surplices,	15 39	
Lessons in Embroidery,	65 00	176 59
Chancel Committee,		4 36
St. Simeon's Mission,		40 00
		$482 33
Leaving Balance,		93 98

The Library Committee has sent 282 papers and periodicals to missionaries in the South and West, for which letters of thanks have been received. They have also taken charge of the mailing and distribution of the Parish News.

The Chancel Committee have devoted about seven hours a week to keeping the chancel, altar linen and vestments in due order, and the church decorated with flowers at proper times.

The Church Woman's Institute has been most successful, not only as regards the number of members, but in the interest taken in the studies. The secretary has received letters from Virginia, Oregon and other places asking for information as to the *modus operandi*, so as to start the same studies in their parishes. Those who have been reading at random feel the great benefit they have received in being advised as to what books to read by the different lecturers.

The Embroidery Committee report that they have given away 1 fair linen cloth to Christ Church, Montecello, Florida; 1 large napkin for Communion Service (Easter gift) to Mission Chapel of the Reconciliation, corner 40th and Girard Avenue; 1 surplice for chapel at Watchhill. For our own use we have made 1 fair linen cloth and 3 napkins. We have now fifteen members in our class in ecclesiastical embroidery, and before this year is over hope to finish the red altar hangings, upon which we have been working this Winter. There has also been made and delivered 1 cotta. Orders are on hand for 3 surplices, 1 white stole and 1 black stole.

The Ladies of the Parish House Committee who have had charge of the Ladies' Depository Sales, report that the amount of the sales for the Winter has been $1,634 52. There are now 90 depositors.

The Easter Offertory amounted to $7,780 51. It has been distributed as follows, forwarding to their destination all such sums as were marked:

S. Michael's Home for Colored Crippled Children,	$3000 00
Home of the Merciful Saviour for " "	1000 00
Home for Incurables,	1000 00
Christ Church Rectory, Glencoe, Minn.,	1000 00
" " " " "	500 00
Bishop White Prayer Book Society,	500 00
The Altar Society,	5 00
The Missionary Box Committee,	10 00
The Deaf Mute Mission,	15 00
Père Vilatte,	25 00
Educational Home,	5 00
Scholarship in St. Augustin's School, N. C., (Col'd)	50 00
" Petersburg, Va., (Colored),	100 00
Church, Fayetteville, Tenn.,	15 00
Sunday-school Magazine,	100 00
Italian Mission,	50 00
Church, Rustburg, Va.,	25 00
" Warsaw, Va.,	50 00
The Church Home,	50 00
Bishop White Parish Library Society,	50 00
Female Prayer Book Society,	50 00
Magdalen Society,	50 00
The Sheltering Arms	25 00
Domestic Missions,	75 00
Diocesan "	30 51
	$7,780 51

THE SERVICES EASTER DAY were an unqualified delight. Notwithstanding the throng and the discomfort, which the members of a crowd must always feel, the temper of the congregations was evidently that of reverence and devotion. The weather, the music, the flowers, the people—all conspired to make the gladness of Easter Day the more keenly felt.

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER the carol service of the Sunday-schools, the Parish Day-School, and the Burd Orphan Asylum was held in the church, in the afternoon. The Sunday-school offerings for the year were presented at the offertory, amounting to $95.23, which were increased by the offerings of the congregation present, to $167.03. This was contributed to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children. The address to the children was made by the Rector. The school attendance during the season has been good, being mostly of the children of the neighborhood. The classes have been in charge of faithful and competent teachers, who have greatly aided the work by their regular attendance and earnest efforts. The carol service was enjoyed by all. The carols were well sung by the children. Much credit is due to those who had charge of the musical training of the school.

A NEW PIECE OF COMMUNION PLATE was placed on the altar on Easter day, which, for its association, as well as its great beauty, deserves note. It came to us in this wise: one of our communicants possessed an amount of very quaint antique jewelry, which came to her by inheritance. As, for various reasons, she did not care to use it, and did not like to have it lying hid away, she put it to a use which would seem to be ideally perfect for such a possession, that is, she had it set in a most graceful and beautiful *Flagon*, which has been for some time much needed in the celebration. Where could such heirlooms be more fittingly set than upon the altar before which the giver remembers "all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear?"

We venture to suggest that this giver's example may be followed by others. There are many odd pieces of jewelry, once worn by those "loved long since and lost awhile," lying hid away. Those in whose possession they are do not care to wear them, and so they are not of use or beauty to God or man. Why not place them in the hands of the Rector to be set in the chalices as a memorial?

SELECTED.

EASTER SONG.

As Mary came with reverent feet,
Laden with spices rare and sweet;
  Bearing them weeping through the gloom
And silence brooding overhead,
Where the dear Lord, the Christ lay dead
  Within the tomb.

Through garden paths so dark and chill
The very birds were sleeping still,
  To watch alone until the dawn;
And marvelled at the break of day
To find the great stone rolled away,
  The Master gone.

Nor knew Him even when He came
And spake, until He called her name,
  "Mary!" when to her wondering eyes
The gift of vision was restored,
She knew Him for her risen Lord
  With glad surprise.

So when to hearts bowed down and worn,
He shows Himself this Easter morn,
  The risen Lord, we scarcely know
The meaning of that empty tomb,
Our thoughts have grown attuned to gloom
  And we are slow

To learn the mystery sublime
Of conquest over death and time.
  O risen Lord, dear Master give
Us sight through all the gathering gloom,
By faith, of Thee beyond the tomb,
  In whom we live!

Phila., March, 1888. CHARLOTTE PENDLETON.

THE baby wept;
The mother took it from the nurse's arms,
And soothed its griefs, and stilled its vain alarms,
  And baby slept.

Again it weeps,
And God doth take it from its mother's arms,
From present pain, and future unknown harms,
  And baby sleeps.

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1124 Girard Street.

REV. GIDEON J. BURTON,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,
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Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,
Mr. Edward Rowland,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington.

Sexton,

Joseph Clayton, 1124 Girard Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

TRUSTEES:

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:

Rev. Gideon J. Burton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.30 P. M..
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE.

1124 Girard Street.

House Committee:

Mr. Crawford Arnold,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,
Mr. Edward Rowland,
Mrs. Roberts,
Mrs. Hockley,
Mrs. Arrison,
Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Rowland

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Muirheid.
Treasurer.—Miss Wilkins.
Secretary.—Miss Josephine Lewis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,
Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. Cochran,
Miss Hine,
Mrs. Hockley,
Mrs. Kennedy,
Mrs. Wiegand,
Miss Magee,
Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Pancoast,
Mrs. Roberts,
Miss Stevenson,
Miss Williamson,
Mrs. Brinton.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Kelly,
Miss Lundy,
Mrs. Rogers,
Mrs. Wiegand,
Miss Williamson,
Mrs. Shill,
Mrs. Low,
Miss Johns,
Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Brinton,
Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Thomson,
Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Struthers,
Mrs. Muirheid.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Arnold,
Mrs. Newlin,
Miss E. Bell,
Miss L. Bell,
Miss Williamson,
Miss Jamieson,
Mrs. Frishmuth,
Mrs. M. Wilcox.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Wilkins,
Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Wiegand,
Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson. Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Wiegand,
Miss Cleemann.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets the last Wednesday in the month, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Mrs. Kennedy, *Secretary*, Mrs. Stratton, *Treasurer.*

Mrs. Hockley, Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. Judson, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Semple, Miss Sanders.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Rogers.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Bullock.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Taylor, Miss Bullock,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Gilman,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Grigg,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Hammer.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Tuesdays at 2.30 P. M.

Miss Bullock, Miss Sanders,
Miss Clarkson, Miss Leonard.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Mellon, Miss S. Eisenbrey,
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Madeira,
Mrs Taylor, Miss Sanders,
Miss M. Mellon, Miss Koons,
Miss J. Bell, Miss Gilman,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Johnson.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Struthers. Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.
Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

Secretary, Miss Sanders, 410 S. 15th St.
Treasurer, Mrs. Taylor, 648 N. 10th St.
Lecture and Examination Papers, Tuesdays, 3.30. Parish House.

CALENDAR.

June 3. First Sunday after Trinity.
" 10. Second " " "
" 11. St. Barnabas.
" 17. Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 24. Fourth " " "
" " Nativity, St. John Baptist.
" 29. St. Peter.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

May 6. Helen Shellenberger.
" 6. Edith Shellenberger.
" 6. Edward W. Patton Hesser.
" 13. Thomas Armstrong Williamson.
" 13. Robert Stewart Little.
" 20. George Oglesby Reed.
" 30. Mary Graham.

MARRIED.

May 9. Arthur Lincoln Shall and Anna Knowles Voorhis.
" 23. Frank Wm. Slaw and Mary Emma Well.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

For Indian Missions,	$109 46
For General Charities,	187 88
For Special Charities,	54 00
Total,	$351 34

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

Sunday mornings—For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 1124 Girard Street, from this date until further notice, every day during the week from 12 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time. Especially is this necessary during the Summer months, when the clergy in the city are comparatively few in number.

THE Baccalaureate Sermon, before the graduating class of the University of Pennsylvania, will be preached by the Rector in St. Stephen's Church, Sunday evening, June 3d, at 8 o'clock. A sufficient number of pews in the middle aisle will be reserved for the Class, and the other seats in the church will be free.

THE Rector having engaged to preach the Baccalaureate sermons at Lehigh University, at Trinity College, Hartford, and to make an address at the Semi-Centennial of Eldersridge Academy, will be absent from the city in the fulfillment of those duties Sundays, June 17th, June 24th, and July 1st.

THE Church Woman's Institute closed its sessions a few weeks earlier than was anticipated, partly owing to the unavoidable absence of some of the lecturers, and partly owing to the Summer scattering of the ladies. The sessions will be resumed in the Autumn, and timely noticed. The members will be delighted to learn that the Rev. Professor Fullerton of the University, has consented to take one of the Departments regularly. There will be room for perhaps a dozen more ladies in the Institute next Winter. Timely application should be made to the Secretary, Miss Sanders, 410 South Fifteenth street, or to the Rector.

WORK has been begun on the new Parish House. It is expected to be finished and ready for occupation by the first of October. It is intended also to re-upholster the pews in the church during the Summer. The new Memorial Reredos (a Mosaic in Venetian glass of the Last Supper) will also be put in its place over the altar. To do all this, it will probably be found necessary to close the church for a time. This time will be made as short as possible, and timely notice will be given of it.

In connection with the building of the Parish House, over the ground which seems to be a burying ground, it may be well to say, that no grave or vault will be in any way disturbed The vaults which are marked between the present Vestry-room and Tenth street, have never been used, and will be simply built over. The others, which have been occupied, will come in the Cloister between the Parish House and the church wall. The tiling of the cloister will be fitted about the flat stones which mark the vaults without changing them from their places.

DURING the month of April, the Garment Committe received . . . 15 Articles
Previously acknowledged, . 498 "

Total, ... 513 "
During the same month distributed, 179 "
Previously distributed, . 190 "

Total, ... 369 "

513
369

Balance, . . . 144

Cash Balance, . . $3.72
Expenses in April, .42
" " May, . .15 — .57

Bal. $3.15

SELECTED.

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

"Ah, me," she said yesterday, after arriving at home from church, "I'm afraid most of the women at church this morning heard but little of the sermon." "Why not?" inquired her husband. "Because most of them spent the entire time looking at the clothes worn by other women." "How do you know they did that?" "Why, I kept my eye on them all through the services." She wondered why her husband laughed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

[The following beautiful composition was found in Charleston, S. C., during the war. It is printed on very heavy yellow satin, and is quite a literary curiosity.]

Thou to the mercy seat our souls dost gather,
To do our duty unto Thee, - - - - - - - Our Father,
To whom all praise, all honor should be given;
For Thou art the great God, - - - - who art in heaven,
Thou, by Thy wisdom, rul'st the world's whole frame
Forever, therefore, - - - - - Hallowed be Thy name
Let never more delays divide us from
Thy glorious grace, but let - - - - Thy kingdom come;
Let Thy commands opposed be by none,
But Thy good pleasure and - - - - Thy will be done,
And let our promptness to obey, be even
The very same - - - - - - in earth as 'tis in heaven
Then for our souls O Lord, we also pray,
Thou wouldst be pleased to - - - - - give us this day
The food of life, wherewith our souls are fed,
Sufficient raiment, and - - - - - - our daily bread;
With every needful thing do Thou relieve us,
And of Thy mercy, pity - - - - - - and forgive us
All our misdeeds, for Him whom Thou didst please
To make an offering for - - - - - - our trespasses,
And forasmuch, O Lord, as we believe
That Thou wilt pardon us - - - - - - as we forgive,
Let that love teach, wherewith Thou dost acquaint us,
To pardon all - - - - - those who trespass against us,
And though, sometimes Thou find'st we have forgot
This love for Thee, yet help - - - - - and lead us not
Through soul or body's want, to desperation,
Nor let earth's gain drive us - - - - into temptation;
Let not the soul of any true believer
Fall in the time of trial - - - - - - - - but deliver,
Yea, save them from the malice of the devil,
And in both life and death, keep - - - - us from evil,
Thus pray we, Lord, for that of Thee, from whom
This may be had - - - - For Thine is the Kingdom,
This world is of Thy work, its wondrous story,
To Thee belongs - - - - - the power and the glory;
And all Thy wondrous works have ended never,
But will remain forever, and - - - - - - - forever,
Thus we poor creatures would confess again,
And thus would say eternally, - - - - - - - Amen.

HOW TO LIVE GRANDLY.

Life itself is not the boundary of a Christian man's usefulness. Being dead, yet he speaks. A good influence, once born, will last forever. Luther is not dead—he lives in the Protestantism of to-day. Raikes is not dead—he lives in every Sunday-school to-day. Knox is not dead—he lives in the religion of Scotland to-day. Latimer is not dead—he lives to-day in the words he spoke to Ridley. Wilberforce is not dead—he lives in every freedman to-day. It is impossible for us to live without responsibility—we are all emitting this current of electric influence. The way to do good is to be good. There must be light, then it will shine. A Christian goes about communicating good because he is good. It is said to-day that there are not nearly enough preachers. But every living Christian is a preacher in this power of the influence of his life. To-day the world's greatest need is more Christian men and Christian women. The world needs this Gospel of mercy. A worldly, fashion-loving, cowardly religion will never evangelize our fellow-sinners. Why stand ye here all the day idle? You have been called again and again. Every man may make his life, however humble, grand and beautiful by living, not to kill time, but to redeem the time. Make up your mine to do good; be in real earnest about it. Do not be discouraged by difficulties; they are things only to be overcome. Ask God to help you—look up to Him in prayer. True wisdom comes from above. Look at Jesus Christ; make Him your Lord and Master, your example and Saviour. He can make the feeblest of us strong. Young men, run the race of your Christian life looking unto Jesus.—*Canon James Fleming.*

LITTLE BAREFOOT.

Mr. Matthew Arnold was greatly struck by the democratic government of our reading-room when he was in Boston. He came in here one day and saw a little barefooted newsboy sitting in one of the best chairs of the reading-room, enjoying himself apparently for dear life. The great essayist was completely astounded. "Do you let barefooted boys into this reading-room?" he asked. "You would never see such a sight as that in Europe. I do not believe there is a reading-room in all Europe in which that boy, dressed as he is, would enter." Then Mr. Arnold went over to the boy, engaged him in conversation, and found that he was reading the "Life of Washington," and that he was a young gentleman of decidedly anti-British tendencies, and, for his age, remarkably well-informed.

Mr. Arnold remained talking with the youngster for some time, and after he came back to our desk the great Englishman said: "I do not think I have been so impressed with any thing else that I have seen since arriving in this country as I am now with meeting this barefooted boy in this reading-room. What a tribute to democratic institutions it is to say that instead of sending that boy out to wander alone in the streets, they permit him to come in here and excite his youthful imagination by reading such a book as the 'Life of Washington!' The reading of that one book may change the whole course of that boy's life, and may be the means of making him a useful, honorable, worthy citizen of this great country. It is, I tell you, a sight that impresses a European not accustomed to your democratic ways."

PRIDE VS. HUMILITY.

The opposite of pride is humility, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and that trembleth at my word." These are the voices of the old law and of the new, sweet and clear and profitable unto men; hear ye them. And between the old and the new there, at the dividing of time, stands Christ's cross, uplifted on the hills to wither that deadly sin with one perpetual rebuke and to show us how to gain our victory.—*Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix.*

GOD'S PRESENCE.

The consideration of the fact that we are always in the presence of God, by day and night, in crowded cities, in the church of God or the abode of vice and sin; that everywhere and always the eye of our Heavenly Father is always upon us, is one that ought to make us guard our thoughts and actions that we may do nothing unworthy in His sight.

At a recent meeting of Baptist ministers, one of the number reported the case of an unfortunate man who, (to use the very words) "since renouncing the doctrine of eternal punishment, lost all joy, and withered away."

CONTRAST.

"Doctor," said a gentleman to an aged clergyman, "why does a little fault in a good man attract more attention than a great fault in a bad man?" "For the same reason, perhaps," answered the reverend doctor, "that a slight stain on white garments is more readily noticed than a larger stain on a colored one."

The theory that the system of Nature is under the control of a being who changes phenomena in compliance with the prayers of men, is, in my opinion, a perfectly legitimate one. It is a matter of experience that an earthly father, who is at the same time both wise and tender, listens to the requests of his children, and, if they do not ask amiss, takes pleasure in granting their requests. We know, also, that this compliance extends to the alteration, within certain limits, of the current of events on earth. With this suggestion, offered by our experience, it is no departure from scientific truth to place behind natural phenomena a universal Father, who, in answer to the prayers of His children, alters the currents of those phenomena. Thus far theology and science go hand in hand.—*Professor Tyndall.*

Your Service is so Strange to me. How can I ever Learn to Follow it?

A good Methodist, who used to come occasionally to an Episcopal church, once said, "I do not know how to use your Prayer Book, and so I am sometimes puzzled to know what is the right response to make, but I say "Amen." Perhaps I do not always get my 'Amen' in at the right place; but the prayers suit me, and so I say, "Amen."

Until you are familiar with the service, you can hardly do better than to follow our Methodist brother's example. A very little attention, however, will soon make you familiar with the service.

Here are a few simple points to bear in mind, with reference to postures: 1st. We *stand* when the minister begins the service, when we sing, when we read the psalms, when we recite the creed, and when we listen to the gospel for the day. 2d. We *kneel* during the prayers. 3d. We remain *seated* while the lessons from the Old and New Testaments are read, and during the epistle.

Much of the awkwardness which a stranger feels will be relieved if he will conform to these

postures. Some remain seated throughout, and the changes which they see tend to confuse them. It makes a great difference if one will stand when the people stand, and kneel when they kneel, for these bodily attitudes are aids to devotion.

The next point to remember is that there are some parts of the service which are to be said by the whole congregation, such as the general confession, the Lord's Prayer, the responses, and the creed. There are other parts which are to be read by the minister only, the people listening, as, for example, the chapters from the Bible. There are some parts of the service you can learn very easily, such as the reading of the psalms and the saying of the litany. In the former the minister tells the day of the month, and allows time for all to turn to the place. In the litany the responses you are to make are printed in *italics*. Perhaps your greatest difficulty will be to find the collect, epistle, and gospel for the day; but a Church almanac will give you information about these, as well as about the Church days and seasons in general.

Some persons have found it helpful to make out a programme for the morning service somewhat like this: 1. Sentences and exhortation read by minister, the people all standing. 2. Prayers, the people kneeling. 3. First chant sung and psalms read, people standing. 4. Old Testament read, people seated. 5. *Te Deum* sung, standing. 6. New Testament lesson read, seated. 7. Another chant sung; creed said, standing. 8. Prayers, kneeling. 9. Hymn, standing. 10. Commandments, etc., kneeling. 11. Epistle, seated. 12. Gospel, standing.

One for the evening service will be shorter, thus: 1. Sentence and exhortation, standing. 2. Prayers, kneeling. 3. Psalms, standing. 4. First lesson, seated. 5. Chant, standing. 6. Second lesson, seated. 7. Chant and creed, standing. 8. Prayers, kneeling.

A little slip with these programmes copied on it and kept in your Prayer Book may furnish a guide to you in your first efforts at uniting in the worship. After awhile you will learn to follow it by what we call the rubrics. These are the directions in fine print at the headings of the different divisions; thus the first rubric is, "The minister shall begin the Morning Prayer," etc. (See "The Order for Daily Morning Prayer.")

Perhaps some friendly neighbor, who is better acquainted with the matter than you, may give you a few minutes' drill in the use of the Prayer Book; or an hour's study in private may make it tolerably clear to you. Be assured that it is far from being a difficult task, and in a very short time you will find yourself quite familiar with what now appears so strange to you.

There are some terms used, relating to our services, which you may not understand. Here are a few, with their explanations:

Lessons—the chapters of the Bible which are read.

Epistle—a portion of the Scriptures read immediately after the commandments.

Gospel—a selection from Scripture read after the epistle.

Collect—a short prayer.

Te Deum—an old hymn beginning, "We praise Thee, O God."

Venite—the first chant in the morning service.

Versicles—the little verses and responses used in the services, as "The Lord be with you." "And with thy spirit."

Gloria Patri—the doxology repeated and sung at different points, "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost."

Gloria in Excelsis—the angelic hymn used in the Communion service, and sometimes at Morning and Evening Prayer, commencing, "Glory be to God on high."

Trisagion—another hymn in the Communion, commencing, "Therefore with angels and archangels."

Jubilate, Bonum est, etc.—chants having these old Latin headings, which are the equivalents of the first words in English.

Benedicite—the hymn used sometimes in place of the *Te Deum*.

The Litany—the prayers beginning, "O God the Father of heaven."

Gloria Tibi—the sentence, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord," sung before the gospel is read.

It is quite probable that, having gained some insight into the modes of worship, you will desire to learn as much as you can about their history and the meaning of their different parts. You will always find the clergy ready to instruct you, and you should not hesitate to ask an explanation of whatever you find it difficult to understand.—*Rev. G. W. Shinn, D. D.*

An exchange says "a large meeting of the Grace Church, St. Louis, Mo., was lately addressed by Mrs. Bishop Tuttle, &c." Apart from the English, which is enough to raise Matthew Arnold's ghost, we ask respectfully, is there a new order of clergy in the church? Mrs. Bishop Tuttle! Did our esteemed contemporary ever hear of the polite editor who wishes to notice the arrival of an English Bishop and family, and thus designated the party "*il vescovo e la vescova e gli vescovoeuni?*"

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July 1. Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 8. Sixth " " "
" 15. Seventh " " "
" 22. Eighth " " "
" 25. St. James' Day.
" 29. Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

June 1. Helen Newbold Hickman.
" 3. Wilhemina Groh.
" 27. William George Thomson.

MARRIED.

June 12. Augustine Fuller and Wilhemina Batts.
" 13. Amos H. Evans and Emilie E. Steele.

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OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

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OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

Sunday mornings—For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 1124 Girard Street, from this date until further notice, every day during the week from 12 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time. Especially is this necessary during the Summer months, when the clergy in the city are comparatively few in number.

IT will be necessary for the church to be closed some portion of the Summer for the repairs to be made, due notice of which will be given from the church; but while the services will not be held as usual, it is to be remembered that the parish will not be left without the presence of one of the clergy, who can be found at the Parish House, as stated in the above notice.

THE Rev. Dr. Tidball, of St. Paul's Church, Camden, has kindly consented to take the department of New Testament Scripture in the Church Woman's Institute for the coming Winter. This is a sufficient assurance that the work will be well done and made interesting.

The Rev. Prof. Peters, who has had charge of this department, sailed from New York, last week, at the head of the Babylon Exploration Expedition. They go out prepared to work for a year or more in excavating the mounds which are all that remains of "Babylon the Great." Their "finds," which we all hope will be rich ones, will be deposited at the University here. The honor and responsibility of leading the expedition comes naturally to Professor Peters, as being the man in America best equipped in the scholarship necessary.

THOSE who were members of the Church Woman's Institute and attended the lectures of the Rev. Dr. Peters, will be especially interested in the article below concerning the expedition to Babylon, giving some idea of the importance of the work sought to be accomplished, with a sketch of the field of the proposed exploration:

The Babylonian expedition, to be undertaken under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania, will develop, it is confidently expected by its projectors, many archæological treasures. The staff of explorers will consist of Rev. John P. Peters, Ph. D., Professor of the Old Testament Literature and Languages in the Department of Biblical Learning, in the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Philadelphia, as Director; Dr. R. F. Harper, of Yale College, and Professor H. V. Hilprecht, of the University of Pennsylvania, as Assyriologists; Professor John Henry Haynes, who accompanied the Wolfe Expedition in 1885, of which Dr. Ward was head, as photographer; Mr. J. D. Prince, representing Columbia College, N. Y., who goes as assistant to the Director, devoting himself especially to the study of dialects; an architect, not yet named, and a physician, who is to be taken up at Beyroot.

Dr. Peters expects to leave this city on the 23d instant, but the expedition will not begin work on the field until the Autumn. The climate is such that no digging can be undertaken before the middle of November. In speaking of the contemplated trip, and particularly in a reply to a question as to "what was hoped to be accomplished?" Dr. Peters said: "The field is full of ruins of the most ancient cities of the world, with the possible exception of the Egyptian, only one or two of which have ever been explored, and those only in the very least degree. We know the names of fifty or sixty cities which existed there—cities of importance—and the sites of not one dozen of these have been determined. It will give some idea of how little work has been done when these cities have been left undermined. A large part of the country is unsurveyed, so that it is rather difficult to say that where we are to dig is such and such a spot, because people on the ground get new information, which oftentimes induces them to change the best devised plans they may have made. It is an actual fact of experience that the unknown mounds in that country have hitherto yielded the best results. The great ruins of Babylon have not been prolific of results in comparison with some mounds representing cities of which we had very little knowledge.

"The actual site of digging cannot be definitely stated before departure. It depends primarily upon the permission granted by the Turkish authorities, and secondarily upon information to be obtained on the spot, considerations of transportation, climate and the possibilities of obtaining labor. The region in which these ancient cities lie is comprised between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates, from about their point of junction to some forty miles north of Bagdad. The work done will be somewhere within those limits."

Referring to previous efforts in the same direction and the origin of the present movement, Dr. Peters said: "An expedition went out under the auspices of the American Archæological Institute in 1885, headed by Dr. William Hayes Ward, editor of *The Independent*, of New York. The money for this, $5000, was given by the late Miss Catherine L. Wolfe, and the expedition was known as the Wolfe expedition. The object was merely to look over the ground and prepare the way for the work. The present expedition is the outcome of that.

"The movement began with Mr. E. W. Clark, the banker, and Mr. C. H. Clark. It took shape in a meeting held at the residence of the Provost of the University, Dr. William Pepper, in November of last year. A number of prominent gentlemen in Philadelphia, among whom might be mentioned Mr. H. C. Lea, Mr. H. H. Houston, Mr. Joseph D. Potts, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. Stewart Wood, Mr. W. W. Frazier and Mr. C. C. Harrison, subscribed towards such an expedition, and organized themselves into the Babylonian Exploration Fund.

"The University was offered anything that could be brought back, on condition of providing accommodations in a fire-proof building—a condition which was accepted—and the expedition was placed under the auspices of the University. The President of the committee in charge of the expedition is the Provost of the University.

"The expedition is probably the most completely equipped one that has ever gone to that region, and Philadelphia may justly feel pride in it. The length of time we shall be gone is as yet indefinite; the explorations may continue a year, and may extend over a series of years."—*Public Ledger.*

It is a blessed fact that so many of those who go away for the Summer are not forgetful of those little folks of the poor, who are kept within the crowded small streets of our great city, in the midst of the dreadful heat of this season. By their generous gifts means are provided, whereby these are cared for. In many ways, through different societies, are these children looked up, and given at least an opportunity to go out to the Park for the day, under the protecting care of proper persons, who do all they can to make the excursion a delight as well as a healthful outing. Better still, these children are taken in little groups into the country, and there placed in the homes of farmers and country folk to have a week or more of pure air, wholesome food and youthful action. The other day a little newsboy, who had been taken by one of the societies into the country for a week, in speaking of last Summer's pleasure, said: "I didn't do nothing but eat, and sleep, and play. They didn't make me work at all."

The benefits of these outings of the little poor are many. They greatly help in driving out disease from our midst, and in giving health and strength to those who so sorely are in need of them. Christianity has indeed cultivated the human heart, and kindliness opens the purse and gives the wherewithal that suffering and want may be driven away.

The Children's Country Week Association has done in years past a good work. It expects to begin its work this season, and the rich and the well-to-do can find a way, through this instrumentality, of reaching those who ought to be benefited.

A COUNTRY clergyman once said that city people did not leave their religion at home when they departed for the Summer, but that they took it in their trunks, carefully wrapped up and hidden away, that it might not be lost. Such a religion is of little worth. But there is a bright side to this yearly exodus of the people from their churches within the city. While it is coming to be an accepted fact that the parishes within our more wealthy neighborhoods find their practical agencies for necessary educational and benevolent work greatly hindered by the departure of their active workers, yet it is also true that the good influence of their efforts continue, and that after the vacation these earnest workers return and resume the labors that have already done so much. It is also true that scattered over the country are well appointed parishes, whose erection has been through the perseverance, the efforts and the means of these city brethren. Many a country parson can tell how he has been helped by the people who have come within the neighborhood to sojourn for the heated season. But, after all is said, there are various circles of church people. Those nearest the Master, filled with His spirit of love and self-sacrifice, striving to do good to all within their reach, and those further and further off, until we come to those in the outer distance, who bear the name of Christ, but do none of His works. The thoughtful, conscientious churchman will strive to be within the near circle. He will not forget to attend public worship. He will so order himself that the religion he confesses may not be put to shame, nor its advancement impaired by any negligence on his part.

It is not too much to expect of the people of St. Stephen's Church that they will not forsake the assembling of themselves with their Christian brethren in the reverent worship, either by the seaside, the mountain resort, or the country town.

THE LIGHT.

"Who was it?—the One who is in the darkness."—Victor Hugo.

Darkness at midday I saw, and within it
All without beauty, or if any beauty,
Then but as foil to the hateful and woeful;
Faces where pride had hardened the outlines;
Faces where pain stamped its image so dreadful;
Faces where shame dropped the eyes or emboldened;
Faces where care drew deep lines and so scarred them;
So at high noon this Darkness prevailed o'er the earth,
And I cried to High Heaven, "Are you there in your glory?
Are you there, oh! Creator with omniscient vision?"
And a voice said, "*Not* there alone, *here, just beside them;*
In their pride, in their pain, in their shame's deep abasement;
Be still, thou, and know I come e'er they call me!
Be still, thou, and know me,—the Light in the Darkness!

—E. S. S.

SELECTIONS.

TRUE TO HIS MASTER.

There is an incident which used to be current during war times, which will bear to be repeated. It affords a capital illustration that our Master will always bless the faithful servant who dares to do his duty.

"Last night," said a Christian soldier to his chaplain, "in my barrack, before going to bed, I knelt down and prayed, when suddenly my comrades raised a loud laugh, and began to throw boots and clothes at me." "Well," replied the chaplain, "suppose you defer your prayers till after you retire, and then *silently* lift up your heart to God."

Meeting him soon after, the chaplain said, "You took my advice, I suppose. How did it answer?" "Sir," replied the soldier, "I did take your advice for two or three evenings; but I began to think it looked like denying my Saviour; so I once more knelt down and prayed as at first." "What followed?' "Why, sir, not one of them laughs now. The *whole fifteen now kneel down* too and I pray with them."—*Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler.*

WELL DONE.

It is recorded of a Chinese Emperor that, upon being apprised of his enemies having raised an insurrection in one of the distant provinces, he said to his officers, "Come, follow me, and we will quickly destroy them."

He marched forward, and the rebels submitted upon his approach. All now thought he would take the most signal revenge, but were surprised to see the captives treated with mildness and humanity. "O!" said the first minister, "is this the manner in which you fulfill your promise? Your word was given that your enemies should be destroyed."

"I promised to destroy my enemies. I have fulfilled my word; for, see, they are enemies no longer. I have made friends of them."

TOUCHY PEOPLE.

Perhaps nothing detracts more from a person's own comfort in this world than being over-sensitive. The touchy person is always fancying that people intend to slight her; and quite often she thinks herself wounded and hurt when nothing is hurt but her vanity. Cultivate any thing else girls; but as you value your peace of mind and the happiness of your neighbors, and the contentment and enjoyment of your own homes, do not be foolishly sensitive.

MONOGRAMS.

What is a monogram? Oh, it is your initials twisted together so that nobody can read them, and then stamped on your note paper. Most people would be astonished to be told that these interlaced letters are not monograms at all. They may be polygrams—but monograms they are not. The word monogram signifies a single letter or symbol (*monos*, single, *gramma*, letter).

Joined letters are of higher antiquity, the triple *tau* or T, which among the Hebrews, was the sign of security, has been handed down from age to age. The Israelites bore this symbol upon their banners. The Greeks called it the Letter of Life because prisoners and culprits upon whom this mark was placed had their lives spared.

It is also found in heraldry, in the form of St. Anthony's cross. About the time of Alexander I, of Macedon, (500 B. C.) the practice of stamping monograms on coins first came into vogue.

The practice descended to the Etruscans and Romans and through them to all the nations of civilized Europe. Ducange, in his *Glossarium*, gives a plate of monograms used by emperors, popes, etc., from the time of Hadrian (beginning of the second century) downwards.

The *Chrismon*, of Constantine, was the first two letters of the word Christos, and was of much more ancient date. It appears carved on tombs in the catacombs of Rome, and was used to symbolize the Egyptian deity, Osiris, and in the middle ages it was added to signatures at the foot of deeds.

Charlemange was the first to sign documents with a monogram made by means of a thin perforated plate, as in stencilling, or a stamp with the characters engraved in relief. Pope Leo III incorporated the *Chrismon* with his name.

HE WAS ONLY A DOG.

The *New York Herald* tells the following touching story: He was a brindle cur, and had nothing about him to excite admiration. But as he stood shivering under the "L" station at Fifty-ninth Street and Third Avenue his loneliness and entire misery drew a sympathetic glance now and then from a passer-by. He did not appear to be a city dog; he seemed too shy and ignorant of city ways for that, and he looked anxiously in the face of each new-comer as if seeking a friend. But none came. He tried to get on a surface car, but the conductor yelled and a passenger kicked at him; so he sneaked into the lee of one of the iron posts, and shivered more miserably than before.

Two little girls came along, and stopped a moment to speak to the "poor doggie," who attempted a little wag of the tail in response. Then they patted him and spoke kindly to him, and so cheered the poor waif that he whisked about them and whined for joy. A heavy, lumbersome brewery wagon bore down on them. With the rattle overhead and the babel of the noise about them the two little tots did not hear the rapidly nearing danger, nor hear the shout that went out to them from the sidewalk. But the homeless dog did. Springing between the children and the advancing horses he barked, his shrill treble rising high above the clamor of the street. It was all done in a moment. The wagon rolled on; the children, spellbound with fear, stood still; the dog, in a last desperate effort to repay the kindness shown him, hurled himself at the advancing horses. One child is brushed aside and the other clutched by a friendly hand as the horses swerve at the dog's attack. The brewery wagon went on its way, rocking and swaying, and two tear-dimmed little faces peered out from the sidewalk at a little heap on the stones of the street. Their defender had given his life in grateful remembrance of their kindness. He was only a dog; he knew no better.

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PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

July 15.—Mary Estacia Wallace Osmon.

MARRIED.

July 18.—Henry J. Wilson and Emogene Comstock.

BURIED.

July 7.—Edwin L. Reakirt.
" 22.—John Scheerer.
" 30.—Louisa Bauers.
" 31.—Samuel McCaigue.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 1124 Girard Street, from this date until further notice, every day during the week from 12 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time. Especially is this necessary during the Summer months, when the clergy in the city are comparatively few in number.

THE church has been closed temporarily on account of the building and repairs now going forward. The closing will be for the shortest time possible. It is to be re-upholstered throughout, and this is a somewhat tedious job. Due notice will be given in the Saturday papers before it is opened.

THE new Parish House is coming on very well. It now begins to show what it will be like. Those actively engaged in parish work regard it with even more interest than they would a house to live in. With better conveniences we hope to increase the efficiency of the work in proportion.

THE following sermon was preached by the Rector before the graduating class of Trinity College, at their late commencement:

"The chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people."—Luke 20: 19.

That is to say: while our Lord was upon earth a *certain set* among the professional and educated classes bitterly opposed Him, were ready to suppress Him, but were impotent to do Him damage because he was so firmly entrenched with the people that they dared not move.

This has been the attitude of a certain portion of the educated world toward Him ever since. They have "sought to lay hands upon Him, but they have been afraid of the people." As education has increased, of course the number of those who are of this way of thinking has multiplied in proportion. It is a question just now whether it is not increasing *out* of proportion.

The characteristic feature of our time is the increase of knowledge. It comes in like a flood. The movement is so rapid that the science of last year is obsolete to-day. It is difficult to keep it corrected up to date. The circle is widening like the ringed wave from a stone dropped into a broad lake. The nineteenth century will be remembered in the earth as the age of the Great Induction. When an intelligent man sets about to call the roll of the sciences now extant he is amazed to find the number of new names on the list, names uncoined a century ago because the things were nonexistent Biology, Sociology, Economics—the very names were not in the curriculum of your fathers. Of the sciences known to them little more than the titles remain the same. Your chemistry is the "New Chemistry;" your geology is the "New Geology." The wonderful accumulation of new facts has made it necessary to rewrite the old theories. For two or three generations the educated world has been busy building experiment stations and furnishing laboratories. It has stooped patiently, scalpel in hand, over the corpse, dragged up the secrets of life from the bottom of the deep sea, shivered on mountain tops listening to the spirits of the air, sat unwearied to watch the habits and catch the thoughts of brutes, tracked the wild beast to his lair, and the wild man to his hut, walked, microscope in hand, amid the pestilence to spy out its secret venom, has tortured old Earth until she has given up her secrets, and swept the heavens to see "old Boötes lead his leash and Sagittarius draw his bow in the South." It has explored the long and tortuous path along which the race has trod, formulated the laws by which men live together now, and plotted the course for future development.

Applied science has kept pace with pure knowledge. The world at this last end of our century is more widely different from the world as it was in 1800, than that world was from the world of Augustus Cæsar, or even that of Abraham! Augustus was housed as well, was served as well, traveled as fast, read as much, and could command as skilled a surgeon in his need as could George Washington. It is speaking within bounds to say that as great advance has been made in the achievement of human knowledge and in the practical appli-

ances of that knowledge within the century now drawing to an end as in the whole of the historic time which precedes it.

In this inrushing tide of knowledge, which has swept over the world like a flood, which continues to pour in faster than it can be classified and arranged, which overturns old canons of art, old postulates of science, old prescriptions of society, *what is to become of religion?* "Whan a flood of facts, ascertained or suspected, comes pouring in upon us, with a multitude of others in prospect, all believers in religion are roused to consider their bearing, both for the honor of God, and from tenderness for those many souls who in consequence of the confident tone of the schools of secular knowledge are in danger of being led away."

When I speak of religion I mean Christianity. For all practical purposes there is no other, nor has been for many a generation. Others, so called, are but survivals. For the study of "comparative religion" these are valuable and interesting, but in sober fact there is but one. One cannot go into the market place and purchase a "faith;" he cannot go into a museum and choose one from the many there preserved. There is only one now living. The choice is Christianity or nothing. The great facts of it are stated in that Symbol you joined just now in repeating. I have in mind the clear, compact, well formulated, well understood Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth: His matchless life and unparalleled death, the absolute facts of His resurrection; His ascension into heaven, and the belief of His coming again to judge the quick and the dead.

What is to be the effect upon this of the sweep and rush of human knowledge? "Men shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." "And when He cometh will He find faith upon the earth?"

My thesis is that the faith is absolutely secure; and my further purpose to point out why I think it so to be.

But it would be idle to think that it shall remain unchanged. If that were possible it would simply show that the faith was a dead thing not worth preserving. If religion has to do with all of life it must be plastic as life itself is. The Holy Spirit can follow wherever the spirit of man can go, except into unclean places, and uncleanness is not scientific. Human nature is not constructed with bulkheads. No single compartment can be kept permanently separate from all the others. Their contents flow together and color each other. The religious faculty is secure only whilst it has free interplay with all the others. If the religion of Jesus cannot endure the changes incident to God's providential leading of the race it will be because it itself is not from God.

If the Pope had been quite sure of himself he would not have launched his bull against the comet, for he would have known that he and the comet were both under the same law.

The advance of human knowledge has compelled the Christian world to abandon many things which they had mistakenly supposed to be religious truth. It was neither discreditable to take these positions nor to abandon them. Both proceedings have been perfectly honest and necessary. The process began longer ago than most people think. If Mr. Darwin has done this in one domain, Copernicus did it long before him in another. The acceptance of *that* discovery changed the way of thinking of the religious world. It seemed to dethrone man from his high estate. When it plucked old Earth from the center of the system and thrust her away into an obscure corner of space, changed the sun from a satellite to a king, man had to follow the fortunes of the planet upon which he lived. It was no longer so easy to believe that the "Sun stood still over Ajalon and the Moon in Gibeon." When men esteemed themselves to be the most important tenants of the most conspicuous mansion in God's creation it was easy to believe that the stars in their courses should fight against the enemies of Jehovah, but when they found themselves upon a little world in the outskirts of the heavenly city they believed that science had robbed them of their God. They learned better things of God long ago.

Whole systems of so-called "*theology*" have met the same fortune. They were well rounded, symmetrical, consistent,—and have been abandoned! But the truth they contained has not been lost. The old wine has always found new bottles waiting. Decantation is a process *frequently* necessary.

Geology has compelled the re-reading of Genesis. Historical study has compelled a revised chronology. Biology has given new forms in which to state the Christian truth of regeneration. Chemistry has brought into clearer light the profound teaching of St. Paul concerning the need of "a spiritual body."

This process is still going on, and always will go on *pari passu* with the advance of knowledge. It goes on because Christianity is a living force. If

it were a mechanical force operating *ab extra* it could be adjusted once for all. If it were a set of charms working capriciously no adjustment would ever be possible. But it is a life!

The Pharisee and the Scribe, that is to say the ecclesiastic and the doctrinaire, are always angered and ready to lay their hands upon it.

This feeling of alienation between systematic religion and systematic knowledge is very widespread, and very intense. The dislike in many quarters to the supernatural religion of Jesus is a personal and professional animosity.

Why is it, that we who profess and call ourselves Christians rest so securely concerning the future of our Faith? Is there no danger of its violent overthrow?—of its contemptuous abandonment by the whole educated world?—of its being so modified, so transformed as not to be any longer recognizable?—so changed into a thing of shreds and patches as to be no longer worth contending for?

Some men who are accounted wise hope for this; some who are unquestionably good fear it,—meanwhile we stand unmoved,—and why?

1. First let me point out two reasons which are *not* the ones which give us confidence. For one, I do not find my sense of security to issue from confidence in the prowess of the so-called "champions" of the faith. There has been no end of books of "evidences." Apologetics form a literature. These all have their place,—a place which arbitrary belief cannot fill. They fortify and steady, and render available a faith where it is already present, but it is open to grave doubt whether they have ever been able to check or even seriously to retard the progress of unbelief.

Mr. John Stuart Mill declared that the study of evidences had done as much as anything to confirm him in his unbelief of Christianity. He was as familiar with the arguments of Bishop Butler as Professor Huxley is with those of Mr. Gladstone. The result has been much the same in either case? With all their skill and valor the intellectual champions of religion are always exposed to the suspicion of tilting in an enclosed field instead of fighting *a la mort* in the open. Their conclusions are usually in their postulates. They set out to make an arrangement for that which they have already accepted. It is conclusive to those who are already convinced, and to few besides. Their opponents are suspiciously like men in buckram, whose numbers increase in proportion as the champion feels his own sense of valor swelling. It is wise and well to be able to give a reason for the faith which is one, but in point of fact the faith precedes the reason for it.

2. Nor, in the second place, do I find much ground of confidence in the achievements of the volunteer "reconciliationists." If there is any one phrase of which the educated world has grown weary it is that which states, "the conflict between Religion and Science." Assuming this conflict to be real there have not been wanting those who profess to be able to show a reconciliation by which the opponents shall be able to sit down as brothers. Not very much, I fear, has come from their well meant labors. They come sometimes from the one camp, and sometimes from the other, and offer terms of peace or compromise. But the difficulty always is that they are not accredited by their principals to speak for them. No sooner is a *protocol* accepted by the side to whom it is submitted than it is disavowed by the side from which it purported to come. About the surest way for a believer to discredit himself with his fellows is for him to formulate and set forth what seem to him to be fitting terms of peace with the other side. Nor have any of the overtures coming from the side of science been subscribed to by the authorities.

The conflict is a real one, but it is a conflict between two kinds of men, and not between two kinds of truth.

It is neither because religion has more powerful champions than knowledge, nor because there are men ready and able to include and harmonize them both, that we rest in such confidence in the future of our faith.

What is it then?

I wish I could state it a thousand times more clearly, and emphasize it a thousand times more strongly than I can. In a word it is this: *Christianity is lodged with the people.* It is entrenched. It has proved itself. It has so rooted itself in the heart of humanity that it is idle for any man or set of men to think of uprooting it. The suffrage of the mass has been given and cannot be recalled. It is a present fact. It has become part of the furniture of the race. It is in the blood and brains, in the soul and conscience of the people. No specialized class of men could uproot it if they wished. They may ignore it if they see fit but it remains all the same a fact which all must sooner or later reckon with.

"Why don't you ignore Christianity and go on with the good work?" said one of his radical hearers to Mr. Bradlaugh. "You cannot ignore St. Paul's nor Westminster, nor the Bible Society; they are too big," replied Mr. Bradlaugh. An educated man cannot ignore Christianity—it is too big! Nor can he oppose it with hopefulness, for the law of inertia is against him. The constant forces are on the side of God.

Christianity does not make its appeal primarily to wisdom. "Ye see your calling, brethren, how

that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." They cannot be, in the nature of the case.

Nor does it make its appeal even to "common sense." The common sense of a whole generation may fail it.

Bishop Butler, walking the garden with his chaplain one day, turned to him abruptly and asked: "Why not?—why may not a generation go mad like an individual does?"

Its appeal is to *common necessity*. It appeals to the average man, and to the average necessities of the race. These recognize the appeal and respond to it. It was not by accident that the common people heard Him gladly while the rulers and scribes held themselves superciliously aloof. The Jews to this day bear the burden of an immortal infamy because, in the judgment of the race, they were false to their kind in their dealing with the Son of Man. The people were more humane. "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, 'I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes'"

And again:

"Verily I say unto you that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

Of course he shall enter hardly! The "Kingdom of Heaven" is adjusted for the average citizen. Any one who for any reason steps outside the column on either hand, whether searching for a wisdom or for a wealth which dehumanizes him, finds only a blank wall, where the head of the column finds the open gate of the Kingdom.

"If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost": that is, to them that are strayed away on either hand out of the sound of the multitudinous voices of toiling humanity.

The power of the Gospel is in this, that it answers to the constant necessities of ordinary humanity. The imperiousness of these necessities may be trusted to secure a hearing for religion. These do not change. Education does not remove them. Wealth does not satiate them. The inflow of knowledge does not stifle them.

"By the sweat of thy brow shall thou earn thy bread" is just as true of you gentlemen, as of the man who sweeps the street. The voice of the invisible monitor who declares thou shalt do this, or thou shalt not, is just as much a part of your equipment as it was of your parents' or will be of your children's. The stern compulsion of living is upon you as upon another. Death is just as much a mystery—even more—to you as it is to the veriest Philistine. Your education in no wise exempts you from the weariness and heavy load of life.

The old title of college learning was given it by a true instinct. It was called "*The Humanities!*" Except as learning makes men less human, there is no fear of its making them less religious. The tragedy of life may always be trusted to keep the mass of men Christian. The speculations of specialists, and the arguments of irresponsible doctrinaires, are as impotent to take religion from the people as they would be to "loose the sweet influences of Pleiades." Let me assure you that life is tragic. Men do not remain long in the dancing mood. The scenes in your own drama will open before you one by one. Their sternness may be trusted to keep you in your senses, to keep you human, *and therefore* to keep you in relation with Him who was so human that the instinct of the race has fastened upon Him the name of the "Son of Man!" The Gospel of Jesus Christ is rooted in the tragedy of humane life.

The story is told that in the unsettled days of French revolution that ambitious philosopher, Laravelere-Lapeaux anticipated Comte, and invented a new religion. He elaborated it into symmetrical detail. He provided it with a creed, a philosophy, a Scripture, and a ritual. It was greatly superior to any that had gone before. But he complained one day to Talleyrand that the people would have none of it. The ex-bishop looked at him with mocking sympathy and said, "That's very strange indeed. I cannot imagine what you have left undone to get it accepted, unless," he added, "you might get yourself crucified and rise again the third day?"

So long as there remain in the world the pangs of parturition, the painful riddle of life, and the throes of dissolution, Christianity will remain the haven into which all will put, under the stress of life.

This profound humaneness of the Gospel will also account for another thing which may have perplexed your faith.

You have been told that the Church has always, when she could, resented and opposed the advance of science; that she has stood before the advance of knowledge, and tried impotently, but earnestly, to sweep it back as one who should try to sweep back the tides with a broom; that when she has found her feeble bulwarks of sand undermined and flooded she has retired scolding to higher ground.

You have heard of Galileo and of Mr. Darwin. You have heard Goethe, the "son of light," rail at Luther, the apostle of righteousness. You have seen Mr. Matthew Arnold drive his polished spear into the stolid flesh of ecclesiastical obscuration. You have heard that "Faith" and "Lucidity" are mutually destructive.

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September 2.—Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 9.—Fifteenth " " "
" 16.—Sixteenth " " "
" 21.—St. Matthew's Day.
" 23.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29.—St Michael and All Angels' Day.
" 30.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

MARRIED.

August 16.—Harry W. Rawlins and Lizzie W. Bond.

BURIED.

August 1.—Wash. Darragh Bladen.
" 10.—Sophia Howard Brice.

OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 1124 Girard Street, from this date until further notice, every day during the week from 12 to 1 o'clock.

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THE services in the church will be resumed on Sunday, Sep. 9th. Morning Prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock.

The repairs to the church interior and the re-upholstering of the pews and doors will then have been completed.

THE Parish House is progressing satisfactorily and looks well along side of the church. It will be ready for use, it is expected, by the time the benevolent and other work of the Parish resume operations.

THE Parish Day School will be re-opened on Monday, Sept. 3d, at the usual time and place.

THE Sunday School will begin its session on the first Sunday in October.

Public notice will be given announcing the re-opening of the Church Woman's Institute.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

The second year of the Church Woman's Institute will open with a lecture, at time to be announced later by public notice.

There will be, as heretofore, a lecture in each of the four courses, once a month. and the lectures will be delivered Tuesday afternoons at 3.30 o'clock. A selected library of works of reference will be placed in the Parish House, for the use of members of the Institute. Lessons and courses of reading supplementary to the lectures will be announced for each month in the PARISH NEWS.

The membership is not at all confined to our Parish; and ladies wishing to join any of the classes will please address, Miss Annie Sanders, Secretary, 410 S. 15th Street.

The lecturers for the current year are:

In the course on Church Theology, the Rev. Prof. Fullerton, and the Rev. Dr. Perry.

In the course on Church History, the Rev. Dr. McConnell.

In the course on the Bible, the Rev. Dr. Tidball.

In the course on Liturgics, the Rev. Prof. Garrison, of the Divinity School.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington has found it impossible to give a course of lectures in this second year, but students will be glad to hear that so able and interesting a lecturer as Prof. Garrison has been secured in his place.

THE following sermon was preached by the Rector before the graduating class of Trinity College, at their late commencement:

"The chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people."—Luke 20: 19.

(Continued from August No.)

The Church has more than once stood in the way of the premature adoption of the *obiter dicta* of science. She will probably do so again. The reason is plain. Science possesses intellect alone. She asks but one question, "Is this thing true?" Religion possesses both intellect and heart. She asks not only "Is it true?" but also "Is it good?" Science has no moral responsibility. Christianity thinks first of all the people. When she has opposed the hasty acceptance of a scientific dogma it has been because she looks more broadly afield and acts under a higher moral sense than does her adversary.

She prevents so far as she is able, the disturbance of faith until the time has come to disturb it. She has the weal of the people at heart, and she knows that something more than knowledge is needful for their welfare. She does not apply the Monroe doctrine to the continent of truth. She is not willing that any foreigner shall set foot there until she first knows who he is, why he comes, and how he will bear himself. In the main and with all her mistakes, her action has been right and beneficent, and has always been taken under a high and noble sense of responsibility.

There is a present perilous tendency, Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Lowell being the witnesses, among the educated to withdraw themselves from the every-day interests of men. They hold themselves aloof from the great questions which agitate the common mind. They rate politics a distraction which disturbs the serene temper of science. The

specialist works in a cloister. The literary man consorts with his own ilk. Philanthropy they relegate to the clergy and the district visitor. Commerce is for the Philistines. The question of work and wages is for Mr. Powderly. How to bring food and hunger together is a question for Mr. Henry George. The town meeting is not the arena for the graduate. The student, to be successful, must "confine himself to the dative case," or hold a steadfast chase after a particular bug. Nothing but evil can come from this,—evil to the scholar in mind and spirit, evil to the people in life and in temper.

It is with the spiritual evil to the scholar that I am now concerned. He should be quick to resent this suggestion of separateness, claiming humanity for his tribe as strenuously as Shylock did.

"Hath not a scholar eyes? Hath not a scholar hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions?—fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same Winter and Summer as a Christian is? If you prick us do we not bleed? If you tickle us do we not laugh? If you poison us do we not die?"

Mr. Carlyle drew away in gloomy grandeur from a world—"mostly fools," as he thought, shut himself into his own most disagreeable companionship and left the rest to go their way, while he flung after them taunts and scorning. The world went its way and he went his. It carried with it its well tried religion and left him stranded, stripped of his mother's faith and deserted by his father's God!

The gentle Mr. Emerson declared: "'Tis a queer world, and the only humor proper to it seems quiet astonishment. Others laugh, weep, buy, sell or proselyte; I admire!" It would be difficult to conceive an attitude farther removed from that of Jesus Christ. "When he saw the multitude he was moved with pity, having compassion on them as a sheep without a shepherd."

If Mr. Emerson had looked upon men with the same spirit would he have been so offended at the saying, "This is my body broken—this is my blood shed for you"?

Mr. Darwin in the last days of his life declared with playful sadness that his mind had come to be a sort of machine into which he poured facts and ground out principles. He had lost the vision of God, as he had lost the eye for beauty and the ear for music.

Who can shut his eyes to the unspeakable loss which befell these men? Not the sulphurous brilliancy of the one, nor the sweetness and light of another, nor the calm and noble dignity of a third can atone for it. They turned aside from the road to Nineveh along which every man is bidden to walk, and were swallowed by the monster that lurks in solitary places.

Believe me, if you ever lose your faith in God it will be because you have lost your sympathy with men.

When the popular mind is deeply moved it expresses itself religiously. The people sing hymns when they march to war, and say prayers before a battle.

While you are in the same thought with them, you will be in the same faith with them.

Much you have learned in the university, and much more you will learn from your brethren in the craft of which you are about to be made free. But there are some things, and they of the gravest import which the humblest Bible reader or the poorest priest could better teach you. They know where the faith is entrenched. They have gone in and out among the people and they know that the Child is there. The wise men are they who will find Him. The appeal of Christ is not to the academy or to the athenæum, it is to the agora.

Humanity has taken Him to its heart.

If you stay where men are, if you bear upon your souls an honest solicitude for your fellows, if you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the fatherless, walk brotherly, live as a son of man, you will stay conscious of your birthright as a son of God. You will be a "worker together with Him,"—and as a fellow-craftsman you will come to know the Master Workman.

Dr. Naville, whose name cannot be unknown to many of you, records this experiment:

In his classes were a dozen students of medicine in an advanced course, all of whom were avowed

disbelievers in Christianity. Their teacher's arguments only stimulated their dialectic ingenuity in reply. At last he said to them: "Gentlemen, we will stake the result of this argument, if you please, upon a single crucial test. In my private practice here in Paris, I find many poor and worthy families who need alms, but who need advice and guidance still more. If each of you will give me his word of honor to take the responsibility for a single family which I will assign to him for one year, I will cease all argument. If they are out of work, try to find it for them; if their sons are wayward, and their daughters wanton, labor with them as honorable men." They accepted his proposal. When the year was ended there was no further need of argument. Two of the young men had grown weary of the responsibility and abandoned it. The rest had discovered that "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him."

There is a section of the educated world, I know, which is both perplexed and irritated when religious faith asserts itself. This feeling is most common among the original investigators in physical science. It obtains least frequently among the students of "the Humanities." Those who feel this way find their "sweet reasonableness" confronted by what seems to them to be a blind emotion. They are amazed at seeing the world act *unreasonably*. It is controlled by impulses which they feel but slightly and to which they entrust no authority.

"Whereunto shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like? They are like unto children sitting in the market place, and calling one to another, and saying: We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you and ye have not wept!"

No: the dominant influences are Christian. And I say this having in mind the apparent alienation of the working masses from the church, as well as the alleged quarrel between Religion and Learning. But I set over against this the unqualified fact that the Christian Church is growing not only absolutely, but relatively more rapidly than ever since Pentecostal days. This nineteenth century is the first one in twelve hundred years in which her membership has doubled itself! In 1800 there was one communicant to every *sixteen* people in the United States; to-day there there is one in every *four!* Christianity is not a spent force. When the illustrious author of the "Life of Cæsar" visited America, his coming and going were unnoticed save by the members of the literary craft. When the no greater author of the "Life of Christ" came he was welcomed with acclaim. The *people* thronged to hear his words, and the President but voiced the popular mind when he bade him welcome. Why was this, but because the man who identifies himself with Jesus is born to higher honor than he who embarks in the boat which "bears Cæsar and his fortunes"?

The Christianity of the people adjusts itself slowly to new philosophies. Sometimes its timid women are smitten with fear and cry out "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." But they are presently reassured by the familiar voice, and answer back "Rabboni!"

So we stand unmoved.

We turn away from the obscurantist priest, who blinks uncomfortably in the light of modern knowledge, and mumbles his prayers for the return of his fancied mediæval simplicity.

We listen with impatience to the secularist scribe when he dogmatizes of positivism and leaves his hungry brother unfed.

We turn to the people.

Remember Lessing's parable:

A certain king of a great realm built for himself a fair palace. Justice sat in its courts, the people were fed at its gates and rejoiced in its beauty. But in time a foolish strife came to be carried on by architects concerning the accuracy of its plan. While the controversy raged, a cry arose one night that the palace was on fire! The architects ran hither and thither, plans in hand. One declared that the fire was in this place, and could only be reached by demolishing an outlying wing. Another protested he had always taught that the plan was faulty, and would some day expose the whole building to disaster.

Meanwhile the inmates frightened and perplexed, ran about, not well knowing what to do.

Presently, however, it was discovered that the palace was not on fire at all. The watchman had seen the walls and battlements illumined by the nothern lights, and thought it was a conflagration!

The city of our God is in no peril. Knowledge only illuminates, it does not destroy, because the foundations of that city are eternal.

So long as the heavens declare the glory of God, while the firmament showeth His handiwork, while day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge, the unsophisticated language of men will continue to say—

"*Our Father who art in Heaven.*"

SELECTED.

THE general of the Jesuits reports 2,500 missionaries under the direction of that order.

IN the province of Travancore, India, Christianity has so far displaced heathenism that one man out of every five ranges himself among the followers of Christ.

THE Rev. John McKim, who is now in this country on vacation, writes from Nashotah, under date of May 21st, as follows; "In a letter received last week from Mr. Tanaka, one of my old catechists, he says that 'the Osaka city council had decided to release from taxation the property of Christian churches. They took this action from a conviction that Christianity is doing a great deal for the welfare of Japan.' This is but one of the many straws indicating the current of public opinion in Japan on religious questions."

SOLEMN FACTS.

In almost every foreign field the laborers are very few in comparison with the harvest to be gathered. It is especially the case in Africa, China and Japan. On the coast of the dark continent there are many missionaries; but there are vast interior regions without a single herald of the Cross. Take the Soudan, for instance. The term Soudan has been used at different times and by different writers to describe widely different regions. At present the Egyptian Soudan, the region once administered by General Gordon, is generally designated the Soudan; but in its widest application the term may be taken as meaning the whole of the interior portion of Africa which lies between the fifth and and twenty-fourth parallels, and is 2,000 miles long and over 1,000 wide. This vast region contains from 70,000,000 to 100,000,000 people, mostly proselytized by Mohammedans in the northern part of the belt, but heathen in the southern portion About 100 different languages are spoken in this immense area. In no part of this vast field are there any Christian missionaries, unless two young men lately sent there from England by way of the Congo have already reached the southern portion of it.

No one has traveled more extensively in China than Mr. J. Hudson Taylor, the director of the China Inland Mission. He says that 1,000 cities and countless towns in this populous empire are without missionaries. There is no part of China that has been so well supplied with Christian laborers as is the city of Shanghai and the adjacent country. Yet Mrs. Muirhead, of Shanghai, after a tour through the country district, writes: "In that vast plain around Shanghai, as in every province of China, while many large cities have been visited by the Christian missionary there are hamlets and solitary homesteads innumerable as yet unreached by the Word of Salvation; and by this people's dreary, hopeless lives, by disease so rampant and death so rapid, by these thick-sown nameless graves, by the peace and happiness so plainly seen on the faces of the few already walking in the Light; above all, by His cross and passion who died that all might live unto Him, we would most earnestly plead with any of His people in Christian lands whose way the Lord might open, 'Come over and help us.'"

The Rev. J. H. Ballagh, who has been connected with the missionary work in Japan almost from the time that country was opened to foreign residents, in writing of his last journey from Sendai to Yokohama, speaks of traveling over miles of unbroken heathenism. He estimates that of the 37,000,000 of people in Japan, not more than 1,000,000 have heard the Gospel.

These are very solemn facts for Christian people to contemplate.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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" Evening " Fridays, 5 P.M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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" 18.—St. Luke.
" 21.—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 28. {Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. / SS. Simon and Jude's Day.}

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

September 20.—Louisa Frazer Wilson.

BURIED.

September 12.—Mrs. Mary J. Kerr.
" 17.—S. Morris Waln.

OFFERING IN SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities,.....$166.73.

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

October 21.—For Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays,—General Charities.

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THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

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COURSE I.	COURSE II.	COURSE III.	COURSE IV.
Ch. Theology, Lecturers, Rev. Prof. Fullerton. Rev. Dr. Perry.	The Bible, Lecturer, Rev. Dr. Tidball.	The Prayer-Book, Lecturer, Rev. Prof. Garrison.	Ch. History, Lecturer, Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Dates.	Dates.	Dates.	Dates.
Oct. 9.	Oct. 16.	Oct. 23.	Oct. 30.
Nov. 6.	Nov. 13.	Nov. 20.	Nov. 27.
Dec. 4.	Dec. 11.	Dec. 18.	Jan. 1.
Jan. 8.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 22.	Jan. 29.
Feb. 5.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 19.	Feb. 26.
Mar. 5.	Mar. 12.	Mar. 19.	Mar. 26.
Ap. 2.	Ap. 9.	Ap. 16.	Ap. 23.
Ap. 30.	May 7.	May 14.	May 21.

The first lecture will be delivered by Prof. Fullerton:—subject, "God, the Father;" Lesson assigned; Youge's Exposition of the Apostles' Creed, Art. I. Courses of reading will be suggested at the lecture. The remaining lectures of the month, will be:—

Oct. 16th. Rev. Dr. Tidball, "Christ in the New Testament. I. Preliminary."
Oct. 23d. Rev. Prof. Garrison, "The Holy Communion, its structure and purport."
Oct. 30th. Rev. Dr. McConnell, "The Papacy."

Courses of reading will be assigned at the lectures, and methods of study suggested.

The Lectures, after the first one, will be delivered in the new Guild Hall of St. Stephen's, which will afford a pleasant and convenient place of meeting.

There are vacancies in the class for, perhaps, a dozen more ladies. Those wishing to join, will please send their names to the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, or to the Secretary, Miss Anne N. Sanders, St. Stephen's Parish House, or attend one of the early Lectures and give in their names, then and there.

The members can either simply hear the Lectures, or in addition, may prepare and submit examination papers as they choose.

THE New Parish House was to have been completed and ready for occupation October 1st. Owing, however, to the delays which seem to be a part of all building operations, it is not quite ready. It will be in a week or so. The Parish will then have what has long been needed, a convenient place to do its work in. There is not as much room as we would like, but there is more than we have ever had, and all than we can have. There is good work to be done all about us, in the city and in the church. The only thing is to do what we can, and leave the rest undone. God does not require impossibilities.

The church has been re-upholstered, and put in thorough repair outside and in. The new building is handsome, dignified and convenient. The machinery is ready to our hand. The thing needed now is willing hearts and willing hands to run it.

THE daily services in the church will be commenced Monday, October 9th. Morning Prayer every day at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer, Fridays, at 5 o'clock.

THE Sunday-school will resume its sessions Sunday, October 7th, at 9.45 o'clock.

THE PAN-ANGLICAN CONFERENCE.

During the Summer there met in England a very noteworthy assembly. It was composed of Bishops, of what is ordinarily called the "Episcopal Church." There were present the Archbishop of Canterbury, with 34 Bishops of his Province; the Archbishop of York, with 12 Bishops of his Province; the Archbishop of Armagh, with 5 Bishops; the Archbishop of Dublin, with 6 Bishops; the Primus of Scotland, with 6 Bishops; 29 Bishops from the United States, 9 Bishops from Canada, 5 from the East Indies, 7 from the West Indies, 4 from Australia, 4 from the South Pacific Islands, 6 from South Africa, 4 from British America, the Bishops of Columbia, (wherever that may be), Niger, Falkland Islands, Honolulu, Gibralter, Newfoundland, Caledonia, New Westminster, North China, Singapore, Sierra Leone, Central Africa, Japan and Jerusalem; 145 in all. They met to consider the condition, the prospects and the needs of our Church.

The first thing which strikes one in reading of such a meeting is the geograph-distribution of the communion to which they belong. The names of their Dioceses would be a study of geography. They represented, in some sort, our Church, which, more than any other, represents the English speaking race in its wide dispersion—a dispersion in which two strong cords bind them into one religious whole, the English Bible, and the English Prayer Book! The council was one which exercises no authority. It could not make laws, settle disputed questions of Doctrine or Discipline, issue edicts or levy taxes. Its members were not chosen as representatives by any body. They met at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to confer upon such subjects as are of general moment to them all, to the Church at large, and to the world at large. After a month's deliberation they issued an Encyclical Letter, covering the following subjects and giving their judgment upon them substantially as follows:

1. *Temperance.* They recognize the grave evil and danger, social, personal and political, which issues from drunkenness, the besetting sin of the Anglo-Saxon race; that multiform means have, of late years, been used to cure the evil, which means have been, and are to a degree, successful; that more strenuous efforts to the same are needed by Christian people; that, at the same time, the Church cannot teach that the use of intoxicating liquors is intrinsically a sin, and that no other liquid than wine may lawfully be used in the Holy Communion.

2. *Purity.* They call attention to the companion sin of drunkenness—impurity; that Christian society should be awake to its inroads, its defilement, its sin and its danger.

3. *Sanctity of Marriage.* That this is the centre of social morality, and that the increasing frequency of divorce is a continual menace to the public welfare; that Polygamy is nowhere to be condoned; but that in heathen countries polygamous wives, being otherwise fit, should not be denied baptism on account of their condition, which they cannot control; that the only ground of divorce which the Church can recognize is adultery, and that in cases of divorce for this cause only the innocent one may re-marry, and this they lay down as the law of Christ.

4. *Socialism.* They recognize the social unrest which is abroad; that it has its root largely in the palpable inequalities of passion; that the problem of how the evil is to be redressed is most difficult; that it cannot be either by oppression or by violence; that it is the bounden duty of Christian men, both clergy and laymen, to study the situation with a view to find relief; that relief must ultimately come along the line of Christ's precept: "As ye would that other men should do unto you, even so do ye unto them."

5. *Definite Teaching of the Faith.* That Christian people should know what they believe, and why they believe it; that the clergy should teach the people, and the people teach their children the same; that, for us, our standards of Doctrine are the Bible, the Prayer Book, and (*within limits*) the Thirty-nine Articles.

6. *Home Reunion;* (*i. e.*, Church Unity). They declare that we should have closer relations than we now have with other Protestant Churches; (recognizing that any attempt at an understanding with Rome is practically impossible now); that the present broken attitude of Protestantism is deplorable; that the candid attention of other churches be asked to the basis of reunion set out by the American House of Bishops in 1886.

The above is in substance the result of their deliberations. It must be agreed that, from a religious point of view, they have selected those questions which are of paramount importance. Their recommendations must come, if not with authority, at any rate with very great weight. They speak for the communion which contains the overwhelming majority of the Christian people who use the English tongue. Our Church, too, has fairly won a reputation for wisdom, discretion, sound judgment and broad mindedness concerning secular questions. She has paid a good deal for this reputation, and it is of value. This ought to lead those who come within the sound of her voice to consider and do the things thus weightily recommended.

SELECTIONS

HEROIC CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

In a sermon to the students of Cornell University, on the words, "Ye are the light of the world," Bishop Huntington referred as follows to some notably modern illustrations of heroic Christian service: "You must be struck with dismay, as I am, at the growth of great iniquities, the recklessness of material ambition, the rivalries of gain, the excess of pleasure, the terrible prevalence of intemperance and lust, the prostitution of law, the abuses of the press, the frighful disproportion of waste and charity in wealth. Where, my brother students, do *we* take our place? On which side do our uncompromising will and our unflinching courage and our cheerful self-sacrifice tell?

"As I took my text I laid down a famous biography—that of an intellectual English girl, passing in her early years with honor the most advanced mathematical examinations by the papers of Oxford and Cambridge, rapidly mastering many sciences and many languages; a type of our eager modern culture, too, in this, that while these conquests for awhile satisfied her mind, they left her heart hungry with unbelief; yet gradually, rationally confronting all the problems fairly on either side, she rose to a clear vision of the truth as it is in Christ crucified and risen, brought her splendid learning an offering at His altar, and in South Africa, with the heroic love of a missionary to the natives, died 'in the confidence of a certain faith.' Far northward, a volunteer of the Cross from Scotland, vigorous in every attribute of manliness, makes his solitary way into the hiding places of that Ethiopian idolatry with the burden of its salvation on his conscience, and now the Kingdom of Heaven is pressing in after him to seek two hundred million souls. Just before he died there, he wrote in his journal, 'My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All! Accept me, and grant that before this year ends I may finish my task!' Later still, all over England, on a week-day morning throngs of worshipers of every class, from the university and the palace to the digger in the ground, gave humble and hearty thanks to God for their grandest soldier, dead, who in those far quarters of the earth fought, commanded, suffered, prayed, and made peace, in the Name of the Lord of Hosts. These are not signs, my friends, of a spent force, a decaying worship, or an eclipsed faith."—*Spirit of Missions.*

MOOLU.

Professor Drummond, in a most interesting work on Africa, cites as the best evidence of the value of missions in Africa, the miracles wrought in the transformation of the character of the heathen natives. Here is his account of one of the converts with whom he had much to do: "I never saw Moolu do an inconsistent thing. He could neither read nor write; he knew only some dozen words of English; until seven years ago he had never seen a white man; but I could trust him with everything I had. He was not 'pious;' he was neither bright nor clever; he was a commonplace black; but he did his duty and never told a lie. The first night of our camp, after all had gone to rest, I remember being roused by a low talking. I looked out of my tent; a flood of moonlight lit up the forest; and there kneeling upon the ground, was a little group of natives, and Moolu in the centre conducting evening prayers. Every night afterward this service was repeated, no matter how long the march was nor how tired the men. I make no comment. But this I will say, Moolu's life gave him the right to do it. Mission reports are often said to be valueless; they are less so than anti-mission reports. I believe in missions for one thing, because I believe in Moolu.

THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

A good deal of ingenious ciphering has been done in endeavoring to solve this problem, and, withal, there has been a good deal of honest and efficient work. The government has largely increased its appropriations from year to year, the Dawes bill and other valuable legislation have been secured, so that steps looking towards the citizenship of the Indian have been attained. Appropriations have been granted to aid him in farming and other industrial pursuits, and it is not unlikely

that in a short time provision will be made for the education in the common English branches of every Indian child.

But all this is not sufficient. The Indian may have lands and citizenship and an English education, and yet, if he has no strong impulse towards civilization, no motive in his heart impelling him to be an industrious, self-supporting citizen—in short, if he has not a new heart looking to a new life as a citizen and a man, he will become a vagabond on the land granted him, and a sceptic in the school in which he is taught. The next few years will constitute a crisis in the rapidly changing condition of the Indian, and it is precisely at this point where the vilal element of the Christian life must be infused into his character. To the Christian public, all other questions subordinate themselves to this, and this needs, not speculation, but hard work; legislation cannot do it, the Church must; time will not do it, Christian teaching and example alone can. The vernacular question, so much agitated recently, is important only as it may hinder this practical work.

The Indian problem is not perpetual. The Indian must soon be merged into the American, and whether this shall be for good or ill, the Church must decide, and decide speedily.—*American Missionary.*

EXPENSIVE TRIFLES.

A number of very well meaning women have lately taken to an attempt to build the much needed educational institutions of the church with postage stamps. They only ask you for ten cents, and to make two copies of their appeal and send to two others, who are requested to do likewise up to a certain number. Any refusal is to be notified by the return of the circular to headquarters. A writer in the CHURCHMAN lately pointed out that the scheme is too expensive for the results gained. Each ten cents costs, besides paper and envelopes, four cents for collection, and each person complying with the request spends not ten cents but sixteen. We have just received some of these requests, and respectfully decline to have anything whatever to do with the scheme.

EARNESTNESS.

A meeting was held in London, at which Bishop Walsham How was present, he about leaving East London for his new post as the first Bishop of Wakefield. Much was said in his honor by the Bishop of London, to which Bishop How made reply: "I shall try to forget his words, but I shall never forget his kindness." But in his speech about the work in East London one short sentence was striking. East London is the abode of the poor, and when a man there, he said, presents himself for confirmation, "he means it."

Great are the evils of poverty, great are the blessings of poverty;. it depends upon the man. If a man settles down in ignorance and hardness and drink, fearful the evils. If the man rises from his poverty into the riches of Christ's Gospel, it is glorious. So Bishop How said when one of the poor denizens of East London gets into the higher thoughts and makes confession of Christ, "he means it." And we, who were confirmed weeks ago, or months ago, or years ago—we meant it, did we not?—*Southern Churchman.*

THE *Times of India* affirms that in the Island of Formosa the natives regard murder as necessary, for unless they kill some people their own families will not recover from sickness. Young men also, according to custom, must kill some one before they have a right to obtain a wife.

THREE Christian Japanese have recently sailed from San Francisco for the Sandwich Islands, to labor amongst their countrymen there, who number about 5,000. They are some of the fruits of the Methodist Japanese mission in San Francisco.

LORD DUFFERIN recognizes the danger of purely secular instruction in India, and has issued a circular on the subject. He states that he would be glad to see a large increase of state-aided schools under directly religious management.

THE attempt of the Turkish authorities to force intolerant restrictions upon Christian education has been so earnestly resisted, by the diplomatic representatives and others, that it has been finally withdrawn.

THE Queen of Madagascar has appealed to the European governments for protection from the liquor traffic as carried on by European traders on the coast, and which is fearfully demoralizing her subjects.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A.M
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P.M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

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Meets the last Wednesday in the month, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
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Lecture and Examination Papers, Tuesdays, 3.30. Parish House.

CALENDAR.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
" 4.—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
" 11.—Twenty-fourth " " "
" 18.—Twenty-fifth " " "
" 25.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30.—St. Andrew's Day.

PARISH RECORD.

MARRIED.

October 2.—Alfred J. Lander and Mary F. Doldt.
" 10.—Robert E. Lippincott and Catharine Koons.
" 16.—John W. Cox and Emma A. deSouza.
" 18.—Henry E. Seeley and Annie G. Loomis.
" 29.—Richard Knott Miller and Emma D. Goettel.
" 31.—John Alter Crane and Emilie Ann Massey.

BURIED.

October 5.—Mrs. Eleanor Brooks.
" 23.—Edmund Maurer.
" 28.—Mrs. Margaretta Baker.

OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER.

For General Charities	$355.63
Domestic Missions	157.37
Total,	$513.00

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday.—Female Benevolent Society.
Fourth Sunday.—Colored Missions.
Other Sundays.—General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, from this date until further notice, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

(In St. Stephen's Guild Hall, Tuesdays 3.30).

Oct. 30th. Dr. McConnell, Subject: "*The Papacy.*"
Lesson: Kurtz § 30.

Read: Robertson, Book IV, Chap. IX; Book V, Chap. I.
Fisher, ("History Christian Church,") pp. 106-9 and 182-203.
Cutts, ("Turning Points of General Church History,") Chap. XXX.
Hallam, ("Middle Ages,") Chap. VII.

Nov. 6th. Prof. Fullerton, Subject: "*God the Son.*"

Nov. 13th. Dr. Tidball, Subject: "*Christ in the Synoptical Gospels.*"

Nov. 20th. (NO LECTURE, on account of Dr. Garrison's necessary absence from the city.)

Nov. 27th. Dr. McConnell, Subject: "*The Beginnings of Reformation.*"

Courses of reading will be announced at the time the lectures are delivered.

WHEN you remove to or withdraw from a parish, always present or ask for your letter of transfer. Every communicant is required by the law of the Church to have one under these circumstances.

THE Sunday-school Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the lesson, will be resumed on Friday, November 9th, at 3.30 P. M., in the Vestry Room adjoining the Church.

IT IS with pleasure we mention the gift of an embossed silk Banner, made and presented by one of the teachers, to the Sunday-school of our parish, to be carried each month by the class of boys that has been most regular in attendance during the previous month.

Now that our Parish House is complete and ready for use, there will be resumed the regular weekly social gathering of the Mothers' Meeting, in charge of Miss Stoddard, Teacher of the Woman's Bible Class.

THE Daily Services, at 11 o'clock, have been resumed. The musical portion of the service is led by the children of the Parish Day School as in former years. These services are meant for all the people. Surely it is not too much to hope that many more of our parishioners will avail themselves of these short daily services during the week.

THE NEW PARISH HOUSE is done at last. After many delays, some avoidable and some unavoidable, the workmen have at last got out. It seems to be the general opinion that the building is an improvement to the premises in appearance, which was not expected, as well as in convenience, which was expected.

The "Benevolent Society," the "Missionary Box Committee," the "Altar Society," the "St. Andrew's Brotherhood," the "Embroidery Class," the "Garment Committee," the "Mothers' Meetings," &c., can now have a comfortable, convenient and attractive place of meeting. Let the people pray God that the work done may be honest, godly, thorough and effective; and while they are waiting for their prayer to be answered, let them take hold and do the work.

AT THE LAST DIOCESAN CONVENTION a Committee was appointed to report a scheme to divide up the territory of the Diocese, by parishes, into small missionary districts, with fixed and determinate lines. Of course, this does not mean that people will be expected to attend the Church which is nearest them and in whose territory they may live. (It would be bad for St. Stephen's if that were the rule.) Our Church is organized on the *voluntary* system from top to bottom. But what it contemplates is to assign to each parish a certain definite district, for the proper cultivation of which that parish may be held responsible. When those lines shall be established, and the district assigned to us,—(say, from Ninth to Broad, and from Walnut to Arch Sts.,) then it will become the duty of our people to find out a little more than we now know about the people who live in this neighborhood. Of course, those who are found to have Church relationships already, we have nothing to do with. But it will be found that in our district there are a good many hundred people who have very little more acquaintance with the Christian Church than they have with Buddhism, and very much less than

they have with Building Associations, Social Clubs, and Knights of Labor. Of course, we cannot but regard this as a great loss—to them. It is a thing to be thankful for that we can go to them without the suspicion of being supposed to want anything from them. "We seek not yours, but you." But the duty to bring them and the Church together, by some means, is one which will presently be so plain that we cannot blink it. Then the Rector will ask a good many men and women to help him in this business.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE HOLY COMMUNION in this parish is not satisfactory. We report 900 communicants. The average attendance is about 200. The whole number reported is likely to mislead. It includes all those who have at any time been received, and who are not known to the Rector to have withdrawn or removed. It includes many in delicate health, who seldom are able to attend services; many who are absent from the city, abroad, or temporarily out of reach; many who come to the Sacrament with regularity, but at long intervals. Nevertheless, after all deductions are made, it leaves a list so large, that those actually present ought to be much more numerous than they are.

Why are they not present? This question is not easy to answer. To say that it is from disloyalty or indifference to the Master would be both uncharitable and untrue. Still, when the Minister sees the congregation streaming out of the Church after the Prayers and Sermon, leaving the Sacrament behind them as a thing with which they have no concern, he is filled with a feeling of despair. He feels that either he has lost his reason, or the majority of the people have.

The Rite which seems to him so pre-eminently fitting, well adapted, capable of religious efficacy, seems to them to be an idle thing. To be sure, many of those who turn away are not legally qualified for participation. The Sacrament is a family affair, and they have not been registered as members in accordance with the family regulations. They are not baptized, or they have not been confirmed. But this only removes the question a step further back—why have they not been?

We are just now concerned, however, about those who have fulfilled the conditions precedent, and yet do not at all, or but seldom, claim their rights.

There must be some grave misconception about it all. The Holy Communion is celebrated in this parish on the first Sunday in each month, and on all Festivals and Saints' days. This rule has been in use here for many years, and after mature consideration there does not seem to be any good reason to change it in the matter of frequency. This rule is believed to be to edification. In the nature of the case the frequency must be settled by an arbitrary rule. It may be at Christmas and Easter alone; it may be every Sunday, or every day, or half a dozen times a day. Our rule is believed to be wiser than that of those who have it less often or more often than we. It brings, in the course of the year, more people to the Lord's Table, and it better preserves the proportion meant to be constant between the Word, Sacraments and Prayers.

Still many turn away who ought not, and why?

Are not the two most frequent difficulties these:

(1) A morbid and untrue notion about the personal fitness for coming: the notion that only a life of exalted holiness, or a profound religious experience will make one a welcome guest at the Lord's Table? To be sure the invitation which the Church instructs the Priest to give is couched in these words: "*Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life according to the commandments of God, draw near.*"

These qualifications are neither difficult nor rare. They are possessed by the overwhelming majority of every ordinary congregation.

"But there must be something more than these simple duties!" The answer is, No, there is not. The Church here tries to speak the hospitality of the Lord of the Feast, and believes that in inviting those so described she voices His wish.

Is it not better to accept the reasonableness and candor of Christ and His Church than to create in one's own mind a set of fanciful conditions, and then remain away because these conditions cannot be fulfilled?

(2) Another difficulty is one of an entirely different kind. It is preoccupation, business, hurry. "The service has already been an hour and a quarter long when the people withdraw, and that is as long a strain as ought to be put upon people." It is far more than ought to be expected of any one who is not interested in what he is about. But if any one has any interest at all in the thing for which he comes to God's House—(and we must at least suppose that those who come have common sense)—the time is *not* long. An Opera will take three hours. The time is not the question.

If in any case time is a consideration let him for that occasion come after the prayers or the sermon are over. But it is necessary to arrange accordingly. A very little forethought will do it. Hardly any family is so rigid in its domestic routine that twenty minutes one way or the other by one of its members will make any difference.

Will the people of this parish kindly read and ponder the *second* of the forms in the Prayer Book for warning a celebration of the Lord's Supper, following the Rubric:—

"*Or, in case he shall see the People negligent to come to the Holy Communion,*" &c.

Those who seriously read it, may hold themselves excused from their duties for that day.

The Principal Parts of ALL Ancient Liturgies & CORRESPONDING Parts of OUR COMMUNION.

1.	*Preparatory Prayers.*
2.	*Scripture* Reading. Instruction.
	Sermon. Creed (AFTER A. D. 471).
3.	Special *Preparation* of *The Elements.*
	Prayers for Grace, etc.
4.	Account of *Creation.* The "*Ter Sanctus.*"
	Account of the Work of Redemption.
5.	*Narrative* of The *Institution* of the SACRAMENT,
	And a REPETITION of *Christ's Words* and *Actions.*
6.	*Offering* of The ELEMENTS as a MEMORIAL.
	Prayer for the HOLY GHOST to *Consecrate* them.
7.	*Communion* in BOTH the *Bread* and *Wine.*
	COMMUNION of PRIEST and *People* (ALL PRESENT).
8.	Prayers for *Blessing* on THOSE who *have received*
	Dismissal.

In Latin, by the words "ITA MISSA. EST."
Whence the word "MASS" or NAME for the office.

1.	The *Lord's* PRAYER and COLLECT.
2.	*Ten Commandments.* GOSPEL and EPISTLE.
	Creed. SERMON.
3.	The *Offertory. Elements placed* on the Table.
	Prayer for *Church Militant,* and ON to "Lift up, etc, or as it is called "THE SURSUM CORD."
4.	——————The *Ter Sanctus.*
	PREFACE—OPENING *of* "*Prayer* of *Consecration.*
5.	*Narrative* of CHRIST'S INSTITUTION of the
	Sacrament, with His WORDS and ACTIONS.
6.	OFFERING of the *Elements* as *Christ's Memorial.*
	PRAYER for *Holy Ghost* to "BLESS & SANCTIFY" them.
7.	*Communion* in *both* BREAD and WINE.
	Communion of BOTH *Ministers* and *People.*
8.	PRAYER for *Blessings* on the RECIPIENTS.
	The *Gloria in Excelsis.*
	BENEDICTION.
	Dismissal.

BOOKS, &c. TO BE READ.

1. St. Luke XXII: 14–22.
   St. John XIII——XVI.
2. Order of the Holy Communion (RUBRICS AND ALL).
   Articles, XXV, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX, XXXI.
3. Proctor on Prayer Book, Chapters I and II. History of Changes, by Edward VI, etc.
   Bohlen Lectures (1887), Lectures 1, 2, 4, and 5.
4. Specimen of Ancient Liturgy. Hunter's Divine Liturgy.

A Comparison of Liturgies, with Reference to the Holy Spirit.

Ancient St. James Liturgy.	*Middle Age Roman* Mass.	*Present American Communion.*
I. PRAYERS. ——	O. In Name of, etc., Gloria Patri.	I. Lord's Prayer. COLLECT. — —
II. —— PRAYERS.	I. Prayer. ——	—— —— —
III. —— ——	II. Introit. ——	IV. The Epistle and Gospel.
IV. —— Scripture.	XI. Gloria in Excelsis. ——	—— —— —
V. A Litany. ——	IV. Scripture. ——	—— —— —
VI. —— ——	IX. —— The Creed. ——	IX. The Creed. —— —
VII. —— ——	VIII. —— Offertory, etc. ——	VIII. Offertory. Prayer. Church Militant.
VIII. —— Offertory.	VIII. Elements placed on Altar.	—— —— —
IX. The Creed ——	Prayer. ——	—— —— —
X. —— ——	XII. "Sursum, etc." Lift up, etc.	Exhortations. —— —
XI. *Gloria in Excelsis.* PRAYERS. ——	XII. Ter Sanctus, etc.	Confession. —— —
XII. Lift up your Hearts, &c.	XIII. Beginning of Consecration,	—— —— —
XIII. NARRATIVE OF REDEMPTION, &C.	Prayers, etc. ——	XII. Lift up, etc. Prefaces. —
XIV. INVOCATION TO BLESS AND CONSECRATE.	XIII. Narrative of Institution.	—— Ter Sanctus. —
XV. —— PRAYERS. ——	XVII. Consecration by the Words of the Priest only as Christ.	XIII. Prayer of *Consecration* and Oblation.
XVI. PRAYERS. —— PRAYERS.	Self Offering of Christ, a Sacrifice.	INVOCATION OF HOLY GHOST TO SANCTIFY
XVII. —— Lord's Prayer. ——	Prayer. ——	—— —— —
XVIII. PRAYERS. ——	—— Lord's Prayer. ——	XXI. Communion. —— —
XIX. (Not originally done here.) Breaking and Mixing Bread.	XIX. Breaking and Mixing the Bread.	—— —— —
XX. ——	—— Agnus Dei. ——	XVII. The Lord's Prayer. —— —
XXI. Communion. ——	—— ——	Prayer for Blessing on Reception.
XXII. THANKSGIVING FOR COMMUNION.	XXII. Communion. ——	XI. Gloria in Excelsis. —— —
XXIII. PRAYER FOR BLESSING.	Prayers. ——	—— —— —
XXVI. Dismissal.	XXIV. Dismissal (Missa Est).	XXIV. Dismissal.

EXPLANATION OF THE CARD.

The Roman Numerals, in the first column on the left, are the parts of the Liturgy called "St. James."

The Numerals on the left of the other column indicate the parts of St. James to which they severally correspond in the other Liturgies.

The Words in SMALL CAPITALS indicate that the Holy Spirit is distinctly prayed to, or sought for, in these parts of the office.

The black —— lines indicate parts which do not need special mention, and where the word is in Black, the Holy Spirit is not prayed for, or to, in that portion of the office.

The Bearing of the card on the Subject of the Liturgy, is

1. The Holy Spirit enters into EVERY IMPORTANT part of every Ancient Liturgy.
2. The Holy Spirit enters into the really VITAL parts of ours, but only there.
3. The Holy Spirit has no place in any part of the Roman Canon of the Mass, except the mere mention of Him in the Doxologies, etc.

The Work of the Holy Ghost is transferred wholly to the Priest, who embodies Christ in His person, because he says (as being Christ), "This is MY Body."

Thus the Priest displaces and takes the place of the Holy Ghost in the Roman Mass.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A.M
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P.M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE.

House Committee:

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Roberts,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Mrs. Hockley,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Griffith.
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Rowland

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—

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Mrs. Arnold,	Miss Williamson,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Pancoast,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Brinton.
	Mrs. Clarkson.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Johns,
Mrs. Kelly,	Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Rogers,	Mrs. Brinton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Oliver,
Miss Williamson,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss L. Bell,	Mrs. M. Wilcox.
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss Jamieson,
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Miss Dickerson,	Mrs. Struthers,
Mrs. Knorr,	Mrs. Watson.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Musgrove,
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Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

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Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets the last Wednesday in the month, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Levis *Secretary*, Mrs. Hockley, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. Stratton Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Semple, Miss Sanders.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
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Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Taylor, Mrs. Farrell.
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Grigg,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Hamner.
Miss Hay, Miss Perot.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 P. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Koons,
Miss J. Bell, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Holman.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Struthers. Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.
Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Secretary, Miss Sanders, 410 S. 15th St.
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CALENDAR.

December 2.—First Sunday in Advent.
" 9.—Second " "
" 16.—Third " "
" 21.—Friday, St. Thomas.
" 23.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25.—Tuesday, Christmas Day.
" 26.—Wednesday, St. Stephen.
" 27.—Thursday, St. John Evangelist.
" 28.—Friday, Holy Innocents.
" 30.—Sunday after Christmas.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

November 8.—Hattie Virginia Geiter.

MARRIED.

November 7.—Francis E. P. Lynde and Hermione Moffat.
" 27.—Howard Nixon Elmer and Mary Houston Patterson.
" 29.—Hibbert P. John and Priscilla F. Foulke.

BURIED.

November 3.—Mrs. Beersheba Massey.
" 19.—Edward Patton Hesser.

OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER.

Special	$155.00
General Charities	286.42
Colored Missions	166.00
Female Benevolent Society	185.59
"Thank Offering"	5.00
Total,	$798.01

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

Third Sunday.—Missionary Box Committee.
Christmas Day.—Aged and Infirm Clergy.
Other Sundays.—General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

WHEN you remove to or withdraw from a parish, always present or ask for your letter of transfer. Every communicant is required by the law of the Church to have one under these circumstances.

THE Sunday-school Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 3.45 P. M., in the Vestry Room adjoining the Church.

CHURCH HISTORY.

BEGINNING OF REFORMATION.

Lesson: Kurtz, Sections 119 and 120.
Read: Cutts, "Turning Point of General Church History," chap. xxxii.
Fisher, "Church History," Period vii.
Robertson, chap. viii, iii.
Herzog, Encyclopædia, Arts, Wycliff, Huss, Savanarola.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

The lectures for the month of December will be as follows:

Dec. 4th. Course on the Prayer Book, by the Rev. Prof. Garrison, "*The Communion Office, as far as Creed.*"

Dec. 11th. Course on the Bible, by the Rev. Dr. Tidball, "*Christ in the Gospel according to St. John.*"

Dec. 18th. Course on the Prayer Book, by the Rev. Prof. Garrison, "*The Nicene Creed, and to the* SURSUM CORDA."

The lecture for December 25th will be omitted. On January 1st, Dr. McConnell will lecture in the course on Church History, on "*The Continental Reformation.*"

OWING to the confusion consequent upon building, the *Garment Committee* was unable to resume its duties as early this season as hoped for, but it is now permanently located in the Parish School Building, rear of St. Stephen's Church, entrance on Chant Street, where one of the Committee will be in attendance every Monday morning, from 10.30 A. M. until 12.30 M., to receive all articles sent.

Our first year closed the 30th of November, and on and after December the 1st the Committee will be in readiness to receive articles for the year 1889, closing its season the last day of November:

Monday, Dec. 3d, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 10th, " Arnold.
" " 17th, " Lundy.
" " 31st, Miss Cleemann.

In the next issue of the PARISH NEWS will be given the 1st Annual Report of the Committee, with details of the number of members, and number of articles of clothing received and how distributed.

Is there any good reason why the men of the congregation should be deprived of membership in this good work? We need all kinds of underwear for men, too old and infirm to work, and many outside grments that have been partially worn could be usefully appropriated.

THERE is constant call for relief to the poor in the city, to the inmates of children's hospitals and asylums, for missionary boxes, etc., which relief must take the form of clothing. Money will not supply all the necessities, and it is often not well or safe to give money.

A Society *of Ladies* has been in operation for some time in our parish, which Society, under the auspices of the Female Benevolent Society, works to this end.

The method is one which has been tried and proved very efficient. It originated with Lady Wolverton in England, and has been transplanted to this country and this city.

It is simply a Society *of Ladies*, each one of which, as the condition of membership, promises to send two garments, for men, women or children, to the Committee in charge, in each year.

These garments will be distributed to the deserving poor, either by the Clergy of the parish, by the Clergy of other parishes in whose hands they may be placed, or by the officers of hospitals and asylums.

If you, or any member of your household, are ready to promise two garments a year, for men, women or children, large or small, will you please send your name and address and the garments to "The Garment Committee," *St. Stephen's Parish House?*

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Arnold,
Mrs. Muirheid,
Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Stoddard,
Miss Bell,
} *Committee of Female Benevolent Society.*

S. D. McConnell, *Rector.*

January 4th, 1888.

The Ladies of the Parish House Committee will hold the Annual Christmas Sale at the new Parish House, 10th Street, above Chestnut, on Thursday, and Friday, ~~April 12 and 13~~th, from eleven to four o'clock.

The articles on sale will be, as heretofore, the handiwork of gentlewomen of restricted means, and will include fancy articles, needlework, preserves, jellies, cakes, etc. All expense is borne by the Committee, so that the full amount received is realized by the depositors.

The ladies in charge beg the hearty co-operation of the congregation and their friends, in the carrying on of this good work:

Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs Roberts,
Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mrs. Griffith,	Mrs. Hockley.

The opening of the Parish House, Monday evening, was a very pleasant event. The various rooms were lighted and thrown open to examination. The ladies and gentlemen of the House Committee acted as a Committee of Reception, and the attendance of our people was good, considering the bad weather. Only one opinion was heard concerning the new house, and that was one of unqualified praise. For beauty, convenience and comfort, in the provision for church work, there is little now to be desired.

But by no means the least valuable thing about the evening was the opportunity it gave the Rector to shake hands with his people, and for them to say how do you do to one another. There are very many who are recognized from the chancel as regular attendants upon our services, some of them having been so for years; but who they were, where they came from, and where they went to after service, the Rector knew not. It is a great pleasure to have established relations with some of them, at any rate. It will not be for lack of wish on his part if the acquaintance does not grow more intimate.

Besides that, it is no small thing for the members of the same parish to have a chance once in a way to recognize each other. Of course a church is not a social club. People form their social relationships, where and with whom they see fit. It may happen that the members of their church are also members of their set, or it may not. And for the legitimate persons of the church it makes no difference. People do not go to church to be civil to each other, but to worship God. One may know the man who kneels in the next pew, or he may not, but for the business in hand it is difficult to see what difference it makes. Still, when people are thrown together, even temporarily, curiosity alone must lead them to look at one another. The consciousness of being engaged in a common enterprise cannot help giving them something of an interest in one another. In this case they belong not only to the same great fraternity of Christians, but to the same Chapter of that Fraternity which calls itself St. Stephen's. For all that concerns the Order they cannot help being interested in each other.

That this *is* the case was very pleasantly and conclusively shown at the Parish House opening.

Not the least of the pleasure was afforded by Mr. Wood and the members of the choir, in the fitting and exquisite music with which the evening closed.

SELECTED.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

"You had better take it, Mr. Vail," said the jeweler, turning the scarf-pin so as to catch the light. "It is just from Rome. Nothing like it in the city. What are thirty dollars to you? Treat yourself to a Christmas gift."

Mr. Vail was a young man, rich enough to look upon thirty dollars as a trifle. The pin was quaint and delicate in workmanship; but he had more pins than he could use, and it suddenly occurred to him that thirty dollars might not seem a trifle to others not so fortunate as himself.

He shook his head and left the shop. When he reached his office he took out thirty dollars from his pocketbook, and laid them on his desk. "I will see if there is anything better than a pin to be bought with them on Christmas-eve," he thought.

There was a knock at the door. Jane, the washer-woman, a thin, gaunt German, the embodiment of neatness and thrift, came in and handed him her bill.

As he took out the money to pay her, he remembered how prompt and faithful she had been throughout the year; there had been darning and mending, too, not included in her duty. She was a hard, coarse woman, not prepossessing; but surely he owed her some human kindness at this gracious season.

He added a ten-dollar bill to her wages, with a "Merry Christmas, Jane."

Her face reddened and her eyes filled. Then she said, slowly, "I had joost enough money to pay my rent. Nothing more. Dis is—*more*. De children zall haf big fire, und roast goose, und ein tree mit de Christchild upon. I dank you kindly, sir. You haf made it light in my heart," touching her breast, and courtesying solemnly.

When she was gone, Mr. Vail found that his eyes were moist. He sat down and took counsel with himself a minute, and then called his office boy. He knew nothing of Dan, beyond the fact that he was from the country, a quiet, gentle boy, with a smile which he fancied must be like his mother's.

"Dan," he said, "you have two days holiday at Christmas. Here are ten dollars to make a noise. Lay it out in fire-crackers, if you will."

Dan stared at the note.

"Fire-crackers? No, I'll go—go home!" his whole puny body trembling with delight. "I have not seen my mother for two years. You have given her a merry Christmas, sir."

The remaining ten dollars Mr. Vail enclosed in a letter to a man he knew, who, with a yearly salary of three hundred dollars, and a wife and three children, was preaching the gospel in a mining camp in Arizona. His wife and children helped him to teach decency and honesty and faith in God, to men and women who had well-nigh forgotten them. This money came into their poor home like a gift from heaven. Every penny of it brought some comfort or happiness into their lives When Mr. Vail heard how it had been spent, he was convinced that never before had ten dollars accomplished so much.

The jeweler beckoned him into the shop one day. "I have that little pearl still," he said.

"No. I cannot afford to put thirty dollars in my cravat," he said.

ALL TRUE HISTORY A RECORD OF FACTS.

"It has been the custom for some time past, and very properly, to talk of the necessity of confining history to facts. Nothing can be more just; but it would be almost absurd to suppose that there are no facts but such as are material and visible. There are moral facts—hidden facts—which are no less real than battles, wars, and the public acts of government. Besides these individual facts, each of which has its proper name, there are others of a general nature, without a name, of which it is impossible to say that they happened in such a year or on such a day, and which it is impossible to confine within any precise limits, but which are yet just as much facts as the battles and public acts of which we have spoken. That very portion, indeed, which we are accustomed to hear called the Philosophy of History—which consists in showing the relation of events with each other, the chain which connects them, the *causes* and *effects* of events—this is history just as much as the description of battles and all the exterior events which it recounts. Facts of this kind are undoubtedly more difficult to unravel; the historian is more liable to deceive himself respecting them; it requires more skill to place them distinctly before the reader. But this difficulty does not alter their nature. They still continue, not a whit the less for all this, to form an essential part of history.

"Civilization is just one of these kind of facts. It is so general in its nature that it can scarcely be seized; so complicated that it can scarcely be unraveled; so hidden as scarcely to be discernible. The difficulty of describing it, of recounting its history, is apparent and acknowledged, but its existence, its worthiness to be described and to be recounted, is not less certain and manifest.

"Then, respecting civilization, what a number of problems remain to be solved. It may be asked—it is even now disputed—whether civilization be a good or an evil. One party decries it as

teeming with mischief to man, while another lauds it as the means by which he will attain to his highest dignity and excellence. Again, it is asked whether this *fact* is universal; whether there is a general civilization of the whole human race - a course for humanity to run—a destiny for it to accomplish; whether nations have not transmitted from age to age something to their successors which is never lost, but which grows and continues as a common stock, and will be carried on to the end of human things. For my part, I feel assured that human nature has such a destiny; that a general civilization pervades the human race; that in every epoch it augments, and that consequently there is a universal history of civilization to be written. Nor have I any hesitation in asserting that this history is the most noble, the most interesting of any, and that it comprehends every other."—*Francois Guizot.*

PRAYER FOR UNITY.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling; one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVEN QUESTIONS

If you meet with an atheist do not let him entangle you into the discussion of side issues. As to many points which he raises you must learn to make the rabbi's answer: "I do not know." But ask him these seven questions: (1) Ask him, "What did matter come from? Can a dead thing create itself?" (2) Ask him, "Where did motion come from?" (3) Ask him, "Where does life come from save the finger-tip of Omnipotence?" (4) Ask him, "Whence come the exquisite order and design of nature? If one told you that millions of printer's types should fortuitously shape themselves into the Divine Comedy of Dante or the plays of Shakespeare would you not think him a madman?" (5) Ask him, "Whence came consciousness?" (6) Ask him, "Who gave you free will?" (7) Ask him. "Whence came conscience?" He who says there is no God in the face of these questions talks simply stupendous nonsense. This, then, is one of the foundations—one of the things which cannot be shaken and will remain. From this belief in God follows the belief in God's providence, the belief that we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.—*Archdeacon Farrar.*

ESPRIT DE CORPS.

This French expression is employed to convey the idea which it usually suggests, because no phrase in our language gives the same thought so tersely. It refers to the honorable pride felt by soldiers in the excellence, the honor, valor, triumphs and grandeur—of their army. It is inspired by association for maintaining common principles and for vanquishing common foes, and it is so strong that it makes the army to be like one man in purpose and in action.

In this same *Esprit de Corps* we discern an ideal sentiment for every parish. The people should be one in all matters relating to the prosperity of that organization. We speak not now of those paramount thoughts of God's glory and the salvation of souls; and yet inasmuch as the parish represents both of these great ideas, it is worthy of all the consideration which is here enjoined. Its members should therefore be royally devoted to its welfare. They should have an honest pride in the issue of all its undertakings. They should be devoted to its services, its societies, and its enterprises. When once a plan has been finally adopted, they should unite with a will to make the scheme a success. Even though they may be able to offer criticisms (and who cannot do so if he wishes?) they should give all their available help for the successful result of every parochial endeavor. They may not be able to prevent success, but they can violate the loyal spirit of unity which is both desirable and becoming to a Christian congregarion.

We may harm this *Esprit de Corps* by any form of opposition—by obstructiveness, a desire to have our own way, a captious disposition, an unreasoning dislike of change. But the more common fault is sheer indifference. There are many who do not care how affairs may go. If the service is well rendered, and the music is good, and the sermons are excellent, they will take no thought for the success of the parish It matters not to them whether or not the parish prospers and does its great work well.

Every parishioner should be zealously interested in the church that ministers to him. He should do what he can to promote its advancement. He must not try to defeat the general will by his antagonism or to freeze it by his inattention. Probably he can do neither. He should have a laudable pride in the parish, a care for its work, and a helping hand for its various practical operations.

This is the *Esprit de Corps* which we uphold as worthy of the regard of all our people.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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" Evening " Fridays, 5 P.M.
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Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

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" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
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Miss J. Bell, Miss Davison.

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CALENDAR.

January 1.—Tuesday, Circumcision.
" 6.—Epiphany.
" 13.—1st Sunday after Epiphany.
" 20.—2d " " "
" 25.—Friday, Conversion of St. Paul.
" 27.—3d Sunday after Epiphany.
February 2.—Saturday, Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

December 5.—Mrs Beulah Harvey Whilldin.
" 5.—Gertrude Harvey Whilldin.
" 21.—Henry Norris Platt.
" 28.—Mary Elizabeth Davis.

MARRIED.

December 1.—Robert Mitchell Floyd and Isobel Henderson Reid.
" 6 —John S. Giveen and Ellie Keeler.

BURIED.

December 20.—Mrs. Clarissa Nisbet Green.
" 20.—Charles S. Rogers.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

General Charities	$ 448 44
Special Gifts	50.00
" "	30.00
" "	1.00
Missionary Box Committee	147.50
Episcopal Hospital	533 24
Aged and Infirm Clergy	293.00
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OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

January 20.—Third Sunday, For Foreign Missions.
Other Sundays, For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

WHEN you remove to or withdraw from a parish, always present or ask for your letter of transfer. Every communicant is required by the law of the Church to have one under these circumstances.

THE Sunday-school Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 3.45 P. M., in the Vestry Room adjoining the Church.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

The lectures for the month of January will be as follows:

Jan. 2d. "*The Continental Reformation,*" by the Rev. Dr. McConnell.

Lesson: Kurtz, Section 118.

Read: Seebohm's, "Era of Protestant Revolution;"

Hardwick's: "History of Reformation," Chaps. i. and ii.

Fisher: Period vii., Chaps. i to iv.

Compare Abbp. Spalding's: "History of Reformation."

Jan. 8th. "*The Atonement and Salvation,*" by the Rev. Prof. Fullerton.

Jan. 15th. "*Christ in the Acts of the Apostles,*" by the Rev. Dr. Tidball.

References: "Acts—*Revised Version*, Farrar's "*Messages of the Books,*" *chapter vi.*

Introduction to Acts in "Handy Volume," or "New Testament" Commentary (Plumtre), or in Cambridge Bible for Schools, *Norris*' "*Key to the Acts,*" Conybeare and Howson's "Life and Epistles of St. Paul."

Farrar's "Life and Work of St. Paul."

Neander's "Planting and Training of the Vine," chapter

Jan. 22d. "*The Communion Office, from the Sursum Corda,*" by the Rev. Prof. Garrison.

Jan. 29th. "*The Reforming Church of England,*" by the Rev. Dr. McConnell.

A NOBLE MEMORIAL.

Twenty years or more ago, the celebrated Dr. Salvati, of Venice, set about the task of restoring the well nigh lost art of making *Glass Mosaic.*

After infinite labor and endless discouragements and failures, in the face of criticism and apathy, he succeeded in re-establishing the true theory of the art, and, what was still more difficult, in training workmen to execute the delicate handicraft necessary to bring it to good effect.

Almost his first triumph was made possible by the liberality and taste of a conspicuous representative of the Church of England. He was given the task to make in glass mosaic a large picture of the Last Supper, from cartoons made in England, to be placed as a reredos over the altar in Westminster Abbey.

That piece of work has been seen and admired by many an American as he has walked in wonder among the glories of that shrine of the world's worthies.

Many months ago some members of this Parish, while they stood before it in admiration, conceived the idea of placing such a memorial to their own dead in St. Stephen's Church. The task was entrusted by them to Holiday, of London, who had already placed the memorial window in the north transept. The cartoons for a picture of the Last Supper, after the one in the Abbey, were drawn by him. Then, instead of being sent to Italy for execution, as had always been done before, the work was done under his own eye, partly by Salvati's workmen, and partly by his own and Mrs. Holiday's artistic hands.

Thus, the noble work, which will presently be unveiled in our church, has the honor to be at once the first of its kind done in England, and the first brought to America.

As will be seen, the picture depends for figure, light, shade, and expression upon the arrangement an infinite number of little pieces of Venetian glass, set in the back-ground of cement.

The picture is worthy of the place. Nothing but the best attainable should adorn God's altar. The same spirit of devotion which led the wise men of old to bring Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, the choicest of gifts, to lay at the feet of the Christ,

has always moved wise men and women to bring of their best "to make the place of His feet glorious."

We rejoice, therefore, that God has put it into the hearts of the family of the late Mrs. James Magee to erect this memorial to their mother in Paradise.

The following letter from the artist will be found of interest as pointing out some of the features of the work, as well as the opinions of those who have the right to have an opinion upon such a subject:

OAK TREE HOUSE, BRANCH HILL,
Hampstead, N. W., July 6, 1888.

Dear ———

Your mosaic is at length completed. It was on view last Saturday and Sunday. I ought to say that Mrs. Holiday, who has great experience in embroidery, an art closely allied in spirit to mosaic, has assisted me in the execution of the work. All the heads have been executed by Mrs. Holiday and myself.

It may interest you to hear that last Saturday-one of the show-days, was made the occasion of a garden party, to which Mr. Gladstone and about twenty members of Parliament, and four hundred other people came. Mr. Gladstone made an address of an hour on the subject. He expressed great interest in the mosaic, which he spent much time in examining. The artists present expressed opinions which I will only say were highly satisfactory. Now, that the work is finished, allow me to express my thanks for putting it in my hands. There is no technical art so interesting to me, and I had often desired to have an opportunity to see what mosaic could be made in the hands of an artist—the work turned out by the firms being mechanical and depressing to a deplorable degree.

A society called "The Arts and Crafts" has just opened its first exhibition in London. The committee asked to have this mosaic sent. I declined in order not to keep it back, but the natural course of the work took so long that I offered to lend it to them till it was ready for shipment, and they waived their rule that all exhibits must remain till the close of the exhibition in favor of this work.

Yours very truly,
HENRY HOLIDAY.

WILL ONE OR MORE LADIES, who have the time and ability to do plain sewing, volunteer to make surplices for the Altar Society? Please report to the Secretary, Miss Sanders, 410 S. 15th St.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY requests those contributing papers and periodicals to please have them ready for the collector on Tuesday morning of every week.

THE LADIES OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY have always for sale a number of articles made by the poor women whom they employ. These consist of flannel and white and unbleached muslin underclothing for men, women and children, sheets, pillow-cases, towels, dusters, etc., gingham aprons, and maid's aprons of Forestdale and Lansdale muslins, plain or tucked, etc. They are sold at low prices, and the money used to purchase more material with which to continue the work. These things are very suitable for donations to the Garment Committee, hospitals, etc., or for private charity, and some of them for household use.

A Committee for selling and taking orders is in attendance in the Guild-room, every Wednesday, from 11.30 to 1 o'clock.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE SALE, recently held in the Guild Hall of the Parish House, will be glad to know that the full amount realized by depositors was $986.47.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL was held in the school building, back of the church, on Holy Innocents' night. The tree was brilliantly lighted. The children were well treated. All were happy, and were very thankful that they had taken part in the gladness of the hour. The carols were excellently sung. Dr. McConnell made a short address to the children.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE very gratefully thank the members of the congregation, and their friends, for the prompt and generous response made to the appeal of last Winter; and, while this (the first) season has been a very short one, it has been most successful in having assisted very many cases of distress that could not be reached in any other way.

The members number 140, and during the year, 679 garments were received and 475 distributed, leaving a balance of 204.

To individuals, 191; Institutions supplied by Volunteer Committee, 245; Missionary Boxes, 30; Balance, 204, Total 679.

It was the wish of the Committee to distribute every garment in advance of the severe weather, trusting to its members to replenish the supply, but the garments now on hand are not suitable for the working classes, and are therefore held for special cases that will necessarily require such clothing during the Winter.

The Committee is now prepared to receive contributions for the year 1889, and will gladly accept all articles of clothing for both sexes and all ages, and will also be very thankful for any additional members.

One of the Committee will be at the Parish school building, every Monday morning, from 10.30 until 12.30 to receive all contributions.

Mon. Jan. 7th, Mrs. Stratton.
" Jan. 14th, Miss Stoddard.
" Jan. 21st, Miss Bell.
" Jan. 28th, Mrs. Muirheid.

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The C. F. S. numbers eleven active and one contributing member. The first meeting was held May 18th, but, owing to the inclement weather, they were not able to take the children out before June 2d.

From June 2d, to September 15th, they gave 60 children an afternoon outing.

They took one trip up the Schuylkill on the boat; another, a stage ride, and had several excursions to different parts of the park, including rides in the merry-go-rounds, swings, goat carriages and an occasional treat of milk. All have enjoyed themselves, the ladies being amply repaid for their work by the happiness of their little friends.

The donations for six months amounted to $13.06; money from members and visitors, $19.18; Total amount, $32.24. Expended, $27.01; Balance on hand, $5.03.

The first donation was received from a lady in Reading, interested in the building of a Mission Chapel for a new Sunday-school, now held in a public school house.

The president told the members that if they would contribute $1, she would give the same amount; and thus $2,31 was given for the chapel.

The president visited the school the first Sunday she spent in Reading.

One class numbered 20 young men and boys, and it was a matter of surprise that they were willing to come to such an uncomfortable place.

The Society have also helped one poor family, living in a dark, damp cellar, and given fruit to several sick children.

They have received donations of clothing and material for distribution, and are planning a little Christmas surprise for the children.

This little report of six months' work of the C. F. S. is respectfully submitted, with the hope that it may stimulate its members and friends to plan and carry out more liberal things in the months that are to come.

V. VANDERSLICE, *President.*

The "little Christmas surprise" took the form of a delightful entertainment in the Parish Chapel, Jan. 2d, when the poor youngsters and their friends were regaled with a "treat," and with a beautiful magic lantern exhibition by Mr. J. A. Wilbour.

This unobtrusive, but most efficient little Society is heartily commended to the good offices of our people.

THE DAILY SERVICE.

BY ISAAC WILLIAMS.

"And are we then alone on holy ground,
Most gracious Father? Are we then alone,
Because the world regards not and is gone?
Where are the solemn dead which lie around;
Are they not with us? Are Thy courts not crown'd
With spiritual hosts about, while the sweet tone
Still lingers round Thine altars? Are they flown?
Bearing no more to see their God disowned!
Has the great Michael left us—mighty arm,
Gabriel our fortitude, and the blest charm
Of Raphael's healing?" In my heart's fear
I heard a voice—"Be still and lowly bend;
While two or three remain; thy Lord is here,
And where His presence is, His hosts attend."

—*The Living Church.*

SELECTED.

THE PASSING OF THE YEAR

A RONDEAU.

BY CHARLOTTE PENDLETON.

(*From the Holiday Criterion.*)

Draw near with faith as the years go by!
Is it a grave we gather near,
Or a mound of earth, where buried lie
Safe-garnered seeds to fructify
The barren fields in the coming year?

Keep silence, that our souls may hear
The voices of nature prophesy
Of harvest, and wheat in the full-grown ear:
Draw near with faith!

Behold I show you a mystery!
Never a grave with its lullaby,
But is a cradle wherein doth lie
A new born life; 'tis the form moulds here:
Time dies not in the dying year,
Draw near with faith!

Dec. 25, 1888.

AT the London Conference on Foreign Missions Sir William Hunter said that while the ordinary increase of the population of India had been ten and one-half per cent. in the last ten years, the increase of Christians had been sixty-four per cent.

IF you have never done any parish work, or if you have grown tired of it, and laid it down—begin again this year. It is for the sake of Christ and His little ones. But do not offer your services unless you intend to be *regular*, *systematic*, and *thorough*. There is no place for drones in our parish work.

A DIOCESE, a parish, cannot be made to prosper by simply caring for its own special interests. Look wherever you will and find a parish that is indeed flourishing with inward spiritual growth as well as outward expansion, and you will find one that is full of interest for the missions of the Church, and of activity for their promotion; one which feels strongly the common life of the Body, and exercises the functions of that life in the way appointed by its Divine Author.—*Bishop Bissel.*

SHOOTING AN ECLIPSE.

Four thousand blanketed Comanches, Kiowas, Cheyennes, Arapahoes and Delawares were at the Avondarke agency to get their rations when the total eclipse of the moon occurred. The savages were greatly excited. The principal chief ordered them to shoot at the "evil thing" to harm the moon, and the force of Indians opened fire in the air, keeping up the shooting for upward of an hour, and until they were out of ammunition, When the moon appeared in view after the eclipse, wild whoops went up for what they believed their victory.—*North American.*

COMMIT a sin twice, and it will not seem to-thee a crime.

THY friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend; be discreet.

IT is generally the idle who complain they cannot find time to do that which they fancy they wish.

THE best preacher is the heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; the best friend is God.

LIFE consists in the alternate process of learning and unlearning; but it is often wiser to unlearn than to learn.

THE man who is suspicious lives in a constant state of unhappiness, It would be better for his peace of mind to be too trustful than too guarded.

HE who respects his work so highly and does it so reverently that he cares little what the world thinks of it, is the man about whom the world comes at last to think a great deal.

WE ought not to judge other people by their beliefs, because we do not know how they have been brought about; but we may justly apply the crucial test to our own views, and honor or dishonor them accordingly.

THERE is in some a dispassionate neutrality of mind which, though it generally passes for good temper, can neither gratify nor warm us; it must, indeed, be granted these men can only negatively offend, but then it should also be remembered that they cannot positively please.

DON'T judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made one and the tailor made the other. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed.—*North Wales, Penn., Record.*

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

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Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

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CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

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CALENDAR.

February 2.—Saturday, Purification of St. Mary, the Virgin.
" 3.—4th Sunday after Epiphany.
" 10.—5th " " "
" 17.—Septuagesima Sunday.
" 24. { Sexagesima Sunday. / St. Matthias.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

January 4.—Helen Picott Shotwell.
" 24.—Albert Cooper Nones.
" .—Annie Maria Louisa Scott Townsend.
" 29.—Selina Caroline Wilder.

MARRIED.

January 2.—Albert G. Cook and Laura May Flanagan.

BURIED.

January 2.—Catharine Deering Holt.
" 3.—Ellen Lightison.
" 4.—Edward E. Law.
" 6.—Theodore Weber.
" 20.—Charles J. Walter.
" 23.—Mrs. Matilda Dallas Scott.
" 29.—Mrs. Georgiana Swasey.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

Foreign Missions	$ 217.51
Dr. Rudder Memorial Fund	950.00
Old Man's Home	950.00
Industrial Home for Blind	950.00
Special Gifts	50.00
" "	10.00
General Charities	345.00
TOTAL,	$3472.51

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

February 17.—Third Sunday, For Diocesan Missions.
Other Sundays, For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

WHEN you remove to or withdraw from a parish, always present or ask for your letter of transfer. Every communicant is required by the law of the Church to have one under these circumstances.

THE Sunday-school Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 3.45 P. M., in the Vestry Room adjoining the Church.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

Jan. 29th. "*The English Reformation,*" by the Rev. Dr. McConnell.

Read: Cutts'; "Turning Points of Church History."

Creighton's: "Era of the Protestant Revolution."

Hore's: "Eighteen Centuries of the Church of England."

Green's: "Short History of English People."

Tennyson's: "Queen Mary."

Shakespeare's: "Henry VIII."

The lectures for the month of February will be as follows:

Feb. 5th. "*The Church,*" by the Rev. Prof. Fullerton.

Feb 12th. "*Christ in the Pauline Epistles,*" by the Rev. Dr. Tidball.

Feb. 19th. "*The Communion Office, from 'Lift up your hearts,' to the end of the Office,*" by the Rev. Prof. Garrison.

Feb. 26th. "*The Puritans,*" by the Rev. Dr. McConnell.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the Altar on Sunday morning, Feb. 17. This annual offering has come to be a well known institution in St. Stephen's. We will say, however, for the sake of those who have come to us within the year, that the way of doing it is as follows: On Sunday morning Feb. 10th, the Rector will say what he knows about the work of the Church in the way of Missions, in this Diocese. During the week which follows, every family and individual in the Parish will be waited upon by a committee of gentlemen, among whom the Parish is districted for that purpose. The Committee *simply calls to receive the offerings* of those who are willing to give. They will make no argument or explanation or appeal of any kind. The Rector will do all that. Of course the Committee will be courteously received by all well-bred people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount wished for this purpose is supposed to be equal to $5.00 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a Missionary and struggling handful of poor people are much the better off. The result of our plan has been to put our Parish for several years at the head of the list in the Diocese in this matter.

Of course, there is many a one in the Parish who cannot afford to give any thing like the amount mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the Collectors will be by them put in the Alms-basins, Sunday, February 17th. Last year the offerings amounted to $1468.30; the year before to $1245.96.

THE MANAGERS of ST. STEPHEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY present its 23d annual report to the congregation.

During the season of '87-'88, two thousand and thirty-three articles of clothing, and for household use were given out to be made, and employment thus furnished to fifty women, who had also the privilege of purchasing the garments when made at the mere cost of the material.

The managers of the society would respectfully call the attention of the congregation to the fact that though the revenue of the Society, through the offertory and subscriptions, fell short of the previous year by $106, the amount paid out to the women employed, did not suffer any appreciable dimunition, owing to the fact that it commenced its work with a large balance of material on hand, valued at $110.82, and to an increase in the sales. This has also enabled them to extend a helping hand to the Missionary Box Society, in their valuable work.

The managers trust that the ladies of the congregation will continue to co-operate with them, by purchasing of the Committee, or giving orders for underclothing or household articles, hoping at the same time that the contributions may be raised to the former standard, so that the Society may be able to carry on more effectively the good work that has hitherto been so successful.

It is with pleasure we report the organization of a new branch of benevolent work, known as the Garment Committee. Simple in its aim, that of clothing the poor and needy, this Committee has been successfully inaugurated, and now presents its first report.

The Treasurer's Report is appended.

JOSEPHINE LEWIS, *Sec'y.*

Treasurer's Report of the Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church for the season of 1887 and 1888.

Balance on hand November, 1887	$ 2 50
Offertory, November 20th	148 05
" Good Friday	137 38
Sales	617 06
Subscriptions	82 00
Total	$986 99

EXPENSES.

Paid Sewing Women	$369 04
Paid for Dry Goods	368 24
" " "	139 68
Sewing Materials	3 26
To Missionary Box Committee	100 00
Postal cards, paper and twine	5 25
Balance	1 25
Total	$986 99

H. C. WILKINS, *Treas.*

The report of the Garment Committee shows a receipt of	$ 10 00
Expenditures for Printing Stationery, etc	6 28
Leaving a Balance	$3 72

THE object of the Garment Committee is to supply (as far as possible) with useful garments all too young to work, too old to work, and all who are physically incapacitated, regardless of sex or color. Also to assist with Missionary Boxes, Mission Churches and Institutions supported by voluntary contributions.

This can only be done through the generosity of its members. At present, night clothes for men and women, both white and unbleached, are greatly needed.

Committee in attendance every Monday, from 10.30 A. M. until 12 M.

Feb. 4th. Mrs. Arnold.
" 11th. Mrs. Lundy.
" 18th. Miss Cleemann.
" 25th. Mrs. Stratton.

THE children of the Church, who so generously brought toys, picture cards, books, etc , during the Christmas season, to the Parish House, at the request of the Rector, will be interested in knowing that the offerings were sent to the schools of the Colored and Italian Missions, and also to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children and the Children's Hospital. They were gladly welcomed and highly appreciated, and must have sent gladness into the hearts of the little ones who have not much of the brightness of life nor the happy homes of those who so humbly gave their gifts for this good and charitable purpose. When another Christmas comes around there is no doubt that the children of the Parish will again be glad to make other little folks happy.

THE RECTOR BEGS TO CALL THE ATTENTION of the members of the congregation to a Concert, to be given at St. George's Hall, 13th and Arch Sts., on the evening of February 19th.

The Concert is for the benefit of our Soprano, Mrs. Newkirk (Miss Emma Suelke). Beside Mrs. Newkirk (Miss Suelke) herself other eminent musicians will take part. Mr. Stanly Hurlburt, our admirable Tenor, Mr. Mauritz Leefson, Mr. Gustav Hille, Miss Josephine Richardson, Contralto, and others equally well known will assist.

It is not, however, on account of the musical treat offered, that attention is called to the Concert in this way. It is on account of the high regard in which our Organist and Choir are held by the Officers and people of the Parish. There is no need to speak of the constant pleasure which they give by their work. That is known to every body. But what is not so well known is their unfailing kindness and courtesy in doing work over and above that which it is their duty to do. They have never yet failed to respond readily and heartily to any request for extra services whenever they have been asked.

But this courtesy on their part makes it but the fair thing that we should go out of our way a little to return the compliment when the occasion offers—as it does just now.

Tickets for the Concert can be procured at the leading music stores, or of our Verger, or of members of the Choir.

SELECTIONS.

REV. CHARLES KINGSLEY'S LETTER TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL-BOY.

The following letter referred to the boy having put into a lottery without thinking it any harm :

"*My Dearest Boy* :—There is a matter which gives me much uneasiness when you mentioned it. You said you had put into some lottery for the Derby, and had hedged to make safe.

"Now, all that is bad—bad, nothing but bad. Of all habits gambling is the one I hate most and have avoided most. Of all habits it grows most on eager minds. Success and loss alike make it grow. Of all habits, however much civilized men may give way to it, it is one of the most intrinsically savage. Historically, it has been the chief excitement of the lowest brutes in human form for ages past. Morally, it is unchivalrous and unChristian.

"1 It gains money by the lowest and most unjust means ; for it takes money out of your neighbor's pocket without giving him anything in return.

"2. It tempts you to use what you fancy your superior knowledge of a horse's merits, or anything else, to your neighbor's harm.

"If you know better than your neighbor you are bound to give him your advice. Instead, you conceal your knowledge to win from his ignorance ; hence comes all sorts of concealments, dodges, deceits—I say the devil is the only father of it. I'm sure, moreover, that the head master would object seriously to anything like a lottery, betting or gambling.

"I hope you have not won. I should not be sorry for you to lose. If you have won I shall not congratulate you. If you wish to please me you will give back to its lawful owners the money you have won. If you are a loser in gross thereby I will gladly reimburse your losses this time. As you had put in, you could not in honor draw back till after the event. Now you can give back your money, saying that you understand the head master and I disapprove of such things, and so gain a very great moral influence.

"Recollect always that the stock argument is worthless. It is this : 'My friend would win from me if he could ; therefore I have an equal right to win from him.' Nonsense. The same argument would prove that I have a right to maim or kill a man if only I give him leave to maim or kill me if he can and will.

"I have spoken my mind once and for all on a matter on which I have held the same views for more than twenty years, and trust in God you will not forget my words in after life. I have seen many a good fellow ruined by finding himself one day short of money, and trying to get a little by play or betting—and then the Lord have mercy on his simple soul, for simple it will not remain long.

"Mind, I am not the least angry with you. Betting is the way of the world. So are all the seven deadly sins under certain rules and pretty names ; but to the devil they lead if indulged in, in spite of the wise world and its ways.

"Your loving friend,

"C. KINGSLEY."

CHIEF Annosothkah, of the Mohawk tribe of Indians in Canada, is making a tour of Great Britain, delivering addresses in support of the missions of the Colonial and Continental Church Society.

MANY good stories have been told of the beadles of the Scottish Churches. The latest is as good as any. One Sabbath morning, when a minister of an Ayrshire Established Church was about to enter the pulpit, he found that Joseph, the precentor, had not arrived. He instructed the beadle, who was also bellman, to ring the bell for five minutes longer, while they waited to see if Joseph came. When he returned the minister inquirud, "Has Joseph come yet?" "No, sir," answered the beadle. "Most extraordinary! What are we to do! I see no help for it, but you must take Joseph's place yourself for a day." "Ah, no, sir," replied the beadle, "I couldna dae that. Aiblins I could tak' your place, but I couldna tak' Joseph's.

YOU may set it down as a truth, which admits of few exceptions, that those who ask your opinion really want your praise.

SOME people have the notion that their own welfare is the sole care of good, and all which does not meet their wishes and approval is from the devil. It is an opinion somewhat prevalent in Lock Haven. One sometimes thinks of an exeellent person who said to a bishop who could not endure ~~can't~~ aunt, "Bishop, my sister was about to voyage by such a steamer, and at the last moment changed her mind. The steamer sank, and all were lost. Wasn't that an instance of a kind Providence?" "Can't say," answered the bishop, "don't know your sister."—*The Guild's Kalendar.*

A few Japanese gentlemen, including two of the highest officials in the government, have subscribed $31,000 toward the enlargement of the college of the American Board at Kioto, so as to make it a Christian university.

THE Rev. R. Clark, a missionary in India, writes: "India is beginning to think in English, and you may send us as many English-speaking lay evangelists and clerical or lay missioners as you can, who will have no need whatever, necessarily to learn a word of any vernacular, unless they wish to do so.

MORBUS SABATTICUS.

Morbus Sabatticus, or Sunday sickness, is a peculiar disease. The attack comes on suddenly, every Sunday; no symptoms are felt Saturday night; the patient sleeps well and awakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church-time the attack comes on and continues until services are over in the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner.

In the afternoon he feels much better, and is able to take a walk, talk politics and read the Sunday papers. He eats a hearty supper. But about Church-time he has another attack and stays home. He retires early, sleeps well, and wakes up Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work and does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sunday. The peculiar features of the disease are as follows:

1. It quite often attacks members of the Church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on the LORD'S Day.
3. The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with the sleep or appetite.
4. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours.
5. It generally attacks the head of the family.
6. No physician is ever called in to attend the patient.
7. It always proves fatal in the end—to personal religion.
8. No remedy known for it except earnest prayer.
9. Religion is the only antidote that will cure.

THE number of Christian Converts in China, has more than doubled during the last ten years.

AT Tokio, the great capital of Japan, there are now no less than 500 conversions to Christianity in a single month.

OF the thirty-nine workers of the American Missionary Association among the Chinese in California, fourteen are Chinamen, who have been converted in the school of that association.

ECUADOR is the only country in South America in which none but Roman Catholics are permitted by the government to engage in evangelization. The custom-house is watched by Jesuits to prevent the entrance of Bibles and other prohibited books, and persons who do not confess to the Romish priests are stoned.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Clarkson,
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Mrs. Semple, Miss Sanders.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Rogers.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
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CALENDAR.

March 3.—Quinquagesima Sunday.
" 6.—Ash Wednesday.
" 10.—1st Sunday in Lent.
" 17.—2d " " "
" 24.—3d " " "
" 25 —Monday Annunciation, B. V. M.
" 31.—4th Sunday in Lent.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

February 20.—Lillie Ashton Carter.
" 24.—Mary Ashland Beckett.
" 24.—Martha Carberry.

BURIED.

February 4.—Lester H. Hartman.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

General Charities	$421.39
Diocesan Missions	1,624.58
TOTAL,	$2,045.97

OFFERTORIES IN MARCH.

Ash Wednesday, for Missionary Box Contributions.
March 17, " Altar Society.
" 24. " Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays, for General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered on Tuesday before Easter, April 16th, at 11 o'clock.

Confirmation Instructions will be delivered by the Rector at the Friday afternoon, and by the Assistant Minister at the Wednesday afternoon services during Lent.

The Assistant Minister will also instruct a class at the Parish House on Friday evenings, at 7.30 o'clock. Any one who wishes to consider this matter at all, whether he has made up his mind to be Confirmed or not, will please give or send his name and address to any of the Clergy.

WHEN you remove to or withdraw from a parish, always present or ask for your letter of transfer. Every communicant is required by the law of the Church to have one under these circumstances.

THE Sunday-school Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 3.45 P. M., in the Vestry Room adjoining the Church.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

The lectures for the month of March will be as follows:

Mar. 5th. By the Rev. Prof. Fullerton, "*Baptism.*"

Mar. 12th. By the Rev. Dr. Tidball, "*Christ in the Pauline Epistles.*"

Mar. 19th. By the Rev. Prof. Garrison, "*The Post-Communion Office.*"

Mar. 26th. By the Rev. Dr. McConnell, "*The 18th Century.*"

THE REV. MR. BURTON HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION as Warden of the Burd Orphan Asylum, and the Rev. Summerfield E. Snively, M. D., has been elected to fill his place, and has entered upon his duties.

Mr. Burton has been at the head of this institution for nearly seventeen years. The Asylum being so far away from the other work of the parish, the Warden is not brought into such intimate relations with the people as would be desirable. For this reason few beside the Rector and Vestry know how faithfully and successfully Mr. Burton has, through all these years, discharged the very important and difficult duties of his position. Several generations of the girls have thus passed under his hands. Upon them all has been placed the mark of good, careful and godly training. The post is one of great importance and difficulty. The inmates of the Asylum come to it at such an early age, and are so completely removed from every other influence, that they become, humanly speaking, just what the Warden makes them. The highest praise that can be awarded the late Warden is to say that his training has proved itself by its results to have been good.

Dr. Snively, who takes his place, is hereby most warmly commended to the people of the parish as one well known to be worthy of their affection and esteem. He comes as an old and tried friend of the Rector, and as a man who has, by his faithful and successful work in other fields, proven his capacity.

SUNDAY, THE 17TH OF MARCH, has been set for an offertory for the Altar Society. As the congregation has not been asked for some years for money for this purpose, it may be well to say why it is now needed.

1st. *For the flowers*, which, after they have been on the altar, go to brighten some sick room, or to tell the members of a bereaved household, that they are thought of in their sorrow. Will not some one give something for this branch of the Society's work?

2d. *The Embroidery Class* is not only working on a green set for our own parish, but have begun on a purple Altar Cloth for All Souls' Church, "God's silent children," who have given the materials, only asking for the work. Altar linen for a mission church will soon be finished. A surplice and stole have been given to a colored clergymen in the South.

3d. *The Literary Committee* send papers and periodicals to twenty-five missionaries. They could

send to as many more if the congregation would only supply the books. All this needs money. Will you not help the workers? Besides money, personal help is always needed, and more than welcome. The subjoined rules will show how to enter the Society, and the work which is done:

RULES.

I.

This Society shall be called the Altar Society of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

II.

Its object shall be

1. The care of the Altar Furniture, the Vestments of the Clergy, and everything appertaining to the Chancel, which belongs to the due and reverent performance of Divine Service.

2. To assist other churches as far as possible in making suitable provision for the worship of the sanctuary.

3. To collect and forward papers and periodicals to Missionaries in distant places.

III.

The Rector of the Church shall be *ex-officio* President of the Society, and preside at all meetings, when present, and nothing shall be done without his consent and approval.

IV.

Any lady, being a communicant in the Parish, may become a member by being elected thereto by a majority vote of the members and approved by the Rector.

PRAYER

To be used by the Members of the Altar Society.

O God, Who knowest that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but that all our sufficiency is of Thee, assist us with Thy grace in this work which we have undertaken in Thy name; direct us in it by Thy wisdom, and support us by Thy power; give us grace to do our duty diligently and to bring it to a good end; make it profitable to those for whom we labor; and grant, through Thy mercy, that it may tend to our own good, and to greater glory of Thy Blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PLEDGE.

I pledge myself, the Lord being my helper, to be a faithful member of the Society so long as I shall continue in connection with it.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE is greatly encouraged by the true interest shown towards it by its many members; and for the first time since its organition feels almost competent to meet all the many demands that may be made upon it from various sources.

The mild season bringing fewer demands, with the additional members and gifts, seem to have placed it on a more solid basis, upon which the Committee can now work with greater comfort. The gratitude of those receiving assistance is most touching.

The semi-annual condition of its finances was reported with the Benevolent Society last month; it should have been the Annual Report, which stands as follows:

Received	$10 00
Printing	$ 3 75
Stationery	3 00
Books	50
Wrapping Paper and Twine	1 30
Postage	1 39
Balance	6
	$10 00

The year ended November 30th, 1888.

Committee in attendance at the Parish School Building every Monday from 10.30 A. M. until 12.30 M.

March 4th. Miss Stoddard.
" 17th. Miss Bell.
" 18th. Mrs. Muirheid.
" 25th. Mrs. Arnold.

THE "QUIET DAY FOR WOMEN" will be held March 14th.

The services will be conducted by Bishop Potter, of New York, in the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson Sts.

In the evening the Rev. Dr. McConnell will preach in St. Andrew's Church, 8th and Spruce Sts.

On Friday, the 15th, the Woman's Conference will be held at Holy Trinity Parish Building, 19th and Walnut Sts.

THE BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH was organized on Friday evening, February 15th, in the Guild Hall of the Parish House. Boys over thirteen years of age are allowed membership. There are to be two meetings each month, on the first and third Fridays, at half-past seven o'clock. There are already many members. It is hoped this effort may be the means of bringing the boys of the neighborhood more immediately under the good influence of the Church. Any boy desirous of become a member, or willing to come under the rules of the Guild, can make application for membership to any of the officers.

THE BISHOP HAS APPOINTED TUESDAY in Passion Week, April 16th, at 11 o'clock in the morning, as the time to visit this Parish for Confirmation.

This Rite is the one by which, as the phrase goes, one "joins the Church."

Of course the phrase is misleading as every one knows; every man, woman and child who has been baptized is already a member of the Church. Being confirmed does not make him any more a member than he was before. Nevertheless, the popular phrase does, as popular phrases always do, express a real fact. It points out that by Confirmation one comes into a new relation to religion. What is it for therefore? Who is it for? What results may fairly be expected from it?

In the first place it is the public declaration of one's citizenship in the kingdom of God. The Church does not conduct her affairs in a corner? A man or woman comes to us, let us say, from another church. He brings his certificate of membership with him. We accept that certificate in all courtesy. It is sufficient witness that the bearer "believes the articles of the Christian Faith," and "intends, by the help of God, to lead a sober, righteous, and godly life." It is sufficient evidence also that he has a fair reputation in the Christian community.

These are *all* the qualifications which the Church demands, and are all that her Priests are *allowed* to require. But the man so coming intends to become and to be known as one of us. We welcome him, and, let him come from where he will, we belive that he gains enormously by coming. If he comes from Rome he finds freedom and sweet reasonableness. If he comes from another Protestant church he finds things which he could not find at his old home,—order, spiritual support and sustenance. These things, as churchmen we believe. That others believe so, too, is proven by the experience of the Rector of this church, an experience in which he is not at all singular. Of all those whom he has in the course of his ministry presented for Confirmation, *nearly two thirds have been born and reared in other churches.*

When they come to us, therefore, we welcome them with both hands,—*but*, we ask something of them. We are about to become publicly responsible for them; they must on their part publicly assume their place among us. There must be nothing secret or underhand about it. They must be admitted by the only Rite which we possess for that purpose, they must be confirmed.

But this is the lowest possible ground upon which to explain the meaning of this Rite.

The Scripture and the unbroken custom of the overwhelming majority of Christians have found much more than this in it. They have found in it the gift of the Holy Ghost. The term is a mighty one, but the thing signified by it is true. Religion is the gift of God. He is lavish in this as in all His gifts, but here as well as elsewhere His gifts are habitually given under definite conditions. If the conditions are not fulfilled the gift not only will not, but cannot come. Now, we believe that the condition of a certain valuable spiritual gift is "the laying on of the Apostles' hands." Not of course the mere physical contact, but the thing which is connected therewith. It is idle to argue that no connection can be traced between the means and the end; or that the means are so commonplace that such stupendous consequences cannot depend upon them; or that other people seem to get on without the means at all. The reply is that this is God's way, ordained arbitrarily if you will, but not the less ordained.

But ordained for whom? For those who are qualified to receive it. Not all are so qualified. Just as moral faculties cannot be given to an animal for the reason that there is no place in its nature upon which to fasten them, so the gifts of God in Confirmation can only be received by those whose spiritual nature has been otherwise develop-

ed to the point of receiving them. It is the experience of all that this is a point for which no arbitrary date can be fixed. It is not for any until they have ceased to be "children," and have come to be "discreet." Up to that time the child is under cover; God's gifts are held in trust and doled to them by those whom He has set over them. This is meant to be so, both for the sake of the child and the parents. If they allow it to go empty, it must suffer the loss—and better for them that they had never been born; but now the child, having passed through the ferment which attends the change from the boy to the man, from the girl to the woman, is to be brought by the parents, not driven but brought, to the Bishop to be confirmed, as the parents solemnly promised at his baptism that they would do. There is not to be any compulsion here. It is a place where compulsion defeats itself. The youth or maiden detects unerringly what their parents *wish* them to do in the matter, and they usually do it.

So again, the Rite is for that large class who are Christians in everything but name. They are honorable men and pure women who revere the Master, who live as best they may by His rule and expect to lie down in hope of His resurrection, and to be buried with Christian burial.

For many reasons, such as lack of opportunity, self distrust, shyness which borders close upon cowardice, from some speculative difficulty in unimportant doctrines, from sheer neglect which at first was venial, but which gradually changes into sin, from a hundred causes they have not yet done what they knew to be their duty. Confirmation is for these pre-eminently.

Does any one, therefore, who reads this, and who has not yet shown his colors, believe the articles of the Christian Faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed? Is he ready to promise that by the help of God he will lead a sober, righteous life?

Does he long for righteousness and grieve for his sin? Then he is one of those whom the Bishop is coming to confirm.

Let him give or send his name to the Rector. Let him intimate a time and place where he may be seen. Let him make any sign he sees fit, and it will be promptly answered.

SELECTIONS.

FELLOW-LABORERS WITH ST. PAUL.

"Those women which labored with me in the Gospel, and others of my fellow-laborers whose names are in the book of life."

They lived and they were useful; this we know,
And naught beside;
No record of their names is left to show
How soon they died;
They did their work and then they passed away,
An unknown band,
And took their places with the higher host
In the higher land.

And were they young, or were they growing old,
Or ill, or well,
Or lived in poverty, or had much gold,
No one can tell.
One only thing is known of them: they were
Faithful and true
Disciples of the Lord, and strong through prayer
To save and do.

But what avails the gift of empty fame?
They lived to God.
They loved the sweetness of another name,
And gladly trod
The rugged ways of earth, that they might be
Helper or friend,
And in the joy of this their ministry
Be spent and spend.

No glory clusters round their names on earth,
But in God's Heaven
Is kept a book of names of greatest worth,
And there is given
A place for all who did the Master please,
Although unknown,
And their lost names shine forth in brightest rays
Before the throne.

O take who will the boon of fading fame!
But give to me
A place among the workers, though my name
Forgotten be;
And if within the book of life is found
My lowly place,
Honor and glory unto God redound
For all His grace!

—Marianne Farningham, in Missionary Outlook.

LIFE AND DEATH.

On parent knees, a naked, new-born child,
Weeping thou sat'st, while all around thee smiled.
So live that sinking on thy last long sleep
Thou then may'st smile while all around thee weep.

—Sir Wm. Jones, from the Persian.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A.M
" Evening " " 5 P.M.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.
OFFERTORY, Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings in Lent for Missionary Box Com.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.30 P. M..
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Lewis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Clarkson.
Mrs. Arrison,	Miss Williamson,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Brinton.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Johns,
Mrs. Kelly,	Mrs. Lundy,
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Mrs. Rogers,	Mrs. Brinton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Oliver,
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss L. Bell,	Mrs. M. Wilcox.
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Mrs. Knorr,	Mrs. Watson.

Miss Patterson.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
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Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
FREEDMEN.—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN HOPE.—

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Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays of the month, 4-6 P. M.

CALENDAR.

April 7.—5th Sunday in Lent.
" 14.—Palm "
" 15.—Monday before Easter.
" 16.—Tuesday " "
" 17.—Wednesday " "
" 18.—Maundy-Thursday.
" 19.—Good Friday.
" 20.—Easter-Even.
" 21.—Easter Day.
" 22.—Monday in Easter Week.
" 23 —Tuesday " "
" 25.—St. Mark's Day.
" 28.—First Sunday after Easter.
May 1.—St. Philip and St. James' Day.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

March 22.—Mrs. Gertrude Harvey Hughes.
" 24.—Mrs. Georgie Hickman Swayne.
" 25 —Mary Jane Mills.
" 28.—George Lewis Apple.
" 29.—Lawrence Shuster Boraef Keim.

BURIED.

March 7.—Sarah Higginbottom.
" 16.—Henry C. Colket.
" " —Geo. W. Kurtz.
" 20—Frederick Gordon Wood.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Missionary Box Committee	$228.93
" Altar Society	175.24
" Domestic Missions	196.34
" Diocesan "	5.00
" " "	5.00
Special	50.00
General Charities	392.57
	$1053.08

OFFERTORIES IN APRIL.

April 5, Sunday-schools.
" 14, For Easter Decorations.
" 19, Good Friday, City Mission.
" 21, Easter. To be designated by the givers.
" 28, Society for Increase of the Ministry.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, first to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered on Tuesday before Easter, April 16th, at 11 o'clock.

Confirmation Instructions will be given by the Rector at the Friday afternoon, and by the Assistant Minister at the Wednesday afternoon services during Lent.

The Assistant Minister will also instruct a class at the Parish House on Friday evenings, at 7.30 o'clock. Any one who wishes to consider this matter at all, whether he has made up his mind to be Confirmed or not, will please give or send his name and address to any of the Clergy.

WHEN you remove to or withdraw from a parish, always present or ask for your letter of transfer. Every communicant is required by the law of the Church to have one under these circumstances.

THE Sunday-school Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 3.45 P. M., in the Vestry Room adjoining the Church.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

The lectures for the month of April will be as follows:

April 2d. Rev. Prof. Fullerton, "*The Holy Communion.*"

April 9th. Rev. Dr. Tidball, "*Christ in the Epistle to the Hebrews.*"

April 16th. Rev. Prof. Garrison, "*The Baptismal and Confirmation Offices.*"

April 23d. Rev. Dr. McConnell, "*The American Church.*"

April 30th. Rev. Dr. Perry, "*The Resurrection and the Future Life.*"

THE Ladies of the Garment Committee will be in attendance during this month as usual, at the Parish School Building, every Monday from 10.30 A. M. until 12.30 M.

April 1st. Mrs. Lundy.
" 8th. Mrs. Stratton.
" 15th. Miss Stoddard.
" 22d. Miss Bell.
" 29th. Mrs. Muirheid.

The Committee will be very glad if the ladies, composing its members, will avail themselves of the opportunity, at present afforded, (before the Benevolent Society closes for the season) of supplying themselves with garments for the early Autumn, when many of them are still absent from the city and the necessities of the poor begin to be pressing; many articles are needed, and the demand for night-gowns is very great.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday-Schools, the Parish Day Schools and the Burd Orphan Asylum will be held on the Sunday after Easter, April 28th, at 4 o'clock. The offertory will be for the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children.

THE BISHOP will visit the Parish to administer the rite of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 16, at 11 o'clock. The service will consist of the Confirmation and Holy Communion.

The Rector wishes to meet all who expect to be

Confirmed in the Vestry Room after the 5 o'clock service on Friday, April 12th, in order to make arrangements about the details of the Service, and also to say some words to them of a more private character than can well be done at the public confirmation lectures.

On Easter-Day the services will be as heretofore, a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, morning prayer with sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and service and sermon at 4 o'clock. At one or other of these celebrations it is expected that *every* communicant will be present.

The regular parishioners will enter by the North Transept door, and the Tenth Street doors will be opened promptly at 11 o'clock, after which visitors will be shown seats just as far as there are any seats.

Pew holders, of course, understand that it is to be taken for granted if they are not in their seats at the time of beginning service, that they are not coming, and their places will be at once filled by others.

It would be a great convenience if any seat or pew-holders, who do not expect to be at either service, would tell the sexton or some member of the vestry beforehand of that fact. In that case, it will be known where to put at least a part of the visitors.

For some years we have been very little annoyed by an unseemly behavior on the part of any visitors to the church at Easter. They mostly seem to be aware that the service is not a show, and they join in with as much reverence as is possible in such a crowded place. But there are always a few—and strange to say mostly women—who seem to have little notion of propriety, to say nothing of reverence. If any such one should become annoying in that way it is to be hoped that no right-minded man or women, who sees it, will hesitate, then and there, to administer such a rebuke as will put a stop to it at once. This is not only the right, but the duty of every one who has an interest in the decencies of public worship. Let no one be afraid that he will offend any well-bred person by so doing,—that will not be the kind of person to whom he speaks.

The Easter offering will, as usual, be devoted to whatever pious or charitable purpose the giver shall designate. So much of it as is not specially designated, the Rector will distribute to his best discretion.

Two things should be born in mind by every giver:

(1). That the gift should be a real gift, and not a sham one. If any one, on Easter day, with the hope of his own immortality before him, wishes to make a thank offering in token of this, his hope, let him do so in an honest and manly fashion. But don't let him go through the form of making an offering out of deference to custom and good manners. It is quite honest and honorable for one to give nothing, if he thinks he has nothing to give, or does not believe in the purpose for which it is asked, but it is neither honest nor honorable for him to give less than he thinks he could.

(2). It ought to be borne in mind by the many people who go out of town for the Summer, that our charitable obligations are calculated for a whole year, and need the equivalent of a year's offerings to redeem them. Of course, those who assume other obligations in the places where they go for the Summer ought to be free from the burden which they carry while here, and they are so, both in fact and in right, but to "evade one's responsibilities by flitting" is—well, we don't just care to say what it is.

Our memorandum of promises for the year ending at Easter, at present shows thus:—

For Diocesan Missions, - - -	Paid, $900.00
Theatre Service, - - - - - -	Paid, 500.00
Divorce Reform League, - - -	Paid, 100.00
Colored Student at Annandale, - - -	100.00
Church, Upper Fairmount, Md., - -	Paid, 20.00
Church, North Kent, Md., (Paid $100), - -	200.00
Church, Rushland Centre, Pa., - - -	50.00
Bishop Quintard, for Colored Chapel, - -	50.00
Parish House for Italian Mission, - -	100.00

A CONCERT will be given in St. George's Hall on Wednesday evening, April 24th, in aid of the Children's Friend Society, of this Parish.

A glance at the names of the musicians who will take part in it will be sufficient proof that it will be worth going to on its account. They are Mr. C. H. Jarvis, piano; Mr. Wm. Stoll, violin; Mr. Rudolph Hennig, violencello; Miss Emma Suelke (Mrs. Newkirk), soprano; Mr. Stanley Hulbert, tenor; Mr. Thomas a'Becket, Jr., accompanist. Musical people—the writer of this is not a musical people—will judge for themselves of the musical promise, but the object of the concert is one about which a word ought to be said.

The Children's Friend Society was formed a year ago, by a number of ladies who are interested in the children of poor people who do not have the opportunity to have the pleasures which the children of well-to-do people receive as a matter of course. It is difficult for most to realize how empty and barren of all amusement is the life of the very poor. To get food, lodging and clothes is quite as much as they can manage. The ladies of this society take the poor little creatures, whom they know, away to the country, or to the Park, or to the "Zoo" for a day, give them a glimpse out of doors, and a good, honest meal, and then take them home again, and have a chat with the poor tired mother, who is as completely unable to give her little ones such a treat, as she would be to send them to the moon and back. It is good for the mother, good for the children, and good for the ladies who take this trouble.

The Society would like to have more members. The membership is of two kinds:—Active and Contributing, and the fee for each kind is a dollar a year. The president is Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 S. 5th Street.

Those who either take tickets for this concert themselves, or call the attention of their friends to it, so that they will do so, will thereby help forward one of the best and most "common-sensible" good works we have.

SELECTED.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4th, 1889.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:

I am constrained by the difficulties of my field of labor and its missionary character to ask the special aid of my brethren in extending and maintaining the Church in this central Western Diocese. We are working to establish the Church in many growing towns, having a population of from two to five thousand, and where the people are ready to welcome the Church and aid it. But the Bishop must be ready to encourage it in almost every case by promise of aid in building the church and in maintaining the missionary. The appropriations of the general Board of Missions, and our Diocesan Board are inadequate to meet the requirements here. We are also laying the foundations of educational and benevolent institutions, which have also to be aided by the Bishop until fairly on their feet. I realize the many calls upon every rector for the organized institutions and societies, and am sorry to add to their burden by putting in a special plea for Indiana. If it shall be in your power to aid by any sum we shall be grateful to you and your people, and to God.

Very respectfully,

D. B. KNICKERBOCKER.
Bishop of Indiana.

SELECTIONS.

SCHOLASTIC DIVINITY AND MODERN THOUGHT.

"Theology," says Dean Burgon in a recent article in the *Fortnightly*, "from its very nature can never, properly speaking, experience any change at all. * * The essential difference between theology and every other science which can be named is this: That whereas the rest are progressive, theology does not admit of progress." On the other hand, Dr. Fairbairn, in a recent article in the *Nineteenth Century*, asserts that "the only sciences that can really educate are those that live and grow in the hands of the student and teacher. Dead sciences generate no life and so know no gain; and sciences are dead when they have ceased to grow or to be handled as living things. Now, there is nothing more dead than scholastic divinity; that is, theology made from the schools out of texts and formulæ, framed by fathers, councils and school men." These two quotations indicate sufficiently the first unsettled question in theology. Clearly no man can interpret unsettled questions if he does not believe that they exist. I agree with Dr. Fairbairn and dissent from Dean Burgon. Nothing lives which does not grow, and no science is useful which does not live. In this growth the present and the future must not indeed cast away the past from which they are evolved and upon which they depend. Change and progress are not identical operations, and a changeful theology is not necessarily a progressive

theology. But yesterday no more lays down the law for to-morrow in religion than in industry or politics. The command to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God is addressed to the race as well as to the individual. The fundamental question between conservative and progressive, between new theology and old theology, is the question sharply presented by these contrasted quotations from two famous English divines

John Morley says, "that at the bottom of all the great discussions of modern society lie the two momentous questions: First, whether there is a God; and, second, whether the soul is immortal." These are not what I understand by unsettled questions in theology. They are not unsettled in the Christian Church. If the Christian believer sometimes discusses them, it is only that he may bring those that are unsettled to his own clear conviction. If he is sometimes perplexed concerning them, it is only because the sensuous nature beclouds the spiritual, as the fogs which are the emanations of the earth sometimes obscure the sun. Modern thought recognizes in scholastic theology certain great fundamental truths, but they are imbedded in it as living forms in the heart of a rock. Very different is the interpretation which modern thought gives to the spiritual teaching of the Bible. Justice and mercy are not inconsistent attributes, and make no antagonistic demands; they are but different aspects of the eternal divine love. Mercy is love looking at the individual; Justice is love looking at the universe. The Gospel reveals not a plan, nor a scheme, but a divine person. It discloses in the life and character of Jesus Christ the true character of God, as one whose very nature it is to go out from itself, as heat and light go out from the sun, to give righteousness to those who do not possess it. This outgoing of righteousness for the suffering and sinful is itself a suffering; ever and always a suffering. Suffering is the great sin cleanser; suffering is the great reconciler. Sympathy, *i. e.*, suffering with another, is the first condition of becoming at one with Him; becoming at one with Him is the first condition of exercising any moral or spiritual power over Him. Thus the Messiah is revealed as a suffering Messiah, through whom God descends by sympathy to man, through whom man, made sharer of His suffering, is lifted up by sympathy to God. This sympathy between the outpouring, affluent heart of God, and the empty, hungry heart of man, is, on God's part, mercy; on man's part, faith. Faith is the turning of the flower to the sun to receive the light; it is the opening ear of Lazarus to receive the life that trembles in the words, "Come forth." It is not a belief about God or His Christ; it is the receiving of God in His Christ. He who thus, through a suffering Messiah, receives a sympathetic, outpouring, life-giving God, is rightened through this faith. He is brought into loyal, filial relations to his Father. He receives, by the direct play of the higher divine nature on his own, a new and divine life, which translates and transforms him, raises him from the dead, emancipates him from his old time bondage unto sin, delivers him from all fear of future penalty, redeems him from all present destruction, and unites him in a living relation of love and sympathy to his God.—*Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, in the New York Press.*

THE DAWN OF DAY.

Until about thirty years ago, Japan was closed to foreigners. Then, through America, its ports were thrown open to the world. Since then a mighty change has taken place in every way. The Japan of to-day and the Japan Commodore Perry found when he sailed into the port of Yeddo are utterly unlike. The Sun of Righteousness has been steadily and rapidly rising on the land, and all things are becoming new. The Japanese have been studying foreign countries, and have found that the secret of their wonderful power is Christianity. They are very eager for progress and power, and so as a nation they are nearly ready to adopt Christianity publicly. The government encourages our missionaries and invites our teachers into the schools. We have every opportunity of teaching Christ to the people. And the people are ready to hear.

Some years ago a young Japanese scholar got hold of a geography written by an American missionary. It began with the words: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

The young man wondered who this God might be, and where He lived. In his ignorance he fancied that perhaps it might be in America, and at last he resolved to go to America and find Him. So he went all the way to Boston, but still could not find out what he wanted to know. At last he went to the captain of the boat and said, "I came all the way to Boston to find God, and there is no one to tell me." The captain took him to the owner of the ship, a true Christian man, and from him the young Japanese learned to know God. Afterward he went back to his own country, and now he is at the head of a Christian college in the beautiful city of Kioto, a college where young men are trained to go out as missionaries among their own countrymen.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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Miss Cleemann,	Miss Johns,
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Miss Williamson,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
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Miss Dickerson,	Mrs. Struthers,
Mrs. Knorr,	Mrs. Watson.

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Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,

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Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
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Mrs. Arnold.

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Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Mrs. Stratton Mrs. Russell,
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Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Taylor, Mrs. Farrell.
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Grigg,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mi-s Hammer.
Miss Hay, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Flanigan, Miss Harlan.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 P. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Koons,
Miss J. Bell, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
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Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.
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Treasurer.—Miss Carter.

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Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays of the month, 4-6 P. M.

CALENDAR.

May 1.—Wednesday, SS. Philip and James.
" 5.—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 12.—Third Sunday after Easter.
" 19.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
" 26.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 30.—Thursday, Ascension Day.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 2—Susan Twiss.
" 9—Kate S. Graham.
" 9—Matilda Donnelly.
" 11—Mary Lister.
" 12—Mary Tree Lee.
" 12—Elizabeth Rapp.
" 18—Charlemagne Tower, 3td.
" 20—James Hurlbert Brooks.

CONFIRMED

George C. Rickards.
Linnie Tree Lee.
Julia de M. Lammot.
Laura V. Nixon.
Mary Lester Lewis.
Maria S. Emory.
Theresa Scott.
Margaret Harlan.
Ella R. Walraven.
Canelia H. Manship.
Mary R. Pile.
Mary A. Palmer.
Mary E. Warne.
Lizzie Anaya.
Elizabeth Rapp.
Selinda Molloy.
Selina Wilder.
Minnie Wilder.
Susan Twiss.
Lillie Braun.
Maud Gutteridge.
Anna C. Christensen.
Kate E. Edwards.
Edward Hine Johnson.
D. R. Richardson.
Geo Eakins.
S. Howell Evans.
Harry S. Seymour.
William Braun.
Henry Groh.
W. S. Crawford.
George G. Barclay.
Beulah H. Whilldin.
Emma M. Edwards.
Leah J. Edwards.
Julia W. Dickerson.
Sarah J. Murray.
Irva Struthers.
Ella Holmes Pancoast.

MARRIED.

April 24—Dr. Harry O. Wyman and Ella Flanagan.
" 24—Arthur Denham and Rosa A. Harper.
" 28—Percy C. Hamilton and Ada Crystall.

BURIED.

April 5—Charles Phillips Hawley.
" 12—Mrs. Mary B. Hine.
" 22—William Henry Rawle.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

Sunday-schools	$121.82
Easter Decoration	192.87
City Mission	164.40
Missionary Box Committee	168.00
Easter Offering	932.00
Society for Increase of the Ministry	182.57
Home for Crippled Children	203.87
General Charities	77.56
	$2,043.09

THE EASTER OFFERING was $932.00, and was distributed as follows, forwarding to their destination such sums as were designated :

Bp. White Library Association	$50.00
Female Prayer Book Society	50.00
Church Home	50.00
Missionary Box Committee	50.00
St. Simeon's Mission	100.00
Foreign Missions	10.00
Episcopal Hospital	10.00
Deaf Mute Mission	$50.00
Mariners' Church	10.00
Midnight Mission	1.00
Colored Missions	5.00
Educational Home	1.00
Home for Colored Crippled Children	25.00
Bp. Garrett	20.00
Jane D. Kent Day Nursery	5.00
Parish House	60.00
Home for Crippled Children	33.00
Children's Friend Society	20.00
Altar Society	10.00
Needy Clergymen	50.00
City Missions	5.00
Church, Morton, Pa	45.00
Sheltering Arms	22.00
Kensington Hospital for Women	100.00
Indian Rights Association	5.00
Magdalen Society	50.00
Italian Mission	10.00
Church of Good Shepherd	20.00
St. Vincent's Mission, Minn	25.00
Miscellaneous	15 00
Seaside Home, Cape May Point	25.00
	$932.00

The following is the report of the Parish to the Diocesan Convention for the year ending May 1st, 1889 :

REPORT.

Baptized :	Adults,	9
"	Infants,	28—37
Confirmed		37
Marriages		21
Burials		31
Communicants : Added New		37
Added by Removal		51
Died		11
Removed		16
Present Number		950

MONEY RECEIPTS.

From Pew Rents	$13,473.38
" Subscriptions	11,547.79
" Donations	1,250.00
" Investments	21,777.48
" Offerings in Church	13,982.90
Total Receipts	$62,031.55

[Total Receipts in 1885, $38,061.55; in 1886, $44,892 74; in 1887, $45,361.97 ; in 1888, $51,052.43.]

MONEY EXPENDITURES.

Current Expenses	$16,121.25
Burd Orphan Asylum	17,385.00
Extraordinary Repairs and Improvements	16,500.00
Episcopal and Convention Fund	385.87
For the Poor	1,035.39
Diocesan Missions	1,360 00
Theatre Services	500.00
Domestic Missions	1,140.21
Foreign "	434.87
Indian "	244.33
Colored "	266.00
City "	170.70
Italian "	120.00
Deaf Mute Mission	60.00
Missionary Box Committee	604.92

Female Benevolent Society	$547.05
Parish House	203.45
Disabled Clergymen	463.00
Dr. Rudder Memorial Fund	950.00
Old Men's Home	950.00
Industrial Home for Blind	950.00
Church Woman's Institute	550.00
Bibles and Prayer Books	100.00
Books, Tracts and Printing	180.00
Parish School	1,103.15
Sunday-school	231.82
Altar Society	339.73
Church Decoration	192 87
Kensington Hospital for Women	100.00
Magdalen Society	50.00
Church Home	50.00
Divorce Reform League	100.00
Repairs and Furniture	155.00
Home for Crippled Children	203.87
Sundry Charities	626.54
Total	$64 375.02

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

WHEN you remove to or withdraw from a parish. always present or ask for your letter of transfer, Every communicant is required by the law of the Church to have one under these circumstances.

THE Sunday-school Teachers' Meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 3.45 P. M., in the Vestry Room adjoining the Church.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Balance on hand, May, 1888	$ 99 39
Received through the Rector	115 00
Offertory	160 24
Easter offering	5 00
Contributions	25 10
Making 3 Surplices and 1 Slote	28 00
Missions—Barrington	10 00
Total receipts	$442 73
Total expenditure	339 73
Balance on hand, May, 1889	$103 00

EXPENDED.

Lessons in Embroidery	$ 65 00
Embroidery Class	124 39
Library Committee	29 70
Flowers	90 83
Postage	$15 33
Missions—Barrington	10 00
Chancel Committee	4-48
Total	$339 73

From Washington Territory a clergyman writes the papers sent him have been much enjoyed by himself; that as there was "so much solid information" in them, he gives them to others to read. Another letter of thanks says the same, so the papers and periodicals do double duty.

The Chancel Committee has performed the duties of taking care of the chancel, and vestment. Flowers were sent them for the altar on all Saints' Day and on Easter by some members of the congregation.

The Embroidery Class reports one Surplice and Stole given to a colored Clergyman in North Carolina, applied for by delegates to Freedmen's Committee from St. Stephen's church; one Corporal, two Chalice veils and one Post communion veil given St. Paul's Mission Chapel, Camden, N. J.; one Surplice to Rev. E. B. Beaumont, Nashotah Mission; one Corporal and two Purificators, ordered from Society; work for our own Parish; five Surplices; four Purificators.

The red altar set was finished and used for first time on Whit-Sunday. The materials for two white Stoles were given by a member of the Parish; the work done by two members of the class. Another lady gave the materials for an alms bag which was embroidered and made up by the Society.

One Stole and three Surplices were ordered from the Society. The purple altar cloth is nearly finished for All Souls' Church.

A NEW JEWELED CHALICE, given in memory of one now in Paradise, was used for the first time on Easter day. It is a beautiful companion to the jewelled Flagon which was placed in the same holy place a year ago. Both alike were offered in the spirit of her who broke the Alabaster box of ointment, very costly, over His head, and were only by Judas accused of wastefulness. "Let her alone, she hath done what she could," was His judgment.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday-Schools, the Parish Day Schools and the Burd Orphan Asylum was held in the church on the first Sunday after Easter, at 4 o'clock. The offerings, exceeded past years, amounting to $203.87. They were given to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children. The carols were well sung by the schools, and all passed off exceedingly well, much to the satisfaction of the teachers and others who interested themselves in the preparation required for the service. Many of the crippled children of the Home of the Merciful Saviour were brought to the service and seemed much pleased.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE have received several articles of clothing, without name or address, for which they desire to return grateful thanks. Some have been already distributed and others will soon be. More of the same kind will be gladly received.

The Committee will close its active duties on the 1st of May, but any special case will be attended to, upon application to Rev. Dr. McConnell or Rev. Mr. Miller. The duties will be resumed on or about Sept. 22d.

They hope for the hearty co-operation of the members, the congregation generally, and outside friends, so that such interest may be taken as to make it a permanent charitable organization worthy of such a name, which surely will be, could they but see the gratitude of those who are made happy through their generous gifts.

The applications from deserving poor so far exceed our limited supplies that we are very often discouraged, and so feel our helplessness as to greatly need your assistance.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Received by Missionary Box Committee from

Offertories	$516 99
Donations	30 06
Balance on hand from last year	57 87
Total	$604 92
Amount expended	$604 92

AMELIA D. HOCKLEY,
Treasurer.

SELECTIONS.

THE hymns "It came upon a midnight clear," "Calm on the listening ear of night," "Come, said Jesus' sacred voice," "It is finished—Glorious word," "In the cross of Christ I glory," "Here in the broken bread," "Nearer, my God, to Thee," Watchman, tell us of the night," were all written by Unitarians.

I AM truly thankful to hear that I have helped to make a Churchman of you. The longer I live, the more I find the Church of England the most rational, liberal, practical form which Christianity has yet assumed.....Strange to say, Thomas Carlyle now says that the Church of England is the most rational thing he sees now going.—*Charles Kingsley.*

RUSKIN AND THE BIBLE.

Mr. Ruskin in a recent letter which has been quoted in many of our exchanges, refers as follows to the Bible.

"Let me tell your readers who care to know in the fewest possible words what it is. It is the grandest group of writings existent in the rational world, put into the grandest language of the rational world in the first strength of the Christian faith by an entirely wise and kind saint, St. Jerome, translated afterward with beauty and felicity into every language of the Christian world, and the guide since so transplanted of all the arts and acts of that world which have been noble, fortunate and happy. And by consultation of it honestly on any serious business you may always learn, a long while before your parliament finds out, what you should do in such business, and be directed, perhaps, besides to work more serious than you had thought of."

MRS. WILLIAM GAMMELL, of Providence, has given $50,000 to build a church at Olneyville, R, I., as a memorial to a deceased son. Mr. J. J. Astor has given $150,000 for the erection of a new building for the Cancer Hospital in New York. which makes $300,000 in all which he has contributed to that object. The late Mrs. Gen. Cul-

lum left, by her will, $50,000 for the erection of a chapel for the hospital. Mr. John Ward Noble, of Anniston, Alabama, is building a church, at a cost of $75,000, as a memorial of James and Samuel Noble. Mr. George Bliss, of New York city, has built a chapel for the City Mission on Blackwell's Island, at a cost of $75,000 The Rev. Dr. C. F. Hoffman is building a church for the parish of All Angels, New York city, at a cost of $200,000. Roswell P. and Anson R. Flower are to build a church for Trinity Parish, Watertown, New York, at a cost of $55,000. Miss Mary Garrett, of Baltimore, is erecting a building for the higher education of girls at a cost of $200,000.

THE great effect of the Incarnation was to render human love for the Most High a possible thing.

The character of the Blessed Founder of our faith became an abstract of morality to determine the judgment, while at the same time it remained personal and liable to love. The written Word and Established Church prevented a degeneration into ungoverned mysticism; but the predominant principle of vital religion always remained that of self-sacrifice to the Saviour. Not only the higher divisions of moral duties, but the simple primary impulses of benevolence, were subordinated to this absorbing passion. The world was loved "in Christ alone." The brethren were members of his mystical body. All the other bonds that had fastened down the spirit of the universe to our narrow round of earth, were as nothing in comparison to this golden chain of suffering and self-sacrifice which at once riveted the heart of man to one who, like himself, was acquainted with grief. Pain is the deepest thing we have in our nature; and union through pain has always seemed more real and more holy than any other.—*Arthur Henry Hallam.*

A STREET INCIDENT.

A reporter called to a little bootblack near the City Hall to give him a shine the other day. The little fellow came rather slowly for one of that lively guild, and planted his box down under the reporter's foot. Before he could get his brushes out, another larger boy ran up, and calmly pushing the little one aside, said: "Here, you go sit down, Jimmy." The reporter at once became indignant at what he took to be a piece of outrageous bullying, and sharply told the newcomer to clear out. "O, dat's all right, boss," was the reply. "I'm only goin' to do it fur him. You see he's been sick in the hospital for mor'n a month, and can't do much work yet, so us boys all turn in and give him a lift when we can: savvy?" "Is that so, Jimmy?" asked the reporter, turning to the smaller boy. "Yes, sir," wearily replied the boy, and as he looked up, the pallid, pinched face could be discerned even through the grime that covered it. "He does it fur me, if you'll let him." "Certainly, go ahead," and as the bootblack plied the brush, the reporter plied him with questions. "You say all the boys help him in this way?" "Yes, sir. When they ain't got no job themselves, and Jimmy gets one, they turns in and helps him, 'cause he ain't very strong yet, ye see." "What percentage do you charge him on a job?" "Hey?" queried the youngster, "I don't know what you mean." "I mean, what part of the money do you give Jimmy, and how much do you keep out of it?" "You bet your life I don't keep none. I ain't no such sneak as that." "So you give it all to him, do you?" "Yes, I do. All the boys give up what they gets on his job. I'd like to catch any feller sneaking it on a sick boy, I would." The shine being completed, the reporter handed the urchin a quarter, saying, "I guess you are a pretty good fellow, so you keep ten cents, and give the rest to Jimmy there." "Can't do it, sir; it's his customer. Here, Jim!" He threw him the coin, and was off like a shot after a customer for himself, a veritable rough diamond. In this big city there are many such lads, with warm and generous hearts under their ragged coats.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*

In a service which Thy will appoints;
There are no bounds for me;
For my inmost heart is taught the Truth
That makes Thy children free;
And a life of self renouncing love,
Is a life of liberty. —*A. L. Waring.*

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Miss Cleemann,
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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Meets (in Parish House) last Monday in month, at 3 o'clock.

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DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
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INDIAN HOPE.—

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

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" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 P. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Koons,
Miss J. Bell, Miss Davison.
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Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

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Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays of the month, 4-6 P. M.

CALENDAR.

June 2.—Sunday after Ascension Day.
" 9.—Whitsun-day.
" 10.—Monday in Whitsun-week.
" 11.—Tuesday " " "
" 11.—Saint Barnabas' Day.
" 16.—Trinity Sunday.
" 23.—First Sunday after Trinity.
" 24.—St. John, Baptist.
" 29.—St. Peter's Day.
" 30.—Second Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 30.—Harrison Anderson Reidenbach.
May 18.—Emily Douglas Hilger.

MARRIED.

May 30.—Henry Lawrence and Jessie Eldridge.

BURIED.

May 8th.—Adam H. Cooper.

OFFERINGS FOR MAY.

General Charities.....$333.15

OFFERTORY FOR JUNE.

For General Charities.

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THE Children's Friend Society of St. Stephen's Parish, acknowledge the receipt of many favors, especially during the last trip to the Zoological Garden, that of Mr. Hardt, the proprietor of the restaurant.

THE "THEATRE SERVICES" in which the Rector and people of the church have been so deeply interested for some years, are in danger of being compelled to end. For five years we have had there every Sunday night, on an average, fifteen hundred men, not six per cent. of whom ever set foot inside of a church door. They have listened with respect and interest to the plainest and most earnest preaching of the gospel. Many hundreds who had at one time been religious men, and who had fallen away, have been reclaimed. The crowd from being rude and boisterous, have become quiet and respectful. Not a week, hardly a day, has passed for a long time without the clergy being called upon for some service for the people who make up that great congregation. There has never been any difficulty in raising money for the expenses. It has commended itself in a most peculiar degree to the laity of our church and city.

But the Managers and *Lessees of the Theatres all refuse to lease their places for this purpose!* It is not at all a question of money. No one of them has been asked to even make a reduction in his rates. But from the very first it has been only with the utmost difficulty that any of them could be induced to rent his theatre for this purpose. The manager of the one we have had now refuses to lease it to us on Sunday nights for next Winter.

The reasons assigned for the refusal of the managers have been very various. One says he "has too much respect for religion to have it mixed up with the theatre business" Another says, "the theatre is needed Sunday nights for rehearsals." Another says that "if he begins by opening the theatre Sunday nights for religious meetings, he will be compelled to open it for other purposes also, which is against his conscience." Another says, that "the large Roman Catholic element among theatre goers are opposed to going to a theatre which has been used for Protestant services." And so it goes. It is plain that none of these are the real reasons. That reason is double. In part it is the mistaken notion that the theatre going population are not in favor of our services. This is a mistake. The other part is an instinctive feeling of incongruity between the Sunday night and the Monday night exercises. The truth is that the theatre people themselves are the last people to be convinced that their business is respectable. Long after the best element in the community have become convinced that play-acting and play-going is intrinsically just as innocent as any other business or pleasure, the managers still remain under the domination of a feeling which was ground in at a time when their business was under

a ban. They are afraid to allow it to come into close contact with good things for fear of the contrast. They need not. The spectators at any respectable play are not the kind of people who are afraid of religion. They may not possess much of it, but they honor it and are not afraid of it. One by one the managers of whom we have leased our theatre have come to see the truth of this position, but in the constant changes which occur in that business it seems impossible to convince them before the experiment in order that they will be willing to rent us a house. It is a pity.

An election will be held in this State on the 18th of June, at which time the people will be asked to vote YES or NO upon the following proposed amendment to the State Constitution:

ARTICLE XIX.

The manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale, of intoxicating liquor to be used as a beverage, is hereby prohibited, and any violation of this prohibition shall be a misdemeanor, punishable as shall be provided by law.

The manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquor for other purposes than as a beverage, may be allowed in such manner only as may be prescribed by law. The General Assembly shall, at the first session succeeding the adoption of this article of the Constitution, enact laws with adequate penalties for its enforcement.

Inasmuch as this is not alone a political question, but one which has to do with public and private morals, it becomes of grave importance for Christian people to consider how they will vote.

The problem may be stated thus:

It is carefully estimated that about 60 per cent. of the adult male population use alcoholic liquors more or less as a beverage. They do so without violence to their consciences, believing that they have a right to do so.

But, on the same estimation, there is about one-half of one per cent. of the whole community who cannot use such beverages at all without the most disastrous effect upon themselves, and without entailing great danger and cost to the community. In addition, the liquor selling class, as a whole, have shown themselves liable to make political combinations which are a menace to the Commonwealth. The question then is: What ought society to do to protect those feeble and vicious people who cannot and will not protect themselves? And how are the liquor selling class to be prevented from making combinations which are politically dangerous?

The method at present in operation is that known as the "License System;" that is to say, the sale of liquor is restrained and regulated in two ways: *First*, the seller is compelled to pay to the Commonwealth an annual fee, which is estimated to be enough to defray the cost to the community which is caused by his selling liquor to his share of the feeble and vicious class mentioned above. *Second*, the judicial officers who determine upon the granting of licenses are required to give them only to such persons as may be trusted, and who will give sufficient bonds that they will observe the regulations.

Instead of this it is proposed to take away from everybody the right (not to use, but) to sell alcoholic beverages entirely. Two different reasons are stated by two classes of people for this proposed action. One class asserts that the use of alcohol in any degree, and by any person, is a danger and a sin, and should be prevented by law. Another class asserts that while the use of alcohol may be allowed to be intrinsically innocent and harmless, yet experience has shown that where its use is allowed at all, the grave evils attendant upon it cannot be prevented, and that therefore the only thing to be done is to compel the majority who use it innocently to do without it for the sake of those who use it viciously. Hence the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

These questions therefore arise:

(1). Ought this to be done?
(2). Can it be done?
(3). Is this the right way to do it?

In our own judgment all these questions must be answered in the negative.

The use of alcoholic liquors is almost as old and as universal as is humanity. If the question, "Is such use intrinsically wrong?" be asked either of Religion or Science, they both reply, no. For the Christian it becomes wrong only when he is convinced that it is harmful either to himself or to his fellow man—when *he* is convinced, not when some other man is. He is expressly forbidden to allow any man's judgment to be put in place of his own. It is therefore open to any one to *persuade* him to change his conduct in the interest of his brother, but so far as the Gospel has any voice in the matter, it is not lawful to *compel* him to do so. The power of the Sovereign must not be abused even in the interest of righteousness. A dreadful penalty always follows upon this attempt, and it nowhere follows so quickly as where the Sovereign is the people. The penalty is that the power of the Sovereign is quickly broken.

Again, in our judgment it ought not to be done because it is inequitable. It proposes to make it a misdemeanor to *sell* a commodity which it is legitimate to *buy* and use. It throws the burden upon the wrong party. It punishes the accessory, and allows the criminal to go free. The sin which the Scripture condemns in sternest terms is not liquor selling, but drunkenness. The man who is to be execrated and punished chiefly, both in this world and the next, is the man who violates the temple of the Holy Ghost by getting drunk. Current prohibition argument distinctly reverses this. It pities and coddles the offender, and punishes the accessory.

It sets aside our Lord's wisdom who rebuked gluttons and wine bibbers, and strikes the caterer and liquor seller. The false moral judgment at this point is the great stumbling block in the way of true temperance advancement. It would seem that the only sure way, albeit a slower way, to close the rum shop must be to take away not its license, but its custom. But this is a slow method. A certain type of earnest disciples have always been anxious, from the best motives, to "take Jesus by force and make Him a King," but He has always refused.

But is the proposed method practicable? How has it proven itself where it has been tried? Upon this question there is the flattest contradiction of testimony. Of those States where "Constitutional prohibition" has been tried, men of unquestioned veracity, and with opportunity to know the facts, assert that it has been an unqualified success, and equally trustworthy witnesses assert that it has been an ignominious failure.

From independent personal observation in two States where the law has obtained, an observation extending over several years, we believe the facts to be these:—It has, to a degree, lessened the gross amount of liquor sold and used in those States, though not to a large degree.

But on the other hand it has converted into law-breakers multitudes who would not willingly be so. In its effort to make good citizens of the few weak and vicious it has made bad citizens of very many strong and upright. This seems to be the judgment of the people generally in several States, which, after an experiment of several years with Constitutional prohibition, have deliberately reversed their previous judgment. The law enforcing power of a Commonwealth is able to carry just so much load, and no more. If it be overburdened it does not work up to the point of its highest ability and stop there, but it collapses.

In this State this law-enforcing sense has been able to sustain the present regulating and restraining system of "High License." The peril of overloading it until it collapses is very great. There is every reason to believe that the large disreputable class who feel the present restraint will vote for the Amendment in the confident hope that by laying too heavy a load upon law, all law upon this subject will break down. There will be every reason to expect this. The effort to embody the law in the Constitution which it is difficult to change, instead of in Statutes, which the law making power can readily modify or reverse, is an admission that the legislators who represent the sense of the community, from time to time, cannot be trusted. The only reason alleged for trying to put it into the *Constitution* is that the *law* cannot be depended upon. We believe this to be true. But if that be so, what reason is there to expect that the General Assembly will be either able or willing "to enact laws with adequate penalties for the enforcement" of the amendment?

As Christians and as citizens, therefore, it would seem to be our part to sustain the present method which is equitable and possible, rather than to imperil all we have already gained by striving after a chimera.

SELECTIONS.

To an unchanged person, *Heaven itself would be no heaven.* Were it possible for a sinner in his unrenewed state to enter that blissful world, he would not be happy there. The holy atmosphere would not suit him. The employment there would not be congenial to him. The companionship would be distasteful. It is true that heaven has been prepared for us by the Son of God Himself; but it is equally true that we must be prepared for heaven, or we can never dwell there. We must be moulded and fashioned according to the divine image.—*Bishop Oxenden.*

AD SPIRITUM SANCTUM.

Come, Thou Holy Comforter,
Be Heaven's own interpreter;
  Thy bright rays impart.
Come! Thou Father of the poor.
Come! Thou giver of all store.
  Come and light this heart.

Comforter the wealthiest,
Be my soul's most welcome guest,
  Be my sweet repose.
Rest me in my daily care,
Temper me the noon-day glare,
  Solace all my woes.

O most blessed Light Divine,
Fill this inmost heart of mine,
  Faithful unto Thee.
Only Thy Divinity
Recreates humanity
  Harmless, strong, and free.

Wash out every sordid stain,
Water Thou this arid plain,
  Heal my bruised sore.
Bend the stubborn iron will,
Nurse the truly weak and ill,
  Govern evermore.

Give to Thy own faithful ones,
Eager to be called Thy sons,
  All Thy sevenfold grace.
Give to virtue her reward,
Give a pardon's dry-shod ford,
  Give to see God's face.

—*Translation by J. Vaughan Lewis, D. D.*

TRUSTING IN GOD.

A bold Frenchman, while hunting in the Alps for the mountain goat, fell over a precipice upon a ledge, back of which was a cave. How to get away he knew not. A day and night passed and he was still a prisoner, expecting to be starved to death. But just as his heart began to fail, he saw a tiny tuft of the *blue fringed-gentian.*

That little flower saved his life! How? He knew that wind must have borne the seed from a distance, and that God's sun and rain must have made it grow. He said to himself, "God has cared for that little wild flower which grows where no one can see it but himself. Shall He not care for me also?"

Filled with this thought he grew happy, and began singing a song. His voice was heard by some shepherds on the mountain-top. They shouted. He answered. Guided by his voice, they lowered ropes down to his prison-house and drew him up. And thus, you see, his life was saved by the little blue fringed-gentian—one of the slender wild-flowers which you may find in the woods. For the little flower taught him to trust in the good God who cares for all.

One of the saints asked a monk to teach him a Psalm. He began with that, "I said, I will take heed to my ways that I offend not with my tongue." Having learnt the first verse, he asked to have it explained; and having heard the explanation, said he would not learn any more till he had done what this first verse commanded, and would afterwards learn the rest. He did not return for several years, and the monk meeting him, asked, why he did not learn the rest of the psalm; he replied, he had not yet done what was contained in the first verse.—*Savonarola.*

THE PERMANENCY OF RELIGION.

If one man's life could be protracted through three or four centuries, the changes which he would witness would be indeed astonishing; but certain things, it may be confidently predicted, would not have changed, for they have never been other than what they are. Sin, pain, death are what they were in the days of the Tudors, in the days of the Crusades, in the days of the apostles and evangelists, and in the days of David. Sin, pain, death, are the permanent elements in the life of human beings, and because they are permanent, religion, too, will last. Only a robust faith in the Unseen, only faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ can relieve the human heart when face to face with the solemn, irreversible conditions of our life. So long as they last the religion of the Crucified will last too. If the sense of sin could be drugged by a false philosophy, if pain could be forgotten, if chemical science could only arrest the march of death, then the religion of Jesus Christ might die; but, as matters stand, it is too intimately associated with the facts of human life, it strikes its roots too deep in the experiences of the human heart to vanish at the bidding of any unbelievers. So long as men sin, so long as men suffer, so long as men die, Jesus Christ our Lord will be believed in, will be worshiped as the Light of the World, as the Divine Master, whose teaching and whose death has made the darkness of human destiny to be light indeed.
—*Canon Liddon.*

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CALENDAR.

July 7.—Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 14.—Fourth " " "
" 21.—Fifth " " "
" 25 —St. James' Day.
" 28.—Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

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PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

June 2.—Emma Elizabeth Braley.
" 3.—Florence Beale.

MARRIED.

June 6.—Edward S. Maull and Lizzie Ruhl.
" 12.—Isaac Meyer and Mary Helena Sharpsteen.

BURIED.

June 8.—Caroline Morris.
" 12.—Jacob B. Shannon.
" 14.—Henry Clay Adams.
" 25.—John C. Rogers.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THERE ARE FEW PERSONS better known to the Church people of this City than the Rev. Dr. Davies, rector of St. Peter's Church. It is now announced that he has accepted his election to the Bishopric of Michigan. His removal will leave a vacancy hard to fill in the rectorship of his old parish, where he seems to hold a place in the affection of his people quite unique. He has been identified with the affairs of this Diocese for many years, and will bear with him the earnest good wishes of many warm friends, and will probably leave fewer enemies than would any other man in the Church.

THE DISASTER AT JOHNSTOWN appealed most powerfully to the sympathy of our people, and it will be seen that they were not ungenerous in their response. The amount reported in this paper is only that which actually went through the Rector's hands. If the amounts given otherwise by the members of the Parish were included, it would probably make the amount at least five times as great. It will be observed that the amount given went directly to the relief of all sorts and conditions of men who were suffering. It was not sent for the rebuilding of our Church swept away, or to our own Church people more than to any others. It would seem that at such a time humane claims should override ecclesiastical ones. That Church will be most successful that most completely identifies itself with the common needs of men. But this being done, it must not be forgotten that those of our own household of faith have claims also. Our Church in that ill-fated town was obliterated, and the Rector with his wife and family were all drowned. To rebuild and start all over again will be a hard task. When people are stripped bare a church is not the first or most pressing necessity. There are a thousand claims upon their new accumulations before they get to that. Those immediately affected are not going to get to it for a long time. Don't forget them. Help them. The Rector will be only too glad to forward gifts to that object.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

LA CROSSE, Wis., June 24th, 1889.

Rev. and Dear Bro. :—I acknowledge very thankfully *The Churchman*, through the kindness of " St. Stephen's Altar Society." Will you please remember my grateful acknowledgement.

Sincerely,
THOS. K. ALLEN.

THE CORNER-STONE of St. Mary's Church, Wayne, was laid on Thursday, June 27th. The church is built by Rev. Dr. Thomas K. Conrad, the rector, as a memorial of his father and mother. South of it is rising a commodious parish building, and east of the church Dr. Conrad's residence. All three buildings are of white Avondale stone. The parish building is to be finished in September and the church in January.

THE CHARTER AND BY-LAWS of the Drexel College for girls, at the same place, have been published in an official pamphlet.

The incorporators are the first Trustees, viz.:

Rt. Rev. Dr. O. W. Whitaker, Anthony J. Drexel, James W. Paul, Jr., Rev. Thos. K. Conrad, D.D., John R. Drexel, Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., George W. C. Drexel, John R. Fell, George C. Thomas, George W. Childs, John C. Bullitt, Richard C. Dale, George B. Roberts, Henry C. Gibson, Wm Pepper, M.D., Henry L. Geyelin, Wm. M. Runk, Herbert M. Howe, John Lowber Welch, Rev. Wilbur F. Watkins, D.D.

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THE *Presbyterian Review* tells a good story of how the Anglican Bishop of Saskatchewan in old days, when population was sparse in Western Manitoba, stayed all night at the house of a Presbyterian of the old school. Finding that the children had not been baptized he kindly offered to baptize them, having informed the family of course that he was a Bishop of the Church of England. "Tank ye, sir," said the good wife: "but the puir bairns hae gane sae lang without being bapteezed that I think we'll wait noo till a *regularly-ordained minister* comes!"

Two English women of the respectable farmer class, on leaving Church, were discussing the sermon. One said, "Oh! it were a beautiful sermon, weren't it?" "Yes," replied the other, "it were beautiful." "And did you understand it?" said the first woman. "Oh! no," said the other; "I should not be so presumptuous."

SELECTIONS.

At Trent's famed Council, when, on Reason's side,
A Frenchman's voice assailed the Pontiff's pride,
Some Romish priest, the Gallic name to mock,
Exclaimed, 'Tis but the crowing of a Cock!'
'So call it,' 'twas replied; 'We're well content—
If when the cock crows, Peter would repent.'

A QUARTER of a century ago the Rev. Dr. Hume, of Liverpool, told the following story at the first congress: The Bishop of Chester (Dr. Sumner) was going to hold an ordination, when a dissenting minister came to him and said: "My lord, I come to apply for admission to Holy Orders in the Church of England." "Well," said his lordship, "I require thirty new ordinations—that is sixty including priests. How many applications do you suppose I have from persons who, like yourself, are dissenters from the Church?" The dissenting minister did not know. "Just twenty-nine," replied his lordship, "and you will make up the required number of thirty."

A MOUNTAIN INCIDENT.

[The following story was told me by a young man who is an earnest Communicant of the Church. He witnessed all the incidents related, and read the burial service over the body of the child. I asked him to write out the story, and now send it to you for publication. It is simply an incident in frontier life. I am thankful to have, here and there, a man who is willing to do such deeds as this.—L. R. Brewer.]

We were seated around our cabin fire one evening early in the Spring of 1887. The Winter had been long and cold. We had passed it on a ranch in Northern Montana, and our first experience in the Rocky Mountains had been severe. We were thoroughly tired of the darkness that had shrouded the greater part of the day, and of the cold so crisp and keen. A week or two previously we had welcomed the first discernible green on the hills, and were waiting anxiously for the full Spring.

The pitch fire was burning bright, and its fitful glare furnished the only light in the room. Each of us was intent on his own thoughts.

Suddenly the door was pushed open, and John Andrews stalked in. We saluted him with the usual "Hello, John," and resumed our meditations. John settled himself on my trunk, his favorite seat, and slowly filled his pipe from his coat pocket. John Andrews is a study. He is short, stout and old. His piercing hazel eye is overhung by a shaggy brow. His spirit is a fountain of wit and mirth, while in appearance he is as sombre as a churchyard. He is a cyclopædia of practical knowledge, and a catholicon for ills arising from lack of handicraft.

He filled his pipe gravely and silently. He did not respond to our salutation, he scarcely looked at us. I knew by his actions that he had something on his mind, but waited for him to speak. Striking a light with great deliberation, he smoked a while in silence.

At last he leaned forward, took the pipe from his mouth, and broke the silence with these words: "I've got a mean job fur to-morrer—got to make a coffin."

"A coffin!" we responded, "who is dead?"

"Bowlin's 'kid,' he died 's'afternoon."

"Is that so?" we exclaimed.

"That's what it is," said Andrews, and he relapsed into a silence that was not broken, except by his steady puffing and the cracking of the fire, until he departed with a "so long."

The next morning Bowlin came to the ranch and asked me if I would "make a few remarks at the grave." He didn't "like to bury the 'kid' without anything."

One o'clock found me at his ranch. The day was beautiful and sunny, and the air was clear and crisp, so clear that the distant mountains were robbed of their purple, and the peaks seemed to tower above us. The tender shoots of bunch grass had tinted the hills the faintest green, and the distinctness of the chattering of a magpie impressed me with the intensity of the silence that prevailed. John Andrews had completed the coffin when I found him. It was made of a few boards he had found about the ranch. He was arranging an old white skirt around it, that the rough boards might seem less crude, and that there might be some appearance of an attempt at respectability.

I cannot describe the feeling that came over me when I realized that this was the last earthly resting place of a mortal body. I was conscious of a strong oppression. I was brought face to face with the real humiliation of death—a few old boards and a white skirt!

Those who live in cities and see death in gorgeous attire, cannot understand its degradation. In the wildness of the mountains death is awful. Its very approach overawes the friends of its victim. It comes and finds no opponent, and carries away the soul amid a fearful hush. A grave is dug, there is no one to tell of the beautiful hereafter, the body is interred, a sigh of relief, and all is over.

A farm wagon, with four men; a two-wheel gig and two women; a spring wagon, with a man, woman and the coffin; and old Bill Cary, on horseback, left the ranch and slowly descended the road. The little cemetery, with its four or five graves, near the post-office of C——, was our destination. We drove slowly down the steep grade into the beautiful canyon, a solemn *cortege* of death amid the gaiety of a new life. We found a newly made grave, and the poor little coffin was lowered into it with straps taken from the harness of the horses.

A number of cow-boys and freighters were attracted to the spot, and stood about the grave in curious but reverential expectancy. They removed their hats as I removed mine, and a deep silence preceded the solemn words of the burial service, more solemn than they had ever seemed before.

"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the LORD." The very mountains seemed wrapped in attention. "He that believeth in me, tho' he were dead yet shall he live, and who so liveth and believeth in me shall never die." How beautiful were these words amid the grandeur that surrounds the spot, a cathedral whose walls were the canyon's sides, whose ceiling was the sky, whose choristers were the warbling waters, and whose altar was the Throne of GOD.

"Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." As the earth fell upon the coffin the father felt the pang of the burial. We cannot realize that our dead are gone until the relentless earth calls back her own with these mournful, hollow sounds.

The shadows of Mount Aldine had enveloped our cabin, and darkness was coming on when we reached our ranch. I was still bound by a feeling of thoughtfulness and quietude when I again took my place at the fire. But the bright and crisp air of the following morning dissipated the last remnant of my solemn mood, and once more my thoughts ended with the present.

A VISIT TO MRS. LIVINGSTONE'S GRAVE.

In a recently published work on Tropical Africa, Professor Drummond thus describes a visit he paid to the grave of the wife of the great explorer and the daughter of Dr. Robert Moffat: "Late in the afternoon we reached the spot—a low ruined hut 100 yards from the river's bank, with a broad veranda shading its crumbling walls. A grass-grown path straggled to the doorway, and the fresh prints of a hippopotamus told how neglected the spot is. Pushing the door open, we found ourselves in a long dark room, its mud-floor broken into fragments, and remains of native fires betraying its latest occupants. Turning to the right, we entered a smaller chamber, the walls bare and stained, with two glassless windows facing the river. The evening sun, setting over the far-off Morumballa Mountains, filled the room with its soft glow, and took our thoughts back to that Sunday evening, twenty years ago, when in this same bedroom, at this same hour, Livingstone knelt over his dying wife, and witnessed the great sunset of her life. Under a huge baobab tree—a miracle of vegetable vitality and luxuriance—is Mrs. Livingstone's grave. The picture in Livingstone's book represents the place as being well kept and surrounded with neatly planted trees. But now it is an utter wilderness, matted with jungle grass, and trodden by the beasts of the forest; and as I looked at the forsaken mound and contrasted it with her husband's tomb in Westminster Abbey, I thought perhaps the woman's love which had brought her to a spot like this might be not less worthy of immortality.

"The day will come when that now 'forsaken mound' will be sacred of African Christianity. The cause for which the daughter of Robert Moffat and the wife of David Livingstone lived and died will triumph gloriously. Africa will be redeemed."

ST. SIMEON'S CHURCH.

Plans have been finally adopted for the buildings of this young and vigorous mission parish. Ground will be broken this month and the work pressed to inclose the church and parish building before frost. In the drawings a rectory is provided for, but this will not be built at present. The estimated cost of the church, exclusive of special windows, organ, and some other contemplated adornments, is $40,000, of which amount $36,000 is subscribed. The remainder it is hoped to secure before the completion of the church. The parish building is to be the gift of a friend of the pastor and parish.

The mission was begun October 17th, 1886, in a room over a stable. Mr. Cope took charge of it in the following February, and in a temporary structure, enlarged again and again, it has grown to a parish of three hundred and fifty communicants, with a Sunday-school of five hundred.

The church property is on the south side of Lehigh avenue, between Ninth and Hutchinson streets. The church will be on the corner of Ninth and Lehigh avenue, with a chancel at the eastern end. It will be 123 feet in depth and 70 feet in width. It is of the English decorated Gothic style, and consists of nave, aisles and transepts. This, with the chancel, makes a plan perfectly cruciform. There will be a stone clerestory carried on stone columns. The entire interior of the church will be lined with buff brick, with dark brick wainscoting, and will have buff Ohio sandstone trimmings. The construction of the roof will be exposed, and will be of worked yellow pine. The windows will all be ornamented with rich tracery. The organ chamber is on the northern side of the chancel, opening into it and the transept. The sacristy, vestry and choir-room are on the south of the chancel, and connect the church with the rectory, which is on the extreme south side of the lot facing Ninth street. The tower is at the western end of the church, and forms an entrance to both church and parish building. It will be finished with pinnacles and battlements and furnished with a tubular chime. The windows will be of stained glass. The chancel will be floored with tile, and there will be a reredos of oak. The vestibules and aisles will be floored in such a manner that they can be tiled at some future time. There will be an air space between the ceiling and the roof for ventilation. The vestry room measures 10 by 17 feet, and the choir room 25 by 30 feet. The gas fixtures and other metal furniture will be of wrought iron. Both church and parish building will be heated by steam supplied in separate systems.

The parish building occupies the western portion of the lot with a frontage of 50 feet on Lehigh Avenue, extending south on Hutchinson Street 95 feet. It consists of basement, which will be occupied for a portion of the gymnasium, toilet-rooms, etc.; first floor with Sunday-School and guild rooms; second floor with entertainment hall and guild rooms, and third floor, which will have accommodations for the sexton and his family, and assistant minister, and the lighter part of the gymnasium. The Sunday-school has a ceiling of 16 feet, and is furnished with Wilson's patent rolling sash, so that class-rooms may be divided or opened into the main room. The infant school is provided for over the vestibule of the church and parish building, in a space of 13 by 50 feet.

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CALENDAR.

August 4.—Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
" 11.—Eighth " " "
" 18.—Ninth " " "
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It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH WILL BE OPEN for morning service and sermon every Sunday in August at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer will be omitted during this month.

THE REV. DR. PETERS, formerly connected with the Church Woman's Institute of the Parish, now at the head of the Babylonian Expedition, has been paying a short visit to this city, but sailed for Europe to rejoin his party on Wednesday, July 31st.

ALL ACTIVE CHURCH WORK in the Parish has been necessarily suspended for the Summer season, owing to the absence of the people from the city. The time of work seems to grow shorter each year as the custom is becoming established for the people to remain in the country as long as possible in the Fall, so that it may be said but six months are left for really active and successful undertakings. At present the church seems dreadfully deserted.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH.

This Society was started May 18th, 1888, by nine ladies, mostly of the Parish.

The object of this Society is to give fresh air excursions, a good time, and other aid to poor children, under the direct supervision of its active members.

Although the Society belongs to St. Stephen's Parish, the children are taken from all parts of the city without any questions as to the religious belief of the parents. Some might say, what is the use of this when they have the Country week?

Many mothers do not like to send their children away for a whole week, others cannot *spare them,* but they are willing and glad to have them go for an afternoon outing.

The writer visits many of the small streets of the city, and is asked by the children, when are we going on our next excursion? The delight on the faces of the children and mothers, is enought to show any one that such outings are necessary.

Many of the children we had out in 1888, had never been inside of the Park; it seems hardly possible, but it was so.

From May 18th, 1888, to Jan. 1st, we had about 75 children out on these afternoon excursions, going once a month. Of course, this was very few to what there are in the city, but with the funds we had it was all we could do. Donations were small, but all were glad to help us, and each month up to this time we have met with nothing but encouragement. These 75 children, different ones each month, were taken to different parts of the Park, sometimes giving them a treat in the merry-go-rounds, swings, goat carriages, and once a stage ride and a trip on the boat up the Schuylkill. They were always treated to a lunch, and occasionally a glass of milk.

In January these same children were given a stereopticon entertainment by the Society. It was held in St. Stephen's Sunday School room, and the Sunday School children were our guests for the evening. Mr. Wilbur, who showed the pictures, giving us quite a large donation towards the entertainment, which was said by all to be delightful; and the children are constantly asking when we intend to have another, which I hope we may be able to do this Fall.

Besides the entertainment, each child went home with gifts and a small souvenir. This was all done with $32.24.

We also received donations of clothing, and have helped the children and families in many other ways. This ends 1888.

The President is surprised at the good behaviour of the children, all do what they are told, in hopes that they may get another outing.

After January the children, many of them, were entertained in the Guild Hall of the Parish building, playing games, singing and reading, it being too cold to take them any place.

The next thing was to get money for our Spring work, and how to do it was the question, having on hand a very small amount to do it with With the kind advice of Mr. Wood we went to work, and April 24th, 1889, had in St. George's Hall a very fine concert. The talent being so fine, of course, the hall was well filled. With its proceeds we were able, May 18th, 1889, to celebrate our Anniversary by taking our first trip to the Zoological Gardens, taking 26 children, giving them a nice lunch at the Restaurant, the Proprietor, who is a member of St. Stephen's, donating that part.

Next trip, June 13th, 30 children were taken to the Centennial Grounds, but a heavy storm came up, and we were obliged to take them into Memorial Hall until it was over.

The baskets of provisions were all before them, but each child behaved nicely, when told we were not allowed to eat in the building. When the storm was over they were taken to the restaurant, the President asking permission to use the porch. For their disappointment each child was given a saucer of ice cream, and that seemed to make up for all.

Our next trip, July 13th, seems to have been enjoyed the most. We engaged a four-horse omnibus to take 30 children and ten ladies out to the Burd Orphan Asylum Grove. Dr. Snively very kindly offering the Grove to us. It had been threatening rain and raining at intervals all day, however 22 children and 6 ladies and omnibus came, so off we started.

The more the wagon jolted the better the children liked it; they sang most of the way going out and coming in, and were very happy. Just as we got out it commenced raining hard, what to do we could not tell, but Miss Bullock, one of the teachers at the Burd Asylum very kindly invited us into the children's playroom, the little girls giving up their room to us. There the children played games and ten-pins, and enjoyed all very much. They were then taken on the porch and given lunch by the ladies, afterwards treated to milk by the teachers and little girls of the Burd Asylum. Everything was very enjoyable; the children being able to get a swing in the Grove before starting for home.

Besides all this, many of the children have been given clothing, and several pairs of shoes have been bought, so that the little ones could go on their outings. The Society also helped the sufferers at Johnstown with a five dollar donation.

We have helped in many little ways, sometimes in money and eatables.

We are still nine Active members and 14 Contributing members. We would be glad to add more on our list of active and contributing members. Our work never stops all the year round, and the more help we have the better we can work.

Besides taking the children out we try to have some kind word for the mothers, they are glad to see us, and seem very grateful for the little we do. We have received a number of donations from different ladies of the church and friends outside, but would be glad for donations of any sort, either in money, clothing, tickets for Zoological Garden, or tickets for a boat excursion, or anything that would help us to add to these children's happiness, for some of them have very little indeed.

We could tell of some very hard cases, particularty down near the water front, where it seems impossible to get these little ones to have a glimpse of green grass and fresh air.

Any donations sent to St. Stephen's Parish House *for the Children's Friend Society* gladly received.

THOUGH faith in the old religions is certainly declining in Japan, yet there are still over 250,000 Buddhist priests in the Empire—over eight times as many priests as Christians—and the old superstitions have yet a very strong hold upon the masses.

SELECTIONS.

EXAMPLE.

We scatter the seeds with careless hand,
And dream we ne'er shall see them more;
But for a thousand years
Their fruit appears,
In weeds that mar the land,
Or healthful store.

The deeds we do, the words we say,
Into the still air they seem to fleet,
We count them ever past;
But they shall last;
In the dread judgment they
And we shall meet.

I charge thee by the years gone by
For the love's sake of brethren dear,
Keep thou the one true way,
In work and play,
Lest in that world their cry
Of woe thou hear.

—*John Keble.*

I WILL REJOICE.

I know not how soon for me wild affliction may darken, and the grief storm come, and the death-shade gather. But, blessed be my Redeemer, I do know, I do know that amid the strife and the storm my God will be with me, and in the shadow of his glorious wings I will rejoice, I will rejoice. O, thrice blessed assurance! And who that hath a sorrow to expect, a beloved one to die, a death pang to suffer, who of these mortal-immortals would not then be a Christian? Why, tell me why, ye beloved ones, ye will not come to my Saviour—from these shadows and storms of life to his strong and sheltering pinions? O, harken ye to-night to his most tender and beautiful words," "How often would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her young under her wings, but ye would not." "How often!" In every sorrow you have experienced, in every gladness that has comforted you, in every mercy you have received, in every ordinance you have witnessed, in every sweet wooing of the Spirit, in every wild thought of eternity, O, in them all hath Jesus my Master, my blessed and loving and dying Redeemer, been moving upon your hearts, feeling tenderly for your affections, and striving longingly and ever to gather you from the oncoming tempest unto the strength of his wings. Yea, "from the oncoming tempest;" for the tempest will come and ye will need the shelter. Your life will lose all its beauty, and your dear friends will die, and your home will become desolate, and ye yourselves will lie in the wild death agony, and in the midst of the down-falling of your mortal tabernacle will the soul rush forth to the dread pomps of the judgment and the great realities of eternity. And it will be a storm and a tempest. Then ye will need a great wing. Come then to Jesus. How often, how often, hath he called you! And now again he calleth you. He calleth you tenderly, sweetly, earnestly. And O, my son, that ye were wise, that ye knew the terror of the great storm and the sweet rapture of the shelter. Would to God we could tell you how blessed we are in him. How sweeter than the coming of an angel is it to have Christ walking toward the imperilled bark in the hour of the tempest. Hear then, that beloved voice sounding out even now amid the gloom of the oncoming tempest. O, I would, I would, that as a homesick child to the mother's bosom, as the imperilled bird to the sheltering parent pinions, ye would rush to the shadow of his wings and rejoice, forever rejoice.—*Dr. Charles Wadsworth.*

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE.

Mr. Gladstone has written a letter to the leader of a Bible class in Manchester, on how to study the Bible. He recommends the use of the table of lessons appointed by the Church, and especially urges two things:—"Christianity in Christ and nearness to him and to his image is the end of all your efforts. Give precedence, therefore, to the gospels. Remember that in the Scriptures the purposes are, one, to feed the people of God in green pastures, the other to afford proof of the doctrine. This last is good and desirable work, but not for us all. It requires external helps, more learning and good guides, more knowledge of the historical development of our religion, which development of our religion is one of the most wonderful facts of all human history, and affords one of the strongest demonstrations of its truth and of the power and goodness of God.

MISTAKES OF LIFE.

Somebody has condensed the mistakes of life and arrived at the conclusion that there are fourteen of them. Most people would say, if they told the truth, that there was no limit to the mistakes of life; that they were like the drops in the ocean, or the sands of the shore in number, but it is well to be accurate. Here, then, are fourteen great mistakes: "It is a great mistake to set up our own standard of right and wrong, and judge people accordingly; to measure the enjoyment of others by our own; to expect uniformity of opinion in this world; to look for judgment and experience in youth; to endeavor to mould all dispositions alike; to yield to immaterial trifles; to look for perfection in our own actions; to worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied; not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power; not to make allowances for the infirmities of others; to consider everything impossible that we cannot perform; to believe only what our finite minds can grasp; to expect to be able to understand everything.—*Exchange.*

UNNOTICED LABOR.

Many Christians have to endure the solitude of unnoticed labor. They are serving God in a way which is exceedingly useful, but not at all noticeable. How very sweet to many workers are those little corners of the newspapers and magazines which describe their labors and successes; yet some, who are doing what God will think a great deal more of at the last, never saw their names in print. Yonder beloved brother is plodding away in a country village; nobody knows anything about him, but he is bringing souls to God. Unknown to fame, the angels are acquainted with him, and a few precious ones whom he has led to Jesus know him well.

Perhaps yonder sister has a class in the Sunday-school; nothing striking in her or in her class; nobody thinks of her as a remarkable worker; she is a flower that blooms almost unseen, but she is none the less fragrant.

There is a Bible woman; she is mentioned in the report as making so many visits a week, but nobody discovers all she is doing for the poor and needy, and how many are saved in the Lord through her instrumentality. Hundreds of God's dear servants are serving him without the encouragement of man's approving eye, yet they are not alone; the Father is with them.

Never mind where you work; care more how you work; never mind who sees, if God approves.

If he smiles, be content. We cannot always be sure when we are most useful. It is not the acreage you sow, it is the multiplication which God gives the seed which makes up the harvest. You have less to do with being successful than with being faithful. Your main comfort is that in your labor you are not alone. For God, the eternal One, who guides the marches of the stars, is with you.—*Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.*

EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY.

Many persons believe that under the present system of education young people are acquiring a distaste for manual labor, and that there is, consequently, danger that the trades and agricultural occupations will be deserted by all but the most inefficient classes of workmen. But the *London Spectator* directs attention to the fact that no dislike of work, even of the roughest character, has appeared among two of the best educated races. The Scotch, who have been taught for two hundred years and are now more thoroughly trained than English national schoolboys, show no disposition to avoid labor, but are remarkable for persistent and fairly contented industry. The Prussian peasants "who are as educated as the English will be twenty years hence, work exceedingly hard, and in the country, where the holdings are their own, show none of the resentment at their fate which is manifested in the towns in the form of Socialistic aspirations. Gardeners, who all over Great Britain are the best instructed of manual laborers, work, more especially when working for themselves, with unusual diligence; and it is a matter of constant observation that a laborer who happens by any accident to be "a bit of a scholar" can be depended upon when work presses and every man is required. The people of Rome, who can read and write, are far more diligent than the Neapolitans, who cannot; and the best workmen in Italy are those who have passed through the army and obtained what is practically an education. There seems to be no *a priori* reason why it should be otherwise.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

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CALENDAR.

September 1.—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.
" 8.—Twelfth " " "
" 15.—Thirteenth " " "
" 21.—Saturday, St. Matthew's Day.
" 22.—Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29.—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, and St. Michael and All Angels.

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Children's Friend Society,		
Special,	$ 5.00	
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For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE SERVICES IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH during the month of September will be held every Sunday, in the morning, at 11 o'clock as usual, and in the evening at 5 o'clock. On every Saint's Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 A. M.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL of this Parish will re-open on the first Sunday in October. The scholars and teachers have had a long vacation, and will be gladly welcomed back to the school again. The past year was a year of active work and, from all that was evident, there is no reason to doubt much good was done. There are many children round about the neighborhood of the church who are attached to the school, and others there are who ought to be gathered in and put under Christian influences and trained up in the way that may help them to be of service to themselves and to the community. We have a host of earnest and active women teachers, but too small a number of men. In a congregation as large as St. Stephen's, and to which so large a proportion of men belong, it is reasonable to expect that out of this number, some earnest Churchmen can be found, this Fall, who will come forward and offer themselves as teachers in the school. Much has been done. Much more can be done. Who will engage in this work? Let the Rector know of this resolve, on your part, to take a class this coming season.

THE *Times* OF THIS CITY in making mention of the various places of interest in Philadelphia, speaks thus of Christ Church:

What true Philadelphian does not want to know that Christ Church is the "mother church" of Episcopalians in the United States? Or that during the Revolution Benjamin Franklin was a vestryman and Francis Hopkinson organist? He already knows that Washington attended service here while President, and the place of his pew is still shown. Also that Bishop White was baptized and buried here. Perhaps he may not know, as the same story is told of other colonial churches, that the communion service was presented by Queen Anne.

Some may wonder why there is a vacant niche in the front wall of the church. Before the Revolution this contained a statue of King George. This was removed as soon as the Colonies declared independence, and has never been replaced by anything else.

And then in mentioning St. Stephen's Church, says, that we are apt to forget its antiquity—but we would be obliged to travel many a long day before we could find a finer specimen of Norman architecture than its gray granite front. Then, too, the church contains some of the finest statuary in the United States. The Mosaic picture of the "Last Supper" over the altar is a copy of the one in Westminster Abbey, and the only one of the kind in the country.

THE NEW TESTAMENT is occupied from first to last—specially the Sermon on the Mount—in showing that acts are nothing except as they are fruits of a state, except as they indicate what the man is; that words are nothing except as they express a mind or purpose.—*F. D. Maurice.*

SELECTIONS.

Why thus longing, thus forever sighing
For the far off, unattained and dim,
While the beautiful, all round thee lying,
Offers up its low, perpetual hymn?

Wouldst thou listen to its gentle teaching,
All thy restless yearnings it would still;
Leaf and flower and laden bee are preaching
Thine own sphere, though humble, first to fill.

Poor indeed, thou must be, if around thee
Thou no ray of light and joy canst throw,
If no silken cord of love hath bound thee
To some little world through weal and woe;

If no dear eyes thy fond love can brighten—
No fond voices answer to thine own;
If no brother's sorrow thou canst lighten,
By daily sympathy and gentle tone.

—*Harriet Winslow.*

CHRISTIAN PROGRESS.

The Providence *Journal* has the following:—

Without insisting on an accurate definition of orthodoxy, as Dr. Lyman Abbott is inclined to do in his recent controversy with Rev. M. J. Savage, it would be idle to deny the modifications of Christian doctrine that have been forced upon the Protestant Church during the latter part of the present century. These changes may not be as great as Mr. Savage claims, and they are very far from indicating "the inevitable overthrow of orthodoxy," as he assumes, but they have been great enough to give some ground for the assumption in circles where the wish is father to the thought. Orthodoxy is indeed a variable term, the heresy of one generation being often the orthodoxy of the next, a process which has been going on at a varying rate of speed since the Christian theology was formulated, but it may readily be admitted that no other century has seen such rapid changes as our own. This, however, is only natural, and it is but a part of the great intellectual movement which is re-examining and recasting all the institutions which are our inheritance from earlier ages. The various sciences have all restated themselves, and must do the same again with nearly every new decade; old theories of government have been revolutionized; while, in the opinion of calm observers, no social or economic changes of the past have been so great as will be those which are impending. It is, therefore, not surprising that theological doctrines, for the exact and final statement of which no divine authority could ever be justly claimed, should undergo the same modifications. The only fact which makes it surprising to any is that divine authority for these statements has been unjustly claimed. They have been formulated and announced with a Thus saith the Lord, and the dogmatism of the Athanasian creed has been too closely followed by too many teachers of theology. The inevitable reaction, which always follows when the tension has been great, has doubtless set in. Unitarianism early in this century forced a restatement of the doctrine of the Trinity, Universalism has done the same for the doctrine of rewards and punishments, criticism has greatly modified old theories respecting the Bible, while science has given us new conceptions of the universe, of the methods if not of the character of the Creator, and of the origin, history, and apparent destiny of man. A vast amount of knowledge, consisting of facts which are beyond dispute, is now in our possession, and Christian doctrine, like everything else, is obliged to express itself in accordance with them. It will probably be found that it is perfectly willing to do this. It may be excused for having been slow about it, since so much has been at stake, and the facts only recently, and so rapidly, made clear.

Short-sighted persons are quick to answer that because so many modifications of Christian doctrine have been made, and because they discern others which must be made, that the whole system is doomed, and already the advanced guards of agnosticism and unbelief begin to sound a note of triumph over its fall. This, to say the least, is premature. Christian doctrine has shown remarkable vitality in its conflicts with various forms of scepticism, and its hold upon the world is greater to-day than ever before. It may be taken for granted that the last word has not been spoken yet. There must be something permanently true and beautiful in doctrines which have endured so long, which have appealed to so many minds, and which have brought so much of actual blessing to mankind. Whatever is true in them will take care of itself and cannot be destroyed, any more than any other truth of science or government which has made itself really useful to mankind. Whatever truth there is in the Christian religion, duly appearing after every possible investigation has been made, and stating itself in the best language of its own time, is all the orthodoxy that any one need to be concerned about, or which can be preserved.

Meanwhile it needs to be remembered that practical Christianity is something very different from its doctrines. It is above all other things a way of life, embodying a pure morality, principles of action which may guide one in all the details of life, and teaching a dependence upon the highest Powers, which never fails to be inspiring and comforting. It is unquestionably a regenerating influence, and however clearly its results are seen in the redemption of individuals from sinful living, its beneficial results upon society are still more apparent. There is no serviceable institution of mankind which it does not foster, no disastrous custom which it does not condemn and set itself to destroy. Under the control of bigoted authorities, and with a mistaken idea of its own nature, it has sometimes been made the opponent of liberty, learning and progress; but in so doing it has been placed in a false position, and its fostering care of these conditions of human happiness and prosperity, wherever it has been free to show its real spirit, has proved how beneficial it can be. Ever since the great revival of learning began to change all human institutions for the better, it has been working itself free from the superstitions and traditions of men which have obscured its divine truths, and proportionately as it has done this its numbers and influence have increased. It is more powerful to-day than ever before, because it is more spiritually discerned, its conceptions more rational, its methods wiser, and the life of its members conformed to a higher standard. That Christianity has further progress to make in this direction is certain, and it may be trusted to make it rapidly, compelled both by outward criticism and a progressive force from within, which is now too strong to be resisted, and which well understands its strength. The best judgment that can be formed of Christianity is that it is in the line of human progress, gradually modified by and conforming to whatever truth is actually established. Meanwhile it is the highest form of religion which the world has, and without any trembling as to its ultimate destiny, with ceaseless energy and with much self-sacrifice, it is laboring for the elevation of humanity.

THE *New Century Guild* in Philadelphia has a gymnasium where tired working women may exercise; exhibitions of dress reform garments with patterns from which they may be cheaply made; lectures on hygiene with charts and casts of the female form, showing the co-relation of the organs; experiments in ventilation so impressive that the girls have begged for fresh air in workrooms and have often obtained it; cooking classes with a special branch for the preparation of invalid food; emergency lectures, classes in all useful subjects; a mending bureau for helpless bachelors and incompetent house-wives; trained menders who go out by the day to renovate the family laundry, and who patch anything from a stocking to a lace curtain; and peripatetic house-workers who may be engaged by the hour or the day to dust parlors, clean lamps or silver, do light housework and relieve overburdened mothers. One branch of the guild pledges its members to perform each day some service for one whom there is no obligation to serve; and in a paper published by the Guild is recorded every deed of unusual thoughtfulness or kindness on the part of any proprietor, on the principle that one good act encouraged begets many more.

What are the requisites for effective club work among girls, is often asked. Brains, or enthusiasm, or willing youth, singly or united. A special obligation towards their poorer sisters enslaved to toil rests upon young women of leisure. Time, individual effort, personal interest and influence are a gift more precious than money. In every successful club, while older and wiser heads direct, the active work is done by the young. In New York, fully one hundred girls supposed to be mere idle, exclusive, fashionable belles, may be found on certain inviolable nights, simply dressed, in

lovely fellowship and sympathy, serving, guiding, amusing their working friends. The affectionate respect and understanding are mutual and beautiful. Neither home nor social duties are neglected for this club work, which, in time, beneficially reacts on the mind and character of the young woman, who, perhaps, began it from a wish to be useful to others, without hope of reward or personal enjoyment. Nothing broadens like contact with lives set in a different frame from our own. The "Girls' Endeavor Club" has been conducted entirely by four sisters of one family, their cousin and their friends—all well known in New York social circles. The young woman who has charge of the "literary night" declares that it has been the highest education. She thought she knew Scott and Dickens, but when required to make up programs, choose selections, cast parts and often herself write the sketch of the author, she found more profound study needed than in her *dilettante* school days.—*Faith and Works.*

TRUE SUCCESS.

To be beaten but not broken; to be victorious but not vainglorious; to strive and contend for the prize, and to win it honestly or lose it cheerfully; to use every power in the race, and yet never to wrest an undue advantage or win an unlawful mastery; verily, in all this there is training and testing of character which searches it to the very roots, and this is a result which is worth all that it costs us.—*Bishop Potter.*

THE Bishop of London states that when he first went to Oxford, drinking clubs of a low type were numerous. Now such are not to be found either at Oxford or Cambridge.

I HAVE no fear for England; she will stand till the Day of Judgment.—*William Pitt.* What I fear for England, is the Day of Judgment.—*Burke.*

BY desiring what is perfectly good, even when we cannot do all we would, we are making ourselves a part of the divine force against evil, widening the skirts of light, and making the struggle with darkness narrower.—*George Eliot.*

WHERE Christ brings his Cross he brings his presence; and where he is, none are desolate, and there is no room for despair. As he knows his own, so he knows how to comfort them, using sometimes the very gift itself, and straining it to a sweetness of peace unattainable by those ignorant of sorrow.—*E. B. Browning.*

GEN. SHERMAN was once a patient of the late Dr. Bliss. The doctor had been treating him for some time when one day the General said: "Doctor, I don't seem to be getting any better for all your medicine." "Well, General," replied the doctor, jocosely, "perhaps you had better take Shakespeare's advice and 'throw physic to the dogs.'" "I would, doctor," replied the sick man, as he turned his head on the pillow, "I would, but there are a number of valuable dogs in the neighborhood."

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CALENDAR.

October 6.—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 13.—Seventeenth " " "
" 18.—St. Luke.
" 20.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 27.—Nineteenth " " "
" 28.—SS. Simon and Jude.
November 1.—All Saints.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

September 15th, Anna Elizabeth Cordero.
" 22d, Olive Mildred Brotherton.

MARRIAGES.

September 10th, James C. Stillwell and Mary Stites Jones.
" 24th, Howard Duvall Stockett and Grace Elizabeth Mendenhall.

BURIALS.

September 10th, Julia C. Willock.
" 28th, Harry B. Helms.

OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER.

General Charities.....$178.54

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

October 20th.—Third Sunday of month, Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays.—General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE RECTOR REGRETS EXCEEDINGLY that an unexpected and painful illness kept him out of his place during September, where he had expected to be.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL will begin its sessions on Sunday, October 6th, at 9.45 A. M. The teachers will please endeavor to be present at the reopening, to take charge of their classes. If unable to do so, please inform the Assistant Minister that he may be able to secure others to take their places.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS will begin on Sunday, October 6th, at 2½ o'clock, in the Parish Building. Miss Stoddard will be the teacher of the class.

THE MOTHERS' MEETINGS will be resumed on Wednesday, October 6th, from 2 to 4 P. M. Miss Stoddard will take charge of these meetings.

THE CORNER-STONE OF THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. SIMEON, a memorial to the late Bishop Stevens, at 9th & Lehigh Ave, will be laid on Saturday afternoon, October 12th, at 4 o'clock. The consolidated vested choirs of the N. E. Convocation, numbering four hundred voices, will be present, and addresses will be made by the Bishop of the Diocese and by Dr. McConnell, the President of the Convocation. This Mission has been preeminently successful under its Minister, the Rev. Mr. Cope. Beginning with nothing three years ago, it now numbers over 300 communicants, and they have built with their own hands and three times enlarged the wooden chapel which is now to be replaced by a handsome stone church, toward the building of which $40,000 has been raised in the Diocese. Many of the people of this Parish have contributed towards it, and we cannot but think that they would find a pleasure and interest in being present at the laying of the corner-stone.

APPEAL FROM GARMENT COMMITTEE.

In response to the appeal made by the Rector of this Parish, Sunday, June 2d, on behalf of the Johnstown Sufferers, the ladies forming the Garment Committee emptied their closets of every available article of clothing. Over two hundred garments being sent by this Committee alone. They now open the season of 1889-'90 unable to meet the needs of our own deserving poor. Some of our members have not yet sent in their annual contributions as the year does not close until November 30th; others have done so long since; but as the demand in June was so urgent, and the amount required from each member (two garments) so trifling, would it be expecting too much to ask this year for a more liberal contribution?

The feeling most naturally and properly is that too much could not be done for the unfortunate sufferers in the flooded district, but neither should our own deserving poor suffer for want of plain, warm clothing. All articles should be sent not later than November 20th, so they can be distributed before the very inclement weather overtakes us.

Every Monday morning, from 10.30 until 12 o'clock, one of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building (rear of the church) to receive all contributions.

Monday, October 7th, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 14th, Mrs. Arnold.
" " 21st, Mrs. Lundy.
" " 28th, Miss Cleemann.

Oct. 1st, 1889.

THE ATTENTION OF THE PEOPLE is called to a number of Rubrics in the Prayer Book which are too generally neglected, chiefly because they are not known to exist, or are believed to be obsolete. This is not true. They are all in force and all valuable intrinsically. It is known to all that certain changes in the Prayer Book have been under consideration for some years. There is in many minds the feeling that no changes ought ever to be made in so venerable an authority. The specific changes proposed may be good or bad—we think some of them are the one and some the other—but that changes can and ought to be made from time to time is evident from the very first paragraph of the Preface to the Prayer Book as it now stands:

> *It is a most invaluable part of that blessed liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, that in His worship, different forms and usages may without offence be allowed, provided the substance of the Faith be kept entire; and that, in every Church, what cannot be clearly determined to belong to Doctrine must be referred to Discipline: and, therefore, by common consent and authority, may be altered, abridged, enlarged, amended, or otherwise disposed of, as may seem most convenient for the edification of the people, "according to the various exigencies of time and occasions."*

In public worship the only time when a member of the congregation needs a Prayer Book is at the reading of the Psalter. In all the rest of the service he will probably worship more devoutly and with less distraction if he lays down his book and listens to the voice of the Minister. It is not an edifying spectacle to see a whole congregation standing during the reading of the Gospel, for example, every one with his eyes fixed on his own copy, to observe that the Priest reads with a proper emphasis.

But there are rubrics which deal with things of more importance than behavior in church. For example these two following:

> *If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Minister shall know any to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbors by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended; he shall advertise him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former evil life, that the congregation may thereby be satisfied; and that he hath recompensed the parties to whom he hath done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.*
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> *The same order shall the Minister use with those, betwixt whom he perceiveth malice and hatred to reign; not suffering them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties, so at variance, be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other hath trespassed against him, and to make amends for that wherein he himself hath offended, and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his frowardness and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the Holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate. Provided, that every Minister so repelling any, as is herein specified, shall be obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary, as soon as conveniently may be.*

It is not an unknown thing for a "notorious evil liver" to bring the Church into disrepute by his remaining a communicant while dozens of men know of his unfitness and keep silent. The Minister is usually the very last man to suspect it. It is not a nice thing to be an informer, but on the other hand, what would be thought of a member of a Club who would allow the organization to suffer shamefully rather than to bring to the attention of the authorities the facts within his knowledge?

The following are the regulations of the Church concerning the Baptism of Children. Please to read them and remember them when they are needed:

> *The Minister of every Parish shall often admonish the People, that they defer not the Baptism of their Children longer than the first or second Sunday next after their birth, or other Holy Day falling between, unless upon a great and reasonable cause.*
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> *And also he shall warn them, that without like great cause and necessity, they procure not their Children to be baptized at home in their houses. But when need shall compel them so to do, then Baptism shall be administered there.*
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> *The People are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be administered but upon Sundays and other Holy Days, or Prayer Days. Nevertheless (if necessity so require), Baptism may be administered upon any other day.*
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> *There shall be for every Male-child to be baptized, when they can be had, two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers; and Parents shall be admitted as Sponsors, if it be desired.*
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> *When there are children to be baptized, the Parents or Sponsors shall give knowledge thereof, before the beginning of Morning (or Evening) Prayer, to the Minister. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and the People with the Children, must be ready at the Font, either immediately after the last Lesson at Morning Prayer, or else immediately after the last Lesson at Evening Prayer, as the Minister at his discretion shall appoint.*

The Church also assumes that parents will recognize their duty in the proper instruction of their children:

> *The Minister of every Parish shall diligently, upon Sundays and Holy Days, or on some other convenient occasions, openly in the Church, instruct or examine so many Children of his Parish, sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism.*
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> *And all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Mistresses, shall cause their Children, Servants, and Apprentices, who have not learned their Catechism, to come to the Church at the time appointed, and obediently to hear and to be ordered by the Minister, until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them to learn.*

The following is a Rubric which has often been misunderstood:

> *And there shall none be admitted to the Holy Communion, until such time as he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed.*

The difficulty is in the case of "members of other churches" coming to the Holy Communion with us.

The common sense answer which custom gives is, that they are more than welcome, on occasion, as guests, but that if they think to make their church home with us they must be confirmed and give the same pledge of allegiance which is required of the rest of us.

In *Marriages* the Minister is not always at liberty to do as he would:

> *The laws respecting Matrimony, whether by publishing the Bans in Churches, or by License, being different in the several States, every Minister is left to the direction of those laws, in everything that regards the civil contract between the parties.*
>
> ["*No Minister of this Church shall celebrate the Marriage of any persons who have been divorced, except of the innocent party in the case of divorce for the cause of adultery.*"]

When any one is sick he shall not expect the Minister to find out the fact by intuition, but—

> *When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish; who, coming into the sick person's house, shall examine whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive, from the bottom of his heart, all persons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he hath done any injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power. And if he hath not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his Will, and to declare his Debts, what*

he oweth, and what is owing unto him, for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his Executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates, whilst they are in health.

The Minister shall not omit earnestly to move such sick persons as are of ability, to be liberal to the poor.

After the birth of a child—

The Woman shall come into the Church decently apparelled, and then shall kneel down in some convenient place, as hath been accustomed, [or in her pew], and the Minister shall say the "Prayer of thanksgiving for recovery from Childbirth."

The Woman, that cometh to give her Thanks, must offer accustomed offerings, which shall be applied by the Minister and Church-wardens to the relief of distressed women in child-bed.

In the Burial of the Dead—

The Minister, meeting the Corpse at the entrance to the Churchyard, and going before it, either into the Church, or towards the Grave, shall say, or sing, [the Office for the Burying of the Dead].

Here is to be noted, that the Office ensuing is not to be used for any unbaptized adults, any who die excommunicate, or who have laid violent hands upon themselves.

In every household, at some suitable hour in the morning or evening—

The Master or Mistress having called together as many of the Family as can conveniently be present, let one of them, or any other whom they shall think proper, say, all kneeling, [the Form of Prayer to be used in Families].

THE THEATRE SERVICES in Philadelphia will not be resumed until the first of November. Where they will be held is not yet determined. The Rev. J. E. Johnson has seized the opportunity to make another missionary voyage, and sailed for Liverpool with the intention of holding evangelistic services in the steerage going over and coming back, more particularly the latter. His trip last year aroused some interest, and this Summer several ministers of various denominations have made the experiment from the other side. The Methodists have organized a society for this purpose. Mr. Johnson dons a flannel shirt and goes among the immigrants as one of them, counseling them where to go and what to do on their arrival in this country, as well as holding services every day. He has taken no unusual ecclesiastical vows, wears no extraordinary ecclesiastical clothes, and claims "neither praise nor pudding" for what he is doing. He is content with the bean-soup and "duff" which falls to the indistinguishable mass of the clergy before the mast in the Ministry of the Church. We shall hope to hear from him on his return.—*Standard of the Cross.*

SELECTIONS.

LEVELING SOCIETY UP.

A clever writer thus paraphrases the spirit of Christianity and the teaching of Tolstoi: "You are my brother," says Tolstoi, "therefore let me live with you and be dirty." "You are my brother," says the true Christian, "therefore live with me and be clean." The poles are not wider apart than these two points of view, these two ends proposed. The true spirit of fraternity and equality is not that which says, "I am as good as you are," and would drag down to its own level all that is above it; but that which says, "You are as good as I am," and lifts up to its plane all that are below it. The former spirit often masquerades as the true friend of mankind, the force that underlies all modern progress. In truth it is destructive, disintegrating, paralyzing. It is pagan, not Christian, for its basis is the love of self and the hatred of one's neighbor. The leveling-up principle underlies all progress, because it is the fulfilling of the law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—*New York Examiner.*

CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS.

One imbued with this high quality never sees personal deformity or blemish. A lame man could easily classify his friends as to their breeding by drawing a line between those who ask *how it happened*, and those who refrain from all questions. I say distinctly, the gentleman never *sees* deformity. He will not talk to a beggar of his rags, nor boast of his health to the sick, nor speak of his wealth amongst the poor; he will not seem to be fortunate amongst the hapless, nor make any show of his virtue before the vicious. He will avoid all painful contrast, always looking at the thing in question from the standpoint of the other person. —*Theodore T. Munger.*

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CALENDAR.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
" 3.—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 10.—Twenty-first " " "
" 17.—Twenty-second " " "
" 24.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30.—St. Andrew's Day.
December 1.—First Sunday in Advent.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

October 6th, Harry C. Banks.
" " Ada Virginia Paist.

MARRIAGES.

October 1st, John Joseph Elmer and Emma Henry.
" 7th, Harry C. Crowell and Ida E. Fricker.
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BURIALS.

October 22d, Emma Miller.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

Domestic Missions (For Montana), . .	$206 95
" " (For Wyoming and Idaho.)	150 00
General Charities, ...	201 36
Total, ...	$558 31

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Third Sunday, November 17.—Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays.—General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION of Our Church, which meets once in three years, held its sessions in New York in October. The Convention is composed of (1) all the Bishops who sit as an Upper House, and (2) the House of Deputies, composed of a delegation of four clergymen and four laymen from each Diocese.

It is not easy at this writing to say just what the Convention did, and what it did not do.

A concurrence of both Houses is necessary to give validity to any measure, and from the daily reports of the debates and motions, it is hard to extract exact information as to what was passed and what was not. In due time the official statement will be available of what action was completed.

The feeling in the Church, however, is very general, that very little of any great consequence was accomplished. The truth is that our Ecclesiastical Parliament has been for fifteen years very much in the same predicament as is the British Parliament—*i. e.* it has a question before it which it cannot get satisfactorily settled, and cannot get its hands free to do any thing else till it is settled. What the Irish question is to Parliament, so is Prayer Book Revision to the General Convention. The Church has become so entangled with this subject that it has not been able, for many years, to give attention to any thing else.

At the opening of the Convention it was moved to proceed at once with this business. At the same time a resolution was offered, that this subject must be definitely concluded at this Convention, leaving unconsidered all proposed changes which could not secure action at this time. This on the ground that the Church is tired of uncertainty and desires a finality. The latter resolution was lost by a small majority, from the feeling that as so much time and care had been already given to this matter, this ought not to be thrown away in the effort to come to a sudden stop. As between the two plans, of a sudden end and an indefinite continuance, it was agreed that no matter would be considered which could not be settled finally at the next meeting of Convention in 1892. The more important changes which were finally agreed upon were the following:

1. In Evening Prayer, after the Response "And our mouth shall show forth thy praise," there be inserted:—

Minister—O God make speed to save us.
Answer—O Lord make haste to help us.

And in Evening Prayer, after the Response, "And our mouth shall show forth thy praise," there be inserted:—

Minister—O Lord save the State.
Answer—And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister—Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer—And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister—O Lord save thy people.
Answer—And bless thine inheritance.
Minister—Give peace in our time O Lord.
Answer—Because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou O Lord.

2. Insert in the Litany a suffrage for deliverance "from flood and earthquake."

3. Insert special prayers "For Rogation Days;" "For Church Unity;" "For Missions;" "For those who labor in the Gospel."

4. Substitute Psalm lxiv for lxix in Psalter for Good Friday Evening.

5. Additional Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Christmas and for Easter.

6. Additional Offertory Services.

7. Insert the Apostles' Creed and a Scripture Lesson in the Confirmation office.

Almost the whole time of the Convention was taken in the discussion of the above, and of a hundred other changes which were proposed but not adopted. For this reason but few other matters were acted upon. Among the things done were the following:

1. The Diocese of Missouri was divided, and a Missionary jurisdiction from the Diocese of Nebraska.

2. A Resolution to Congress to pass an uniform and more stringent Divorce Law.

3. The Committee on Church Unity reported, that it was in communication with similar Committees appointed by the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Lutheran Synod, and the Moravian Provincial Synod, and expressed a good hope that reunion will be a possibility in the near future, and asked that the Committee be continued.

4. In the Convention sitting as a Board of Missions it was determined that the money collected for the "Enrolment Fund" of $1,000,000, which fund failed of being raised, should be turned over to the Managers of the Board of Missions with power to distribute it.

During the Convention two public meetings were held of a very noteworthy character. One was a public Missionary Meeting in the Academy of Music, at which the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Rev. Dr. Brooks, and the Bishop of Idaho made addresses which will be long remembered by the great audience which packed the huge building.

The other was a meeting held under the auspices of the Church Unity Society, The presiding officer was the Bishop of Pittsburgh, and very remarkable addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Schaff and the Rev. Dr. Hawkhurst, of the Presbyterian Church. It was the first time in two hundred years that representative men have come together publicly to consider "the great evil we are in by reason of our unhappy divisions."

Of the General Convention just closed it must be said, with all respect to the honored men who composed it, that they left undone those things which they ought to have done, and spent their time and energy in doing those things which are of comparatively little consequence when they are done. The revision of the Prayer Book is an important matter. All we who believe in and use a Liturgy believe that. But it is not a thing of the first rank of importance. All will agree that it is of more importance that men should be induced to pray at all than that they should be induced to pray after a certain fashion. Whole races, classes, sorts and conditions of men are in this country "without God and without hope in the world," and the first duty of the Church when she meets in council, is to plan for their welfare. Everything else, while of importance in its rank, is subordinate to this. This work the Convention did not do. The secular press, which usually judges fairly of Ecclesiastical things has not hesitated to point out the Church's failure here. The general feeling throughout the Church seems to be one of disappointment. But in all candor it is difficult to see how it could have been otherwise managed. The Church had embarked upon Liturgical Revision and unless she was content to be perpetually at sea, she must get ashore even if it took the whole time of this Convention to make a landing.

It may now reasonably be hoped that having got once more on solid earth, she will look over the land and concern herself for a good many years to come with the things which concern her growth, if not her very existence.

DEAR FELLOW-LABORERS IN THE LORD:

Each succeeding year affords fresh illustrations of the power and blessedness of the organized work of Christian women. The recent meetings of the Women's Auxiliary in New York, in connection with the meetings of the General Convention, as the Board of Missions, were not only means of spiritual refreshment to those who were present, but they moved each heart anew to do more than ever before to make known the Saviour's love, and to help and comfort those who are laboring in His name. It would be a great benefit if the spirit of those meetings should be diffused throughout the Church until every heart is warmed and every hand is busy in the work of Christ. In the hope that by coming together for conference and prayer we may all be quickened to greater diligence in the Master's service, I have appointed an All-day Meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, to be held on Thursday, November 21st, in St. Andrew's Church, Eighth Street, between Locust and Spruce, to which I cordially invite you.

The following will be the order of the day:

10 A. M., Holy Communion.

11 A. M. to 12.30 P. M., Addresses.

12.30 to 2 P. M., Lunch in the Parish Building for all.

2 to 4 P. M., Addresses.

It is expected that Bishop Morris, Bishop Talbot, Bishop Kendrick, Rev. Wm. B. Gordon, of Mexico, Rev. A. H. Lacke, of China, and Rev. Paulus Moods, of Africa, will speak.

Faithfully yours,

O. W. WHITAKER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE TO ITS MEMBERS.

Remember that our present year closes on the last day of this month (November), and our third year, 1889 and 1890, will commence December 1st. To many this may seem a strange division of the season, but after mature reflection, it was deemed advisable by the Committee to do this so that the warm Winter clothing collected could be distributed before the coldest weather would overtake the suffering poor. We are greatly in need of all articles of clothing—plain, warm and substantial, as we emptied our closets of everything available on June 2d for the Johnstown sufferers, and now feel we are at the mercy of the liberal-minded. Who will help us? Every contribution for this year should be sent in by November 20th, so as to enable the Committee to make a judicious and conscientious division and distribution. As there are not only private cases to be considered, but applications also from many charitable organizations, supported by voluntary contributions, it would be a pleasure, as well as a duty, to assist.

When our 2d Annual Report appears in our Parish Paper, it is to be hoped it will compare favorably with the former year, as it will then be an encouragement to all interested to continue this good work.

Every Monday morning, from 10.30 until 12.30 P. M., one of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building (rear of the Church) to receive all articles sent.

Monday 4th, Mrs. Stratton.
" 11th, Miss Stoddard.
" 18th, Miss Bell.
" 25th, Mrs. Muirheid.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE, of St. Stephen's Church, intend holding, on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of November, their annual sale of the handiwork of gentlewomen, who are obliged, by their own efforts, to support themselves.

In this sale will be found articles of useful and artistic needle-work, and delicious home-made jellies, preserves, pickles, etc.

The ladies of the Committee hope it is understood that no commission is charged the depositors for selling their goods, and earnestly trust that the congregation will do all in their power to further this good work.

LAST SPRING the Rev. Mr. Syle, Rector of All Souls', asked the Embroidery Class to work for his church a purple altar cloth; the members of his parish would give the materials. The request was readily granted. The Altar Society found, when the altar cloth was finished, that, through the generosity of the congregation, they would also be able to give the materials. The presentation took place last June, at All Souls', the Rectors of St. Stephen's and All Souls' making the speeches, which we regret not to be able to give. As a mark of appreciation, Mr. Syle has given the Altar Society a photograph of the workers among the deaf mutes, which is now in the vestry-room.

THE Children's Friend Society took their last out-door trip to the Zoological Gardens October 12th.

Thirty-four children enjoyed seeing the animals, and were again treated to a nice lunch by Mr. Hardt, the proprietor of the Restaurant.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hardt have been very kind to the children this Summer.

It is the intention of the ladies of the Society to try and brighten the lives of these little ones once a month during the Winter, in the Parish

building, the children helping to make the time pleasant by reciting any pieces they may know, or by singing. Anything to make them have at least two happy hours in a month.

If any of the congregation would like to see some of these little ones, they will be gladly welcomed by the members.

The date is not yet fixed for November, but any one can find out the time by asking the Sexton, who will be told as soon as we decide.

AN APPEAL FROM MRS. BUFORD.

The sixth year of the existence of my hospital for sick and infirm colored people draws to a close.

The number of patients now in the hospital is forty-nine; the number dismissed, twenty-four; the number received since the first of October last, thirty-seven; seventeen have died—a fearful death rate. But could you realize the frightful condition in which they are brought to us, you would readily understand the impossibility of curing them. A dying woman was brought, a few weeks ago, a distance of twenty-five miles. She was carried in insensible, and died the next day. We have many cases just as sad.

It is hard to make these negroes understand the necessity of taking disease in its incipiency. They keep their suffering wives, or husbands, or children in their poor hovels, without medicine, or proper food, or attention, until their vital energies are exhausted, then put them in an ox cart and bring them over our rough country roads ten or twelve miles, and then expect us to bring back the ebbing life. Many of the patients are old men and women, worn out, covered with hideous cutaneous diseases brought on by hard labor, scant food, and want of cleanliness.

One of our most pitiful cases is Uncle Eaton, who sits aloof from the other patients under the shade of a distant tree nursing his foot, his suffering companion for more than thirty years. He dresses it himself, and keeps it bound up with green leaves, and will allow no one but the physician to see the hideous ulcer or cancer. When I see the stricken, silent old man, bowed and bent by thirty years of agony, I think of the leper standing afar off too, the sack-cloth covering, "unclean, unclean" hissing from cracked, parched lips, and I remember One who, with tenderest pity stretched out Hands Divine, and touched with gentlest healing even that loathsome object.

So horribly diseased are many of these old people, that I have been compelled to have a detatched building erected for them. It is impossible to keep them under the same roof with the other patients. With forty-nine sick and dying people, and helpless little children, I need not tell you our wards and hands are full. I need more nurses—I have only two, Mary Courtney, a most faithful and efficient woman, who has been with me several years, and Victoria Barner, who takes good care of the children. Besides these, I have George Crichton, my man of all work, who takes care of the old men in addition to his other manifold duties.

It would also be a great comfort to me if I had the means to have another building erected for children—an orphanage it would be. I keep them in a large, separate ward up stairs, but they are loud and noisy, and disturb the sick ones with their mirth and childish playfulness. And it is cruel to them to keep them in that crowded building, reeking—tainted with disease. These children are very dear to me. Many of them have been left to me by the poor mothers who sleep in the quiet grave-yard, who, with dying breath, commended their helpless children to my care. Let me tell you of one sorrowful case. A few days ago I received a message from the matron of the hospital, begging me to come up quickly—"Molly was worse and wanted to see me." Molly was a poor girl, who had been with us about two months. Her little baby had been born several months before. Neglected at the time, she took violent cold; motherless, friendless, she wandered from one relation to another, begging for bread for herself and the baby in her arms. The father of the child drove her off with curses. when she begged for a cup of meal to keep it from starving. At last one man to whom she applied, out of sheer pity, put her in his cart and brought her to me. "All her kinfolks flung her away," he explained, "and I did not know what else to do." She was evidently in the last stages of consumption—a slender girl with a gentle face, clasping a limp, half-starved, hungry-eyed baby. We knew her days were numbered. For weeks she had been very ill, and when the message came to come quickly, I knew the end was very near. She was propped up in bed, a ghastly object, her teeth unnaturally large and gleaming, her eyes wild and suffering, coughing, coughing all the time. With a shudder I saw the handkerchief she held to her lips was crimson with blood. "I wanted you to come," she gasped. "I know I am going; I can't last. My baby—I never thought I could give her up. I love my child, but now you must promise me you will keep my child—promise me My poor, poor baby. I am so tired I want to rest. I can't till you promise." Old Hannah sat near her feeding the baby, and then undressed and rubbed her, and laid her in the cradle. The little one's eyes were very bright and wide open, but she was happy and unconscious that her mother's heart was breaking. I promised. God help me to keep the promise made by that death-bed, and take care of the little child. Walking home in the solemn starlight, watching the calm depths of the blue heavens, and the cold unfeeling stars who every night look down unmoved, and have for centuries, on breaking hearts and quivering human woe, again and again came the old, old question, which is ever uppermost in my thoughts, and will not down at my bidding, which Job in his day and generation vainly tried to fathom, that question which has resounded down the corridors of time all the mighty ages since, and awakened no re-echoing response, How came sin into this fair world, whence its mysterious advent, with pale-faced suffering following with stealthy footsteps ever in its shadow? Why were such poor, blind creatures as those I had just left ever made to drag out lives of misery and sorrow, and go out in the bleakness of darkness at last? When will the shadows flee away, and God's dealings with His children, the great mystery of pain and sorrow, be revealed? The next morning Molly was at rest, the baby motherless. I have many such sacred bequests. Lilly, Baron Trenck, Rosa, Alice, Estelle, Ashby, George, Molly, all belong to me, and the oldest and most apish looking men and women in the hospital never fail to inform me that I am like a mother to them, and profess the most filial devotion to me. I am a little oppressed by so large and ill-assorted a family, and find it rather burdensome.

One little sufferer touches me almost as much as old Eaton. Milton, surely a "mute inglorious" one, little Milton, too, has a helpless foot—crushed and broken by a fall from a wagon—and all the long, bright sunny days the little fellow lies in a reclining chair, watching with sad, wistful eyes the happier children at play. He is so weak and emaciated he cannot bear the amputation yet, and we are trying to build him up to stand it. Beside these are many chronic sufferers. Nora King, a sad, patient woman, who has not walked for years, and never will again; and Annie Woodley, another helpless sufferer; and poor Ben Green, with his dangling feet, and many others I will not harrow up your feelings by telling you about. A weary mass of suffering humanity. Nothing but negroes—unattractive, repulsive, loathesome even—with only vacant soulless faces, caring for little but warmth and food, bearing untold suffering patiently, dumbly, as if pain and privation were their allotted portion. And have they not been?

We who are older have not forgotten the sorrowful days of the past. These men and women are relics and wrecks of the old slavery days, a remnant of a peculiar people whose race is almost run. Not long will I beg for them, not long will they need your gentle charities. Only help me to take care of them a few years longer. Even for these let there be light at eventide, a shimmer of glory in the western sky after sunless days, all gloom and thick darkness.

The best years of my life have been spent in vainly trying to solve the vexed question: How best to elevate—to raise to a higher, a nobler manhood—our poor, black brothers? I have failed. The glorious opportunity presented twelve years ago of gathering into the bosom of our beloved Mother Church thousands of these wild negroes was lost, that hope crushed, broken by hands hard and relentless. These things no longer pain or grieve me. My life for years has been only a ministry to their suffering bodies. Bitterly misrepre-

sented, harshly judged, misunderstood, I feel safe now, there can be no harm, no presumption, no breaking rubric unawares in caring for the sick and dying, in tending the little ones.

I am content to be a failure! Now, I only pray to be faithful to this sacred trust till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the fever of life is over and my work done.

The receipts for my work since the first of January have been three thousand and sixty-eight dollars and seventy-six cents; the disbursements two thousand nine hundred and fifty-one dollars and eighty-one cents. This includes, also, the expenses of my school, in which I have two teachers and one hundred and thirty children. But there are heavy expenses to be met before the close of the year—the salaries of the matron and physician, and wages of the nurses and servants for four months, beside food and medicine for the patients. The hospital is crowded now; it always is. Being a small building it can only accommodate a limited number of patients, but it is a sore pain and grief to me to be forced, as I often am, to send off many pitiful applicants for admission. Besides the patients in the hospital, since the first of October seven hundred and fifty-six old helpless creatures have been supplied with good, warm, substantial clothing. Many of these were sick, and supplied also with food and medicine. The large number of valuable and excellent boxes sent me have enabled me to help so many. Believe me, I have tried faithfully to distribute these blessed charities wisely and judiciously.

As we are now connected by railway and telegraph with the world, and my friends can visit me without danger to life or limb, I earnestly beg when they come South they will remember me, and stop sometimes and see this poor hospital in the woods and its pitiful inmates.

PATTIE BUFORD.

Lawrenceville, Va., Oct. 1, 1889.

[The Rector knows personally of the admirable work which Mrs. Buford is doing, and has been one of the Trustees of her hospital from the beginning. Will not more than one person send him money which he can forward to Mrs. Buford?]

SELECTIONS.

WE may by a contentious spirit put ourselves farther from God than we can by all our studies draw near to Him. Not miles, but sins measure the soul's distance from God; and not pilgrimages, but penitent prayers, bring it near the kingdom of Heaven. This too familiar power of sin, therefore, to dull the feeling of Divine things, and to obscure religious knowledge, is a sufficient answer to any objections to our reasoning to be drawn from the apparent absence in many of anything like a religious nature. For even when that nature suffers no violence from immoral conduct, it can be greatly impaired by neglect, or rendered rudimentary by persistent and inherited disuse. Absorbing exercise in other pursuits may leave the mind empty of religious convictions, and well nigh impotent to gain them. A specialist may sink his shaft so deeply into a particular mine of investigation as to be able at last to look up and see above him hardly a bit of the broad sky. Specialists in science, like miners, discover, indeed, much precious ore; but they need frequently to leave their shafts, and to dwell in the light of common day, to see things in general as men should look upon them. The eye kept daily at the microscope may be in danger of losing something of nature's larger meanings. How quickly, and how surely, any power, and especially, therefore, our finest and best powers, may be rendered impotent through abuse, or even by disuse, is one of the truisms of education. The power of man to feel the touch of the finger of God, is no exception to the general law of culture. Final inability to believe in anything worth believing may sometimes be predicted from the observed habits and lives of men naturally capable of better things. The stimulus of some extraordinary religious excitement sometimes recalls in such the religious faculties to life, as paralyzed nerves have been known to quiver under powerful galvanic currents. Atheists under strong excitement of danger, or of great duties, have become believers; but it does seem possible, nevertheless, for the religious nature of man to become in this world, under the most powerful motives of a moral life known to us, an incurable paralytic. Our souls have fearful power of moral suicide. But no number of cases of partial or complete religious paralysis can prove that man is by nature a religious imbecile. One living man would be enough to prove that life is a possibility, a whole cemetery of dead bones to the contrary. Jesus Christ is enough to prove that man can live by the word of God, though the whole world lies dead in sin.—*Newman Smyth.*

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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" Evening " " Fridays, 5 P. M.
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CALENDAR.

December 1.—First Sunday in Advent.
" 8.—Second " "
" 15.—Third " "
" 21.—Saturday. St. Thomas.
" 22.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25.—Wednesday. Christmas Day.
" 26.—Thursday. St. Stephen.
" 27.—Friday. St John, the Evangelist.
" 28.—Saturday. Holy Innocents.
" 29.—First Sunday after Christmas.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

November 14, Samuel Earle Haines.
" 19, Josephine Anna Lindenmayer.

MARRIAGES.

November 7th, John Vanderslice and Mary Biddle McIntire.
" 20th, Rudolph Buchman and Helena A. Dalsen.
" 26th, Joseph Kinney Calley and Virginia Barton.
" 27th, James I. Comley and Catharine Hammer.

BURIALS.

November 18th, Mrs. Mary P. Colket.
" 26th, Frank Victor Christensen.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

For Mrs. Buford,	$ 5.00	
" "	2.00	
" "	5.00	
" "	1.00	
" "	25.00	
" "	15.00	
" "	5.00	
" "	5.00	
" "	5.00	
" "	25.00	
" "	25.00	
		$118.00
For Bishop Talbot,		1.00
For Bishop Brewer,		2.00
For Special Church Work Fund,		1100.00
For Female Benevolent Society,		138.40
General Charities,		394.24
		$1753.64

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

December 15.—Third Sunday in Advent, Missionary Box Commttee.
Other Sundays.—General Charities.
Christmas Day. Aged and Infirm Clergy.

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It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

The Sunday-school Teachers' meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 4 P. M., in Guild Hall, in the Parish House.

THE RECTOR EXPECTS TO BEGIN, on Sunday afternoon, December 1st, a course of lectures on the History of the American Church. The story of our Church in these United States is an interesting one. It would seem also to be a legitimate work for the members of an organization, to which they are so closely bound as church people are to the church, to make themselves acquainted with their own family record. It is good Sunday work. It is "to edification."

Considerable more time will be necessary to each lecture than is ordinarily taken for a sermon —probably an hour for each—so that any who have not the time, or the interest in the subject to make this desirable, should not attend.

On the other hand it is much to be desired that our own Church people should in large numbers give some attention to this subject.

A WIDOW LADY OF FIFTY wants a home for herself and her little boy. She is capable and good. After a life of more than comfort, she is now, by a set of circumstances, not in any wise her fault, left helpless. Is there any household in which is needed the services of a competent "house mother?"

A CLASS OF YOUNG PEOPLE has been organized, to be taught evenings in drawing, wood-carving and clay modelling, by Prof. J. Liberty Tadd, at the expense of this parish. There is good reason that some at least can thus be put in the way to earn a livelihood, and be made better men and women thereby.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL of the Sunday-school will be held on Friday, Dec. 27th, the eve of Holy Innocents Day, in the Parish Building, at the rear of the Church, at seven o'clock. This hour of the evening has been selected that the children who are engaged in stores at work may be able to attend and enjoy the festival with the other members of the school. The children will sing their Christmas carols. A tree will be handsomely dressed in the way dear to childhood, and candies, cakes etc., will be distributed among the scholars. It is hoped all may have a bright and happy time.

MR. WOOD has selected a few of the girls of the Parish, and has organized a small choir for the purpose of leading the children in their singing at the opening of the Sunday-school services. It has already helped to more thoroughly interest the children in their school.

THE Children's Friend Society gave an entertainment for children of the neighborhood, whom they had gathered in, on Tuesday evening, in the Guild Hall of the Parish House. This little society of the Parish is busy doing its kind work in Winter time as well as in the heated term of the Summer. Many a child's life is made happy by reason of the existence of this little society.

EASTOREO, Nov. 18th, 1889.

MY DEAR MRS. ARRISON:

Your letter of the 12th only reached me to-day. Many thanks for it, and also for the offer of a box from St. Stephen's. Of course I would like it very much, particularly if it can reach us by Christmas, so as to help with the tree. Half-worn men's clothes, as well as boys', will be acceptable, and cloaks and jackets for the girls and women; these they are seldom able to buy, and if they do, they are of the commonest sort. I feel my trip North has done me much good, both in body and spirit; for although I did not meet with much success, as far as money is concerned, still I made many friends and much kindness was shown me. I was very glad to get back to my own home and dear daughter, as well as my colored flock. They too evinced their pleasure at my return by a surprise collection of 85 cents. This touched my heart, knowing their poverty, but will help to get a covering for the aisle. To-day I commenced school. Had but a slim attendance, as there is still much cotton in the fields and they are the gatherers; however, they will continue to come in, until there will be more than I can well teach. We have had beautiful weather since my return until Saturday, when it began to rain, and yesterday was gloomy indeed. However, I had a few at the chapel, and I catechised them all, teachers as well as scholars. Next Sunday is Mr. Joyner's regular appointment, so hope it will be clear, as he only comes to us once a month. I send you by this mail the *Church Year*, in which was copied the memorial of which I spoke; by reading it yourself you will better understand. You can direct, Mrs. Thos. B. Clarkson, Eastorea, S. C., and I will get anything sent. Should money be sent at any time, please let it be by check or draft. I have sent to Whittaker, N. Y., for some brick cards for collecting small sums of money. Perhaps, when they come, you will kindly take a few and distribute among the church people interested in the welfare of my poor people? With kindest regards to the ladies I met in your city, believe me to be,

Sincerely your friend,

S. L. CLARKSON,

Miss. Teacher Watesee Col. Mission.

THE RECTOR WISHES VERY MUCH to know the addresses of the following persons. Their names are recorded among those confirmed during the last ten years, but either the present rector has never had them, or has lost them, or they have removed, or in some instances changed their names by marriage. Any one who will help in this matter to correct the record will do a great favor:

Mary Barton,	Mary Sawyer,
Estelle Early,	Camille M. Butterworth,
Margaret Emma Greer,	Victoria B. Elliott,
Annie Dreka,	Marion L. Harvey,
Mary Brewer,	Sidonia Allbright,
Jane Harper,	Dora Veronica Rowe,
Pauline Scherer,	Mary Gross,
Mary Hess,	Valentine Cooper Downs,
Thomas Powderhill,	Frederic Tice,
Claudia Rhet Stuart,	Bella Porter,
Clara Jeanette Pearine,	Farlina Laugenbach,
Franklin B. Bell,	John Yauer,
Laura Shepherd,	Jane Jeffers,
Clara Murphy,	Charles Fisher,
Isabella Read,	Charles Strang,
Elizabeth W. Leavitt,	Mrs. Eliza Pine,
Sallie Coates Shreve,	Martha Jane Doey,
Sophie Mary Bays,	Eliza E. Prickett,
Sally Burwell,	Sarah Green Atkins,
Elizabeth Marie Shepherd,	Tillie A. Winebrenner.

THE SALE HELD IN GUILD HALL of the Parish House on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Nov. 20, 21, 22), in charge of the ladies of the Parish House Committee, realized $945.25. Those who undertook to sell the goods made by gentlewomen in reduced circumstances, have every reason to feel that their efforts were not in vain. Grateful acknowledgment is make by them to the members of the congregation who liberally patronized the sale.

It may be well to say to those not familiar with the object of this charity, that the money realized from the sale of the articles is given without any charge or commission to the depositors.

THE SECOND YEAR of the Garment Committee closed November 30th, and the Annual Report will appear in the January number of the PARISH NEWS. As yet we scarcely know the ground upon which we stand, but our hope is that we will compare favorably with our first year. New members have been added, great interest and confidence appear to be felt in the organization, and very many kind things are said of its usefulness, all of which is most encouraging.

The Committee strive to do justice to the contributors in their distributions, and it is now proposed to publish a list of the contributing members for the season of 1888-89, as a guarantee that the articles sent have been received; and after this first annual list, to publish instead the names each month of those contributing during that time, so that each one may have the satisfaction of knowing that the Committee appreciates their kindness.

With December 1st our third year commences: the very season we need good, warm, plain clothing the most; and while we are supplying our own needs, let us not forget the less fortunate who are unable to supply their own.

One of the Committee is always at the Parish School Building every Monday, from 10.30 A. M. until 12 M., to receive all articles sent.

Monday, Dec. 2nd, Mrs. Arnold.
" " 9th, Mrs. Lundy.
" " 16th, Miss Cleemann.
" " 23rd, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 30th, Miss Stoddard.

DECEMBER 1st, 1889.

"Do you use grace at your meals? If not, why not? You are very careful to say "thank you" when you are helped to a dish, and you instruct your children to use the same courtesy. Why not express your gratitude to Almighty God for His bounty, and cultivate in your household a spirit of thankfulness toward the great Giver of all things?"

PERHAPS in some families the head of the house does not know what prayers to use. Why not use your Bible and Prayer Book, and ask your rector's advice.

TROP DE RITUALISME.

Mrs. B., catholique romaine, exprime à son amie Mrs. P., épiscopalienne, le désir d'assister à un des services de notre culte, afin d'avoir une occasion de juger par elle-méme de sa catholicité. Mrs. P. ne croit pouvoir mieux faire que de conduire son amie à l'église de Philadelphie connue entre toutes pour son ritualisme avancé. Le service terminé, elle lui demande ce qu'elle en pense:—Je préfère, répond la fidèle-romaine, la simplicité des services de mon église.

MISSION NOTES.

The ratio of the gain in converts in all the Protestant missions in China during the last decade is about 140 per cent.; and in Japan it is over 300 per cent.

In Sumatra, since 1878, it is stated that the number of Christians has increased from 2,500 to 12,000, and there are hundreds of Mohammedans who have been baptized, or are at present under religious instructions.

The first donation to missions in English Protestant annals was a gift of £100 by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1658, in aid of a Society formed to convert the Indians in Virginia. This was the year of the Armada, and the Protestant mind was aflame with zeal.

A rather remarkable testimony to the excellence of mission schools is given by a recent great representative meeting of Moslems in India, at which it was resolved that in all places where they had no schools of their own, the young men of their community should be sent to missionary schools, rather than to Government schools. This was by a vote of 170 to 30.

Ladies of education are now joining the ranks of the Church Army, in England, as mission nurses. Many of them have volunteered to go to India and work among the lepers if their services are thus needed.

The Syrian mission in 1827 had only secured twenty converts; to-day its church roll exceeds 1,500. The mission in Egypt reports an addition last year to the membership of 365—one for each day of the year.

An English lady, who has visited, at her own expense, many mission stations in India and China, has stated that she could distinguish native Christian women from non-Christians "by the light in their faces."

The Christian college at Lucknow, India, has 11,507 pupils enrolled, of whom 2,027 are Christians.

The Rev. W. H. Barnes, Honolulu, says that there are 20,000 Chinese in the Sandwich Islands; that two congregations of them are connected with the English Church Mission, and that they make good Christians.

The Church Missionary Society has decided that hereafter missionaries, as a rule, will be expected to go to their fields unmarried and serve a term of three years before undertaking the responsibilities of family life.

The Moravians have projected a mission on the Victoria Nyanza; but they have been unable to establish it by the lack of funds. Just before the opening of their General Synod this year news was brought that a legacy of between $25,000 and $30,000 had fallen to the Church, and it is probable that the work will speedily be carried forward as the men are ready.

SELECTIONS.

THE Moslems of Delhi have opened a seminary in which preachers are taught all the objections of Western infidels against Christianity, that they may go forth to oppose the Christian preachers in town and country,

E. PAYSON PORTER'S table of statistics for Sunday-schools in the United States shows that there are in all 101,824 Sunday-schools, with 8,345,431 scholars and 1,100,104 teachers, making a total of 9,445,535 in the Sunday-schools of the country. Pennsylvania continues to be the banner State in the number of schools—8,729—though New York has more scholars. Pennsylvania has 964,599; New York, 979,415. Among the States, Louisiana seems to stand at the foot. It has only 522 schools and 32,617 scholars. The little State of Rhode Island exceeds it in scholars by about 12,000. Of the cities, Philadelphia is in the lead, with 616 schools and 178,865 scholars. New York comes next, with 600 schools and 172,000 scholars. Brooklyn, the city of churches, has 263 schools and 97,033 scholars, easily holding third place.

THE General Convention which has just adjourned in New York city, represents 50 dioceses, 14 missionary jurisdictions, 70 bishops, including 4 who have resigned their jurisdictions, 14 missionary bishops, and 4 assistant bishops, 2 bishops-elect, 3,500 clergy, and 450,000 communicants in round numbers.

EVERY clergyman knows that there are always among his communicants some who are not up to the mark, and some who are, even at the present moment, no credit to the Church. What does he do? Cut them out as dead-wood? Send them off under the idea that the Church people think themselves too good for his company? Disgust them to such an extent that they brand all Church members as a parcel of hypocrites and all churches as humbugs? No! The only possible course is the pastoral method of Christ—to "seek the lost sheep until he find it."

IT IS hardly understood, except by those brought directly in contact with the masses, how steadily most of the laboring men in our city are drifting away from any direct Christian influence and faith. They are not generally hostile to the Church, they are simply indifferent. The prevailing idea, *e. g.*, in the trades unions and among the vast numbers who make up what is called "organized labor," is that Christianity has no adequate answer for the problems in which the workingman is chiefly concerned.—*Archdeacon Mackay-Smith.*

ON the West coast of Africa there are now about 200 churches, 35,000 converts, 100,000 adherents, 275 schools, 30,000 pupils; and portions of Scripture and religious books have been translated into 35 languages or dialects.

A PLAN is under discussion in Episcopal Church circles in India for the establishment of a Christian university. The idea is to build up an institution of the highest grade, under the exclusive control of Christians, in which the study of the Bible will be required of all who attend, and by which degrees in divinity, as well as in the arts and sciences, shall be given.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Rowland.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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President.—Mrs. McConnell.
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Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Clarkson.
Mrs. Arrison,	Miss Williamson,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss M. J. Lewis.
Mrs. Neidhard,	

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Johns,
Mrs. Kelly,	Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Rogers,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Russell,
Miss Williamson,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss L. Bell,	Mrs. M. Wilcox.
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Miss E. Bell,	Miss Williamson,
Miss Dickerson,	Mrs. Watson.
Mrs. Knorr,	Miss Russell,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Oliver.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson.	Mrs. Musgrove,
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Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

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Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
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" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

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CALENDAR.

January 1.—Circumcision.
" 5.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6.—Epiphany.
" 12.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 19.—Second Sunday after Ephiphany.
" 25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
" 26.—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
February 2.—Septuagesima Sunday.
" "—Purification of Virgin Mary.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

December 6, James Webster Morey.
" 6, Alino Louise Morey.
" 6, Mrs. Amanda Malvina Walraven.
" 8, Mabel Smith.
" 28, Helen Semple.

MARRIAGES.

December 10, S. Horace Alleman and Kate L. Rhine.
" 18, James E. Lemon and Sarah D. Harris.

BURIALS.

December 3, Caroline Eakens Stephens.
" 29, John Bates.
" 31, Jane Mottersherd.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

Episcopal Hospital (Thanksgiving),	$522 01
Missionary Box Committee,	165 38
Sunday-Schools, Festival,	99 03
Aged and Infirm Clergy (Christmas),	289 13
General Charities,	465 65
Special,	50 00
"	2 50
Benevolent Society,	1 00
Total,	$1594 70

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

January 19.—Third Sunday of the month, Foreign Missions.
" 26.—Fourth " " " Altar Society.
Other Sundays, General Charities.

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The Sunday-school Teachers' meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 4 P. M., in Guild Hall, in the Parish House.

A CHANGE OF RUBRIC made in the revision of the Prayer Book at the last General Convention provides that, on days when Holy Communion follows Morning Prayer, the Minister will begin the Service with a sentence, and proceed at once to the Lord's Prayer (omitting the Exhortation, Confession and Absolution), and end Morning Prayer with the Prayer for the President. This order will be observed hereafter, according to the law as it now stands.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE DAILY PRAYERS is not what it ought to be. Is the hour, 11 o'clock, an inconvenient one? If so, won't somebody say so? In households, when Family Prayer is said every morning, its members may fairly go about their business for the day without going to church. But when this is not the case, and we may as well face the fact, that in most families it is not, then its members ought to go to Morning Prayer. They cannot afford, either as Christians or honest men, to live their days and do their work without some recognition of God. If they try to do so, then their religious lives will surely starve—and ought to starve.

The Rector would be extremely glad to have candid expressions of opinion as to the hours at which the Daily Prayers might best be said, so as to make it convenient for people to come.

THE ATTENTION OF THE PEOPLE is earnestly called to the work of Bible study about to be undertaken, under the "American Institute of Sacred Literature." A local Board, consisting of the following gentlemen, has been constituted for Philadelphia:

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The following from the circular of the Board will explain the method of work:

This Board will hold a series of Weekly Studies in the English Bible.

For the current year there will be a course of ten such studies, conducted by *Prof. W. R. Harper*, of Yale University. They will begin Tuesday, January 14th, 1890, and continue weekly until Tuesday, March 18th. There will be an afternoon study at 4 o'clock, and the same study in the evening at 8 o'clock, for those who find the afternoon hour inconvenient. The tickets will be good for *either* the *afternoon* or *evening*, but *not* for *both*. The class will meet in the lecture room of the *Church* of the *Holy Trinity*, *Nineteenth and Walnut Streets.*

THE COURSE.

1. *Subject.* Old Testament prophecy of the Assyrian Period.

2. *Books Studied.* Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah and Nahum.

3. *Plan.* The plan will include the study of (1) the history of the particular circumstances which called forth the prophet's words. (2) The literary characteristics of the prophetic writer. (3) The chapters of the prophecy one by one, in order to ascertain the real thought of the prophetic sermon. (4) A summary of the prophet's teaching upon the more important subjects.

4. *Method to be pursued.* (1) A printed syllabus containing an outline of the subject of each study will be placed in the hands of the students. (2) Upon the basis of this outline the subject will be studied, the lecturer presenting to the class brief statements under each topic. (3) After the presentation of the subject, attention will be given to questions by members of the class. (4) During the week the student will follow up the subject with such reading as it may be possible to do. (5) At the close of the course, an examination will be offered to all who may *desire* to take it; those who pass this examination will receive certificates for the same from the American Institute of Sacred Literature.

Each student will please bring a Bible, revised version if possible. Books of reference will be recommended at the first meeting of the class.

Special Aim of these Studies.

It is felt by the Board that this course will be of peculiar interest and value to Clergymen, Theological Students, Sunday-School Teachers, Bible Classes, and to all others interested in systematic Bible study. The aim is not to take the place of anything now being done, but to supplement and encourage, that more and better work may be accomplished. It is believed that it will be possible for those whose use of the Bible is limited to the English, to obtain from these studies the results of the best modern scholarship.

Fees.

Tickets for the course, $3.00; a class or group of five, $2.50 each; a class or group of ten or more, $2.00 each; Clergymen, $2.00; Theological Students, $1.00; single lectures, 50 cents.

Tickets may be obtained by addressing the Secretary, or at the following places; Lutheran Book Stores, 117 North Sixth Street, and 42 North Ninth Street; American Baptist Publication Rooms, 1420 Chestnut Street; Presbyterian Board of Education, 1334 Chestnut Street; M. E. Book Rooms, 1018 Arch Street; James Hammond, 1224 Chestnut Street.

Financial Support.

The fees have purposely been put as low as possible. To make educational work self-supporting, the tuition must be high, or the remuneration to instructors inadequate. In this case it is proposed to do neither, trusting to the generous friends of Biblical education. Subscriptions for the work will be gratefully received by the Treasurer, Major W. H. Lambert, 1001 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

For circulars and other information, address the Secretary, Rev. L. W. Batten, 61st and Hazel Avenue, Philadelphia.

THE DAILY SERVICE.

BY ISAAC WILLIAMS.

"And are we then alone on holy ground,
Most gracious Father? Are we then alone,
Because the world regards not and is gone?
Where are the solemn dead which lie around;
Are they not with us? Are Thy courts not crown'd
With spiritual hosts about, while the sweet tone
Still lingers round Thine altars? Are they flown?
Bearing no more to see their God disowned!
Has the great Michael left us—mighty arm,
Gabriel our fortitude, and the blest charm
Of Raphael's healing?" In my heart's fear
I heard a voice—"Be still and lowly bend;
While two or three remain; thy Lord is here,
And where His presence is, His hosts attend."

—*The Living Church.*

REPORT.

January 1st, 1890.

The Garment Committee presents its 2d Annual Report to its members and other contributors during the past year with the full assurance that they will all be interested in its welfare. There are now 148 names on the list, and out of that number we have received, during the past year, contributions from 124, and three contributions without name or address, that may possibly have come from members, but as we have no way of knowing, can only express our thanks and gratitude.

We commenced our year, December 1st, 1888, with a balance of 204 garments, and have received to the close of the year, November 30th, 1889, 603 garments, making a total of 807. Of these we have distributed to individuals, 255; hospitals, 48; Johnstown, 221; Missionary Box Society, 41; total distributed, 565, leaving a balance of 242; total garments, 807.

The wish was to distribute all supplies by November 30th, but a large proportion of the clothing came in too late for this purpose, and perhaps it is as well, as we can better meet the constant demands made upon our resources, and which we too frequently have to neglect. We cordially thank all the members for their liberality, and also for their confidence in the Committee in charge, and append for their satisfaction a list of all contributors for the year 1888–89, and after this will publish a monthly list of the names of the contributors during the previous month.

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One of the Committee will be at the Parish School building (rear of the Church) every Monday, from 10.30 A. M. until 12.30 M., to receive all garments sent.

January 6th, Miss Bell,
" 13th, Mrs. Muirheid,
" 20th, Mrs. Arnold,
" 27th, Mrs. Lundy.

The Industrial School, started in this Parish in December, under the direction of Professor J. Liberty Tadd, is now fairly under way. The class has been selected from the wide-awake boys and girls of the Sunday-school, and now numbers about forty members. It meets on Monday and Thursday evenings, at 1714 Chestnut street, and from the reports of Professor Tadd, is doing well and compares very favorably with the classes that have been formed in other places. The boys and girls are taught drawing, wood-carving and modeling.

In response to the appeal of the Rector the children of the Parish brought toys, books and Christmas cards to the vestry room of the church on Tuesday Morning, Dec. 31st. These various gifts are distributed by the ladies of the Altar Society to the Hospitals and Homes of the city—the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children, being especially remembered.

The design of the rector in making this appeal from the chancel to the children of the congregation, from year to year, is not simply that some of the gladness of the Christmas-tide be brought to the children of the poor, but also that good may come to the children of the well-to-do and rich. In kindness of heart and tenderness of feeling they consider their less fortunate companions, and thus doing, in some God-given way a blessing descends upon their own lives, and they are made the better boys and girls. It is to be hoped that the young people of St. Stephen's Church will more generally take an interest in this movement the coming year.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, received at the Easter collection $20, which they have kept to give the 150 children, they had out during the Summer, a Christmas treat. It is to be a stereopticon entertainment shown by Mr. Wilbour, on the 2d of January, 1890.

It is the intention of the Ladies of the Society to invite the Sunday-school children and their teachers. Also the Contributing Members, and a few of the mothers of the little ones,

Each child, under the care of the Society, will be presented with a gift from Santa Claus.

Donations Dec, 4th. . .	$ .50
" 7th, . . .	1.00
" 20th, . . .	2.00

Toys and clothing from several of the members of the church.

SELECTIONS.

THE movement for a National Sunday-rest law is growing, enlisting railroad employers and many others who believe the Sabbath was made for man.

IF some our Sunday-school folk will put a little more of Jesus and a little less of Santa Claus into Christmas celebrations this season, it will be well for the cause we all love.

ARCHBISHOP WHATELY once wrote to Mrs. Arnold: "I remember one of my parishioners at Halesworth telling me that he thought a person should not go to church to be made uncomfortable. I replied that I thought so too, but whether it should be the sermon or the man's life that should be altered to avoid the discomfort, must depend on whether the doctrine was right or wrong.

EIGHTY-FIVE years ago the honorable directors of the East India Company placed on solemn record:—"The sending of Christian missionaries into our Eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unwarrantable project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast." A few months since, Sir Rivers Thompson, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, said:—"In my judgment, Christian missionaries have done more real and lasting good to the people of India than all other agencies combined."

THE Rev. Dr. A. P. Putnam, in writing of the overture of our House of Bishops, says: "The Episcopal Church has entered upon a larger and nobler life. If it may not arrogate to itself the name of the American Church, it is possible that more than any other it may really become such. It is laying aside much of its exclusiveness. It is more ready to work with other denominations. It is more active than ever in its missionary operations. It is seeing, as never before, that the field is the world. It has of late been formost in grappling with the great, living, practical questions of the time, such particularly as affect deeply the interests of the laboring classes. More and more it abounds in all kinds of philanthropic service."

BISHOP TEMPLE relates a good story of the inconvenience which he has experienced from his musical defect.

Worshiping on one occasion in an East End Church, where a hearty musical service is a distinguishing feature of the congregation, the Bishop, as is his wont, joined in the singing to the best of his ability. He has a strong, if not stentorian voice, and the effect of his efforts on those sitting near him may be imagined.

At the conclusion of the second verse of the hymn, the patience of a workingman on his immediate left seemed fairly exhausted. Not recognizing the dignitary beside him, the poor man, in sheer desperation, gave the Bishop a sharp dig in the ribs, and the latter, on turning round for an explanation, was thus addressed in subdued but distinct tones:

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " " 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Early Communion every Sunday, 7.15 A. M., except first in the month.

Wednesday, 4.30 P. M. } With Address by Warden.
Friday, 7 30 P. M. }

Daily Services as usual.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Perot,
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Miss Emory.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
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Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
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Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
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PARISH HOUSE.

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CALENDAR.

February 2.—Septuagesima Sunday.
—Purification of Virgin Mary.
" 9.—Sexagesima Sunday.
" 16.—Quinquagesima Sunday.
" 19.—Ash-Wednesday.
" 23.—First Sunday in Lent.
" 24.—St. Matthias.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

January 19, Helen Harriet Balagner.
" 24, Alberta Witmer.

MARRIAGES.

January 9, George Ostereiter and Barbara Crummer.

BURIALS.

January 4, Sarah Massey Williamson.
" 7, Emma Reidenback.
" 10, Maggie DesGranges.
" 13, John Jamison.
" 20, Hannah E. Mann.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

"Thank Offering,"	$5 00
Theatre Services,	20 00
Special Parish Work,	25 00
Foreign Missions,	221 83
Altar Society,	166 10
Special for Altar Society,	10 00
General Charities,	275 42
	$723 35

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

February 16th, For Diocesan Missions.
Ash-Wednesday, Missionary Box Committee.
Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, Missionary Box Committee.
Other Sundays, General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

The Sunday-school Teachers' meetings, for the study of the lesson, are on Fridays, 4 P. M., in the Parish House.

LENT COMMENCES THIS YEAR Ash-Wednesday, Feb. 19th, and Easter occurs April 6th, The attention of the congregation is called to the schedule of Lenten services which they will find on the first page of this paper. The arrangement of services is the same as has obtained during Lent in previous years.

IT IS A SOURCE OF CONSTANT regret to the Rector of this Parish that he cannot better know his people personally. Probably the people do not feel half so badly about the matter as he does. The pastoral relation is one, which in modern conditions of life, especially in a large city, seems to be practically impossible. Many of the people with whom the clergy would gladly be upon terms of intimate personal acquaintance, are hardly known to them, even by sight. It is a great loss to the clergy, and, the Rector ventures to think, maybe a loss also to the people. He would gladly correct the evil if he could. He does not see how. An ordinary sized man is capable of a certain amount of activity and not more; if he expend it upon one object, or one class of objects it is not available for other purposes. When he has taken care that the machinery of the Parish is well adjusted and in good working order; when he has done the honest work which every preacher has to do in connection with the pulpit; has visited the sick, afflicted, unfortunate, he finds that not only he has not time left for the social intercourse which he so much desires, but that he has not more than half done the things he undertook to do. He would like nothing better than to go from house to house and learn to know individually the souls committed to his cure. This is impossible until there shall be more than three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Meanwhile, he does the best he can and begs for patience and good will.

A COURSE OF SPECIAL SERVICES for Medical Students was begun in the church last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Seven hundred students were present. Dr. D. Hayes Agnew made an address before them upon the subject of personal religion,—particularly concerning its necessity in the full equipment of a physician—which the students present will not be likely soon to forget. The *rationale* of these services is this; there are in the city about 3000 young men who are studying, in one or other of its forms, the art of healing. They are for the most part strangers in the city. Attempts have been made with but little success to secure their presence at church. It seemed to us that they would be more likely to attend a religious service if the sermon would be preached by a physician than by a clergyman. Several of the most celebrated physicians and surgeons in the city, or even in the country, have most kindly consented to speak to the assembled students in our church upon successive Sunday evenings.

Dr. Agnew was the first. The success of the first service was beyond all expectation. Dr. Parvin, of the Jefferson Medical College, and Dr. John Ashurst, Jr., of the University, will follow. These services are solely for medical students. Others are not invited, nor would there be room

for them if they came. They can best assist in the matter with their good will and their prayers for God's blessing upon the enterprise.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the Altar on Sunday morning, Feb. 16th. This annual offering has come to be a well known institution in St. Stephen's. We will say, however, for the sake of those who have come to us within the year, that the way of doing it is as follows: On Sunday morning, Feb. 9th, the Rector will say what he knows about the work of the Church in the way of Missions, in this Diocese. During the week which follows, every family and individual in the Parish will be waited upon by a committee of gentlemen, among whom the Parish is districted for that purpose. The Committee *simply calls to receive the offerings* of those who are willing to give. They will make no argument or explanation or appeal of any kind. The Rector will do all that. Of course the Committee will be courteously received by all well-bred people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount wished for this purpose is supposed to be equal to $5.00 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a Missionary and struggling handful of poor people are much the better off. The result of our plan has been to put our Parish for several years at the head of the list in the Diocese in this matter.

Of course, there is many a one in the Parish who cannot afford to give anything like the amount mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the Collectors will be by them put in the Alms-basins, Sunday, February 16th. Last year the offerings amounted to $1;500; the year before to $1,300.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop has appointed Tuesday in Holy Week, April 1st, at 11 o'clock, as the time for the annual Confirmation in this church. This is the date to which we have been accustomed for many years.

Who should be confirmed? (1.) Such children of Christian parents as have come to discretion, and are old enough and wise enough to take upon themselves the promise which their parents took for them at their Baptism. This does not mean *children who have not come to discretion.* The Rector of this parish will not present children for confirmation. Of course no definite age can be fixed. One child at fifteen may be as old as another at twenty. It means young people who are old enough to form moral judgments, and to know what they are doing. The candidate is called upon to declare that he "believes the Apostles' Creed." It is not required that he should be old enough or learned enough to say clearly *why* he believes it, but he must be old enough to know whether he does or does not believe it. He is called upon to promise to "lead a sober, righteous and godly life." This promise he cannot fairly be asked to make until he is old enough to have some intelligent notion about what it is to live, and what sobriety and righteousness mean. Not that it requires any great age or wisdom to understand these things. The judgment of the young man or maiden is often much more clear here than is that of their more sophisticated father or mother. He who is old enough to prefer right to wrong as the rule of his life, and who humbly begs Divine aid and sustentation therein, is the one who ought to be confirmed.

(2.) The man or woman whose life is already fairly honest, pure and upright, but who is not openly identified with the Church of the living God, or doing that which in him may lie to bring his fellow-men to the righteousness of Christ. It is worth while for such a man to consider whether his present attitude is honorable? He believes in Jesus Christ, rules his life as well as he may by his counsels, expects to be buried as a Christian man, and to face the Son of Man when he wakes up again, but declines to acknowledge in the only practicable way what is the source and ground of the very real goodness which he now possesses. The things which prevent him ordinarily are not sufficient. They are a foolish shyness, which is childish; the notion that he "is not good enough," whereas he knows perfectly well that the very purpose of the Church is to nourish and produce goodness; the fear that he "may not be able to keep his promises," whereas he ought to know that the same obligations precisely rest upon him whether he promises or not.

(3.) Those who at present possess membership in other churches, but are attracted by what they and we believe to be our "better way." As a rule, this class of persons constitute a large proportion of those confirmed in our Church. A curious mistake sometimes obtains that by being confirmed they tacitly treat with disrespect their present membership, or rather that our Church does not recognize them as having been members of the church. As a matter of fact, we do precisely what all other churches do. We have our own way of public avowal of membership as they have their way. The certificate of membership, which such a one brings with him takes the place of all examination as to religious character and moral fitness. It does not compel the reception of the member by us any more than a certificate from us would compel reception by Lutherans or Presbyterians. In either case it is an act of courtesy.

But we ask those who come that they shall stand up before our people and publicly identify themselves with us, as we become responsible for them.

But what is the meaning and use of the Rite? Ideally it is simply this: the young man or woman who has been up to this time sheltered under parental care, now begins his own religious life. At the outset, the Church, (to which he already belongs), bids him call to mind what his profession is, bids him kneel and receive her benediction at the hands of the only man who can act for the Church. This benediction is not only a prayer, but something more. It gently constrains the Spirit of God, which moveth as the wind, to touch and fill the humble soul, striving for goodness with "wisdom and ghostly strength."

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Annexed is a list of all Contributors and Contributing members for the month of December, 1889 (the first day of that month being the commencement of the year). We have, through their liberality, started our third year splendidly, many of the members having sent duplicate packages in answer to our appeals, and we have never been so well supplied as now, nor so well able to meet the daily appeals of distress that come under our notice. It is true that unless the supply is continued the demands will soon be in excess, but after our recent experiences in liberal and spontaneous giving, we have no right to think that our supplies will ever give out. Our trust and confidence cannot so easily be shaken. At present the great need is for *Infants' Clothing*; we have a pitiful amount on hand for these poor little helpless creatures who, in many cases must die if those who have the means do not clothe them. A mere handful of garments of thinnest texture, and too scanty in numbers to allow a change, is all we have; while warm flannels and cottons are necessities. Please think of this while the weather is so cold.

Every Monday morning from 10.30 until 12.30 M. one of the Committee will be at the Parish School building (rear of the Church) to attend to all business.

Monday, February 3d, Miss Cleeman.
" " 10th, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 17th, Miss Stoddard.
" " 24th, Miss Bell.

MEMBERS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

Arnold, Mrs. C.
Adams, Mrs.
Anable, Mrs.
Anable, Miss
Bell, Miss E.
Borie, Mrs. B.
Borie, Mrs. C.
Brooks, Mrs. (in memory)
Brooks, Miss E.
Caldwell, Mrs. J. A.
Christopher, Miss E.
Clayton, Mrs. J.
Cochran, Mrs. Wm.
Cornish, Mrs. T. E.
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Dickenson, Miss J. W.
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Simpson, Miss E. C.
Stevenson, Mrs. H. R.
Stevenson, Miss E.
Stoutenborough, Miss K.
Stroup, Miss S.
Veacock, Miss
Wilkins, Miss
Wilson, Louise

And one package without name or address.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY gave their Annual Stereopticon Entertainment January 2d, for the children they had out during the Summer.

The Sunday-school room was well filled by the children, their mothers and invited guests.

The pictures were enjoyed very much, particularly the funny ones, several of the children have already repeated the little stories that Mr. Wilbour so kindly told them.

Mr. Wilbour first showed pictures of a trip across the water, starting from New York, visiting France, Venice, Germany, Rome and many other places, landing home again within the interior of St. Stephen's Church.

The girls in the Sunday-school Choir led the singing, the other children and friends joining in.

Then another visitor was announced. Who should it be but Santa Claus himself! Although late, he had not forgotten our little ones; 170 gifts were then distributed, consisting of clothing of different kinds, books and toys.

The children were told not to open their packages until they left the room; the temptation was too great for several, but the most of them waited patiently until they got outside or in the cars.

One little boy went down Chestnut Street trying to get at the contents of a Noah's Ark, much to the amusement of several persons.

The members of the Society take this opportunity of thanking those of the congregation and other friends who have helped them from time to time.

One little boy sent fifty cents out of his own spending money (five ten cent pieces), which he wished to be used to buy a little child a Christmas gift, which was given to a very poor little girl.

Last year the Society entertained 75 children; this year, 170. The children are all known by the ladies; most of them visited, and the interest kept up the entire year.

It is the intention of the Society to give an entertainment for the children in the Guild Hall of Parish House, February 11th, at 7.30 o'clock.

For the month of March, and during Lent, the ladies will sew and visit the little ones.

Donations, December	26th,	$ .50.
" "	28th,	.50.
" January	7th,	5.00.
" "	10th,	.65.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19th, 1890.

MY DEAR PASTOR AND FRIENDS:—"The poor ye have always with you."

Animated by a feeling of *sincere gratitude* for help received in time of pressing need, I wish to express this gratitude, through THE PARISH NEWS, to the people of St. Stephen's.

The recipient has been a constant attendant of the church during the present Rector's time, and has added her "mite" to the Offertory, glad to give a little and longing for the privilege of giving more.

The time came when help was needed and upon acquainting the Rector of the case, he at once gave from the charity fund of the church, which fund, I understand, is sustained by the contributions each Sunday for "General Charities."

My object in making this acknowledgment is that those who occasionally or habitually give to this fund may *realize* the good done as it is wisely used by one who takes a personal and loving interest in the Church's poor,—and that, realizing this fact they may be incited to give more bountifully and in the spirit of true benevolence for "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Gratefully yours,

SELECTIONS.

There is a burden of care in getting riches; fear in keeping them; temptation in using them; guilt in abusing them; sorrow in losing them; and a burden of account at last to be given up concerning them.

THE faith that is looking to God to do everything hardly accords with the teaching of the Book. While it is our duty and privilege to pray for God to work as only He can work, we are not to leave Him to do all the work. We are God's fellow-workers. That being the case, if we fail to do our part, that vitiates the promise of the Lord's help, and He leaves us in our laziness, and nothing but failure can result.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " " 5 P. M.
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed'y and Friday, 5 o'clock.
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Monday evening, 7.30 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M..
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10 30 A. M.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Early Communion every Sunday, 7.15 A. M., except first in the month.
Wednesday, 4.30 P. M. } With Address by Warden.
Friday, 7 30 P. M. }
Daily Services as usual.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson.
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Rogers,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss L. Bell,	Mrs. M. Wilcox.
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss Jamison,
Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson.
Miss Dickerson,	Miss Russell,
Mrs. Knorr,	Miss Oliver.
Miss Patterson,	

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright.
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.	

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson.	Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.	

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN HOPE.—

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
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ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Grigg,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Flanigan, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Miss Russel,
Miss Emory.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Mrs. Snively.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.
Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Vice-President—John Gubbins.
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Treasurer—John Seed.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President.—Miss Ellicott.
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Secretary—Ida Harper.
Treasurer—Anna C. Christensen.
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Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays of the month, 4-6 P. M.

CALENDAR.

March 2.—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 9.—Third " " "
" 16.—Fourth " " "
" 23.—Fifth " " "
" 25.—Annunciation of Virgin Mary.
" 30.—Sunday before Easter.
" 31.—Monday before Easter.
April 1.—Tuesday " "
" 2.—Wednesday " "
" 3.—Thursday " "
" 4.—Good Friday.
" 5.—Easter-Even.
" 6.—Easter-Day.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

January 30, Charlotte Ely Crane.
February 6, Louis Le Roy Evans.
" 7, George Bennett Wilder.
" 10, Lillian Anna Merritt.
" 16, Maria Estella Nunez.
" " Julia Ulalia Nunez.
" 20, Robin James Frear.
" 26, Joseph Arnold Little.

MARRIAGES.

February 20, William Schultz and Sarah Elizabeth Bright.

BURIALS.

January 28, Sadie Gale.
February 1, Charlotte Ely Crane.
" 11, Jacob B. Landis.
" 20, Elizabeth Clemson Barton.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For Diocesan Missions,	$1551 64
" Missionary Box Com.	97 15
" Visiting Nurses' Society,	42 00
General Charities,	387 81
Altar Society,	1 00
Special Gift,	100 00
" "	25 00
	$2204 60

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

March 16, Third Sunday in Month.—Sunday-schools.
March 30, Easter Decorations.
Good Friday.—City Missions.
Easter.—To be designated by the givers.
Wednesday, A. M. in Lent. } Missionary Box Committee.
Friday, P. M. }

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN in the Parish House Mondays at 7.30 o'clock, and in Church Wednesdays and Fridays at 5 o'clock.

THE BISHOP WILL CONFIRM at the morning service, Tuesday in Holy week, ~~April 1st.~~ March 24

All those who expect to be Confirmed will meet the Rector on Friday March 28th, immediately after the 5 o'clock service, to sign the Parish Register, and make final arrangements. The Rector begs to repeat that it will give him sincere pleasure to meet half-way, or the whole way, for that matter, any one who is thinking of Confirmation. He wishes also to point out that the question for every man and woman to ask is not "Why should I be confirmed?" but "What reasonable apology have I for not doing so?"

Seats will be provided for those candidates who have no regular places of sitting.

The ladies to be Confirmed, will come to the chancel bare-headed. The class will assemble at the chancel rail, and *remain standing* until the Rector gives them the signal to kneel. (The proper attitude for the *congregation* in the Confirmation office, is to stand until the Bishop bids them to prayer.) There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion immediately after, at which all the newly Confirmed are expected to receive. (It is one of the "lesser morals" of the Church, that the consecrated Bread shall always be in an open, *ungloved* hand.)

Those to be Confirmed will, by some means, find a little time in the morning before coming to Church, to be alone with God, and ask His blessings upon what they are about to do.

THE OFFERINGS ON EASTER DAY will be for whatever good object each person contributing may mark his gift. If he does not designate it for anything special, the Rector will distribute it among such Church and charitable objects as, in his judgment, may be most useful. It is the custom of the Rector, as of all rectors, to pledge his parish to do certain things, and then to ask his people for the wherewithal to redeem these pledges. It is understood, in all such promises, that he is only to do his best, and not make promises over and above what he may reasonably expect his people to do. Our memoranda of promises for the year ending May, 1890, at this writing has the following aspect:

For Dioscesan Missions.	(Paid)	$800 00
" Theatre Services,	(Paid)	500 00
" St. Simeon's Mission Church.		700 00
" Support of Colored Students at Fredericksburg, Va.	(Paid)	25 00
" Colored Mission at Washington.	(Paid)	50 00
" " Church of Crucifixion.		25 00
" Hospital for Colored Children in Virginia.		100 00
" Hospital Mission, Cairo, Ill.		50 00
" Children's Friend Society.		100 00
" Mission Church, West Phila.	(Paid)	25 00

Will somebody be good enough to redeem each of these unpaid promises at Easter? Sir, which will you take? Madam, which do you prefer? At what do you estimate this year your duty in sense of gratitude for your hope of resurrection?

At the Easter Services it will be impossible to keep the seats unoccupied after the time to begin services. The pew holders and regular attendants will be admitted through the north transept doors. The front doors will be opened *five minutes* before the service time, after which all pews will be filled as full as they will comfortably hold.

We are quite aware of the inhospitable look that this method has. Reasonable people, however, will see the reasonableness of it; unreasonable ones will not, but that cannot be helped. The vociferous complaint that he was not given a seat on Easter day is usually heard from the man or woman who has not been inside a Church since last Easter. He declines to identify himself anywhere, to do any work, to take any responsibility, and then when he concludes to go to Church once, simply and solely for his own entertainment, he is indignant because a seat is not reserved for him, and because those who go always do not make way for him. Still, there is not very many of him, and it is hardly worth while to be much disturbed by him. He can be set over against that other very rare individual, who looks inhospitable when strangers are shown to his pew. If it would only always happen that the two would get into the same seat!

Most of our visitors—who, we delight to say, are very many—are reasonable, courteous, and recognize the fact that we wish to treat them just as well as we know how—only we must be allowed to make our own rules for it.

A Committee of the Altar Society will attend at the Parish House after Wednesday and Friday Morning Services, to give out prices of sewing to any lady who will be willing, during Lent, to make up and return one or more garments for distribution in the Children's Hospitals and among the poor.

The Garment Committee reports that among our many friends in the congregation there seems to be a few who scarcely understand the object and uses of this organization, which in a very quiet and modest way really does a vast amount of good.

To become a member, simply means to give two plain, substantial garments, (for either sex and of any age) in the course of the year; new of course preferred, although there are many woolen goods such as partially worn dresses and mens' outside clothing that are most acceptable and useful. These are placed in the hands of a Committee of Seven Ladies of the Parish, who exercise their judgment conscientiously in distributing to the worthy poor such garments as will protect them from illness and the sufferings from cold weather. They receive twice the value of the material, or money, in giving them articles of clothing ready to put on, as in many cases any delay in supplying their necessities might be a serious matter. There is also another class most difficult to reach, those with too much self-respect to allow their needs to be generally known, and here we have been most fortunate and successful in relieving their necessities so delicately as not to wound.

The sympathy extended by means of these garments has brought sunshine and cheerfulness into many sad and weary hearts. Assistance is also given as far as our supplies will allow to Missions and Hospitals, supported by voluntary contributions. The aim of the organization is far-reaching, and the demands upon it incessant, the amount of good accomplished depends altogether upon its members, our object being to help the old, the very young, the sick and the helpless, those whom God has especially given us to do for, and for whom all can do if they desire.

One of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building, (rear of the Church) every Monday from 10.30 A. M. until 12.30 P. M. to attend to all business, and packages may be left at any time at 9 South 10th St., marked for the Garment Committee.

Monday March 3rd, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 10th, " Arnold.
" " 17th, " Lundy.
" " 24th, Miss Cleemann.
" " 31st, Mrs. Stratton.

Contributors for January, 1890:

Arrison, Mrs.	Magee, Miss R.
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Clapp, Mrs. N. T.	Parker, Mrs. D.
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Flanagan, Mrs. C. L.	Stevenson, Miss E.
Muirheid, Mrs.	Stratton, Mrs. C. P.
Musgrove, Mrs. S. E.	Wilcox, Mrs.

Dear Dr. McConnell:

Permit me to thank the "children of St. Stephen's Church," through you, for their donation of toys, books, &c., received yesterday at this office, for distribution among poor children who have but few pleasures, and who will be delighted to receive the toys thus contributed.

Please say to each of the dear children, who thus remembered the poor for whom we care, that, we recognize in them fellow-workers in dispensing comfort and joy to the children of the very poor, and pray that in such Christ-like deeds, they will each and all abound and grow, realizing more and more that, "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and wish them all for me a Happy New Year. Very truly yours,

Herman L. Duhring, Supt.

Philadelphia, February 15th, 1890.

Dear Dr. McConnell:

The committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, appointed by the Diocesan Convention, has begun work, and, in order to make that work successful, the co-operation of every rector in this diocese is absolutely necessary.

The following facts are stated for your information:

The present Episcopal Fund amounts to a little over Sixty thousand dollars. In order to relieve the parishes entirely from assessment in the future, this fund must aggregate Two hundred thousand dollars. This involves the raising of One hundred and forty thousand dollars more.

As a beginning, Thirty thousand dollars have already been subscribed, in accordance with the terms of the plan hereinafter set forth.

It is unnecessary to tell any rector how desirable it is that this fund should be raised speedily.

The annual assessment is a severe burden on many parishes; the collection to meet it generally falls far short of the amount required, and the sum has to be made up from other sources.

It is believed by the committee that the sum needed can be raised if everybody who ought to work to that end will work.

The committee promises to do its share, but it needs your co-operation; and lest it be thought that this bare request is indefinite, we suggest a few methods of co-operation likely to prove effective·

1. By explaining to your people (a) What the Episcopal Fund is. (b) The present amount of it. (c) The further sum needed. (d) The great relief likely to accrue to the parishes from the raising of the fund. (e) Commend it to the earnest attention of the congregation.

2. By sending to the Treasurer the names of those in your congregation whom you think likely to contribute to this fund, in order that one of the committee may confer personally with them.

3. By agreeing to accompany one of the committee, if it be thought desirable, in visiting a limited number of your congregation and presenting the subject. (Signed.)

I. L. Nicholson, Chairman.
Francis A. Lewis, Trearurer,
132 South Third Street.

Committee on Increase of the Episcopal Fund.

Rev. I. L. Nicholson, D. D., Chairman.

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Rev. Wm. F. Nichols, D. D.,	Mr. Alexander Brown,
Rev. S. E. Appleton, D. D.,	Mr. G. B. Roberts,
Rev. James Haughton,	Mr. Lemuel Coffin,
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Mr. W. W. Frazier,	Mr. F. A. Lewis.

Philadelphia, February, 15th 1890,

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund appointed by the convention in May, 1888, has adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the basis upon which this committee will ask for subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund be as follows:

1. The amount asked for is One hundred and forty thousand dollars.

2. Subscriptions shall not be binding unless Seventy-five thousand dollars be pledged before July 1st, 1890.

3. Subscriptions may, if desired, be paid in annual or semi-annual installments extending over a period of three or five years; or instead of this installment plan, they may be paid at any time within five years, the subscriptions meanwhile bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

4. When Seventy five thousand dollars shall be raised, the income thereof shall be added to the principal until the fund shall amount to One hundred thousand dollars, after which time the income shall be available for the use of the Episcopal and Convention Funds.

THE ITALIAN MISSION WANTS HELP, and ought to have it.

There are about twenty thousand Italians in Philadelphia. They are congregated for the most part in the south-east part of the city.

At present only two churches are known to be doing any work among them—the Italian Mission and the parish of Santa Magdalena, of the Roman Catholic Church.

The mission reports that its work is influencing, directly or indirectly, a thousand people. If an equal number, or three times that number—and no one else claims these figures—receives attention from the Roman Catholic Church, there is still left an army of fifteen thousand at the least who are under no religious or educational advantages of any kind. They seem to be a neglected community in the midst of a large Christian city—a community liable at any moment to become a menace to our laws and institutions.

They are in most cases the dupes of unprincipled agents who lured them with false promises from their native land to this country, where what would have kept many of them in comfort at home has been quickly expended in traveling and living expenses. Uneducated, even in their mother tongue, wretchedly housed, and with only a precarious livelihood, they present a spectacle which must touch the hearts of the lovers of humanity.

Some seven years ago, a number of Christian gentlemen became interested in these people and founded an Italian Mission for work among them. It is the only organized mission of Protestant Christians for this people in this city. In connection with the mission are day and night schools, where the children are taught the English language, so that they may in time receive moral and religious instruction through this channel. On Sundays there are religious services in Italian for the adults, who can only be taught religious truth in their own tongue. WE HAVE THESE PEOPLE, WE HAVE THEIR CHILDREN, BUT WE HAVE NOT A SUITABLE BUILDING IN WHICH WE CAN FOSTER ALL THE WORK OF OUR VARIOUS BRANCHES. A parish building is of great necessity, and for this we most earnestly appeal to our Christian friends. Poverty of dress and other considerations practically exclude Italian children from our public schools, and a difference in language necessitates much preliminary training to enable them to get any advantage from our schools. The mission has prepared already over five hundred children to enter the public schools. We have all the funds for this parish building except $4,000. We want eight people who will give $500 apiece for this.

This work is receiving the careful attention of the mission and deserves public recognition.

The mission stands ready to minister to suffering and sickness. It is the only agency in the city through which relief can be practically and judiciously applied by the hands of a native Italian clergyman.

Living in our midst, exercising a moral and political influence for good or evil, increasing in numbers daily, capable of being reached with but a fraction of the expense attending distant missions, unacquainted with the principles of our civil and religious institutions, these Italians present a case that appeals to our patriotism as well as our Christian sympathy.

"I know of no work in this Diocese more worthy of confidence and support than that which is carried on by the Rev. M. Zara, in the Italian Mission. A parish building is greatly needed, and I earnestly hope that the means for providing it will be speedily contributed.

O. W. WHITAKER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

"THE VISITING NURSE SOCIETY" has for its object "To give to the poor and those of moderate means the best *home* nursing possible under existing circumstances." A visiting nurse works with missionary spirit, giving of her own life and energy to aid others, now tending a sick mother, again soothing an ailing child or easing the last stages of consumption. With tact and strength of character she must control nervous symptoms, she must encourage the depressed, teaching everywhere the plainest rules of cleanliness and hygiene.

Those of us who have ourselves known the comfort of good nursing, or have watched its results on some dear member of our household, say we will never again be without a trained nurse, but do we always think what may be the fate of our poorer neighbor in like distress? Were we to see for ourselves the needless suffering occasioned by want of care, we could not help putting forth a hand to ward it off, but we do not see. In the country, or in small towns, each member of the community is interested in each other member, but in large cities that cannot be. Because the subject is large are we the more exempt from considering it? The Visiting Nurse Society is established to assume this duty when there is sickness which can be tended at home, thereby keeping the family together. It is also often of service to ladies of smallmeans, who could not otherwise possibly receive the care of a trained nurse. Its nurses bathe patients in bed, arrange the clothing, make a poultice, or otherwise carry out the physian's orders, leaving a house as soon as they have accomplished these tasks, but returning at stated intervals, according to the severity of the illness. They go from one patient to another, and often, thanks to the benevolent Guilds which send them nourishing food, they carry with them much needed diet. In a year's time these nurses pay many hundred visits, seeing about five hundred patients each, in all forms of disease, (except where there is contagion which they cannot risk carrying). Their work will be extended as fast as the means given it will permit, and its managers ask not only for contributions, but that those knowing the deserving sick poor will send to 1203 Race street to claim assistance from those whose object is "To go about doing good."

THE Children's Friend Society gave an entertainment, February 11th, to one hundred and twenty-five children. It was made very enjoyable through the kindness of Mr. Hopper, who engaged Mr. Yost, the ventriloquist, to entertain the children for an hour, which he did very delightfully.

Master Arthur Hartman, violinist, eight years old, offered his services for the evening. His music was delightful and very much enjoyed by all in the room. One of the members of the Society accompanied Master Hartman on the piano.

The Sunday-school choir sang their lullaby which Mr. Wood so kindly taught them; Mr. Wood playing the accompaniment on the piano.

Several other songs and recitations by the children, all doing what they could to make the evening pleasant.

The ladies of the Society again take the opportunity to thank all who so kindly helped them, and regret, owing to the room being small, that they could not invite more to share the pleasure with them. At the close of the entertainment each child went home with a large orange and a happy face. In *two months* the Society has entertained and brightened the lives of one hundred and eighty-five children; the first year we started seventy-five, last year one hundred and seventy. Our work seems to be everywhere and everything. We are always finding something new to do.

SELECTIONS.

GOOD BOOKS TO READ IN LENT.—Everybody who wants to make the most of Lent, will make a difference in his reading during this season. The whole purpose of Lent is to deepen the spiritual life. Emphasis must be laid from all sides upon the spiritual side of life. Toward this good books will help greatly.

The following are commended: Robertson's Sermons: Padre Augustino's Sermons; Bishop Huntington's "Helps to a Holy Lent," (two series); Phillips Brooks' Sermons (any volume); Mrs. Oliphant's "Francis of Assisi;" Mrs. Gilman's "Saint Theresa" in the "Famous Women" series, published by Roberts Bros.; Thomas a'Kempis.

[From the Guild's Kalendar; Rev. C. J. Wood.]

It is a fact worth nothing that defections from the Church are from the High or the Evangelical wing. We know of only one from the Broad Church party and he only nominally a latitudinarian.

The late Bishop Horatio Potter once said of an acquaintance of ours who was assistant minister in the famous Church on Fifth avenue, New York city: "He'll do for the Church of the Heavenly Rest, but is not worth a cent for the Church of Earthly Conflict."

It is a happy thing to be a great preacher like Dr. Talmage, who has a congregation of 4,000, but that congregation gave last year, to objects outside their own parish, not $250, and now, although they have got from insurance companies some $300,000, they are out begging the Christian world at large to help them rebuild. What good has Dr. Talmage's preaching done?

It seems to be a question whether the American Board of Foreign Missions will crush Dr. Lyman Abbott, or he will blow them into "flinders." War has been declared. It is a duel to the death. The Methodists as well as the Congregationalists are virtuously shocked. The truth is they are too stupid to understand him.

The other day a few people gathered to make a monster celebration of the anniversary of Thomas Paine? Why? Because they hate the Christian religion, or think that they do. It is probable that their knowledge of both Christianity and the writings of Thomas Paine is vague and thin. We never found a ranting infidel who knew the religion he was abusing.

The following from Meister Eckehart the mystic, is an admirable antidote alike to extreme Calvinism and to universalism: "God's goodness does not insure my salvation, nor would I require of God that because of His goodness He should save me. It may be that He wills not to save me. My salvation is that God is rational and that *I know it.*" If you do not immediately preceive the meaning, take it for a Lenten study. It will bear protracted meditation.

Mission Notes.—The Chinese coast, 2,000 miles in extent, is lighted at night by as complete a system of light houses as the shores of any civilized country.

Denmark, Norway and Sweden contribute annually about $300,000 for foreign missions, having 100 missionaries in the field, with a membership of 29,000 in their missions.

Nine new missionaries have been appointed to Japan the present year by the American Baptist Missionary Union, an addition of thirty-three per cent. to its working force in that country.

A Hindu gentleman has called a congress of Brahmin priests and learned men for the purpose of incorporating the Bible among the sacred books of India, and officially recognizing Christ as the last spiritual Avatar, or incarnation of Brahma, the supreme deity.

The Roman Catholic Bishop and many of his clergy attended the reception given to Bishop Davies, as did the ministers of Detroit generally.

Sam Small, the noted Evangelist, has withdrawn from the Methodists and applied for ordination in the Episcopal Church. The unexpected is always happening.

The number of conversions of ministers of different denominations to our Church from Advent 1888 to Advent 1889 is 37, as follows: Methodist, 11; Reformed Episcopal, 3; Baptist, 3; Congregationalist, 5; Adventist, 1; Unitarian, 1; Presbyterian, 3; Reformed, 6; Roman Catholic 4. Of these two returned to the Church of their first love.

The Governor of Florida is a Churchman, and this is what the *Church Year* says of him: "It is pleasant to note the active personal interest which Governor Fleming takes in the work of this (St. John's Tallahassee,) parish, regularly attending his class in the Sunday-school, and opening and closing its services, and in the absence of a clergyman reading the Sunday services, morning and evening, at St. John's, and in the afternoon at the chapel for colored people."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, Wednesdays, 11 A. M.
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

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Mrs. Hockley,
Mrs. Wiegand,
Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Clarkson.
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Miss Stevenson,
Miss M. J. Lewis.

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Mrs. Kelly,
Miss Lundy,
Mrs. Rogers,
Mrs. Wiegand,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson,
Miss Johns,
Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Durang,
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

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Miss L. Bell,
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Miss E. Bell,
Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Knorr,
Miss Patterson,
Mrs. M. Wilcox.
Miss Jamison,
Mrs. Watson.
Miss Russell,
Miss Oliver.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Mrs. Semple,
Miss Magee,
Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Johnson,
Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

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Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
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Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

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" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Flanigan, Mrs. Nixon,
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Miss Emory.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

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Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
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Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Mrs. Snively.

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PARISH HOUSE.

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Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

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CALENDAR.

April 1.—Tuesday before Easter.
" 2.—Wednesday " "
" 3.—Thursday " "
" 4.—Good Friday.
" 5.—Easter-Even.
" 6.—Easter-Day.
" 7—Monday in Easter Week.
" 8.—Tuesday " " "
" 13.—First Sunday after Easter.
" 20.—Second " " "
" 25.—St. Mark's Day.
" 27.—Third Sunday after Easter.
May 1.—S.S. Philip and James.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

March 7, Clifford Frederick Crane.
" 26, Elizabeth Belle Patterson.
" 26, Anna Hoopes Patterson.
" 26, Robert Emmett Patterson.
" 28, George Lewis Crawford.
" 28, Emma Linden Crawford.
" 28, Margaret K. Kildare.
" 30, Emma Sharpe Anaya.
" 30, Barbara Reiche Hock.

March 30, Anna Mary Treloar.
" 30, Ida Wise Harper.
" 30, Sadie Estella Miller.
" 30, Nellie Virginia Miller.
" 30, Marie Elizabeth Smith.
" 30, Maggie Elizabeth Guscott.

CONFIRMED.

Margaret E. Kildare, Louise C. Whitlock,
Katharine M. Lewis, Mary Dell Crane,
Emma Linden Crawford, George L. Crawford,
Elizabeth B. Patterson, Eloise Somers Zeigler,
Ada V. Paist, Florence I. Freeland,
Louise Betts Edwards, Margaret P. Gibson,
Margaret Allen, Marie E. Smith.
Kate Cecilia Hocky, Grace Cooke Clarkson,
Mary Jane Mills, Anna Mary Treloar,
Maggie Dougan, Emma Sharpe Anaya,
Michael Guerra, James F. Wallace,
John Thornton, Rosa Louisa Ulbricht,
Nellie Virginia Miller, Sadie Estella Miller,
William Stevenson Hockley, Emma Estella Book,
Edith Maria Gale, Clara Rubach,
Wm. B. Kenworthy, Mary A. Donnelly,
Emma T. Holman, Amanda Walraven,
Jennie Heath, Samuel H. Webber,
Ellen Moore, Samuel Moore, Jr.
Lida Maree Winpenny.

BURIALS.

March 5, Mary Lea Minster.
" 11, Grace Mendenhall Stockett.
" 26, William Burr Johns.
" 31, Douglass Hilger.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Sunday-schools,		$133 00
" Visiting Nurses' Society,		5 00
" Diocesan Mission,	$5 00	
" " "	5 00	10 00
Altar Society,		10 00
Easter Decorations,		187 93
Missionary Box Com.,		176 35
General Charities,		523 13
		$1045 41

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

Easter—To be designated by the giver.
Sunday after Easter.—Society for the Increase of the Ministry.
Other Sundays.—General Charities

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE EASTER SERVICES will be as follows:

Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock.

Morning prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion, 11 o'clock.

Evening prayer and Sermon, 4 o'clock.

The pew holders and regular congregation will be admitted through the north transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the time of service; after which all unoccupied seats will be filled at once. There are not enough seats in the church to accommodate much more than half of those who are enrolled as members of the parish, if they should chance to all come at one time. In the nature of the case this never occurs. But it is more likely to occur at Easter than any other time. A larger proportion of the congregation is present then than at other times. This leaves all the less room for visitors. Nevertheless, the visitors who come to worship with us are very welcome, and we will do our best to make them comfortable. The visitors who do not come to worship but for sight-seeing, are not welcome. We do not want them. We can do them no good. They deepen their own brazen moral obtuseness by being present at a service whose motive is not intelligible to them. They are "the dead fly that causeth the ointment of the apothecary to stink." But the hope still remains that they having come to stare, may be caught by the sweet spirit of Easter, and may stay to pray.

AT ONE OR OTHER of the celebrations on Easter-day it is confidently expected that every communicant will be present. To absent himself on this day cannot be regarded otherwise than that he has fallen out of harmony with the movement of the Christian world. This, all sober-minded men will regard as a great misfortune. If he be wise he will at once ask himself whether the loss of relish which makes him indifferent to the feast be not due to his own spiritual ill-health? He may need food all the more *because* he has little or no appetite. It is an ancient and reasonable custom that on two days at least in the year, Christmas and Easter, the anniversaries of His birth and resurrection, all the members of the family should gather about His table. Let there be no vacant places.

On Easter-day Christian people are expected to do something substantial for religion and charity. It is not to the point to say that they are giving something to these purposes every Sunday and every day as well. Of course they are. That goes without saying. So are they constantly paying their taxes and their butcher's bill. Does one expect that his citizenship, his food, his education, his amusement shall be to him a constant cost, while his religion should cost him little or nothing? To fancy so, simply shows that he has misapprehended the whole situation. If it were true, as he sometimes imagines, that religion consisted simply in "saving his own soul," and that that being accomplished all other religious activity were surplusage, the cost would be small, for it would be a small soul saved. But that is not Christianity. To be a Christian is to be a partaker of the same spirit which was also in Jesus Christ. That spirit was a divine heartache for the ills of men. The Church has many agencies at work trying to help the bodies and souls of those who cannot help themselves. No doubt many of these agencies are poorly planned, and conducted with little sagacity. The missionaries may lack wisdom, their machinery may be clumsy and costly, the agents of benevolence may not be "scientific;" but if all these things were true,—as they are not,—whose fault would it be? Whose charitable machinery is this? the Church's? But who constitutes the Church? You, and you. If the missionary and charitable machinery is not right, in God's name set it right. If you will not do that, then help those who are trying honestly to run it as best they can.

You are "always being asked for money?" Certainly, and you always give it. But, now, just for once, in a way, tot up what your amusements have cost you and your family since last Easter. Please include in that all tickets to theatres and balls, banquets, bouquets, china painting, special lessons in art, or literature, club dues, cigars, little trips away, cost of entertainments given by you in return for entertainments which you had previously enjoyed. And please do not be ashamed of any of these. They have, no doubt, been perfectly innocent and proper; but tot up the cost. Then foot up your charities for the year. Be honest. Strike the balance between the two totals. Is it not fair to say that balance ought to be the amount of your Easter offering?

How would this retort sound; "You were in prison and I did not visit you, because my society engagements would not allow me; you were sick and I did not minister unto you, because my amusements had already cost me so much?"

In the Ter-Sanctus a change has been made by order of General Convention. Formerly the priest and people were directed to say or sing it together but now the rubric is as follows:

¶ *Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed, or else immediately shall be said or sung by the Priest,*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: ¶ *Priest and People.* Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

An election will be held in the Parish House of St. Stephen's Church on Easter Monday, April 7th, to elect twelve vestrymen to serve in this Parish for the ensuing year.

The polls will be open from half past eleven to half past twelve o'clock.

In the early part of the Winter the rector asked for contributions from a number of ladies and gentlemen for an Industrial School for poor boys and girls. The response was ready and cheerful. A school of forty scholars was organized, and Professor J. Liberty Tadd secured to teach them drawing, wood-carving, and modeling in clay. They have had instruction two evenings in each week during the Winter. Their progress has been so marked that all concerned must be gratified. There will be an *Exhibition* of their work, in the Parish House on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, April 24th. The children will be specially pleased if the patrons who made this instruction possible will come and see what they have done. The rooms will be open to everybody, and it is hoped that many members of the parish will come and see the children and their work.

The Easter Carol Service of the Sunday-schools, the Burd Orphan Asylum and the Parish Day School will be held on the Sunday after Easter, at 4 P. M. The offertory will be for the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children.

The Children's Friend Society has come to be so well known both in the parish and out of it that any explanation of its purpose seems hardly necessary. It is an association of ladies who try to brighten the lives of the children of the very poor. In Summer is their season of most active work. Committees of the society take little groups of poor little creatures out to the country for a day, go with them, get them a good dinner and a day's amusement, and return them safe in the evening to their narrow homes. These days are glimpses of heaven for the children. The society wants a few more active members, of ladies who will be in or about the city during the Summer, and will share the work with them. They want also any number of contributing members, at a dollar a piece. Either names or money should be sent to Mrs. Vanderslice, in care of Mr. Joseph Clayton, the sexton.

The Ladies of the Children's Friend Society have met in the Parish building Monday evenings during Lent to sew for some of the poor children they entertained during the Winter.

They have made up twenty-five garments, dresses, boys' waists, aprons and other articles. They have already given some of this clothing out to children that were very destitute.

Donations received: March 11th, $2.00.

The Benevolent Society of the Parish is about closing its work for the season, and the managers call the attention of the congregation to a number of articles still on hand for sale. A committee will be at the Parish House on Easter Monday, after morning service until one o'clock, for the purpose of selling.

The Committee of the Altar Society having in charge the Lenten Sewing wish to thank the ladies of the congregation not only for the work they have done but also for their very generous gifts of money and materials. The Rector and the members of the Altar Society will be glad if those interested in this work will come and see the finished work on Thursday, April 10th, at eleven o'clock in the Guild Hall. After which inspection the garments will be distributed to poor families, charitable institutions and hospitals. A detailed account of the work will be given in the yearly report of Society's work.

The Girl's Friendly Society has a branch of the organization within our Parish. Several ladies of the congregation have volunteered their services and have interested many young women in the society. There are meetings every Monday evening at 7½ o'clock. Many girls come to the meetings direct from their daily work and have tea, sandwiches, etc., served to them in the Parish House. A competent dressmaker is engaged to give them lessons in cutting and fitting dresses, while the ladies teach them plain sewing. Music lessons are given to quite a large class. The meetings are closed by the special prayer and hymn used by the General Girl's Friendly Society throughout the United States.

During this Lenten Season the Altar Society has cut out over six hundred garments, which have been made up by the ladies of the congregation. The committee having this work in charge thank those who have aided them by their work and most generous gifts of money and materials. They hope those interested in this work will come to the Guild Hall on Thursday, April 10th, to see the work accomplished, after which the garments will be distributed among the Charitable Institutions and worthy needy families.

DONATIONS TO LENTEN WORK.

Mrs. Arnold,	$2 00	Mrs. Merrit,	$1 00
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	$5 00		

VALUE OF MATERIALS.

Mrs. Clarkson,	$5 00	Mrs. Taylor,	$3 00
Mrs. Sanders,	3 80	Mrs. W. J. Horstman,	6 00
Miss Mellon,	5 00	Misses Holman,	9 13
Miss E. Magee,	3 70	Mrs. Stewart,	2 00
Miss S. Eisenbrey,	2 60	Miss Wilkins,	8 00
Mrs. E. L. Stanton,	1 80	Mrs. Rogers,	1 60
Mrs. Richardson,	25 00	Miss Maulsby,	4 80

DONATION OF ARTICLES MADE UP.

Miss Holman, 1 flannel dress, 3 chintz dresses, 1 red flannel petticoat.

Mrs. Hansel, 1 pair socks.

Mrs. Wiegand, 1 knit sacque.

Mrs. Maulsby, 2 slips, 2 petticoats, 12 towels.

Mrs. Fenton, 3 pair socks.

Mrs. K Stevenson, Jr., 14 pieces of second-hand clothing given to Mrs. Johnson for distribution.

GARMENTS MADE UP BY:—

Mrs. Abbot,
Mrs. Anable,
Mrs. Arrison,
Miss Bannister,
Mrs. Bloomfield,
Miss Brisbane,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Chandler,
Misses Clarkson,
Mrs. Cooper,
Mrs. Davis,
Miss Denny,
Miss Doughton,
Miss Dutilh,
Mrs. E. S. Eisenbrey, Jr.,
Mrs. Fenton,
Mrs. Gill,
Miss Grant,
Miss Hall,
Miss Harlan,
Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,
Mrs. Judson,
Mrs. Kennedy,
Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Law,
Miss Lundy,
Mrs. McKean,
Mrs. Mallory,
Misses Maulsby,
Miss Merchant,
Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,
Mrs. Molloy,
Mrs. Manship,
Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Pancoast,
Miss Patterson,
Mrs. Richardson,
Mrs. Rutter,
Miss Helen L. Sanders,
Mrs. Sinn,
Miss Stoddard,
Miss Stewart,
Miss Washington,
Miss Wilkins,

Mrs. Adams,
Mrs. Arnold,
Miss Baldwin,
Miss Bell,
Mrs. Bowden,
Mrs. A. Caldwell,
Miss Catell,
Mrs. Clarkson,
Miss Cleemann,
Miss Cromberger,
Miss Dawson,
Mrs. Dorrance,
Miss Dupuy,
Mrs. Eakins,
Mrs. Ely,
Mrs. Flanagan,
Mrs. Grant,
Mrs. Hall,
Mrs Hansell,
Miss Hay,
Mrs. Hetherington,
Misses Holman,
Mrs. Kelly,
Mrs. Kenworthy,
Miss Langton,
Mrs. Lewis,
Mrs. McConnell,
Misses Magee,
Mrs. Maclay,
Mrs. McDowell,
Miss May Miller,
Mrs. Moody,
Mrs. Moore,
Mrs. Muirheid,
Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Orne,
Mrs. Parmalee,
Mrs. Rawle,
Mrs. Russel,
Miss Sanders,
Miss Shannon,
Mrs. Stewart,
Miss Stoutenborough,
Mrs. Whitney,
Miss M. S. Wilkins,
Mrs. Zeilin.

IF ANY LADIES CAN DO SOME SEWING in the way of making linen cottas for choir boys, for a Mission Church, will they kindly report at the Parish House, Wednesday morning after service.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE most gratefully acknowledges the very liberal supply of infants' clothing sent in answer to the last appeal; the contributions have truly been most generous and judicious, and, for the first time since our organization, our closets are now well provided against the many demands that will be made upon them in behalf of these helpless little ones—a never-ending cause for anxiety and charity.

We now desire to make an appeal to the male members of the parish for outside woolen clothing which they will be more comfortable in ridding themselves of, and our deserving poor more comfortable in receiving. We suggest that on any day *this week*, most convenient to themselves, each one will take thirty minutes to overlook his wardrobe and decide what articles he will never wear again, and send all such to No. 9 South Tenth Street, marked "For the Garment Committee." He will, in this way, lessen the trouble of putting away from the moths for this season, and we will not mind in the least taking the trouble and the risk of the remaining garments after distributing those actually needed. Underwear and boots can constantly be given judiciously also.

One of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building every Monday morning from 10.30 until 12.30 P. M. to receive all packages and attend to all business.

Monday, April 7th—Miss Stoddard.
" " 14th—Miss Bell.
" " 21st—Miss Muirheid.
" " 28th—Miss Arnold.

Contributors for February, 1890:

Bell, Miss L.
Burr, Mrs. J. B.
Clarkson, Mrs.
Davison, Mrs.
Drysdale, Miss J. T.
Frishmuth, Mrs. E. H.
Johns, Mrs W.
Lundy, Miss
Maclay, Mrs. A.
Oliver, Mrs. W. W.
Pancoast, Miss E. H.
Parmalee, Mrs. M. M.
Richardson, Mrs. W. C.
Sidford, Miss M. J.
Wiegand, Mrs. A.

Bunker, Miss E. L.
Cornish, Mrs. T. E.
Darley, Mrs. F. T. S.
Davison, Miss
Fenton, Mrs. C. F.
Johns, Miss
Kelly, Mrs. A M.
Lammot, Mrs.
Newlin, Mrs. J.
Pancoast, Mrs. A.
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1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. Beauveau Borie,	Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. W. M. Stewart,	Mr. W. Herbert Washington.

Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 1124 Girard Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
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Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson.
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Rogers,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss L. Bell,	Mrs. M. Wilcox.
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss Jamison,
Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson.
Miss Dickerson,	Miss Russell,
Mrs. Knorr,	Miss Oliver.
Miss Patterson,	

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson. Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Grigg,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Flanigan, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Miss Russel,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory,
Mrs. Law.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—John Gubbins.
Secretary—Harry Christensen.
Treasurer—John Seed.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President.—Miss Ellicott.
Vice-President—Nellie Miller.
Secretary—Ida Harper.
Treasurer—Anna C. Christensen.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.

Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays of the month, 4-6 P. M.

CALENDAR.

May 1.—Thursday—SS. Philip and James.
" 4.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
" 11.—Fifth " " "
" 15.—Ascension Day.
" 18.—Sunday after Ascension.
" 25.—Whit-Sunday.
" 26.—Monday in Whitsun-Week.
" 27.—Tuesday " " "
June 1.—Trinity Sunday.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

April 1, George Howard Sleator.
" 1, Edgar Earle Dey.

MARRIAGES

April 3, Henry St. Pierre Lewis and Lulu Elphonso Quillen.
" 5, Lomis Puig and Maria M. Van Lang.
" 10, Robert T. Boyd and Ellenora C. Vandusen.
" 16, Theodora Felter and Theresa Cairns.
" 17, Col. Pennock Huey and Louisa Gerhard.
" 21, Dr. Thomas M. Tyson and Gertrude Woodward Harrah.

BURIALS.

April 7, Amos H. Evans.
" 10, William H. Wallace.
" 17, Louis M. Troutman.
" 18, Hannah E. Getze.
" 23, Margaret W. Allison.
" 24, Harriet Knorr.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

Good Friday, for City Mission,	$ 171 71
Easter Offertory,	1494 16
Home for Crippled Children,	170 80
Children's Friend Society,	10 00
Special Offering for Charity,	10 00
Diocesan Missions,	5 00
Society for Increase of Ministry,	173 71
General Charities,	218 69
	$2254 07

OFFERTORIES FOR MAY.

Third Sunday.—Italian Mission.
Other Sundays.—General Charities

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TRINITY SUNDAY MORNING, June 1st, the annual *Ordination* will be held by the Bishop in St. Stephen's, the Rector preaching the sermon. A few of the people will be asked to kindly give up their seats on that morning to the candidates and their friends. Probably not more than three or four pews will be required for this purpose.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON before the graduating class of the University of Pennsylvania will be preached by the Rector in the Church, Trinity Sunday Evening, at 8 o'clock. The pews in the main aisle will be reserved for the University.

ON WHITSUNDAY EVENING, May 25th, at 8 o'clock, the annual sermon will be preached by the Chaplain before the Battalion of State Fencibles, in St. Stephen's. The pews in the main aisle will be reserved for the Battalion.

THE EASTER OFFERING amounted to $1,494.16. It included the following sums, designated for special objects:

Visiting Nurses' Society	$ 21 50
Altar Society	5 00
Rectory at Morton, Delaware Co., Pa	30 00
Home for Incurables	2 00
St. Margaret's House, Cape May	35 00
Seaside Home	20 00
Children's Friend Society	42 00
Sheltering Arms	17 00
St. Elizabeth's Mission	25 00
Mrs. Buford's Hospital	30 00
Glencoe Mission, Minn.	100 00
Theatre Services	5 00
Italian Mission	20 00
Foreign Missions	3 00
Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children in loving memory of William Burr Johns	120 00
House of St. Michael and All Angels' for Colored Crippled Children	25 00
Home of Industry	10 00
Home for Consumptives	15 00
Indian Rights Association	5 00
For Needy Clergy	50 00
Seaman's Mission	3 00
Midnight Misssion	50 00
Magdalen Society	50 00
Kensington Hospital for Nurses	15 00
Missionary Enrollment Fund	2 00
Children's Hospital	5 00
City Mission	15 00
Missionary Box Committee	10 00
All Saints', Braddock, Pa	50 00
St. Chrysostom Mission	20 00

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following is the Annual Report of the Parish, to be made to the Diocesan Convention, which meets May 6th, for the year ending May 1st:

Baptisms.—Adults	14
Infants	28
Total	42
Confirmed	40
Communicants.—Added, new	40
" by removal	43
Died	11
Removed	27
Present number (about)	1000
Sunday-School.—Officers and Teachers	25
Scholars	250
Marriages	21
Burials	36

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—Parish Account.

Receipts.—From Pew Rents		$13,697 02
" Investments		2,492 15
		$16,189 17
Expenditures.—Current Expenses		$15,078 79
Episcopal and Convention Fund,		403 02
Parish Schools		898 55
		$16,370 36

Burd Asylum Account.

Receipts	$18,764 19
Expenditures.—(Including improvements)	28,731 99

Charitable and Benevolent Account.

Receipts.—From Offertory		$13,219 61
Expenditures.—For Parish School		317 70
" Sunday-schools		331 13
" Poor		708 52
" Missions—Foreign		224 51
" " Domestic		1,013 25
" " Colored		338 00
" " Indian		100 00
" " Diocesan		1,634 00
" " City		205 04
" " Deaf Mute		20 00
Episcopal Hospital		522 01
Bibles, Books, Tracts, etc		177 90
Theological Education		486 04
Disabled Clergymen, Widows and Orphans		565 62
Theatre Services		500 00
Female Benevolent Society		988 83
Missionary Box Committee		861 57
Altar Society		565 91
Children's Friend Society		297 15
Industrial School		564 18
Special Services		80 50
Theological Students' Reception,		166 00
Italian Mission		20 00
Midnight "		50 00
Magdalen Society		50 00
Visiting Nurses' Society		71 50
St. Michael's Home for Colored Crippled Children		25 00
Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children		340 80
Seashore Church Home		105 00
Printing		114 32
Johnstown Flood Sufferers		908 00
Miscellaneous		644 23
		$12,985 80
Balance		233 81
GRAND TOTAL:—Income		48,172 97
" " Expenditure		58,088 25

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE reports that they have sent nine boxes during the year as follows:

Connecticut	$ 50 00
Indiana	255 35
Wisconsin	42 60
South Carolina	91 77
Colorado	67 69
South Dakota	31 00
Oregon	112 76
State of Washington	113 25
Virginia	95 15
Total	$861 57

THE ALTAR SOCIETY of St. Stephen's Church presents to the congregation its annual report:

The Chancel Committee has performed the duties of caring for the chancel and vestments, and received donations of flowers for Easter and Annunciation Day.

The papers and periodicals given by the congregation have been sent to missionaries and hospitals. The Library Committee only regret that so few are given them for distribution.

The Embroidery Class report: Work ordered and delivered;—four surplices, three black silk stoles, two white embroidered stoles, and materials for another white one. Among other work ordered we have now on hand a set of altar hangings for church at Cape May Point, and one altar cloth for Virginia. Work donated;—one surplice to St. Paul's Mission Chapel, set of altar hangings to All Souls' Church, Franklin and Green streets; one surplice and black embroidered stole to Rev. Thompson Carpenter, Richland Center, Bucks county; one set of green altar hangings (formerly belonging to St. Stephen's) to Holy Trinity Church, DeLair, Camden county, N. J.; one surplice and black embroidered stole to Rev. S. Miller Davidson, St. John the Divine Mission; two cottas for St. Michael's Church, Cairo, Ill.; application made through Miss Stevenson, one surplice and black stole for Rev. M. Zara, Italian Mission; twelve cottas for Mission Church in Erie, Pa. Work for our own parish, four surplices, set of green altar hangings.

At the request of the Rector, the ladies of the

Altar Society gave an afternoon tea to some of the young ladies belonging to several boarding schools in the city who attend the services of this Parish. The committee having it in charge were so kindly helped by some of the ladies of the congregation, that it was a very enjoyable affair.

The children's response at Christmas time to the appeal for toys, games, books, etc., was so generous that many a child was made happy by the unexpected gift of a doll or a game.

The distribution of the Lenten sewing, the report of which appeared in the PARISH NEWS for April, is as follows:

Children's Hospital	pieces, 38
Italian Mission	40
Willing Day Nursery	28
Children's Aid Society	77
City Mission	70
Northern Day Nursery	32
Sheltering Arms	23
Home for the Homeless	25
Home of the Merciful Saviour and Orthopœdic Hospital,	47
Children's Friend Society, St. Stephen's Church	40
Girls' Guild, St. Stephen's	12
Children belonging to Parish of St. Stephen's	36
Poor families through ladies of Parish	126

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1889	$102 50
Received from Vestry for Surplices	24 75
" " Offertory	172 10
" " Subscriptions	25 00
" for work of Embroidery Class	16 01
" Subscriptions for Tea	19 00
" " " Lenten Sewing	8 00
" Easter Flower Fund	187 93
Balance from Flower Fund last year	10 62
Total Receipts	$565 91

EXPENDITURES.

For Flowers during year	$169 15
" Embroidery Class	58 60
" Postage, etc	2 97
" Expenses of Tea	14 50
" Library Committee	5 00
" Embroidery Lessons	65 00
" Chancel Committee	89
" Materials for Lenten Sewing	48 75
" Easter Flowers	156 50
Total Expenditures	$521 35
Total Receipts	565 91
Balance May 1, 1890	$ 44 55

MARY L. MELLON, *Treasurer.*

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE has closed for the season, and expects to resume its duties on or about Monday, September 22d.

Personal applications must be made to the Rev. Dr. McConnell, or Rev. Mr. Miller during the intervening time, when they will be attended to with as little delay as possible. The Committee desires to thank the gentlemen who responded so generously to the appeal of last month. All the articles sent were most valuable, and many of them have already been disposed of where they were really needed; they were received with joy and gratitude.

Contributors during the month of April, 1890:

Crawford, Mrs. G. L.	Richardson, Mrs. W. C.
Maulsby, Miss	Stevenson, Miss E.
Newlin, Mrs. Jas.	Stoddard, Miss
Watson, Mrs. W. C.	

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY is about to enter its third year. Before doing so, the managers would like to thank the many kind friends who helped them in their work during the past year.

By a Concert given at St. George's Hall, April 24, 1889, they realized	$150 00
Cash Donations and Contributions received	147 15
	$297 15
The expenses throughout the year were	$216 47
Leaving a balance of	$ 80 68

with which to begin their Summer work.

They have given out one hundred and fifty garments, and, besides helping them in many other ways, they have entertained five hundred children during the year, being three hundred and twenty-five more than they aided last year.

The Children's Friend Society, on April 15th, gave what was intended as an Easter entertainment in the Parish House, at which about one hundred children were present. This was only made possible by the liberal Easter offerings received, and was therefore gotten up so hastily that the usual notice in the PARISH NEWS could not be given.

Mr. L. H. Hall gave a most delightful show of "Punch and Judy," with an original dialogue and songs, followed by recitations and by games in which the children joined, making the evening very enjoyable to both young and old.

The use of the theatre and puppets were kindly

given by Mr. Schwarz. After the performance the children were treated to ice cream and cakes.

Donations received for the month of April:

At the Easter collection.....$42 00
April 15th..... 0 35
April 21st, from a member of the Church. 10 00
72 garments from the Altar Society, 10 garments from the Garment Society, 7½ yards of cambric from Mr. Lalor for use at the entertainment.

WATCHING.

A general, after gaining a great victory, was encamping with his army for the night. He ordered sentinels to be stationed all round the camp as usual. One of the sentinels, as he went to his station, grumbled to himself and said, "Why could not the general let us have a quiet night's rest for once after beating the enemy? I'm sure there's nothing to be afraid of."

The man then went to his station and stood for some time looking about him. It was a bright Summer's night, with a harvest moon, but he could see nothing anywhere; so he said, "I am terribly tired. I shall sleep for just five minutes, out of the moonlight, under the shadow of this tree." So he lay down.

Presently he started up, dreaming that some one had pushed a lantern before his eyes, and he found that the moon was shining brightly down on him through a hole in the branches of the tree above him. The next minute an arrow whizzed past his ear, and the whole field before him seemed alive with soldiers in dark green coats, who sprang up from the ground, where they had been silently creeping onward, and rushed toward him.

Fortunately the arrow had missed him; so he shouted aloud to give the alarm, and ran back to some other sentinels. The army was thus saved; and the soldier said, "I shall never forget, as long as I live, that when one is at war one must watch."

Our whole life is a war with evil. Just after we have conquered it it sometimes attacks us when we least expect it. For example, when we have resisted the temptation to be cross and pettish, or disobedient sometimes when we are thinking, "How good we have been," comes another sudden temptation, and we are not on our guard and do not resist it. Jesus says to us, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."—*Every Thursday.*

ABIDE WITH ME.

The hymn which begins, "Abide with me. Fast falls the evening tide," was written by H. F. Lyte, a poor curate of Broxham, who toiled twenty years under clouds of discouragement and suffering. When scarcely able to crawl he preached and administered the communion for the last time, addressing the tearful people as one who has already one foot in the grave. As the evening of the sad day gathered its darkness, he handed to a near and dear relative this immortal hymn, with music accompanying, which he had prepared. His last whisper was, "Peace, joy!"

DON'T.

Men have gained a reputation for great wisdom, and men have written books upon this reputation, by giving people advice about what not to do. They say "don't" do this and "don't" do that. Now, my son, that is all very well as far as it goes, but it doesn't go half-way to the spot. A bridge a hundred feet long is of no earthly account if the river is two hundred feet wide. You get just as wet wading half the distance as you would if you forded from shore to shore. The trouble with the "Don't" people is they tell you to "don't" things that you never thought of doing. If they could tell you all things you should "don't," leaving but one thing to do, that would make things easy for you. But they can't do this. They say "don't" do a few things and leave a hundred things untouched, which you can't for the life of you tell whether to do or don't. A man who can tell you one thing to do is worth ten thousand advisers who tell you a few things to don't. A pilot who avoids the rocks is good enough, if he knows all the rocks, but he doesn't; for there are 10,000 of them, and he knows only 9,500 of them, and is in constant danger of smashing you on some of the unknown 500. But the man who knows only one thing, and that one the channel, he's safe. He may not know where not to go, but he knows just where to go, and that is the main thing; that is the only thing, in fact. When a man tells you to "don't," ask him what you shall do. And if he says he doesn't know, smite him for personating a prophet under false pretenses. Out on the whole "don't" crowd! Miserable comforters and pilots are they all.—*Every Thursday.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

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PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson.
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Rogers,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss L. Bell,	Mrs. M. Wilcox.
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss Jamison,
Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson.
Miss Dickerson,	Miss Russell,
Mrs. Knorr,	Miss Oliver.
Miss Patterson,	

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson. Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss Bell,
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DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Grigg,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Flanigan, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Miss Russel,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory,
Mrs. Law.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

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Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
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Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

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President.—Miss Ellicott.
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Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays of the month, 4-6 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays at 6.30. and 9.30. P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4402 Chestnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden. Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sholl,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Misses Leonard, Miss Whitney.

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

June 1.—Trinity Sunday.
" 8.—First Sunday after Trinity.
" 11.—Wednesday—St. Barnabas.
" 15.—Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 22.—Third " " "
" 24.—Tuesday—Nativity, St. John Baptist.
" 29.—Fourth Sunday after Trinity, and St. Peter's Day.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

May 2, Jane Arrean Treloar.
" 4, Paul Cameron.
" 22, Theodora Mercedes Farrell.
" 24, Albert Henry Edson.

MARRIAGES

May 13, Joseph Milton Willis and Jaenette Fitzgerald.
" 21, Arthur Bennett Cochran and Henrietta Boyd.

BURIALS.

May 19, Francis E. Taws.
" 27, Caroline S. Allen.

OFFERINGS DURING MAY.

General Charities,	$247 13
Italian Mission,	113 77
Boys' Guild for Home of the Merciful Saviour,	5 00
Girls' Guild for Sheltering Arms,	4 50
	$370 40

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week from 11 to 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE ROUTINE OF PARISH ACTIVITY has now gone upon the "Summer schedule." People have gone to their country places, gone abroad, disappeared variously into that unknown region into which people go in Summer. The various societies have wound up their year's work, and made their reports. The Sunday-school has closed. The teachers have scattered. The Parish School will soon close. The daily services have been intermitted. In a word, the stagnation of Summer has come. It is very discouraging, but there is no use quarreling with the inevitable. We venture to hope that all will return in the Autumn, rested and refreshed, and anxious to begin work again, as has been the case in previous years.

But, we venture to suggest that all this applies only to those activities known as "church work." In religion proper there is no such thing as a vacation,—any more than there is in breathing or eating. Indeed when all is said, the best Christian work which any one can do is simply to live. The "living epistle, known and read by all men," is likely to be perused by the world in Summer, quite as carefully in Summer as in Winter. In Winter the epistle lives at home, and is observed only by his own family. In Summer, while he has his "week off," or while she sits chatting with other epistles on the hotel veranda, they show what is written in them. Let them look to it that the writing is kept clear, and that nothing may be read from them which may offend.

After all, there is little reason why even the outward church life should be interrupted by the unsettledness of Summer. One would have to go very far indeed to find a place where their is no church. There is one at every Summer place, usually too, they are such as need and welcome help. They minister through eight months of the year to plain folk, and they have a right during the other four to expect aid and comfort from their more fortunate visitors. Don't hold aloof, that is unchristian, don't criticize, that is vulgar, but lend a hand.

THE LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY, after more than a year's work, have finished the green altar cloth, hangings and stoles for use during the Trinity season. These will be used for the first time on Sunday after Trinity, June 8th.

The white altar cloth which has been in use for many years is now considerably worn. It is the earnest wish of the members of the Altar Society that a new one be provided as soon as can be. There is at this time an excellent opportunity to purchase the proper materials. Were the material now on hand it would require two years to do the work upon it. A competent member of the society is going abroad, and would be willing to secure the cloth for the church. About $250 will be needed for the purpose. A lady of the congregation has already headed the list by a subscription for $25. No doubt there are many persons in the parish who will be glad to contribute the money needed. The ladies of the society are ready, as heretofore, to do the embroidery. Subscriptions, no matter how small, will be gladly received. It is necessary that donations should be promptly made, that the Society may know whether they can order the needed materials. The order must be given by July 1st. Please kindly send your amounts to

MISS SARAH EISENBREY, President,
902 Spruce Street.

Committee: MRS. MADEIRA, MISS SANDERS, MISS EISENBREY, MISS CLARKSON,

June 1st, 1890.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY had their first excursion May 17th. The weather had been stormy all the week, but at the appointed time the little ones came walking into the Parish House ready for their trip to Lemon Hill.

They were there given a ride in the Merry-go-round, or Goat Carriage if they preferred.

Afterwards they were treated to a luncheon of sandwiches, milk and cake.

If the Society had a few more members, both active and contributing, more of these poor little ones could have an afternoon outing.

The active members now are:

Miss Mary E. Bannister.
Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Selinda Molloy.
Miss Kate Lewis.
Mrs L. H. Hall.
Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice.
Miss Rebecca Airey.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

Mrs. George Eakins.
Mrs. William Knorr.
Miss Marion Knorr.
Miss Alice Kelly.
Miss Johns.
Miss Kate Burton.
Mrs. R. L. Bloomfield.
Miss Dickerson.
Mrs. John Hyle.
Miss Walraven.
Miss Mary Sloan.
Miss Mary Force.
Miss Laura Pabst.
Mrs. D. Hopper.
Mr. L. H. Hall.

Others who have helped the Society throughout the year are:

Mrs. De Grasse Ford.
Mr. and Mrs. Hardt.
Mrs. Anna Kelly.
Mr. Carter.
Mr. George Eakins.
Miss Tomson.
Miss Tacy Tomson.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbour.
Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanderslice.
Master Colfelt.
Mr. Schwarz.
Miss E. U. Scoot
Mr. and Mrs. Kenworthy.
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Miss Lanigar.
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Miss Marion Smith.
Mr. David Wood.
Mrs. Kelly.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hopper.
Mr. John Hyle.
Miss Shannon.
Miss Mellon.
Mrs. S. Lewis.
Mrs. Sinn.
Mr. Lalor.
Miss Lyons.
Mrs. Ehric.

The Wellesly Missionary Society, the Garment Society and Altar Society, and many others, by small donations, at the time of the Concert in April.

The Society takes this opportunity to thank all who have so kindly helped brighten the lives of these little ones during the past year.

THE RECTOR HAS GOOD REASON to believe that the following pathetic letter, from an old physician, is entirely true.

MY DEAR DR. MCCONNELL:

On leaving you I came at once to——— and am stopping, for a time, with people who knew me when I was more fortunate than I am now, though I was then less so than I should have been. I am more comfortably situated than I was in Philadelphia, and can live here for less than I could there.

I have thought the matter over carefully and arrived at the conclusion that I had best tell you just how I am situated, and what I would like to do. It does not seem quite the thing to be idle for a few weeks, even though you "see me through with it," for then I might be, just as I am now, without a dollar and with no definite plans.

I can show my status, as a physician, by my diploma and by licentiate diplomas from the States of New Hampshire and Alabama. Other papers I have also, but these are probably sufficient. I can show you testimonials as to character from those who have known me. So much by way of promise. A severe hurt, received some fifteen years ago, left me unable to dress, without assistance, for over a year, and kept me unable to earn anything for some five years. Before that time I hardly knew what it was to feel a pain or experience even a sense of temporary discomfort. Since then I have been sorely afflicted. My business has been repeatedly broken up by the return of this miserable complaint, and I have grown less able to stand the practice of my profession in its various branches. Last year, a gleam of sunshine glanced across my troubled sky. Some city property, left in San Diego, Cal., years ago, and nearly forgotten by me, became of value, and I was looked up and written to regarding it. I sent out a power of attorney to a man I thought I knew, and through him effected a sale of some of it, and had, as I thought, good reason to suppose that I might get between four and five thousand dollars for what remained unsold. I had previously concluded that I could live in the high lands of East Tennessee, or Western North Carolina, with comparative immunity from my complaint, and I now sought for a place there where I could have a reasonable chance of success in the practice of my profession. I thought, for a time, that I had succeeded, and perhaps I should have done so, in both the one and the other case, had my hopes from California been realized, even to a small extent, but I found that from the negligence, indifference or dishonesty of my agent, all was lost there. Perhaps it was the mental worry of this which brought back, or helped to bring back, my physical discomforts, at any rate, back they came. I had found, too, that I had made a mistake in my location; I could do a good deal of business, but collect only a little pay for it; I should get into debt if I remained and without a chance of ever getting out; I broke up at once and left without a dollar, and with a new life to begin, at nearly seventy years of age, I doubled back, like the hunted hare, to my place of starting, which was the only place, after all, where my overcast sky had seemed to lighten, for a moment, in years.

It seemed to me that surely in that great city, with superabundant wealth on every hand, some of my professional brethren might loan me, if only a little each, yet enough in the aggregate, to give me a chance for life; but, alas! my age, which, it seems to me, ought to awaken compassion, only excites distrust, which my address, perhaps fairly good, only increases. The doctors of to-day do not seem to remember better than the disciples did of old, that those upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, were not necessarily sinners above all other sinners.

I wandered about the streets very sadly, with two lines of Hood's continually in my ears; the one was—

"Oh! 'twas pitiful in a whole city full,
Home, she had none:"

My bad fortune had made me feminine. The other was—

"Even God's providence seeming estranged."

Then I thought God never forgets. I will go to one of His household and tell him all. I went to you, but found the telling very difficult, and the difficulty was only increased by your great kindness.

Now things are thus with me: I am a good physician, but I give out under the strain of a general practice. I could succeed as a specialist—a specialty for which I have a liking, and for which I am competent, and for which there is an opening, but I have no means.

Failing in this, I can see only opening before me a way more wearisome to travel than that of the "Valley of the Shadow of Death," over the entrance to which is inscribed the first verse of "The Beggar's Petition:"

"Pity the sorrows of a poor old man
Whose trembling limbs have borne him to your door,
Whose days are dwindled to the shortest span;
Oh! give relief and heaven will bless your store."

I believe in God and all that that involves, else my way out would be easy. I must travel life's road to its weary end.

What can I say more? Do for me what you can. If fortune ever favors me, which is not likely, whatever you do for me shall be returned, or multiplied as often as I can multiply it, to such as it will fall upon as a benediction; if I fail I will die hoping to do in another world what I have failed to accomplish in this. I am

Very gratefully yours,

——— M. D.

SELECTIONS.

CHURCH UNION.

[Translated from the German.]

Forsake not proudly the place of public prayer,
Because you know that God is everywhere;
True, God is in the part as well as in the whole—
Not present in the Church if absent from the soul;
Still, where the flames from many logs unitedly arise,
A warmer glow of light and heat mounts upward to the skies.

"I HAVE been a member of your Church for thirty years," said an elderly Christian to his pastor, "and when I was laid by with sickness for a week or two, only one or two came to visit me, I was shamefully neglected." "My friend," said the pastor, "In all those thirty years how many sick have you visited?" "Oh," he replied, "It never struck me in that light. I thought only of the relation of others to me, and not of my relation to them."

THE following inscription, written by himself, will be placed on the late Charles Reade's tombstone:

HERE LIES

BY THE SIDE OF HIS BELOVED FRIEND, THE MORTAL REMAINS OF

CHARLES READE,

DRAMATIST, NOVELIST AND JOURNALIST.

HIS LAST WORDS TO MANKIND ARE ON THIS STONE.

I hope for a resurrection, not from any power in Nature, but from the will of the Lord God Omnipotent, who made Nature and me. He created man out of nothing, which Nature could not. He can restore man from dust, which Nature cannot.

And I hope for holiness and happiness in a

future life, not for anything I have said or done in this body, but from the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ.

He has promised His intercession to all who seek it, and He will not break His word; that intercession once granted, cannot be rejected; for He is God, and His merits infinite; a man's sins are but human and finite.

"Him that cometh to Me I will no wise cast out." "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins."

A BOY of twelve years of age, going to confession lately, revealed to his father confessor that he had been guilty of turning "flim-flams" on the previous Sunday. The good father, anxious to award a strictly suitable penance, but ignorant of the exact character of the offense, inquired, "What are these flim-flams, my son? "I'll show you, Father ——," said the boy; and straightway he jumped up from his knees and turned a couple of hand-springs before the confessional box, to the utter astonishment, but secret amusement of the priest. The next penitent in turn, who had anxiously witnessed this strange performance, was a stout, red-faced, middle-aged woman, who knelt, with evident trepidation, and stammered out, "Och, Father, dear, don't be givin' *me* such a Lenten pinnance as that, for the dear Lord's sake!"

TAKE a company of boys chasing butterflies: put long-tailed coats on the boys, and turn the beautiful butterflies into dollars, and you have a beautiful panorama of the world.

"A REALLY Christian life is the best answer one can make to unbelief. Do not let the unbeliever have it in his power to say, Why do you wish us to profess your creed if you, with all your religion and all your faith, are worse than ourselves? Alas, it is too often true! Pray, then, without ceasing; give alms of your goods; if ye suffer, take it patiently; be consistently gentle and kind towards all men, speaking to them by the actions of your heart rather than by the words of your lips. Do not attempt sermons or exhortations to unbelievers; they will have none of them. In this way you will win them back to religion, and make them once more acceptable in the sight of God, their Saviour."

—LE bienfaiteur a ordinairement de la mémoire pour deux

WORTHY GREATNESS.

Some weeks ago most of the religious papers noted the pleasing fact that Mr. Gladstone is a practical Christian believer, and some of them called the attention of their readers to the further fact that he has long been such.

We now find what has not been so generally known, that the only other great European statesman, Bismark, is also a firm Christian, and like his English compeer, is a member of the church. He is reported to have said, in 1876, "If I were not a Christian I would not consent to serve the the king, my master; if I did not obey God, if I did not put my trust in Him, I would not concern myself about the affairs of this world." And more recently he has used this language: "Were I not a decided Christian, if my faith did not rest on the miraculous basis of a revealed religion, you would not have in me a federal Chancellor; when you find me a man for a successor who is impregnated with the same principles, I will at once resign, rejoiced to be again free to follow a country life."

In this day when the smaller politicians are disposed to make light of Christian faith, and to live without taking God into their counsels, it is truly refreshing to know that the first statesmen of the century are glad to be controlled by the principles of the Bible. They who refuse to honor God, fail to honor themselves, and are in no condition, if they be public men, to honor their country.

BEING tired of life is always a selfish feeling; for no man is tired of living on the ground that there is nothing to be done by him for others. He who lives wholly for himself may, indeed, feel that he can no longer please himself; but he who lives for others is sure to see so much yet to be done in the line of his life-work that he is not ready to stop living by his own choice.—*Sunday-School Times.*

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CALENDAR.

July 6.—Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 13.—Sixth Sunday after Trinity.
" 20.—Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
" 25.—Friday—St. James, Apostle.
" 27.—Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISMS.

June 5, Ethel May Cooke.
" 19, Mary Frances Wilson.
" 22, Mary Imogen Leufer Wagoner.
" 25, Alfred Miller Watts.
" 26, Adinell Stevenson Hewson.

MARRIAGES

June 5, James M. Beck and Lilla Mitchell.
" 25, Lewis F. Seal and Anna M. Campbell.

OFFERINGS DURING JUNE.

For Children's Friend Society,	$ 4 00
" " " "	5 00
Special from Miss Dutilh,	10 00
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OFFERTORIES IN JULY.

General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE next Church Congress will be held in Philadelphia in November. The opening services will be held in St. Stephen's.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Eighth above Spruce, Rev. Dr. Paddock, Rector, has under consideration the erection of a parish building.

GROUND was broken on Tuesday, the 24th inst., for the foundations of the Memorial Church of the Advocate.

THE corner-stone of Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale, Rev. J. H. Burton, Rector, was laid on Saturday afternoon, June 28th, at 3.30 o'clock.

REV. C. GEORGE CURRIE, D. D., formerly Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, will take charge, during the Summer, of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York.

MOST OF THE SOCIETIES of the Parish do their best work in Winter. In Summer the members scatter to the four quarters of the earth, and the work rests until they reassemble in the Autumn.

But there is one whose best work is done in the Summer. It is the *Children's Friend Society.* Every week, or oftener, the members take a batch of poor children to the country for a day. They take them; do not send them. Those who are able to go when and where they please, or to live all Summer in the country, can hardly realize what a boon it is to a poor, hot, stifled child to get a day under the shade trees or at the sea shore, with a good, wholesome dinner thrown in. The active members of the Society are ready to do the work, and there is no end to the amount of it which might well be done. They want an indefinite number of "contributing members" at $1 a piece to provide for the expense. When you are writing your letters some sultry morning, send your name and a dollar to the President, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 S. 5th Street.

THE LADIES WHO PURSUED THE course of study in the Church Woman's Institute will be interested to know that a permanent school is to be established in New York, where a similar course of study will be carried on to fit women for Deaconesses. The moving spirit in the matter, as in so many good things, is Rev. Dr. Huntington. The following prospectus has been sent out:

"The Canon 'Of Deaconesses,' passed by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in October, 1889, provides that every candidate for the office, before she is set apart, shall have had 'an adequate preparation for her work, both technical and religious, which preparation shall have covered the period of two years.'

With a view to furnishing such as shall desire to receive it with the preparation required by the Canon, it is proposed to establish at No. 802 Broadway, New York, adjoining Grace Church, an institution to be known as GRACE HOUSE TRAINING-SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES.

It will be the aim of the School to send out graduates thoroughly equipped to be the helpers of the parochial clergy in their missionary and charitable work. With this end in view, instruction will be given in the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer, with special reference to Bible Class work; also, in household management and in the care of the sick. Special efforts will be made to familiarize the students with the actual work done in the hospitals, missions, homes, refuges, and reformatories of the City of New York. Object teaching of this sort will supplement the instruction of the class-room. Extra

studies, for those who may elect them, will be the New Testament in Greek, church music, and ecclesiastical needle-work.

Candidates for admission must be at least eighteen years of age, and, unless provided with certificates of graduation at approved schools or colleges, must pass an examination in the usual English branches.

In the case of those who enter the school with the definite intention of becoming Deaconesses, there will be no charge for instruction or for text books.

Special students who desire to follow the course of study, but without reference to the Diaconate, will be received upon payment of an entrance fee of thirty dollars, to be renewed at the beginning of the second year. Text-books, in their case, will be charged.

The regular school year will begin on the first Wednesday in October, and end with the last Saturday in April, with a recess of one week at Christmas. In addition to this, however, three months hospital service, covering May, June and July, will be required of all members of the School, except the special students with whom this part of the course will be elective.

Students who do not live at their own homes may select boarding places from a list approved by the officers of the School. Living expenses must be borne by the students; but every effort will be made to procure favorable terms for students.

For extra copies of this Circular, or for any additional information with respect to the School, application may be made to the Secretary of the Faculty,"

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June, 1890.

THE UNITY OF THE VISIBLE CHURCH.

The day for eulogizing the division of the Church of Christ into "denominations" has gone by. Thoughtful and earnest Christians are coming more and more to recognize and mourn over it as evil in its origin and its results. We get the most vivid impression of the evil when we lay aside all abstract theories and look at the concrete facts as they exist before our eyes. We can not embrace the Christian world in our view; but we can consider a part as the type of the whole.

Here is a town, not a hundred miles from any of us, consisting of a thousand inhabitants, or about two hundred families—just enough to make one parish or pastoral charge—able to sustain the ordinance of the Gospel for itself, and to contribute to the evangelizing of the world; but instead of one self-supporting church, this town has five sickly organizations, two or three of which are sustained by some missionary board. One of these churches has a steeple surmounted with the cross, the common symbol of Christianity; the others, if they have steeples at all, have crowned them with a weathercock. All these churches claim to be Christian; but they all bear denominational names, and each is a rival of the others.

Now, the evil of this state of things does not consist only nor chiefly in its waste of Christian resources; but the chief evil is its demoralizing effect upon religious experience and Christian character. It narrows men's souls by concentrating on a sect the sympathies and affections which ought to expand upon the whole body of Christ; and this effect is the most shriveling when men succeed in deluding themselves into the belief that their sect is the body of Christ. It creates false tests and standards of personal piety. It mars the symmetrical growth of the soul in the knowledge of Christ by magnifying certain doctrines to the neglect or denial of others.

The notion that it is the mission of different denominations to bear witness to particular phases of divine truth might be well enough if the people to whom this witness is borne were brought under the influence of all the witnesses. But to subject one Christian to the teaching of divine sovereignty, and another to the insistence upon human freedom, cultivates two different types of character, neither of which is according to the truth. The idea of a "witness bearing church"—that is, a body of Christians with a special divine commission to bear testimony against other bodies of Christians, while it is pleaded in defense of denominationalism, is, in fact, one of the worst fruits of the system.

The effect of denominationalism upon the ministry is no less deplorable. It too often degrades the servant and ambassador of Christ into the hired man of a voluntary association, and suspends his reputation and influence upon his success in making proselytes from other "societies." That minister must be a strong man who, in adjusting his work to such conditions, does not lose somewhat of the spirit of his high commission and shrivel his own mind to the dimensions of a gossip.*

These evils are greatly aggravated by their complication with social distinctions and family pride. Denominational lines, in such communities as we have described, are very apt to follow the lines of class distinctions, and to deepen them with "the Gospel plow." Religious societies become social clubs, and get rid of the question about seating the poor man in vile raiment by making it practically certain that he will not come into the same assembly with the man in goodly apparel and a gold ring. "The Salvation Army," or any other outside effort, is good enough for him. And so we look with complacency upon the spasmodic movements of zeal without knowledge, and even patronize them from a distance as a salve to our conscience, not perceiving that the plea for their necessity, and, indeed, fact of their existence, is a standing reproach to the church.

What wonder, if in this state of things one-half of our settled ministers in all denominations are unsettled in their minds, and waiting for "a call!" What wonder if the doors of vacant churches are besieged by an army of candidates, composed not only of young men who are openly looking for their first charge, but largely of old soldiers, some of whom, by unworthy devices, conceal the fact of their candidacy?

Surely, if we need a civil-service reform in the state, there is no less need of a pastoral-service reform in the church. And this reform, to be effective, must begin at the denominationalism which fills the land with feeble churches and half-supported ministers, and wastes in sectarian rivalries what ought to go to the evangelizing of the world. The first and most important step toward the correction of any evil is to see and acknowledge its existence; and the second is like unto it—an earnest desire for a better state of things. The unity of Christendom—a unity that the world can see and be convinced by it that the Father has sent His only-begotten Son—is to-day a longing in the heart and a prayer on the lips of multitudes of Christians.

We hail every expression of such desire as a prophecy of its fulfillment, according to others the same sincerity we claim for ourselves. The reunion of Christendom is a sublime idea, an inspiring hope. It is not necessary to the indulgence of this hope to forecast the precise form of its fulfillment; and therefore we need not exclude from its embrace any of those throughout the world who profess the true religion. The best things in the world are not made; they grow. The unification of Christendom, as a whole, or in part, can not be accomplished by bargains and contracts between rival sects; neither can it be effected by the absorption of one denomination under the distinctive forms of another.—*Rev. Dr. Henry J. Van Dyke (Presbyterian), in The Church Review.*

SELECTIONS.

THERE are now eight mission-ships cruising in the North Sea, each a combination of church, chapel, temperance hall, and dispensary.

A HINDOO gentleman has called a congress of Brahmin priests and learned men for the purpose of incorporating the Bible among the sacred books of India, and officially recognizing Jesus Christ as the latest avatar, or incarnation of Brahma, the Supreme Deity.

IN our country three-fourths of the Nation's illiteracy is in the South. Forty per cent. of the whole population of the South can not read the New Testament. Of the 2,000,000 illiterate voters in our country, 1,500,000 are in the South. The negro population, now about 8,000,000, increases at the rate of 500 per day.

THE hymn which begins, "Abide with me, Fast falls the eventide," was written by H. F. Lyte, a poor curate of Broxham, England, who toiled

twenty years under clouds of discouragement and suffering. When scarcely able to crawl, he preached and administered the communion for the last time, addressing the tearful people as one who has already one foot in the grave. As the evening of the sad day gathered its darkness, he handed to a near and dear relative this immortal hymn, with music accompanying, which he had prepared.

"PAPA, I can't go to church, the services are so long." "This is to be regretted, my boy. I would regret it more sincerely, my boy, did I not know that in a few weeks after the frost is out of the ground, you will squeeze into a street car with a hundred other men, breathing incense of whiskey, beer, and tobacco, and hang on a strap by your eyelids for two miles, then pay fifty cents for the privilege of sitting on a rough plank in the broiling sun for two hours longer, while in the intervals of a game a band will blow discordant thunder out of a dozen misfit horns right in your ears, and come home to talk the rest of the family into a state of aural paralysis about the 'dandiest game you ever saw played on them grounds.' Ah, my boy, you see what staying away from church does! It develops a habit of lying."

A SURE CURE of poverty, about which we are hearing a good deal, is primarily a cure of character. In free countries, certainly, most of the poverty we find is the near result of a weak intellectual, or weak moral character, or both. Confessedly, the poverty of the colored population of the South will be measurably cured by the education and training of the intellect and morality of the mass of them. The moment people are relieved of their ignorance and bad morals, which is the best prosperity, they begin to prosper in a worldly way also. No matter what social, financial, or governmental changes we make for the removal of poverty—and these are possibly changes for good—let us get them; none of them will have but a transient success, if any, until character is renovated. Cure poverty? Cure character.—*The Pacific, San Francisco.*

THE BEAUTY OF CHILDHOOD.—A recent discovery of classical sculptures has recalled attention to the fact that the ancients had, so far as appears from their works, no appreciation of the beauty of childhood. In the present instance, in which the figures relate to death scenes and include family pictures, while the mature characters are represented with the best skill which the artist could command, the children—at the age fullest of beauty for a modern eye—are executed with archaic clumsiness. Miss Harrison has pointed out, in her lectures on Greek sculpture, that representations of infancy are characteristic of the decaying art of Alexandria; the best period of art affords no specimen of such a choice of subject. "The artists whose work has afforded models for all time have not left a single specimen of that beauty which modern eyes most admire, the beauty of childhood." And in Grecian and Roman literature there is none of that happy picturing, that dwelling with delight upon the beauties of childhood that seem to have entered into the very essence of modern natures. To the Romans, "infancy was only a journey toward manhood; the sooner it was over the better." In the reference to childhood, which is most truly affecting of all in ancient literature, the fright of the child in Homer's "Parting of Hector and Andromache," the interest, "if we analyze it, belongs rather to an impartial delineation of human life as it is, than to any sympathy with the helplessness and dependence of its earliest stage." While modern art does not show an equal lack of the taste for childhood, it "is comparatively feeble at all time in comparison with the feeling of our own day." This feeling is reflected in its intensity first in the poems of Wordsworth, and the pictures of Sir Joshua Reynolds. "This sympathy with childhood," says the writer in the *Spectator*, whose essay we have summarized, "which gives its coloring to modern literature and art, is to be traced back to utterances, which have influenced more than the literature and art of modern Europe. 'Except ye become as little children, ye can not enter into the kingdom of heaven,' was a saying new to the world. The fresh aspect under which all weakness, all dependence appeared in the light of that teaching was evidently bewildering to its hearers." It took centuries for the Christian world to take in the full meaning of that utterance, which has not been realized as a fact of ordinary life till nearly our own time. But now, "for a year or two in this pilgrimage of ours, the most commonplace, the most tiresome of us is invested with this wonderful capacity (of persuasion and conciliation); every human being has once upon a time hushed enmities and bridged estrangement."—*Popular Science Monthly for February.*

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CALENDAR.

Aug. 3.—Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
" 6.—Transfiguration.
" 10.—Tenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 17.—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.
" 24.—Twelfth " " " and St. Bartholomew.
" 31.—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BURIAL.

July 19.—Margaret P. Graves.

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OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST.

General Charities, ...

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, being the festival of *The Transfiguration of Christ*, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. As this festival has been recently placed within the Calendar of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, the Collect, Epistle and Gospel are not found within the Book of Common Prayer in general use. For the convenience of those not having the new copies of revision, they will be found printed below.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST.

The Collect.

O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistering; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty, who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 2 St. Peter i. 13.

I THINK it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

The Gospel. St. Luke ix. 28.

AND it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering. And behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, this is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

THOUGH FAR AWAY from home, many of the people of St. Stephen's Church are not unmindful of the charitable work of the Parish, and by the report of the Children's Friend Society, it is evident that that worthy little organization is kindly thought of, much to the encouragement of its active workers.

Especially do we wish to make our thankful acknowledgment to the children staying at Bar Harbor, who, through the earnest co-operation of Mrs. DeGrasse Fox and Miss Sanders held a Fair this month for sending poor children to the country. They realized a handsome sum of money, and sent through Mrs. DeGrasse Fox and Miss Sanders, for the Children's Friend Society, the sum of fifty dollars.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of St. Stephen's Church, called the Whatsoever Band, was organized April 5th, 1890, but began their work the latter part of March, by visiting the Home for Crippled Children. They took some gifts for the children at the Home, and fruit for the sick.

Month of April they helped the Ladies of the Children's Friend Society entertain some children in Parish House.

May 20th, they visited Hayes' Mechanics' Home for old men, and took a pincushion for all the inmates, making 44 in all.

June 18th, they went to the House of St. Michael and All Angels for colored crippled children; about a dozen small rattles were given, which were filled with candy, and had a trumpet on the end to blow. It was quite amusing to see the little ones sitting on the floor all blowing. Crackers and other things were taken for the older ones.

July 21st, they had an Excursion to George's Hill, inviting to go with them some young girls, who had not been for a day's outing. These girls are from 12 to 17 years old, and are very happy in doing what they can for others.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY were to have taken a trip June 21st, but owing to bad weather did not get off until June 28th, therefore it was too late to print in PARISH NEWS.

Sixty children met at Parish House, and marched up Market Street to the Pennsylvania Depot, there to take a special car, which through the kindness of several gentlemen in the Railroad Office was secured at a moderately low rate. It was a great surprise, as the children knew nothing about it. They enjoyed the ride very much, several remarking it was too short.

On reaching Zoological Garden they proceeded to visit the different houses, feeding the animals as they went. Many were afraid of the elephants, but the seals as well as the snakes were their delight. Strange as it may seem, every lot of children we have had out at different times never tire of looking at the snakes.

At half-past four o'clock they were taken to the Restaurant, there to be entertained by their kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hardt.

Sandwiches and milk, ice cream and cakes for sixty children and ten ladies, rather a large party, but these kind friends have remembered our little ones every year since we started. We take this opportunity to thank them, as well as the rest of the members and friends who have so kindly helped us the past month.

July 12th. Another lot of children were taken to George's Hill, a car having been chartered for the occasion, meeting at 10th and Arch Streets, at half-past one o'clock, only delayed a minute or two for some extra children. In several instances some of the little ones were taken sick, or from some other cause did not come. Rather than have the seats wasted, two or three of the members went into some of the smaller streets near the church and hunted up other children. The greetings and thanks from both mothers and children were enough to pay them for their extra work.

It amused the little ones that other passengers were not allowed on the car, and would call out the moment any one got on, *this is a special car.* They enjoyed the ride out in the open car very much, were ready for a run up the hill, and quite able to eat two large sandwiches a piece.

About 4 o'clock a wagon was seen, having the name Jackson Blank, North-east corner 35th and Spring Garden Streets, and all eyes were turned; but what was the surprise that Mr. Blank had in store for them? This kind gentleman, although a stranger to the ladies, offered to donate the ice cream for the party. Each child had an individual brick made up of orange water ice, vanilla and strawberry cream. The colors, as well as the cute little bricks delighted the children very much: All had as much as they could eat, and went home very happy.

Through the kindness of the members of the church and their friends, The Children's Friend Society were able to take an extra trip in July, and that one to Atlantic City.

The Reading Railroad offered us tickets at a very great reduction, also a special car on the 9 o'clock Express. Tuesday morning, July 15th, was selected for going, and a little after seven o'clock many of the children were at the houses of the different members, so eager were they to go. Thirty-eight children had been selected, and

with two or three exceptions had never seen the ocean, some even asked what it was.

The ride down was short and very comfortable, those in charge of our car doing everything they could to add to the comfort of the little ones. Dr. William H. Bennett had very kindly offered us the use of sitting room and dining room at the Sea Shore House.

After stowing away our baggage and eatables we started for the Beach.

Each child was provided with a shovel, and it did not take long for them to follow the example of others; off went shoes and stockings—such a digging time as they had.

The river, as some called the ocean, seemed to satisfy every want, not a murmur or a want was expressed, they seemed to be both satisfied and appreciative. Crabs, shells and grasses were brought to the ladies as curiosities, not one moment was to be lost by them. At a quarter of one o'clock they started for dinner, and were met very kindly by the matron at the Sea Shore House, who gave us possession of the dining room.

Dr. Bennett had very kindly donated ice cream and cakes for the whole party, much to our surprise. The waitresses were very attentive, and the ladies and children met with kindness by every one.

After dinner they were taken a walk on the board-walk to the merry-go-round, the proprietor, Mr. Young, very kindly giving them a free ride. It was quite amusing to hear them ask each other if their faces were burnt? Many looked the better for the day's outing.

This was an expensive trip, but one from which the children derived so much good, that we would like to give more of such excursions, if our funds would warrant it. At present, unfortunately, they will not. Many names are down on our books, waiting for their turn for an outing.

After writing this article we received a check for $50 from Mrs. De Grasse Fox, through Miss Sanders, for our Society. This was sent as part of the proceeds of the Children's Fair at Bar Harbor, held for the purpose of raising money to send poor children into the country. A pleasing incident is given in the letter sent, of a poor girl at Bar Harbor, who goes about selling flowers. She is not strong enough to do washing, as so many do there in the Summer. The day after the Fair she went to Mrs. Fox and said she wished to give to the children what she had made the day before—$2. Her brothers go out very early in the morning to get water lilies and other flowers. We sincerely thank the children and appreciate their gift, knowing it will do many poor little ones good during the Summer months.

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SELECTIONS.

"AND IT came to pass when he came to himself," This expression is remarkable. It implies that all this while, when the prodigal rode away from his father's house, when he abode in the "far country," when he devoured his substance in riotous living, when the narrow and impure horizon of the flesh spanned all his hopes, and he threw the reins loose upon the neck of every loose desire, he had not been his true self, but the stupid changeling of himself, the evil counterpart of himself. "He came to himself." The child who had played in the sunlight of his father's love, the cler-browed lad, with no taint of evil in his thoughts, the favorite son, so dear, so happy, so full of generous purpose and unselfish life—that was himself; and when to think of him called up no blush of shame, when the roses of the garden still bloomed around him in the dear old home, when a mother's kiss was not sullied upon his cheek, nor the hand of a father laid in blessing upon an unworthy head—that was himself; but the loveless, thankless, graceless boy, the corrupt, dissolute youth, the companion of rioters and harlots, the fool that had laid waste the inner sanctities of his own being and squandered the most precious heritage of his life—that was not himself; it was a guilty semblance of himself, it was a hideous dream of himself which he now despised. His hour of luxurious and forbidden pleasure was an hour of delusion, of brief insanity.—*Archdeacon Farrar.*

ANNALS OF CHRISTIAN HEROISM.

From the days of the Apostles to our own days, the annals of Christian missions have been the annals of Christian heroism. St. Paul's account of his own ministry has been again and again repeated. He describes himself as "always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus," and as having fellowship in Christ's sufferings. And this intimate connection with Jesus Christ in His Passion is the note and the temper of all true missionaries, and in not a few cases the correspondence is carried out to the very last extremity. The spirit of self-sacrifice is shown, perhaps, most completely in the willingness, after years of toil, to dispense, if it be God's will, with proofs of success. Our practical English temperament prompts us to insist upon tangible results as a test of the value of spiritual work. But although such results are a blessing and an encouragement for which a man may well thank God, yet their absence is by no means a proof that no real work has been done. The seed which is sown in one generation must take time to mature, and will only bear fruit in the next. Long before the Roman Empire became Christian, the air, so to speak, was filled with Christian ideas. The Christian creed was discussed and rediscussed by those who did not yet hold it; and while stray conversions took place in all ranks of life the mass of the people remained apparently attached to the old paganism. In the middle of the third century, not more than one-twentieth part was Christian. In the next century the conversions came with a rush; the ground had been prepared, the seed had taken root and matured.—*Canon Liddon.*

THERE IS an old story about a village which in mid-summer had not a green branch on any tree, because wicked boys had killed the birds, and the caterpillars had it all their own way. The same fate seems to be threatening France, but the naughty boys are represented by the fashionable ladies who wear the bodies of dead birds in their hats and bonnets. The swallow, it is said, is massacred in France to such an extent that, if a not very energetic stop is put to its destruction, it will before long be only found in museums. Thousands of dead swallows have during the last two years been brought into the Paris market; and often a whole cargo was in an advanced stage of decay, which made the corpses quite useless for the purposes of the milliner. It seems that the swallow-hunter has three ways of securing his victims. The first is to catch the swallow in a net, the second by means of a fishing line and hook, and the third and most cruel, by putting threads along high cliffs on the coast, on which the tired birds sit down when they return from their home across the sea. The threads are connected with an electric battery, and an electric current dispatched to kill the swallows as soon as a sufficient number have assembled on them.

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Meets Mondays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. Johnson, 4220 Chester Avenue.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden. Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sholl,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Misses Leonard, Miss Whitney.

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

Sept. 7.—Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 14.—Fifteenth " " "
" 21.—Sixteenth " " " and St. Matthew the Apostle.
" 28.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29.—St. Michael and All Angels.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Aug. 7.—Gloria Safos Dominguez.
" 7.—Julia Estrella Dominguez.

MARRIED.

Aug. 2.—Hyland Biddle Hayes and Nellie Bain Edwards.

BURIED.

Aug. 23.—Julia Josephine Dupuy.

OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST.

General Charities,	$37.58
Baptismal Offering for Children's Friend Society,	9.00
Total,	$46.58

OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

General Charities,

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL will begin its sessions on the first Sunday in October at 9.45 A. M. Teachers who do not intend to resume the work in the School this coming season, will please notify the Rector, or the Assistant, as soon as they can do so, that their vacancies may be filled up. It is important that the classes should all be supplied with teachers. Nothing is so discouraging to the scholars and fatal to the prosperity of the school as to have no one in the form to teach those who come to learn. Any one who takes charge of a class should see to it that he be regular, punctual and faithful in the performance of the duties assumed.

There will be need for more workers this coming year. There are those in the congregation who can interest themselves in the Sunday-school work, and are "apt to teach." They are asked to signify their willingness to take charge of a class. Let their willingness to do this be known at the earliest opportunity. Let the work be begun in an earnest, prayerful endeavor to reach the young of the neighborhood, that they "may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life." It does seem as if this department of Church work, in this our day, were one of the most vitally important that any faithful communicant of the Parish, if duly qualified, could undertake for Christ and His Church.

THE RECTOR, THE REV. DR. MCCONNELL, did not go this Summer upon the gunning expedition to the Rocky Mountains as he had expected, but spent most of his vacation by the bed-side of his friend, the Rt. Rev. Boyd Vincent, Bishop of Southern Ohio, who has been seriously ill with Typhoid Fever, at Watch Hill, R. I.

THE RECTOR EXPECTS to return to Philadelphia and resume his parochial duties about the middle of this month

THE BOYS' GUILD will hold its first regular meeting this season on Friday evening, October 10th, at 7½ o'clock, in Guild Hall. Boys thirteen years of age and over, are invited to become members. The Guild is organized for the purpose of bringing the boys more closely under the influence of the Church. They promise to endeavor to promote reverence, purity and temperance among the members. Last year the membership was quite large, and much good was done. From the interest taken in the meetings there seemed to be much loyalty and devotion to the little organization. Several ladies and gentlemen of the Parish helped to make the recreation hour, after the business part of the meetings, an attractive feature for the boys. It is hoped these with others will come to help this Winter in carrying forward this part of our Parish work.

THE GIRLS' GUILD will meet on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 4 o'clock. Girls over twelve are asked to belong. Most of those who were members last season were from the Sunday-school. Besides the business meeting and recreation they were occupied part of the time sewing garments for poor children of the "Home for Crippled Children." We need some ladies to assist in taking care of this organization, as the work with proper care can be largely increased.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY had their second excursion to George's Hill, Aug. 9th.

Forty little ones were anxiously watching the weather, for it was raining up to ten o'clock in the

morning. As many as a half a dozen children had called on the President to know if they were going, which was very hard to tell; but as sandwiches had to be made and biscuits baked, the order was at eleven o'clock to go ahead. A car had again been chartered and paid for by one of the members of the Society.

It seems to delight the children very much to be the possessors of a car for an hour, in and out. It is quite amusing to hear their remarks when any one jumps on the car, and told either by the children or the conductor that they must get off. One child said that "he must have felt cheap." They had a nice afternoon, the sun coming out bright, so that they were able to play with their balls, bean bags and other games.

It certainly shows how very much the trips are enjoyed when such remarks as these were heard: "Oh! but I have had a nice time." "I never had such a nice time." "You are very good to take us all for nothing." Most of the members of the Society were out of town, but a lady from St. Andrew's Church, and the King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church assisted with taking care of the children and in serving the refreshments.

It was said in August number of PARISH NEWS that the Children's Friend Society would like to have another excursion to Atlantic City, if their funds would warrant it.

Many kind friends sent in their donations for this purpose, so the members of the Society went to work to hunt up the children, which is not always the easiest thing to do. But the gratitude of the mothers and the bright faces of the children are enough to pay all for their trouble. Sunday-school and Parish school children, and some from the Girls' Friendly Society were all represented on this trip, and very many *poor children* from the lower parts of the city, most of them never having seen the Ocean before.

Tuesday morning, August 19th, nearly sixty children started for the Reading Depot, where there was a special car waiting for them. On reaching Atlantic City they were given a ride in the electric cars to the new Sea View Excursion House, where they were very kindly met by the Proprietress, Mrs. Trenwith, and a room given them for their wraps and packages. Then off to the beach with their little shovels, and in less than ten minutes every child, with one exception, had off their shoes and stockings. This little girl had on a new pair of shoes and was afraid to part with them, and had been told by her mother not to get them wet, so she stood with shovel in hand watching the others in the water, who were wild with excitement. They were like little ducks, and did not seem to have the least fear. Two ladies who have at different times helped us, and one of the Ladies from the Girls' Friendly Society, very kindly assisted with the work of taking care of the children. They were accommodating enough to put on bathing suits, that they might keep the little ones from getting too far in the water. It was a very great delight to the children when one of these ladies consented to being buried in the sand, and after heaping the sand up quite high, they began digging the shovels into it, never imagining there was any life in the person there; even when told it hurt, they kept on. When asked, afterwards, what they like best, one small child said, the bathing and burying.

The next thing was dinner, which had been *ordered* at the new Excursion House. The children were taken in the beautiful large dining room, and were waited on by the waiters there with great kindness; one would have thought they had always been used to such luxury. As a stranger remarked, it is a beautiful sight to see them. Not a thing was touched until told to put their napkins in their laps and to commence eating their soup. They all had just as much as they could eat, and seemed to enjoy everything, chicken most of all, which was a surprise from Mrs. Trenwith.

After dinner Mrs. Trenwith went to see Mr. Stein, the proprietor of the merry-go-round, who very kindly gave the whole party two long rides free. Many of the children went to him afterwards, thanking him in their cute little ways, which seemed to please him very much.

We must not forget the Superintendent of the bath-house, who so kindly let the children have two rooms for their shoes and stockings, and as many towels as they wanted for nothing.

It seems wherever these little ones are taken they always meet with kind friends. Even on the electric cars a lady from Pittsburgh was interested in them, and very kindly donated a dollar towards their car fare, and gave a small boy a beautiful little ball.

This trip has cost over sixty dollars, but as the money had been donated for this purpose, it was thought best to take as many as the car would hold without crowding.

Our work continues the entire year. We expect to have several excursions yet; after that to have entertainments of some sort each month.

Many of the children have already spoken of these treats, for such they are to these poor children. It brightens their lives, and gives them something else to think about. One small girl asked one of the members when they were going to have that thing again? When asked what? it was found to be the Punch and Judy show.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY:

Aug. 2	Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr.	$10 00
" 5	Anonymous	5 00
" 5	"Etta"	25 00
" 9	From a member of the Children's Friend Society	5 00
" 11	Baptismal Offering.	9 00
" 11	Miss Rebecca Pancoast	6 00
" 19	From a lady in Pittsburgh	1 00

NEW CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.—One Dollar Each.

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Dr. Ernest Sangree,	Miss Dutilh,
Miss Sarah Fite,	Mrs. J. G. Tomson,
Mrs. S. G. Fite,	Miss M. C. Ermentrout.

ST. MATTHEW, OR LEVI, is to be thought of, not only as a rich man, but as one of a class which the Jews esteemed to be hopelessly depraved. In his conversion, there is a signal instance of grace overcoming the deceitfulness of riches, and also the enslaving effect of an unhappy position and reputation. The publican was supposed to be what a heartless usurer is, and he was even more detested, because he was an instrument of foreign tyranny. He paid the Roman government a certain sum, and was permitted to collect it, with excessive increase, from a certain district of his native land. Levi was actually engaged in this business, and seated at the receipt of custom, when CHRIST called him to be an Apostle. Who knows but he was the identical publican who is elsewhere contrasted with a certain Pharisee? He had repented of his sins, and was performing his duties equitably and mercifully. JESUS bade him leave this pursuit, and the accumulation of wealth, and become a follower of Him, in poverty and death. What an example—when, at the word, he arose and left all, and followed Jesus! Our LORD'S accepting a banquet in his house, and sitting down to eat with publicans and sinners, is a proof of the worldly comfort which St. Matthew gave up to become an Apostle; and at the same time, it furnished a rebuke to the Pharisees, who were thus taught that CHRIST came to call sinners to repentance. As a commentary on this Gospel, we have the Epistle, in which Mammon, or the god of this world, is shown to be the agent of spiritual blindness, in the unbelieving. We cannot serve God and Mammon; and they who are blinded by the glare of gold, cannot see the light of the glorious Gospel. The Collect is a prayer for deliverance from this awful condition of blindness, and hardness of heart.—*Bishop Coxe.*

THE FEAST of St. Michael and All Angels is designed to keep before our minds the relations of Angels to the Church of CHRIST, as being concerned, as well as ourselves, in the SAVIOUR'S Mission; as being, with us, members of His mystical body; as being guardians of our souls, and ministers to our bodies, in life and in the hour of death. All this, and much besides, that is affirmed of Angels, we should devoutly consider and bring to mind on this day. Michael is called a Saint, just as Gabriel is called a *Man*, (Daniel ix. 21,) to assure us of the great truth that—

"Angels and living Saints, and dead,
But one Communion make."

In the Prophet Daniel, moreover, (ix. 13, 17,) name of Saints, or *holy ones*, is especially given to the Angels.—*Bishop Coxe.*

SELECTIONS.

"NONE OF OUR BUSINESS."

[A little girl was heard to finish her evening prayer with these words: "And I saw a poor little girl on the street to-day, cold and barefooted; but it's none of our business, is it, God?"]

"None of our business!" wandering and sinful,
All through the streets of the city they go,
Hungry and homeless in the wild weather—
"None of our business?" Dare we say so?

"None of our business!" Children's wan faces,
Haggard and old with their suffering and sin;
Hold fast your darlings on tender, warm bosoms,
Sorrow without, but the home light within.

What does it matter that some other woman—
Some common mother—in bitter despair,
Wails in a garret, or sits in a cellar,
Too broken-hearted for weeping or prayer?

"None of our business!" Sinful and fallen,
How they may jostle us close on the street!
Hold back your garment! Scorn? They are used to it;
Pass on to the other side lest you should meet.

"None of our business!" On then, the music;
On with the feasting, though hearts break forlorn;
Somebody's hungry, somebody's freezing,
Somebody's soul will be lost ere the morn.

Somebody's dying (on with the dancing!)
One for earth's pottage is selling his soul;
One for a bauble has bartered his birthright,
Selling his all for a pitiful dole.

Ah! but One goeth abroad on the mountains,
Over lone deserts, with burning, deep sand!
Seeking the lost ones (it is His business!)
Bruised though His feet are and torn though His hands.

Thorn crowned His head and His soul sorrow-stricken,
(Saving men's souls at such infinite cost),
Broken His heart for the grief of the nations!
It is His business saving the lost.

—*London Christian Commonwealth.*

I WOULD bid you stand up to your work, whatever it may be, and not be afraid of it—not in sorrow or contradiction to yield, but pushing on toward the goal. And don't suppose that people are hostile to you in the world. You will rarely find anybody designedly doing you ill. You may feel often as if the whole world is obstructing you, more or less; but you will find that to be because the world is traveling in a different way from you, and rushing on in its own path. Each man has only an extremely good will to himself—which he has a right to have—and is moving on towards his object.

If you find many people who are hard and indifferent to you in a world you consider to be unhospitable and cruel, as often, indeed, happens to a tender hearted, striving young creature, you will also find there are noble hearted, who will look kindly on you, and their help will be precious to you beyond price. You will get good and evil as you go on, have the success that has been appointed you."—*Thomas Carlyle.*

"I ONCE met a thoughtful scholar," says Bishop Whipple," who told me that for years he had read every book he could, which assailed the religion of JESUS CHRIST, and he said he should have became an infidel but for three things:

"First, I am a man. I am going somewhere. To-night I am nearer the grave than I was last night. I have read all that these books can tell me. They shed not one solitary ray of hope or light upon the darkness. They shall not take away the guide and leave me stoneblind.

"Second, I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned upon an unseen Arm, as calmly as a child goes to sleep on the breast of its mother. I know that was not a dream.

"Third. I have three motherless daughters (and he said it with tears in his eyes). They have no protector but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world, if you blot out from it all the teachings of the Gospel."
—*Church and Parish.*

WHEN we are injured, we are bound as Christians to bear it without malice; but we are not to pretend that we do not feel it, for this will but encourage our enemies to kick us again. He who is cheated twice by the same man is half as bad as the rogue, and it is very much so in other injuries. Unless we claim our rights, we are ourselves to blame if we do not get them. Paul was willing to bear stripes for his Master's sake, but he did not forget to tell the Magistrates that he was a Roman; and when these gentlemen wished to put him out of prison privately, he said, "Nay, verily, let them come themselves and fetch us out." A Christian is the gentlest of men, but then he is a man.—*Spurgeon.*

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GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. Johnson, 4220 Chester Avenue.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden. Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sholl,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Misses Leonard, Miss Whitney.

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

Oct. 5.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 12.—Nineteenth " " "
" 18.—St. Luke, Evangelist.
" 19.—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 26.—Twenty-first " " "
" 28.—St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles.
Nov. 1.—All Saints.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Sep. 7.—Marguerite Thomas Talbot.
" 7.—Charles William Needs.
" 7.—Edna Eleanor Idell.
" 21.—Jane Arrean Carson.
" 29.—Joseph Miller Harper.
" 29.—Lillie Virginia Harper.
" 29.—Helen Corson Sholl.
Sep. 30.—Stephen Frederick Ankins.

BURIED.

Sep. 2.—Amanda M. Boraef.
" 15.—Charles Alfred Naramore.

OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER.

General Charities, ... $132.61

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Domestic Missions, 3d Sunday in month.
General Charities, other Sundays.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

IT MAY BE REMEMBERED that last Winter, on Sunday afternoons, the Rector gave a course of lectures upon the history of the American Church. The substance of them, together with additional matter, has been published under the title of "*The History of the American Episcopal Church,*" and is for sale at the book stores. The Sexton will take orders and see that copies are delivered to any member of the Parish who may desire it. Price, $2, $2.25 and $3, according to binding.

THE PICTURE OF THE LAST SUPPER in glass mosaic over the alter in St. Stephen's has been a source of unspeakable delight to all who have seen it. As a work of art it not only stands out of sight above anything of its sort in America, but is regarded as a master-piece by those who are able to compare it with the treasures of the world. It is a noble memorial of filial love, and a constant preacher to the eyes of all who look upon it.

But it is worthy of a better setting. For this reason it has been constantly in the minds of the Rector and Vestry of the Church to perfect and enrich its surroundings, with the ultimate idea of erecting a churchly and well-designed reredos of stone of which the picture should be the central and predominating feature, to take the place of the present oaken frame which surrounds the picture. With the present setting, all who see it are tormented with a sense of incongruity. It is a noble picture in a cheap frame. Besides that, the light upon it is unsatisfactory to the last degree. The Vestry, believing that they will thus carry out the will of the people, have determined upon, and ordered the stone reredos. They believe, as does the Rector also, that the people will willingly provide for the expense, which will be about $2500.

The designing and supervision of the work thus outlined has been entrusted to Mr. George C. Mason, Jr., the architect of the Parish House. The style adopted is a rich decorated Gothic of a modern type, and the delicate creamy color of the stone work will harmonize with and enhance the beauty of the mosaic. The picture itself will be raised about one foot six inches, and be reset on the wall of the church. The present altar, of white marble, will be raised on an additional step of encaustic tiling, and there will be added a super altar, also of white marble, on which will stand the brass cross. All the rest of the work will be of Caen stone, highly wrought, and rising from a bed of red Champlain marble. The reredos will be 26 feet in length, and the highest points of the crosses surmounting the angle buttresses will be 20 feet from the floor. The picture is 11 feet 5 inches in length, and 5 feet 4 inches high, surrounded by mouldings and paneling, and sustained and flanked by small buttresses. Above the picture will be five gables with crockets and finials, their tympana being filled in with elaborate pierced work. The centre gable will be surmounted by an angel, also in stone, with folded hands, and looking downward at the picture. The gables rise from a deeply moulded cornice supported by the angle buttresses, and over the pictures are three cherub heads with wings. The angle buttresses are two feet three inches wide, perfectly plain courses of stone up to the line of the cornice, at which point angle gargoyles, with angel faces and wings, spring out, the sweep of the lines as they return on the buttresses being wrought into bands of rich carving. Above the line of cornice the buttresses are paneled. Between the angle and lesser buttresses on each side of the picture are hooded niches supported on double columns, with floriated capitals. The backgrounds of the

niches are studded with fleur-de-lis, raised on the stone. The northern niche is shallow, the one on the south being sunk deeper to form a Credence Table. Below the picture and over the altar are panels carved in bas-relief with clouds, through which are half seen cherubs' heads and wings, floating and looking up towards the picture. The lower part of the reredos is paneled in unison with the altar.

One of the most difficult problems has been to properly light the picture, and at the same time to do so without annoying the worshipers with the glare of open lights. Glass mosaic is entirely dependent upon artificial lighting to bring out its colors, and great care must be exercised to prevent a glitter on any portion of the surface due to an imperfect distribution of the rays. The experiment to accomplish this result extended over several months, and was conducted by Mr. Mason and Mr. Stepan De Kosenko, and the result finally obtained fully justifies their study. The perfected arrangements consist of three pendents, so called, sanctuary lamps of ornamental gilt metal, globular in form and 15 inches in diameter, hung at a distance of about four feet from the picture and slightly above it. These lamps, closed towards the body of the church, contain each an Edison electric bulb of 100 candle power. By a system of concealed reflectors, the rays of these lamps are thrown upon the picture from right to left and vice versa, while from the centre lamp the rays are thrown downward in the shape of a fan to the lower corners of the mosaic. All glitter is thus avoided, and a soft and even light diffused. The same lamps also effectually light the chancel, so that the tall standards of gas lights can be removed.

The work is now well forward, and it is hoped will be completed by the first of November. If it is found practicable, electric lighting will be put in the Church and Parish House at the same time.

IT IS PROPOSED TO OPEN IN PHILADELPHIA, in a few months, an Institution for training women in Church work, with a view of their becoming Deaconesses. The training will be intellectual, devotional and practical, and will be open to women of any diocese.

The following outline will give an idea of its scope and purpose:

NAME.

The name of the Institution will be, "THE CHURCH TRAINING AND DEACONESS HOUSE OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA."

OBJECT.

Its purpose will be the training of women in religious and benevolent work, and especially of those desirous of entering upon the office and work of Deaconesses in the Church of God.

ORGANIZATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese will be ex-officio Rector. A Presbyter of the Diocese, appointed by the Bishop, will be the Warden. There will be a Board of Managers, consisting of twelve women, a Board of Council of three laymen, and a Faculty of six clergymen, All of these will be appointed by the Bishop. The daily order and discipline of the House will be under the direction of a House-Mother, who will be nominated by the Bishop. Instructors, in addition to the Faculty, may be appointed by the Bishop.

ADMISSION.

Candidates must be at least eighteen years of age, in good health, communicants of the Church in good standing, and be recommended by their respective Rectors or Bishops.

EXPENSES.

The charges for board, room, gas, laundry, and necessary books, will be two hundred dollars a year. But for those intending to become Deaconesses there will be no charge, except for books, after the first year. Women not living in the house will be expected to pay $25 per annum, or to pledge themselves for one year to such definite work as shall be assigned them.

LENGTH OF COURSE.

The training of Deaconesses will extend over a period of two years, and of others, for any length of time that may be found desirable.

OBJECT OF STUDY.

The subjects of study will be: The Bible, The Prayer Book, Church History, Elementary Theology, Hygiene and Home Sanitation, Nursing, Methods of Teaching, Cooking, Housekeeping, and whatever else may properly come within the range of the work of a Deaconess. Especial attention will be given to encouraging each candidate to work pleasantly and without friction with her fellow-workers, not asserting herself, but willing to take directions from others.

Opportunity will be afforded for training in all branches of Hospital, Institution, Mission and Bible Class work, under the direction of experienced instructors.

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The other appointments will be announced in due time.

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The Board of Managers having accepted the appointment of the Bishop, invites correspondence from any who desire to enter upon such a course of training. Letters should be addressed to

MISS E. C. MCVICKAR,
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As opening the proposed House will require a considerable expenditure of money, it is hoped that generous contributions will be made for its support. They should be sent to

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August 1st, 1890.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY invited forty-five children to go to the Centennial Grounds for an outing, on Sept. 13th. It had rained at intervals all day, but at one o'clock twenty-seven little ones were ready to start. It was first thought best to keep them at the Parish House and telegraph for ice cream, but house cleaning was going on, so that could not be done.

Mr. Shuster had his man with the provisions on hand, so off we started, taking the children to Memorial Hall where they enjoyed looking at the curios and the Views of Pompeii. Ice cream had been ordered at Mr. Blanks in West Phila. Four o'clock it was on hand, and as the weather was still threatening the driver very kindly offered to take the children in the wagon to the Pavilion on George's Hill. All crowded in and thought it great fun and were ready for sandwiches, ice cream and cake when they got there.

They were a little disappointed at not being able to play on the grass, but had a good time and went home very happy. Several of these children were from the Day Nursery and had talked of this trip all the week.

Owing to the weather, many of the children have been disappointed, but those that did not get out will be remembered in the Winter. The excursion that was to have been on the 27th, will be, if clear, on the 4th of Oct. to Children's Play Ground.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY:

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" 16.—Hestonville, Mantua and Fairmount Pass. Railroad Co..... 1 00
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THE KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH will meet Wednesdays, in the Guild room of the Parish building, at half past seven o'clock.

First meeting, Oct. 22d.

SELECTIONS.

THE number of missionary stations in Africa now exceeds 500. There are 400,000 converts, and the number is increasing at the rate of about 25,000 a year. Within five years, more than 200 natives have suffered martyrdom for their faith.

NEVER, never, let the people become wholly absorbed in their own affairs or in the affairs of the Parish. Widen their horizon to take in the duty of the Church in relation to humanity. They will be better for it, and the Parish will be stronger if the people embrace in their sympathies, their prayers, their labors and their offerings the work of the Church in missions to our own countrymen and to heathen lands.

MR. GLADSTONE is credited with the following remarks: "Talk about the questions of the day; there is but one question, and that is the Gospel. It can and will correct everything needing correction. All men at the head of great movements are Christian men. During the many years I was in the Cabinet, I was brought into association with sixty master minds, and all but five of them were Christians. My only hope for the world is in bringing the human mind into contact with Divine revelation."

Pensées d'une Femme.

Il faut être plus doux que la justice.

On se reproche toujours d'avoir trop légèrement condamné ceux qui réparent noblement leurs torts.

Le sourire de ceux qui souffrent est plus douloureux à voir que leurs larmes.

Les grands cœurs ne sont jamais heureux; il leur manque le bonheur des autres.

Si tu n'as pas vu souffrir ceux que tu aimes, tu ne connais pas la vraie douleur.

Utilise ta souffrance en en faisant de la pitié pour la souffrance des autres.

Quand vous souffrez trop, essayez de rendre un enfant heureux.

SOME years ago, a gentlemen in New York left his entire property, some $400,000, for the purpose of founding a musical college. At once, of course, the will was disputed; and now it appears that the entire property has been consumed in litigation, and not a dollar remains for the object specified in the will, even supposing the will to be sustained. This fact might well be proclaimed from the housetop. When will men learn to do good during their lifetime, and not to rob themselves of the pleasure of seeing the work which they desire prospering before their eyes?—*Selected.*

AS WE THINK, we are; as we are, we see. Progress is through sacrifice. Sacrifice to be pure must be inspired by something higher than the desire to be self-sacrificing. If these four things be true, if these are principles which are constant in human nature, then it would seem to follow that any religion, if it is to be an abiding one, must recognize these laws.

The religion which has no message to the thoughts of men, or no appeal to the moral nature of men, or which ignores the high law of self-sacrifice, or seeks to establish self-sacrifice apart from some inspiration of love, will assuredly fail. Men cannot do without ideas, without morals, without sacrifice, without inspiring love.—*Rt. Rev. W. Boyd Carpenter.*

You talk of self as the motive to exertion; I tell you it is the abnegation of self which has wrought out all that is noble, all that is good, all that is useful, nearly all that is ornamental in the world—*Whyte Melville.*

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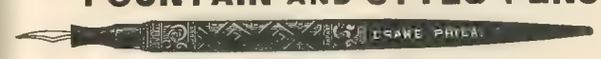

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Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

Nov. 1.—All Saints' Day.
" 2.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 9.—Twenty-third " " "
" 16.—Twenty-fourth " " "
" 23.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30.—First Sunday in Advent and St. Andrew's Day.

PARISH RECORD.

MARRIED.

Oct. 9.—Walter W. Eakins and Marion Streaker.
" 22.—Paul E. Sutro and Martha M. Wheatley.

BURIED.

Oct. 8.—Alice Kemble.
" 14.—Susan Conway.

OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER.

For Domestic Missions,	$137.27
For General Charities,	314.91
Special,	20.00
Total,	$472.18

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

For Female Benevolent Society, 3d Sunday in the month.
For General Charities, other Sundays.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

PLEASE READ THE APPEAL of the "Children's Aid Society" in this issue.

THE MANAGERS OF THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, November 5th, in the Parish House, immediately after Morning Prayer.

The MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE will meet at the same time and place. Officers are to be chosen, and other important business transacted, so as to get ready for the Winter's work. A full attendance is greatly desired.

THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS made to the Riverside Consumptive Hospital, California, will be acknowledged next month.

WILL SOME GENTLEMAN OR LADY, who speaks German, give an evening a week to the Girls' Friendly Society? A number of these girls (mostly shop and factory workers) want to acquire a speaking acquaintance with German. Such a knowledge would be practically valuable to them. Who will give an evening a week at the Parish House to teach them? Please speak to the Rector about it.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS, which is to sit in Philadelphia, this month, will hold its opening service in St. Stephen's, Tuesday, November 11th, at 10.30 o'clock. The sessions proper of the Congress will be held in Association Hall. The daily papers will publish from day to day the programme of subjects, and speakers and writers.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE, of St. Stephen's Church, intend holding, on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd of November, their annual sale of the handiwork of gentlewomen, who are obliged, by their own efforts, to support themselves.

In this sale will be found articles of useful and artistic needle-work, and delicious home-made jellies, preserves, pickles, etc.

The ladies of the Committee hope it is understood that no commission is charged the depositors for selling their goods, and earnestly trust that the congregation will do all in their power to further this good work.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE wishes to call the attention of its members to the fact that its present year will close the last day of this month, and all donations promised for 1890 must be collected by Monday, the 24th. Many think this is an awkward season to end, and begin again December 1st, but there is a two-fold reason for it. The first is, that we gather in the garments and have them ready to distribute, not only to our own poor, before the cold weather begins, but it gives us the opportunity of finding out what we can spare to outside charitable work; also, to give an annual statement, by the first of the year, to those interested, which would be impossible if we closed in December.

The majority of our members have already contributed for the year, beginning December 1st, 1889, and ending November 30th, 1890. There are only about sixty to hear from, but 120 additional garments will be most acceptable. For those who wish to be advised as to what is most needed, we say, infants' night gowns, all articles of underwear for boys and girls from one year old up to ten, plain and strong, new preferred

(but outside garments, if partially worn, will be gladly received), warm skirts and sacques for women, and outside wear for men.

Since closing our statements, in April last, we have received contributions from Miss J. Dickerson, Mrs. R. Norris, Mrs. G. Frescoln, Mrs. E. L. Moody, Mrs. D. Parker, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss J. Lowenberg, Miss R. Lowenberg, Miss C. Subers, and one, no name or address, of men's clothing.

One of the Committee will be at the Parish School building every Monday morning, from 10.30 until 12.30 P. M.

Nov. 3d, Mrs. Arnold.
" 10th, Mrs. Lundy.
" 17th, Miss Cleemann.
" 24th, Mrs. Stratton.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY had their last out-door excursion on October 11th. About 350 children have enjoyed these trips during the Summer months.

The Winter work now begins, and many little ones who were not able to go on the last excursion are waiting for the good times this Winter.

We are sorry not to be able to state the date of our Thanksgiving treat, but for the past week our thoughts have been entirely with one of our members, who met with a serious accident last Sunday night on her way to church. She is one of the first members of the Society, and one who was always ready for anything that would make the little ones happy. She will be missed very much, but we hope it will not be long before she will again join us in our work.

DONATION RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY:

Oct. 11th, from the Hestonville, Mantua and Fairmount Rail Road Co..... $2.00

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS, called the Whatsoever Circle, met October 22d, in the Parish House. Three new members were added to their Circle. Part of the evening was spent in working on a crib comfortable for the Colored Cripple Children, which is to go in their Christmas box.

Next meetings will be November 5th and 19th, at half past seven o'clock. Donations of books and pictures have been received, will be given to hospitals and other places by this Circle.

THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, after working for eight years, has now under its charge 353 destitute children, and is constantly called on to help hundreds more. Its methods are perfected, its work known, its success proved, and the Society is anxious to continue and extend its work among the children from almshouses and alleys. Its need is money. Without pecuniary aid, it is impossible for the Society to carry on its work.

A little boy was found in the Almshouse. His mother dead, his father living in a barn. The child suffered from white swelling. He was examined by Dr. Keen, and it was found necessary to have the leg amputated. One of the students in the Woman's College became interested in the boy, and he was adopted by her. Living in a good home, cared for by a brave woman, one who went South to help the victims of yellow fever, we leave this child surrounded with influences which should make him an honorable member of society.

This is one case in hundreds. Those of you who have children, rosy, healthy, happy, let them plead the Society's cause. And those from whom the Heavenly Father has taken their little ones into His own loving care, will not they help the Society to care for the little outcasts left in this cold world? help them to raise these children from their terrible surroundings, by placing them in family homes? This work has been done, is being done, can be done, if the Society receives help to do it. To place these children in homes takes money, to visit them takes money, to clothe them takes money. Will you not help us as God has given you means?

This is but one branch of the Children's Aid work. Another is to find work for mother and babe, so keeping them together and striving to foster and use the maternal love, to raise the woman from a life of shame to one of honest independence for herself and child. These women are frequently found in almshouses, and by kind persuasion, prevailed upon to take their babies and

go into the country, where places are found for them in the families of farmers.

A woman and child found in the almshouse, a stranger in a strange land, was persuaded by the head of this department to take a place in the country. She was brought to the office where the employers had asked to meet her. Her appearance was so miserable that they hesitated to take her, but in a few days they returned to say how much the girl had improved, and how delighted they were with her.

For all this work the Society asks help. For little children too ignorant to know right from wrong, too young to take care of themselves, the Society asks help to teach and tend. They come to us from the Heavenly Father. Their angels do always behold His face. Can you better show your thanks to Him than by helping these, His little ones? His own dear Son came with but a manger for His cradle. He lived homeless amid homes. Are not these little ones made in God's image, types of the Blessed Master, who came to us a child?

No one has ever read Mrs. Browning's "Cry of the Children" without a thrill. Our cry comes from a deeper depth—for children without homes, without care, without love. Oh, friends! ye who call yourselves followers of the Child Jesus, shall the cry come in vain?

Office Children's Aid Society, 127 South 11th Street, Philadelphia.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 26, 1890.

DEAR DR. MCCONNELL:

You kindly authorized me to write you, some time in October, giving some account of the work among colored people in this city, for which I was, at that time, soliciting aid in Philadelphia. You said it would be well worth my while to wait, as you could likely secure for my work a larger sum than would be possible then (April).

I came to Nashville in 1881, to take charge of a forlorn hope—the poor, debt-burdened, dispirited and almost expiring parish, the Church of the Advent. I discovered that *no work at all* was being done in Nashville for the colored people.

I immediately commenced a mission for them, which was kept up for a time, but it became manifest, if the Advent was to be saved, I must put every energy of my being, with God's help, into work for its life, at least for some years.

God blessed that effort. Two years ago, last April, I declared to my brethren in convocation, that by God's grace another year should not pass without seeing a mission in Nashville for colored people. An upper room was rented, and the work was begun in faith, but in a very humble way.

I look back to that time, less than three years ago, and am filled with wonder and thankfulness. What hath God wrought? We have Hoffman Hall, right by the side of Fisk University, with resident warden and teachers, and *five black men* there now, preparing for Holy Orders.

We have removed from our little rented hall, our upper room, and are occupying St. Augustine's Church, almost under the shadow of our Capitol, land secured and building erected by my exertions. We have two admirable lots. I raised money for the cash payments in this city. I gave my individual notes for the deferred payments, running through five years; have been able to get the money and take up the notes as they have fallen due thus far, and feel no fear for the rest.

My anxiety was for the church. We were cramped and hampered in the upper room, which we shared with several secret societies of colored people. So I raised what money I could here. I went by Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, Ohio, on my way home from the meeting of Committee for Work among the Colored People, in Washington, D. C., in January, and raised some money in those cities. I went, via Philadelphia, on my way home from the April meeting of the Commission, and raised some more money there. Thus I got together $900.

By the valuable aid of Mr. Wm. W. Perry, Civil Engineer and Architect, a brother of Rev. Galbraith, and of Rev. James DeW. Perry, Germantown, I have been enabled to excavate at the lower corner of the sloping lot, a basement 35x45 out of the solid rock, with floor on a level with the intersection of the two streets, to build the

four walls of stone, 12 feet in height, with openings for windows and doors, put on a plain but neat open roof, covered with tin, put in good floor, doors and windows. Some furniture has been provided, and frequent services are held. Here the theological students of Hoffman, as well as the teachers, find a field for work. We have no plaster on the walls, nor as yet, what is absolutely necessary, an additional stone wall, not very high, and a tin-covered shed from roof to same, so providing place for coal, kindling, and, perhaps, a room for vestments and vesting.

If I could have $200 or $300 more, I could complete all that is necessary for the present. I am sure, as the work continues to grow, a large and handsome church, above this basement room, will, ere many years have passed, become necessary, and I am confident that God will put it into the hearts of some of His servants to build it. Meantime, as I have done all I can in every direction, will you not, for the love of Christ, and perhaps for some "of the least of these," for whom He died, make an *extra effort* to send the amount demanded by the present necessity, at least, so much of it as you may find possible?

Faithfully and affectionately your

Brother and servant,

WM. C. GRAY.

SELECTIONS.

THF LAW OF FORGIVENESS.

CHRIST SAID, "If thy brother trespass against thee seven times a day, and seven times a day turn again to thee saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him." Probably no reader of this passage would doubt that it means absolutely to take away all limitations of forgiveness, and to proclaim that there is no injury, however deadly, or however frequently repeated, which the Christian is not to forgive upon submission made. But to make this doubly sure it is recorded that Peter put the question directly to Him, whether the seventh time was literally to be taken as a limit. The inquiry, it is worth while to remark by the way, throws a strong light upon the character of the followers whom Christ had gathered round Him. "Lord, how often shall *my* brother offend against *me* and I forgive him? Until seven times?" There breathes, in the first place, through this question a singular earnestness The use of the first person seems to show that Peter was not considering the problem as part of the theory of morals. He does not speak in the tone of Socrates' disciples. But he seems to be intently considering how Christ's principle of forgiveness can practically be worked. He speaks as though he had himself suffered an injury and had succeeded more than once in forgiving it, and now came to his Master to know how long the trial was to last. But, on the other hand, the question shows a singular want of the power or habit of generalizing. It is the question of one who has never been accustomed to think, but who guides himself by precepts or texts learned by rote. He thinks it presumption to try to understand his Master's teaching, and according he inevitably misunderstands it. What was delivered as a principle, he instantly degrades into a rule. He has no power of distinguishing the form of the precept from the substance; and therefore being commanded to forgive an offending brother, even if he should commit seven injuries, he proceeds at once to inquire how he should deal with the eighth. No turn of expression could more nicely indicate the process by which those high moralities which are the life of the world, are converted into the conventionalities which are its bane. It is also worthy of remark that Christ in His reply refuses to abandon the figurative mode of expression. He vindicates, as it were, His right to use these forms of language, and insists that His followers shall learn to understand them, but at the same time, He alters the figure so far as to remove the particular misunderstanding into which Peter had fallen. He replied, "I solemnly declare to you, not until seven times, but until seventy times seven."

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ASSOCIATES:

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Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sholl,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Misses Leonard, Miss Whitney.

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

Dec. 7th.—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 14th.—Third " "
" 21st.—Fourth " " and St. Thomas.
" 25th.—Christmas Day.
" 26th.—St. Stephen.
" 27th.—St. John, the Evangelist.
" 28th.—First Sunday aft. Christmas, and Holy Innocents.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Oct. 31.—Rosalie Eugenia Carter Law.
Nov. 7.—John O'Brien.
" 14.—Powell Fenton.

MARRIED.

Nov. 12.—Ambrose A. Winters and Anna Boldin Orne.
" 18.—John A. Richmond and Elizabeth O'Donnell.
" 26.—William A. Young and Helen Cresson Hay.

BURIED.

Nov. 19.—John H. Galloway.
" 20.—David E. Steele.

OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER.

For Bishop of Colorada,	$160.00
For Female Benevolent Society,	166.78
For Episcopal Hospital,	443.12
For General Charities,	465.14
For Children's Aid Society,	10.00
For Special Church Work Fund,	825.00
Total,	$2070.04

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

Third Sunday, Dec. 21.—For Sunday-school Christmas Festival.
Christmas Day.—For Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.
Other Sundays.—For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL of the Sunday-school will be held on Monday Evening, December 29th, in the Parish Building, at 7½ o'clock.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE held a sale during the month, at which they disposed of articles made by poor women, to the amount of $784 28. This amount was all turned over to the women who made the articles.

THE NEW REREDOS has now been seen. It more than satisfies the taste of the devout worshiper, the artist, and the common lover of things beautiful. Thus far but one opinion has been heard concerning it—"it is beautiful!" Every body has admired it. Now the question confronts each member of the congregation, "How much do you admire it?" It, with the lighting, cost $3000. It is now to be paid for. Things of beauty in churches cost, just as things of beauty in houses do. People decorate their houses according as they are able. But they all do it to a degree. From a simple chromo pinned against the wall in a laborer's sitting room to the costly painting or statue in the rich woman's drawing room, no house is unadorned. Now, fair minded, Christian people will see that they should adorn the house where they say their prayers as well as the house where they live. As honorable people, also, they will prefer to share in the expense of doing so. They will then be able to enjoy the sight of it day by day, and year by year with a good conscience.

The situation just now is this:

A year or more ago a mosaic representing the Last Supper, from cartoons by Holiday, of London, was placed over the Altar as a memorial to the late Mrs. Magee. It was set in a temporary and inadequate wooden frame. The Rector and Vestry were at once given to understand, from the criticisms upon it, that so fine a picture deserved a better setting, that it was not the thing to accept so noble a gift and then treat it in so unworthy a way. They were quite alive to the fact from the first. But the people had just been called upon to pay for building a Parish House, and it did not seem right to ask them at once to pay for what would be a suitable Reredos. They therefore determined to wait a while. When they believed a sufficient time to have elapsed they proceeded with the work. Now it is done, and to be paid for. Each member of the Parish will be asked this week to make a contribution to this purpose. When they receive such a request, and are considering just how much they should send in response, will each one kindly,

(1) Cast his eyes about his own drawing or sitting room and ask himself, "What did I give for that picture, statue, piece of bric-a-brac?

(2) Ask himself, "Would I willingly belong to and receive the benefits of a club toward the furnishing and decoration of which I declined to contribute?"

(3) Ask himself, "What is my reasonable share of the expense of a pleasure which I expect to share so long as I belong to St. Stephen's Parish?"

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY had their Thanksgiving Entertainment, Wednesday, Nov.

26th, over four hundred tickets were given out to children in all parts of the city, from Thirteenth street to Front street, and from Girard avenue to Washington avenue.

At half past seven o'clock the Sunday-school room was filled and each little face was eager to see and hear what was coming. Mr. H. S. Hopper who had so kindly offered to exhibit his collection of lantern slides for the entertainment of the children, and Mr. L. H. Hall who was kind enough to do the talking were ready to begin. First picture shown was the Pennsylvania Depot, then starting for New York, London and the Paris Exposition followed by others, perhaps more amusing to the children and concluding with a beautiful series of views illustrating the hymn "Abide with me."

Mr. Hall sang the hymn, the organ accompanying him, whilst the pictures were being shown. These gentlemen have very kindly helped the ladies of the Society to entertain the children before and the thanks that were given by the children on last Wednesday evening were enough to show how much they appreciate their kindness.

DONATION RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY:

Nov. 19.--Miss Stevenson.....$2.00

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of St. Stephen's Church will hold their next meetings Dec. 3d and 17th, at half past seven o'clock, in the Guild room of Parish House.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

We regret to say that some few of our members have forgotten us this year, which we feel sure they will be sorry to have done when they hear that we are really crippled in our efforts to assist the deserving poor. Others again have been most generous, many having sent liberally two and three times during the year, and from four to fifty-eight garments each, and to these we are most thankful. Could all our members see the pleasure given to the needy by the judicious distribution of their generosity, we feel sure they would be compensated for any sacrifice they may make in placing the clothing in the hands of this Committee for distribution.

Every case is inquired into and found deserving before it is assisted, and then, the ready made garments (plain, warm and of good material) are five times more acceptable than any amount of unmade material that can be put into the hands of these working people. Most of our cases are impoverished through sickness, or being unexpectedly thrown out of employment, and do not need constant assistance, they only require a helping hand until again able to work. Some, of course, are too old, and others too young, to be self-supporting, and these cannot be left to suffer from cold.

At present we are out of almost everything, and quite unable to assist any of the charitable institutions supported by voluntary contributions. We have not sufficient for our own Parish demands. We are in want of underclothing for women, night gowns, both white and unbleached, and flannel petticoats and sacks. We hope the congregation will take pity upon us, and send us now what will be useful for the next four months. The clothing has to be distributed as fast as it comes in, for the demand is constantly increasing, while our members do not increase in proportion.

Every Monday morning, from 10.30 until 12.30 P. M., one of the Committee will be at the Parish School building to receive all articles sent.

Monday 1st, Miss Stoddard.
" 8th, Miss Bell.
" 15th, Mrs. Muirheid.
" 22d, Mrs. Arnold.
" 29th, Mrs. Lundy.

Contributors during the month of November:

Anable, Mrs. Wm.	Hetherington, Mrs. A. G.
Chandler, Mrs. T. P.	Koons, Miss
Durang, Miss F.	Lewis, Miss J.
Durang, Miss N.	Magee, Miss E. J.
Fenton, Mrs. T. H.	Magee, Miss F. J.
Greer, Mrs. J.	McIlvaine, Mrs. H.

MRS. BUFORD'S ANNUAL REPORT AND APPEAL.

Seven years ago, this October, the hospital for infirm and helpless colored people, the only one ever built for negroes, was opened. At the close of each year I send to the Christian men and women who support it a brief summary of what has been done, that they may understand how their blessed gifts have been used.

The receipts in money during the past year have been

$4,152.86, the expenses of the hospital; the school included, have been $3,971.12. The number of patients now in the hospital is fifty-three; the number received during the year is forty-nine; the number dismissed, twenty-five; the number of deaths, twelve; the number assisted outside, prescribed for by the physician, supplied with medicine from our free dispensary—with proper food during their illness, including the helpless men, women and little children we supply with warm winter clothing every year, is one thousand and twelve. In the school there are two teachers and one hundred and thirty children.

In addition to the money sent me, I have also received a large number of most excellent and valuable boxes of clothing and bedding, and also large donations of medicine and school-books.

With such substantial and convincing proofs of the continued interest my friends feel in my sorrowful work, and their loyalty and faithfulness to me, so weak and powerless without their helping hands I cannot but thank God and take courage. As the circling years glide swiftly by, and the work grows, and the number of helpless sufferers relieved, helped, comforted increases, and the circle of my friends and helpers widens, and their sympathy and their love deepen; my heart overflows with gratitude, and more deeply each year I feel that this poor weak effort to help the most friendless of earth's sorrowing children has been moulded and fashioned by a Hand other than mine, a Hand Divine, which has rested on it tenderly and pityingly from its feeble incipiency, and is overshadowing it now, and shaping it into beautiful order and symmetry.

With renewed courage I take up the burden for another year But oh! my friends, continue to help me bear it! It is a fearful thing to witness the suffering, the dumb misery, the keen physical anguish I must see constantly. Among these fifty-three patients ten are perfectly helpless; one is lying dead in the hospital to-night, and two more are slowly dying. A wife and two little children are weeping for the young man cut down in his prime, who died to-day. To me, these sufferers in their agony raise great pleading eyes like dumb animals in pain; to me, when all is over, and father and mother, husband, wife or child gone forever, the mourners come for comfort and consolation. Sometimes I feel like shrieking out with the horror of it all; their poor convulsed drawn agonized faces are ever before me, they haunt me in the lonely night watches, and drive sleep away—always in my ears a wail of misery is ringing Seven years in a negro hospital has been a fearful, awful experience, the crucifixion of all, the joy and brightness of my poor life.

The hospital is crowded, not only is every bed filled, but every available space for a bed. I cannot support these helpless creatures without your help, and I want you also to help me build a small detached building to put children in. The hospital is full to overflowing, reeking with terribly diseased negroes; the children should not breathe the same polluted air; their noise should not disturb the sick and dying. A plain wooden frame house is all I want, we care but little for architectural beauty here; our wants are too pressing and too real—only a poor little cheap house to shelter the children. I pray it may be the beginning of the orphanage I hope I shall see before I die. Could you see the suffering children I see? Could you know—as I do, the sorrowful lives of the little ones left behind—this orphanage would be built right speedily? A baby girl was brought to me not long since, a gentle timid little thing, one year old; all eyes, every other feature seemed shrunken to nothingness; its little limbs shrivelled and useless; "De chile's mammy done lef her long ago;" the severe looking old woman who brought her explained to me, "she aint nuthin but a gal herself; she rund away and left it and I don't want it; I aint got nuthin for myself." The child was literally starving; we had to feed her very carefully at first, she was so hungry; it was too pitiful to see the little bird-like hands, picking up crumbs a bird would scorn.

A cold raw day, the rain pouring in torrents, another little one was brought to me—a baby, only a few months old, whose strong young mother, one of my old scholars, had taken violent cold and died suddenly. Her sister brought the child wrapt in a piece of old bed quilt, only her little head visible and a pair of mournful hungry eyes looking everywhere in vain search of the poor dead mother lying in her grave. The woman told me with bitter sobs how my poor scholar had begged her with her dying breath to bring the child to me, if she could not take care of it, and she had nothing but two hungry children of her own and no bread to give them. The child did not die, but is a splendid specimen of healthy, happy childhood now!

Another case was so horrible I shudder to recall it, but I see them now—a poor girl sitting on the door step of my back porch, in tatters, hungry eyed herself, crouching over the child she held in her arms—a baby child with a face prematurely aged by want and suffering, wailing pitifully, feebly wailing all the time. Even in its agony it held out a little hand to me for bread. "Look here," the girl sobbed, "look here, see what dey done to my child," and she pushed aside the rags it was wrapt in, and I saw the fearful burns which covered the poor little emaciated body. I knew the girl, a poor, half-witted motherless child herself. I remember, when that child was born, one of my old servants coming to me for help for her. It seemed she had lived with her uncle, the butt, the scape-goat, the drudge of his large family. A few days before she had laid the baby to sleep on its little pallet bed (an old guano bag it proved to be) and gone off to attend a burial. While she was gone two sons of this uncle, boys about twelve and fourteen, came in, and, for what fiendish purpose God only knows, seeing the sleeping child, determined to torture it, and deliberately poured a shovel full of burning coals over it. The helpless mother came back; a wailing sound drew her to the pallet bed. Friendless, powerless to resist, she took her baby in her arms, and for two days had been wandering about seek-

ing shelter and assistance. I need not tell you how quickly this asylum for the suffering opened wide its doors and took them in. The burns were quickly dressed, the mother fed and clothed; but care and kindness came too late; in a day or two the wailing little voice was hushed forever.

All through our Southern land there are numbers of these poor little negroes, orphans, or deserted by their mothers. They have no protectors, no guardians; the law takes no cognizance of such as they—as they haven't much property to be looked after. They are generally claimed by some far-off relative, or given to any one who will take them, and made the slave and drudge of their wives and children. The misery of these hapless children who have no one to appeal to, no words can tell. I have known instances where they have been beaten to death by brutal negro women. All the children in my hospital have been rescued from such a fate, and if I only had a house to shelter them, many poor little wretched lives might be saved and made useful and happy. Ah! how I wish you could only see the ragged, hungry-looking, filthy, pitiful children who come to me constantly, with the same cast-off, cowed, sorrowful look in their eyes, the same mournful cry—"We's motherless children, our mammy dead; please give us some clothes; we heard you clothed motherless children." Many of the thousand who have been clothed from the noble boxes you have sent me during the past year are these little waifs.

In the school there is everything to encourage and comfort me. We have one hundred and thirty children, and they are admirably taught and trained by the two earnest, faithful Christian women, who have been my true friends and helpers for many years. These children are taught to read, write and the elementary branches of a plain, practical education; we know the absurdity of attempting to teach them the higher branches. The girls are also taught to mend, darn, cut and make their own clothing and garments for the boys. Whenever I go in and see the rows of clean, neatly-dressed children, studying quietly, or else with deft nimble fingers plying the needle and thread, I can scarcely believe these orderly, well-behaved children are the successors of the wild semi-barbarians I gathered in more than twelve years ago.

During the past year several of my distant friends have visited me in my own house, and seen the hospital and its poor inmates. It was a revelation to them of such misery and suffering as they never dreamed of; and they went home with hearts aching with pity. Earnestly I beg those who come South this Winter to stop for a little while, and see this poor hospital, the solitary one, I have ever known in the South for negroes. I want you to see for a little while what I must see constantly; to listen for a little while to the wail of misery that rings in my ears always.

You can see plainly from this report how great and sore my need is of your continued help; never have I appealed to you, my friends, in vain; always, your responses come quickly, nobly, generously; and now when the golden Autumn days have come again, and another year is past and gone, and its dread record closed forever, I send you, with truest love, with heartfelt gratitude, my annual report and appeal.

Lawrenceville, Brunswick Co., Va., Oct. 1, 1890.

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM a private letter from a missionary's wife:

We are struggling so hard to raise the debt of $1000 on our church. We cannot build a rectory until this is done, and till then we have to live in a rented house, some distance from both town and church. It is trying my health very much, so much walking; nearly every day I have to go in three times. Now the snow is thick on the ground and will remain for about eight months. It makes the distance so much more difficult for me. We are preparing to have a Christmas fete about two weeks before Christmas Day, and we have such a short time to prepare, as we have so lately come here that I fear greatly, it will be a failure for want of things to sell. Do you think you could influence your friends to send a few fancy and useful articles for it. I should be so grateful. Another thing I should be so glad to interest you in is our poor. We have so many here. It is a large mining district and so much sickness through typhoid, consequently great poverty. There are so many foreigners whom it seems nobody's business to look after, Italians, etc.

The Winters are so bitter, constantly 40° below zero, and every article of clothing and food so much dearer than with you. We need so badly second-hand clothing, bed linen, baby linen, etc. It would make your heart ache to see how some of these people are clothed in this severe climate. I have a very sad case just now—a poor woman had a son down with typhoid; then she took it; then her husband met with an accident to his legs in the mine. All three laid up. No one would do anything for her in the way of cleaning the house, etc., because they were afraid of taking the fever. She has been lying now six weeks in bed. She cannot even get any one to wash for her. I had to send her some of my sheets and night dresses to change with, but I cannot well keep this up, as I have not a large supply myself.

I begged my own girl to do something for her, but she refused, being afraid. So if you could send me some clothes and baby linen especially, they would be such a God send to the poor people here. So many of my women are going to have babies, and so many of them will not, I am sure, be able to provide for them all they need.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

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Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
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Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	Mrs. Beale,
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl.
Miss Jamison,	

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.	

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson.	Mrs. Musgrove,
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SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
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Mrs. Whitlock.

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GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
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MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
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Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

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Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Perot,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Miss Russel,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory,

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
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Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.
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Treasurer—Edgar W. Spackman.
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GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. Johnson, 4220 Chester Avenue.
ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden. Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sholl,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Misses Leonard; Miss Whitney.
Dr. H. R. Wharton, 1407 Locust St., *Physician.*

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

Jan. 1.—Circumcision (Thursday).
" 4.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6.—Epiphany.
" 11.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 18.—Second " " "
" 25.—Septuagesima Sunday and Conversion of St. Paul.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Dec. 5.—Carrie Anna Hodgson.
" 5.—Carrie Landenberger Lipp.
" 5.—Ada Berry Mitchell.
" 16.—Ralph Roy Luckenback.
" 29.—Emma Klahn.

MARRIED.

Dec. 3.—Wm. R. Armstrong and Theresa I. Frohock.
" 10.—Dr. Ernest B. Sangree and Ella Mann Russell.

BURIED.

Dec. 3.—Henry M. Watts.
" 3.—Samuel C. Love.
" 10.—Gussie Trady.

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER.

For Riverside Hospital for Consumptives, California, (given at different times,)	$132.50
For Female Benevolent Society,	5.00
For Missionary Box Committee,	126.70
For Sunday-Schools,	172.44
For Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,	259.79
For General Charities,	347.25
Total,	$1043.68

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Third Sunday, Jan. 18.—For Altar Society.
Fourth " " 25.—For Deaconess' House.
Other Sundays.—For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE GIFTS OF THE CONGREGATION were sufficient to give the children of the Sunday-schools a glorious Christmas Festival!

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY of the Parish was organized in March, 1890. It then had about twenty members, girls of fourteen years and over, and ten associates. Since March the Society has been steadily at work, with only a few weeks intermission during the hottest of the Summer. It has now fifty-five members. These girls come to the Parish House every Monday evening to get whatever good is offered them. They learn to trim their hats and make their dresses, under the direction of competent teachers; they learn to knit and to do various kinds of ornamental work. There is a class in history, and a very good class in singing.

At half after six o'clock every Monday tea is served, especially for the girls who live at a distance from their places of employment, and who find it convenient to come directly to the Parish House without going home; but it is desired that all the members should come to tea, and nearly all do come, so that their evenings may be as long as possible. The simple provisions are furnished, from time to time, by any ladies of the congregation who wish to help the work.

As occasion offers, suitable entertainments are given, which help to make these Monday evenings the brightest spot in the week to many of the members. On the Monday before Christmas Mr. David Wood delighted them with an hour's exquisite organ-recital.

The Society possesses a small library, which is gradually increasing, thanks to the generous gifts of its friends.

A leading doctor of the city, Dr. H. R. Wharton, very kindly acts as physician to the members who may need medical advice.

The steady growth of the Society seems to argue its vitality. Scarcely a week passes without the addition of one or more members. The demands for help of every description are pressing and sometimes hard to meet. There is room for teachers of almost everything—from English, book-keeping, German and drawing; to cooking, mending and hygiene. It is most desirable that these teachers should be women of the church, for by far the most important part of the work is, that it brings church women into relations with girls whom they can befriend in all the larger and deeper ways which such women know.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY will have their New Year's Entertainment in Guild room of Parish House, January 7th, 1891.

Christmas, 1889, one hundred and seventy-five children were entertained, and a gift given to each child, but this year we have over 500 names on our book, and the funds of the Society will not now permit any such expenditure. It is designed, instead, to give a series of entertainments as frequently as possible during the Winter, should the treasury be sufficiently replenished for the purpose. These Winter entertainments are looked forward to by the children as eagerly as the Summer excursions. Many inquiries have already

been made, when the next entertainment is to be? Some of the children who have moved away have sent postals with their new address on, for fear they would be forgotten. The young ladies of the Preparatory School for Wellesley have very kindly dressed and donated thirteen dolls (through Miss Gleim. These dolls will be given out during Christmas week to some of the very poor children. Games and Christmas cards have also been received from one of the ladies in the church.

The Society take this opportunity to thank those who have so kindly remembered the little ones.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of St. Stephen's Church will hold their next meetings January 14th and 28th, at half past seven o'clock, in the Guild room of Parish House.

The work done in December has been—making up Christmas packages for the Home for the Merciful Saviour, House of St. Michael and All Angels, Old Ladies' Free Shelter Home, and small package for Mrs. Buford and Hayes' Mechanics' Home.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE reports to the Benevolent Society for the year ending November 30, 1890, that the members and contributors now number 151, a gain of only eleven members since its organization in January 1888. More than that number have of course joined it during that time, but there have been the usual changes that will necessarily occur. Out of this number 105 have contributed during the year; fewer than either of the previous years, not from any lack of interest however, for the committee is under the impression that it is growing in favor year by year, but a year in which to send two garments seems so long a time that if not attended to at once it is apt to be forgotten and after the first few months have passed, no one can recall whether their contributions have been given or not. Those who have remembered us have been most generous although the number of garments received has been less than either of the previous seasons also. If all had sent we would make a better setting forth and have been able to give more freely.

The balance from 1889 was, Pieces	242
The number received to November 30th, 1890, was	568
Total,	810
Garments distributed,	373
Balance,	437
To Missionary Box Society,	47
" St. Peter's Day Nursery,	18
" Preston Retreat,	12
" Children's Friend Society,	10
" Parish School Children,	21
" Individuals,	265
Total,	373
Balance,	437
	810

We are greatly in need of canton flannels for both men and women at present.

During the past month we have received contributions from

The Altar Society,	Jamison, Miss I.
Anable, Mrs.,	Judson, Mrs.
Anable, Miss C. W.,	Kenworthy, Mrs. E.
Bell, Miss E.,	Lathrop, Mrs.
Borie, Mrs. B.,	Muirhead, Mrs. C. H.
Burton, Mrs. H. A.,	Musgrove, Mrs.
Clapp, Mrs. N. T.,	Parmalee, Mrs. M. M.
Cornish, Mrs ,	Pile, Mrs. I. M.
Christopher, Miss E. C.	Russell, Mrs.
Eisenbrey, Miss,	Semple, Mrs.
Eisenbrey, Miss S.,	Shill, Mrs.
Hetherington, Mrs. A.,	Vanderslice, Mrs. E. S.
	Wilkins, Miss.

One of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building every Monday morning from 10.30 until 12.30 P. M., to receive all articles sent or they may be left at any time at 9 South 10th street, if marked for the Garment Committee.

Monday January 5th, Miss Cleemann.
" " 12th, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 19th, Miss Stoddard.
" " 26th, Miss Bell.

A DEACONESS HOUSE AND TRAINING SCHOOL is about to be started in this Diocese.

During several years past there has been a growing conviction in the minds of earnest Church workers that many devout women would be glad to avail themselves of an opportunity to become qualified, by a systematic course of study and discipline, for more effective work for the Master.

Some of these, it has been thought, would choose to give their lives wholly to this one thing, and become members of an order consecrated to religious service.

Others, it has been thought, would like to become better prepared for such Sunday-school, or mission, or benevolent work as they could perform in the parishes to which they belong, or in the community in which they live, but without any intention of devoting themselves to it altogether.

Others, still, there may be who, while feeling strongly drawn towards the life of a missionary, would yet, before undertaking it, be glad to test themselves and their fitness for such a calling, by spending some time in preparation for its peculiar duties.

Out of this prevalent feeling grew the action of the General Convention of 1889, authorizing the appointment of unmarried women of devout character and appoved fitness, to the office of Deaconess, by any Bishop of this Church.

The second section of the canon defines the duty of a Deaconess to be to assist the minister in the care of the poor and sick, the religious training of the young and others, and the work of moral reformation.

The canon further provides that before appointment the applicant shall have had an adequate preparation for her work, both technical and religious, which preparation shall have covered the period of two years.

For the purpose of providing such preparation as will meet the needs of the three classes of workers referred to, the Church Training and Deaconess House of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is to be opened on the Feast of the Epiphany, Tuesday, January 6th, 1891. Its headquarters will be at No. 708 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, which has been purchased, and is now being furnished for this purpose.

Its general management will be under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese.

A Board of Managers has been appointed by the Bishop, of which Miss Coles is President, and to whom letters of inquiry should be addressed, at 2111 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Instruction will be given by a faculty of six clergymen and other teachers, to be appointed by the Bishop.

The training given will be intellectual, devotional and practical. It will be open to women from any Diocese, and any who may desire to come to the House simply for instruction in any department of study can do so without becoming residents.

It will be the aim to furnish most favorable facilities for learning in all branches of Church work.

Instruction will be given in the Bible, Prayer Book, Church history, theology, social science, hygiene and home sanitation, nursing, methods of teaching, missions, cooking, housekeeping, needlework, and whatever else may be needed to qualify those whom the school may send out to be true helpers of the parochial clergy in their missionary and benevolent work. Opportunity will be given to the students to study the regular work of hospitals and other charities of the city, and to put into practice what they are learning day by day.

Candidates for admission must be at least eighteen years of age, in good health, and must furnish satisfactory evidences of character and ability.

The charges for board, room, laundry and necessary text books will be $200 a year. But for candidates for the office of Deaconess there will be no charge, except for books, after the first year. The charge for students who do not live in the House, but who come for special instruction, will be $25 a year, and they will provide their own books.

The Board of Managers are Miss Coles, Miss McVickar, Miss Elizabeth N. Biddle, Miss Annie Buchanan, Miss Bennett, Miss Agnes Irwin, Mrs. Horace Fassett, Miss Sanders, Miss Esther P. Aertson, *Treasurer*, 140 Coulter Street, Germantown, Miss Helen L. Parrish, *Secretary*, 1135 Spruce Street.

It will be noticed that the project is not that of any one parish, but of the whole Church. It is one which should commend itself specially to *women who have the independent control and ownership of money*. The offertory in this parish will be for this purpose, Sunday morning, January

25th. It is to be hoped that in that offertory will be found not only the smaller gifts of many, but some very large gifts from a few.

SELECTIONS.

THE GRANDEUR OF THE RESULT.

Thirty years ago, when the missionary work was begun in Japan, there was not a single avowed Japanese Christian; and it was death for a native to join what was denounced on government tablets placed in conspicuous places all over the empire as "an evil sect." About ten years afterward some of the first Christians were seized and thrown into prison, but though they were subjected to much persecution they were not slain. To-day there are about 25,000 communicants, and there are double that number of adherents—candidates for Baptism, inquirers and attendants upon Christian services, etc. There are hundreds of native pastors, evangelists, missionary physicians, teachers, male and female, Bible women, etc., and a large number of them are supported by the native converts. There are eighteen religious magazines and newspapers, owned and edited, many of them, by native Christians.

The largest Christian college in Japan, the Doshisha, at Kioto, which has 900 students, and has lately been made into a university, was founded by a native Christian, the Rev. Joseph Neesima, a man of far greater influence among the Japanese than any foreign missionary. He was the president of the college until his death, and another scholarly native clergyman has been chosen to succeed him. In this university there are a number of American professors, though the greater part of the instructors are native Christian gentlemen.

A CONFIRMATION of lepers has been held by the Bishop of Cape Town, at the asylum on Robben Island, South Africa. He first confirmed nine, using the English language, and, using the Dutch language, he laid hands on five chronic sick persons, forty-four male and seventeen female lepers. His addresses were very earnest and touching.

THE BISHOP OF CAPETOWN, writing concerning a recent visit to the interior stations, dwells upon the readiness with which the natives of South Africa receive the Gospel. One of his missionaries states that where fourteen years ago there were not 400 baptized members of the colored race there are now 1,300 and the number is increasing.

THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN persons have been baptized at Banza Manteke, on the Congo river, since November, 1886. Of these no less than sixty-six have died, the "sleeping disease," which prevails in that region, being the chief cause of this large number of deaths. Two converts have gone to London to see if they can be cured of this disease.

THE NEW ORLEANS *Christian Advocate* says that the Chinese Sunday-school of that city, established ten years ago, has resulted in the conversion of over thirty Chinese, some of whom have gone back to China as missionaries at their own expense, and others established Chinese Sunday-schools in cities of this country, maintaining the same at their own cost.

MR. SPURGEON tells of a man who used to say to his wife: "Mary, go to church and pray for us both." But the man dreamed one night, when he and his wife got to the gate of Heaven, St. Peter said, "Mary, go in for both." He awoke, and made up his mind that it was time for him to become a Christian on his own account.

THE following is the list of our Missionaries in China:

The Rt. Rev. WILLIAM J. BOONE, D.D., Missionary Bishop, St. John's College, Shanghai.
The Rt. Rev. Samuel I. J. Schereschewsky, D.D. (In the U. S.).
The Rev. Elliot H. Thomson (In the U. S.).
The Rev. Yung Kiung Yen, M.A., Shanghai.
The Rev. Hoong Neok Woo, Kong-Wan.
The Rev. Sung Lu Chun, Nan Ziang.
The Rev. Frederick R. Graves (In the U. S.).
The Rev. Herbert Sowerby, I-chang.
The Rev. Ching Chang Wu, San Ting Kŏ.
The Rev. Ssz Chia Hwa, Shanghai.
The Rev. Yuin Yu Sih, Kong-Wan.
The Rev. Yu Tang Chu, Shanghai.
The Rev. Arthur H. Locke, Hankow.
The Rev. Shian Heng Yang, Wu Hu.
The Rev. Sidney C. Partridge, Wuchang.
The Rev. Chih Jen Chang, Shanghai.
The Rev. Kai Ching Li, Kia Ding.
The Rev. Ts Ming Chang, Yin Ziang Kong.
The Rev. Chun Lin Ku, Liu Wu.
The Rev. Mei-peng Kwei, Hankow.
The Rev. Francis L. H. Pott, Shanghai.
The Rev. Tsang-Fa Neigh, Hankow.
The Rev. I-Fu Tsun, Wuchang.
The Rev. Tsen-Seng Fung, Wuchang.
The Rev. Ming-Kao Hwang, Hankow.
The Rev. Swun-I Wang, Wuchang.
The Rev. Ying-tsong Lio, Wuchang.

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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.
Sexton,
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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " " 5 P. M.
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed'y and Friday, 5 o'clock.
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Monday evening, 7.30 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 16 S. Third Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M..
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Early Communion every Sunday, 7.15 A. M., except first in the month.
Wednesday, 4.30 P. M. } With Address by Warden.
Friday, 7.30 P. M. }
Daily Services as usual.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
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Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

MANAGERS.

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Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Burns.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl.
Miss Jamison,	

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.	

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson. Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Miss Van Dusen, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Viviting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Perot,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Miss Russel,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory,

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Miss G. Clarkson, Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Snively.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Laura A. Wood.

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CALENDAR.

Feb. 1.—Sexagesima Sunday.
" 2.—Purification of St. Mary the Virgin.
" 8.—Quinquagesima Sunday.
" 11.—Ash Wednesday.
" 15.—First Sunday in Lent.
" 22.—Second " "
" 24.—St. Matthias.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Dec. 30.—George Lande Martindale.
Jan. 4.—Edward Laufer Nevis Glass.
" 14.—Bertha Kirkpatrick.
" 16.—Orlando Crease.
" 23.—Thomas Hay Thomas.

MARRIED.

Jan. 7.—William Caspar Benkert and Lillie Belle Coulter.
" 22.—William M. Jones and Caroline M. Dance.
" 26.—Johan Nordahl Wallen and Linda Huston.

BURIED.

Jan. 5.—Edward A. Watson.
" 16.—Robert Gibson.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

For Special Church Work Fund,	$ 50.00
For Mrs. Buford,	35.00
For Altar Society,	143.88
For Home for Deaconesses,	101.27
For General Charities,	271.47
For Girls' Friendly Society,	25.00
Total,	$626.62

OFFERTORIES IN FEBRUARY.

First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 15.—For Diocesan Missions.
Second " " " 22.—For Sunday-school.
Ash Wednesday, and Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent For Missionary Box Committee.
Other Sundays.—For General Charities.

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It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The annual offering in February for *Diocesan Missions* has become a feature in the parish. The Rector believes it to be more important than any other collection taken during the year. It is meant to carry the Gospel to those who live at our own doors. We believe the "Gospel" to be worth carrying. We know that the machinery to do this duty costs money. We are ready according to our ability to give the money. There has been a sort of tacit understanding that the amount to be given by each one ought to be about five dollars. This has come to be known as *the five dollar collection.* The Rector will, as usual, in a sermon tell the people what seem to him to be the reasons why this duty is laid upon us. This being done each family will be waited upon as usual during the week following by a committee to receive their offerings. The committee will place the amount gathered in the alms basins on Sunday, Feb. 15th.

The collectors do not ask any one for an offering. They simply carry about the books for the Rector. Each one has a half dozen families, of people who live near together, whom he visits. He does not go on his own responsibility at all, but representing the Church. With the exception of two or three ill-natured persons who do not intend to do anything for Church purposes, (who will not be asked again, and whose room in the Church is worth more than their company,) they have met with a kind reception, even when the people visited did not see their way to give the amount asked.

Any one who does not think he is able to contribute for this purpose or is not willing to do so, should say so frankly and that is the end of it. We suppose he is honest when he so says, and he ought not to be pressed.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop has appointed Tuesday in Holy Week, March 24th, at 11 o'clock, as the time for the annual confirmation in this church. This is the date to which we have been accustomed for many years.

Who should be confirmed? (1.) Such children of Christian parents as have come to discretion, and are old enough and wise enough to take upon themselves the promises which their parents took for them at their Baptism. This does not mean *children who have not come to discretion.* The Rector of this parish will not present children for confirmation. Of course no definite age can be fixed. One child at fifteen may be as old as another at twenty. It means young people who are old enough to form moral judgments, and to know what they are doing. The candidate is called upon to declare that he "believes the Apostles' Creed." It is not required that he should be old enough or learned enough to say clearly *why* he believes it, but he must be old enough to know whether he does or does not believe it. He is called upon to promise to "lead a sober, righteous and godly life." This promise he cannot fairly be asked to make until he is old enough to have some intelligent notion about what it is to live, and what sobriety and righteousness mean. Not that it requires any great age or wisdom to understand these things. The judgment of the young man or maiden is often much more clear here than is that of their more sophisticated father or mother. He who is

old enough to prefer right to wrong as the rule of his life, and who humbly begs Divine aid and sustentation therein, is the one who ought to be confirmed.

(2.) The man or woman whose life is already fairly honest, pure and upright, but who is not openly identified with the Church of the living God, or doing that which in him may lie to bring his fellow-men to the righteousness of Christ. It is worth while for such a man to consider whether his present attitude is honorable? He believes in Jesus Christ, rules his life as well as he may by his counsels, expects to be buried as a Christian man and to face the Son of Man when he wakes up again, but declines to acknowledge in the only practicable way what is the source and ground of the very real goodness which he now possesses. The things which prevent him ordinarily are not sufficient. They are a foolish shyness, which is childish; the notion that he "is not good enough," whereas be knows perfectly well that the very purpose of the Church is to nourish and produce goodness; the fear that he "may not be able to keep his promises," whereas he ought to know that the same obligations precisely rest upon him whether he promises or not.

(3.) Those who at present possess membership in other churches, but are attracted by what they and we believe to be our "better way." As a rule, this class of persons constitute a large proportion of those confirmed in our Church. A curious mistake sometimes obtains that by being confirmed they tacitly treat with disrespect their present membership, or rather that our Church does not recognize them as having been members of the church. As a matter of fact, we do precisely what all other churches do. We have our own way of public avowal of membership as they have their way. The certificate of membership, which such a one brings with him takes the place of all examination as to religious character and moral fitness. It does not compel the reception of the member by us any more than a certificate from us would compel reception by Lutherans or Presbyterians. In either case it is an act of courtesy.

But we ask those who come that they shall stand up before our people and publicly identify themselves with us, as we become responsible for them.

But what is the meaning and use of the Rite? Ideally it is simply this; the young man or woman who has been up to this time sheltered under parental care, now begins his own religious life. At the outset, the Church, (to which he already belongs), bids him call to mind what his profession is, bids him kneel and receive her benediction at the hands of the only man who can act for the Church. This benediction is not only a prayer, but something more. It gently constrains the Spirit of God, which moveth as the wind, to touch and fill the humble soul, striving for goodness with "wisdom and ghostly strength."

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY, having in charge the Lenten sewing, will be grateful to the members of the congregation for any material that may be used for that work. Owing to the great assistance they had last year both in the gifts of money, flannels, muslins, etc., and the sewing done by the ladies, they were able to give over six hundred garments to hospitals, nurseries, and poor families.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Since the Annual Report, which appeared in the PARISH NEWS of January 1st, there has been a most encouraging and increased interest shown towards our committee; which has so inspired us with courage that we feel we can now go on with our work briskly and vigorously, really doing good.

Beside receiving very generously from many of the annual members (who are always prompt in giving) we have had from gentlemen of the parish most liberal and valuable contributions in outside clothing, and our first gift in money; the latter will prove a double pleasure; first the necessary thought required of spending to the greatest advantage and then distributing where most needed. It is to be invested in warm, suitable under-garments for men, and every case is strictly investigated and known to be worthy before the garments are given. We have also received an entire piece of flannel from one of our annual members, with another gift in money from another member,

almost sufficient to pay for the making of it into under-wear for women. The sewing to be done by our own working poor. Now have we not good reason to be grateful to the congregation which puts such confidence in us as to give into our hands and our consciences the unrestricted control of so much that is valuable?

We have: and we are.

One of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building every Monday morning from 10.30 until 12.30 P. M., to receive all articles sent or they may be left at any time at 9 South 10th street, if marked for the Garment Committee.

Monday, February 2d, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 9th, Mrs. Arnold.
" " 16th, Mrs. Lundy.
" " 23d, Miss Cleemann.

Contributions were received during January from

Arrison, Mrs. J. M.,
Benevolent So., some members,
Bowyer, Mr. J.,
Burr, Mrs. J. S.,
Christopher, Miss,
Cleemann, Miss,
Crawford, Mrs. G. L.,
Dickson, Miss M.,
Drysdale, Mrs. T. M.,
Fenton, Mrs. T. H.,
Flanagan, Mrs. C. L.,
Griffith, Mrs. R. E.,
Johns, Mrs. W. B.,
Johns, Miss E. L.,
Kelly, Mrs.,
Lundy, Mrs.,
Mason, Mrs. G. C.,
Mellon, Mr. C. H.,
Mellon, Miss,
Monaghan, Mrs.,
Newlin, Mrs. J.,
Parker, Col. D.,
Richardson, Mrs. W. C.,
Sanders, Miss,
Stevenson, Miss,
Stoddard, Miss,
Stratton, Miss A. R.,
Watson, Mrs. W. C.,
Williamson, Miss,
One package no name nor address.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY gave their Christmas and New Year's entertainment to about 150 children, Jan. 7th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House.

Mr. Yost was engaged for the evening, first exhibiting some of his sleight of hand tricks and ending with Punch and Judy, much to the children's delight.

They were afterward treated to ice cream and cake, but not the kind the little girl spoke of when asked after the entertainment, by a gentleman, what she had? her reply was a *great big brick* of Hokey Pokey.

The evening was enjoyed very much by all and the ladies of the Society thank those who so kindly helped, with their music, to make the evening pleasant.

Scarcely an entertainment is given without some kind friend lending a helping hand. February 4th, at half past seven o'clock will be the next entertainment, the members of the Society are glad to have any one come and see the children, but it is impossible to send invitations to all.

We have now fifty Contributing Members on our list, one dollar a year is scarcely missed and yet it does so much good in many ways to those poor children. Will not more come and help us?

On Friday last six little ones called on the President asking when their turn would come?

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society.

Jan. 13th.—Miss Kate Burton, ... $10.00
" 10th.—A Friend, ... 50
" 16th.—A Friend, ... 1.00
Groceries and pair of shoes from Mr. Toland, Home Missionary Society.

Contributing members for the New Year.

Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Knorr,
Miss Marion Knorr,
Miss Ella Walraven,
Miss Alice Kelley,
Mr. W. J. Cunningham.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of St. Stephen's Church gave a reception to those belonging to Miss Stoddard's Bible Class, Jan. 14th, the evening was very much enjoyed by all. Their next meetings will be Feb. 11th and 25th, in the Guild Room of Parish House.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER is from a missionary's wife, to whom a *Box* was lately sent:

Nebraska, Dec. 16th, 1890.

DEAR MISS LEWIS:

I write in great haste, to say that the box arrived this morning. I am already arrayed in my lovely warm shoes, Luke in the lovely cap, George in his shoes and arctics, (Luke cannot wear his shoes, but George will grow to them), Louise in her shoes (her old ones were utterly disreputable), and baby's elation at a suit with pants (I have thus far kept him in kilts for economy), is very great. Many thanks for the nice farina kettle; the porcelain will be so much easier to wash than

the tin—the only kind kept here. I've always taken washing dishes philosophically until this Winter, because I'd do it mechanically, and have time to think of other things. But with my lame fingers, I find it hard.

I have not, of course, had time yet to try on all the flannels and stockings, but presume they are all right. Luke is greatly pleased with his new shirts and collars, George with his stocking suspenders, and I'm delighted with my pins and thread, and pretty white wrap, etc.

Many thanks for everything. What I cannot use I will send down to Kennedy, where I have promised them a box for Christmas.

Mr. Bates is away, but will be here over night the last of the week, and will be very glad of the trousers. The coat is much lighter than he has to wear in Winter, but will be all right for Spring, and the warm flannels will make his next trip much more comfortable. He had to wear two pairs of old ones the last time.

We trust you will all have a Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year at St. Stephen's. How lovely the church must be, with the new reredos. I have heard Mr. McConnell when he was in Middletown.

I had to pay $4.10 on the box. This road is a grasping monopoly, and is making profit out of the Indian trouble, if no one else is. The freight is so high from Omaha that I pay 5 cents more on every 15 cents worth of groceries. The fruit is very acceptable.

Sincerely yours,

SELECTIONS.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them; the kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.

The Hon. Henry Noel Shore, writing from China, says: "The ultimate success of Christianity in China is merely a question of time, and is perhaps nearer than many of us suppose. There are not wanting signs of a change being at hand, and in the opinion of many thoughtful and experienced men the next twenty years will be an eventful period showing great results."

The Rev. C. S. Cook, native Indian Presbyter, writing to Bishop Hare of the troubles among the Indians, says: "A curious and suggestive feature of this universal plundering and destruction is the evidently intentional sparing of the chapels and the adjacent mission houses; not one of them has been touched," thus showing that the wild Indian, even when bent on plunder, respects the work of the Church. Bishop Hare himself writes: "I have visited several Indian agencies, and have late news from all the Sioux Indian country, but I have yet to learn of a single case of insult, much less of violence, offered to any teacher or missionary in any of the fifty-odd stations scattered all over the disturbed districts in South Dakota. While white settlers have fled through fear of the wild Indians, it is a most noteworthy fact that white women in Indian camps have been pursuing their Christian work without molestation and without alarm."

Over thirty newspapers are now published in Oklahoma, which is only about fifteen months old.

Helena, Montana, has a population of 20,000, and her Protestant churches will not seat more than 1,200.

The Rev. Mr. Porter, a missionary in Brazil, says there is no college in that country in the American sense, and that thirteen teachers of the public schools in Pernambuco were recently dismissed "because they neither read nor write."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " " 5 P. M.
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed'y and Friday, 5 o'clock.
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Monday evening, 7.30 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M..
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.
LENTEN SERVICES.
Early Communion every Sunday, 7.15 A. M., except first in the month.
Wednesday, 4.30 P. M. } With Address by Warden.
Friday, 7.30 P. M. }
Daily Services as usual.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
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Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

MANAGERS.

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Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Burns.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl.
Miss Jamison,	

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson. Mrs. Musgrove,
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SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

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Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Perot,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Van Dusen, Mrs. Radford.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Miss G. Clarkson, Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Dorrance,
Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Radford.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Laura A. Wood.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—Harry K. Christensen.
Treasurer—Edgar W. Spackman.
Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss F. Leonard,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney.

Dr. H. R. Wharton, 1407 Locust St., *Physician.*

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

March 1.—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 8.—Fourth " "
" 15.—Fifth " "
" 22.—Sunday next before Easter.
" 23.—Monday " "
" 24.—Tuesday " "
" 25.—Wednesday " " and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 26.—Thursday before Easter.
" 27.—Good Friday.
" 28.—Easter-Even.
" 29.—Easter Day.
" 30.—Monday in Easter Week.
" 31.—Tuesday " "

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Feb. 7.—Edgar Frank Firth.
" 13.—George Alexander Austerarder.
" 19.—Mabel Viola Crom.

MARRIED.

Feb. 4.—John Hazlehurst Mason and Mary Esther Johnson.
" 19.—Geo. Wash. Reukauff and Bella Ouram Glasgow.

BURIED.

Jan. 30.—Francis Taws.
Feb. 2.—Bodo England.
" 10.—Mrs. Anne James Pendleton.
" 10.—William Lloyd Sison.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For Altar Society,	$ 10.00
" Parish School,	10.00
" " House	20.00
" Lenten Sewing,	1.00
" Diocesan Missions,	1657.37
" Sunday-schools,	120.69
" Subscription for Stoles,	110.00
" General Charities,	317.95
" Missionary Box Committee,	155.00
Total,	$2402.01

OFFERTORIES IN MARCH.

Mar. 8, Second Sunday.—Visiting Nurses' Society.
" 15, Third Sunday of the Month.—Domestic Missions.
" 27, Good Friday—City Mission.
" 29, Easter Day.—Endowment Fund.
Other Sundays.—General Charities.
Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent.—For Missionary Box Committee.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE PARISH NEWS are wanted for July and November, 1887, and for September and October, 1888. The Rector wants them to complete files for preservation.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS toward paying off the new Reredos, amount to about $2200. About $800 more is needed.

BY AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT during the rain-storm a few weeks ago the drawer in which the Colored Stoles are kept was filled with water, and its contents so badly damaged as to necessitate new ones. Through Mr. Olmsted, of the Vestry, a number of individuals at once contributed upward of $100 to replace them.

THE OFFERTORY ON EASTER DAY, morning and afternoon, will be for the Endowment Fund.

THE EASTER SERVICES will be as follows:

Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock.

Morning prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion, 11 o'clock.

Evening prayer and Sermon, 4 o'clock.

The pew holders and regular congregation will be admitted through the north transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the time of service; after which all unoccupied seats will be filled at once.

AT ONE OR OTHER of the celebrations on Easter-day it is confidently expected that every communicant will be present. To absent himself on this day cannot be regarded otherwise than that he has fallen out of harmony with the movement of the Christian world. This, all sober-minded men will regard as a great misfortune. If he be wise he will at once ask himself whether the loss of relish which makes him indifferent to the feast be not due to his own spiritual ill-health? He may need food all the more *because* he has little or no appetite. It is an ancient and reasonable custom that on two days at least in the year, Christmas and Easter, the anniversaries of His birth and resurrection, all the members of the family should gather about His table. Let there be no vacant places.

THE BISHOP WILL CONFIRM at the morning service, Tuesday in Holy week, March 24.

All those who expect to be Confirmed will meet the Rector on Friday, March 20th, immediately after the 5 o'clock service, to sign the Parish Register, and make final arrangements. The Rector begs to repeat that it will give him sincere pleasure to meet half-way, or the whole way, for that matter, any one who is thinking of Confirmation.

He wishes also to point out that the question for every man and woman to ask is not "Why should I be confirmed?" but "What reasonable apology have I for not doing so?"

Seats will be provided for those candidates who have no regular places of sitting.

The ladies to be Confirmed, will come to the chancel bare-headed. The class will assemble at the chancel rail, and *remain standing* until the Rector gives them the signal to kneel. (The proper attitude for the *congregation* in the Confirmation office is to stand until the Bishop bids them to prayer.) There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion immediately after, at which all the newly Confirmed are expected to receive. (It is one of the "lesser morals" of the Church, that the consecrated Bread shall always be in an open, *uugloved* hand.)

Those to be Confirmed will, by some means, find a little time in the morning before coming to Church, to be alone with God, and ask His blessings upon what they are about to do.

ONE OF THE GARMENT COMMITTEE will be at the Parish School Building every Monday morning from 10.30 until 12.30 P. M., to receive all articles sent, or they may be left at any time at 9 South 10th Street, if marked for the Garment Committee.

Monday, March 2d, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 9th, Miss Stoddard.
" " 16th, Miss Bell.
" " 23d, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 30th, Mrs. Arnold.

Contributions were received during February from

Atmore, Mrs. R. E.,
Atmore, Miss,
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Bunker, Mrs. E. L.,
Caldwell, Mrs. S.,
Dickerson, Miss J. W.,
Dickson, Miss S. A.,
Dorrance, Miss K. J.,
Fenton, Mrs. C. F.,
Judson, Mrs. O. A.,
Maulsby, Mrs. R. E.
Molloy, Mrs. S.,
Moody, Mrs. E. F,
McConnell, Mrs. S. D.,
Olmsted, Mrs. E.,
Roberts, Mrs. G. B.,
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Sidford, Miss M. J.,
S., Mrs. W. P.,
Stevenson, Miss S.,
Stratton, Mrs. C. P.,
Wiegand, Mrs. A. E.,

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY having in charge the Lenten Sewing, wish to thank the congregation for their generosity, not only in making up the garments, but also for their gifts of money and materials. As there are many applications from hospitals, missions, etc., for donations, the Committee will be able to make use of any further gifts of money and materials. A detailed account of the work will be given in the Annual Report of the Altar Society's work.

THE FUTURE OF ST. STEPHEN'S.

IT IS NOW SEVENTY YEARS since St. Stephen's Parish was organized. It was then well on the outskirts of the city. Indeed, one powerful motive in starting the enterprise was that the people, who lived in the suburban region of Tenth and Eleventh streets, thought it was too far to go away into town to church at St. Peter's or Christ Church.

A generation later the church, without changing its location, found itself at the door of the most desirable residence part of the city. It occupied then the same relative position that Holy Trinity or St. James' now does. It was easy, convenient, and natural for people to go to it.

Another generation finds the church, again without changing its spot, "down town." In a word, during seventy years, the stream of population has moved up to, rested for a generation at, and then flowed away to the westward of St. Stephen's. The close of the present generation will find it as far removed from the residences of its present congregation as Christ Church now is. But it will also find it in the midst of a numerous population, a population of that kind which most needs the services of the Church. But they will be people who will not be able to support the services in a dignified and attractive manner.

The present congregation find at St. Stephen's a service which satisfies and gratifies them, and in which they delight. They also pay for it—in part. But they would not have it, except for the fact that their fathers and grandfathers, in their day, not only paid the expenses of their own generation, but also laid up in store for their children. Through their hands the church comes to us with its building free from debt, and with an available

endowment of about $80,000, and with charitable trusts committed to the care of the corporation to the value of about $650,000. No part of these charitable funds is available for Parish expenses. The church is full, united, and may fairly be called prosperous. It is paying its way, offering a hospitable welcome to hundreds who worship with them, but do not identify themselves with its work. It is doing its share toward the charities of the city, the Diocese, and the Church at large.

But the time will come, certainly within the next generation, when the situation will be all changed. The present congregation will be gone. Another one, and one of another kind, will take their place. The success of St. Stephen's Church then, will depend upon the action of St. Stephen's people now. It may fairly be assumed that the present congregation will be as thoughtful, of those who come after, as were their fathers.

The Rector and Vestry have, after the most careful consideration, come to the conclusion that the time has now come to begin a *Special Endowment Fund* which will be adequate to guarantee for all time the effective work of the Parish. They therefore propose to begin with the Offertory on Easter Sunday for this purpose. Their plan, and the reasons therefore, will appear from the following scheme, which they have adopted:

WHEREAS, It is probable that in the course of years, by reason of changes of population, the congregation of St. Stephen's Church may become so far removed from the present location of said church, namely, in Tenth street above Chestnut street, in the City of Philadelphia, as to jeopardize its continued prosperity and proper maintenance, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the church corporation that the church shall always be maintained in its present location for the purpose of the worship of Almighty God according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen, of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, having in mind this purpose, and wishing and hereby intending to create a trust for the supply of an Endowment Fund to insure a permanent and sufficient revenue for the support of St. Stephen's Church, and its grounds and buildings in their present location, Do Declare that they will accept donations and bequests to form a permanent fund for the parish, to be called "The Endowment Fund," and sums for the Endowment of Pews in said church, and that the sums so received for said Endowment Fund, and for the Endowment of Pews, shall be held for the following uses and trusts, and upon the following conditions, and for no other purpose, and upon no other conditions, that is to say:

ARTICLE I.

1. All moneys received for the said Endowment Fund shall be invested by the Vestry in good investments, as soon as practicable, in the name of the corporation as "Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church," and the income therefrom shall be reinvested and not expended until the whole amount of the Endowment Fund shall reach the sum of *fifty thousand dollars;* after which, one-half of the net income may be expended, and the remainder, with all increment of the fund shall be reinvested until the Endowment Fund reaches the sum of *one hundred thousand dollars,* when the whole income may be expended, *Provided,* That not more than fifty per cent. of the fund shall be invested in other than securities allowed by law for the investment of trust funds, and that no part of the principal shall ever be expended, except for the purposes of investment.

2. The net income allowed to be expended as above, shall only be appropriated by the joint action of the Rector for the time being, and the majority of the Vestrymen present at any meeting of the Vestry. In case of a difference between the Rector and the Vestrymen as to such expenditure, the question shall be referred to the Ordinary, whose decision shall be final.

3. If, from any cause, it should be determined to remove the church from its present location, the Endowment Fund shall be held and used for, or in connection with, the new church, in the same manner as is hereinbefore prescribed.

ARTICLE II.

1. Any person who shall donate or bequeath to the corporation the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, or upwards, for a "*Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church,*" shall have the privilege, with the approval of the Vestry, of selecting any pew in the church not already chosen or owned by another, which pew shall thenceforward bear the name, and be *a memorial of the donor or testator,* or of such person as he or she shall, with the approval of the Vestry, designate.

2. Such pew may be occupied, rent free, during the lifetime of the donor, by the donor, or by such person as he or she may designate, subject to the approval of the Vestry; and after the death of the donor, such pew shall be occupied by such peron as may be designated by the Rector, with the approval of the Vestry.

3. The Fund for the Endowment of Pews shall be invested by the Vestry in the name of the corporation, as "Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church," and held by them as a perpetual fund, the income arising therefrom to be expended in the same manner, and for the same purpose, as pew rents are now applied.

4. If at any time, from any cause, the present church building shall be altered, destroyed, or removed, and another erected, the Vestry shall select a pew in the new church, to take the place and bear the name of the pew destroyed.

5. The Vestry may at any time change the amount required for the endowment of a pew, provided, that such change shall not effect any endowment theretofore made.

Now This Indenture Witnesseth, That the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen, of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, do hereby for themselves and their successors covenant and agree to and with all persons who shall become subscribers or contributors to the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, and to the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, and their heirs, that the said corporation, and their successors, shall and will from henceforth perpetually maintain the said funds for the uses, intents and purposes, and upon the conditions hereinbeore set forth, and to and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

SELECTIONS.

JUST NOW AN ATTACK OF CLERICALISM has befallen story-writers. In all their dreams a phantom parson, a goblin clergyman, haunts them. It is almost superfluous to add, since Mrs. Ward has muttered first the incantation, "with woven paces and with waving hands," that the parson is in most cases skeptical. We should be most happy to introduce to Messieurs and Mesdames, the novelists, in search of models, some real parsons whom we know. They are godly without priggishness, and orthodox without cant. Nothing disarms prejudice like intimate acquaintance. We admit that clergymen are not what they ought to be. This is privately known and lamented everywhere, but, after all, they are not, as a class, black as the novelists of to-day paint them. Use halftints in your painting; it is more artistic, at any rate.

HOW MANY OF OUR READERS will put into practice the following quaint but very practical advice of "Daniel Quorum?"

"We might do a great deal of good in the world if we didn't try to do so much. I've heard folks a singin' and a moanin' it, too.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small."

"An' because realm o' nature wasn't theirs, they didn't give anything at all."

Grave Questions!

Que sera, au point de vue religieux et partant au point de vue moral, la génération qui se prépare! Il faut bien se le demander, et les esprits sérieux ne se le demandent pas sans anxiété.

Une expérience toute nouvelle se fait à l'heure présente dans le monde chrétien; celle de l'éducation publique en dehors de l'influence religieuse.

Cela ne s'est jamais vu. Jusqu'à notre âge, les écoles avaient toujours un caractère chrétien. Les instituteurs étaient le plus souvent des ministres de l'église. On pouvait plus tard perdre la foi, en tout cas on avait été élevé dans son sein, au milieu de ses pratiques.

Aujourd'hui plus rien de tel. L'âme est systématiquement ignorée dans les écoles publiques. Non-seulement les élèves sont tenus dans l'ignorance des choses de l'ordre spirituel, mais voyant que ceux qui ont charge des programmes n'en tiennent nul compte, ils en concluent naturellement que les choses de cette sorte ont peu ou point d'importance.

Autrefois la religion se mêlait à tout, maintenant elle est exclue de tout, comme chose qui ne mérite pas qu'on s'en occupe ou qu'on s'en préoccupe. Quelles seront les conséquences d'une pareille façon de penser et de faire! Un avenir prochain pourrait bien nous l'apprendre, pour le malheur du pays et pour la confusion de ses éducateurs!

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1318 Locust Street.
REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. W. M. Stewart,	Mr. W. Herbert Washington.

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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.
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Joseph Clayton, 1124 Girard Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, Wednesdays, 11 A. M.
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M..
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson.
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss Wilkins,	Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE:
Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Burns.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,

Mrs. Newlin, Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson, Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox, Miss Sholl.
Miss Jamison,

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.

Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Perot,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Van Dusen, Mrs. Radford.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Miss G. Clarkson, Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Dorrance,
Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Radford.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Laura A. Wood.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—Harry K. Christensen.
Treasurer—Edgar W. Spackman.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss F. Leonard,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney.

Dr. H. R. Wharton, 1407 Locust St., *Physician.*

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

April 5.—First Sunday after Easter.
" 12.—Second " " "
" 19.—Third " " "
" 25.—St. Mark (Saturday).
" 26.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
May 1.—SS. Philip and James (Friday).

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

March 1.—Marsie Dotherd Rhinehart.
" 1.—Robert Jones Hildenbrand.
" 10.—Elizabeth Anna Ford.
" 20.—Margaret Wilson Ely.
" 20.—Mary Seltzer Klahr.
" 20.—Marion Eakins.
" 20.—Ella Frances Thomas.
" 20.—Mary Alice Little.
" 28.—Alice Edith Bittles.
" 30.—Joseph Brooks Bloodgood Parker.

CONFIRMED.

Craig Atmore. George S. Daly.
Irene M. Bates. Marion Eakins.
Beauveau Borie, Jr. Margaret Wilson Ely.
Emily Ewing Borie. Elizabeth A. Ford.
Eleonore B. Bryant. Josephine H. Goodall.
Catherine Crum. Mary H. Graff.
Wm. A. I. Guscott. Frances C. Miller.
Ella Kalbfleish. Frank E. Patterson.
Emma Kalbfleish. Edward K. Rowland.
Emma Klahr H. H. Schuster.
Mary Seltzer Klahr. Richard C. Stratton.
Sophie Lee. Sadie C. Swank.
Mary Alice Little. Mrs. M. P. Swayne.
Alice Cary Longlay. Ella F. Thomas.
Mary E. Love. Mary E. Vance.
Guthrie McConnell. Fannie C. Wilson.
Ellicott McConnell. Sarah K. Williams.
William Miller.

BURIED.

March 25.—Mrs. Maria E. Swann.
" 30.—William B. Evans.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Diocesan Missions,		$ 5.00
" Domestic "		168.80
" Parish School,		10.00
" Missionary Box Committee,		131.66
" Mrs. Buford's Hospital,		30.00
" Christ Church, Glensoe, Minn.,		100.00
" Deaf Mute Mission,		50.00
" Easter Decorations,		140.88
" Altar Society,		10.00
" City Mission,		128.68
" Visiting Nurse Society,	$160.37	
	5.00	
	5.00	
	10.00	
	10.00	
		190.37
For Children's Friend Society,		5.00
" Endowment Fund,		1269.78
" General Charities,		259.44
Total,		$2499.61

OFFERTORIES IN APRIL.

April 5, First Sunday after Easter.—Society for Increase of the Ministry.
Other Sundays.—General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

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THE EASTER FESTIVAL of the Sunday-schools will be held as usual on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the first Sunday after Easter. The offerings of the school and of the congregation will be divided between the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children, and St. Michael's Home for Colored Crippled Children.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY having in charge the Lenten sewing will be very glad if the congregation will come to the Guild Hall, on Wednesday, April 8th, at half past eleven, to see the garments that have been made before they are sent to the hospitals, nurseries, etc.

ON EASTER MONDAY, Mr. Patten kindly remembered the teachers and children of the Parish Day School, giving them some presents making all very thankful and happy.

THE FAIR TO BE HELD by the Ladies' Aid Society of All Souls' Church, to raise funds for building a Parish House for the Deaf Mute Mission, will be open on the 6th of April, at All Souls' Church on Franklin street, between Green and Wallace streets. It is hoped that as many of the congregation as are able will go to the Fair, and aid by their purchases toward the accomplishment of this great need of the Deaf Mutes.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND of the Parish has now been begun. The Easter Offertory will make a substantial commencement. The project has received the unqualified approval of the people both within and without the parish.

The Rector now ventures to hope that people will, without unnecessary delay, *provide in their wills* for some sum to be left to this purpose. It may be just possible that one of the very first questions which will be asked one when he wakes up beyond, will be, "What disposition did you make of your property before you left?" If so, it would be satisfactory to be able to say that some of it at least is being used for religious and charitable purposes. No one is called upon to rob his own children. If your children *need* your estate, leave it to them by all means. May be you had better leave the bulk of it to them any way. But every will which begins, "*In the name of God: Amen,*" should first of all provide that some hundreds or some thousands, as the case may be, should be set aside for use in the direct service of God and man. Your heirs will not begrudge it; and, in any case when your will comes to be opened you will be so situated that you will be far more closely concerned about the judgment of God than about the judgment of your heirs. To what more fitting purpose could you make such a bequest than to perpetuate the worship of God and the service of the poor in the Church, where yourself have said your prayers for so long?

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE will close for this season on the 20th of this month, resuming its duties early in the Autumn. In the meantime, all applications for assistance must be made to the Rev. Dr. McConnell or the Rev. Mr. Miller, when if possible, they will be attended to.

One of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building every Monday morning from 10 A. M. until 12 M., to receive all articles sent, or they may be left at any time at 9 South 10th Street, if marked for the Garment Committee.

Monday, April 6th, Mrs. Lundy.
" " 13th, " Muirheid.
" " 20th, " Stratton.

Contributions were received during March from

Mrs. F. T. S. Darley,
Mrs. A. Maclay,
Altar Society,
Mrs. Edward Rowland,
Mrs. Richardson,
Missionary Box Commiltee,
Mrs. Davison,
Mrs. George Crawford,
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,
Mrs. Crawford Arnold,
Mrs. Weir Mitchell,
Mrs. W. W. Oliver,
Mrs. T Neilson,
Mrs. Cornish,
Mrs Molloy,
Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Miss Laura Bell,
Miss Davison,
Miss Lundy,
Miss Livingston,
Miss Mary Lewis,
Mrs. W. G. Abbott,
Miss Garrett.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY works all the year and is doing good in many ways. Children have been brought into the Sunday school, Parish School, mothers to the different meetings and some into the church.

All know how very much good can be done by fresh air, many of these children live five and six in one room, some can only be spared for a day at a time and it is these as far as possible the Society wish to aid. It is hoped that some of our kind friends that helped us last year will remember our little ones, so, if possible, we may have several trips to the Sea Shore again this summer.

New contributing members—Miss Lulu K. Holman, Miss Johns.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS called the "Whatsoever Circle" was organized April 5, 1890, with ten members, increasing almost every meeting and now numbering twenty-one working members and three honorary members.

The work for the year has been their motto, "whatever their hands have found to do they have done it." Visiting and working for the Home of the Merciful Saviour, the Colored Cripple Home, Hayes Mechanics' Home, Old Women's Free Shelter, Willing Day Nursery and Orphans' Home in Reading.

A little package was also sent in answer to an appeal from Mrs. Buford.

Miss Stoddard's Bible class was also entertained New Year's week.

It is proposed by the King's Daughters to have a *Bazaar* the 22d of April, in the Guild room of Parish House, from 4 o'clock in the afternoon and throughout the evening. The object is to make a little money so that they may be able to take fruit and flowers to the sick in the Homes and Hospitals during the summer months.

As most of the Circle are young girls from Sunday-school it is hoped that the congregation will encourage them by their presence. Most of the work of preparation is being done be the members of the Circle. There will also be a table of Japanese goods.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER, from a missionary on the frontier, is commended to somebody's careful reading. Is there not some man or woman who would derive more pleasure from expending three or four hundred dollars a year for three or four years than in any other way in which it is likely to be spent?

MARCH 24, 1891.

My Dear Dr. McConnell:

I have been a frontier missionary for twenty-one years of my life, prior to my appointment to the general work of this diocese, during which period I have been instrumental under the blessings of God in building thirteen churches and four mission houses, etc., but my stipend has always been small.

One of my sons who has been educated at Shattuck School, Faribault, is said to show an aptitude for surgery and medicine. I have no means to enable him to take the prescribed course in a good medical school, and thought it just possible you might know some one who had a presentation to such a school, including board and lodging, or of some one who might be interested enough to make an Easter offering of this nature.

I have been tempted to write you as I have, because I have always admired your frankness and kindness of manner whenever I have met you.

Trusting you will pardon me for thrusting my own private affairs before you, I remain,

Very sincerely and gratefully.

SELECTIONS.

Religion et Théatre.

Il est fâcheux, qu'à raison de l'état de santé du Rev. John E. Johnson, à qui est dû l'essai de services religieux dans les théâtres, ces services qui étaient devenus si populaires,

demeurent maintenant suspendus. Leurs succès passés à Philadelphie, leurs succès présents partout où ils sont tentés et particulièrement à Boston, prouvent qu'il y a là pour l'église un moyen puissant et trop négligé d'accomplir sa mission d'évangéliser les masses. La montagne ne veut pas venir à elle, qu'elle aille à la montagne! Que n'avons-nous dans toutes les grandes villes des sociétiés religieuses organisées avec cet objet spécial en vue!

Le théâtre existe; il exerce une influence des plus considérables. Qu'au lieu de lancer contre lui d'impuissants anathèmes on s'emploie à le christianiser autant que possible, qu'on en fasse un instrument de propagande et de civilisation chrétienne; qu'on y tienne chaque dimanche des services adaptés à ces lieux et aux personnes qui ont coutume de les fréquenter, et l'on ne tardera pas à reconnaître qu'il y a là un moyen d'évangélisation éminemment populaire et particulièrement effectif.

Et si, comme tout l'annonce, le temps vient où les théâtres seront ouverts le dimanche même pour des représentations scéniques, pourquoi ne pas faire de nécessité vertu, aviser à ce que, ce jour-là du moins, les pièces représentées aient toutes un religieux caractère: comme "Polyeucte" de Corneille, "Athalie et Esther" de Racine, "Zaïre et Alzire" de Voltaire, etc.! Qui a jamais assisté à la représentation de quelqu'un de ces chefs-d'œuvre sans y éprouver des émotions douces et pures, sans en rapporter un plus grand amour pour la vertu et les choses de la religion!

N'est-ce pas par des représentations de cette sorte, qu'aux siècles de foi, se donnait l'enseignement chrétien et se developpait le sentiment religieux! N'est-ce pas l'Eglise elle-même qui alors favorisait, exécutait pour le plus grand bien des peuples, ce que depuis elle a réprouvé et anathématisé de façon trop absolute peut-être. Condamnér ce qui est mal, il le faut! mais que le bien réel ou possible ne soit point enveloppé dans cette condamnation!—*L'Avenir.*

SOME REASONS WHY I AM A CHURCHMAN

1. Because I am a *Congregationalist.* From the days of the Apostolic Council the *congregations,* or the "brethren," were represented in all Church works and Conferences. The laity should have a due place in Church affairs.

2. Because I am a *Presbyterian.* I find the order of *Presbyters* very clearly appointed and referred to, both in sacred record and in early subsequent Church history.

3. Because I am a *Methodist.* I believe in *method* in all things: "Let *all* things be done decently and in order."

4. Because I am a *Catholic.* Unless the Church be Catholic, what is it?

5. Because I am an *Episcopalian.* A church without an "Episcopos," or Bishop, was unknown in early days.

6. Because I have *High* views. I could not belong to a church which I did not think *highly* of.

7. Because I have *Low* notions. I am taught to think lowly of myself and the best I can of others.

8. Because I am a *Protestant.* Truth *protests* against error, whether from Rome or Geneva. The Church *must* be a continual "protest" against sin and evil, from whatever quarter it come and whatever guise it wear.

9. Because I am an *Adventist.* We believe in the first and second coming of the Saviour—though we avoid all pert theorizing about His future advent.

10. Because I am a *Unitarian.* I believe in "*one* God, maker of Heaven and Earth."

11. Because I am a *Baptist.* If a person prefers "immersion," the Church says he may have it.

12. Because I am an *Evangelist.* I love the "Gospel;" and more gospel is used in our own services than in any other.

13. Because *arcs* of truth make up the circle of truth.—*Selected.*

A CHURCH is not made "free" by a simple abandonment of the system of pew-renting or pew-ownership, and a resort to various criss-cross methods of raising a revenue. A church is made free by the spirit of its members and attendants. We can easily imagine a church advertising "free seats" that is really not so "free" to the public at large as one in which every seat is owned or rented. The spirit of hospitality, the welcome shown to strangers and occasional church-goers, does far more to determine the status of a church as "free" or as a private corporation than any specific tenure of seats. We all of us have friends in whose houses and gardens we are more "free" than in the public park, with its sign-boards and cautions not to pick the flowers or walk on the grass.

Curieuse épitaphe. Dans un cimetière de Madrid, sur une tombe, on lit:

Ci gît
JEAN PÎNTO
L'orphée espagnol.
En arrivant au ciel, il unit sa voix
A celles des archanges.
A peine l'eut-il entendu, que Dieu s'écria:
"Silence, vous tous!
Et laisser chanter seul l'illustre chanteur
JEAN PÎNTO!"

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss J. Lewis.

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Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson.
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss Wilkins,	Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Burns.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,

Mrs. Newlin, Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson, Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox, Miss Sholl.
Miss Jamison,

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson. Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.

Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Perot,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Manship, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Van Dusen, Mrs. Radford.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Miss G. Clarkson, Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Dorrance,
Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Radford.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

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Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
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Music Teacher.—Miss Laura A. Wood.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—Harry K. Christensen.
Treasurer—Edgar W. Spackman.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss F. Leonard,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney.

Dr. H. R. Wharton, 1407 Locust St., *Physician.*

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

May 1.—SS. Philip and James (Friday).
" 3.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 7.—Ascension Day (Thursday).
" 10.—Sunday after Ascension.
" 17.—Whitsun-Day.
" 18.—Monday in Whitsun-week.
" 19.—Tuesday in Whitsun-week.
" 24.—Trinity Sunday.
" 31.—First Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD FOR APRIL.

BAPTIZED.

April 5.—Henry Clay Adams.
" 10.—Carrie Estelle Ormsby.
" 12.—Edgar Lionel Freemantle.
" 17.—Charles Henry Mellon.

MARRIED.

April 2.—Dr. Edward Wood Alison and Ella Marguerite De Lorez.
" 8.—Milton F. Barringer and Ella Walraven.
" 21.—Leonard Finletter and Katherine Malcolm Lewis.
" 28.—Wm. H. Heberton and Ella Holmes Pancoast.
" 29.—Wm. Henry Clark and Amanda C. Boyd.
" 30.—Samuel W. Middleton and Kate C. Hickey.
" 30.—Frederick Morgan Pile and Rachel Harned.

BURIED.

April 6.—Robert James Hildenbrand.
" 12.—Emma Lovell.

OFFERINGS.

Society for Increase of the Ministry,	$192 96
Home for Crippled Children,	97 25
Home for Colored Crippled Children,	97 25
Female Benevolent Society,	10 00
General Charities,	341 07
Total,	$738 53

OFFERTORIES IN MAY.

For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

CONVENTION REPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S.

For the year ending, May 1, 1891.

Baptized:—Adults,		10
Infants,		40
		50
Confirmed,		36
Marriages,		25
Burials,		23
Communicants:—Added, new.		36
Added by removal,		25
Lost by removal,		17
Present number (about)		1000

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

I.—Parish.

Received:—From pew rents,	$13,819	36
" investments,	3,187	34
" donations,	2,481	50
	$19,488	20
Expended:—For current expenses,	14,366	79
" improvements,	5,005	76
" Parish school,	862	92
" Episcopal and Convention Fund,	301	56
	$20,537	03

II.—Burd Asylum.

Received:—From investments and surplus,	$27,457	34
Expended:—For current expenses and extraordinary repairs,	$27,457	34

III.—Charitable and Benevolent Work.

Received:—From collections in church,	$11,938	56
Expended:—For Sunday-schools,	222	44
" Parish schools,	72	30
" the poor,	698	95
Missions:—Domestic,	1,323	07
" Colored,	490	00
" Diocesan,	1,557	14
" City,	128	53
" Seamen's,	45	00
" Deaf Mute,	125	00
" Italian,	213	77
Episcopal Hospital,	446	12
Rush Hospital for Consumptives,	$100	00
Other Hospitals,	133	25
Home for Crippled Children,	102	25
Home for Colored Crippled Children,	97	25
Church Building,	465	60
Books, Tracts, &c.,	95	45
Theological Education,	217	46
Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans,	527	01
Endowment Fund for Parish,	1,269	78
Divorce Reform League,	100	00
Deaconess' House,	102	00
Visiting Nurses' Society,	190	37
Church Home,	25	00
Children's Aid Society,	35	00
Sheltering Arms,	4	50
Through Female Benevolent Society,	950	60
" Missionary Box Committee,	720	39
" Altar Society,	480	88
" Children's Friend Society,	391	42
" Girls' Friendly Society,	200	00
Parish News,	136	25
"King's Daughters,"	37	57
Miscellaneous,	234	25
Total,	$11,938	56
Grand Total Receipts,	$58,884	04
" " Expenditures,	$59,532	87

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION meets this year at St. Luke's Church on Tuesday, May 12th. There does not seem likely to be any action of special importance brought before it. Last year the question of PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION was discussed at length. That is to say, it was proposed that the parishes should hereafter be entitled to send lay delegates to the Convention in proportion to the number of their communicants, instead of, as now, all sending the same number, regardless of whether the parish is large or small. It would seem, to the unsophisticated, that the change proposed was the most natural and equitable thing in the world. It would seem monstrous that a parish the size of St. Chrysostom's, for example, should have as much voice and power in making the laws and fixing the policy of the Diocese as Holy Trinity or St. Mark's! One would think so. Nevertheless, the proposal to correct this evil was defeated in Convention. Two forces operating against it were, when joined together, too strong to be overcome. *First*, was the unreasoning conservatism which detests *change*, even from worse to better things. "We have got along this way for a century; our fathers thought this way the best; are we wiser than they?" *Second*, was the accidental coalition with this force of one of the pestilent "parties" in the church. It was feared by some that if a proportionate system of representation should be adopted in this and other Dioceses, it would have the effect to introduce the same system of representation into the General Convention, and if that should be done their party advantage then would be imperilled. So they were ready to postpone the good of the Church in Pennsylvania to the good of their party in the United States. It is not likely that the proposition will be made soon again. It would not be worth while to do so until the second of these classes comes to a better mind, and holds the Church to be more than any party in the Church. This, we believe they will ultimately do, for we believe they are, at heart, honest men and good churchmen.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE received during the month of April, contributions from:

Altar Society	Belle, Miss J.
Griffith, Mrs. K. E.	Muirheid, Mrs.
Pancoast, Mrs. A.	Pancoast, The Misses
Richardson, Mrs. W. C.	Rowland, Mrs. B.
Simpson, Miss E. C.	Veacock, Miss

Beside the gift of twelve pieces of infants' clothing from the Altar Society, "The Garment Committee" desires to thank that Society most gratefully for their kindness in having cut and made for them forty-three articles of clothing during Lent.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, reports:

Balance, May 17, 1890,	$ 80	68
Cash donations received during the year,	254	00
Contributing members,	44	00
Active members,	12	74
Total Receipts,	$391	42
Expenses for the year,	297	72
Leaving a balance,	$92	70

One hundred and twenty-five articles of warm clothing have also been given out by the different members of the Society during the year, and about 600 children have been entertained or taken on excursions. Most all other societies close during the Summer months, but the Children's Friend Society do the most of their work at this season, and the children are already looking forward to the outdoor excursions, and it is hoped that the kind friends who helped us last year, will not forget the little ones.

With the money now on hand, the Society will only be able to take short and not very frequent trips near the city, and the little ones did enjoy so much their trips to Atlantic City, last year.

Donations received Easter,	$5	00
From a Friend,		50
April 24th, a Friend,	5	00
New contributing member, Mrs. L. Hopper,	1	00

Thirty articles of clothing from Altar Society.

THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE thankfully acknowledge the receipt of various articles given by the congregation in response to the appeal of the Rector, in aid of the Fair held by the Deaf Mutes for their Parish Building.

THE Bazaar held in Guild Room of Parish House, April 23d, by the King's Daughters, of St. Stephen's Church, realized $32.57.

The members of the Circle thank those who so kindly helped them, and hope to brighten the lives of many sick with flowers and fruit during the Summer months.

THE LENTEN SEWING done by the ladies of the Parish was made and distributed as follows:

Cut out—Pieces	646
Donations—Pieces	14
	660

GIVEN AWAY.

To Hospitals, etc.,	412
" poor families,	162
Not made,	15
Made but not given,	25
Not returned,	45

MONEY GIVEN FOR LENTEN WORK.

Miss S. W. Dixon,	$5 00
Mrs. Merrill,	1 00
Mrs. E. N. M.,	2 00
Miss Balch.	2 00
Miss Maulsby,	5 00
Miss Simpson,	5 00
Proceeds of lunch at sale,	8 00

DONATIONS OF MATERIALS FROM

Miss Mellon.
Mrs. T. Chandler, Jr.
Mrs. McConnell.
Mrs. Albert Caldwell.
Mrs. Molloy.
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Miss Lundy.
Mrs. Holman.
Mrs. Weigand.

SELECTIONS.

"WHAT is an agnostic?" asked Rollo.

"An agnostic," replied his Uncle George, "is a man who loudly declares that he knows nothing, and gets mad and abuses you if you believe him. He says he doesn't know anything, but he really believes he knows everything."

WHEN the Rev. James Calvert was giving in the briefest terms a proof of the success of missions he said: "When I arrived in Fiji my first duty was to bury the hands, arms, feet and heads of eighteen victims whose bodies had been roasted and eaten in a cannibal feast. I lived to see those very cannibals who had taken part in that inhuman feast, gathered about the Lord's table."

COMMON SENSE IN THE SICK ROOM.

1. Do not ask the name of the doctor, and then tell the sick person all the bad things you may have heard about him. It is not particularly encouraging to be told over and over again that your favorite physician is not a good one. It is not fair to run down any doctor but your own.

2. Do not stay in the sick room more than a few minutes. You tire the sick person and you are not wanted.

3. In a case of extreme illness, unless you are very intimate with the family, do not insist upon seeing a member of the family when you go to inquire about the sick person. Nine times out of ten the servant can tell you all that is necessary, and having left your name, the family will be gratified twice—once that you came, and again that you did not come in.

4. Do not tell the sick person of about twenty-five people you know of who died with exactly the same trouble that he has. It is not comforting.

5. Talk about something but doctors, diseases and the effects of medicine.

6. Let the clergymen know of any case of sickness, and do not think that he has any wonderful way of finding it out unless he is told.

7. Doctors and clergymen are very much alike in one respect—when they are wanted they should be sent for.

8. We never knew of a sick person who was hurt by seeing his clergyman. If the sick person can see one or two doctors, and five or six nurses and unnumbered friends, you may take it for granted that a few minutes conversation with his pastor will not hurt him.

BEFORE A JOURNEY.

O Almighty God, remember me in thy mercy, and keep me in this journey from all dangers, and from all accidents, and bring me home again in peace and safety: Through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

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Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
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Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
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Miss Wilkins,	Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Borda.
Miss Johns,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Burns.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,

Mrs. Newlin, Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson, Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox, Miss Sholl.
Miss Jamison,

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton.
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann.
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Arnold.

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FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.

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Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.

Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Oliver,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Clarkson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Davison,
Miss A. VanDusen, Miss Patterson.
Miss Stoutenborrough, Miss Perot.
Miss M. S. Wilkins. Mrs. Nixon.
Mrs. Manship, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss Drysdale, Miss Emory.
Miss M. S. Van Dusen, Mrs. Radford.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Miss G. Clarkson, Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Dorrance,
Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Radford.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith,
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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—John Seed.
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Treasurer—Edgar W. Spackman.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss F. Leonard,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney.

Dr. H. R. Wharton, 1407 Locust St., *Physician.*

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

June 7.—Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 11.—S. Barnabas the Apostle (Thursday).
" 14.—Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 21.—Fourth " " "
" 24.—Nativity St. John, Baptist (Wednesday).
" 28.—Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29.—St. Peter, Apostle (Monday).

PARISH RECORD FOR MAY.

BAPTIZED.

May 7.—Samuel Adam Borner.
" 10.—Mary Iredell Thompson.
" 18.—Frances Ann Crawford.

MARRIED.

May 26.—Edward W. Smith and Lizzie A. King Paale.

BURIED.

May 15.—Charles S. Lewis.

OFFERTORIES IN MAY.

For General Missions,	$170 21
For Children's Friend Society,	10 00
For General Charities,	350 65
Total,	$530 86

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

THE RECTOR IS TO PREACH the Baccalaureate sermon at the graduating exercises of the Seabury Divinity School, Fairbault, Minn., on Wednesday evening, June 3d, and expects to spend Sunday, June 7th, at Duluth, returning Saturday, the 13th.

THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH is called to the reports, in this number, of two of our efficient Societies, the Altar Society and the Children's Friend Society. The people in the Church reap the fruits of the former, and those without those of the latter. Every one loves a smooth, decorous, and unembarrassed service in the Church. But few realize how much previous care and watchfulness such a service demands. Like a

well ordered household, things move so smoothly that no one notices anything. In this case the credit is due to the Altar Society who so devoutly adorn the sanctuary and provide the things needful so that the service moves of itself. Nor is their work confined to our own dear Church, but the "beauty of holiness" is made manifest in poor churches and mission chapels all over the land by their skilled and willing hands.

The Children's Friend Society takes poor children away from the city for a day's outing as often as it can during the Summer. Details of the Society go with the children, and bring them home again with their hands filled with flowers and their hearts with delight. People seldom realize that for thousands of poor children Fairmount is as inaccessible as the Yosemite. The reason is simple; it is too far for them to walk, and they have no money to pay their car fare. For an ordinary mechanic to take his wife and family to the "Zoo" requires of him to lose that day's wages, and to spend in car fare and admission the whole of what he earned the day before. And even then they must take their luncheon with them, for if he buys it, that will take still a third day's wages. For all the good the Park is to tens of thousands it might as well be in Alaska. When you come from a drive some day please send to Mrs. Vanderslice at least as much as you toss to the hostler for spunging your horses mouths, and that will take to the Park *five* children who have not seen it since last year.

THE ELECTION OF DR. BROOKS to the Bishopric of Massachusetts has caused much stir both within and without the Church, and the Rector has often been asked what he thought about it. He thinks something like this:

There is a wise provision which has been in force since the organization of our Church in the United States, that when a bishop is chosen by any diocese he shall not be confirmed until he shall have received the endorsement of a majority of the other dioceses and the other bishops. This is as it should be, for when he is consecrated he becomes not only the bishop of the diocese which elected him, but also a member of the House of Bishops which is a part of the legislature for all the dioceses.

It would be but right then, in case a diocese choose a conspicuously unfit man, for the others to refuse their consent and thus protect themselves from an injury, and at the same time save the foolish diocese from itself. But to justify such a refusal it is clear that there must needs be such a plain, palpable, gross unfitness in the bishop-elect that the judgment of the whole Church refusing would be clear as against the diocese electing.

Now in this case the far too infrequent event happens of a really great man being chosen—probably the greatest preacher in the world, and one of the most splendid men in America. Why should there be any fear of his failing of confirmation? Well, in the first place, there is no such danger. It is as probable as anything can be that five-sixths of the dioceses will ratify his election. But why should any reject him? It is difficult to get at the true reason. The opposition has been fomented secretly, and in large part by means which gentlemen do not usually employ. The objections which have been intimated rather than openly alleged have been two: *first*, that he is not a "loyal Churchman," and *second*, that he is "tainted with Unitarianism." The first of these is based upon two facts, first that he has openly declared his disbelief in "the divine origin of the Episcopacy;" and second that he has publicly joined in acts of worship with non-Episcopal ministers in non-Episcopal Churches. As objections these would seem ludicrously insufficient. It is probable two-thirds of the Bishops of the Anglican communion believed about the Episcopate as he does,—until they became bishops themselves, and that one-half of them, at any rate, continue to believe so. Indeed the opposite theory is one which had but a slender following until very recent times. But it is now held strenuously by some—frequently by those bishops in whom one would be least likely to suspect a divine office—and is often spoken of as the theory officially announced by the Church. It is not so; and there can be no warrant for the attempt to make it a condition of ratification.

In officiating in a non-Episcopal Church, Dr. Brooks was also clearly within his rights. Whether he did wisely or not is an altogether different question. That is very doubtful. It does not appear that anything is gained in the interest of Church unity by such "Exchange of Courtesies." The evils of division would be more quickly seen, and more quickly cured if every Church did as ours, that is maintain an entire separation until a plan of permanent union can be agreed upon. By the other method the evil is slurred over by a make-believe unity which really accomplishes nothing. But, be that as it may, it is idle to say that Dr. Brooks "encourages schism" by preaching in a Congegational meeting-house.

Bishop Wilberforce was once taken to task by some over-zealous Churchmen for encouraging Presbyterianism by preaching in a Presbyterian Church. His retort was, "I preached once in a cow house; would you regard that as encouraging vaccination?"

As to the second and graver charge of unsoundness in the faith it is hard to speak patiently. So long as an honest and intelligent man repeats constantly and publicly the Catholic Creeds, and says he believes them, it is to be supposed that he accepts them according to the plain meaning of the words. If any other set of men chose to put a peculiar interpretation upon the Creeds, and to insist that Dr. Brooks or any other man must say that he believes them *in their sense*, is for them themselves to become schismatics of the worst sort. Unfortunately there are a few in this Church, as in every other, of just that spirit, and there are a good many men who permit themselves to be guided by the dogmatic positiveness of these few, but in the main that is not the Church's temper.

We owe an apology to Dr. Brooks for speaking at all of his formal beliefs and actions; and would not have done so but for the fact that they have become in a sense public property.

REPORT OF ALTAR SOCIETY.

In presenting to the congregation the annual report, the Altar Society wish to thank the congregation for the prompt and generous response for funds to replace the Stoles ruined by an unforseen accident. Two white ones are made and the others will be commenced as soon as the work is started in the Fall. As the designs submitted for the new white Altar Cloth have not been what was considered appropriate the work on it has been delayed.

The Chancel Committee has performed the duties of caring for the Chancel and Vestments, and received donations of wheat and oats for Thanksgiving Day and flowers for Easter.

Work donated—A set of Altar linen to Ironwood, Michigan; Fair linen cloth to Valentine, Nebraska; two Credence to St. Simeon's, Philadelphia; a Surplice to Rev. M. Zara, Italian Mission; a Surplice to Raccoon Ford, Va.; a set of red embroidered Altar hangings for Chapel at Fort Riley; Eleven Purificators

Work ordered—set of red Altar hangings for Cape May Point; Altar Cloth for Virginia; materials and stamping for two green Stoles; a Surplice for Church of Crucifixion; a Surplice for Church at Ridley Park; a Surplice for St. Philip's, Philadelphia; a set of white embroidered book markers for Church at Ashland, Pa.; an embroidered white Stole for Church in Maryland.

Work for our own Parish—Donations on an embroidered Chalice Veil; embroidery and making of two Credence cloths.

Fifteen dollars were contributed by the members of the Altar Society for alleviating the sufferings of a child dying of consumption under the care of the House Mother of the Church Training and Deaconess House.

The few papers and periodicals sent for distribution were from the Missionary Box Committee to put in the boxes sent by them.

The Lenten Sewing Committee report that the work was done by over a hundred ladies of the Parish, and also by the members of the King's Daughters, and Girl's Friendly Society. Most grateful letters have been received for the garments from the hospitals, missions, etc.

Cut out—Pieces, ...	646
Donations—Pieces	14
	660

GIVEN AWAY.

To Hospitals, etc.,	412
" Poor families,	190
Not made,	15

MONEY GIVEN FOR LENTEN WORK.

Mrs. Taylor,	$7 00
Miss S. W. Dixon,	5 00
Mrs. Merrill,	1 00
Mrs. E. N. M.,	2 00
Miss Balch,	2 00
Miss Maulsby,	5 00
Miss Simpson,	5 00
Proceeds of lunch at sale,	8 00
Mrs. Beale,	3 00

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Mrs. Molloy,	Mrs. Holman,
Miss E. Magee,	Mrs. Weigand.

Received from May 1st, 1890, to May 1st, 1891.

Balance May 1st, 1891,	$ 43 77
Received by Embroidery Class for work, etc.,	150 60
" From Offertory,	155 00
" For Easter flowers,	140 88
" Subscriptions for Lenten Sewing Class,	38 09
" Collected for a poor family,	14 65
" For white Altar Cloth,	222 00
" For New Stoles,	105 00
	$869 99

Expended May 1st, 1890, to May 1st, 1891.

Embroidery Class, for lessons, materials, etc.,	$248 96
Flowers during year,	134 75
Easter flowers,	136 00
Materials for Lenten Sewing,	84 16
Printing and Stationery,	10 19
Chancel Committee,	4 45
Collected for poor family,	14 65
	$633 16
Balance,	236 83
	$869 99

MARY L. MELLON,
Treasurer.

DONATIONS received by the Children's Friend Society.

May 2d, from King's Daughters,	$ 3 00
" 7th, Mrs. Russel,	2 00
" 19th, Anonymous,	1 00
" 22d, Mr. Seth Caldwell,	10 00

Six articles of clothing from Garment Society.
New contributing member, Miss E. Airey.

The first excursion was to have been May 23d, but owing to bad weather the children were disappointed.

Thirty-five had been invited for the trip and told not to come if it rained.

But, to the surprise of the ladies, sixteen children were found waiting in the Guild room of Parish House promptly at one o'clock Saturday.

Several little girls had been met by one of the ladies in the morning, and asked if it rained only a *tiny* little bit wouldn't we go?

It certainly shows how eager they look forward to these outings. Will not more kind friends send their names as Contributing Members? One dollar a year is very little and yet helps a great deal in the work.

Those whose names we have already on our list will please send their dues before going out of town if they wish to continue.

If postals ares ent to all and again acknowledged it will amount to quite a little sum, and this money could be used to give more children a ride.

Any one wishing to send their names can either send to Parish House or to Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 S. Fifth street.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their next meeting in the Guild room, June 10th, at half past seven o'clock. Their work for the month of May has been visiting and taking flowers, groceries and a little money to St. Christopher's Hospital, which had to close during the Summer months for want of funds.

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Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

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Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

July 5.—Sixth Sunday after Trinity.
" 12.—Seventh " " "
" 19.—Eighth " " "
" 25.—St. James' Day (Saturday).
" 26.—Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD FOR JUNE.

BAPTIZED.

June 28.—Robert Miller.
" 28.—John Smith Lister.

MARRIED.

June 13.—Dr. Joseph C. Benziger and Carrie T. Smith.
" 17.—Edward S. Postel and Rebecca Chew.
" 25.—Joseph A. Thomas and Sallie A. Haines.

BURIED.

June 15.—Mrs. Martha L. Nayler.
" 17.—J. Rennie Treloar.
" 25.—James H. Flinn.
" 30.—Samuel Adam Borner.

OFFERTORIES IN JUNE.

For Children's Friend Society, ...	$ 72 50
For General Charities, ...	154 22
Total, ...	$226 72

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

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A WORD ABOUT GAMBLING.

Within the past two years, the late Archbishop of York—then Bishop of Peterborough—somewhat astonished the world, and greatly offended not a few members of the Church, by publishing what was considered to be a defence of betting and gambling. He regarded betting as, in itself, a matter of indifference. Like other amusements, it must cost something; and provided that its cost were not disproportioned to the means of the better, the bishop could see no harm in it. It was no duty, of course, to make a bet; but, on the other hand, the bishop insisted that, within reasonable limits, betting is no sin.

English feeling on this subject differs somewhat

from the feeling which prevails among Americans. In England hardly anyone thinks of playing a rubber of whist without staking at least a few pence on the point or the rubber. In America hardly anyone thinks of betting on a social game of whist. The Englishman thinks his game would be devoid of interest without at least a small stake · the American thinks small stakes rather troublesome than interesting. To the Englishman no small part of the interest of his game lies in winning; to the American, unless he is a gambler, it lies chiefly in beating his opponent. It does not do to lay down stringent rules for other people on such subjects, and yet it is always right to see that one's own conduct is clearly right.

We doubt the wisdom of the bishop's dictum. If a game requires the artificial stimulus of a bet which appeals simply to the vulgar instinct of acquisition in its lowest form of covetousness, we think that such a game ought to be renounced. We do not say that a game at the Club for sixpenny or shilling points is a sin; but we think that gentlemen who can find no interest in whist without sixpenny or shilling stakes, would do well to consider whether the instinct enlisted by the shillings is not an instinct to be suppressed, rather than cultivated, even in amusements.

We do not hesitate to say that, in view of the fearful harm wrought by betting and gambling, and in view of the fact that these amusements have never wrought any compensating good, they are things to which no Christian minister ought to give any countenance. If Archbishop Magee were alive now, and if he could see the name of the heir-apparent to the throne of England dragged in the mire of a disgraceful gambling scandal, we think he would hesitate to republish his defence of an amusement which the common conscience of England now condemns more strongly than it ever did before.

It is no part of our duty to comment on that unfortunate affair, the result of which, thus far, is that it has irretrievably ruined one gallant soldier, that it has driven several other persons from society, that it has led two military officers of high rank to transgress the well-established ethics of their profession, and that it has badly besmirched the good name of the first gentleman of England.

The moral of this whole wretched business is that for one gentleman to win another gentleman's money, whether it be a sin or not, is not a gentlemanlike amusement, and that it may expose a person whom thousands believe to be innocent, to the base charge of a petty larceny from confidential friends. We have said that the common conscience of the English people is set against betting and gambling in all forms. We heartily wish that a public opinion could be roused against them strong enough to banish and drive them out of all decent society.

Miss Gleim who has charge of the Primary and Intermediate Department of the Wellesley School, 2005 Chestnut street, is well known to our people as a competent and pains-taking teacher.

Miss Boyer a transfèrè son ècole de Green Street au No. 1924 Chestnut Street. C'est la location qu'il fallait á une institution que chaque annèe voit croître en faveur et en importance, et dont le succés est aussi lègitime que flatteur.

Nous devons recommander aussi l'école de Miss Anable, au coin de "Broad and Pine Streets." On n'y cultive pas seulement d'une façon remarquable l'intelligence des jeunes élèves, on les y exerce aussi, nous le savons, á la pratique du bien.

The Children's Friend Society has received during the month of June from:

Mrs. Love,	$ 1 00
S. M. C.,	5 00
Mrs. G. H. P.,	2 00
Mrs. C. E. M.,	50
Mrs. Anna M. Kelly,	2 00
Miss Garrett,	5 00
Mrs. Lathrop,	5 00
Mrs. John Blakeley,	5 00
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	25 00
From Sympathy,	10 00
Mr. W. Patton,	20 00
Miss Kate Burton,	10 00
Anonymous,	5 00
Mr. R. E. Atmore,	5 00
Wellesley School Missionary Society,	5 50
Francis B. Forderer,	2 00

Mrs. Ellen H. Levering,	2 00
Samuel W. Haines,	1 00
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James Greer,	1 00
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Contributing Members Fees,	20 00
Total,	$72 50

New contributing members.

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Miss Dutilh,	Miss Mary Sloan.

The ladies of this Society wish to thank those of the congregation and the kind friends in other churches for helping them in their work. Fifty little ones were taken to the Centennial Grounds June 6th; all had a good time, and many more are waiting and inquiring when their turn will come. One very poor little girl called on one of the ladies the other day, and asked, could she have a ticket for excursion? When asked where she wanted to go, replied, any where's, only so she could get out of the heat.

The King's Daughters visited the Union Home for Old Ladies, Cor. Lancaster and Girard Avenues, June 27th, donated fruit and crackers, and a small mite in the money box.

Their next meeting will be July 15th, in Guild room of Parish House, at half past seven o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

The Rev. John P. Williamson states that out of 1,100 Presbyterian communicants among the Sioux Indians, he knows of none who were among the hostiles.

The Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs has given in the *Sunday-school Times* the following summary of the work of missions in foreign lands:

It is something that American missions alone now occupy more than 4,000 in unevangelized lands, with 2,350 missionaries sent from this country, and more than 10,000 native helpers; that there are at these stations more than 2,700 churches, with nearly 237,000 communicants, of whom 26,000 were added last year; and that $4,000,000 are contributed annually in our country to carry on the work. It is something, certainly, that all Protestant missionary societies have now 46,000 missionaries and helpers in the field, ministering to nearly 700,000 communicants, and to more than 3,000,000 adherents to Christianity, and expending every year at least $12,000,000 in the distant and costly work.

When Newman Hall proposed to publish a very angry pamphlet against some one who had injured him, he read it to Thomas Binney, we believe it was, who said it was admirable, and advised him to publish it under the title of "Go to Hell," by the author of "Come to Jesus." He saw the point, and suppressed it.—*Southern Churchman.*

"I believe I'll sit down," said Stanton, "and give that man a piece of my mind."

"Do so," said Abraham Lincoln, "write him now, while you have it on your mind. Make it sharp, cut him all up."

Stanton did not need a second invitation, and it was a stiff letter which he read to the president.

"That's right," said Lincoln, "that's a good one."

"Who can I get to send it by?" mused the secretary.

"Send it!" replied Lincoln, "send it?" Why, don't send it at all. You have relieved your mind now, and that is all you want. Tear it up. You never want to send such letters, I never do."

If there is a disease in our modern theology and our modern philosophy of life more conspicuous than another, it is indifference to sin. We lull it with anodyne. We call it anything but sin. We form our schemes of social improvement and material progress without any convic-

tion of the deep plague-spot of our nature. We hide it from ourselves until it breaks out in some scandalous form and startles us with its intensity. We will drill men into morality; we will repress crime by education; we will open our jails by philanthropic legislation; but the sin that dwelleth in us is too strong for human remedies, too rampant for the social reformer's pruning-hook. Far truer is the novelist's sentiment, when he puts into the mouth of one of his characters the awful, but grand words, "How gladly would I endure the torments of hell if thereby I might escape from my sin."—*Dean of Peterborough.*

THE Bishop of Gibraltar has explained the reasons which impel him to refuse a chaplaincy for Monte Carlo. "If I give my sanction," he says, "I shall be pronouncing Monte Carlo a safe and fit place of residence for our countrymen. The only persons for whose spiritual necessities I am in any way responsible are a handful of my countrymen—*who need not be there.*"

Sans Peur.

Un officier, en face d'un mort imminente et terrible, avait montré un calme parfait. Sa femme émerveillèe lui dit: "Mais n'avez-vous donc ressenti intérieurement aucune crainte!" A cette question, le brave guerrier tire son épée et en appuie la pointe sur le cœur de sa femme. Celle-ci sourit! "Comment vousmême pouves-vous être sans peur alors qu'un simple mouvement de ma main pourrait être la mort pour vous." "Parce que, réponditelle, je sais que celui qui tient l'épée tient à ma vie autant et plus qu'à la sienne propre." "Il en est de même pour moi, reprit l'époux chrétien, je sais que celui qui tient les vents dans sa main et déchaine la tempête m'aime d'un armour sans mesure.

THE following from the Woonsocket, R. I., *Evening Reporter*, will be read with interest:

"Rev. Joseph L. Miller, of Philadelphia, a former rector of St. James' Church of this city, who will preach at that church to-morrow morning and evening, will be given a public reception Tuesday evening next at the parish house. All friends of the gentlemen, whether in the parish or out, are invited.

Following is a brief sketch of this gentleman's rectorship in Woonsocket, from the St. James' Record:

"Rev. Joseph Lyons Miller began his service as rector Jan. 5, 1874, preaching his first sermon from Ps. lxxi, 1. During the nine years of his rectorship ninety-seven persons were confirmed, the largest number in any one year being twenty-eight in 1876, in two classes. A new pulpit was put in the church shortly after his arrival. A set of by-laws for the corporation was drawn up under the lead of Dr. Ariel Ballou, in 1876, and adopted. In 1875 extensive repairs were carried on by the Woman's Aid Society, costing over $900. It was during his rectorship that what had for many years been known as the Ladies' sewing circle changed its name to the Woman's Aid Society. Mrs. Samuel Greene had been for many years its president. Mrs. B. P. Talbot held the same position for many years during her stay in Woonsocket. In 1865 and 1867, Mrs. Charles E. Aldrich was the president. In 1866 it was Miss Lucy W. Smith. In 1872–78, Mrs. Henry G. Ballou. In 1879 and 1880, Miss Mary Brownell. Since 1881, Mrs. A. N. Arnold has held the position most efficiently. During Mr. Miller's rectorship there was a large increase in the membership of the Sunday-school, and there was talk in the vestry of enlarging the chapel. In the good work Waldo V. Wales as superintendent was his valuable assistant. He served faithfully thirteen years and on his resignation in 1886 received a handsome present as a token of the regard and affection which the school felt for him. In 1877, the cross now standing on the tower was given to the church. In 1878, a number of persons gave over their ownership in pews to the corporation. It was in this year that the rector was called to the rectorship of Grace Church, New Bedford, but at the request of the vestry decided to remain. Finally he decided to resign the rectorship. He officiated for the last time Dec. 31, 1882. In the evening his text was "To every man, his work." In closing he said: "My labor is done, but yours will go on. God changes his workmen, but the work still continues. I bless the good men and women of this church and this town who have stood by me in the work of Christ. May the peace and blessing of God descend upon you and remain with you." Rev. Miller carried with him the love and devotion of his people which lasts vividly to this day."

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" 6.—Transfiguration (Thursday.)
" 9.—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.
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" 24.—St. Bartholomew (Monday.)
" 30.—Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD FOR JULY.

BAPTIZED.

July 19.—Rodger Frank Christensen.

MARRIED.

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" 15.—Rosa L. Ulbricht.

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THE REV. DR. MCCONNELL left the city the middle of July for his summer vacation. During the season of rest he is called upon to preach in various places.

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FROM the church papers we learn that the Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, Bishop-elect of Massachusetts, will be consecrated in Trinity Church, Boston, Wednesday, October 14th. Consecrator, Bishop Williams of Connecticut. Presenters, Bishops Whipple and Clark. The preacher, Bishop Potter of New York. The attending presbyters will be the brothers of the Bishop-elect, the Rev. John Cotton Brooks and the Rev. Arthur Brooks.

IN RETURNING FROM ATLANTIC CITY, July 15th, the Rev. Mr. Miller met on the train a large number of children in charge of the ladies of the Children's Friend Society. They had been down to the seashore for a day's excursion, and in the car, which was reserved for them, they sat three on a seat talking over the events of the day. Most of the children were from the neighborhood of the Church, and the greater number from the Sunday and Day Schools of the Parish. It did one good to see the happy faces and to hear the child-like expressions of satisfaction and delight over the day's experiences. The children evidently had had a "a very good time." They had been in charge of faithful people and had received splendid treatment.

The excursion was regarded by all as a grand affair. This Society of our Parish is doing a noble work. The people of liberal means have not forgotten it, and from time to time show their interest in a practical way. There is, however, more need of money to carry on the work for the rest of the summer. Now and then a sick child is to be cared for, and the heat of the small street is fearful. What will you do? How much can you spare to help the little Society?

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY has received a check for forty-two dollars from Mrs. DeGrasse Fox, through Miss Sanders, for its work this summer among the children. We wish to make our thankful acknowledgment of this to the children staying at Bar Harbor, as this contribution is part of the proceeds of the fair held by them at that place. Many thanks for the kindly thought and the generous gift. It will do good and also give encouragement to the active workers of the Society.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in July by the Children's Friend Society:

Through Miss Cathryn O'Donnel, from the "King's Daughters,"	$10.00
(This is a Circle of Ladies of different denominations that have so kindly remembered the little ones.)	
July 7th—From a Friend,	1.00
" 24th—Mrs. Albert Pancoast,	10 00
Contributing Members' Fees,	6.00
Children's Fair at Bar Harbor, through Mrs. DeGrasse Fox and Miss Sanders,	42.00
W. Herbert Washington,	10.00
Total,	$79.00

NEW CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS:

Mr. J. H. Evans.	Mrs. C. Becket.
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Through the kindness of the members of the church and other friends, the Children's Friend Society was able, July 15th, to take 60 children and *two mothers* to Atlantic City.

The children were all ready long before it was time to start for the Reading Depot, where there was a special car waiting for them. The ride down was enjoyed by all, with the exception of a few, who being rather sleepy took a nap in the corner of the seats. On reaching Atlantic City they walked along the board walk to the new Sea View Excursion House, Mrs. Trenwith, the Proprietress, who has been a kind friend to the children, greeting all at the door.

Coats and wraps were put away and off to the beach all went. In less than five minutes off went shoes and stockings, and it was not very long before many of the little girls looked like washerwomen. Articles of clothing that could be dispensed with were being washed, and it was a very funny sight to see them. Curiosities of all sorts were gathered, such as crabs, jelly fish, and one poor hoptoad, which was found in a bucket of water, to be brought home to the city.

Mr. Mason, the owner of the bath houses, donated the use of towels and bath houses for the children's use. One o'clock dinner, and into the large dining room of the Excursion House all went, soup, meat and vegetables were enjoyed by all, and pudding for dessert.

Before leaving for home the children were treated to ice cream and cake. Another surprise was in store, Mrs. Trenwith had told Messrs. Cammerer & I. Groff, the owners of the Merry-Go-Round, of the children's coming, and these kind friends gave as their donation three very long rides, the children saying they never had such good ones. More kind gentlemen were about, and the children had hardly gotten off of the Merry-Go-Round, when Messrs. Mason & Becker, the owners of the Toboggan Slide, offered to give the children a ride, it was thought over for a few minutes, and the children being so anxious to go, all accepted the kindness of these gentlemen, all coming back delighted with their ride. Many of the children have expressed themselves as never having had such a good time, particularly the larger girls.

The ladies of the Society thank all who have so kindly helped them to brighten the lives of these poor children, who have need of a day's outing.

The King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church had their Annual Excursiun July 25th. Their next meeting will be September 9th, in the Parish House, at 7½ o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

A Choir's Noble Resolve.

A correspondent gives his experience in a certain church as follows:

It was in the evening, and the choir rose to entertain the congregation before the sermon. The soprano started off with the very laudable, though rather startling announcement, "I will wash." Straightway the alto, not to be outdone, declared that she would wash. And the tenor, finding it to be the thing, warbled forth that he would wash. Then the deep-chested basso, as though calling up all his faculties for the plunge, bellowed forth the stern resolve that he also would wash. Next a short interlude on the organ, strongly suggestive of the escaping of steam or splash of waves, after which the choir individually and collectively asserted the firm, unshaken resolve that they would wash. At last they solved the problem by stating that they proceed to "wash their hands in innocency, so will the altar of the Lord be compassed."

The Church and Practical Work.

(*From the New York Tribune, July 19th.*)

One of the most interesting developments of present-day Christianity in the great cities is the successful establishment of such institutions as the Parish House of St. Bartholomew's Church, now in course of erection, a full description of which recently appeared in the *Tribune*. These great centres of philanthropic and religious activity emphasize in a striking way the importance which the modern Church is coming to attach to what may be called present salvation. And they are well worth considering in trying to form an estimate of the religious tendencies of the day. It is at first a little puzzling to notice that they have come into being and are attaining a vigorous growth at a time when the churches appear to be given over to speculative controversies. What is the explanation of this phenomenon? As we read church history we notice that its epochs of controversy have not been marked by any conspicuous activity in the lines of practical philanthrophy. Broadly speaking, the history of Christianity naturally divides itself into three great periods. First came the period when it created its theology, marked, as we know, by strenuous, and, for the most part, barren controversy, so far as man's present condition was concerned. All the efforts of the theologians were directed to the construction of a theological system that would help man to get to heaven.

Then came the period of the middle age, when, the theological superstructure being essentially complete, the Church, conscious of its power, sought to adjust itself to its environments and in many ways strove to ameliorate the temporal condition of man. Mediævalism has not always received the credit it deserves for its earnest, though often crude and unintelligent, efforts to promote the present salvation of men. When we remember the savagery with which it had to contend, and the unwieldly character of much of its machinery, the candid student of that little-understood period is impelled to praise it for having done so much, rather than to blame it for not having done more.

The third period was marked by the Reforma-

tion, which threw all the great questions that the Church thought were settled forever into the arena of passionate discussion, where they have remained ever since. The problem of present salvation was again thrust into the background, and speculative questions about church polity and heaven and hell almost exclusively occupied the attention of men. But there are not wanting signs that this period is coming to a close, not because Christian men have settled any of these questions, for they have not, but because their comparatively unimportant character is coming to be recognized. The discussion has burned itself out, and men in all the churches are beginning to ask themselves the only important question, "What shall we do to save humanity, in this world as well as the world to come?"

It is indeed true, as we have said, that the present time is one of noisy controvery; but, after all, only a comparatively few take part in that controversy. The great multitudes of Christians in all the churches are deeply and vitally interested in such beneficent movements as the Society of Christian Endeavor, the King's Daughters, and the Young Men's Christian Association; or, in connection with their pastors, they are reaching out to help and save the lost through such great organizations as St. George's Memorial House, or St. Bartholomew's Parish House in this city. The ideal which these philanthropic agencies hold before themselves is eminently practical. It is not primarly to glorify the Church, though incidently the Church will be glorified through their work, but to help and instruct boys and girls, and men and women, who in the bitter struggle of life have been worsted and are likely to fall by the way. They teach no system of theology, either complex or simple, and any sort of ecclesiasticism is conspicuous by its absence: But they do make much of goodness, purity, honesty, temperance, sobriety and chastity, and at the proper stage in their educational work they do point to the Church as the teacher of these virtues. In their training of the ignorant, in their encouragement of healthful and innocent recreations, in their inculcation of an honest and self-respecting manhood and womanhood, among the poor and neglected classes of the community, they are doing a work in which not only all good churchmen, but all good citizens should earnestly co-operate. The old age of useless controversy is passing away, and a new era of intelligent, unselfish effort to promote social and moral regeneration is dawning in all the churches.

Music in the Sanctuary.

BY HAYDEN MOZART BELLINI.

Music is an integral part of worship. The trumpets, the shawms, the cymbals and the harps of David's day have given place to the pipe organ, that grandest of all instuments; the antiphonal chanting of David's sacred poetry is reproduced as nearly as possible in the great English cathedrals. As a part of worship the music of the sanctuary should be regarded with a feeling of reverence as we regard the reading of the Bible or the prayers for help and guidance. The members of a choir should therefore feel that their singing is an act of worship. Self must be forgotten, lost in the general harmony. This shuts off all attempts at individual show. The soloist who is looking about to mark the effect produced by his or her performance is irreverent, and will inevitably produce a feeling of irreverence in the congregation. If the soloist can forget self and the congregation, and think only of giving a simple, pure, earnest rendering of the composition before him, the congregation will forget him and think only of the devotion expressed by the melody and the sacredness of the text—the highest compliment a congregation can pay. Many of the solo performances heard in churches are an abomination, as inartistic and incongruous, as grating upon refined feelings, as would be a scarlet bonnet at a funeral or the "Melancholy Dane" dressed in parti-colored garments, with cap and bells. During the offertory there is an opportunity for solo effect, but the words should be taken from Scripture and the music should be noble and uplifting. There are great occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, when the single voice may be used with real devotional effect in the music of Handel, of Bach or of other great composers. On Easter Sunday we almost expect to hear "I know that my Redeemer liveth;" certainly on Good Friday the contralto may sing "He was despised," or the soprano may render "There is a green hill far away," in order to deepen the religious associations of the day, provided the rendering be simple, earnest and unaffected. The hymns should be simple and the congregation should always take part in them. The modern "settings" of some of the old, familiar hymns should be banished forever from the sanctuary. That they could for a moment be tolerated is a blot on our Christian civilization. * * * * *

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BURIED.

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THE KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, will have their next meeting Sept. 9th, in Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

During the month of August, the heat being so great the society has not had its regular meetings, but the members are very anxious to begin work again.

THE Parish Day School will begin its work for this coming year on Tuesday, Sept. 8th, in the Parish Building, back of the church.

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"	19th.—Miss Mary L. Wallace,	3.00
	Total,	$34.00

From Mr. T. H., a pass for seventy-five children, and the ladies of the Society, to the Zoological Gardens, which will be used for their next trip.

August 8th was the next Excursion for the children. Long before one o'clock, the little ones were at the Parish House anxiously waiting to start for Rockland, where they were to go for an afternoon's outing.

Two car loads started, from 9th and Arch streets, promptly at half-past one o'clock.

On reaching the grounds, off went hats. Balls and bean bags were hunted up, games started, and there was a good time generally.

Sandwiches, cake, and ice cream were next in order, and all went home happy and said they had a good time.

The Society has fortunately been able to give to another party of children a trip to Atlantic City, on August 21st. Such excursions, giving them a whole day at the seashore, are of as much benefit as several days in the country would be to them, and we would have been delighted if our funds would have warranted some such expedition as this every week during the months of July and August.

There were eighty in the party, and the Pennsylvania Railroad furnished transportation at a much reduced rate, giving a special car attached to the 8.20 A. M. express train, and running our car direct to the Excursion House.

In selecting the children, care had been taken to get mostly those to whom the sight of the sea was a novelty, and those whose health would be most benefited by the bracing sea air, and they enjoyed every moment of their stay.

They were given a pleasant welcome at the Sea View Excursion House, where a regular dinner had been ordered for them and other refreshments were provided.

The proprietors of the toboggan slide and flying horses, volunteered to give them free rides by way of diversion.

But their great delight was in the ocean, and its unlimited facilities for getting themselves wet, the proprietor of the bath house kindly gave them use of bath houses free. The Society provided them with buckets and shovels, and the children brought back to the city with them a miscellaneous cargo wonderful to behold. Arriving home about half-past seven in the evening, tired but happy.

The season for excursions is not yet ended, but will continue until October, although the present state of our finances will not warrant another trip to the seashore. It has not been thought desirable to allow the children the usual dip in the old ocean, as in their ignorance of all danger, they would be entirely beyond control; as it is their recklessness when wading, requires the constant watchfulness of the ladies in charge, and their frantic efforts to get wet all over, so as to require putting them into bathing suits while their clothing is drying, show a perseverance worthy of a better cause.

THE BOYS' GUILD of St. Stephen's Church, will meet in Guild Room in Parish Building, on the first Friday of October, at 7.45 P. M.

SELECTIONS.

Music in the Sanctuary.

BY HAYDEN MOZART BELLINI.

The anthems, chants and Te Deums which are assigned to the choir should be thoroughly devotional, the music expressing the sentiment of the words. I have heard of a "Te Deum" ("horresco referens") which begins pianissimo with an accompaniment of soft arpeggios!—a Te Deum, the grandest, most glorious outburst of joy!

Much of the music of our American composers is namby-pamby, shilly-shally stuff, pilferings from some unsuccessful operas or thinly disguised excerpts from "Lohengrin" and "Tannhauser," "Martha" or "Faust." The singing of such pieces in our churches always make me think of Mephistopheles masquerading in a monk's garb, showing occasionally a horn or a cloven foot.

Would that we could go oftener to the English composers for our church music, for the English school stands pre-eminent in its glees, its madrigals, its part-songs and its sacred music. English glees are redolent of oak forests, hawthorn hedges, violets and columbines. They call to our imagination Chaucer's daisies and Wordsworth's daffodils; they bring to us the matin song of Shelley's skylark and the plaintive vesper melody of Keat's nightingale; they sing to us of placid streams and sloping lawns, of fields of scarlet poppies and of the simple thatched cottages; they make real to us the fairyland of Spencer and the forest of Arden, the England of "Twelfth Night" and "Midsummer Nights' Dream." Would that our high school would present "Comus" with Dr. Arne's music, or that our choral association would give us a concert of good old glees and madrigals and make us as merry and hilarious as Porpora's trilled fugue made the Viennese monarch.

English church music is fully as valuable as its glees. In the quaintness of Purcell, Jackson and Boyce, in the noble simplicity of Stainer, Garrett, Tours and Barnby, there is the unmistakable quality of religious fervor. The purity and devotion that make Bunyan, Baxter and Jeremy Taylor dear to all students of English religious literature, is to be found in the music of Purcell, Atwood and Gaul. I love to think of Shakespeare in that dear old church in Stratford-on-Avon, listening to the reverent performance of the quaint music of his day, the hymns, the canticles, and anthems. Within those hallowed walls were sung his baptismal hymn, his marriage anthem and his funeral chant. Possibly on his return from London he added his high tenor to the voices of his former friends and comrades. It is deemed now-a-days a proof of superior knowledge to smile a little when looking over the music of Boyce or Jackson, but I defy any one to smile at a reverent performance of their works. As well smile at the runs in Haendel's "But Who May Abide," or feel amused at Bach's "My Heart Ever Joyful." Their music is impressive from its sincerity, its earnestness, its fervor, its noble style, its whole-souled devotion. The modern English composers have sung this music in the cathedral choirs and have become imbued with its devotional spirit; they are familiar with the sublimity of Haendel, the calm trustfulness of Bach, and the spiritual tenderness of Mendelssohn; they unite breadth of idea with nobleness of expression and richness of harmony. To sing their music is to be uplifted, made more pure, more reverent.

LIVE not without a friend! The Alpine rock must own
Its mossy grace, or else be nothing but a stone.
Live not without a God! however low or high.
In every house should be a window to the sky.

—*W. W. Story.*

Children's Summer Outing.

(From the PUBLIC LEDGER.)

MR. EDITOR:—"I hated to leave." These were the first words spoken to me by a bright, intelligent, obliging little fellow of about nine years of age in response to my inquiry, "Well, how did it go?" He had just returned from a 12 days' bright, jolly holiday at Point Pleasant and as he uttered "I hated to leave," a very regretful little boy he looked. He has a comfortable home, but the little fellow could never have had such a 12 days "jolly" enjoyment—that he so "hated to leave" but for the kindheartedness of others richer than his guardians.

What greater words of appreciation could be uttered than that—"I hated to leave? And if he so appreciated, how much would those less comfortably placed enjoy such a generously given holiday? The donors to the fund must surely and deservedly be enjoying their own change of scene.

And now there comes back to my memory, as by a flash, the poor children I have seen chiefly in Whitechapel, London. There are not only

these, however. They are in all parts of London. Some are here in Philadelphia, though none approach those of London in misery, and I hear that they abound in New York. But the London children! See them as I have seen them—in frosty weather nearly naked—quite shoeless (from necessity, not choice), hungry and starved—looking eagerly, wistfully through the baker's windows, warming their frost-bitten feet on the pavement over his oven.

See them in the stifling alleys and courts in the hot Summer weather—no air—filth in abundance—their fathers and mothers often the vilest of the vile, their shelters the foulest of the foul.

Yet even in the midst of this awful misery brave Christian workers to whom I bow my head—brave Christian workers are fighting for them, living with them, dying for them. But the mass of misery is so great and the workers' funds so comparatively small that they can do so little apparently to alleviate even actual bodily wants. And in the matter which first led me to put my pen to paper—the Summer holiday—the most they can effect is one day's outing (probably to Epping Forest) for an infinitely small proportion of those who positively have never seen a green field.

Thanks from all of all shades of opinion to those who help little folks to a jolly Summer holiday. Do not let one of them miss it next year. * * * *

Yours respectfully,

A WORKING MAN.

"SOME say that the primitive tongue expressed but the simplest affections,
And insist that the words said or sung were nothing but mere interjections:
O! O! was the signal of pain, Ha! ha! was the symptom of laughter,
Pooh! pooh! was the sign of disdain, and Hello! came following after.
Who knows if what Adam might speak was mono or polysyllabic—
Was Gothic, or Gaelic, or Greek, Tartaric, Chinese or Arabic?
It may have been Sanscrit or Zend—it must have been something or other;
But thus far I'll stoutly contend it wasn't the tongue of his mother."—*Copied from Learner and Teacher.*

"WE do not, in reality, know more of a great man because we happen to know the petty circumstances which made up his daily existence, or because a mistaken admiration has handed down to posterity the promiscuous commonplace or his ordinary correspondence. We know a man truly when we know him at his greatest and his best; we realize his significance for ourselves and for the world when we see him in the noblest activity of his career; or, the loftiest summit and in the fullest glory of his life."—*The Life and Work of St. Paul, by Farrar.*

The Smile of Mephistopheles.

"ALL evil souls to live in hell"; thus ran
The stern decree. But when Mephisto fell,
For the arch-fiend, arch-punishment: his ban
Must be that he shall like to live in hell.

WHILE some Christians complain that they can find no opportunity to do good, others are embarrassed because of the multitude of inviting openings, only a few of which they can find time to enter. The difference between these two classes of Christians is not in their circumstances, but in their spiritual discernment. Some men are blind to their opportunities. They stand idle all the day, while the fields are white already to the harvest. They can see how others may be useful, but no work seems suited to their abilities. If the eyes of idle Christians could once be opened, they would be as much surprised as Elisha's servant was when he saw the mountains covered with the horses and chariots of God.—*The Christian Advocate.*

IT has been urged that we ought to love our neighbor upon earth as we shall love him in heaven; but duty and ability do not go hand in hand. When we meet in the better land, we will have more power to love, and both our neighbor and ourselves will have grown more lovely. We must do our best here, however, to reach the heavenly standard.—*The Interior.*

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
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Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

October 4.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 11.—Twentieth " " "
" 18.—Twenty-first " " "
and St. Luke's Day.
" 25.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 28.—S S. Simon and Jude (Wednesday).

PARISH RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER.

BURIED.

September 12.—Guilhermina K. Masten.
" 13.—John Schields.
October 3.—Nathan T. Clapp.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities, ... $113 94

OFFERTORIES IN OCTOBER.

Domestic Missions.—Third Sunday of the month.
General Charities.—Other Sundays.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

THE RECTOR WOULD like to meet every woman of the congregation who can see her way to do at least one hour a week of church or charitable work during the coming Winter, at the Guild Hall on Thursday, October 22d, at half past eleven o'clock.

THE Sunday-school will be reopened, after the Summer vacation, on the first Sunday of this month. The session is held in the morning, beginning at 9.45 o'clock. The teachers of the past year, it is hoped, will be in their places in the school promptly, unless for good reasons prevented. A few vacancies have occurred. Some of the communicants have already signified their readiness to aid in the school as teachers. There is more room for other workers. Let the Rector know if you can take charge of a class for the Winter. We want, of course, faithful, regular and punctual teachers.

A NEW VOLUME OF SERMONS by the Rector has been published under the title of "Sons of God," and may be had at the book stores, or through the sexton.

THE REV. DR. NICHOLSON will be consecrated Bishop of Milwaukee at St. Mark's on Wednesday, October 28th.

THE REV. DR. BROOKS will be consecrated Bishop of Massachusetts at Trinity church, Boston, on the 14th of October.

The tempest in a teapot which arose about the confirmation of Dr. Brook's election has subsided. It is a great pity that it ever arose. There never was a moment when there was the smallest doubt of his confirmation. A very small but very noisy opposition gave many people outside the Church, and some within it, the impression that this Church does not know the right kind of a man for a bishop when it sees him. This may be true; sometimes one is tempted to think that it is true, but not this time. The two priests now waiting to be consecrated can scarcely comprehend one another. This is their misfortune. But the Church can comprehend them both. If they could be fused together and then equally divided they would make two men each of whom would be greater than either of them is now. But as this cannot be done, the next best thing is to set each of them in his own lot, and let the boundaries of the whole field include them both.

THE DAILY SERVICES will begin again at eleven o'clock on Monday, October 5th. We have been frequently asked why we keep up these services, seeing that "so few people attend." We reply that, in the first place, it is not true that few people attend. The attendance is very considerable. Of course it varies greatly. There have been two or three times in the last five years when nobody at all came. There have been times when a hundred people came at once simply to say their prayers. Even those who do not attend cannot be sorry to know that every day prayers are said for their health and prosperity, for God's blessing upon their lives and fortunes, whether they are present in person or not. The Daily Service is a rallying point for the whole parish. It is a time when it is known all around that the clergy will be at the church, and at least some of the parish will be there. It is, at its lowest, like the daily guard-mount of an encampment: something of a formality, maybe, but necessary to the *esprit du corps*.

But, in the second place, it is seriously hoped that the attendance will steadily increase. Of course it is not expected that any one will be present at every service. But any man who will select one or more days in the week, at such time as best suits his business, when he will go and kneel in God's House, will quickly find that he will become a better and happier man thereby. The truth is that the daily service in church is meant in some sense to make up a loss to men who do not have Family Prayers in their own houses. We do not hesitate to say that we should greatly prefer to know that they did this last. We will freely discharge, so far as we have the power, any man from the week-day services at Church if he will daily kneel with his own family at home and pray to God. This will be better for him and for his household. But no Christian man or woman can afford to live prayerless from Sunday to Sunday. His private devotions are not enough. They lack that element of common fellowship which is the essence of Christianity. Do one or the other. Either gather your family daily and say your prayers with them, or else join the larger family at Church.

"THE GARMENT COMMITTEE" has already resumed its duties and is now ready to receive and distribute. It is in good condition at present for the usual demands upon it, (better than it has ever been), and must be kept so if ever to be a useful charity; from 800 to 1000 garments should always be in the closets, as all sizes and all ages must be cared for. Our present year will close November 30, 1891. Our next year will begin December 1, 1891.

Contributors to date not previously acknowledged:

Frescoln, Mrs.	Maulsby, Miss
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Stratton, Miss	Stoutenborough, Miss R. H.
Wiegand, Mrs. A. E.	

One of the Committee will be at the Parish School Building every Monday morning from 10.30 to 12.30 P. M. to receive all articles sent, or they may be left at any time at 9 South Tenth street, if marked for the Garment Committee.

Monday, October 5th, Miss Stoddard.
" " 12th, Miss Bell.
" " 19th, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 26th, Mrs. Arnold.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Seciety:

Sept. 8th, Miss Elizabeth W. Stevenson, ... $2 00

Donations have come for the little ones in many ways this year. From Mrs. Thomas Hockley, a pass for the Zoological Gardens, which was used September 4th by eighty children and the ladies of the Society.

The children enjoyed seeing the animals very much, but the seals and snakes seemed to be their admiration.

Four o'clock the children were taken to the restaurant, where their kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hardt, the proprietors of the restaurant, had, as their donation, sandwiches, ice cream and cake for all. On leaving the restaurant, a gentleman very kindly weighed each child, which pleased them very much.

All went home happy, with many thanks to the kind friends.

Four hundred children have enjoyed the outing given by the Children's Friend Society since the 1st of June. One of the most enjoyable trips of the season was taken September 19th. Mr. Slifer, who owns the coaches that run to Belmont Mansion and Dairy, very kindly offered, as his donation, the coaches at a very great reduction. At one o'clock fifty-eight children and the ladies were at the Parish House ready for their drive—which was out Spring Garden Street along the river drive to the Dairy. Then for a good time, bean bags, balls, and a good run were next in order, but it was not very long before it was found that many were very hungry, so lunch was ordered half an hour earlier. These poor children get so excited about going that they eat very little before leaving home. Six o'clock the coaches were ready, and the drive home was enjoyed very much by all.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their next meeting October 21st, in Guild room of Parish House, at half past seven o'clock. The work for September has been miscellaneous groceries to a poor family, donation of bean bags to Children's Friend Society, wrapper to old gentleman at Hayes' Mechanics Home, and will entertain the old ladies at the Union Home, Lancaster and Girard Avenues, September 30th.

SELECTIONS.

INSTITUTIONAL Christianity was established by Christ and His apostles, and no one can safely ignore it. It is the need of our time in that advance toward Church Unity that we are about to make, and to make with so much energy and decision. It is necessary that we should know what Institutional Christianity really is, that we should be members of the visible Church and share in the sacrifices and triumphs of the kingdom of God. The Bible, from the very nature of the case, leads us through its forms into the presence-chamber of God, but our minds are filled at the same time with the historic forms of the ancient world. It is the office of the Church, in the use of its institutions, to bring us into communion with the Triune God in the forms of the modern world, and give us the assurance of His presence with the Church through its history, and with us in the hour and moment of our use of its institutions. The Church unites with the Bible in giving us the assurance of God's presence and authority throughout history, Christian as well as Hebrew, and of His great gracious help in the present. It gives us the blessed experience of the communion of saints. It opens the eyes to see that we are in the outer ranks of innumerable lines of the host of the living God, ever on the march through the life in this world into the gates of Paradise and onward on the highway of holiness to the throne of God and the Lamb which ever bounds the horizon of the beatific vision. The neglect of the Church as a means of grace retards the use of the Bible itself as a means of grace and dulls our sensitiveness to the presence of God.—*Rev. C. A. Briggs, D. D.*

IT IS TRUE, my son, that "heaven tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," when it is necessary. But there is about the shorn lamb, I have observed, a singular perversity that leads it to seek out the coldest and draftiest corner it can find on the north side of a shady street, and stand there and shiver. And when the lamb acts thus, it is my belief heaven appoints Boreas custodian of that particular corner, and lets him blow until the

lamb is either blown away or frozen to death, or gets sense enough to amble around to the south side of the block.

Quite likely one of these days you will be shorn, less or more; I never yet knew a sheep that had entirely escaped the clippers—and when that evil day comes, don't you stand around on the cold corner waiting for a warm wave to come along; you hunt some locality where the wind is already tempered. Even heaven gets tired of tempering the wind for lambs that go off on Artic expeditions. There are localities where the wind is tempered to the Polar bear; and that land is no place for lambs, shorn or unshorn.

"But the best way is not to get shorn?" Well, ye-es, yes, yes; perhaps that would be the best way. Still, I don't see how you are going to leave your fleece at home every time you go out of the house.—*Selected.*

Bishop Hare writes with regard to new workers: "The expense which attends the sending of workers from the United States, especially married men, and the feeling of the Japanese that the people of Japan should be used to carry on the work, as well as other considerations, lead me to advise that no additions be made to our force from abroad except to meet special need of experts in particular lines."—*Spirit of Mission.*

THE ALASKA ESQUIMAUX.

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, writing concerning the Esquimaux of Alaska, says: "The Alaska Esquimaux are a good-natured, docile, and accommodating race. Wherever I met them, and under whatever circumstances, they had a smile of welcome, and in many ways showed a friendly spirit. They have also manifested an unexpected interest in the establishment of schools among them, which promises well for the future.

"Like all other ignorant people, they are firm believers in witchcraft and spirits generally. They also believe in transmigration of souls—that spirits enter into animals and inanimate nature, into rocks, winds, and tides; that they are good or bad according as the business, the community, or the individual is successful or unsuccessful, and that these conditions can be changed by sorcery. By suitable incantations they firmly believe that they can control the wind and elements, that they can reward friends and punish enemies.

"The foundation of their whole religious system is this belief in spirits and the appeasing of evil spirits. This demon or evil-spirit worship colors their whole life and all its pursuits. Every particular animal hunted, every phenomenon of nature, every event of life, requires a religious observance of its own. It is a heavy and burdensome work that darkens their life—it leads to many deeds of unnatural cruelty.

"The prevailing disease among the Esquimaux are scrofula, diphtheria, pneumonia, and consumption, and the death rate is large. They have a superstitious fear with reference to a death in the house, so that when the sick are thought to be nearing death they are carried out of the house and placed in an outhouse. If they don't die as soon as they expect, they ask to be killed, which is usually done by the *shaman* stabbing them in the temple or breast. The aged and helpless are also sometimes killed at their own request. A prominent man in a tribe not long since tried to hire men to kill his aunt, who was insane and dependent on him. Failing to have her killed, he deliberately froze her to death. The cruelties of heathenism are almost beyond belief."

The Rev. Professor Linsay, the convener of the foreign missions committee of the Free Church of Scotland, who has recently visited India, says that there are 100 different Indias, and about 150 different languages (not dialects), some of them being more different from each other than Hebrew and English.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
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Mrs. M. Wilcox, Miss Sholl.
Miss Jamison,

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple, Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
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SELLING COMMITTEE.

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MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss J. Lewis *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Miss Sanders. Mrs. Stratton
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss Russell,

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Wednesday of the month after Morning Service.

President.—The Rector.
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Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Mrs. Manship, Mrs. Radford,
Miss M. S. Van Dusen, Miss Langton,
Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Wiegand.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard. Miss Langton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison.
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Miss G. Clarkson, Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Dorrance,
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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

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Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney,
Miss Emory.

Dr. H. R. Wharton, 1407 Locust St., *Physician.*

Girls over fourteen admitted upon application to the Associates.

CALENDAR.

November 1st.—All Saints' Day—23d Sunday after Trinity.
" 8th.—24th Sunday after Trinity.
" 15th.—25th " " "
" 22d.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 29th.—First Sunday in Advent.
" 30th.—St. Andrew's Day.

PARISH RECORD FOR OCTOBER.

BAPTIZED.

October 2.—John Clayton Crawford.
" 11.—Louis LeRoy Hepburn.
" 28.—Charles Wharton.

MARRIED.

October 20.—Geo. W. Rhoad and Olivia M. Felker.
" 21.—Harry Forrest Cook and Sallie M. Prickett.
" 28.—Edward G. McCollin and Alice G. Lanigan.

BURIED.

October 3.—Nathan T. Clapp.
" 17.—Andrew J. Holman.
" 26.—Susan Russell.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

For Domestic Missions, ...	$ 2 00
For General Charities, ...	$329 23
	331 23

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

November 8.—For Church Building Fund.
" 22.— " Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays, " General Charities.
Thanksgiving Day—For Episcopal Hospital,

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

THE OFFERTORY THANKSGIVING DAY will be, as usual, for the Episcopal Hospital. The proclamation fixing the day has not yet been issued, but the usual day is the 3d Thursday in November.

THE ANNUAL SALE of articles which have been made during the year by "indigent gentlewomen," will be held at the Parish House, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 19, 20 and 21. The list of articles includes anything from an embroidered napkin to cans of preserved peaches. They are the work of poor *ladies* who are compelled to eke out a livelihood, and who are not strong enough to compete in the struggle for employment with younger and more vigorous women. They are the most helpless people on the face of the earth. They can make dainty and useful things, but they cannot find a market for them. The ladies of the House Committee gather their work, and annually expose it for sale, giving the makers every penny of the proceeds. They ask the people of the congregation to come and buy these things. They are worth buying, being in taste and quality far above that of corresponding articles to be bought in the shops.

THE WINTER WORK OF THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY will now commence. It was thought too cool for excursions during the month of October, and rather early for entertainments, but it is now

time to be at work, and the ladies are planning a Thanksgiving treat for the little ones.

It is surprising how very much they enjoy these evenings, and talk about them during the Summer. It is all the pleasure many of them have.

So many kind friends have helped us during the Summer, that we hope others may send their names as contributing members to help with the Winter work.

One dollar a year is very little, and yet it does so much good for these poor children.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their next meetings, Nov. 4th, and Nov. 18th, in Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

Their work for October has been for the Garment Committee, made jelly for the sick, and have work started for St. Christopher's Hospital.

THE CHURCH TRAINING AND DEACONESS HOUSE of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, 708 Spruce street, opened on Wednesday, October 7th, at 11 A. M., with an address by the Bishop. The scheme of studies for the term is as follows:

Monday, 10–11 A. M., Church History, Rev. R. S. Eastman; 11–12 A. M., Pastoral Theology, Rev. Dr. Rumney; P. M., Practical Training.

Tuesday, 11–12 A. M., The New Testament, Rev. Dr. Stone; 3–4 P. M., The Prayer Book, Rev. L. M. Robinson.

Wednesday, 10–11 A. M., Bible Study, Miss Mary Coles; 11–12 A. M., Theology, Rev. Wm. Ely; P. M., Practical Training.

Thursday, 10–11 A. M., Bible Study, Miss E. N. Biddle; 11–12 A. M., Hygiene and Home Sanitation, Dr. Egbert; 3–4.30 P. M., The Old Testament, Rev. L. W. Batten.

Friday, A. M., and P. M., Practical Training.

Saturday, 10–11 A. M., Missions.

The charge for students not living in the house and wishing to take the whole course is $25.00; for a single course, $5.00.

The practical training, in district visiting, Sunday-school and Bible class teaching, nursing, the care of children, the management of institutions, and preparation for work in mission fields—domestic and foreign, will be under the direction of women familiar with and engaged in such work. Those desiring further information are referred to the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Helen L. Parrish, 1135 Spruce street.

TEN YEARS.

It is ten years this month since the present Rector first looked the congregation of St. Stephen's in the face. Ten years is not much in the life of a parish; it is a good slice out of the life of a man. Its passage sets him to thinking about what he has made of it. Something, in this case, has been accomplished. In the first place, the new Rector was met and welcomed by a gracious kindness, which has been uniformly maintained. There have been absolutely none of those bickerings and misunderstandings which sometimes spoil the relation of pastor and people. In one solitary instance where there was an irreconcilable difference of policy between the Rector and an official member of the parish, the member withdrew with dignity and self-respect, and without personal ill-will on either side. To all outward appearance, and judged by the only tests which are applicable, the parish has been uniformly prosperous. In the ten years there have been

Baptized	500
Confirmed	385
Marriages	226
Burials	256
Receipts (for Parish purposes) in round numbers	$190 000
Receipts (for Charities and Missions) "	275 000
Total	$465 000

During the time the church has been tiled and newly upholstered. A Parish House has been built. A new Rectory has been built. The new Reredos has been erected about the new memorial gift of the Mosaic of the Last Supper. An Endowment Fund has been started, and in its favor several wills have been made, one of which will bring it, when the testators' lives end —(may they long be spared!)—a large sum.

A number of new pieces of church machinery have been added to those which the Rector found well organized and working when he came. Among the first of them was one from which he hoped much, in which he was generously backed by the gentlemen whose help he asked, and which failed to accomplish the purpose he had in view. That was the *St. Stephen's Club*. He is still convinced that there is a place for such an organization, projected on the same lines, and that it ought to be successful and useful, but he has learned that he does not possess the abilities which would make it so.

Other new instrumentalities have been successful, and are working, up to the full measure of their opportunity; the *Altar Society*, the *Boys' Guild*, the *Children's Friend Society*, the *Girls' Friendly Society*. All these things show that something has been done. But to say that the Rector is satisfied with the situation, or that his conscience is easy, would not be true. He is painfully alive to the fact, that the true test of the preacher is not whether people will come to hear him, but whether they will believe and do the things he preaches. Here he believes he has not succeeded. It is probably true that the number of *Communicants* is smaller, in proportion to the size of the *congregation*, here than in any other parish in the city. It is true that this in some measure is due to the fact that the Rector has felt the burden laid upon to speak much to that large class who are disturbed in faith, and who care little for the Church. Still, if he had spoken as he should, a large proportion even of them would have found their way into the steadiness and peace of the Church.

Nor do the gifts of the people to charities, while they are large, seem to him to be what they ought. It may be remembered by some that the Rector told the people, at the beginning, that he would refuse to serve them in place of a conscience in this matter; that he would lay before them, from time to time, such charitable and pious objects as had a right to their gifts, but that he would not urge, or scold, or entreat. He will not deal with adult Christian men and women as children. The attempt is both foolish and impossible. But in this particular he records a feeling of disappointment. While it is true that the aggregate contribution for charities is very large, and while it is true that the Rector's personal appeals to individuals for money, for church work, are invariably responded to, still, the amount of beneficent work sustained by the parish is too small for the size of the congregation. There are things which ought to be done for the community where the church is. We are at a standstill for lack of a place to work. The present place is crowded full. We do not want a larger church. The present congregation is larger than the clergy can care for. The Rector now has more than seven hundred door-bells on his list. It is very seldom that he can ring any one of them. But what is needed is a place in which the people can work. We should have at once an additional Parish House which, with the ground, would cost $100,000. The Rector has in mind twenty people who, together, might build it; he has in mind half a dozen, any one of whom might well build it as his or her monument. It would be a memorial for all generations; not barren like a tombstone, but active in good works for the poor while the builder is in Paradise. Until it is built St. Stephen's must bear the reproach of leaving undone the things which she ought to do for that portion of the city in which she has her home.

What do the next ten years contain for us? The indications are that the work to be done will increase, rather than decrease. There is a marked movement of population *eastward*, in the portion of the city south of Walnut street. People are now moving *down* Locust, Spruce and Pine, and into the cross streets. The new depot, at 12th and Market streets, will bring the church into easy access of a great population. When other elevated roads are built—as they must be—they will all make it easier for the same people to come to St. Stephen's who now do come from every quarter of the city. At the same time, the population immediately about the church will grow poorer. It will come to be confined to the inhabitants of the courts in the centre of the business blocks, and the tenements of upper stories. But they are the people who have a claim upon the church's good offices.

Will not every member of this parish join with the Rector in the prayer that we may have a right judgment in all things, that we may know what things we ought to do, and may have grace and strength to perform the same?

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

The ladies forming this Committee in overlooking the closets find that while they are unusually well off in certain articles of clothing, there are many garments actually needed for the relief of the poor that they are entirely out of. Such as unbleached night-gowns for women and children; infants' slips, either colored or white; plainly made dark calico dresses of all sizes, and dark flannel sacques for working women and the sick. All these articles can be procured at a trifling lost from the Bevevolent Society, by those who do not care to make them, and it would be only kind and judicious to have them in readiness before the cold season sets in. All contributions are received every Monday morning, at the Parish School Building, between 10.30 and 12.30 P. M., or they can be sent to No. 9 South 10th street, at any time if marked for the Garment Committee.

November 2d, Mrs. Lundy,
" 9th, Miss Cleemann.
" 16th, Mrs. Stratton.
" 23d, Miss Stoddard.
" 30th, Miss Bell.

Contributors during the month:

Altar Society, Durang, Miss N.
Dickerson, Miss Moody, Mrs. E. F.
Durang, Miss Parker, Col. D.
King's Daughters, through Mrs. Vanderslice.

SELECTIONS.

AMONG the numerous things which Bishop Hare did during his late visit to Japan, are the following:

ORDINATIONS.

I ordained to the Diaconate on the First Sunday after Trinity, May 31st, 1891, in Trinity Church, Tokyo, the following members of the graduating class of the Divinity School, viz.: Yosimichi Suguira; Yasutavo Naide; Toshizumi Chikashige; Minagawa Sakichi; Hisakichi Yamabe. Of the excellent character and qualifications of these men I write elsewhere under the head of "The Divinity School."

CONFIRMATIONS.

Kyoto, five; Osaka, St. Timothy's, five; Osaka, Holy Comforter, three; Otzu, five; Imadzu, three; Nagahama, six; Hikkone, one; Nara, thirty-four; Wakayama, fourteen; Sakai, four; Fuchu, six; Satte, three; Kumagai, six; Mayebashi, two; Tokyo, Trinity Church, thirty-one; Tokyo, the Rev. Mr. Tai's church, three; Sakai, one; Nara, six; Miwa, nine; Tawaramoto, eight; Kutara, ten; Takada, twelve; Gojo, ten; Hashimoto, eleven; Osaka, St. John's, nine; Obama, nine; Tsuruga, eight; Kawagoye, six; Tokyo, Trinity Church, four; total, 234. I also confirmed for Bishop Bickersteth, July 5th, 1891, at St. Paul's Church, Tokyo, eight, and July 12th, on board her Majesty's ship "Severn," nine.

THE wife of a prominent Boston lawyer writes to the manager of one of the charitable societies of that city as follows: "My husband keeps the 'form of legacy' you print pasted in front of one of his will books, and, I think, never fails to call it to the attention of clients who desire to make any charitable bequests."

[Will the lawyers of this parish do as much for the *Parish Endowment Fund* of this Church?]

THE *Church Advocate* for September contains a list of our Colored clergy, canonically resident in the United States, showing twenty-eight Priests and thirty-three Deacons, and enumerates as the institutions devoted to the work among colored people St. Augustine's Collegiate Institute, Raleigh, N. C., the Bishop Payne Divinity-school, Petersburg, Va., St. Paul's Normal School, Lawrenceville, Va., Hoffman Hall, Nashville, Tenn., and King Hall, Washington, D. C.

HE who with strong passions remains chaste—he who, keenly sensitive, with manly power of indignation in him, can yet restrain himself and forgive—these are strong men, spiritual heroes.—*Robertson.*

KNOW THYSELF.—"How much trouble he avoids who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only to what he does himself, that it may be just and pure."—*Marcus Aurelius.*

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening " Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
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Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
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Mrs. Lammot.

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
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Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

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Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Arnold.

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Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

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Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
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Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
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Misses Clarkson.

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Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
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Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Miss Oliver,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers,
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
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Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

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Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney,
Miss Emory.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

CALENDAR.

December 6.—2d Sunday in Advent.
" 13.—3d Sunday in Advent.
" 20.—4th Sunday in Advent.
" 21.—St. Thomas the Apostle, (Monday).
" 25.—Christmas Day, (Friday).
" 26.—St. Stephen's Day, (Saturday).
" 27.—1st Sunday after Christmas, St. John the Evangelist's Day.
" 28.—Holy Innocents' Day, (Monday).

PARISH RECORD FOR NOVEMBER.

BAPTIZED.

November 4.—Ella Boraef Keim.
" 6.—Jane Menzies Bell.
" 9.—Helen Hackin Hill.
" 12.—Edward James Berg.

MARRIED.

November 20.—Dr. Elmore C. Hine, and Emma L. Johns.

BURIED.

November 6.—Ella Boraef Keim.
" 8.—Thomas J. Rogers.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

For Church Building Fund,		$146 13
" Female Benevolent Society,		152 21
" Episcopal Hospital,		501 83
" Cape Breton Fishermen,		100 00
" General Charities,		392 63
" a poor family,		15 00
" Special Charity Fund:		
From Mrs. Rawle,	$ 50	
" Mr. Rowland,	25	
" Dr. Mitchell,	50	
" Mr. Hockley,	25	
" Mr. Crawford,	25	
" Mr. Roberts,	50	
" Mr. Atmore,	50	
" Mr. Arnold,	50	
" Miss Dickson,	25	
" Mr. S. Caldwell,	50	
" Mr. McDowell,	25	
" Miss Simpson,	25	
" Miss Magee,	25	
" Miss E. Magee,	25	
" Mr. Pancoast,	25	
" Mrs. Wister,	25	
" Miss Garrett,	50	
" Mr. Cornish,	50	
" Mrs. Heberton,	25	
" Mrs. Russell,	25	
" Miss Everly,	25	
" Mrs. Tower,	50	
" Mr. Postel,	25	
" Mr. Olmsted,	25	
" Mr. Clarkson,	50	
" Miss Evans,	50	
" Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	25	
" Mrs. Richardson,	50	
" Mr. F. Thomson	50	
" Mr. Darley	50	1100 00
		2,407 80
Proceeds of Women's Sale,		915 61
		$3,323 41

OFFERTORIES IN NOVEMBER.

December 13.—For Missionary Box Committee.
" 20.— " Colored Missions.
" 27.— " Sunday-schools.
Christmas Day, Aged and Infirm Clergy.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE SERVICES CHRISTMAS DAY will be at 8 o'clock, and 11 o'clock, with a celebration of the Holy Communion at each service.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL of the Sunday-schools will be held on Monday evening, December 28th, (Holy Innocents' Day), at 7.30 o'clock in the Sunday-school Room.

THE Rector would call particular attention to the fact that he would like to be notified in cases of sickness. It is no more reasonable to suppose him to hear of them than the doctor. Yet we always notify the doctor.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE Children's Friend Society.

November 10th.—T. L. P., (Germantown) . . $ 1 00
" 22d.—From a Friend, ... 50
" 24th.—Mr. B. Frank Clapp, . . . 10 00
New contributing member, Mrs. J. G. Tomson.

A STEREOPTICON ENTERTAINMENT, was given to the children Tuesday evening, November 24th, in the Sunday-school room. Mr. Frank B. Clapp, who has been a kind friend to the children, contributed largely towards the expense of the entertainment.

The room was well filled by half-past seven o'clock, all waiting patiently to see what was com-

ing. It was quite amusing to see how very patriotic they were, when such pictures as Independence Hall and George Washington were shown. It was said by a little girl the next day, that it was a very good picture of Washington. One might infer she was acquainted with him.

Mr. Wilbour has always been very pleasing in lecturing to the children, and the views and stories amused them much, particularly, "Mother Hubbard," Jack and Jill," the "Old Woman in the Shoe," and many others. The entertainment was talked over by the children for a week before hand, some of them had never seen anything like it before. One can scarcely realize how some of these poor children live, and how much these entertainments do for them. Do not forget them Christmas.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS hold their next meetings, December 2d, and December 16th, in Parish House half-past seven o'clock. For Thanksgiving, three large market baskets were well filled with groceries, chicken, meat, fruit and jelly, and were sent to three poor families who were very grateful and happy.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

We expect in the next issue of the PARISH NEWS, January 1st, to make our 4th Annual Report. We are satisfied that our work is quietly and steadily increasing from year to year, and as we become better known the demands are more frequent. We now have two more ladies on the Committee, and for the future expect to have two on duty every Monday. The gentlemen both in and out of our Parish are becoming interested, and the clothing and money sent us by them is most valuable. Every case presented to us is thoroughly investigated, so that we feel sure we are giving conscientiously, and the people who receive the clothing are most grateful. Our Parish has the reputation of being kind and good to the class we are brought in contact with, and I think it deserves all the pleasant things that are said about it.

All contributions are received every Monday morning, at the Parish School Building, by the Committee in charge, between the hours of 10.30 and 12.30 P. M., or at any time they can be sent or left at No. 9 S. 10th street, if marked for the Garment Committee, and with name of sender.

Monday, December 7th,—Mrs. Muirheid.
Mrs. Lammot.
" " 14th.—Mrs. Arnold.
Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 21st.—Mrs. Lundy.
Mrs. Lammot.
" " 28th.—Miss Cleeman.
Mrs. Reinboth.

Contributors during the month of November:

Chandler, Mrs. T. P.
Christopher, Miss
Evans, Mrs. J. H.
Greer, Mrs. J.
Hill, Mrs. J. C.
Hockley, Mrs. T.
Koons, Miss
Lammot, Mrs.
McIlvaine, Mrs. H.
Newlin, Mr. J. M.
Richardson, Mrs. W. C.
Sidford, Miss
Veacock, Miss.
Wilkins, Miss M.
Williamson, Miss L. S.

SELECTIONS.

STRAINED RELATIONS AVOIDED.—Russian Officer (politely)—Pardon me, I know you are a stranger, but it will save me much trouble and questioning if you will kindly raise your hat as the others do. Here comes the Czar. American (defiantly)—I raise my hat to no potentate on earth. I am an American freeman, sir, born within the shadow of —— Russian Officer (struck with a bright idea)—The Czar is very rich. American (humbly raising his hat)—Why didn't you say so before?

THE Rev. Mr. Ousley, who was born a slave in the ownership of a brother of Jefferson Davis, was educated at Oberlin College and went out as a missionary to south-eastern Africa. He has lately translated the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles into the Sheetswa language, which is cognate to the Zulu, and is spoken by 250,000 people.

EVEN THIS WILL PASS AWAY.

Of all the proverbs quaint and sweet,
That burdened souls so often greet,
As some wise voice from ancient clay,
There sure is none in whose belief
The worn heart finds such sweet relief,
As "Even *this* will pass away."

When weary hands from early dawn
Till lengthening eve must labor on,
And know no surcease day by day,
How gladly comes that sweet refrain,
That echoes o'er and o'er again,
'Tis "Even *this* will pass away."

When burdens that are hard to bear
Would sink the soul 'neath black despair,
And whitening lips refuse to pray;
Faith's lovely face e'en then will glow,
And sweet her voice that whispers low,
But "Even *this* will pass away."

When earth to earth and dust to dust,
Is read above our heart's best trust,
And we in anguish turn away;
The bitter cup less bitter seems,
When through its dregs the bright truth gleams,
That "Even *this* will pass away."

Yes, even this. With hearts bowed down
We stand beside the new made mound,
And long to meet the coming day,
When weary feet have found a rest,
When hands are folded o'er the breast,
And all life's woes have passed away.

WHAT I needed, as I now look back to the state of my mind, was to be made to *believe in* truth telling, honesty, honor, unselfishness, care for the happiness of others, as well as love to God and trust in Christ as Christian things. These were of the earth, earthly. I longed for, and prayed for some sublime revolutionary change of heart; and what that was, as a fact in a child's experience, I had not the remotest idea. If I had been trained in the Episcopal Church, I should at that time have been confirmed, have entered upon a consciously religious life and grown up into Christian living of the Episcopal type. It was to me a sad misfortune that my Presbyterian culture had not, in addition to its high spiritual ideal of regenerate character, something equivalent to the Episcopal ideal of Christian growth. For the want of that I floundered about for a while in the ebb and flow of the revival, without one jot of good that I know from it. * * * The Episcopal Church realizes in the life more of the elements of such natural Christian than any other. Indeed my whole experience in life—and I may as well record it here—has impressed me, not with a sense of Episcopal polity as a whole, but of our urgent heed of those parts of it which contribute to Christian nurture.—Autobiographical Notes of the late Prof. Austin Phelps; Scribners' Sons, New York.

As yet the only church of which I know anything, in the way in which I know anything else, is a visible church, with a visible order, and visible sacraments, and a visible fellowship, and which thus witnesses to me the continued life and power of its invisible Lord and head. One day I shall doubtless know something else and more, of which this visible church is a part; but as yet the sphere of my activities must be found within the fellowship of that historic body of which thus far this morning I have been speaking * * * * But, it may be said, all this is very pretty, very clever, very adroit, indeed, but how unutterably small and pretty; how pitiful is this resting in the form, as if it mattered with what form or with what commission you or I wrought so long as we cling to the essence and the spirit of the Master's teachings; pray let us dismiss these dreary and unprofitable discussions about the visible in Christianity, and get down to the life and soul of it! Men and brethren, there never was a more solemn impertinence under the sun! Believe me, I am as much concerned as anybody to get down to the life and soul of Christianity, but as I never knew, nor you, of life and soul in all the history of this world of ours without a body, neither may we look for any other in the life of God's Church. But whether we do or not, what I resent most of all is that intolerable presumption and perverseness which in discussing the question of the body of Christ in the world persists in putting asunder what, not I nor anybody of conceited ecclesiastics, but Jesus Christ Himself hath joined together. It is not more certain that He has revealed a grace,

than that He has ordained means of grace. The two are not enemies. They are rather parts of the whole, and the whole is of His ordering.

A NEWSBOY took the Sixth avenue elevated railroad cars, at Park Place, New York, at noon on Thanksgiving Day, and sliding into one of the cross seats fell asleep. At Grand street two young women got on and took seats opposite to the lad. His feet were bare, and his hat had fallen off. Presently the young girl leaned over and placed her muff under the little fellow's dirty cheek. An old gentleman in the next seat smiled at the act, and, without saying anything, held out a quarter with a nod towards the boy. The girl hesitated a moment, and then reached for it. The next man just as silently offered a dime, a woman across the aisle held out some pennies, and before she knew it, the girl with flaming cheeks had taken money from every passenger in that end of the car. She quietly slid the amount into the sleeping lad's pocket, removed her muff gently from under his head without rousing him, and got off at Twenty-third street, including all the passengers in a pretty little inclination of the head that seemed full of thanks and a common secret. This rebukes Ingersoll's sneer that if he had been God he would have made good things catching. They are catching, and God made them so.

"UNACCOUNTABLE, this!" said the Wax, as from the flame it dropped, melting upon the Paper beneath.

"Do not grieve," said the Paper; "I am sure it is all right."

"I was never in such agony!" exclaimed the Wax, still dropping.

"It is not without a good design, and will end well," replied the Paper.

The Wax was unable to reply at that moment, owing to a strong pressure; and when it again looked up it bore a beautiful impression, the counterpart of the seal which had been applied to it.

"Ah, I comprehend now!" said the Wax, no longer in suffering. "I was softened in order to receive this lovely durable impress. Yes; I see now it is all right, because it has given to me the beautiful likeness which I could not otherwise have obtained."

ONE Sunday morning the Superintendent happened to notice a little girl who was a stranger in the Sunday-school. Going up to her he wished her a good morning, and asked her name, when her companion who had brought her replied, "Her name is Mary McCarthy."

"I am glad to see you here, Mary," replied the Superintendent.

"*She's a Catholic,*" said the little girl who had brought her, evidently wishing to set the Superintendent right.

"So am I," replied the Superintendent. Don't we believe in the Holy Catholic Church?"

"Oh, but she's not a *Holy* Catholic," said the child, "she's a *Roman* Catholic."

A THICK-HEADED squire, being worsted by Sydney Smith in an argument, took his revenge by exclaiming, "If I had a son who was an idiot, by jove, I'd make him a parson." "Very probably," replied Sydney, "but I see your father was of a different mind."

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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Mrs. Lammot.

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Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

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Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

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Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

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Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy,	Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Mrs. Lammot,

Mrs. Arnold.

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DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1219 Arch St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

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Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

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" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Miss Anne Thomson, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton,
Misses Clarkson.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Misses Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Perot,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Rogers,
Miss Russel, Miss Emory,
Miss G. Clarkson, Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Dorrance,
Mrs. Radford.

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Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
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Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
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Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPheran,
Miss Airy, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Treasurer—Edgar W. Spackman.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7½ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney,
Miss Emory.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

CALENDAR.

January 1.—Circumcision, (Friday).
" 3.—2nd Sunday after Christmas.
" 6.—Epiphany, (Wednesday).
" 10.—1st Sunday after Epiphany.
" 17.—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
" 24.—3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25.—Conversion of St. Paul, (Monday).
" 31.—4th Sunday after Epiphany.

PARISH RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

BAPTIZED.

December 28.—Reynold Thomas.

MARRIED.

December 6.—Samuel L. Gillen and Mary Virginia Taylor.
" 15.—Clarence W. M. Nicholls and Lillie A. Dillon.

BURIED.

December 1.—Hettie Stoddard.
" 4.—Roger Frank Christiansen.
" 8.—Caroline Hein.
" 14.—Stephen Flanagan.
" 21.—Isabella Glasgow Reukauff.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

For Special Church Work Fund:		
From Mr. McKean,	$ 50.00	
" The Misses Holman,	50.00	
" Mr. John Blakely,	50.00	$150.00
For Missionary Box Committee		126.46
" Colored Missions,		109.80
" Aged and Infirmed Clergy,		278.45
" Sunday School Festival,		152.75
" General Charities,		126.33
Special for Poor,		15.00
" "		10.00
" "		5.00
Total,		$973.79

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY. And in order that it may be a *happy* New Year, all will agree, it should be a *good* New Year. And in order to secure this there will be, at this time, as always at the opening of a year, many a vow registered. This is the season for "swearing off." Why is it that the phrase excites a smile? Surely there is nothing ludicrous in the fact of a man determining that he will be, in some small particular, a better man this year than he was last. One resolves at New Year that he will stop smoking, stop drinking too much, stop eating too much, stop swearing, stop lying, will keep his temper, will not run in debt, will stay home nights, will be "honest in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." There is nothing absurd in all or any of these, or of such like, yet people do smile at New Year resolutions. Why?

It is because there is likely to be in them such a thinly disguised attempt at self-deception. One has been fighting with one's self, off and on, for months, and has been worsted. Now he says, "I'll outflank myself; I'll cut round a corner and head myself off; I'll tie myself up with a vow, so that when the next temptation comes it will find me bound so that I will not be able to follow its beckoning finger. I am not strong enough to meet Satan and withstand him, and bid him get behind me; but I can drive a stake in the ground and tie myself to it so that when he comes (and I know he will come) he will not be able to drag me after him."

You poor, silly creature! You will drive the stake in the solid ground, will you? Oh, no; that is just what you do not do. You set the stake up and you bind yourself to it, but you cannot fasten it so that it will not fetch away. For a little while you are so proud of your new invention that you stand fast and hold up your vow, fancying all the while that it is holding you, but presently you get tired, or you forget, and the temptation carries you off, stake and all. And you knew perfectly well all the while that that would be the result. And everybody else knew it, and that's why they smiled at you; and the Devil knew it, and that's why he grinned.

How silly it all is! You feel yourself in your little boat, drifting slowly down in a current of evil which is too strong for you, and you throw out an anchor with a cable too short to reach bottom, or you find a friend who in his boat is drifting the same way, and you tie your boat to his! You "swear off" together!

Don't you see that if you want to stop the drift you must make fast to something solid?

Can any such thing be found?

There is only one abiding thing in the universe, and that is God. Nothing is stable except in Him. Here is the connection between *Religion* and right living. It is the attempt on the part of one who seeks righteousness to get outside of himself.

Do you want, therefore, to "swear off" from an evil habit? Then make your vow, and "*take your Sacrament on't.*" Do you want to escape from the thrall of lust? Then fix and keep an hour of daily prayer. Do you want to break away from these petty infirmities of disposition and temper? Then begin family prayers. Do you want to break off drink? Then fold your hands when you set down at table and ask God's blessing on your meat and drink. Do you want your life to be clean and wholesome week-days? Then go to church and say your prayers on Sunday. Do you really wish for a clean body and a clean soul? Then feed on the body and blood of God.

Thus your New Year will be happy, for it will be good.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Reports to the Benevolent Society for the year ending November 30th, 1891, that it now numbers one hundred and sixty-one members, and out of that number one hundred and twenty have sent in contributions for the year. *They* have sent in so gen-

erously that we have never been so well supplied, and will be enabled to give more liberally than ever before (and sometimes we have been ashamed of our scanty gifts).

The balance of garments from 1890 was	437
And we have received during the year	840
Making a total of	1,277
Out of these we have given:	
To individuals	345
To visiting nurses societies	20
To missionary box societies	72
To Polyclinic Hospital	24
To Parish School	18
To Children's Friend Society	7
To Sheltering Arms	32
To Colored School at New Berne.	34
Total	492

This leaves us with a balance of 785 garments, and yet there are many necessary articles for both men and women that we are entirely without. Our large balance is due in great measure to the mild weather; just so soon as the pinching cold comes on, there will be no end to the demands, and we do not deal with beggars, but a better class who will not make their necessities known until in actual suffering and distress.

We call this our fourth annual statement, but we have not been organized quite four years, and in that time we have received:

Garments received	2,690
" given away	1,905

We are most grateful to our *members* for their confidence and generosity, and sincerely hope during the present year that no *one* of our members will forget us.

All contributions are received every Monday morning at the Parish School Building by the Committee in charge, between the hours of 10.30 and 12.30 P. M., or at any time they can be sent or left at 9 S. 10th St., if marked for the Garment Committee, and with name of sender.

Monday, January 4th,—Mrs. Stratton.
" " "—Miss Stoddard.
" " 11th,—Miss Bell.
" " "—Mrs. Lammott.
" " 18th,—Mrs. Reinboth.
" " "—Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 25th,—Mrs. Arnold.
" " "—Mrs. Lundy.

Contributors during the month of December:

Anable, Mrs. Wm.	Dickson, Miss M.
Anable, Miss	Dickson, Miss S. A.
Caldwell, Mrs. J. A.	Magee, the Misses
Crawford, Mrs. G. L.	Missionary Box Society.
Cash,	Musgrove, Miss T. C.
	Stevenson, Miss

Garments received during the month of November	37
" distributed " " " " "	77

THANKS TO THE KIND FRIENDS who have remembered the little ones. We hope to give them their Christmas treat after New Year. There is always so much going on Christmas week, that it was thought best to wait until later. Saturday, December 13th, Mr. Kellar very kindly entertained eighty-six of our poor children at Egyptian Hall. Special seats were reserved for them, and at two o'clock the children all went in orderly, and anxious to see what was coming. Great was their delight when they saw the pretty flowers grow; the Ghost in the Cabinet pleased them much, and many curious questions were asked. Just before leaving Mrs. Kellar presented each child with an orange, which materialized out of an empty basket. All went home happy, thinking Mr. Kellar a wonderful man and a very kind one.

The children don't forget the pleasant times they have had other years, and many have been inquiring if we are not going to have something. One lovely little girl, of whom we have just heard, cried all Christmas Day because there was no Christmas at her house. The father was out of work, and there was not a cent in the house to buy anything for the children. This was a respectable American family. Many such cases come to the knowledge of the Society, but its present funds will not warrant much in the way of their relief, except to brighten the lives of the children, and add such little comforts as we are able.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society:

December 3d.—	Mrs. S. E. Russel,	$1 00
" 8th.—	Mr. E. L. P.,	1 00
" 15th.—	Miss Stevenson,	2 00
" 16th.—	Mrs. N. T. Clapp,	5 00
" 21st.—	Mrs. Semple,	5 00
" 23d.—	Mrs. Lathrop,	1 00
" 23d.—	From a Friend,	50
" 25th.—	Mr. Samuel Moore,	5 00
" 25th.—	Mrs. Albert Pancoast,	5 00

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will hold their next meetings January 6th and January 20th, in Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

December 22d, Christmas packages were taken to St. Christopher's Children's Hospital, Lawrence and Huntingdon streets, by members of the Circle.

Christmas Eve four large baskets, with all sorts of good things and small gifts, were sent to very poor families, which would not have had any Christmas at all.

One small boy, on returning empty basket, said mamma was almost crazy when she saw the basket.

December 17th, through the kindness of Mr. Hall, the King's Daughters were invited in a body to an entertainment of Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works, which all enjoyed very much.

THE FOLLOWING pathetic letter from a Colored Missionary will speak for itself:

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 24, 1891.

DEAR MRS. ARRISON:—I am enclosing, through you, for the Committee, a letter, the presenting of which I must ask you to use your discretion.

I am writing this letter to you about another matter. I am sorry to bother you with my troubles, but after reading this you will learn my reason for writing it. Though we do not know each other, yet I am appealing to your sympathy as a mother in Christ.

I am a widower with five children. Having heard that men were wanted in the Mission Field in this country to labor for the Master among my race, in our dear Church, I made great sacrifice and came to this country four and one-half years ago, bringing with me strong recommendations and leaving my dear children, three boys and two girls, in Demerara, with their aunt, my deceased wife's sister, till I am able to send for them.

Unfortunately for us, she died, after a few days' illness, on the 5th of last July. I have no person to take care of the children where they are, so I shall have to send for them during next Spring.

Messrs. Armstrong & Co., ship agents in New York, with whom I have corresponded, and told my troubles, promised to have them brought over to New York for one hundred dollars ($100), which amount I must remit in advance. The train fares from New York to this part of the country, the General Agent told me, will cost $130 more. This mission, of which I have charge, is a new and struggling one. The people are very poor and are making sacrifices to defray the small current expenses. The white Episcopalians are not many, but their Guilds promised to give me about $30. I have no money, and no friend in this country to whom I can appeal. I only trust fully in the dear Master, believing that He would open the heart of some kind and benevolent Christian to help in bringing to me those dear children who are so far off.

Rev. T. G. Harper, who is now in England, wrote me a week ago, advising me to appeal to you. Hence I take the liberty to do so. He promised to write you on my behalf during Christmas tide. You may hear from him early next month.

I earnestly beg that you would take my case and appeal into consideration and that you and your friends who love the Master so well will give me all the aid you can to bring to me those dear children who are so far away from me, without proper care and oversight and causing me so much grief.

I believe that God is righteous and that He will not forget to repay tenfold those who may help me. May His Holy Spirit move your heart with tender compassion to do for me what lieth in your power.

Any suggestion you can make, or advice you can give me will be gratefully and thankfully received.

Wishing you and yours many blessings during this season,

I am, Yours truly and distressed,

B. I. JACK.

SELECTIONS.

I DESIRE TO SAY SOMETHING of the same sort about the different methods by which people propose to bring about a visible and real unity among Christians. The time, it seems to me, has gone by when anybody attaches much importance to a state of things which, within even our memory, loomed once into very great significance on the ecclesiastical horizon; whether we should or should not take part in meetings and actions of the American Bible Society: whether the rope of sand, feebler than the old confederation of the thirteen States, miscalled the Evangelical Alliance, should have our countenance and support. Questions like these, I think, have passed out of sight in the clear conviction that this momentary union, which covered a deep-seated and permanent separation, broke to the heart the promise which it made to some ears. And that, in itself, seems to me a matter of very real thankfulness. For the first step toward the attainment of a real thing is dissatisfaction with unreality. A man's pursuit of the great things of life does not begin until the days are over when a child felt itself busy, playing with a bubble or pursuing a butterfly. In reaching for the more substantial satisfaction of actual unity, some people are disposed to give a *quasi* recognition to non-Episcopal clergymen, not only by inviting them to preach in their churches, but by taking part with them in union meetings for various purposes of one kind and another; and I am bound, however I may differ from the methods pursued, to respect the underlying purpose which, however mistaken in the means, has undoubtedly a holy motive, which may not be despised. That is to say, I thoroughly respect and sympathize with the end that is proposed, while I differ entirely from the means that are applied; but again I say, it seems to me unjust, unwise, ungenerous, unsafe to attack bitterly the loyalty of these men to the Church.

I believe there are instances and occasions when it may be very wise for us to join with the ministers and the members of the religious denominations in condemnation of some great public evil, or in some pursuit of some great public good. I felt myself, if I may say so without egotism, honored to co-operate with the Ministerial Association of Albany, of which I am not a member and with which I never met before, in the onslaught which we made together and successfully against the evasion under the pretense of religion or philanthropy of the laws of the State of New York against gambling, which goes on continually in fairs and bazaars, held sometimes by religious bodies and sometimes by benevolent associations, "doing evil that good may come." And I have not hesitated to ask in one instance a clergyman to speak, not in his clerical character, but as the Secretary of the Prison Reform Association, in the Cathedral, about the work of that association. It seems to me that intelligent men can see and draw the line. And I cannot see how any advance

is made towards even a kindlier and closer relation among Christians of various names by giving them access to the pulpit when it is perfectly understood that by the very fundamental charter of the Church in her prayer-book and constitution none of us can or would dare to ask those men to minister at the altar.

The subject is a very large one and reaches out into very many directions and has varied and interesting applications.

I am free to say to you, as your bishop, that when the opportunity offers for joint action with those who are not actually of us in public matters and moral issues I believe we ought to take advantage of it. And in dealing with an institution which is growing more and more into prominence in this country—The Young Men's Christian Association—I believe that instead of denouncing it, or falling in with its new plans of separate service of worship and preaching, if we can keep such hold upon the men who are controlling it as to influence them to confine it to its own legitimate lines of Christian beneficence and to prevent it from its evident tendency to intrude into the teaching functions of the Church, we shall do wisely and well. Meanwhile the value of this Church as a factor in the great problem of the restored unity of Christendom, with most respectful recognition of the work of other bodies, and with the entire abstainence from the bitterness of controversy against them or among ourselves, is, I believe, to stand fast in our old ways; to sit still and see the salvation of GOD; to illustrate by our lives, our earnestness, our intelligent reason, the principles we hold; and to attract the restless and uncertain movements of religious life towards that which, because it is ancient and of divine authority, can afford to possess itself in patience.

It is quite true that this Church, which we call the Episcopal Church, is relatively small, compared with what we call Roman Episcopalianism, or with non-Episcopal Protestantism. But it is also true, as against the numerical claim of Protestantism even in our century, that the enormous proportion of Christians in the world to-day are under episcopal government; and, as against all claims, it is true that a larger number of persons come to us from the various religious bodies, than to any other body of Christians in America.

And I believe it is a matter worth our while to realize, that the question of the importance of the institution called the Church does not turn upon a single text in the Bible, but on the drift of our Lord's teachings; that it does not depend upon theoretical interpretations of the Bible, but upon the practical working of Christianity in the world, as begun by those whom the Master made its founders after Him; and that for Churchmen the witness of the Prayer Book is binding upon us, in the Preface to the Ordinal, in the ordination office, in the Litany, in the Ember prayers, in the collect for St. Peter's Day, in the institution office; above all, in the Nicene definition of the Church as one in its unchangingness, Catholic in its lineal connection with the Church of the upper room and the mountain of the Ascension; with the Church to which men were added by Holy Baptism, in which St. Peter and St. John and St. Paul laid on hands for the giving of the Holy Ghost, in which men continued steadfastly in the doctrine as well as the "fellowship of the apostles, and in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers." Over against all theories of baptism as a sort of continued Jewish rite stands the fact of the commission to the disciples, which is the charter of Christ's continued presence and work in the world. Christian baptism with water, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," is the divinely appointed method of making disciples. And over against all imaginings that the Church is not made prominent in the New Testament Scriptuies, is the fact that our Lord preached, as did St. Philip after Him and all the rest, the kingdom of God as inseparable from the name of Jesus Christ, that His whole life was spent, not in winning multitudes, but in founding a ministry; and that the theory of a head without a body or of a body without a head, that is of Jesus Christ without the Church, or of the Church without Christ, is alike monstrous and impossible.—*Bishop Doane, Convention Address.*

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St. Stephen's Church.

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REV. S. D. MCCONNELL, D. D., *Rector*,
1318 Locust Street.
REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEKDAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10 30 A. M.

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Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
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Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
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Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
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Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Gill,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Whiting,

Mrs. Lammot.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid,	Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy,	Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Mrs. Lammot,

Mrs. Arnold.

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FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Miss Selden, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Sanford, Miss Thompson,
Miss Berger, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Flora V. Stuard.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis.

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President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—Scott Crawford.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—John Seed.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Leonard, 4300 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Mrs. Johnson, Miss Whitney,
Miss Emory.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

CALENDAR.

February 2.—Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 7.—5th Sunday after Epiphany.
" 14.—Septuagesima Sunday.
" 21.—Sexagesima Sunday.
" 24.—St. Matthias.
" 28.—Quinquagesima Sunday.
March 2.—Ash-Wednesday.

PARISH RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

BAPTIZED.

January 30.—Sarah Morgan.
" 31.—Alice Edith Hart.
" 31.—Emma Kino.

MARRIED.

January 21.—Henry Starr Richardson and Clara Alice Ulrick.

BURIED.

January 4.—Samuel S. Moore.
" 7.—Bernard Christian Cleeman.
" 13.—Bertha Kirkpatrick.
" 13.—Mary Ann Heath.
" 27.—Mary Hamilton Alricks.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

For Special Charity Fund:		
" Mr. Moore, ...	$20 00	
" Mr. Fuller, (For Coal for poor)	50 00	
		$70 00
For Foreign Missions, ...		152 33
" Altar Society, ...		105 81
" Girls' Friendly Society, ...		10 00
" Female Benevolent Society, . . .		5 00
" General Charities, ...		487 75
Total,		$836 89

OFFERTORIES IN FEBRUARY.

February 21st, For Diocesan Missions.
" 28th, For Sunday-school.
Other Sundays, For General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

LENT BEGINS THIS YEAR with Ash Wednesday, March 2d. The arrangement of the services will be the same as on previous years. Morning Prayer daily, at 11, and Evening Prayer, at 5. There will be a confirmation lecture or instruction at the Wednesday and Friday afternoon services. The offertory on Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings will be for the Missionary Box Committee. During Lent there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday.

THE BISHOP HAS APPOINTED Tuesday morning in Holy Week, April 12, for *Confirmation* in this Parish. Confirmation means two things: *First*, that therein a man or woman reports him or herself to the society, called the Church, as one who seeks the same thing that it does, that is to say, righteousness, and wishes to identify himself with the society which God has established to this end.

Second, that therein the Bishop, as the representative of the whole Church, lays his hand upon the head of the candidate and implores the gift of God's Holy Spirit to confirm and keep him steadfast in his resolution toward goodness.

Those therefore who should be confirmed are simply those who wish for *goodness*. Not those who have attained to it, but those who wish for it.

The qualifications are: *First*, that one should believe the Apostles' Creed, *i.e.*, that he should be a believer in Christianity; and, *second*, that he should be ready to make a deliberate promise that he "will, by the help of God, lead a sober, righteous and godly life."

All such persons should be confirmed. It is not a matter of choice, it is a matter of duty. It is a place where one has no more right to choose than he has a right to choose whether or not he will pay his taxes or do his duty. The obligation of it is settled in advance, and the only question such an one has the right to ask is, "Am I ready to do my duty in this way, or do I intend, without sufficient excuse, to refuse"?

The clergy of the parish will be ready to meet any one half way, or the whole way, or to go to them concerning this matter upon the slighest intimation. There will be instructions upon the nature and obligation of church membership, and upon those things which a Christian ought to know and do, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 5 o'clock. There will be also a Confirmation Class for younger people in the Guild Hall on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7.45 o'clock.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the Altar on Sunday morning, February 21st. This annual offering has come to be a well known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's. For sake of those who have come to the parish within the year we will explain the way it is done.

On Sunday morning, February 14th, the Rector will preach about Diocesan Missions. During

the week which follows every family will be waited upon by a committee of gentlemen among whom the parish has been districted for this purpose. The committee *simply calls to receive offerings* of those who give. They will make no argument or appeal of any kind. The Rector will do all that publicly. Of course the committee will be courteously received by all well-bred people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is equal to $5 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling handful of people are much the better off.

Of course there are many in the parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have, given far more than the amount so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the collectors will be by them placed in the alms-basins, Sunday, February 21st.

MR. JOSEPH CLAYTON, sexton of this church, and *Undertaker*, has removed to No. 225 S. Eleventh street. We wish most heartily to commend him as one who thoroughly understands both his professions. It would scarcely be true to say that an undertaker who knows his business can draw the sting from death, but it is certainly true that one who does not understand it is sure to add an additional pang. We sincerely hope that no member of this Parish will have need of an undertaker for many a day, but against the coming of that day we venture to recommend this man, who knows how to do his office with decency and propriety.

THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY has now on hand a large number of gingham aprons, flannel skirts, towels and dusters,—Such things as the poor women who cannot do fine sewing can make. They would like very much to sell them, because the closet is too full, and because the treasurer needs money to carry on the work.

For sale in the Guild room on Tuesday mornings from half-past ten until one o'clock, and on Wednesday mornings from half-past eleven until one o'clock.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

For the benefit of those members who are making inquiry as to what we most stand in need of, we will suggest unbleached canton flannel drawers for children (varied in size) either with or without waists, children's night-gowns either white or unbleached, all sizes, and dark calico dresses with lining about the shoulders and sleeves. For women flannel petticoats and flannel sacques, dark calico skirts with sacques to match, and for men heavy winter trousers. We have many articles on hand, the accumulation of four years, that are very seldom called for and yet good enough in themselves, but of really substantial clothing that would be useful to the poor some garments we are entirely without, and in others no choice in size.

All contributions received every Monday morning at the Parish School Building by the committee in charge, between the hours of 10.30 and 12.30 P. M, or at any time they can be sent or left at 9 S. Tenth St., if marked for the Garment Committee and with name of sender.

Monday, February 1st.—Miss Cleeman, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 8th.—Miss Stoddard, Miss Bell.
" " 15th.—Mrs. Lammott, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 22nd.—Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Arnold.
" " 29th.—Mrs. Lundy, Miss Cleeman.

Contributors during the month of January:

Arrison, Mrs. J. M.,
Bunker, Mrs. E. L.,
Christopher, Miss,
Clapp, Mrs. N. B.,
Cochran, Mrs. Wm.,
Communicant,
Cornish, Mrs. T. E.,
Evans, Mrs. J. H.,
Flanagan, Mrs. C. L.,
Goforth, Miss E.,
Hine, Mrs. E. C.,
Johns, Mrs.,
Kelly, Mrs.,
Lathrop, Mrs. F.,
Lewis, Miss M. J.,
Lippincott, Mrs.,
Lundy, Mrs.,
Lundy, Miss,
Magee, Miss A. J.,
Missionary Box Society,
Molloy, Mrs.,
Parke, Mrs. J. G.,
Parmalee, Mrs. M. M.,
Semple, Mrs. M.,
Stroup, Miss S.,
Swayne, Mrs. W. R.,
Watson, Mrs. W. C.,
Wiegand, Mrs. A.,
Wilkins, Miss.

Garments received during January, . . . 155
" distributed " " 81

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE desires the congregation to know something of their work, and therefore reports that four boxes have been packed and sent, one to Colorado, one to Michigan, one to South Carolina, and one to Wyoming. The following extracts, from letters received, will give some idea of what has been done, and how the boxes have been welcomed.

GOLDEN, COL., Dec. 8, 1891.

MY DEAR MADAME:—Received your kind letter and check for eight dollars, and I am very grateful to your ladies for this help which will greatly encourge me in my work. I shall spend part on myself and part for my Sunday-school, and so your kindness will help to make a good many happy at Christmas. The presents we give to our children will be suitable books, and with what money we have, and your help, each child will receive some useful book.

My work is hard having two churches, and one forty miles from here, and both congregations small and poor, but we know our work can never be in vain and that it is true nothing is lost. It may be my work to sow, another's to reap, yet we are told both will rejoice together when we meet in Paradise.

You can never realize my feelings of thankfulness unless you could be situated exactly in my position. Our work in Colorado is slow, but we are making progress and I feel confident that by patience and hard work many of our poor parishes will in a few years be able to support their own Rector. Some of our parishes will ever be small and poor, and the Rector will always have to do missionary work.

Yours very gratefully,

W. G. COOTE.

THE RECTORY,
GOLDEN, COL., December 16, 1891.

MY DEAR MADAME:—The missionary box has arrived, and all its numerous contents are here in good order. Words can never convey my feelings when I saw things in the box, all useful and valuable. Only One above can understand how deep is my gratitude and how indebted I feel to you all. Never did I ever dream I should receive such a handsome present. My mind is at rest for a considerable time to come in reference to my external wants, and by the books can add to my knowledge. Well this great kindness bids me go forward in my work and encourages me in all I undertake to do for our Church. Those who never require help can never realize the joy of those who get the help such require.

Please convey to each lady who has been so liberal to me my sincere thanks, and my deepest gratitude, and God grant your Christmas may be as happy as mine, and that His smile broad and bright may ever rest upon you all.

Yours gratefully,

W. G. COOTE.

ST. THOMAS', RAWLINS, WYO., January 2, 1892.

MY DEAR ———:—I yesterday received a letter from Miss Emery, secretary to the Woman's Auxiliary, dated November 26th, telling me that you were purposing doing the very kind act of sending us a missionary box. I have already told you how much, how very much, my wife and I appreciate your goodness and kindness to us, and I wish you could realize what a real boon this help will be to us, living here is tremendously expensive and the knocking about one has to do is decidedly rough on clothes, and I have been wondering a little as to where I was going to get some more.

However, the blank form sent me by Miss Emery, and which I now return filled up, relieves me of all anxiety on that score. With reference to the other blank form, sent by Miss Emery, I have handed it to my wife who will write to you therewith and thereon. Again thanking you with all my heart and wishing you every blessing and happiness for the New Year.

Believe me, very faithfully yours, EDW. H. PARNELL.

ST. THOMAS' RECTORY, RAWLINS, WYO., Jan. 14, 1892.

MY DEAR ———:—My wife and I desire to thank you again and again for your kind letter. It does seem to us to be so generous of you all to think of the comfort of us so far off, and so entirely unknown to you. We are from the far East, and it does seem that by coming out to the wild West we are certainly able to realize to the fullest extent how that we are all one body in Christ Jesus, and that if one member suffers all the members suffer with it. I suppose you have heard from Mrs. Neilson how we are situated here on Uncle Sam's backbone, where the stormy winds do blow, blow, blow all the year round and all is sandy, bleak, bare and barren, but our little town is thriving, we have about 2000 inhabitants, mostly railway men and their families, while we are visited a great deal by sheep men and cattle men from the surrounding ranches. Since I have been here the congregations have considerably increased and we have commenced to restore the church, at present I am very busy organizing a men's club. Of course the work is very up hill, that is only to be expected, and sometimes, I am sorry to say, I get a little disheartened, but when such kindness as that of your committee comes and sheds a bright ray of sympathetic kindness across my path, then I get fresh courage and go upon my way rejoicing.

My wife joins with me in saying that while we fully appreciate your kindness in asking us if there is anything more we need, we would not think of asking for another single thing, we were very much afraid we had trespassed too far on your generosity already. We shall indeed appreciate the curtains very highly. Some of the second-hand clothing you mention, especially for girls, will be most welcome. We have one poor woman here with three girls who will be very glad of such kind help. Otherwise, we have no poor families in the ordinary sense of the term, and we have no rich ones. My wife joins with me in kindest regards.

Believe me, very faithfully yours, EDW. H. PARNELL.

ST. STEPHEN'S RECTORY,
357 MULLETT ST., DETROIT, Dec. 30, 1891.

DEAR MISS ——— :—The box you sent on the 14th, arrived last evening and was opened this morning, and I feel that I must say this, it is by far the best box I have ever received, everything sent is of use, and I can only tell you of a few things that were specially appreciated. The three books by your rector I had long wished for, and I think it was a very kind and thoughtful act on the part of some one to enclose them. The overcoats fitted as if made to order, and the shoes with one exception, my oldest boy's, and he was perfectly elated with the magic lantern. In a word, the toys will not only gladden my home but many others at New Year's, who were not recipients at Christmas. My wife was much pleased with her dress, the table linen, the web of cotton and all the made-up articles, and a small basket containing pins, etc., so useful to the mothers of any home, the blankets, sheets and pillow cases are of great use to us, and without going into fuller details, I can only add on behalf of my wife and family, we tender to the ladies, who so kindly remembered us, our very sincere and heartfelt thanks, and with all good wishes for the New Year.

I am yours truly in Christ, EDWARD COLLINS.

THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S treat, given by the Children's Friend Society, January 13th, was one of the most enjoyable entertainments the children have had.

Although the weather was very stormy three hundred children had gathered in the Sunday-school room by half-past seven o'clock, all eager to see what Prof. Hoy had to show them. Magic, Punch and Judy, and Marionettes all came in turn, each one pleasing and delighting them more and more.

The children could not understand how it was that Punch, on looking around the room, knew them, and called several of the little girls and boys by name.

Prof. Hoy could not have done more to make these little ones have a good time, which they certainly had judging from their laughter, and the remarks that those we have met since have made about it, such as: It was elegant, or grand, or beautiful, or lovely, and one little German girl said, "She was *satisfied* with it."

At the conclusion of the entertainment oranges were given to the children. The music necessary for the Marionettes was kindly furnished by Mr. David Fitler, whose performance on the banjo was highly appreciated.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society:

January	1st.—Mrs. Kelly,	$1 00
"	4th.—Miss Riechner,	1 00
"	4th.—Mrs. M. E. Love,	2 00
"	9th.—Mr. W. Patton,	10 00
"	15th.—From a Friend,	5 00
"	20th.—Mrs. Anna Kelly,	2 00
"	22d.—Mrs. D. L. Hopper,	1 00
"	28th.—Miss Kate Burton,	5 00
"	22d.—Master Lawrence Colfelt,	50
	Total	27 50

Four knitted caps from a Friend.
Clothing from Garment Society.
Box of oranges from Mrs. Tomson and daughters.

New contributing members for 1892.

Miss Alice Kelly, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Russell.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will hold their next meetings February 3d and February 17th, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

On the evening of January 6th an entertainment was given to the King's Daughters. Mr. Thomas L. Perot exhibited a beautiful collection of photographic lantern slides, principally from views taken by himself. Through the kindness of Miss Cowan, who secured the assistance of several of her friends, a number of fine musical selections were rendered. A varied programme of songs, piano and cornet solos added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

REV. S. D. McCONNELL, D. D., *Rector*,
1318 Locust Street.
REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. CRAWFORD ARNOLD, *Rector's Warden.*

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Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

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" Evening " " 5 P. M.
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" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.30 o'clock.
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HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Early Communion every Sunday, 7.15 A. M., except first in the month.
Wednesday, 4.30 P. M. } With Address by Warden.
Friday, 7.30 P. M. }
Daily Services as usual.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Borda,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Burns,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Gill,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Whiting,

Mrs. Lammot.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann.

Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.
Teachers.

Miss Langton, Mrs. Hein,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Mrs. M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Washington.
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Emily E. Borie,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Sholl, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Pratt, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—Scott Crawford.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—John Seed.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Miss Leonard, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Miss Whitney, Miss Emory.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

CALENDAR.

March 2—Ash-Wednesday.
" 6—1st Sunday in Lent.
" 13—2d " "
" 20—3d " "
" 25—Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 27—4th Sunday in Lent.

PARISH RECORD FOR FEBRUARY.

BAPTIZED.

February 15.—William Theodore Hildenbrand.
" 17.—William Joseph Peters.

BURIED.

February 29—Henry F. Wilson.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For Russian Famine Sufferers,	$600 00
" Diocesan Missions,	1518 86
" Lenten Sewing,	20 00
" Female Benevolent Society,	10 00
" Girls' Friendly Society,	5 00
" Sunday-schools,	146 45
" General Charities,	167 78
Total,	$2468 09

OFFERTORIES IN MARCH.

Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons, for Missionary Box Committee.
March 20th, Domestic Missions.
" 27th, Home for Deaconesses.
Other Sundays, General Charities.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING SOME PIECES OF JEWELRY marked "For the Red Cross, from a poor woman," was found in the offertory last Sunday. It was forwarded to Drexel &. Co. for the Russian Famine Sufferers, and by them returned to the Rector with the notification that they could not use it for that purpose. He has it now, and would be glad to return it to the devoted giver.

A "QUIET DAY" FOR WOMEN, will be held on the second Thursday in Lent, March 10, 1892, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Walnut and Nineteenth streets, Philadelphia, to be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, S. T. D., Bishop of Pittsburgh. Services from 9.30 A. M. to 1 P. M., and from 2.30 to 5 P. M.

Holy Communion at 9.30 A. M.

A CONFERENCE OF CHURCHWOMEN will be held in the Lecture Room of the Church of the Holy Trinty, on the Second Friday in Lent, March 11th. Morning session from 10 A. M. to 12.30 P. M. Topics:

1. Clubs for Working Girls.
2. The Responsibility of Christian Women in Social Life.

Afternoon session, 2.30 o'clock. A Woman's Responsibility in regard to Missionary Work.

THE REV. DR. DONALD in urging the Endowment of the Church of the Ascension in New York has anticipated some things which the Rector of this Parish had intended to say to this people. What he says is this:

"Why has this Church never been endowed? It is because it has always been regarded as a "rich church." But it has never been that. A rich church is a church whose *assured income* is equal to its wise and economical expenditures. If it have not that, then it is poor, though its doors be thronged by Crœsus and all the rest. Every missionary from the West and South tells me, as he pleads with me for help, 'Your Church is so very rich!' The popular idea is that 'rich churches' need no endowment. And so what happens? We read every week of large bequests to Hospitals, Asylums, Dispensaries, Homes,

Schools, Colleges—every form of charitable and religious work—*but never of a bequest to the parishes that have educated the people in the principles of that charity which led them to make their bequests.* It is a strange and significant fact. The Parishes support all these agencies by direct gift and by nurturing the benevolent spirit which bequeaths them rich gifts, but the Parishes themselves are passed by. We have the noble feeling that it is more truly a charitable act to leave or to give money to a hospital than to a Parish. But it is time—high time—to point out that he who endows, or helps to endow, a Parish is really endowing every good work of the city, for out of the Parishes is to come in the future, as in the past, the yearly support without which many an institution must languish and die. The Hospitals of this city have received from this Parish, for six years,* the interest at four per cent. of $15,000. And out of all the Parishes of the city comes the interest on $700,000 to the support of these same Hospitals. *The endowment of a Parish is a double endowment, for it supports the worship of the Church, and ensures that a stream of benevolence shall flow out of it to every worthy cause that seeks the welfare of the town.*"

* St. Stephen's pays annually to Hospitals and Charitable Institutions an amount equal to the interest, at 5 per cent., on a capital of $30,000.

WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO in the matter of bringing their sons and daughters to Church, and to Confirmation? It is often assumed that this is so perplexing a question that it must be allowed practically to remain unanswered. It has difficulties to be sure—indeed parentage is attended with embarrassments—but we venture to think that the difficulty here is just about the same that it is in any other direction. The key to it is this: while your children are children they will, as a rule, do the things you *want* them to do. If, therefore, they do not go to church, and do not come to Confirmation at that age when they are just leaving childhood behind them, it is because you, their fathers and mothers, do not *want* them to do so. This is as the rule. Of course there are exceptions. It is possible for parents to be so anxious about a child's religious training that they press him so hard that he revolts. That is possible. It is not very uncommon to hear a man say "I was dragged to church when I was a child until I got sick of it." In a very few cases this is true. But in many more cases a very slight acquaintance with the man who speaks so will show that he is one whom a very little religion is sufficient to make sick, that probably he was so when he was a child, and that probably his parents were quite right in "dragging him to church," as he expresses it, and that their good intentions failed on account of the intractable material with which they had to deal. But, be that as it may, every body knows that the danger now is all the other way. If you *wish* your children to have the support and stay which the Christian Church can alone give to their lives, you may depend upon it they will be likely to be more than willing. It will not need any exercise of authority, any urging. It will come just as naturally as their education or their manners. But you have no more reason to expect that your child will care for religion if you do not, than that he will be well bred if you are vulgar, that he will be honest if you are tricky. He may be all these, but if so it will be because he has better stuff in him than that which he directly inherits, or that other influences for good have been able to work upon him for good in spite of your indifference.

Have you, then, sons or daughters old enough to be confirmed at the Bishop's approaching? Will you bring them to the Rector? Will you say to them "Hadn't you better see the Rector about being confirmed this year?" If you yourself have without valid reason failed of this duty will you say to your children, "I think you and I ought to be confirmed this year?"

MRS. L. wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, a contribution of $5, from a gentleman in our congregation, for a lady in present need.

THE COMMITTEE on Lenten Sewing desire to thank the members of the congregation for money and material contributed for the work of this season. The cut garments will be ready for distribution, to any one applying, on Wednesday or Friday mornings immediately after the Church services.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

The Garment Committee is always most truly grateful, and will always most thankfully receive partially worn outside clothing for men, women and children; no one need be afraid of ever sending too much of it, even if requiring slight repairs, but *worn out* clothing of any kind is not in our line; we ask for two new garments from each one interested in this charity in the course of the year; good, plain, unbleached cotton, or woolen flannel, muslin or calico, knowing these to be the things needed by the respectable poor we tide along who, through sickness or temporary loss of occupation, are suffering for want of warm clothing. It is beneath the dignity of our Parish to offer to such applicants, ragged garments, and all the ladies forming the committee would be afraid of handling them, with a view of repairing in these days of infection and contagion, it is demoralizing also to the class we wish to keep respectable and prevent falling into pauperism; and two new garments to them suggests cleanliness and proper pride, while two ragged pieces is most suggestive of poverty, sickness, death and sorrow. Flannels that are shrunken coming to us clean; and outgrown, but not worn-out clothing, will always be gladly accepted. With the money given us in the month of January, by the person designated as cash, we have purchased just such articles as we require to the number of sixty, twenty-two for men, thirty-six for children and two for women.

All contributions received every Monday morning at the Parish School Building by the committee in charge, between the hours of 10.30 and 12.30 P. M, or at any time they can be sent or left at 9 S. Tenth St., if marked for the Garment Committee and with name of sender.

Monday, March 7th.—Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stoddard.
" " 14th.—Miss Bell, Mrs. Lammott
" " 21st.—Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 28th.—Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Lundy.
" April 4th.—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton.

Contributors during the month of February:

Bell, Miss J.,
Brisbane, Mrs.,
Cleemann, Miss,
Crombarger, Mrs. A. M.,
Dutilh, Miss,
Frescoln, Mrs. G.,
Goforth, Miss,
Hein, Miss,
Judson, Mrs. O.,
Kenworthy, Mrs. C. D.,
Lammott, Mrs.,
Lundy, Miss,
Magee, Miss
Molloy, Mrs. S.,
Newlin, Mrs. J.,
Olmsted, Mrs. E.,
Patton, Mr.,
Reinboth, Mrs. J.,
Richardson, Mrs. W. C.,
Roberts, Mrs. G. B.,
Rowland, Mrs. E.,
Sanders, Mrs.,
Sanders, Miss,
Sanders, Miss H.,
Sidford, Miss M. J.,
Stevenson, Miss E.,
Stratton, Miss A. R.,
Taylor, Mrs.
Wilkins, Miss M. S.

Garments received during February, . . . 159
" distributed " " . . . 88

THE BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH gave their first entertainment on the evening of February 19th, in the Sunday-school room. Great taste was displayed in the decorations, which were in the hands of a committee composed of Harry Christensen, chairman, Edgar W. Spackman, secretary, and the executive committee, John Seed and Wm. Brown. Among the features of the occasion were the following: A comedy sketch by Messrs. Fogg and Semly, which contributed largely toward the amusement of the audience; a recitation by Mr. Bodkin, which was greatly enjoyed; "Christmas Day in an English Workhouse," a violin solo by Miss Williams, a banjo duet by Messrs. MacBeath and MacAfee, a recitation by Miss Edith Howard, also one by Clyde Mendenhall, and a duet on the piano by Mr. and Miss Borie, also a baritone solo by Edgar W. Spackman, which was rewarded by a large bouquet of Chestnuts. The entertainment ended by everyone singing "The Star Spangled Banner," and it was universally voted that the evening had been a decided success.

PRESIDENT W. R. HARPER, of the University of Chicago, will give a course of four lectures, (instead of six as before announced) before the American Institute of Sacred Literature, as follows:

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1st and 2d, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8th and 9th. The lectures will be given in the lecture-room of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut streets, at 3.30 P. M., and at Oxford Presbyterian Church, Broad and Oxford sts., at 8 P. M.

Subject: The divine and human element in the first twelve chapters of Genesis.

A syllabus will be provided, giving a full outline of the course. These lectures will be especially

valuable for all who wish to get an insight into the problems of the Pentateuch.

Tickets for the four lectures, $1.50; in groups of ten or more, $1 each. Tickets may be had at the Church book-stores, and at the door.

Also, six studies by the Rev. Prof. John P. Peters, Ph. D., on The Messianic Prophecy of the Old Testament. Each Messianic passage will be studied in connection with its historical bearings, and the development of the Messianic idea will receive special attention.

This course will be given Thursdays at 3.30 P.M., April 21st to May 26th, 1892, in the lecture-room of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Tickets for the course, $2; in groups of 10 or more, $1.50.

WHAT SHALL WE DO for the children this month? was the question asked by the ladies of the Children's Friend Society. Give them a party, that means a good time.

February 24th was the date fixed upon, and long before 8 o'clock eighty-one children were in the Guild room, playing games and having a good time.

Favours were given them, and after much cracking it was an amusing sight to see how pretty some of them looked in their paper caps and bonnets.

Then came the ice cream and cake which all seemed to enjoy very much.

Those who are not working with us have not the least idea how much these poor children look forward to these monthly entertainments.

Ever since the ride in the street car up and down those that came a distance seem to enjoy. They talk of it for months and, when seen by any of the ladies, ask, "didn't we have a good time?"

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society:

Mrs. W. Knorr,	$1 00
Contributing members for 1892,	
Mrs. W. Knorr,	1 00
Miss Marion Knorr,	1 00
Mrs. Joseph Reinboth,	1 00
Total	$4 00

Donation of two cloth coats from Mrs. Joseph Reinboth.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS, called the Whatsoever Circle, are doing just what their hands find to do. February 17th thirty poor children were invited to the Parish House and entertained by them. Games of all sorts were played and a grab-bag brought out, which was filled with all sorts of funny toys and as each little hand went in and out roars of laughter were heard all over the room.

The children were willing to do their part towards entertaining, many sang and others recited their little pieces. Then it was time for tea, sandwiches and cakes which the girls had so kindly prepared for them.

Each little child received, on going home, a small bag of candy, and many of the children thanked for the good time they had.

Mrs. Hansel very kindly donated a large cake towards this entertainment, Mrs. Molloy bananas, Mrs. Bloomfield eight pounds of candy, and Miss Washington toys, each member of the Circle doing their part.

The King's Daughters will hold their next meetings March 2d and March 16th, in the Parish House, at half past seven o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

THAT extremes meet is a truth that every day endorses. But we question whether religious extremes were ever so closely united as by a sergeant in the English army who was marshaling some recruits for Church. He asked one to what denomination he belonged, and was told, "Plymouth Brother." Prompt and stern came the reply: "There ain't no such religion in the British Army. Fall in with the Roman Catholics." He must have been the same uncompromising individual who on a similar occasion ordered, "Church of England to the front. All fancy religions to the rear."

A PHILADELPHIA lady has sent Bishop Morris a check for $3,500 for the endowment of a bed in the Good Samaritan Hospital, at Portland, Oregon. This is the fifth bed in the hospital endowed by Philadelphians, at the aggregate cost of $16,000.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Early Communion every Sunday, 7.15 A. M., except first in the month.

Wednesday, 4.30 P. M. } With Address by Warden.
Friday, 7.30 P. M. }
Daily Services as usual.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
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FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Borda,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Burns,
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Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Gill,
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Mrs. Lammot.

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
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Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

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SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Arnold.

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FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
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Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

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Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

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Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Mrs. Hein,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Washington.
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Emily E. Borie,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Sholl, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Pratt, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss M. L. Wallace. Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—W. Scott Crawford.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—John Seed.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Reiter,
Miss Leonard, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Miss Whitney, Miss Emory.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

April 3—5th Sunday in Lent.
" 10—Sunday before Easter.
" 11—Monday before Easter.
" 12—Tuesday before Easter.
" 13—Wednesday before Easter.
" 14—Thursday before Easter.
" 15—Good Friday.
" 16—Easter-Even.
" 17—Easter-Day.
" 18—Monday in Easter-week.
" 19—Tuesday in Easter-week.
" 24—1st Sunday after Easter.
" 25—St. Mark.

PARISH RECORD FOR FEBRUARY.

MARRIED.

March 1—Theodore Winthrop Arms and Marielle Loughead.
" 9—Frank Allan Jack and Margaret Wilson Griffiths.

BURIED.

March 15—Thomas Hockley.
" 22—John M. Hesser.
" 25—Susannah King Turner.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Sunday-schools,	$146 45
" Diocesan Missions,	10 00
" Lenten Sewing,	5 00
" Domestic Missions,	220 03
" General Charities,	439 64
From Mrs. McKean,	50 00
" Mrs. Russell for Church at Glencoe, Minn.	100 00
For Missionary Box Committee,	168 84
Total,	$1139 96

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

April 10, Easter Decorations.
" 17, Easter-Day, "Endowment Fund."
" 24, Society for Increase of Ministry.
Other Sundays, General Charities.
Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons, in Lent, for Missionary Box Committee.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday Schools, Parish Day School and Burd Orphan Asylum, will be held in the Church on the first Sunday after Easter, at four o'clock.

THE OFFERTORY ON EASTER DAY, morning and afternoon, will be for the Endowment Fund; of course any gifts marked for other purposes will be so applied.

THE EASTER SERVICES will be as follows:

Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock.

Morning prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion, 11 o'clock.

Evening prayer and Sermon, 4 o'clock.

The pew holders and regular congregation will be admitted through the north transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the time of service; after which all unoccupied seats will be filled at once.

AT ONE OR OTHER of the celebrations on Easter-day it is confidently expected that every communicant will be present. To absent himself on this day cannot be regarded otherwise than a confession that he has fallen out of harmony with the movement of the Christian world. This, all sober-minded men will regard as a great misfortune. If he be wise he will at once ask himself whether the loss of relish which makes him indifferent to the feast be not due to his own spiritual ill-health? He may need food all the more *because* he has little or no appetite. It is an ancient and reasonable custom that on two days at least in the year, Christmas and Easter, the anniversaries of His birth and resurrection, all the members of the family should gather about His table. Let there be no vacant places.

THE BISHOP WILL CONFIRM at the morning service, Tuesday in Holy week, April 12th.

All those who expect to be Confirmed will meet the Rector on Friday, April 8th, immediately after the 5 o'clock service, to sign the Parish Register, and make final arrangements. The Rector begs to repeat that it will give him sincere pleasure to meet half-way, or the whole way, for that matter, any one who is thinking of Confirmation. He wishes also to point out that the question for every man and woman to ask is not "Why should I be confirmed?" but "What reasonable apology have I for not doing so?"

Seats will be provided for those candidates who have no regular places of sitting.

The ladies to be Confirmed, will come to the chancel bare-headed. The class will assemble at the chancel rail, and *remain standing* until the Rector gives them the signal to kneel. (The proper attitude for the *congregation* in the Confirmation office is to stand until the Bishop bids them to prayer.) There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion immediately after, at which all the newly Confirmed are expected to receive. (It is one of the "lesser morals" of the Church, that the consecrated Bread shall always be in an open, *ungloved* hand.)

Those to be Confirmed will, by some means, find a little time in the morning before coming to Church, to be alone with God, and ask His blessings upon what they are about to do.

THE OFFERTORY ON EASTER DAY will be for the *Endowment Fund*.

This fund for the future was begun last Easter by the offerings on that day amounting to about $1400. According to a Deed of Trust, executed by the Vestry a year ago, neither principal nor interest of this Endowment may be used until the principal reaches $50,000. After that, one-half the income may be used until the principal reaches $100,000. The same Deed provides that any one giving, by bequest or otherwise, $2,500 may endow a pew which shall forever have upon it any name he may select, which pew may be used, free of rent, by any person he may select. During the year, the Rector has been notified that wills have been drawn providing for the Endowment in this manner of *twenty* pews. In this connection he begs earnestly to call the attention of a number of parishioners to this matter who might well do likewise, but so far as he is informed, have not done so. There are a number of honored names which have been on the pew list of St. Stephen's for many years. Will not those who bear them see to it that those names may perpetually abide there? By so doing, they will leave their names behind them in the Church of God on earth after they have passed to the Church above. And, better than this, they will have provided for the welfare of their fellows for generations unborn. Of course if one really thinks that his heirs need all, and will thank him for all he has to leave, then leave it all to them by all means. But if he is not sure of that, then what better can he do than this with a part of it?

Of course the actual gifts at Easter are expected to be substantial ones. Heretofore they always have been. If there is any one thing which this Parish believes in, it is the avoidance of shams. It hates a sham offertory above all other things. It does not ask anyone to give one cent for any object which he does not believe in. But it asks the people to seriously consider such objects as are laid before them. If such objects commend themselves then to one's judgment and conscience, he is asked to help according to his ability, but *not* to make a pretense of giving if he does not want to.

This endowment for the future of the Parish is not likely to be of advantage to any of us, but it will prevent the disgraceful possibility of this church being compelled in the future to move away from a poor neighborhood where it is needed to a rich one where it is not needed.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society:

March 5—Mrs. William Wetherly,	$2 00
" 15—Through Dr. McConnell,	5 00
" 20—Mrs. Miller,	50
" 25—Mrs. W. Knorr,	1 00
" 26—Miss Spence,	50
Contributing members for 1892,	
Miss R. Liddel,	1 00
Mrs. Bowden,	1 00
Mrs. William Wetherly,	1 00
Total	$12 00

As the children did not have their usual monthly entertainment in March, it has been decided by the members of the Children's Friend Society, to give them an Easter entertainment the 20th of April, in the Sunday-school room at half past seven o'clock. Many of the children are asking if Easter will soon be here? for they have been told, that there would not be any entertainment for them until after Easter.

Members of the congregation have inquired of us, what are you doing for the little ones? Our answer is come and see on the evening of the 20th of April what we are doing, and what you have enabled us do.

Easter is all that is bright and beautiful to us and we want to make it so for the children. The entertainment will cost more than we generally give, and it would add greatly to the evening's enjoyment if we were able to give each child fruit or candy to carry home.

Will not some kind friend help us?

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS have met every Wednesday evening in the Guild room to do their Lenten sewing, and will continue to do so until all their work is finished.

The Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine Company have very kindly loaned one of their sewing machines, which has been quite a help to the girls.

April the 27th, the King's Daughters will have a "Clipping Party" in the Guild room of Parish House, the money which they get for their articles purchased will be used to take flowers, fruit, and other things to the sick in hospitals, and homes during the summer months. It is hoped that the congregation will encourage the girls by their presence and help. If you don't understand what a clipping party is come and see.

NOTES ON DEACONESS HOUSE.

The subject was brought before the Bishop in July, 1889.

In November, 1890, the house, 708 Spruce Street, was purchased. The mortgage, $8000, has just been paid off.

On Festival of Epiphany, 1891, the house was opened with a House Mother, and four students. This winter, the number has been twelve.

The duties of the students consist in their training in household matters, their training in the practical work of teaching, visiting the sick and poor, hospital work, Bible classes, mothers' meetings, work done in St. Mary and Alaska sheds, and in the prisons, in kitchens, gardens, sewing schools, church embroidery, and elsewhere. And in study, under an able faculty, on the Bible, Prayer Book, evidences, Church history, hygiene, cooking, nursing, etc.

These advantages are *all* intended, not only for the few students who live in the house, and who want to give their whole lives to church work, but also, *and in its origin, specially* for outside students, ladies living in their own homes, and keeping up with the duties of social life, who would yet gain inestimable benefit, by learning how to work *well*, and who can here have the advantages of better instruction, mental as well as spiritual.

Of the twelve students, *five* are about to become *candidates* for the Diaconate, the others are special students.

THE work of the Benevolent Society will close for the season next week. As a large number of garments and articles of necessary household use, remain unsold, the managers will hold a special sale in the Guild room on Wednesday the 6th of April, from 10 until 1 o'clock, to which the congregation is cordially invited.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE

Will close on the 18th of April. After that until we resume in October all applications must be made to the Rev. Dr. McConnell or Rev. Mr. Miller, when they will be attended to if possible. All those members anxious to send contributions purchased from the Benevolent Society have about two weeks in which to do so, as after that *it* will close until November. We have been very liberally supplied with exceedingly good and appropriate garments so far this year, which will enable us to extend our charities beyond where we have ever gone previously. With the additional gift from *Cash* we have purchased twenty-six garments for children.

To the male members of the congregation who are afraid of *moths* we will gladly come to the rescue and relieve them of all superfluous clothing, cleaning and putting it safely away in readiness for our early applicants in the Autumn.

All contributions received every Monday morning at the Parish School Building by the committee in charge, between the hours of 10.30 A. M. and 12.30 P. M, or at any time they can be sent or left at 9 S. Tenth St., if marked for the Garment Committee and with name of sender.

Monday, April 4th.—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 11th.—Miss Stoddard, Miss Bell.
" " 18th.—Mrs. Lammott, Mrs. Reinboth.

Contributors during the month of March:

Atmore, Mrs. R. E.,	Hansell, Mrs. W. H.,
Atmore, Miss,	Judson, Mrs.,
Arnold, Mrs. C.,	King's Daughters,
Caldwell, Mrs. S.,	Lewis, Mrs. J. T.,
Christopher, Miss,	Livingston, Miss,
Cleemann, Miss,	Lowenberg, Miss R. A.,
Cash,	Lowenberg, Miss J.,
Davison, Mrs. L. F.,	Parke, Mrs. J. G.,
Davison, Miss,	Russell, Mrs. S. E.,
Durang, Miss,	Sinn, Mrs. M. E.,
	Vanderslice, Mrs.

Garments received during March, ... 98
" distributed " " 77

SELECTIONS.

THOUGHTS FROM "BETWEEN THE LIGHTS."

"Are they not all ministering spirits?" Heb. 1: 24.

"It doth not yet appear what we shall be." 1 John 3: 2.

Not until we know all that God knows can we estimate to the full, the power and the sacredness of some one life which may seem the humblest in the world.

There is no action so slight or so mean but it may be done to a great purpose, and ennobled therefore; nor is any purpose so great but that slight actions may help it and may be so done as to help it much, most especially that chief of all purposes, the pleasing of God.—*Ruskin.*

Another delightful view of heaven is, that it unites us with the good and great of our own race, and even with higher orders of beings. But this union is one of spirit, not of mere places, it is accordance of thought and feeling, not an outward relation; and does not this harmony begin even now? and is not virtuous friendship on earth essentially the pleasure which we hope hereafter? What place would be drearier than the future mansions of Christ, to one who should want sympathy with their inhabitants, who would feel himself a foreigner there, who would be taught by the joys which he could not partake, his own loneliness and desolation.

Be always displeased at what thou art, if thou desirest to attain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself, there thou abidest.—*St. Augustine.*

"See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." 1 Peter.

In love and compassion God hath made us dependent upon each other to the end that by the use of our affections we may find true happiness and rest to our souls. He hath united us so closely with our Fellows, that they do make, as it were, a part of our being, and in comforting them we do most assuredly comfort ourselves. Therein doth happiness come to us unawares, and without seeking, as the servant who goeth on his master's errand findeth pleasant fruits and flowers overhanging him, and cool Fountains, which he knew not of, gushing up by the wayside for his solace and refreshing.—*Margaret Smith's Journal (Whittier.)*

"COMFORT."

If there should come a time, as well there may,
When sudden tribulation smites thine heart,
And then dost come to me for help and stay,
And comfort, how shall I perform my part?

I must live higher, nearer to the reach
Of angels in their blessed trustfulness,
Learn their unselfishness, ere I can teach
Content to thee, when I would greatly bless.
Ah me! what woe were mine if thou shouldst come,
Troubled, but trusting, unto me for aid,
And I should meet thee powerless and dumb,
Willing to help thee, but confused, afraid!
It shall not happen thus; for I will rise,
God helping me, to higher life, and gain
Courage and strength to give thee counsel wise,
And purer love to bless thee in thy pain.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
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Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
Holy Baptism at any Service.
Sunday-School, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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(63d and Market St.)

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Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Burns,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Gill,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Whiting,

Mrs. Lammot.

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Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

Selling Committee.
Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.
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Special Orders Committee.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

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Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
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MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

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Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Mrs. Hein,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Washington.
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Emily E. Borie,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Sholl, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss M. L. Wallace. Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis.

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President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—W. Scott Crawford.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—John Seed.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Miss Leonard, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Miss Whitney, Miss Emory.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

May 1—2d Sunday after Easter and SS. Philip and James.
" 8—3d Sunday after Easter.
" 15—4th Sunday after Easter.
" 22—5th Sunday after Easter.
" 26—Ascension Day.
" 29—Sunday after Ascension.

PARISH RECORD FOR APRIL.

BAPTIZED.

April 3—Anne Theresa Guscott.
" 5—Charles W. Cameron.
" 6—Charles Miller Little.
" 7—Edward Law.
" 7—Sidney Hoopes Evans.
" 7—Homer Hoopes Evans.
" 8—Rosalie Peterson Dougherty.
" 8—Annie Reinhart Erisman.
" 8—Eloise Harbach.
" 8—Dorothy Theresa Frohock.
" 8—Emma Talley Nebeker.
" 8—Gertrude Sophia Treloar.
" 8—Millard Fillmore Kidd.
" 8—Caroline Elizabeth Mattson.
" 10—Charles Washbourn.
" 14—Florence Ruth Wilder.
" 20—Isabella Glasgow Reukauff.

MARRIED.

April 20—Dallas Sanders and Anita Watts Merchant.

BURIED.

April 16—Harriet Rogers.
" 25—Henrietta Leonard.

CONFIRMED.

April 12—

O. Boyd Judson.
Isaac P. Whitesides.
Emma Heim.
Elizabeth Heim.
Annie Rheinhart Erisman.
Florence H. Pancoast.
Martha Austin McDowell.
Elizabeth F. Stovell.
Caroline E. Mattson.
Frances T. Kinsey.
Mary M. Kinsey.
Josephine Van Dyck.
Charlotte M. Van Dyck.
Emma T. Nebeker.
Frances M. Lindenmeyer.
Millard Fillmore Kidd.
Minnie W. Johnstone.
Mary DeHaven Bright.
Annie Emily Shill.
Louisa Christensen.
Dorothy Theresa Frohock.
James Mifflin Loud.
Eloise Harbach
Sidney Hoopes Evans.
Marion Booth Smith.
Gertrude Sophia Treloar.
Lillie A. Wilder.
Maud Elizabeth Firmin.
Emilie Foster Klahr.
Bertha E. Ott.
Edgar W. Spackman.
Harry P. Christensen,
John Seed.
Charles Washbourn.
Mollie Bishop Ashcroft.
Rosalie P. Dougherty.
Charles Jacobsen.

April 18—

Jane Menzies Bell.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

For Lenten Sewing,		$ 5 00
" Russian Famine Sufferers,		7 00
" Easter Decorations,		154 49
" Home for Deaconesses,		131 33
" Children's Friend Society,		18 00
" City Missions,		155 88
From Sunday-school for Domestic Missions,		20 73
" " Boxes " "		42 15
Home of Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children:		
From Boys' Guild,	$10 00	
" Offering,	15 00	
" Sunday-school,	95 12	
		120 12
St. Michael's Home for Crippled Children:		
From Sunday-school,		95 11
For Missionary Box Committee,		50 42
" Endowment Fund,		1076 53
From Mr. Holman,		50 00
For Church Home for Children,		454 00
" Society for Increase of the Ministry,		131 53
" General Charities,		70 47
Total,		$2582 76

OFFERTORIES IN MAY.

For General Charities.

REPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1892.

Baptisms—Adults	14
" Infants	22
	36
Confirmed	39
Communicants—Added, new	39
" By renewal	26
" Removal	18
" Died	9
" Present number (about)	1000
Marriages	16
Burials	32

MONEY RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Pew Rents	$14,754 58
Offerings	14,043 89
Investments	2,690 70
Burd Orphan Asylum	19,000 00
Total	$50,489 17

MONEY EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Current Expenses	$16,284 17
Burd Orphan Asylum	18,500 00
Episcopal and Convention Fund	380 00
Sunday-schools	299 20
Parish Schools	885 06
For the Poor	1,264 98
Foreign Missions	352 33
Domestic Missions	735 91
Colored "	574 20
Diocesan "	1,130 00
Deaf Mute "	150 00
Episcopal Hospital	506 83
Church Building	262 21
Books, Tracts and Printing	156 30
Theological Education	320 13
Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	596 61
Female Benevolent Society	1,087 03
Missionary Box Committee	660 62
Altar Society	366 49
King's Daughters	44 02
Children's Friend Society	369 64
Girl's Friendly Society	269 06
Endowment Fund	1,200 00
French Church	75 00
Italian Mission	100 00
Seaman's Mission	70 00
Children's Aid Society	20 00
Home of Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children	120 12
St. Michael's Home " " "	95 11
Rush Hospital for Consumptives	200 00
Home Mission Society	25 00
Russian Famine Sufferers	$ 617 00
Hobart College	150 00
Church Home for Children	529 00
Deaconesses' Home	131 33
Miscellaneous	300 71
Total	$48,828 06

THE MANAGERS OF THE CHURCH HOME FOR CHILDREN gratefully acknowledges the receipt through Mrs. Mitchell of the following sums:

Mrs. Wm. Cochran	$ 5 00	Mr. B. Frank Clapp	$50 00
Mrs. Darley	25 00	Mrs. E. S. Willing	15 00
Mrs. J. P. Brinton	10 00	Mrs. H. F. Whitney	1 00
Mrs. Rawle	10 00	Mr. Asa W. Whitney	2 00
Miss Hutchinson	20 00	Mr. W. Patten	10 00
Mrs. Hockley	5 00	Mr. Blight	25 00
Anonymous	2 00	Miss Pendleton	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Williamson	10 00	Miss Dutilh	8 00
Mrs. Geo. McClellan	5 00	Maj. Gen. Crawford	15 00
Mr. James B. Booth	5 00	Mrs. Taylor	5 00
Miss Cleemann	5 00	Mrs. Bright	2 00
Mrs. C. H. Clark	5 00	Mrs. Weir Mitchell	31 00
Mrs. Arrison	1 00	Mrs. J. D. Lippincott	10 00
Mrs. T. K. Conrad	10 00	Anonymous	15 00
Mrs. John Drew	5 00	Anonymous	10 00
Miss M. L. Baldwin	25 00	Miss Dickerson	5 00
Mrs. J. P. Lundy	10 00		$404 00
Mrs. Lathrop	2 00	Thro' Dr. McConnell	50 00
Mrs. Sellers	10 00		$454 00
Mrs. Clapp	25 00		

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE

Closed on the 18th of April and expects to re-open on or about the first Monday in October.

Contributors during the month were:

Bannister, Miss M. E.,
Bell, Miss Emily,
Bell, Miss Laura,
Borie, Mrs. B.,
Christopher, Miss,
Cleemann, Miss,
Eisenbrey, Miss,
Eisenbrey, Miss S.,
Fenton, Mrs. C. F.,
Fenton, Mrs. T. H.,
Herberton, Mrs. W.,
Judson, Mrs.,
Maclay, Mrs. A. C.,
Maulsby, Mrs.,
Moody, Mrs. E. F.,
Pancoast, Mrs. A.,
Pancoast, Miss,
Rogers, Mrs. H.,
Shill, Mrs.
Stoddard, Miss,
Stratton, Mrs. C. P.,
Swayne, Mrs. W. P.,
Washington, Mr. W. H.,
The Guild of the Advent, Hatboro, Pa.,

and one package without name or address.

Garments received during the month	113
" distributed " " "	276

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society:

April 3—Mrs. Edward Roland	$2 00
" 10—Mrs. C. Wetherly	1 00
" 12—From Mrs. Rawle through Mr. Miller	5 00
" 18—Anonymous through Dr. McConnell	10 00
" 18— " " " "	2 00
" 20—Mrs. E N. M.,	1 00
" 21—Mrs. George Eakins,	3 00
Contributing members for 1892,	
Mrs. Sinn,	1 00
Mrs. Moody,	1 00
Total	$26 00

Garment Society have donated eighteen articles of Clothing.

Three hundred and fifty cards were given by Miss Stevenson for the children's Easter.

Twenty-four pieces of clothing from the Altar Society.

Donations received by the King's Daughters:

April 12—Miss Marion B. Smith,	$1 55
" 12—Miss Magee,	25
" 12—Mrs. Russell,	25
" 12—Mr. and Mrs. Cornish,	5 00
" 12—Mrs. E. N. M.,	1 00
Total,	$8 05

From Altar Society for St. Christopher's Hospital twenty-four pieces of clothing.

From Girl's Friendly Society for Clipping Party two dozen sachet bags made by the young ladies of the Society. Many other donations have been received for the clipping party from friends.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS have made during the Lenten season, 81 garments for the Altar Society. Sheets, pillow cases and towels for the new ward in St. Christopher's Hospital and two little dresses for Garment Society.

THE EASTER ENTERTAINMENT given for the children April 20th was one of the most enjoyable entertainments they have had.

Magic, Marionettes, Punch and Judy were the amusements for the evening.

A more orderly set of children it would be hard to find, even when Prof. Hoy distributed his magic Pop corn. There was not enough for all and when told it was all gone they took their seats quietly.

Each child was presented with a box of candy and an Easter card as they left the room, and almost every child said "thank you, we had a good time."

Prof. Hoy's little daughter played the organ for the entertainment.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS of the Church Training and Deaconess House, held April 5th, 1892, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the warm and grateful thanks of the Board of Managers, be tendered to the Rector and Congregation of St. Stephen's for the liberal offering given to the Church Training and Deaconess House, and that the corresponding secretary be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Dr. McConnell.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's, having heard with deep sorrow of the death of Miss Leonard, desire to place on record the following resolutions:

WHEREAS; It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His Infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved friend and former secretary, therefore be it,

Resolved: That in her untimely death we have lost a true, kind and loyal leader, one who, by her noble example, warm heart and true christianity, endeared herself to all.

Resolved: That her bereaved family has in this affliction the heartfelt sympathy of the Society; also be it,

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and be published in the PARISH NEWS.

J. M. HANSELL, *Sec.*

April 24th, 1892.

SELECTIONS.

HIS NIGHT OFF.

My father played a queer trick on me the other night. You know I used to feel that I had done myself an injustice if I did not go to the theatre about five or six nights a week. It wasn't always the theatre, but if it wasn't that it was a music hall, or perhaps a game of cards or billiards with some of the boys.

Well, you also know how I am situated as to business. I work for my father, and I have to be at the office at 8.30 in the morning, just as the rest of the family are sitting down to breakfast. In consequence I get my breakfast and leave the house before they are up. But I can't complain of that. I'm doing exactly what the man who had my place before me did, and between you and me I'm drawing more salary.

But that's neither here nor there. It's the evenings. I used to finish work about six, get dinner in the city, and go to the theatre or somewhere else. I had been doing it for about six months, and, when I look back, about the only time I saw my mother and sister during that period was at Sunday dinner. Nothing unusual in that, of course. The same thing is true of hundreds of young men in town. But they haven't fathers like mine. He came to me one afternoon and asked me if I had an engagement for that night.

"Yes," I said; "I've promised to go to the theatre."

"How about to-morrow night? he asked.

"Nothing on at present," I replied.

"Well, I'd like you to go somewhere with me."

"All right," I said; "where shall I meet you?"

You see he leaves the office about an hour before I can get my work finished. He suggested Lenox Restaurant at 7.30, and I was there, prepared for the theatre and a quiet lecture on late hours. He had combined the two on several previous occasions. But when he appeared he said he wanted me to call on a lady with him. "One I knew quite well when I was a young man," he explained.

We went out and started straight for home. "She is stopping at the house," he said, when I spoke of it. I thought it strange that he should have made the appointment for the Lenox Restaurant under those circumstances, but I said nothing. Well, we went in, and I was introduced with due formality to my mother and my sister. The situation was ludicrous, and I began to laugh, but the laugh died away.

None of the three even smiled. My mother and my sister shook hands with me, and my mother said she remembered me as a boy, but hadn't seen much of me lately. Then she invited me to be seated. It wasn't a bit funny then, although I can laugh over it now. I sat down, and she told me one or two stories of my boyhood, at which we all laughed a little. Then we four played whist for a while. When I finally retired I was courteously invited to call again. I went up-stairs feeling pretty small and doing a good deal of thinking.

Then I made up my mind that my mother was a most entertaining lady, and my sister a good and brilliant girl.

Now I am going to call again, as I have been doing quite regularly for the last week. I enjoy their company, and I intend to cultivate their acquaintance.—*Arkansas Traveller.*

RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

"More and more there is growing up a disposition among parents to permit all matters of religious observance to be with their offspring mere matters of choice or preference. Your child must learn French and German and drawing; but he shall learn his catechism and his Bible lesson and a reverent observance of this holy day if he chooses, and not otherwise. A more dismal and irrational folly it is not easy to conceive of. I do not say that there may not have been folly in another and in an opposite direction. I am unmindful that religious teaching has been sometimes made a dreary and intolerable burden. But surely we can correct one excess (not, I apprehend, very frequent or very harmful), without straightway flying to an opposite and worse one. And so I plead with you who are parents to train your children to ways of reverent familiarity with God's word, God's house and God's day."—*Bishop H. C. Potter.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
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Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
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Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
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Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
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MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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ORDER COMMITTEE.

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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
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SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Mrs. Hein,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Washington.
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Emily E. Borie,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Sholl, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss M. L. Wallace. Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—W. Scott Crawford.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—John Seed.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Miss Leonard, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Miss Whitney, Miss Emory.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

June 5—Whit-Sunday.
" 6—Monday in Whitsun-Week.
" 7—Tuesday " "
" 11—St. Barnabas (Saturday).
" 12—Trinity Sunday.
" 19—1st Sunday after Trinity.
" 24—Nativity St. John Baptist.
" 26—2d Sunday after Trinity.
" 29—St. Peter (Wednesday).

PARISH RECORD FOR MAY.

BAPTIZED.

April 29—Doris Fenton.
May 20—Carolina Edelheim Newton.
" 22—Thomas Bickerton Fox.
" 22—Elizabeth Moore.
" 22—Amy Agnes Moore.
" 23—Alfred Mitchell.
" 26—Helen Marion Clark.

BURIED.

April 29—Stephen Flanagan.
May 3—Rebecca Chew Postel.
" 6—Edward James Berg.
" 19—Charles Lindenmeyer.
" 26—Charles Walton Cameron.
" 26—James Crawford.
" 31—Eliza A. Hancock.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

From Mr. J. A. Caldwell,	$50 00
For Diocesan House,	100 00
" "	100 00
" "	50 00
Special Offering,	2 60
For General Charities,	456 75
Total,	$709 35

OFFERTORIES IN JUNE.

For General Charities.

SOME TIME AGO the Rector of this church was called upon to speak before the Contemporary Club upon the present Christian outlook. His address was upon "The Next Step in Christianity." Inasmuch as an incomplete report of it in the secular papers occasioned criticism, he thought it well to have it published correctly. Copies of it may be had at Wanamaker's by any one who should care for it.

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS the Church newspaper called "*The Standard of the Cross and the Church*" has been published in Philadelphia. It has now changed its name, and passed into the able editorial hands of the Rev. Dr. Fulton, and is called *The Church Standard.* For a considerable time Dr. Fulton was connected with the New York *Churchman*, and it was largely due to his ability and broad-mindedness that that paper was, for a time, so admirable both in matter and temper. It was during that period that the *Churchman*, with the hearty approval of the Rector, canvassed this point and secured a large number of subscribers. They will not have regretted their subscription, for they have received copies of that which, until now, has been the best religious paper in this country. But now that that excellence has been transferred to the *Church Standard*, published in Philadelphia, and giving large space to the affairs of our own Diocese, the Rector would be glad to know that hereafter the subscriptions of the parish should be given to it.

It has also the advantage of costing just half as much as the *Churchman.*

AT THE LATE DIOCESAN CONVENTION much discussion was occasioned by a proposition (which was adopted by a large majority) to exclude from the Convention all members of any "Religious Order." So much confusion of ideas has existed about the matter, that it would seem to be worth while to say just what the question was.

The persons whom it was proposed to exclude are clergymen or laymen who have taken the monastic vows of "poverty, chastity and obedience." There are a very few such clergymen in the Church—probably less than a dozen altogether.

There are none in this Diocese at present, although there have been until lately.

The right of any one to join an Order, and to take upon himself such vows, was not questioned. Nor was the right of any parish to put itself under the care of such an Order questioned. Nor was any reference made to the first two of the triple vow. The sole question was: Is it expedient that a man who has taken a vow of obedience in Ecclesiastical things to a foreign superior should have a voice in the legislation of the Church? It was urged that a man who is in this situation is not free to consider and vote upon the merits of any proposed law, or to cast an unbiased vote in any election. On this ground, and on this ground alone, it was determined to exclude such persons hereafter from a seat and vote in the Diocesan Convention.

CAMDEN, N. J., May 20, 1892.

REV. SIR:—As I was leaving St. Stephen's Church last Sunday, I found a small scarf-pin, which the owner can have by applying to me and proving property.

Yours most respectfully,

GEO. CUNNINGHAM.

937 Broadway, Camden, N. J.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY of St. Stephen's Church for 1892:

The managers of the Benevolent Society present to the congregation of St. Stephen's Church their twenty-seventh annual report:

They have given, weekly, sewing to fifty women, and, although unable to give to each as much as they would like, still they have assisted them to pay their rent, and have also allowed them to buy the articles for which they had been paid for making, at the cost of the material. There was cut and made during the season 2,440 articles, and the managers wish to take this opportunity of thanking those who assisted them so much by buying the articles made, to give to the garment committees, or for their own use, or who came to buy the garments at the end of the season, thereby enabling them to pay all that they owed for dry goods, etc., etc.

The Treasurer reports that all money received from subscriptions, donations, sales and one offertory, amounted to $1,089.27, and paid for materials and to sewing-women $1,087.03, leaving a balance of $2.14 in the treasury.

H. C. WILKINS, *Secretary*,
1223 Locust Street.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY presents its annual report to the congregation:

The Chancel Committee has performed the duties of caring for the chancel and vestments. Wheat and oats were presented for decorating the church on Thanksgiving Day, palms for Palm Sunday, and flowers for Maundy Thursday.

The Embroidery Class report:

Work donated.—Surplice to Hahnemann Hospital. Surplice to Rev. Albert Ware, Millington, Md. Set of red altar hangings to Church of the Crucifixion. Surplice and black stole to Rev. Wm. H. Burkhart.

Work ordered.—Two white embroidered stoles, and materials furnished for two white stoles.

Work for our own Parish.—Set of white embroidered book-markers; one purple stole; an embroidered credence-cloth, chalice-veil and corporal donated.

The class at present are at work on a set of green altar hangings and stole for a mission church, Rawlins, Wyoming. A white and a red stole. A beautiful design having been chosen for the white altar-cloth, the class have commenced the embroidery.

THE LENTEN SEWING COMMITTEE report increased interest in the work, and wish to thank the ladies of the congregation for their generous support, in money, materials and sewing, and also the members of the King's Daughters and Girls' Friendly Society for the large number of garments made by them.

Cut out pieces,	748
Donations,	15
	763
Garments given away to hospitals, etc.,	496
" " " poor families,	84
" not made,	2
" still on hand,	157
" not yet returned,	24
	763

Donations of materials from Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Mrs. J. Albert Caldwell, Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Swayne, Mrs. S. Clarkson, Miss Mellon, Miss Wilkins, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Anonymous.

Money given for Lenten Work.

Mrs. Beale,	$5 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	5 00

Proceeds from Lunch at Sale, through

Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	$6 00
Mrs. Russell,	5 00
Mrs. Williamson,	2 00
Mrs. Bowden,	2 00
Mrs. McCrea,	2 00
E. N. M.,	2 00
Mrs. Merritt,	1 00
Misses Nagel,	10 00
Miss Stevenson,	2 00
Miss Sanders,	1 00
Miss Balch,	2 00
Mr. Wm. Patton,	5 00
Cash through Dr. McConnell,	30 00
St. Stephen's Altar Society,	9 55
	$89 55

The Library Committee attends to the mailing of THE PARISH NEWS, and regrets that so few periodicals are sent to them for our missionaries, who have always appreciated the gifts.

The Treasurer reports:

Cash received from May 1, 1891, to May 1, 1892.

Balance on hand,	$9 99
Fund for White Altar Cloth,	227 00
Cash received from Offertory, etc.,	320 00
" " for Easter Flowers,	154 49
" " from orders for Embroidery,	37 75
" " for Lenten Sewing,	80 00
	$829 23

Expended, May 1, 1891, to May 1, 1892.

George Craig, for Flowers,	$155 25
For Easter Decorations,	125 00
Embroidery Class, for lessons and materials,	189 78
Chancel Committee,	11 55
Postage,	72
Design and Silks for White Altar Cloth,	78 38
For Lenten Sewing,	89 55
	$650 23
Balance,	179 00
	$829 23

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY REPORTS.

DONATIONS AND MONEY received during the year:

Balance from May 1st, 1891,	$93 70
Donations from individuals,	221 64
Those received through Dr. McConnell,	97 00
Through Mr. Miller,	15 00
From contributing members,	36 00
Active members,	14 00
Total,	$477 34
Expenses for the year 1892,	333 75
Balance,	$143 59

Children entertained and taken on excursions, 800.
Clothing given out, 150 pieces.
Donation received April 23d, Miss Louisa B. Edwards, $1.

OWING TO THE UNPLEASANT WEATHER, it has been thought best not to start with the excursions until the 4th of June. Then the summer work commences, and it is hoped that the kind friends who remembered the little ones last year will not forget them this.

In 1888 we had 75 children's names down in our books; now there are 800.

Entertainments have been given each month during the winter, and in the summer time they have been taken on excursions, sometimes having two each month when our funds would permit.

Last year we were able to have three excursions to Atlantic City, which do more good for the children than two or three others; but they are expensive, cost at the very least $50, then only sixty children can go. With the funds we now have on hand we could only have one excursion; what is to become of the other 700 poor children? It is one bright spot in their lives, and one thing talked over by them the whole year.

Don't forget that we are always glad to add new contributing members to our list, one dollar a year. Many dues are now owing, and if the members will kindly send either to the Parish House or to Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street, it will save postage, which money can be used for the children.

REPORT OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of St. Stephen's Church for the year 1892:

Balance from April 28th, 1891,	$29 27
Dues from members,	6 75
Donations received,	8 00
Total,	$44 02
Expenses for the year,	39 48
Balance,	$4 54
Money made at Clipping Party,	48 87
Donation from Mr. Seth Caldwell,	5 00
From Miss Sidford,	2 00
Total,	$60 41
Expenses for Clipping Party,	8 00
Balance,	$52 41
Donation, Miss Pabst,	1 00
Balance,	$53 41

The King's Daughters will hold their next meetings June 1st and 15th, at half-past seven o'clock, in the Guild room of Parish House.

SELECTIONS.

A BROOKLYN preacher thus speaks of the Ecclesiastical tramp:

He is the gad-fly who buzzes around all the churches, and settles in none; the bee who sucks the honey from other people's flowers, and stings as he takes his flight; the ecclesiastical dead-beat, whose name would be black-listed by all merchants and hotel-keepers, if he played the same trick on them that he plays on every helpful institution in society.

These sharks of society, these pilferers of other men's labors, are beyond the reach of human law, but they are all indicted as thieves under the eighth commandment. My friends, if you are here to-night, you are welcome. If the church can't reach you, nothing will this side of the grave. I have visited you in sickness, and buried you over and over again. I have seen you beat your way to the very grave, and sent off into eternity with a big religious funeral, under the respectable auspices and at the expense of that religion for the regular support of which you never paid a dollar.

IT IS good to often come near to the Lord's table. It is not, he said, a gem, the possession of which makes us a little richer; it is not a tool in hand by which we may become more effective; it is not simply an intellectual gift, through which we become wiser, but the bread and wine of the Lord's table makes us stronger through and through. Every part of the man is strengthened, broadened, elevated, and by it our lives are enriched by that peace and love which comes only from close fellowship with Him whose love is boundless.—*Bishop Brooks.*

CARDINAL NEWMAN was right in saying, "Truth has been propagated, not as a system, not by books, not by argument, not by temporal power, but by the personal influence of such men as have at once been the teachers and the patterns of it." That teaching is always most powerful which is illustrated and enforced by the example of the teacher.—*Selected.*

THE MAN WHO SAYS he is kept out of the church by hypocrites is not influenced by them anywhere else. Business is full of them, but if he sees a chance to make money he doesn't stop for that. The theatre is full of them, and yet he will go there and pay to look at them. Society is crowded with them, and yet he never thinks of becoming a hermit. Married life is full of them, but that doesn't make him remain a bachelor. Hell is full of them, and yet he is not doing a thing to keep from going there. He wants to have you think he is trying to avoid the society of hypocrites, and yet he takes not a single step towards the only place in God's universe where no hypocrite can go, and by his conduct proves that he himself is the biggest kind of a hypocrite.

"IT REQUIRES FAR MORE of the constraining love of Christ to love our cousins and neighbors as members of the heavenly family, than to feel the heart warm to our suffering brethren in Tuscany or Madeira. To love the whole church is one thing; to love—that is, to delight in the graces and veil the defects—of the person who misunderstood me and opposed my plans yesterday, whose peculiar infirmities grate on my most sensitive feelings, or whose natural faults are precisely those from which my natural character most revolts, is quite another."

THE Holy Communion is a test. Not an infallible test, perhaps, but still a fair indication of our Christian love and zeal.

It is the sacrament of obedience. Christ asked us to do this.

It is the sacrament of remembrance. Jesus desired us to do this in his memory, as a mark of our love and loyalty to him.

It is the sacrament of worship. It is the one distinctive Christian service of worship which Christ himself instituted. To turn away from it is to go out when Christ's own service is about to begin.

It is the sacrament of help. He gave us this to help us. "Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him."

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Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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TRUSTEES:
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Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
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Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.
President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Borda,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
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Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Gill,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Whiting,

Mrs. Lammot.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

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SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.
Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
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Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

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Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

July 3—3d Sunday after Trinity.
" 10—4th " " "
" 17—5th " " "
" 24—6th " " "
" 25—St. James' (Monday).
" 31—7th Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD FOR JUNE.

BAPTIZED.

June 19—Anna Irene Darrah.
" 19—Mary Nebeker Darrah.

MARRIED.

June 29—Frederic H. Starling and Annie M. Elfreth,
" 29—George B. Young and Maggie W. Lister.

BURIED.

June 1—Margaret Rowan Perkins.
" 9—Marion A. Cunningham.
" 18—Rowena C. Wagner.
" 27—William T. Hildenbrand.
" 30—Charlotte Galloway.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

For Oil City Flood Sufferers,	$30 00
" Diocesan House,	200 00
" Children's Friend Society,	165 00
Special,	10 00
For General Charities.	209 34
Total,	$614 34

OFFERTORIES IN JULY.

For General Charities.

WHY WAS IT that our Lord did not choose His first disciples from among the doctors, the priests, the theologians? Why was it the new founded Church did not secure its priesthood from among those who had been trained and accustomed to priestly duties? There were plenty such in the Church to choose from. "A great multitude of the *priests* were added to the Church," but not one of them became an Apostle, or, so far as appears, even a minister.

All this could not have been by chance. Divine wisdom choses instruments fitted to the end it has in view. What was that end in this case? If it had been to establish any one of the pretended "Orthodoxies," which soon overlaid the Evangel of Jesus, He would have sought His recruits among the scribes, the pharisees, the theologians.

But such, clearly, was not His purpose. What He wished was to communicate to the world a new moral life, a life of abnegation, of devotion, of charity. What he condemned in men was not mistake in Doctrine, but error of life. "Ye shall know them by their fruits." This is the criterion He establishes, and no other can be substituted for it without missing His single purpose. His severest condemnation is for those who, from hard and conceited devotion to an arbitrary "Orthodoxy," hold themselves aloof from their fellows, and lose that sweet kindliness which marked Himself. "I thank Thee, O Father, because Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes!"

The task which the Christian world has before it, just now, is to disentangle the Christianity of Jesus from these authoritative theological "systems" which have overlaid and well nigh smothered it. This is slowly but surely being done. It disturbs many and angers a few. But it cannot be helped. It must be done in order to save men from the indifference and unbelief which is spreading on every hand. Men are not indifferent to God, to righteousness, to their eternal destiny. But they do not care one farthing for the long drawn out formularies in which the Church

has from time to time attempted to set forth the truth about these things. They are not indifferent to Jesus; but they will not receive, and ought not to receive, a great mass of what has been dogmatically laid down about the precise nature of His personality and the *rationale* of His work. "Sirs, we would see Jesus," is the determined challenge of the religious world of today. We would see Jesus, not Laud or Luther or Calvin, or even Paul, or the writer of Hebrews. "We would see Jesus."

REV. GEORGE H. KINSOLVING has been elected Assistant Bishop of Texas. Bishop Gregg, consecrated the first Bishop of Texas in 1859, now outranked in order of consecration only by the Presiding Bishop Williams and Bishop Clark of Rhode Island, has "practically resigned" his jurisdiction, it is said. Mr. Kinsolving is the fourth Philadelphia rector elected to a bishopric within three years—Bishop Davies of Michigan, Bishop Nichols of California and Bishop Nicholson of Milwaukee—having been taken from St. Peter's, St. James' and St. Mark's, respectively.

THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD of June 21st, contained a cock-and-bull story about a man having been accidentally imprisoned in St. Stephen's Church when it was closed on Sunday, and who only escaped a day or two later, when half famished, by ringing a cacophonous clamor upon the chimes. The story was a fabrication, pure and simple, as every one knows who knows that the Church is open every day. The Editor of the *Record* makes the following *amende* for the annoyance:—

REV. S. D. MCCONNELL,

DEAR SIR:

I had been led to suppose that the "St. Stephen's Chimes" story was a fabrication, and I now find my suspicions were correct. Our reporter thought, and I hope he was not far wrong, that no great injury would be done to anyone by his tale. I regret very much the occurrence.

Very respectfully,

EDW. ALDEN MILLER,
City Editor.

SOUTH OIL CITY, PA., JUNE 20TH, 1892.

MY DEAR BRO.:

Your letter, enclosing check, at hand. You can never know the good that has been done in individual cases through your kindness and interest in our behalf. The box has gladdened many hearts, and I would again thank the ladies of your congregation for the many useful garments sent by them. We are looking forward to plenty of work to be done this winter—many of our own families among the poor, but industrious, have lost their all.

Yours very truly,

J. H. B. BROOKS.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

June 8	—Through Dr. McConnell,	$10 00
" 8	—" " " Anonymous,	2 00
" 9	—From Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	10 00
" 9	—From Mrs. Swayn,	5 00
" 7	—Miss Stevenson,	2 00
" 10	—Miss K. M. B.	5 00
" 6	—Mrs. S. Hopper,	1 00
" 7	—Mrs. Matthew Semple,	25 00
" 10	—Miss Garrett,	5 00
" 10	—Mr. W. Patton,	20 00
" 18	—From S. L. C.,	5 00
" 20	—From Miss H. C. Wilkins,	50 00
" 26	—From Miss Dutilh,	2 00
" 23	—Cash,	5 00
	Total,	$147 00

Contributing members for 1892:

Mrs. S. H. Evans,	$1 00
Miss E. L. Lundy,	1 00
Miss J. B. Reichner,	1 00
Mrs. S. Hopper,	1 00
Rev. Charles E. Melinor,	1 00
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Harry C. Banks, Jr.,	1 00
Miss Cleeman,	1 00
Mrs. E. C. Hine,	1 00
Total,	$18 00

The Treasurer wishes to thank the members who so kindly responded to the request in last month's PARISH NEWS. Dues that are still owing can be sent to Parish House, or, to Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South 5th Street.

Owing to the unpleasant weather, we were not able to have our excursion the 4th of June, as stated in last month's PARISH NEWS.

Many of the children assembled in the Guild room of Parish House determined not to be left if there was the least chance of going. When told the excursion would not be until June 11th, and that they could have all the week to think of it, they went home happy, each with a stick of candy and a banana to make up for their disappointment.

June 11th, was all that could be desired, and 62 children were taken to Mount Pleasant and had a very enjoyable time. One little girl remarking that she prayed all night Friday that it would be clear Saturday.

The *ladies* of the Children's Friend Society wish to thank the *friends* who have so kindly remembered the little ones this month, and it is hoped, if nothing happens, we may have our first Sea Shore Excursion to Atlantic City, July 13th.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of St. Stephen's Church do not care to stop work for the summer, many little kindnesses are done by them too small to mention. They have visited for the month of June, the Home of the Merciful Saviour, and have taken a small gift for each child, but are particularly interested in one little girl who they have taken it upon themselves to dress.

They are now busy preparing a birthday box for her, which they will send in August to Avon-by-the Sea.

Their next meetings will be July 6th and 20th, in the Guild room of Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

LENTEN SEWING COMMITTEE.

Correction in last PARISH NEWS, instead of Miss Nagel, $10.00, it should be Misses Magee, $10.00.

Distributed since last issue:

To Rev. J. H. B. Brooks, Oil City, 145 garments.
12 garments to a poor family.

Omission in Embroidery Class report:

Work donated—1 White Silk Stole to Rev. Mr. Zara.

SELECTIONS.

BISHOP HARE HAS THE FOLLOWING TO SAY upon the present crisis in China: "The condition of affairs in China at present is calculated to stir to its depths every Christian breast in which there beats one sentiment of reverence for Jesus Christ. On the one hand are certain of the literati and ruling classes who have deliberately set on foot a systematic effort to cover Christians and Christianity with infamy. The means used are the circulation of tracts and colored pictures of the most revolting sort. The blasphemy of them passes belief. If this were the whole story, the duty of Christians would be quickly told: 'Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine.' But over against these propagandists of blasphemy are hundreds of little congregations of Chinese disciples who, despite the tremendous odds against them, have confessed in baptism the holy Name which others blaspheme, are now growing and rejoicing in His grace and dare to assemble Sunday after Sunday for His public worship—nay, notwithstanding the recent uprising against the Christians, new converts are joining them. At Hankow, lately the scene of disturbances, a large class is preparing for baptism, and I confirmed eighty-four. Between these two classes, the blasphemers and the converts, is the vast multitude—millions upon millions in number—who of themselves have no hostility to Christianity, but whose minds are being poisoned by the calumnious literature referred to above, and some of whom have, by these means, been led on to incendiary and murderous proceedings such as excited so much alarm last summer. Who can be passive in the presence of facts such as these?"

We are not infrequently gratified with the information that the Episcopalians are the smallest of all sects. As the best refutation of this wild statement, we give the following facts from Whitaker, leaving our readers to make their own comparisons:

Episcopalians,	23,000,000
Methodists of all Denominations,	16,960,000
Roman Catholics,	15,200,000
Presbyterians of all Descriptions,	11,100,000
Baptists of all Descriptions,	8,600,000
Congregationalists,	5,500,000

The above table taken from Whitaker's Almanac shows a numerical strength of "Episcopalians" among English-speaking people, not commonly understood. Thus it appears that they outnumber the Methodists *of all denominations* by more than 6,000,000; the Roman Catholics by more than 7,000,000; the Presbyterians 12,000,000; the Baptists *of all descriptions*, by more than 14,000,000, and the Congregationalists by 17,500,000.

It would be well for that class of writers who are in the habit of speaking of these Episcopalians as "the smallest of Protestant sects" sometimes to remember the lesson of these figures.

THE following extract from an article by Mr. Gore, of Pusey House, Oxford, is of particular interest.

"Let us who wish to be servants of Jesus Christ at whatever cost, place ourselves again at the feet of our Master, as He sits conspicuous on the Mount and opens His mouth to teach us the moral law of His Kingdom."

For we need a better understanding of the authority which the Church ought to exercise in matters of social morality, and a better organization of Christian public opinion.

I. Some leading principles in our Lord's moral method.

(*a*) He demands not conduct merely, but character,—described, however, as it finds expression in detailed acts.

Christ's teaching should therefore be applied in detail to the circumstances of our day.

"We need consultation among small bodies of representative Christians who know exactly what life means in schools and colleges, in athletic contests, in business, in workshops, in political life, in law courts, so that a central public conscience of the Church may be deliberately formed as to the sort of typical acts and results to act in which the Christian spirit must exhibit itself in the various situations of life."

(*b*) Our Lord lays down laws for a kingdom, a society; but He seeks its establishment through the sanctification of the individual.

Christian effort for social improvement must always have its stronghold in the sanctification of individual characters. [Bad dwellings, inadequate wages, etc., are as stones on the graves of men spiritually dead, and have to be removed before the dead can be raised.]

(*c*) Our Lord is speaking to the Church and not to the State.

The Church is to be a distinct society (1) that Christians may, from the narrower, learn the wider, love; (2) that the world may find in the Church, —a "light," a "salt."

This should be applied in single parishes and districts of human life. The Church should represent, in each parish, those who are honestly striving after moral excellence and ready to make sacrifices in its interest; it is to be the home of the best moral conscience of the community.

II. Some of the leading features in the moral contents of our Lord's doctrine.

The fundamental principle of the Sonship and Brotherhood of Man as based on the Fatherhood of God, involves three subordinate ones:

(*a*) The principle of justice, or equal consideration for each,—not now approximately realized.

(*b*) The principle of trust in God's Fatherhood.

The Christian Society cannot alter the goal of the world's movement; but it can facilitate or thwart the purpose of God within its own area.

The "clear knowledge" of God a great help in social reform. It was the Apostles who were so full of the vision of God, who turned the world upside down.

(*c*) The principle of co-operation, not competition.

The Church must be, spiritually and physically, a profit-sharing company.

To act on these principles, we need to concentrate Christian influence:

(1) We need a careful organization of Christian moral opinion.

(2) We need to league ourselves together to observe the Christian code.

(3) We should draw together to centers, both in town and country, where men can frankly start afresh and live openly the common life of the first Christians.

"THE MOMENT HAS COME FOR THE CHURCH TO PUT SOCIAL MORALITY IN THE FOREFRONT OF ITS EFFORTS."

"A. K. H. B.," in his "Reminiscences," tells the following story, among others, of Dean Stanley. The incident occurred at the time he was rector of St. Andrew's, and the particular occasion was at a reception after his rectorial address: —"An awful incident occurred to the Dean, to which only his greatest friends ever ventured to allude in talking with him. He had been introduced to a dear old lady, and said a few kind words to her, at the same time bending forward his head in the way we all remember. The aged saint misunderstood the gesture and solemnly kissed him. My wife had his arm at the moment; but he rent himself away and fled from the spot with extraordinary activity. Few have ever seen Stanley so frightened as he was then."

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Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
Holy Baptism at any Service.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
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Distributing and Paying Committee.
Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.
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MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
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ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
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" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
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Miss Ella F. Thomas.

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Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

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Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
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Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
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CALENDAR.

Aug. 6—Transfiguration (Saturday).
" 7—8th Sunday after Trinity.
" 14—9th " " "
" 21—10th " " "
" 24—St. Bartholomew (Wednesday).
" 28—11th Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD FOR JULY.

BAPTIZED.

July 5—David Streaker Eakins.
" 7—Helen Estelle Cuthbertson.
" 8—Myrtle Stephania Steinle.

MARRIED.

July 2—Edward Walker Janney and Bessie T. Dunphy.
" 26—George W. Criswell and Julia M. Duhring.

BURIED.

July 12—Myrtle Stephania Steinle.
" 14—Ann C. Rogers.
" 22—William D. Scheerer.
" 25—George W. Braman.
" 27—William Patten.
" 31—John G. Davis, Jr.

OFFERINGS IN JULY.

For General Charities.	$52 08
" Children's Friend Society,	5 00
Total,	$57 08

OFFERTORIES IN AUGUST.

For General Charities.

THE RECTOR, the Rev. Dr. McConnell, left the city for his summer vacation about the middle of July, and expects to return to parish work about the middle of September. His family are at Watch Hill, R. I. The latest news from his home by the sea, is that the young son, born July 20th, and his mother are doing finely.

MR. WILLIAM PATTEN died on July 22d, while on a visit to Michigan. When he left the city he seemed in good health and the news of his death came as a severe shock to his many friends. He was a constant worshipper for the last two years in St. Stephen's Church, and a faithful attendant at the daily services which he seemed to especially prize. The several benevolent and charitable societies connected with the parish have special reason to remember him by reason of his interest in their work and the help extended by his generous offerings from time to time. He was a good friend and a noble generous-hearted Christian. He possessed enlarged sympathies and had practicable methods of showing his interest in Christian endeavors.

All sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and earnest prayers have been made that the God of consolation may indeed be a present help in this time of trouble.

THE REV. MR. MILLER, while on his vacation, which began June 15th, and ended the middle of July, officiated and preached one Sunday at Beach Haven, N. J., and on another Sunday at Narragansett Pier, R. I.

DURING THE SUMMER the Church is kept open for Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. And on Holy days during the week there is a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock a. m. Fortunately for most of our people they are enabled to be away from the city during this heated season, but thereby the Church is seemingly deserted. The congregations however, though small, testify to the rightfulness of keeping open doors. The services, if nothing else, are a witness to the sacredness of the Day of Rest.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY is about the only society in the parish whose greatest work is in the hot weather. They are busy as their report will show. The need of recreation is universal. The Jews were provided with at least three great holidays which while hallowed by religion were not absolutely to be spent in that way. The men were thus required to have not only a religious pilgrimage but the relief of new scenes and surroundings. As our Christianity advances the interest in others' welfare enlarges. We are taught to think not only of our home folks but of our poor neighbors also. Some one has said, "It is amazing often what easy, inexpensive frolics please people, if you consult their judgment, not yours alone."

The ladies of the Children's Friend Society have shown the many contributors to their funds, that they are both competent and willing to help the little ones, whose parents are unable so to do, to find rest and gladness in a healthful excursion away from the crowded streets and heated homes of the poorer neighborhoods of our city.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY:

June 30	—Anonymous,	$ 5 00
" 30	—Mr. Beauveau Borie,	25 00
July 11	—Miss K. M. B.	5 00
" 12	—Mrs Herbert Washington,	10 00
" 12	—Mrs. C. E. Wetherly,	2 00
" 18	—Mr. Robert E. Atmore,	5 00
" 19	—"From Sympathy,"	50 00
" 22	—Mrs. Albert Pancoast,	10 00
" 22	—"From Housekeeper's Weekly Fresh Air Fund (through Miss Edwards),	30 00
" 28	—"Anonymous,"	1 00
" 29	—S. M. C.,	5 00
" 30	—Miss S. M. Dickson,	20 00
" 31	—E. H. F.,	1 00
" 31	—Through Rev. J. L. Miller,	5 00
	Total,	$174 00

Through Mrs. Wm. H. Yerkes, 14 Gingham Aprons, from the Guild of the Church of the Advent, Hatboro, Montgomery county.

Contributing members for July:

July 1	—Miss Mary Sloan,	$ 1 00
" 15	—Mrs. Joseph Reinboth,	1 00
" 21	—Miss Mable Langton,	1 00
" 29	—Miss Fenton,	1 00
	Total,	$ 4 00

Very many thanks from the ladies of the Society to those who have so kindly remembered the little ones. Through your kindness many more children will be able to have a day's outing at the Sea Shore. August 10th will be the next excursion to Atlantic City, and another will be given on August 17th.

Long before eight o'clock on the morning of the 13th of July, 75 children were ready to start for a day's outing to Atlantic City, coming from all parts, north, south, east and west, each child looking so bright and happy.

After crossing the Market Street Ferry, they were taken to a special car which through the kindness of Mr. Reibernack and Mr. Dayton (gentlemen in the Pennsylvania Railroad Office), had been gotten at a very low rate, and was run all the way down to the Excursion House.

The children were delighted with the ride down, all anxious to see the ocean, even those who had not the least idea what it was. It may seem strange but one little girl remarked, she had never been in the steam cars before, and what made it more amusing, she came without an invitation and was greatly delighted when told she could go along.

Buckets and shovels were bought for the small children, after speaking to Mrs. Trenwith who was waiting so kindly to receive them. Then off they went to the beach, and commenced their digging, finding all sorts of curiosities, such as crabs and clam shells, but the most amusing of all, was to see them playing store with jelly fish, which seemed to be their special admiration.

Mr. Groff, the proprietor of the Merry-go-Round, who was such a good friend last year to the children, had not forgotten them and very kindly gave each one of the 75 children *two* free rides.

Next comes dinner, and all are ready at the sound of the bell, to see what good things Mrs. Trenwith has provided; soup, chicken, roast beef, three kind of vegetables, plenty of bread and butter with ice cream and cake for dessert. It was a sight worth looking at, to see how they enjoyed every thing and how well-behaved they were.

After dinner they go in wading and the fun commences, one can scarcely call it wading but it is the only way we are able to keep them from going out to the middle of the ocean, they don't seem to have the least fear. But the dressing and drying are the hardest part of the day's work, but one don't mind that when we see some color in a poor pale-faced child and know that all have had at least one good day's outing.

Then to the car and three cheers for Mr. Hall, who had done so much to make the day a happy one for the children.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS meet Wednesday evening, Aug. 3d, in the Parish House to pack the birthday box for their little girl at Avon-by-the-Sea, and to plan what work they will do next month.

SELECTIONS.

I HAVE often wondered how much of real crime is due to the presence of statutes, judges, police, and prisons. How much does the dread paraphernalia of punishment inflame the spirit of resistance? Is a prison a magnet drawing some souls to it as a snake fascinates its prey? I concede that those agencies prevent crime, although some persons deny that, but I also think that in some natures they inspire it. If the warning given in the garden of Eden had not been accompanied by a penal threat, would Adam have disobeyed it? I do not know; but I believe that the caution itself was based on the psychologic reason that the knowledge of evil is a temptation to sin; and I think that if Adam and Eve had remained perfect, and all their posterity for a thousand years, or until there were ten million souls in Eden, and somebody had then built a jail there, candidates for cells would have appeared at once. I was the first lawyer that settled in Marbletown, and I was at the head of the bar there for about a year, or until another lawyer came. Before I went there the settlement was quiet, friendly, and harmonious; and utterly free from crime, crimes, or quarrels; but as soon as I arrived and opened my office, the inhabitants began to think that as there was a lawyer in town it was their duty to go to law with one another; and they did. Many a time, when the village was in the throes of a lawsuit over a stray pig, or a dead horse, or a borrowed plough, or something; and the inhabitants were all divided into hateful factions on the question, have I heard old Mike Marquand say, "We was all peaceable, wasn't we until we got a lawyer here. We never had no furse with one another did we until *he* come to town;" pointing his finger at me, overwhelming me with conscious guilt, and proving the metaphysical knowledge of Shakespeare when he said "How oft the sight of means to do ill deeds makes ill deeds done." And I think that the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil was well forbidden, for the knowledge of evil is evil.—*The Open Court.*

POISONED EYES.

A TALK TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

There is a story of a painter who had bitterly offended a woman, so that she determined to take a cruel revenge. He was about to paint a picture for exhibition at a famous gallery, where he hoped to gain the first prize. The woman resolved to spoil that picture, and she went about the work very cunningly. She did not meddle with the picture itself; all she did was to give the painter every day a cup of coffee, into which she put a small white powder. What harm could that do, you want to know. Wait awhile, and the story will tell. The painter labored diligently and was well satisfied with his work. He was so confident that he should succeed in carrying off the prize, that when his picture was hung in the gallery, he placed a curtain before it, which he did not mean to take down until the last moment before the judges gave their award. The other pictures seemed to him very badly colored; the trees in them were all yellowish, their flesh color more like leather than flesh, and the tint of their seas like that of boiled greens. He felt sure that his picture far excelled such sorry daubing. When he drew aside the curtain from his picture he was gratified to see that a crowd quickly gathered round it; but the crowd did not admire. On the contrary, every one burst out laughing, and people called to their friends to come and look at this

droll thing. His picture was entirely blue! What he had meant for flesh color was violet in shadow; what he had meant for emerald green was like blue ink; and his trees were of the tint of blue serge. Of course, he could not see that it was so, but his friends assured him of the fact. His enemy had poisoned his eyes with the powder, so that he saw everything as if through yellow spectacles. In a few days—taking no more of the powder—his sight was restored, and he saw how ridiculous was the picture he had painted.

The story may or may not be true, but it is quite possible, and I tell it you because, as a parable, it is entirely true. We are all painters at work upon a picture, and the picture is our own life and character. And our picture may be utterly spoiled if we take much of a certain powder. It will be more or less spoiled even if we take a little of it, and I am afraid that most of us take some. The powder is selfishness. How can we tell whether we have taken a good deal? If we have, we shall be like the painter in the story.

We shall think that our neighbors paint extremely ill. A very selfish boy (or man) has a bad opinion of most other folk. He thinks that this one is greedy, and that one is a coward; that this one is mean and that one is quarrelsome. He sees faults and vices in everybody, except in those who flatter him. An unselfish person is known by the respect he has for others. He may not think them perfect, but he believes that there are some better than himself. A selfish person thinks in his heart that there is nobody with whom he has to do, who is so fine a fellow as himself. The story of the painter is a perfect parable in making him with his poisoned eyes regard every other's work as mean and poor.

It is a perfect parable in another respect. The painter did not know what a miserable daub his picture was until the time of judgment. It is possible that we may not know what our life and character really are until the great Judge pronounces sentence. Our Lord has told us that there will be much surprise in the day of Judgment. People who have imagined that they were good and religious will find themselves terribly mistaken. Others will be astonished to find that they have the approval of the Judge.

In one particular the story is not a perfect parable. An enemy gave the painter the poison. In real life it is our friends, or those who think themselves our friends, who give it to us. They magnify our worth, they excuse our faults, they overpraise our doings, they flatter our weakness; and, though they do so in kindness, they often do us harm. It seems nice to have such friends, but they are our worst enemies. "A spoiled child" too often becomes a madly selfish man or woman. If you have a friend or a teacher who points out your faults, you will be wise to listen to him or her, for when that is wisely and gently done it is the greatest kindness that can be shown to us.—*Independent* (*London*).

CHARACTER IN THE FACE.

A gentleman who has long made a study of amateur photography asserts that its chief interest to him lies in the unconscious revelation of character in a photographed face. "If a man have any noble or mean traits latent in his nature, unknown to the world, it comes out in his photograph." Hawthorne declared that dominant family traits and likeness were always revealed in these sun drawn pictures, even though they might not be visible on the real faces of the sitters. These assertions, if correct, only illustrate a truth which is as old as mankind—that, as years go by, the character of a man writes itself indelibly upon his face. Not only the action, whether mean or noble, but the secret thoughts which are never put into deeds—the sensual imagination, the cruel purpose, the lofty hope, the kind feeling—all these record themselves upon the features, or, at some unexpected moment, peep out at the world from behind the eye —*The Presbyterian.*

A YOUNG minister, unexpectedly called upon to address a Sunday-school asked, to gain time: "Children, what shall I speak about?" A little girl on the front seat, who had herself committed to memory several declamations, held up her hand, and, in a shrill voice, inquired:—"What do you know?"—*Morristown Banner.*

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CLERGY.

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1318 Locust Street.
REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. CRAWFORD ARNOLD, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. Wm. Lippincott,	Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,
Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	Mr. Edward Rowland,
Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. W. M. Stewart,	Mr. W. Herbert Washington.

Organist and Choir Master,
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.
Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.
President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Borda,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Burns,
Mrs. Hepburn,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Gill,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Whiting,

Mrs. Lammot.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.
Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira. Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

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Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Mrs. Hein,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Washington.
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Emily E. Borie,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Sholl, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss M. L. Wallace. Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis. Miss Edwards.

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President—Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Vice-President—W. Scott Crawford.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—John Seed.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
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" 18th—14th " " "
" 21st—St. Matthew (Wednesday).
" 25th—15th Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Michael and All Angels (Thursday).

PARISH RECORD FOR AUGUST.

BURIED.

Aug. 5th—Lillie Graham.
" 15th—Edward Emery.
" 18th—Robert Hamilton.
" 31st—Violet F. Godsoe.

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For General Charities.

THE PARISH DAY SCHOOL will open for the coming season on Thursday, September 8th, the same day the Public Schools of the city begin their work.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL will be opened for the coming season on the first Sunday in October. It is expected that most of the teachers will again take charge of their classes. Some vacancies must necessarily be. These ought to be at once filled, for a class without a teacher is short-lived. The Scholars soon become irregular and losing their interest in their studies are lost to the school. We shall need more teachers. We want communicants of the Church. The more faithful and earnest they may be the more probability of success in Sunday-school teaching. The sessions are held in the morning from 9.45 to 10.45 o'clock. It is a short sesson and the demand upon one's time once a week for this work surely is not excessive. If there is any member of the parish who is willing to undertake the care of a class and feels a vocation for this work and has good "staying" qualities let such a person see the rector as soon as may be convenient that the school may be fully organized for the work this winter. If there are any teachers who know they shall be unable to take charge of their former classes they are asked to inform the superintendent of the school, the Rev. Mr. Miller, of the fact as soon as possible, that other arrangements may be made.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY:

Aug. 4th—Miss Elizabeth W. Stevenson,	$ 5 00
" 9th—Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr.,	10 00
" 10th—Miss Adams,	5 00
" 14th—R. E. M., through Rev. J. L. Miller,	10 00
" 15th—G. H. P.,	2 00
" 17th—Cash,	1 00
" 17th—E. A. F.,	1 00
Total,	$ 34 00

From Garment Society 19 articles of clothing.
From Mrs. Joseph Reinboth, clothing.
From Miss Leah Russell, one bathing suit.
From Miss Marie Russell, one bathing suit.

Contributing members for August:

Aug. 12th—Mr. Sidney Harper Evans,	$1 00
" 12th—Mrs. John Heyl,	1 00
" 17th—Mrs. E. M. Rumpp,	1 00
" 19th—Miss L. L. Williamson,	1 00
Total,	$ 4 00

The donation of $30 received July 22d, entered in last report as from "The Housekeeper's Weekly," was part of the proceeds of two concerts given by Mrs. M. D. Lee, for The Fresh Air Fund. Henry Ferris disbursing agent.

Through the kindness of those who have contributed, the Children's Friend Society has taken

to Atlantic City this year about 250 children for a day's outing, more than the Society has ever been able to do before, but there are still over a hundred who are anxiously waiting their turn.

Aug. 10th and 17th were the days set for the last two excursions, the train left at 8.20, but many of the children were on hand by half past six o'clock, eager to be off and see what the ocean looked like.

It is very amusing to see them when they get the first breath of Sea Air. They twist their little noses in every imaginable shape and ask where the ocean is?

On reaching the Excursion House, Mrs. Trenwith is on the porch with a kindly greeting. After putting away packages and bundles, they are ready to be off to the beach. Each child is given a bucket and shovel, and then they are ready for digging and hunting curiosities, but the water is more of a temptation and it is as much as the ladies can do to keep them from getting wet before dinner.

What's going on there a lady from the parish asked? Why its Mr. Clayton being buried in the sand, just look at their delight and how they pack the sand down with their shovels.

Mr. Graff their friend at the Merry-go-round sends for them to come and have a ride before dinner.

Next comes the dinner, which is soup, meat and chicken, vegetables, ice cream and cake; oh, what a good dinner we had some of the children said. But the first question on leaving the dining room, can't we take off our shoes and stockings? can't we go in the water? they can't resist any longer so the work commences, bath houses are hired, their dresses pinned up, and the next minute they are soaking wet, regardless of all their clothes, that don't trouble them. Mr. Hall and the Life Guard have as much as they can do to keep them from going out too far. Each set of children on the different trips seem to get more wild about the water.

Strangers stop to look at them and say why don't you put them in bathing suits? That we would gladly do, but the cost must be considered. Whilst we are talking two young ladies from Burlington, Miss Marie Russell, 10 years old and Miss Leah Russell 12, donate their bathing suits for the children next year. All go home, happy and tired with three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Hall whom they leave at Atlantic City.

WORK IS GOING on in a quiet way by the King's Daughters, ice is sent every day to an aged lady in the parish, and many other little kindnesses are done, too small to mention.

July 13th they had their annual excursion to the Dairy, inviting others to join with them. Their next meetings will be Sept. 7th and 21st in Parish House, at half past seven o'clock.

Donation received from Mrs. Bloomfield, ... $1 00

THE CHURCH TRAINING AND DEACONESS HOUSE of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, now in its second year of life, is too well known to the congregation of St. Stephen's Church to require more than a brief notice now and here. The experiment of a training school for Church workers has proved a success, last year there were twelve resident students, and it has been thought expedient to arrange for a greater number during the coming term. The mortgage on the house, 708 Spruce street, has been completely paid off; the house has been made over as regards plumbing and drainage, of course at great expense; but so far there has been no difficulty in meeting the outlay, and to this good end the congregation of St. Stephen's have generously contributed.

There has, however, been one disappointment. The applicant for admission rarely come from our own diocese of Pennsylvania; perhaps this was to be expected in the case of resident students, but it was hoped that a great number of women would grasp this opportunity of instruction in the Bible, in Church History, in teaching, visiting, working among the poor, in any one of these branches, especially the practical ones; the opportunity seemed a great and unusual one, and so far the response has been less. Much less, than was anticipated.

So far, let us hope that this winter's experience will be different, and that many young women, eager to begin to do something, and to do it in the best possible way, as well as older women who have already begun and need the counsel and sympathy of other workers, may be enrolled among the "special students" of 1892–3. They will surely never regret it.

The charges for students are $200 a year; but for the second year of candidates, there is no charge. For non-resident students the charge is $5.00 for any single study, and for the whole scheme, $25.00 including the necessary text-books.

The Board of Managers are: Miss Mary Coles, *President;* Miss E. C. McVickar, *Vice-President;* Miss Esther Parry Aertsen, *Treasurer;* Miss Anne N. Sanders, *Secretary;* Miss Frances E. Bennett, Miss Agnes Irwin, Miss E. N. Biddle, Miss Elizabeth Morris, Miss Annie Buchanan, Miss Helen L. Parrish, Miss L. J. Hard, Mrs. Effingham Perot.

SELECTIONS.

DON'T.

The usages of good society called forth a little book with the above title. There are good usages in the Church, for in rubric, canon and tradition it is ever urging that all things be done "decently and in order." We take up, therefore, the title of this little book, and say to Church people: As you love evangelic truth and apostolic order—

Don't say Sabbath when you mean Sunday or the Lord's day.

Don't call yourself an Episcopalian, but a Churchman or Churchwoman, as the case may be.

Don't speak of a Church clergyman as an "Episcopal minister." He may only be a Priest or a Deacon. The term Episcopal means that which pertains to the office of a Bishop. Church clergyman is sufficiently explicit.

Don't speak of an acquaintance as a "Church member," as it may not convey the idea you have in mind. If you mean he is a communicant, say so. The term "Church member" is applicable to your infant child who has been baptised, for by Baptism we are made members of the Church. He who is confirmed and a communicant is not more a member of the Church than the baptized infant. He may have more privileges and a greater growth, but both the baptized and communicant are members of the Church. Speak of your friend or yourself as "baptized" or a "communicant," as the case may be.

Don't receive the element of bread or the cup in the gloved hand. Be as polite at the Lord's board as you would be at a neighbor's, to say nothing of reverence.

Don't sit during the prayers, unless you are infirm, but kneel.

Don't say you are going to hear some one speak, when you are going to Church to *worship God.* While we do not fail to appreciate preaching, yet why ignore the worship of God, in prayer, in hymn and in sacrament.?

Don't say Catholic when you mean Roman Catholic.

Don't speak of your Church as a sect nor treat it as such.

AFTER preaching on the occasion of the reopening of a restored Church, the bishop thanked the Churchwarden, an old farmer, for his share in the good work. "And I must thank your Lordship for your sermon," was the reply. "But I could not help thinking, as you talked about sin, that your lordship must have been a little wildish yourself when you were a young man."

"I NEVER," said Luther, "knew the meaning of God's Word until I came into affliction. I have always found it one of my best schoolmasters. Indeed, it may be most truly said, that affliction explains many a hard text, and seals many a precious promise, so that we should miss most of the meaning and spiritual blessing of the Word, if we were not more or less instructed in this school of affliction. For how can we have any experimental acquaintance with the promises of the Word, except we are brought unto those circumstances for which the promises are made.—*Bridge's Exposition.*

"WHEN the female martyr Agatha was upbraided, because being descendant of an illustrious parentage, she stooped to mean and humble offices"—"our nobility," she replied, "lies in this, that we are the servants of Christ."—*Selected.*

THIS PICTURE is from a photograph kindly taken by Dr. Vanderslice of the children invited by the Children's Friend Society to Atlantic City for one of the day's excursions, an account of which is given in the Society's report. These children were gathered together by the ladies of the Society from the poorer districts of our city. An excursion of this kind is a highly appreciated treat to the little ones, many of whom have only this to think and talk about of the great world outside the city. While the Society has given the children from time to time trips to the Park and other near places yet the ladies realize that these excursions to the sea-side, while requiring greater outlays of money, yet on the whole are much more beneficial to the poor children who have but little opportunity to get away from the crowded neighborhoods in which they live.

WHICH ONE WAS KEPT?

There were two little kittens, a black and a gray,
And grandmamma said, with a frown:
"It never will do to keep them both,
The black one we'd better drown.

"Don't cry, my dear," to tiny Bess,
"One kitten's enough to keep;
Now run to nurse, for, 'tis growing late,
And time you were fast asleep."

The morrow dawned, and rosy and sweet
Came little Bess from her nap;
The nurse said: "Go into mamma's room
And look in grandma's lap."

"Come here," said grandma with a smile,
From the rocking-chair where she sat;
"God has sent you two little sisters,
Now, what do you think of that?"

Bess looked at the babies a moment,
With their wee heads, yellow and brown,
And then to grandma soberly said,
"Which one are you going to drown?"

"THE person of bad manners is never more out of place than in the House of God. In a private house, in a parlor, and in most public gatherings he is constrained to conform to some of the proprieties. But in the Church he has little respect for the feelings of others, and apparently no fear of God. He sees people kneeling, or standing all around him. He has heard that these people believe in God, and are doing these things as an expression of that belief. But the ill-bred person, under such conditions cares not for the proprieties, the principles or anything else, it seems, of the time or place. A policeman's club would of course affect him at once; but his skin is so thick that teaching and kindly influence have a hard time in reaching his innermost self. The business sense of it would be—don't go into a gathering of people, and above all into a religious gathering where you can't act without wounding all others present."

—*Selected.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
" Evening Prayer, Fridays, 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
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Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
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Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
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Mrs. Cochran,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Hockley,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Russell.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
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Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
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Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Embroidery Class.*—Mrs. Madeira.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
" " *Hospital Visiting.*—Mrs. Muirheid.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

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Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Sanders,
Miss Leonard, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

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Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Washington.
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Emily E. Borie,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Sholl, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss M. L. Wallace. Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
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Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis. Miss Edwards.

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Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

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Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
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Miss Leonard, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Miss Whitney, Miss Emory.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of saia Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterestea witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Oct. 2d—16th Sunday after Trinity.
" 9th—17th " " "
" 16th—18th " " "
" 18th—St. Luke (Tuesday).
" 23d—19th Sunday after Trinity.
" 28th—St. Simon and St. Jude (Friday).
" 30th—20th Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER.

BAPTIZED.

Sept. 11th—Howard Taylor Kraps.

MARRIED.

Sept. 19th—Charles Rufus Wilkins and Florence Imogen Freeland.

BURIED.

Sept. 27th—Howland Russel.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities,	$103 33
Special Thank Offering, Endowment Fund,	50 00
Total,	$153 33

OFFERTORIES IN OCTOBER.

Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

THE VARIOUS CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT organizations of the Parish are ready now to begin their Winter's work. A glance at the PARISH NEWS will show what they are, when they meet, and who have been chosen and appointed to direct them. If any man or woman in the congregation can command an hour or two in a week to help with any of them, let him or her report himself at the proper time and place *and take hold.* They need not wait to be asked, and they need have no doubt about their welcome. There will not be much fuss made about them when they come. The Societies all mean business. They are in dead earnest. They don't talk, and they don't run after anybody to help. But they dearly like to see people come who sincerely want to do something for God or Man. Those who cannot command time can give money for the others to work with.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE REV. DR. KINSOLVING to the Assistant Bishopric of Texas will take away from this Diocese one of its most honored and trusted men. He has been for eleven years Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, which parish has steadily prospered under his administration. He will probably be consecrated at the Epiphany about the middle of October. No better choice could have been made by the Diocese to which he goes, and no one could have been taken away from this Diocese who will be more universally regretted.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION of our Church meets in Baltimore in October. This body meets once in every three years, and remains in session usually about three weeks. It is composed of two Houses; the *first*, the House of Bishops, containing all the Bishops. This House sits with closed doors. The *second* is the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. It is composed of delegations of four Clergy and four Laymen from each Diocese. The Clergy and Laity sit and debate as one body; but a "vote by orders" may be called for on any question, in which case they vote separately, and a concurrence of both Orders is necessary to positive action. As a rule the actions of the General convention do not seriously affect the movement of the Church. To be sure, it is the ultimate legislative authority. It may, and does make what laws (canons) it pleases. If people choose to obey these laws, well and good. If they are disobeyed, it is practically impossible to enforce them. It is doubtful if any instance can be cited of any one being brought to punishment for violation of a General Convention Canon. In point of fact, the Convention does not make laws in advance, or for theoretical cases. It seeks only to ascertain and express what is the wish of the Church upon any given subject. It did try strenuously for twenty years or so to inforce uniformity in Ritual, by laying down specific and

detailed rules, with penalties for their breach. But those who wished a different Ritual paid no regard to the Canons, and never suffered any Canonical penalties for their laches. A great diversity of Ritual observance grew up during the very period during which the Convention was trying to secure an uniform use. When these diverse customs had grown common, they sought the protection of law, so the Convention began the task of revising the Prayer Book. It tried to make the law fit the facts. It has been engaged at this task for fifteen years. This coming General Convention will probably complete it. The general sense of the Church seems to be in favor of having the improved Prayer Book printed and circulated without waiting for any further revision. This will, no doubt be done. A Committee which was appointed several years ago to revise the Hymnal, will also make their report. Indeed, they have already printed their report, recommending that about three hundred of the present Hymns be stricken out, and about three hundred others, which they have selected, be put in their place. There is little likelihood that the Convention can come to any agreement upon this subject. There will be some who love Hymns which it is proposed to drop, and some who love Hymns which it proposed, and nobody will be able to say very clearly why he likes the one or dislikes the other. The truth is, one likes a Hymn because he likes it; and he cannot say very much more. In a matter where tastes are so diverse it is not likely that any agreement shall be obtained. A good many sensible people think that the subject is one with which the Committee has no business any way. Even if it should "set forth" a Hymnal, nobody, or no Parish is under any legal obligation to use it. It is perfectly legal for any Parish to use any Hymn books it pleases, provided it buys them and pays for them.

The Committee will probably divide several dioceses and set off several new Missionary Districts, and elect several Missionary Bishops.

It will probably talk a good deal about the work of the Church among the Colored people of the South, and then leave the work in the same condition in which it found it.

Its chief function will be, as it has been for a century, to keep alive and reinforce the *esprit du corps* of the Church. It deepens its sense of solidity. It is a council of brethren drawn together from all sections of this and pagan lands. They meet each other face to face and confer upon the multiform problem of the Church's works and needs. For this purpose it is worth far more than the time and expense.

While it is in session the Church asks us all to pray God "to be present with the Council of the Church assembled in Thy Name and Presence. Save them from all errors, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern them in their present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of Thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into our fold shall become partakers of everlasting life."

The Garment Committee will resume its duties on Monday October 3d. Although it was supposed to close in April, as usual, a great deal has been done through the Summer. At odd times (but *never* inconvenient times), one hundred and thirty nine (139) garments were received, and in the same way, 350 have been distributed. On June the 8th, a box containing 304 garments was sent to the suffering at South Oil City, and the remainder went in nearly equal proportions to the Children's Friend Society, to help make the "little ones" happy, and to a Parish in the city very much less favored than our own.

Contributions can be sent every Monday morning to the Parish School Building (rear of the church), between the hours of 10.30 A. M. and 12.30 P. M., or at any time, any day, to 9 South Tenth Street, if marked for the Garment Committee and name of sender written upon it.

Contributors from May 1st to Sept. 30th:

J. J. H. Rowland, Mrs. B.
Maclay, Mrs. A. C. Sholl, Mrs. B.
Taylor, Mrs. Alexander
Monday, Oct. 3d—Mrs Arnold, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 10th—Mrs. Lundy, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 17th—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleeman.
" " 24th—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 31st—Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Muirheid.

Donations Received by The Children's Friend Society:

Aug. 30th—From Mrs. De Grasse Fox, part of the proceeds of the Children's Fair at Bar Harbor,	$75 00
Sept. 15th.—From Mrs. Nathan B. Clapp, 386 tickets for the Zoological Garden.	
Sept. 18th—From Mrs. Waln,	5 00
" 20th— " Mrs. Nathan B. Clapp,	30 00
Donation of Clothing from Mrs. Lee,	
Total,	$110 00

Contributing members for September:

Miss Ford,	$1 00
Mr. L. H. Hall,	1 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	1 00
(Punch),	1 00
Total,	$4 00

The Children's Friend Society have been able to give over 500 children an outing this summer. Kind friends have helped in every way. Sept. 7th, seventy-five children were taken to the Park, Mr. Samuel Moore's donation of ten dollars paying for the car ride and the ride in Carousel. This was supposed to be the last excursion of the season, but the children at Bar Harbor had not forgotten the little ones. On the morning of the 17th of September, 87 children were taken to Atlantic City. It was a lovely morning, and each child seemed to appreciate its brightness. On reaching Atlantic City, they were taken on the new Pier and given a ride free on the Carousel, by the proprietors, Young & McShea.

A ride in the electric car brought them to the Excursion House, where Mrs. Trenwith had a good dinner waiting for them, which was enjoyed very much by all. Wading was their afternoon's enjoyment, each set of children bringing their curiosities to the ladies to admire. On this trip the fisherman gave several large fish to some of the little girls, which they carefully brought to the city. All went home happy and tired, saying they had such a good time.

Thanks to more kind friends, a trip to the Zoological Gardens will take place October 1st, if clear.

The King's Daughters have commenced their Fall sewing for the little girl they are trying to clothe in the Home for the Merciful Saviour. This letter, received from little Katie, will show how very much she appreciated their kindness.

My Dear King's Daughters:

I have returned from the sea shore and I enjoyed myself very much. I am well and go to school every day. I am very anxious to see you all, and hope you will come out soon. They are having a house built for the very sick children. There was a little girl and she was made well and she went home, she did not want to leave the home. Good-bye, I must close my letter, I have no more to say, with lots of love and kisses to all from your little girl. Katie Judge.

Donations received by the King's Daughters from Mrs. Nathan B. Clapp, $5.00; and fifty tickets for the Zoological Gardens.

Their next meetings will be October 5th and 19th, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

STRENGTH OF VOICE.

BY HAYDEN MOZART BELLINI.

The voice in speech is the chief means used for communicating our thoughts and giving vent to our feelings, and this not simply by words uttered, but by slight inflections. Emotions that we wish to conceal are betrayed by an unconscious change of pitch, an involuntary shading of tone or a change of key, major to minor or vice versa. Furthermore the feelings of one day or hour may prove to be most natural to us; methods of thought once employed may become habitual and the voice will make this known to our fellow men—that is, voice may be a more or less accurate index of character. A sunny, unselfish nature is known by a gentle, sympathetic tone, soft and mellow, yet clear and resonant; the arrogant egotist employs those heavy, grating tones which come from a distended pharynx and a throaty quality of voice; the showy, praise-seeking woman may possess a voice of full, mellow, ringing tone, yet the nature will be betrayed by absence of light and shade or a total lack of the "sympathetic" quality. A dull wit seldom has a clear, resonant voice with clear-cut articulation, nor does the logical mind use a muffled, uncertain tone or indistinct pronounciation.

While the voice betrays the condition of the mind and the emotions, its close connection with the most important organs of the body makes it reflect the physical state with accuracy. If this be true of the voice in speech, how much more true will it be of the voice in song, when the tones are more varied than in conversation!

The nerves which have to do with voice production are branches of the pneumogastric nerve and give motion and sensations not only to the lungs, the heart and the stomach, but also to the larynx, the pharynx, the trachea and the external ear. The small vocal cords are therefore in direct and intimate communication with the large organs of the body, and if one of these be irritated or diseased, the voice will feel and show a sympathetic irritation or weakness. The feeble, wavering tone of the sick room is familiar to all; nervous irritability or excitability pitches the voice in a high

minor key; everybody knows how difficult it is to sing soon after eating. It is almost impossible to sing immediately after running, leaping or other severe exercise. Only a Mara could perform violent exercises and at the same time sustain a tone pure and true. Fright may temporarily deprive us of speech and great joy renders the tone tremulous, though perhaps brilliant. Whatever sets the heart into rapid pulsations affects the vocal cords. Long sickness may take away every trace of the once mellow, luscious voice; intense mental suffering or great grief, affecting as they do the whole physical being, have more than once robbed wonderfully lovely voices of all their sweetness. The voice is so complex, its connection with other parts of the body so intricate, intimate and delicate, that matters of seemingly slight importance disturb it seriously. We feel great admiration for the genius that first constructed a violin. The complicated mechanism seems marvelous, yet the violin is simplicity itself compared with the vocal apparatus of man. Here we have two small strings or cords, only two, yet capable of producing two or more octaves of tones, yes, and semi-tones, and these again divided and sub-divided, tones and semi-tones of every possible degree of light and shade. We have to consider the larynx, its size, shape, the toughness or delicacy of its cartilaginous walls; we must consider the glottis and epiglottis, the pharynx and uvula, the hard palate, the teeth, the tongue and the cheeks, the frontal and pharyngonasal cavities, the trachea and bronchi, the lungs and diaphragm, and it must be remembered that these are not dead tissue or seasoned wood, but living organs, each separate, yet all cunningly, carefully and delicately linked together, each dependent on the healthy condition and action of all the others, and all controlled by the will, the will itself being to some degree dependent on bodily health. It may therefore be asserted that a weak voice will hardly be found in combination with a strong physique, and that a strong voice in a fragile body would cause surprise. Strength of voice is in direct ratio to strength of physical constitution. As a rule we must expect to find massive bass voices or deep, sonorous contraltos in persons of large frame and broad chests, for these voices sing chiefly in the lower register, the resonance of which is directly dependent on breadth of chest. It is to be noticed also that sopranos who are not very strong physically have a weak, colorless chest register, but sometimes develop considerable power in the head voice, because these high notes require but little breath and are dependent chiefly on the resonance of the frontal cavities.

Enough, perhaps, has been said to prove that strengh of voice depends upon the general physical condition; that great power and volume must not be looked for in a small frame; that a soft, delicate, etherial quality of tone would be out of place in a person of large lungs and capacious chest. Whatever weakens the body will in all time surely weaken the voice, and whatever adds vigor to the physical powers will aid in strengthening the voice.

AT LAST.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

When on my day of life the night is falling,
And, in the winds from unsunned spaces blown,
I hear far voices out of darkness calling
My feet to paths unknown.

Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay;
O Love divine, O Helper ever present,
Be Thou my strength and stay!

Be near me when all else is from me drifting—
Earth, sky, home's pictures, days of shade and shine
And kindly faces to my own unlifting
The love which answers mine.

I have but Thee, O Father! Let Thy Spirit
Be with me then to comfort and uphold;
No gate of pearl, no branch of palm, I merit,
Nor street of shining gold.

Suffice if it—my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgive through Thy abounding grace—
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting place.

Some humble door among thy many mansions,
Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease
And flows forever through Heaven's green expansions
The river of Thy peace.

There, from the music round about me stealing,
I fain would learn the new and holy song,
And find, at last, beneath Thy trees of healing,
The life for which I long.

—*March Atlantic.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
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Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
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Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Mrs. Newlin,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss M. VanDusen,
Mrs. M. Wilcox,	Miss Sholl,
Miss Jamison,	Miss Ford.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

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Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
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FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
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Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
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Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
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Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

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Mrs. Hansell, Miss Emily E. Borie,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Sholl, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss M. L. Wallace. Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

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Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
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Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

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Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
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Miss Leonard, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Miss Whitney, Miss Emory.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Nov. 1st—All Saints' Day (Tuesday).
" 6th—21st Sunday after Trinity.
" 13th—22d " " "
" 20th—Sunday next before Advent.
" 27th—1st Sunday in Advent.
" 30th—St. Andrew's Day (Wednesday).

PARISH RECORD FOR SEPTEMBER.

BAPTIZED.

Oct. 5th—Charles Coulter Bankert.
" 9th—Marjorie Helen Needs.
" 14th—Chrystie McConnell.
" 28th—Catherine Hansell Schroeder.
" 28th—Virginia Hansell Schroeder.

BURIED.

Oct. 5th—Mrs. Elizabeth Lathrop.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

Domestic Missions,	$119 21
General Charities,	387 75
Mrs. Russell for Special Charity Fund,	25 00
Special for Poor,	5 00
Total,	$536 96

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday—Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

THE RECTOR EXPECTS to begin in December a course of Sunday Afternoon Lectures upon a series of special topics of current interest. As heretofore, these lectures will occupy more time than is usually allotted to sermons.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION which closed its sessions in Baltimore last week was one of the most satisfactory that has ever been held. Of course the larger portion of its time was taken up in the discussion and dispatch of that routine business, which, in the nature of the case, must accumulate in the space of three years for such a large organization as the American Episcopal Church. And of course, also, the dispatch of this business was woefully retarded by the man who feels bound to make a speech upon every resolution which comes up. He was out in great feather at this Convention, and, with that long suffering which is the characteristic of the American public, he was allowed to say his say.

The action of the Convention concerning the Prayer Book was that which most immediately cencerns the people generally. Fifteen years ago it was proposed to make a few changes in, and additions to the Prayer Book. It had not been touched for a hundred years. During that time a good many things had happened. In some ways new habits had grown up, and new needs had shown themselves. Now, the Liturgy is so carefully guarded by the Canon Law of the Church, that to change a word of it is a slow process. Such an alteration must be proposed at one General Convention and adopted; then reported to all the Dioceses; then reported to the next General Convention three years later, and approved by it.

When the subject was opened a multitude of amendments were proposed. A few of them were, from time to time, agreed upon. These have for the last few years been noted in an appendix or a preface to the standard Prayer Book. At the Convention just ended, all the proposed changes were acted upon finally, and the business closed, probably for a generation at least. A new Prayer Book will now be issued, with all the changes incorporated in it. They will not be very noticeable by the people, for they are mostly in the *Rubrics, i. e.*, in the directions to the minister concerning the conduct of the service.

From all that can be learned the new Prayer Books will not be on sale until late in the winter, as the publishers require time to print them.

Meanwhile it would be well for all to postpone buying Prayer Books until the new one is out.

The Hymnal is in a similar situation. A committee to whom it had been entrusted, reported a new Hymn Book from which many of the present hymns had been left out, and to which many new ones had been added. Their report was adopted, and the new Hymn Book ordered to be issued; but at the same time it was ordered that the present one might remain in use if preferred. In our own Parish the old one will remain in use for the present.

The Convention erected new Missionary Jurisdictions, and elected Bishops for them as follows:

Southern Florida.—The Rev. William Crouse Gray, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn.

Western Colorado.—The Rev. William Morris Barker, of Duluth, Minn.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory.—The Rev. Francis Key Brooke, of Atchison, Kan.

North Michigan.—The Rev. Wm. R. Thomas, D. D., of New York.

It also elected the Rev. Samuel R. J. Hoyt, Missionary Bishop of Shanghai, and the Rev. Thomas A. Tidball, D. D., of Camden, N. J., Missionary Bishop of Yeddo.

A suggested union of the Parishes of St. Stephen's and the Epiphany has given rise to so many misapprehensions, that it seems well to state the truth about the matter.

In the first place, then, the project *has* been considered by both Vestries. It did not come as a proposal from either Parish to the other. Nor did it arise out of the necessity of either Parish. St. Stephen's is getting on very well, and the Epiphany is perfectly able to take care of itself.

But yet, it has been urged that here is a case where the whole would be greater than the sum of its parts. A careful survey of the whole situation, taking account of the religious needs of this section of the city, of the probable future of each Parish, and of the capacity of a consolidated Parish, would show that such an union would be desirable, *provided*, it could be done heartily and on terms mutually satisfactory. There the matter stands. The two Vestries are composed of fair-minded and clear-minded men. They will recommend for final action whatever they believe to be best for the Church in the city, after the most careful consideration, and after consultation with the authorities of the Diocese.

One of the first duties attended to on returning to the city for the winter is to go over closets and chests containing clothing packed away during the summer. Now, while you are wondering what to do with this coat or that skirt or the outgrown clothes of your children, please bear in mind that the Garment Society has a use for such things if you have not, and a committee of ladies will be at the Parish Building in the rear of the Church every Monday morning, from half-past ten to half-past twelve o'clock, to receive any packages sent to their care.

The bestowal of *two new* garments every year makes the donor a contributing member of the Society, and the ladies on the committee are always glad to have these welcome new garments sent in, as well as the half-worn clothing alluded to. If you do not see your name in the list of contributing members in this number of the Parish News, send a package of clothing to the Garment Society, marked as coming from you, and it will be gratefully acknowledged in the next number.

Contributors during October.

Miss L. Bell,	Mrs. Muirheid,
Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Jr.,	Mrs. Stratton,
King's Daughters,	Mrs. W. P. Swayne,
Mrs. A. C. Maclay,	Miss Veacock.

Garments received during October, ... 46
" distributed during October, ... 9

Donations received in October by the Children's Friend Society:

From Maud Wetherly part of the proceeds of a Fair held by herself and friend, ...	$ 50
Clothing from Mrs. Wetherly.	
October 20th Miss K. M. B., ...	2 00
Clothing from Miss K. M. B.	
King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church, ...	1 00
Total, ...	$3 50

Eighty children were taken to the Zoological Gardens for an afternoon's outing, on Oct. 1st, this ended the summer work and the *question* now is what is to be done for the winter entertainments? Suggestions from any of the members of the Church would be a very great help, for it is *very hard* to think each month for some new amusement; these children have good memories and remember from year to year what they have seen, this makes it necessary to vary the entertainments as much as possible. Many of the children have been inquiring for the last month when the concerts and magic lantern entertainments would commence? They are just as eager for their winter pleasure as they are for their summer outings; and in this way the Society keeps up their *interest* in the children the whole year round.

The King's Daughters will hold their next meetings November 2d and November 16th in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

Haydn's Oratorio of The Creation will be given at the Temple, S. E. Cor. Broad and Berks Streets, on the evening of December 16th, under the direction of Mr. Wood, St. Stephen's organist. Among the soloists will be Mrs. Newkirk and Mr. Hurlburt, of St. Stephen's Choir. Mr. Gilchrist will conduct the chorus and orchestra, with Mr. Wood at the organ. No doubt many of our people will avail themselves of so rare a treat.

SELECTIONS.

CONSCIENCE OR CUPIDITY!

An interesting case of conscience is reported from Norristown, Pa. It is thus told for substance: A Mennonite minister in good standing named Landis, went before a Worcester magistrate and confessed that in January last he had violated the game laws by shooting a rabbit after the close of the season in which rabbits may be legally taken. He said that realizing immediately after that he had committed crime, he gave the rabbit to his nephew, who sold it to a man, by whom it was eaten. He said his conscience had troubled him ever since, and that he desired to atone by suffering the penalty prescribed by law. The accommodating magistrate at once imposed a fine of five dollars, which the preacher paid, subsequently claiming and receiving half the amount of the fine, which the law gives to the informer. Having thus appeased his conscience so far as his individual act was concerned, he lodged information against his nephew and the man who had eaten the rabbit for having respectively exposed it to sale and purchased it, contrary to the same laws. The magistrate imposed a fine of five dollars on each of the offenders, which Landis also paid, receiving in return the informant's half. A very neat little sermon this for respectable offenders against our game laws or other statutes. And now let no hardened Gospeler draw his pencil upon it, and reckon that the worthy Mennonite is presumably just $2.50 in pocket, he having made his collections from his fellow-culprits. Drowned be such pencil in the salt sea!—*Evangelist.*

An effort is under way in England to have a translation of the Bible made in the Jewish dialect now spoken by the majority of the Jews all over the world. As very few Jews understand Hebrew, the Bible has long been to them a sealed book. A strong, influential committee, including amongst others the names of the archdeacon of London, Prebendary Gordon Calthrop, the Rev. Messrs. G. F. Head, J. F. Kitto, H. C. G. Moule, and J. H. Scott, has been formed for the purpose of bringing out as quickly as due care will allow a translation of God's Word into the dialect approved by the most competent authorities.

VOILÀ LA FEMME!

Le monde, dans ses jugements sévères mais significatifs, emploie avec ironie cette locution bien connue: "Cherchez la femme!" Et dans toutes les intrigues, les perfidies, les hontes et les fanges de l'humanité, dans les drames affreux que les journaux nous jettent en pâture et qui nous épouvantent, il dit: "Cherchez la femme," et il la trouve. Mais aussi là où se rencontrent les sentiments les plus élevés, les passions les plus nobles, les dévouements les plus chevalresques, les abnégations silencieuses, les fatigues et les souffrances héroïquement supportées; là, où se produisent les faits qui, dans l'historie des familles et des nations, nous saisissent d'admiration, nous confondent d'étonnement, nous chrétiens, nous emparant de la locution sarcastique du monde, nous disons: "Cherchez la femme!" Et nous la trouvons. —Ainsi, vouée au meilleur ou au pire, selon qu'elle écoute les appels de la nature et de la grâce ou qu'elle ferme son cœur à ces deux voix sacrées, créature angélique ou satanique, voilà la femme!

MEN AND MONEY.

"Herein," says Mr. Ruskin, "is the test with every man, whether money is the principal object with him or not. If in mid-life he could pause and say, 'Now I have enough to live upon. I will live upon it, and, having well earned it, I will also well spend it, and go out of the world poor as I came into it,' then money is not principal with him; but if, having enough to live upon in the manner befitting his character and rank, he still wants to make more, and to die rich, then money is the principal object with him, and it becomes a curse to himself and generally to those who spend it after him. For you know it must be spent some day; the only question is whether the man who makes it shall spend it or some one else, and generally it is better for the maker to spend it, for he will know best its value and use. This is the true law of life."

HE (as the curtain falls)—"My dear, I believe I will go into the lobby to stretch my legs."

SHE—"You've been to the lobby three times to stretch your legs and the last time when you came back they seemed real weak. I am afraid you are stretching them too much."—*Selected.*

ONE of Queen Victoria's ladies in waiting, a charming young Irish woman, was asked to dance the reel of her country for her mistress' edification. She complied at once, and majesty was so delighted that she offered the fascinating dancer anything she liked to ask for, whereupon the greatly daring young witch quietly asked for the head of William Ewart Gladstone on a charger!

ONE DAY an Indian asked Bishop Whipple to give him two one-dollar bills for a two-dollar note. The Bishop asked "Why?" He said: "One dollar for me to give to Jesus and one dollar for my wife to give." The Bishop asked him if it was all the money he had. He said "Yes." The Bishop was about to tell him, "It is too much," when an Indian clergyman who was standing by whispered, "It might be too much for a white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus."—*Sunday-School Magazine.*

THE NATIVE Christians of the Hawaiian Islands not only sustain home missions among their own people, but also among the Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese, who are living in the Islands, and they also send their representatives to Christianize Micronesia.—*Sunday-School Magazine.*

THE Rev. Robert Herbert Godwin, Provost of St. John's Cathedral, Kaffraria, in addressing the members of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, spoke of Kaffraria as being the most thickly populated part of South Africa, and of its importance from the point of view of influencing the natives, as its language (practically) extends from the Cape to the Zambesi. There is a rapidly growing native ministry, who reach a high standard of learning, the candidates for holy orders passing, in many cases, better examinations than those sent out from England.—*Sunday-School Magazine.*

IN SETTING forth recently the debt of science to missions, Archdeacon Farrar said: "Is it nothing that through their labors in the translation of the Bible the German philologist in his study may have before him the grammar and vocabulary of 250 languages? Who created the science of anthropology? The missionaries. Who rendered possible the deeply important science of comparative religion? The missionaries. Who discovered the great chain of lakes in Central Africa on which will turn its future destiny? The missionaries. Who have been the chief explorers of Oceanica and America and Asia? The missionaries. Who discovered the famous Nestorian monument in Singar Fu? A missionary. Who discovered the still more famous Moabite stone? A Church missionary. Who discovered the Hittite inscriptions? A Presbyterian missionary."—*Sunday-School Magazine.*

A HINDU and a New Zealander met upon the deck of a ship. They had both been converted from heathenism, but they could not speak to each other. They pointed to their Bibles, shook hands and smiled in each others faces; but that was all. At last a happy thought occurred to the Hindu. With sudden joy he exclaimed "Hallelujah." The New Zelander, in delight, cried out "Amen!"—*Sunday-School Magazine.*

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1318 Locust Street.

Rev. Joseph L. Miller.
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

Rev. S. E. Snively, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. L. C. Cleemann, *Church Warden.*
Mr. Crawford Arnold, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	Mr. Edward Rowland,
Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. W. M. Stewart,	Mr. W. Herbert Washington.

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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
Week-Days Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
Holy Baptism at any Service.
Sunday-School, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Sundays, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
Daily, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
Holy Communion, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
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Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W. Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
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FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

Officers.

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1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

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Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,

Mrs. Russell.

Cutting Committee.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Lundy,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Wiegand,	Miss Durang,
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Parcelling Committee.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Miss Patterson,	Miss VanDusen,
Mrs. Chas. Kenworthy,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Ziegler,	Miss Wood.

Distributing and Paying Committee.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright.
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

Selling Committee.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis. Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Lundy, Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. Arnold.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

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Miss Langton, Mrs. Hein,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
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Miss Hansell, Miss Washington.
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Miss Lammot, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss M. L. Wallace. Mr. W. W. Eakins.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell, Mrs. Bloomfield.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis. Miss Edwards.

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Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Bowden, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Rutter,
Miss Leonard, Mrs. Sholl,
Miss Hansell, Miss Sholl,
Miss Whitney, Miss Emory.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of saia Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Funa for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterestea witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Dec. 4th—2d Sunday in Advent.
" 11th—3d " " "
" 18th—4th " " "
" 21st—St. Thomas (Wednesday).
" 25th—Christmas Day (Sunday).
" 26th—St. Stephen (Monday).
" 27th—St. John the Evangelist (Tuesday).
" 28th—The Innocents (Wednesday).

PARISH RECORD FOR NOVEMBER.

BAPTIZED.

Nov. 2d—Edna Ida Krimmel.
" 5th—Edward Sydney Steinle.
" 6th—Frances McCellin.
" 6th—Earle Hepburn.
" 6th—Cyril Evelyn Hepburn.

MARRIED.

Nov. 17—William Henry Dillingham and Anna Florence Dodson.
" 21—Chas. Robert Lee and Jaenette Turnbull Drysdale.

BURIED.

Nov. 7—General Samuel Wylie Crawford.
" 21—Harry Palmer.
" 28—Mrs. Emily Cadwalader Rawle.

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

Second Sunday in month—Missionary Box Committee.
Third Sunday in month—Sunday-school Festival.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

For special Church Work Fund:

Miss Fannie S. Magee,	$25 00
Miss Eliza Magee,	25 00
Miss Dickson,	25 00
Mrs. Russell,	25 00
Mr. Robert Ryers,	50 00
Miss Everley,	25 00
Mr. R. A. Cox,	50 00
Mr. Albert Pancoast,	25 00
Mr. H. C. Olmstead,	25 00
Mr. R. E. Atmore,	50 00
Miss Richardson,	50 00
Miss Simpson,	25 00
Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	50 00
Mrs. Wister,	25 00
Mr. Crawford Arnold,	50 00
Mrs. Charlemagne Tower,	50 00
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	50 00
Mr. F. T. S. Darley,	50 00
Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	50 00
Mr. Samuel Clarkson,	50 00
Mr. T. E. Cornish,	50 00
Miss Garrett,	50 00
Mr. Frank Thomson,	50 00
Mr. Edward Rowland,	25 00
Mr. A. H. Postel,	25 00
Dr. S. Wier Mitchell,	50 00
Mr. Geo. L. Crawford,	25 00
Miss Evans,	20 00
Miss Josephine Lewis,	15 00
Mr. S. H. Austen,	50 00
Mr. F. A. Lewis,	25 00
John Blakeley,	100 00
S. D. McConnell,	50 00
	$1,310 00

From Miss Josephine Lewis:

For Altar Society,	$ 5 00
" Benevolent Society,	5 00
" Missionary Box Committee,	10 00
" Diocesan Missions,	10 00
" Domestic Missions,	10 00
	$ 40 00
For Female Benevolent Society,	$ 164 50
" The Episcopal Hospital,	477 12
" General Charities,	417 88
" Church Training and Deaconess House,	201 00
	$1,260 50
Carried forward,	$2,610 50

Brought forward,	$2,610 50

For St. Stephen's Scholarship for the Church Training and Deaconess House.

From Miss Pendleton	$20 00
" Dr. McConnell,	20 00
" Mrs. Richardson,	20 00
" Miss Mellon,	10 00
" Mrs. J. D. Lippincott, annual,	10 00
" Miss Tower,	10 00
" Mrs. Thomson,	10 00
" Miss Evans	10 00
" Mr. Thomas McKean,	10 00
" Mrs. Thomas McKean,	10 00
" Mrs. Arnold,	5 00
" Mrs. Russell, annual,	5 00
" Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	5 00
" Mrs. Albert Pancoast	5 00
" Miss Stevenson,	5 00
" Miss Sanders,	5 00
" Mrs. Rogers,	5 00
" Miss Wilkins,	5 00
" Miss Magee,	5 00
" Miss E. Magee,	5 00
" Miss Anne Thomson,	5 00
" Mrs. Darley,	5 00
" Miss Baldwin,	5 00
" Mrs. Arrison,	3 00
" Mrs. Madeira,	2 00
" Miss Sidford,	1 00
" Mrs. Reilly,	10 00
	$211 00
Total,	$2,821 50

IN THE LAST NUMBER of the PARISH NEWS notice was made of a proposition to consolidate St. Stephen's parish with that of the Epiphany. Since that time the matter has been considered in all its bearings by the vestries of the two parishes, and the consolidation has not been effected, and, so far as can be seen, is not likely to be. The difficulties in the way of such a project were known in advance to be very great, and have proved to be insuperable. It seems a pity, for the gain would have been great to all concerned. But there is plenty for each parish to do, each "standing in its own lot." There is no rivalry between them except the friendly emulation as to which can best do good to the people of this great city.

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFRERNOON IN DECEMBER the Rector expects to begin a series of lectures upon what has been well described as "Applied Christianity," *i. e.*, the way in which the principles of the Christian Church are related to some of the great institutions of common life. In considering such grave and complex topics more time than that conventionally allowed to a sermon will be required for each lecture. Yet it is believed that many men who are perplexed in the attempt to adjust their religion to the exigencies of life will be glad to give the time and thought which may be needed. The order of topics will be as follows:

"Christianity and Business," Dec. 4th.

"Christianity and the Social Situation," Dec. 11th.

"Christianity and the Administration of Charity," Dec. 18th.

"Christianity and Education," Jan. 1st.

"Christianity and Culture," Jan. 15th.

"Christianity and Politics," Jan. 22d.

"Christianity and Amusements," Jan. 29th.

"Christianity and the Church," Feb. 5th.

THE RECTOR HAS RECEIVED the following letter from the Bishop, to which he has responded by sending a list of those whom he believes might reasonably be asked to contribute:

EPISCOPAL ROOMS, 1102 Walnut St.,
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5th, 1892.

Reverend and Dear Brother:

I am very desirous to have the scheme for the erection of a Diocesan House brought to a successful conclusion. Already much has been accomplished. A very eligible site on South Broad Street, No. 221, has been purchased for the sum of $60,000 and the title vested in the Trustees of the Diocese. In the judgment of the Committee having the matter in charge, about $50,000 more will be required to erect and furnish the proposed house.

In order to facilitate making collections for this purpose, will you nominate two or more persons from your congregation who are qualified and presumably willing to canvass either personally or by letter, those in your parish who would be likely to contribute; or if this is impracticable, will you furnish the Committee a list of names of persons to whom they may apply for subscriptions? And will you also speak of this matter from the chancel of your church, explaining the need of such a house, and urging your people to contribute towards it? I feel more at liberty to ask you to do these things because the Diocesan House will be a great benefit to the Clergy of the Diocese, and I feel sure that you will heartly co-operate in the measures necessary to its completion.

Will you kindly send a reply to this note to the chairman of the Committee, the Rev. G. Woolsey Hodge, 334 South 13th Street, within ten days, in order that an appeal for funds with which to build may be sent out by the 15th.

Faithfully Yours,
O. W. WHITAKER.

CHURCH TRAINING AND DEACONESS HOUSE.

Interest having been awakened in the "Church Training and Deaconess House," and many questions asked in regard to its work, it has been thought well to explain its objects to the women of the Church.

The need has long been felt for better-trained workers in our Sunday Schools and Mission Fields, and the first thought of those interested in forming this Institution, was to put within the reach of any earnest woman a thorough course of instruction and training at as small a cost as possible. But, when three years ago the Canon was passed reviving the primitive Order of Deaconesses, we gladly enlarged our work by adding to that object the training of postulants for this order.

It is emphatically a TRAINING SCHOOL.

Lessons are given by competent Clergymen on the Bible, Prayer-book, Theology, and Evidences, Church History, etc.; and at the close of each term the students come up for thorough examinations. Lectures on Hygiene, Cooking, and Nursing are also given, and during the three summer months the students have the privilege of living in our Church Hospital, with the opportunities there afforded for such training and practice as are given to their regular nurses.

In addition to these very great advantages, they visit and minister to the sick and erring, under the supervision of devoted women who have passed their lives in such service.

We would earnestly emphasize our desire to receive, not only those who are able to enter for the entire course, which covers two years, but any who may wish to take only a partial course; and we hope many women of education, cultivation, and refinement in our Church may avail themselves of these facilities.

Any further information will be given gladly by the House-Mother,

CAROLINE H. SANFORD,
708 Spruce Street.

Or by
MARY COLES,
President of the Board of Managers.

Or by
THE RT. REV. O. W. WHITAKER, D. D.,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

LOST!

Lost in the church a pocket book containing papers and a sum of money. The finder will please return to the Verger, Joseph Clayton.

IN MEMORIAM.

MAJOR GENERAL S. WYLIE CRAWFORD, AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1892.

Up in the tower
Muffled bells toll;
Sad is the hour,
For a brave soul
Has passed away.
And naught but clay
Remains to-day.

Tenderly the casket bear,
With its pall, the "Stars and Stripes,"
While the "Dead March" is the air
Wailing from organ pipes.

Up the aisle, with solemn tread,
Soldier friends are moving slow,
And the service for the dead
Is heard in accents low.

And strong men weep
And show their grief;
Their honored chief
In death doth sleep.

Anon the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light!"
Is softly, sweetly sung;
And then a prayer, "Lord of all might,
Rest this brave soul among
Thy blessed saints, who in their strife
With sin, have gained eternal life!"

Amen.
H. A. DE FRANCE.

November, 1892.

THE SENTENCE quoted below is from a weekly religious paper, in reference to the influence of the Church on "them that are without," and speaks of her "as a boundless storehouse out of which she must bring forth garments to fit the people, and not expect the people to fit her garments."

This same phrase might apply in a fitting manner to the Garment Society, except that theirs is not a *boundless* storehouse, and they look to you to fill the empty spaces on their shelves with such articles as will gladden the hearts and warm the bodies of the poorer half of humanity. It is confidently asserted by those in authority that unbleached night gowns, flannel skirts and sacques, are particularly adapted to produce this effect, but other articles as well are necessary to health and comfort.

Contributors during November.

Mrs. C. Arnold,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. G. L. Crawford,
Miss J. W. Dickerson,
Mrs. W. H. Hepburn,
Mrs. McConnell,
Mrs. H. McIlvaine,
Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. M. M. Parmelee,
Miss Sidford,
Mrs. W. H. Washington,
Miss Wilkins,
Mrs. M. L. Wilkins,
Mrs. W. G. Wilson,
Miss Veacock.

Monday, December 5th—Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 12th—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 19th—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 26th—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY had their Thanksgiving Entertainment, Nov. 22d. Over three hundred children were in the Sunday-school room long before eight o'clock, eager to see what was coming.

It was an illustrated concert by the Surricks, opening with views of Rome, London and Paris, exhibiting many views of the United States, Independence Hall, the old Liberty Bell and the steamship "City of Paris."

The hymn *Rock of Ages* illustrated, pleased the children very much as also did the views of the Christian Martyrs by day and night.

Many humorous views were shown, the Black Brudders, the Famous Little Brownies and many others. Some of the children have said this was the best entertainment yet, and on passing out said thank you it was very nice. Christmas is coming and with it we hope good cheer for the little ones.

Donations of candies, toys, books or fruit would be very acceptable and help to give the children a good time.

"WHATSOEVER OUR HANDS find to do, is the motto of the King's Daughters Circle of St. Stephen's Church.

Four large baskets of provisions were filled and sent to *poor families* for Thanksgiving. A new dress made for their little girl in the Home and a package sent to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children.

The Circle has now thirty-five active members, all ready to do and help others along, four or five of the members have gone to other cities but still wish to belong to St. Stephen's Circle.

The next meetings will be Dec. 7th and Dec. 21st in Parish House at half past seven o'clock.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

In beginning the winter's work, the Missionary Box Committee feel confident that the congregation will help them as in former years. They have already undertaken to send three boxes—one to Oregon, one to Minnesota, and one to Pennsylvania, which they hope to have ready so as to reach their destinations before Christmas. As in former years, they can make good use of anything sent them in the shape of second-hand clothing, etc.

The Committee think it well to give a resumé of how this work began, and what it has accomplished.

Last winter seven boxes were sent, valued at $838.93, and $85 was given in specials.

The Treasurer reports money received, $685.62
" " " " paid, 648.80

Balance now in Treasury, $ 36.82

Missionary boxes have been sent from St. Stephen's for many years, but the earliest records of the work that can be found is in 1878. Since then, 127 boxes have been sent by them to the missionaries scattered over the United States, valued at $11,939.17. Through the delegates to the Woman's Auxiliary, Scholarships, Salaries of Matrons of Church Hospitals, etc., are helped.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary, of which this is a branch, to the General Convention, shows that the total work in money and boxes in the United States, for twenty-one years, as reported from 1871 to 1892, has been $3,623,505.65.

HAYDN'S ORATORIO OF THE CREATION will be given at the Temple, S. E. Cor. Broad and Berks Streets, on the evening of December 6th, under the direction of Mr. Wood, St. Stephen's organist. Among the soloists will be Mrs. Newkirk and Mr. Hurlburt, of St. Stephen's Choir. Mr. Gilchrist will conduct the chorus and orchestra, with Mr. Wood at the organ. No doubt many of our people will avail themselves of so rare a treat.

THE MOTHER'S LOYAL CIRCLE of King's Daughters, composed of women belonging to the Mother's Meeting, Miss Stoddard, President, will hold a Fair in the Parish House, Friday evening, December 9th.

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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

REV. S. D. MCCONNELL, D. D., *Rector*,
1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

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Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. W. M. Stewart,	Mr. W. Herbert Washington.

Organist and Choir Master,
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 A. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Whiting,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Ziegler.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. Watson,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss Pease,
Miss Patterson,	Miss VanDusen,
Mrs. Chas. Kenworthy,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Ziegler,	Miss Wood.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast,

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis. Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth, Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Lammot,
Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira. Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Miss Ruth Snyder,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Emma Haeberlen,
Mrs. Hansell, Mr. George B. Woodruff,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Annie W. Denney, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis. Miss Edwards.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Edgar W. Spackman.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—Harry Christensen.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Tuesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of saia Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Funa for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterestea witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Jan. 1st—Circumcision of Christ.
" 6th—The Epiphany (Friday).
" 8th—1st Sunday after the Epiphany.
" 15th—2d " " "
" 22d—3d " " "
" 25th—The Conversion of St. Paul (Wednesday).
" 29th—Septuagesima Sunday.

PARISH RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

BAPTIZED.

Dec. 12th—Sarah Elizabeth Putnam.

MARRIED.

Dec. 14th—Charles H. Bond, Jr. and Lizzie Wize Mann.
" 24th—Willard E. Barcus and Elizabeth Walter.

BURIED.

Dec. 9th—George Goddard Barclay.
" 12th—Mrs. Loretta Sickels.
" 14th—John P. Lundy, D. D.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

For Missionary Box Committee,		$158 06
" Sunday-Schools,		137 93
" Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,		316 34
" Special Church Work Fund:		
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	$25 00	
Mr. Thos. McKean,	50 00	
Mrs. J. K. B.,	50 00	
		125 00
" General Charities,		267 45
" Special "		5 00
Total,		$1,009 78
From Sale of Woman's Work,		1,059 60

From Mr. Chas. Hartshorne, six half-tons coal.

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Foreign Missions—Third Sunday.
General Charities—Other Sundays.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all is the earnest wish and prayer of the Clergy for the people of this Parish and congregation.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS of the Parish held their Christmas Festival on Wednesday, Holy Innocents evening at half-past seven o'clock. The carols were well sung by the children after careful training by Mr. David Wood during the Sundays in Advent. The rector, Dr. McConnell made a short address. Mr. Hall kindly consented to entertain the children by recitations, etc., and gave much pleasure to all. The Christmas tree was handsomely trimmed. Candies, cakes, and oranges were distributed to the children, and all present had a happy time.

THE REVISED PRAYER BOOK is now to be had of the book sellers. Theoretically it has been the only legal Service Book since the beginning of last Advent. But practically the Book had not been printed, so, in most Parishes the old one has remained in use. Now that the law can be obeyed, of course it will be. We hope to begin its use in this Parish on *Septuagesima*, the last Sunday in January. This will give time for all to procure new Prayer Books, *if they wish to do so.* But it should be distinctly understood there is no actual necessity for any to do so. Of course it is desirable, and no doubt will generally be done. But by far the larger part of the changes which have been made are in the *Rubrics*, and are for the direction of the Minister in conducting the service. The fact is that worshipers do not actually need to have books in their hands at all at any point of the service save at the reading of the Psalms. Here, because they have to read alternately they need the printed page. But in all the rest of the service they would do better to close their books, and close their eyes, and follow the Minister's voice. But long experience has shown that they will not do so. For some reason, whether because they think he may make mis-

takes, or because they think that upon general principles it is better to watch him, they like to follow him page by page. Now, any one who wishes to do this must get a new Prayer Book. With the old one in his hands he will be thrown out.

For at the very beginning of *Morning Prayer* there are quite a number of new opening sentences of Holy Scripture inserted. Then there is Rubric which says that, at certain times, (as when the Holy Communion is to follow) he will go at once from the sentences to the Lord's Prayer, omitting the Exhortation, Confession and Absolution. He will find also that a portion has been added to the *Benedictus*.

In *Evening Prayer* he will find also additional opening sentences; a Rubric for shortening the service by omitting the Exhortation, and stopping after the second collect. He will find two new Canticles, the *Magnificat*, and the *Nunc Dimittis*. He will find a number of new *Versicles* immediately after the Creed.

He will find also a provision for reading certain selected Psalms to be announced by the Minister at any time, instead of the Psalter for the day.

In the *Burial Service* he will find the Anthem divided into two portions, either one of which may be said or sung.

These are about the only changes which the ordinary worshiper will notice.

Particular attention is called to an entirely new service in the Revised Book. It is *A Penitential Office*, on page 48. It will be used on Ash Wednesday, and frequently during Lent, and occasionally at other times.

A MONTH AGO it became the duty of the Rector to officiate at a funeral where the body was cremated. Instead of committing it to the ground, he committed it to the consuming and purifying fire. For a long time he has believed that this is the right mode of disposing of our dead. After once seeing it done, this belief has been deepened into an abiding conviction. It is so decent, so reverent, and above all, so final that beside it sepulture has no argument for itself. The horror of sepulture is the awful burden which it lays upon the imagination of those who survive. To picture the loved and revered body changing slowly, but surely into the horrible thing which decay compels, is, to many, an intolerable burden. Cremation saves from this.

Why there should be supposed to be a Christian objection to it is difficult to understand. Whether a body be consumed in a few minutes in the roseate heat of a retort, or in forty years in a grave, burning it is in either case. Chemically the two processes are absolutely identical, save only in the length of time required. Ashes to ashes is the end in either case. The strange notion that it should be thought to touch in any way upon the question of the Resurrection of the body seems amazing.

It would be a gain from every point of view if the Church would frankly accept and endorse cremation as a fitting thing. In the country where a sweet "God's Acre" can be had and kept, it might well continue to be used as a burial place. But in a great city where a place to lay ones dead must be bought in the midst of a great cemetery, and must be paid for at a price which will allow a round dividend to be paid to the stockholders of the cemetery, where a permanent resting place cannot be guaranteed against the encroachment of a growing city, so remote and inaccessible that in the vast majority of cases the grave can only be visited at rare intervals, if at all, there to melt into a sea of corruption, what but the stolid inertia of old custom would compel a continuance of the habit?

How much better in every way if some provision were made at points in the city convenient and accessible to all, where the bodies of our dear dead could be at once reduced to ashes, and then the urns containing them be placed in niches in the Church walls, or Cloister, or in a Columbanim to be built beside God's House. Then they would abide through the years in the midst of the incense of prayers and praises of those survive, "waiting for the general Resurrection in the last day through Our Lord Jesus Christ, when the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed and made like unto his own glorious body, according to the mighty workings whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself."

THE PROCEEDS of the Sale of Woman's Work held in Guild Room of Parish house, on Dec. 1st, 2d, and 3d, amounted to $1059.60. The whole of this amount went directly to those who sent the goods for sale without any discount for commission or costs.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

The ladies of the Garment Committee submit the following report for the year ending November 30th, 1892.

The number of members and contributors is 173; of these 110 have contributed during the year.

Balance of garments Nov. 30, 1891,	785
Garments received up to Nov. 30, 1892,	816
Total,	1601
Garments distributed up to Nov. 30th, 1892,	996
Balance,	605
Total,	1601

The distributions were to

Foreign Missions,	24
Individuals,	450
Children's Homœopathic Hospital,	25
Orthopædic Hospital,	18
South Oil City,	304
Missionary Box Society,	60
St. Mary Street Day Nursery	30
Home of the Merciful Saviour,	7
A City Church,	21
Children's Friend Society,	57
Total,	996

Figures speak plainer than words always, so comment on these statistics is scarcely necessary. Attention is merely drawn to the fact that a new year has begun for the work of this Committee, and with the generous help of former, as well as new contributors, the ladies hope to be able to relieve as many pitiful cases in the future as they have in the past.

In a city so charitably disposed as is our own, where exist institutions for the amelioration of every imaginable ill or misfortune, it has been thought best by the Committee to give their helping hand primarily to the poor of the Parish, and to such individual cases of distress as are constantly brought to their notice, rather than to bestow large donations upon Homes, etc., which are always before the public, and which never appeal in vain. Individuals are far harder to reach, and the personal interest adds to the gift, when brought face to face with the "special case."

Many pathetic, as well as humorous, incidents have occurred, for instance, one woman, on being given half-a-dozen warm, useful articles, with tremulous voice thanked the ladies for providing her with clothing enough to last her until she went to Mt. Moriah; another one could not be prevailed upon to accept any night-gowns for herself or her children, as they had never possessed any and had no use for them! A German family this, not Americans fortunately, and it is indeed an interesting study to note the needs and degrees of poverty in different nationalities.

In concluding the annual report, the Committee beg leave to state that the articles most needed at present, are men's unbleached nightshirts, infants' clothing, and dresses and aprons for women and children.

Garments received during December,	80
" distributed during December,	57

Monday, January 2d—Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Stratton.
" " 9th—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 16th—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 23d—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 30th—Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Stratton.

Contributors during December.

Mrs. Adams,	Miss F. S. Magee,
Miss E. Bell,	Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,
Miss J. M. Bell,	Mrs. T. C. Musgrove,
Mrs. Wm. B. Buck,	Missionary Box Society,
Mrs. Clapp,	Mrs. W. C. Richardson,
Miss Dickerson,	Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. I. H. Evans,	Mrs. Shill,
Miss Garrett,	Miss Stroup,
Mrs. A. M. Kelly,	Miss Williamson.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in December.

Dec. 7th.	Miss Richner	$ 3 00
13th.	Mrs. Russel	2 00
10th.	Miss Maud Wetherley, proceeds from a Chocolataire given by her	11 50
	Mrs. J. H. Evans	1 00
18th.	From a Friend	5 00
19th.	Miss Kate Burton	2 00
26th.	Miss Anna M. Kelly	2 00
	Miss Bennett	85
	Through Miss Stevenson from some of the Ladies in the Benevolent Society	5 00
	Total	$ 32 35

Other donations received, Miss K. B., for the *Children's Christmas*, handkerchiefs, stockings, mittens and eighteen little purses containing five cents each. Three hundred Christmas Cards from Miss Stevenson. From the King's Daughters five pounds of nuts, two dozen candy canes, and a large box of toys and one dozen books; candy toys from Mrs. Marion B. Smith.

Very many thanks to those who have so kindly helped to give the children a bright Christmas on the evening of the 29th of December from the ladies of the Society.

One box of toys from Miss Stevenson also received.

December the 7th two hundred children and the ladies of the Children's Friend Society were very kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Kellar. The children were delighted, and it was very amuseing to hear their curious questions.

DONATIONS of fifty Christmas cards from Miss Stevenson for the *King's Daughters*.

Donation from Miss Sidford, $1.00.

The King's Daughters packed a box for their little girl in the Home of the Merciful Saviour for her Chsistmas.

Also filled five large baskets of provisions for poor families, with groceries, fruit and poultry. They will help the ladies of the C. F. S. on the evening of the 29th, trimming a tree for the poor children's Christmas.

Their next meetings will be January 11th and January 25th, in Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

SOME STATEMENTS WRONGLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE BIBLE.

1. That the world was created 6,000 years ago. The Bible assigns no time whatever. It uses the most indefinite phrase that could be used—"in the beginning God created."

2. That man has been on this globe only 6,000 years. The Bible simply says that he was created in the image of God; but *when*, he says not. Man may have lived on the earth six millions, for anything that the Bible says to the contrary.

3. That there was no death till Adam sinned. The Bible nowhere says this. Some men may have, and have drawn this inference; but the Bible is not responsible for their inferences; and the record does not say whether there was, or not. The rocks indicate that there was.

4. That the world was created in six days of twenty-four hours to the day and sixty minutes to the hour. The Bible simply says, in his Hebrew idiom, that it was created in six great indefinite epochs. If some men, few or many, have taken upon themselves, to take a certain one out of the sixteen or eighteen meanings of the English word "day," and say that the Bible meant that, it himself is surely not to be held responsible for their gratuitous action. It says nothing about the length, or the brevity, of the six periods; it speaks of them as eras, or epochs, and lets them go altogether undefined.

These are samples of the statements that have been falsely attributed to this book.

What other volume is treated in like manner? Would it not be well to try and adhere a little more closely to the actual statements of the writer? It would be a good habit to get into for our own sakes, to say nothing of the advantage it would be in aiding us to arrive at, or to help others to arrive at, the truth in one of the most important departments of human knowledge.

The fact is that some hundreds of years ago, science, not as far advanced as it is now, was followed by Biblical interpreters, who were no wiser than the scientists of that day themselves; and thus mediæval science has led us all wrong, and unto this day many still cling to the errors of its former teaching.

Later science has corrected earlier science, but many persons yet adhere to the former *dicta* of mediæval knowledge, and the Bible gets the blame for the false science of four or five hundred years ago.—*Rev. R. W. Lowrie, M. A.*

NUL N'EST JUGE DANS SA CAUSE.

Les femmes sont inférieures aux hommes!
Ce sont les hommes qui le disent.
Les gens du peuple sont inférieurs aux nobles!
Ce sont les nobles qui le disent!
Les noirs sont inférieurs aux blancs,
Ce sont les blancs qui le disent.
Les fidèles doivent soumission aux prêtres,
Ce sont les prêtres qui le disent.
Hors de l'Eglise point de salut,
C'est l'Eglise qui le dit.
Or, que dit le Maître?
"Si je rends témoignage de moi, mon témoignage n'est rien!"
Et que dit le sens commun?
"Nul n'est juge dans sa cause."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.05 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed'y and Friday, 5 o'clock.
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.30 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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Mr. W Herbert Washington,
Mr. Edward Rowland,
Mrs. Arrison,
Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Rowland,
Mrs. Griffith,
Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
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Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

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Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Neidhard,
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Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,
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Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Hine,
Mrs. Willson,
Mrs. Adams,
Mrs. H. Rogers,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Durang,
Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Whiting,
Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Mrs. Ziegler.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,
Miss L. Bell,
Miss Patterson,
Mrs. Chas. Kenworthy,
Mrs. Ziegler,
Mrs. Watson,
Miss Pease,
Miss VanDusen,
Miss Thomas,
Miss Wood.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,
Mrs. Semple,
Miss Magee,
Mrs. Dougherty,
Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Johnson,
Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Miss E. Klahr,
Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis. Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth, Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Lammot,
Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
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Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot.

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Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

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Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
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Teachers.

Miss Langton, Miss Ruth Snyder,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Emma Haeberlen,
Mrs. Hansell, Mr. George B. Woodruff,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Annie W. Denney, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters, Miss Ely.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell and Miss A. E. Wallace.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis. Miss Edwards.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Edgar W. Spackman.
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Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—Harry Christensen.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Wednesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 A. M.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of saia Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Funa for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterestea witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Feb. 2d—Purification of St. Mary the Virgin (Thursday).
" 5th—Sexagesima Sunday.
" 12th—Quinquagesima Sunday.
" 15th—Ash Wednesday.
" 19th—First Sunday in Lent.
" 24th—St. Matthias (Friday).
" 26th—Second Sunday in Lent.

PARISH RECORD FOR JANUARY.

Died January 23d.
THE RT. REV. PHILLIPS BROOKS, D. D.,
Bishop of Massachusetts.

BAPTIZED.

January 25th—Hubert De La Roche Wiegand.
" 26th—Blanch Vernon Moore.

MARRIED.

Jan. 18th—Daniel M. Stackhouse and Katharine E. Benkert.
" 26th—Henry Corlies Atkinson and Mrs. Emma Sexton Holman.

BURIED.

Dec. 28th—Harry R. Stevenson.
" 31st—Harry White.
Jan. 3d—Jane M. Bell.
" 20th—Mrs. Caroline Fleming Hare.
" 23d—Mrs. Ellen Christie Bliss.
" 25th—Mrs. Eloise Somers Ziegler.
" 26th—John S. Lister.
" 30th—Marianne Sangree

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

For Foreign Missions,		$155 58
" Altar Society,		112 71
From Miss Margaret Musgrove, proceeds of a sale, for Children's Friend Society,		50 00
For Special Charity Fund:		
From Miss Emma Klahr,	$25 00	
" Dr. J. Fenton,	25 00	
" Mrs. S. H. Evans,	10 00	60 00
For Coal for poor from Mr. Fuller,		50 00
" General Charities,		378 47
" Episcopal Hospital (special)		5 00
Total,		$ 811 76

From Mrs. Russell, coal order.

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

Ash Wednesday—Missionary Box Committee.
First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 19th—Diocesan Missions.
Second Sunday in Lent, Feb. 26th—Sunday-Schools.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons in Lent—Missionary Box Committee.

THE BISHOP HAS APPOINTED the usual date for his annual visitation of the Parish for *Confirmation.* It will be at 11 o'clock Tuesday before Easter, March 28th.

As the Rector looks over the congregation Sunday after Sunday he sees the faces of many men and some women who have not openly identified themselves with the Church, and who ought to do so. It is a duty which seems to him so plain and obvious that he is always perplexed to imagine why they do not recognize it. He wonders if there is anything he could possibly say, which might move them to do it. They are already so evidently on the side of Christ that he cannot see why they hesitate to acknowledge what every body sees to be the fact. It cannot be cowardice, or even *mauvaise honte* which deters them. They are above that. It can only be that they fail to realize what the nature of the obligation is.

Why is it, then, that every man and woman is bound to be a member and communicant of the Church? It is not primarily in order that he may secure his individual "salvation" thereby. That may be achieved without. If one say boldly that the professed members of the visible Church will ultimately be "saved" and the non-members "lost" there are few who would believe him. One has only to look facts in the face to see that this is incredible. The real question is not one of personal gain or loss at all. It is a question of right or wrong doing.

The Church is the society which Jesus established for the betterment of the world. It has not always kept this purpose singly before its eyes. But in the main it has been and is true to its original aim. It does make its members good; and

it does act for good upon the world. Jesus insisted that every man and woman who is at all in sympathy with Himself and with His purpose should make himself known to the society. He would not have clandestine followers. He did not ask that any one should blow a trumpet and proclaim to the world that he was about to become a Christian. But He ordained that any one who wished to be on friendly terms with Him should make himself known to the Brotherhood. Such an one is in search of righteousness. Let him therefore join the society for the promotion of righteousness which is organized about the person of Jesus, that is, the Church. He is officially received into it by the sacrament of Baptism wherein the pure water betokens the spirit of purity. The venerable Father of the Household lays his hands upon his head in benediction, and in the name of the whole society recognizes him as one of us. Then he eats and drinks with the fraternity and shows his brotherliness. It is all simple to the last degree. It was meant to be simple and easy. The conditions are easy. "Do you accept the essential facts of Christianity as they are stated in the Apostles' Creed?"

"Do you promise that, by the help of God, you will endeavor to lead a sober, righteous and godly life?" These are all. Beyond these one's doctrinal opinions may be what he chooses. His personal conduct is left to his own ordering, subject only to his own voluntary promise to endeavor after righteousness. The conditions cannot be made any easier. But therefore the Master insists upon avowal. He wants to know whom he may count upon for help, and whom he may not.

To say "I am not fit: I am not good enough," is simply trifling. Any one is fit who *wishes* to be fit. The wish is itself the qualification. The Master's plan is to bring this wish for goodness to a fruitful issue by setting him who so wishes in the midst of forces and influences which will produce that result. The Church is such an environment. Its sacraments and ordinances are adjusted to that purpose by Divine wisdom and by customs of human experience.

Of course, hereditary misconceptions, and common prejudices must be taken account of But is it too much to ask that candid men and women, who already strive after goodness, and who already revere the Son of Man, will look fairly in the face the facts of their spiritual life, and be guided by the spirit of all wisdom?

The clergy of the parish will be ready to meet any one half way, or the whole way, or to go to them concerning this matter upon the slightest intimation. There will be instructions upon the nature and obligation of church membership, and upon those things which a Christian ought to know and do, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 5 o'clock. There will be also a Confimation Class for younger people in the Guild Hall on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7.45 o'clock.

During last Lent the Rector received a very striking anonymous letter. He does not know yet who wrote it. It was signed "A Business Woman." Its purport was that, while great pains was being taken by the Church to provide services at convenient times and places for business men, business women were being forgotten and neglected. It then went on to call attention to the large number of women who are employed daily within easy reach of St. Stephen's Church, and suggested that a service be started for them daily, like the daily one at St. Paul's for men. The suggestion seemed so wise and temperate that the Rector felt bound to carry it into action. A daily service was therefore begun, at noon, especially, but by no means exclusively, for women, with special view to the convenience of those who are employed in stores and shops. The larger business concerns cooperated most cordially. Notices were posted at Wanamaker's, Darlington's, Sharpless', Strawbridge & Clothier's, etc. The attendance numbered many hundreds during the short time the services were maintained.

It did not seem wise, without further experience, to abandon the 11 o'clock service, or to merge it into the special one. Both services were therefore maintained. But it has been determined now to merge the two services into one.

During the coming Lent, therefore, the Morning Service will begin every day at five minutes past twelve; and end promptly at twenty-five minutes of one. There will be a short address at every service.

The Annual Offering for Diocesan Missions will be placed on the Altar on Sunday morning, February 19th. This annual offering has come to be a well known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's. For the sake of those who have come to the parish within the year, we will explain the way it is done.

On Sunday morning, February 12th, the Rector will speak more in detail about Diocesan Missions. During the week which follows every family will be waited upon by a committee of gentlemen among whom the parish has been districted for this purpose. The committee *simply calls to receive offerings* of those who give. They will make no argument or appeal of any kind. The Rector will do all that publicly. Of course the committee will be courteously received by all well-bred people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is equal to $5 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling handful of people are much the better off.

Of course there are many in the parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have, given far more than the amount so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the collectors will be by them placed in the alms-basins, Sunday, February 19th.

The Rector ventures to publish the following short list of books, for people who can do so, to read during Lent. They are not taken from among those tons of stuff which are constantly being issued as "Lenten Reading." That kind of literature is one for which he confesses to have small appetite. "Milk for babes" is very well, but pap is not very well. Beside that he ventures to hint that we are not all babes. The following books are not milk but meat:

1. The Great Discourse. (Anonymous.)
2. The Influence of Jesus. (Phillips Brooks.)
3. The Episcopal Church. (Hodges.)
4. The Incarnation of the Son of God. (Gore.)
5. The Social Law of God. (Washburne.)
6. The Destiny of Man. (Fiske.)
7. The World and the Kingdom. (Thompson.)
8. Questions of Faith and Duty. (Thorold.)
9. The Kingdom of God. (Bruce.)
10. Christus Consummatur. (Westcott.)

For a little book of daily devotions is earnestly recommended "The Daily Round:" with an introduction by Bishop Coxe.

The Committee on Lenten work will be glad to receive contributions, in money or goods, to have work prepared for the Lenten sewing.

Owing to the unusual severity of the weather during the last month, and in answer to some urgent appeals from missionaries for blankets and other warm clothing, the Missionary Box Committee of St. Stephen's Church thought it advisable to anticipate in some measure the generous gifts of the congregation to them during Lent. They trust that their confidence in their kind hearts will soon meet with the usual ready response that always comes when any known want is brought to their notice. Although a detailed report of the work cannot be made until after Lent, yet a few extracts from the letters may prove of interest:

The Rev. Mr. C. says: "Because of some criticisms on boxes to missionaries, which met my eye in the *Spirit of Missions*, I want to say with reference to the one sent us, that, with few exceptions, every article in it was perfectly new, and of those that had been used all were in the nicest order, and very helpful to me and mine."

The Rev. Mr. B. says: "I wish I could convey to you some idea of the great comfort secured from the portieres, [a special gift from one of the congregation] for the cold continues most penetrating. The degree to which these furnish the rectory is astonishing. The various other contents, I can assure you, are appreciated. My wife has good reason to be thankful for the warm jacket. Prosperity and happiness to St. Stephen's and its Auxiliary."

The pocket communion service, sent by a member of the committee, to a missionary who had several stations many miles apart in Bishop Hare's jurisdiction says: "It will be to me a constant reminder of the 'one communion and fellowship' that exists among the members of the 'one body' of our blessed Lord."

A touching letter from the daughter of one of the missionaries we aided last year, telling of the death of her father, asking for some help to buy some mourning, resulted, through the personal gift of some of the congregation, in sending her an outfit of mourning and eighteen dollars, for which she writes an acknowledgment. "To say we are grateful for such loving kindness cannot begin to give expression to our feeling of thankfulness to the kind and thoughtful donors who have so generously helped us. I was just racking my brain to find out how I could raise some money to pay the few small debts, not exceeding twenty dollars, so this lifts another burden. We can utilize each and every article and are so much obliged."

It may also be of interest to know that the average cost of a box is about a hundred dollars.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

A winter of such unusual severity has made many demands upon the stock of clothing kept in reserve by the Garment Committee, and it has been distributed most gladly, for when the thermometer nears zero, shivering humanity abounds, and to be able to relieve physical discomfort is indeed a pleasure, a pleasure which the ladies of the Committee in great measure owe to the generous contributors whose names are on their list. To be sure, when inquiries into the occasion of the needs are made, the question might well be

asked, for instance, why a tin roofer who applied for an overcoat was not able to buy one out of his earnings, but when reflecting that such arctic weather put an end to work of this sort by the day, and that a wife and two children claimed the support of this boy husband and father, not yet one-and-twenty years of age, the question was answered, and the overcoat given.

All kinds of warm clothing, for both sexes, from stockings up to coats, will be gratefully received and distributed during the expected cold weather predicted for another month.

Monday, February 6th—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 13th—Miss Stoddard. Mrs. Lammot.
" " 20th—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 27th—Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Stratton.

Garments received during January, ... 184
" distributed during January, ... 105

Contributors during January.

Mrs. E. L. Bunker,
Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. J. Crane,
Miss Cleemann,
Miss Christopher,
The Misses Dickson,
The Misses Durang,
Miss Dutilh,
Mrs. James Greer,
Miss Goforth,
Miss C. L. Flanagan,
Mrs. Kenworthy,
Miss Koons,
Miss Lundy,
Miss Anna Magee,
Miss Eliza Magee,
Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. R. E. Maulsby,
Mrs. Moody,
Mrs. Muirheid,
Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,
Mrs. A. Maclay,
Mrs. McConnell,
Missionary Box Com.,
Miss A. Z. Potts,
Mrs. Reinboth,
Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Richardson,
Miss A. R. Stratton,
Bowden Washington,
Mrs. Clarkson.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in January.

Dec. 31st.	(Through Dr. McConnell) from little Miss Margaret Musgrove, proceeds of sale given by her, ...	$ 50 00
Jan. 8th.	Mrs. H., ...	1 00
" 23d.	Mrs. W. K. Knorr, ...	3 00
" 25th.	(Through Dr. McConnell) from Mr. Sidney H. Evans, ...	10 00

Dolls from Miss Stevenson.
Candy toys for tree from Miss Cleemann.
Clothing from Mrs. Sinn.
100 bags of different colors from Miss Reede.

Contributing member in January:

Miss S. M. Dickerson, ...	1 00
Mrs. C. P. Stratton, ...	1 00
Mrs. William K. Knorr, ...	1 00
Miss Marion Knorr, ...	1 00
Mrs. Sixsmith, ...	1 00
Total	$ 69 00

Early on the afternoon of the 29th of December, the King's Daughters and the ladies of the Children's Friend Society were getting ready for the children's Christmas Entertainment.

The Rev. Mr. Miller had kindly loaned the use of tree from the Sunday-school, which the King's Daughters were going to trim with all sorts of funny toys and candies.

The ladies were busy filling the bags with candies and nuts. All is ready, and at half past seven o'clock the Sunday-school room is well filled.

Professor Hoy, their kind friend, entertained them with his Punch and Judy show for over half an hour; all were delighted and very sorry to see him go.

Miss Mazie E. Rose and Miss Jessie E. Tabler, from Washington, helped to make the evening very enjoyable by their singing.

Mr. William Lemly played the cornet and Miss Florence Reede gave a recitation.

Their kind friend Mr. Hall must not be forgotten, for the children always enjoy hearing him talk. "Hark, what is that?" Mr. Hall said, "I hear bells! It is Santa Claus, dressed all in furs and wishing all a Happy New Year."

The next thing to be done was distributing the gifts. Each child had some little remembrance, besides a bag of candy and a large orange. The children then go home happy, wondering who Santa Claus was. Some said it was Mr. Clayton.

February third has been selected for the next entertainment, which is to be the Original Brownie Family (in costume). Mr. A. E. Henior has them in charge. Any one wishing to see the children's delight, will be gladly welcomed by the ladies of the Society.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will hold their meetings February 1st and 15th, in the Parish House, at half past seven o'clock.

The question has been asked, what the King's Daughters do? They do all they can to help the poor and the sick in hospitals and other places. It is for this purpose that on February 7th they will give a Musical Tea to aid them in charitable work during the Lenton season.

The following members of St. Stephen's choir, under the direction of Prof. Wood, have very kindly consented to sing:

Mrs. Emma Newkirk,
Miss Anna D. Cowen,
Miss Rebecca Lowenberg,
Mr. George Roden,
Miss Alice Burdette,
Miss Emily Young,
Miss Jennie Galligher,
Mr. C. Stanley Hurlbut.

The ladies who will assist in receiving are—

Mrs. Arrison,
Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Taylor,
Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Eisenbrey,
Miss Sanders,
Miss Grace Clarkson,
Miss Davison,
Miss Perot,
Miss Wilkins.

The Tea will be given in the Guild Room of the Parish House, from 8 to 10 P. M. Tickets will be twenty-five cents.

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1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. W. M. Stewart,	Mr. W. Herbert Washington.

Organist and Choir Master,
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed'y and Friday, 5 o'clock.
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Crawford Arnold,	Mrs. Arrison,
Mr. R. E. Griffith,	Miss Cleemann,
Mr. Henry C. Olmsted,	Mrs. Rowland,
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	Mrs. Griffith,
Mr. W Herbert Washington,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mrs. Charles Platt, Jr.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Whiting,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Ziegler.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Watson,	Miss Wood,
Miss Pease,	Miss Hopkins.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis. Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth, Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Lammot,
Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Sanders, *Secretary,* Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Albia Jones,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Miss Ruth Snyder,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Emma Haeberlen,
Mrs. Hansell, Mr. George B. Woodruff,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Annie W. Denney, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters, Miss Ely.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell and Miss A. E. Wallace.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis. Miss Edwards.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Edgar W. Spackman.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—Harry Christensen.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Wednesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Funa for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterestea witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

March 5th—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 12th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 19th—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
" 25th—Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.
" 26th—Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm).
" 27th—Monday before Easter.
" 28th—Tuesday before Easter.
" 29th—Wednesday before Easter.
" 30th—Maundy Thursday.
" 31st—Good Friday.
April 1st—Easter Even.
" 2d—Easter Day.

PARISH RECORD FOR FEBRUARY.

MARRIED.

February 6th—Joshua McClintock and Alice E. Lovgeay.
" 14th—John A. Winne and Mary A. Hallman.

BURIED.

February 15th—Henry C. Olmsted.
" 18th—Mary A. Winne.

HENRY C. OLMSTED.

IN MEMORIAM.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, February 14th, 1893, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased God in His wise providence to take out of this world the soul of our dear brother and fellow vestryman, Henry C. Olmsted;

Resolved, That we desire to place on record our grateful recollection of his high qualities as a man, a Christian and a citizen. By his consistent character and conversation he showed himself worthy of the high vocation in which he was called. In the Church's Councils, whether of the parish or Diocese, he was diligent and faithful, with wisdom and power, seeking always the upholding of the church which he loved. In his death we lament the loss of an honored associate and a dear friend;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent with our hearty sympathy to Mr. Olmsted's family, and that they be published in *The Churchman*, *The Church Standard*, and the *Public Ledger*, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the Vestry.

EDW. ROWLAND, Secretary.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

Special Offerings:	
Mrs. McKean,	$ 40 00
Mr. Zeigler,	25 00
Mr. J. A. Caldwell,	50 00
Miss Stoddard (Coal for poor),	12 00
Miss Hutchinson,	5 00
Diocesan Missions,	1455 18
Sunday-schools,	108 08
Missionary Box Committee,	134 67
For General Charities,	323 45
Total,	$2153 38

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons—Missionary Box Committee.
March 19th, Fifth Sunday in Lent—Domestic Missions.
" 26th, Sixth Sunday in Lent—Easter Decoration.
Good Friday—City Mission.
Easter Day—Endowment Fund.

BY AN ERROR in last month's PARISH NEWS, the time of the Lenten mid-day service was set as 12.05 o'clock, it should be 12.30.

CONFIRMATION Tuesday in Holy Week, March 28th, at 11 o'clock.

The Rector desires particularly that all who are to be Confirmed will meet him in the Guild Room after the 5 o'clock service on Friday, March 24th, to sign the Parish Register, and arrange for the Confirmation Service.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday Schools, Parish Day School and Burd Orphan Asylum, will be held in the Church on the first Sunday after Easter, at four o'clock.

THE OFFERTORY ON EASTER DAY, morning and afternoon, will be for the Endowment Fund; of course any gifts marked for other purposes will be so applied.

THE EASTER SERVICES will be as follows:

Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock.

Morning prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion, 11 o'clock.

Evening prayer and Sermon, 4 o'clock.

The pew holders and regular congregation will be admitted through the north transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the time of service; after which all unoccupied seats will be filled at once.

AT ONE OR OTHER of the celebrations on Easter-day it is confidently expected that every communicant will pe present. To absent himself on this day cannot be regarded otherwise than a confession that he has fallen out of harmony with the movement of the Christian world. This, all sober-minded men will regard as a great misfortune. If he be wise he will at once ask himself whether the loss of relish which makes him indifferent to the feast be not due to his own spiritual ill-health? He may need food all the more *because* he has litt'e or no appetite. It is an ancient and reasonable custom that on two days at least in the year, Christmas and Easter, the anniversaries of His birth and resurrection, all the members of the family should gather about His table. Let there be no vacant places.

THE OFFERTORY ON EASTER DAY will be for the *Endowment Fund.*

This fund for the future was begun several years ago. According to a Deed of Trust, executed by the Vestry at that time, neither principal nor interest of this Endowment may be used until the principal reaches $50,000. After that, one-half the income may be used until the principal reaches $100,000. The same Deed provides that any one giving, by bequest or otherwise, $2,500 may endow a pew which shall forever have upon it any name he may select, which pew may be used, free of rent, by any person he may select. The Rector has been already notified that wills have been drawn providing for the Endowment in this manner of *twenty-two* pews. In this connection he begs earnestly to call the attention of a number of parishioners to this matter who might well do likewise, but so far as he is informed, have not done so. There are a number of honored names which have been on the pew list of St. Stephen's for many years. Will not those who bear them see to it that those names may perpetually abide there? By so doing, they will leave their names behind them in the Church of God on earth after they have passed to the Church above. And, better than this, they will have provided for the welfare of their fellows for generations unborn. Of course, if one really thinks that his heirs need all, and will thank him for all he has to leave, then leave it all to them by all means. But if he is not sure of that, then what better can he do than this with a part of it?

Of course the actual gifts at Easter are expected to be substantial ones. Heretofore they always have been. If there is any one thing which this Parish believes in, it is the avoidance of shams. It hates a sham offertory above all other things. It does not ask anyone to give one cent for any object which he does not believe in. But it asks the people to seriously consider such objects as are laid before them. If such objects commend themselves then to one's judgment and conscience, he is asked to help according to his ability, but *not* to make a pretense of giving if he does not want to.

This endowment for the future of the Parish is not likely to be of advantage to any of us, but it will prevent the disgraceful possibility of this church being compelled in the future to move away from a poor neighborhood where it is needed to a rich one where it is not needed.

THE COMMITTEE ON LENTEN SEWING makes an earnest appeal to the members of the congregation for their generous support in this work, in money and materials. If any of the Lenten Sewing Circles desire it, the committee will be glad to furnish them with garments to make. This work is of great help to many. An appeal from an orphanage, whose inmates have suffered from scarlet fever, and all bedding and clothing destroyed, has been answered by a contribution of sheeting. Over 600 garments were made and distributed last year. Cannot another hundred be added this season and so aid many more sufferers? The committee will receive and distribute every day after service.

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE has received an appeal from a colored Missionary of the Diocese of Tennessee, for second-hand clothing for the children of his Parish school, the want of which is an excuse for their absence from the sessions of the school. Also for testaments, prayer books, catechisms, and discarded school books, such as spellers, readers, arithmetics, etc. The committee will gladly send for any package. Anything sent to the Parish House marked Missionary Box Committee will be forwarded.

DONATIONS received by the Children's Friend Society in February:

Feb. 2d.	Miss K. B.,	$3 00
" 24th.	(Through Dr. McConnell,) from Mrs. Hutchinson,	5 00
Contributing members in February:		
	Miss Kate Burton,	1 00
	Miss Marion B. Smith,	1 00
	Total,	$10 00

ON THE evening of February 3d, the Sunday-School room was well filled with children, all were eager to see the little Brownies, and hear them sing. The evening was enjoyed very much by all. A day or so after the entertainment, one poor child called at one of the ladies' houses, and said, they have forgotten me this year, will they have any more?

The answer was, not until Easter.

THE DONATIONS AND PROCEEDS of the Tea given by the King's Daughters, February 7th, were $94.50.

Very many thanks to all from the members of the Circle for your kind donations and help, also to the members of the Choir for making the evening so very enjoyable with their music.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will hold their meetings Wednesday, March 1st and 15th, in the Parish House, at half past seven o'clock.

ON OPENING PACKAGES of clothing sent to the Garment Committee, it is almost as easy to read between the stitches, as "between the lines" of written words, not that the stitches are necessarily so far apart, but those garments made by the givers themselves stand out markedly from those bought from the Benevolent Society or from the ready-made department of any large shop. Is it not Hawthorne who says, "a woman's best thoughts come to her when sewing?" So, during this Lenten season, let our best thoughts be at work in our brains, while our hands are busy fashioning clothing for the helpless and improvident.

Monday, March	6th—	Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" "	13th—	Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" "	20th—	Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.
" "	27th—	Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Stratton.
Garments received during February,		195
" distributed during February,		59

Contributors during February.

Mrs. Adams,	Miss Hansell,
Mrs. Anable,	King's Daughters,
Miss C. Anable,	Miss Livingstone,
Anonymous,	Mrs. Molloy,
Miss Baldwin,	Mrs. Muirheid,
Mrs. Wm. Brisbane,	Mrs. Newlin,
Mrs. S. Caldwell, Jr.,	Mrs. Thos. Neilson,
Miss Christopher,	Mrs. J. Powell,
Mrs. F. T. S. Darley,	Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Davison,	Mrs. Sinn,
Miss Davison,	Mrs. Taylor,
Mrs. Hansell,	Mrs. Vanderslice,
	Miss Wilkins.

A LENTEN MUSICALE will be given in Parlor "C," Continental Hotel, for the benefit of the "Home for Aged Couples," No. 1723 Francis St., on Tuesday evening, March 14th. Prof. D. D. Wood, with some members of St. Stephen's Choir, and the "Treble Cleff," have kindly offered their services for the evening.

AN APPEAL FROM MRS. BUFORD.

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., JAN. 29TH, 1893.

MY DEAR MR. MCCONNELL:

When I saw you in Philadelphia last December, you very kindly asked me to write to you in February, and tell you about my Hospital. There are not many leisure days in my crowded life, but to-day has been one—a churchless Sunday—dreary, dark, dismal, and now the night has closed around us early and gloomily, and outside, the ghostly rain goes by in haste, and the wind is wailing bitterly. In the Hospital and Orphanage there are between seventy and eighty patients. It is hard to tell the exact number, because every day some are coming, some are going. In work like mine, among people so poor and ignorant, we can have no rules of admission or regulations, as in better conducted institutions.

The poor people for whom this asylum was built, cannot read or understand such things. The sick and helpless are brought to me without previous notice or permission. God pity them—no one with a human heart could refuse admission to such as they. On Friday, an awful operation had to be performed at the Hospital, it is over now, and the poor woman, wavering between life and death. While we were trembling with anxiety for her, an ox-cart drove up and the driver sent for me. "I found dis boy," he said, "trying to git here, and I took him up in de cart and brung him on. I don't know nothing 'tall bout him, but he mighty nigh gorn." A wretched object sat shivering in the cart, a boy about twenty, neck and face horribly blotched, his feet so swollen the poor remnants of his shoes had to be cut off, his hands and legs covered with sores, exhausted by a frightful hemorrhage, panting for breath, coughing incessantly, he could scarcely utter a word. He was taken into a warm room, seated before a blazing fire, his dirty tattered garments removed, a clean, comfortable bed prepared for him, warm, nourishing drinks given him. Meantime another cart had driven up with its mournful burden, an old woman, bowed and bent, her hands twisted with rheumatism, wasted to a skeleton, a starving creature, with a low, wasting fever and the same fatal cough. Both friendless, penniless, hopeless, dying, and the Hospital already full of creatures just as pitiful.

Last night, a poor girl died, and is lying unburied now. Consumption is so prevalent and so fatal to this race. I sometimes think it will solve the negro problem and take them all away. Two years ago, this girl's father, an honest, industrious, well to do man was taken sick, for months he languished, his wife and daughter his devoted nurses, then the end came. The woman was entirely broken down. I kept her in the Hospital, and, as she grew stronger, I gave her charge of some of the children. The girl married, but in a few months the fatal symptoms appeared. The mother begged with tears that she might bring her to the hospital and take care of her. I have never witnessed anything more touching and beautiful than their devotion, each striving to be brave and patient and hide from the other her own sufferings. For a little while the girl rallied, but when she saw her child's condition was hopeless, the poor broken-hearted mother sank rapidly. Three weeks ago she was buried in the cold, white, pitiless snow. They are all gone now, but a frail little boy now in the Orphanage.

For years I have hoped and prayed that you and Mr. Binney would come once more and see my poor work. I want to show you what a large comfortable building the new Hospital is, and the Orphanage also. They are plainly but suitably furnished, each room has a large open fire-place. It has been hard work during the fearful cold weather of the past month to keep up great fires in the thirty fire-places of the different buildings. If you could go into these rooms and see the wretched sufferers in them, you would realize how utterly helpless their condition would be without this blessed Asylum. The kindest thing my friends could do is to come and see with their own eyes if this be a charity worthy their blessed gifts. Six of these poor patients are stone blind, some epileptic and idiotic, three deaf and dumb, many hopelessly deformed, many paralyzed, many covered with scrofula, many old, worn out, all helpless.

Do you remember about twelve years ago, I can never forget it, when I was at your house in Middletown, and brought to your study my poor appeal for this Hospital, and asked you if I must send it to *The Churchman* for publication? God bless you for your warm sympathy, your kind interest and wise advice. The appeal was published. God's richer children built this, the first Hospital ever built for negroes. It is well that He draws a curtain before our eyes and hides the future from us. Could I have seen, could I have conceived of the misery I have been forced to witness, and vainly try to relieve all the weary years that have intervened, the wearing anxiety and fearful responsibility of providing for these helpless creatures day by day, the long night watches when the black distorted, agonized faces of these poor dead and living sufferers crowd around me and will not down at my bidding, the crucifixion it has been of all the joy and brightness of my being, I should have shrunk back appalled, and never dared with presumptuous hand to take such burden up.

Two years ago the Hospital was burned to the ground. Crushed with grief, mourning with sorrow unutterable for my poor homeless charges, I could not repress a feeling of joy and relief; my work was done, God had taken it from me. Help was sent me promptly, most generously, a nobler, handsomer, more substantial structure, rose from the dead ashes.

Now I know for me, there is no reprieve. God has laid on me the sacred duty, the blessed work of helping the poorest of His children, by His help I will try to do it faithfully and bravely, and make no moan in the years to come, be they long or short.

I know how besieged you and all ministers, and all rich people who dare to be generous and charitable, are with appeals for objects worthy and unworthy. It sickens me to read them in the Church papers. Not the least of my trials is that I too must be a beggar for these poor dumb sufferers, or else they starve.

When I was in Philadelphia, I listened to your Advent Sermon, every word was a tonic to me. By His humanity, not His divinity, shall we be judged and every poor creature whom we fail to help, or turn coldly from, shall rise up in judgment against us. I shudder at the thought. Believe me, I would not send this letter to you unless my needs were urgent and pressing.

Most respectfully,

PATTIE BUFORD.

I hope Mrs. McConnell and the dear little baby have kept well and warm all this freezing weather.

AN intelligent foreigner is said to have expressed himself after the following fashion on the absurdities of the English language: "When I discovered that if I was quick I was fast, if I stood firm I was fast, if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged; but when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one one-dollar prize,' I was tempted to give up English and learn some other language."

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

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Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Whiting.
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Ziegler.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Watson,	Miss Wood,
Miss Pease,	Miss Hopkins.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright.
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis. Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Muirheid,	Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,

Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson,
Mrs Clarkson,
Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey,
Misses Maulsby,
Miss Stratton,
Misses Clarkson,
Miss Lamnot,
Miss M. S. Wilkins,
Miss M. S. Klahr,
Miss Thompson,
Miss Ella F. Thomas.
Miss Davison,
Miss Patterson,
Miss Perot,
Mrs. Nixon,
Mrs. Sangree,
Miss Emory,
Mrs. Radford,
Miss Langton,
Mrs. Crane.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson,
Miss Maulsby,
Miss Langton,
Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira,
Miss Mellon,
Miss Eisenbrey,
Mrs. Taylor,
Mrs. Snively,
Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Selden,
Miss Sanford,
Miss Berger,
Miss Perot,
Miss Seabrooke,
Mrs. Syle,
Mrs. Buck,
Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Sanders,
Miss Davison,
Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson,
Mrs. Crane,
Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Ella F. Thomas,
Mrs. Cowan,
Miss Miller,
Miss Kaye.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Assistant Secretary.—William Bishop.
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Teachers.

Miss Langton,
Miss Lyons,
Miss M. S Harlan,
Miss Hansell,
Mrs. Hansell,
Mrs. Molloy,
Miss Annie W. Denney,
Miss M. L. Wallace,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters,
Miss Ruth Snyder,
Mrs. Neilson,
Mr. Hansell,
Miss Emma Haeberlen,
Mr. George B. Woodruff,
Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss A. R. Stratton,
Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss Ely.
Miss Sinclair.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell and Miss A. E. Wallace.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

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Mrs. Molloy,
Miss Airey,
Miss Lewis.
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Miss Pabst,
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Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—Harry Christensen.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Wednesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish,
Mrs. Hall,
Miss Hansell,
Miss Whitney,
Miss Dickerson,
Miss Harlan,
Miss M. S. Harlan,
Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

April 2d—Easter Day.
" 3d—Monday in Easter Week.
" 4th—Tuesday in Easter Week.
" 9th—First Sunday after Easter.
" 16th—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 23d—Third Sunday after Easter.
" 25th—St. Mark Evangelist (Tuesday).
" 30th—Fourth Sunday after Easter.

PARISH RECORD FOR MARCH.

BAPTIZED.

March 8th—Mary Wharton.
" 8th—John Riera Bocock.
" 21st—Sallie Ellen Shields.
" 23d—Mary Matilda Nutting.
" 23d—Christine Wright Cattell.
" 23d—John Roberts Linton.
" 25th—George Andrews Bullock, Jr.
" 26th—Eleanor Van Dusen Boyd.
" 27th—Annie Neilson Donner.

CONFIRMED.

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 28th, 1893.

Delia Banks,
Elizabeth Ballentine,
Grace Electa Bird,
Charles L. Borner,
George A. Bullock, Jr.,
Christine W. Cattell,
J. Ellis Davidson,
Annie Neilson Donner,
Emma R. Freeman,
Emily K. Sharp,
Alice W. Spencer,
Jennie L. Spencer,
Margarette B. Stewart,
William M. Stewart, Jr.,
J. Florence Slemmer,
M. Gertrude Slemmer,
Elizabeth Thornton,
George Turner,
Mirian E. Hanifen,
John Roberts Linton,
Katharine L. Livingston,
Charles H. Mellon,
Maria Gouverneur Mitchell,
Mary Matilda Nutting,
Mary M. O'Brien,
Bertha Tudor Walshe,
Josephine S. Ward,
Elizabeth Wilder,
Alice Wood,
Hannah M. Wood,
Mary A. Wood,
Charles F. Zeigler.

BURIED.

March 6th—Mrs. Rebecca Montgomery.
" 8th—Mrs. Emma V. Bates.
" 11th—Mrs. Mary Louisa Wallace.
" 13th—Mrs. Annie L. Austen.
" 13th—Joseph Hodgson.
" 14th—John Riera Bocock.
" 22d—Harriet Everly.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Mrs. Buford's Hospital:		
Mrs. Borie,		$50 00
K. M. Burton,		10 00
Cash,		1 00
King's Daughters,		2 00
A Thank Offering,		20 00
Mrs. Thos. H. Powers,		50 00
Mrs. J. Campbell Harris,		50 00
Through Miss Dutilh,		15 00
		$198 00
For the Bishop of Oklahoma:		
Offertory,	$70 00	
Mrs. J. T. Lewis,	25 00	
		95 00
For Piano of Guild Hall:		
Miss Thomas,	$ 5 00	
W. H. Hansell, Jr.,	5 00	
Mr. Edward Shippen,	5 00	
Miss Fannie Magee,	5 00	
Miss Eliza Magee,	5 00	
Mr. W. W. Eakins,	5 00	
Mrs. Taylor,	2 00	
Mrs. Beale,	5 00	
Mr. Clarkson,	10 00	
Mrs. Saml. N. Lewis,	10 00	
Mr. S. Caldwell,	10 00	
Mrs. Russell,	10 00	
Mr. Geo. L. Crawford,	25 00	
Mr. C. H. Austen,	50 00	
Miss Everly,	50 00	
		202 00
For St. Augustine's, Raleigh, N. C.,		10 00
" Lenten Sewing,		5 00
" Benevolent Society,		2 00
" Christ Church, Glencoe, Minn.: Mrs. Russel,		100 00
For Mission at Eastern, N. C.: "A Thank Offering,"		10 00
For Domestic Missions,		176 35
" Missionary Box Com.,		140 12
" Easter Decorations,		160 27
" General Charities,		323 81
Special, Mrs. Richardson,		20 00
TOTAL,		$1442 55

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

Easter Day—Endowment Fund.
Second Sunday in Month—Society for the Increase of the Ministry.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday Schools, Parish Day School and the Burd Orphan Asylum, will be held on Sunday after Easter, April 9th, at four o'clock. The offerings of the Schools, collected during the year, will then be presented. They are to be given to the homes for crippled children in our city and to the Sheltering Arms. The congregation is also asked at that time to contribute.

"DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, on Easter Day I intend, by God's Grace, to celebrate the Lord's Supper: unto which, in God's behalf, I bid you all; and beseech you, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, that ye will not refuse to come thereto, being so lovingly called and bidden by God himself. Ye know how grievous and unkind a thing it is, when a man hath prepared a rich feast, decked his table with all kind of provision, so that there lacketh nothing but the guests to sit down; and yet they who are called (without any cause) most unthankfully refuse to come. Which of you in such a case would not be moved? Who would not think a great injury and wrong done unto him? Wherefore, most dearly beloved in Christ, take ye good heed, least ye, withdrawing yourselves from his holy Supper, provoke God's indignation against you. It is an easy matter for a man to say, I will not communicate, because I am otherwise hindered with worldly business. But such excuses are not so easily accepted and allowed before God. If any man say, I am a grievous sinner and therefore am afraid to come: wherefore then do ye not repent and amend? When God calleth you, are ye not ashamed to say ye will not come? When ye should return to God, will ye excuse yourselves and say ye are not ready? Consider earnestly with yourselves how little such feigned excuses will avail before God. Those who refused the feast in the gospel because they had bought a farm, or would try their yokes of oxen, or because they were married, were not excused, but counted unworthy of the heavenly feast. Wherefore, according to mine Office, I bid you in the Name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you, as ye love your own salvation, that ye will be partakers of this holy Communion. And as the Son of God did vouchsafe to yield up his soul by death upon the Cross for your Salvation; so it is your duty to receive the Communion in remembrance of the sacrifice of his death as he himself hath commanded: which of ye shall neglect to do, consider with yourselves how great is your ingratitude to God, and how sore punishment hangeth over your heads for the same; when you wilfully abstain from the Lord's Table, aud separate from your brethren, who come to feed on the banquet of that most heavenly food. These things if ye earnestly consider, ye will by God's grace return to a better mind: for the obtaining whereof we shall not cease to make our humble petitions unto Almighty God, our heavenly Father."

THE APPEAL in last month's PARISH NEWS for school books, catechisms, etc., was so generously responded to that it has enabled the Missionary Box Committee to send a large supply of books to the Parish School for Colored Children in the Diocese of Tennessee. As the gifts had only in a few cases the names of the donors, it is impossible to acknowledge them except in this way. The Garment Committee, the Lenten Sewing Committee and the King's Daughters have helped to make the boxes sent to the Missionaries much more valuable than they otherwise would have been.

A TESTIMONIAL CONCERT WILL BE TENDERED MR. DAVID W. WOOD by the members of the Baptist Temple, on the evening of April 26th. For this occasion several of the best known soloists of Philadelphia have kindly volunteered their services, among whom are some of the principal singers of St. Stephen's Choir. "The Chorus of the Temple," will also take part. The performance will take place at the Temple, corner of Broad and Berks Streets. Tickets may be had of the Verger, and it is not doubted that many members of this Parish will gladly avail themselves.

PERHAPS the paraphrase that in the Spring a woman's musings surely turn to thoughts of clothes, may suggest that the Garment Committee

are at the Parish Building every Monday morning from half-past ten to half-past twelve, to receive any clothing sent them, to be distributed as necessity demands. Sheets and Canton flannel garments are specially needed.

Monday, April	3d—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.	
" "	10th—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.	
" "	17th—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.	
" "	24th—Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Stratton.	
Garments received during March,		62
" distributed during March,		124

Contributors during March:

Miss M. E. Bannister,	Mrs. Olmsted,
Miss Cleemann,	Col. D. Parker,
Mrs. A. M. Crombarger,	Mrs. A. Pancoast,
Mrs. C. L. Fanagen.	Miss Pancoast,
Mrs. H. Heberton,	Mrs. Harry Rogers,
Mrs. Judson,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Malloy,	Mrs. M. E. Sinn,
Mrs. E. F. Moody,	Miss E. W. Stevenson,
Mrs. W. H. Nixon,	Mrs. W. Weatherly.

THE MANAGERS OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will hold a sale of the garments and household articles that have been made by the poor women during the winter, in the Guild room, on Easter Monday, from 11.30 A. M. to 1.30 P. M. The congregation is earnestly asked to come and buy these things, as money must be realized on them as soon as can be.

DONATIONS received by the Children's Friend Society in March:

Mrs. Moody, ... $1 00

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE ONE'S EASTER. April 4th has been selected for their Easter Entertainment. It will be a Stereopticon Entertainment with refreshments. If any of the members of the church would like to see the children's delight, they will be gladly welcomed by the ladies of the society on Tuesday evening, April 4th in the Sunday-school room.

THE QUESTION has been asked, what are the King's Daughters of the whatsoever circle doing? Just what their hands have found to do. Helping with the Lental sewing, working for the fair for the Seamen's Mission, also for Missionary Box and Garment Committee.

A donation of money was sent to Mrs. Buford, also a small donation to help build a colored church in Philadelphia.

To a Mission Chapel in Reading was sent as a Lenten offering, a linen altar cloth.

This letter, received from one of the members of the chapel, will show how much their kindness was appreciated.

MY DEAR KING'S DAUGHTERS:

Your lovely and welcome gift for our little chapel reached me safely yesterday, and it will always be a source of pleasure that the altar cover for our first celebration of the Holy Communion was your gift. Such loving gifts make us feel that we serve the same Master, yet after all; "the saints on earth, and those in heaven, but *one communion make.*" Gifts like these help us to realize, even here on earth, some of the joys of the blissful communion that awaits us in heaven. Our people will, I know, be delighted when they see their altar so beautifully covered on Easter morning, and will join with me in most hearty thanks to one and all of you, and in the earnest desire that much Easter joy and peace may be granted to you.

With love and best wishes,

Faithfully your friend,
M. C. E.

A FAIR for the benefit of the Church Home for Seamen, will be held in the Henry J. Morton Guild House, 2210 Sansom Street, on Wednesday, April 5th, from 3 P. M. to 10 P. M., and Thursday, April 6th, from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. The committee of ladies, who have promised to have a table from St. Stephen's Parish, earnestly hope the congregation will show their interest in the charity, by visiting the fair and buying from them some of the many useful and handsome articles contributed to the St. Stephen's table.

MISS CLEEMANN,
MISS STEVENSON,
MISS M. S. WILKINS.

SOUND AND LIGHT.

TO DR. PHILLIPS BROOKS.

*BY THE REV. CHARLES JAMES WOOD.

The people heard him gladly, for his words
Were strong and wise; hearts' mysteries he knew,
And reverenced in man the pure and true;
With subtle touch he sounded spirit-chords
Till tones of creed and deed united were,
Godhood and manhood one, the Lamb's high song
Purged of all discords—sorrow, sin and wrong.
So men once more saw Faith divinely fair,
And Hope rose again in desperate days,
And Charity, from dogma's bonds released,
To all God's sons said, Peace! Still gaze,
Brave Heart! our storm has almost ceased.
Lo, rounds on clouds of contest to thy sight
God's arc of truth unto vast circling light.

*Formerly Assistant Minister in St. Stephen's.

SELECTIONS.

"THY BURDEN."

To every one on earth
God gives a burden to be carried down
The road that lies between the cross and crown;
No lot is wholly free;
He giveth one to thee.

Some carry it aloft,
Open and visible to any eyes;
And all may see its form and weight and size;
Some hide it in their breast,
And deem it thus unguessed.

Thy burden is God's gift,
And it will make the bearer calm and strong,
Yet, lest it press too heavily and long,
He says, "Cast it on me,
And it shall easy be."

And those who heed His voice,
And seek to give it back in trustful prayer,
Have quiet hearts that never can despair;
And hope lights up the way
Upon the darkest day.

Take thou thy burden thus
Into thy hands, and lay it at His feet.
And whether it be sorrow or defeat,
Or pain, or sin, or woe,
Upon thy path below.

It is the lonely load
That crushes out the life and light of heaven,
But borne with Him, the soul, restored, forgiven,
Sings out through all the days
Her joy, and God's high praise.

A LESSON FROM THE LITTLE HEATHEN.

"A lesson from the little heathen!" I hear one of our young readers exclaim, "Why, I should like to know what the little heathen can teach me? I have been giving my pennies that what I know may be taught to them. Can they teach me anything?" I think if you could walk with me through the streets of Yokohama this pleasant afternoon, I could show you that there are some things you could learn from these poor children, who are not so very different from yourselves, except that you know about Jesus and they do not. As we cannot take such a walk, shall I tell you one or two things that I think the heathen boys and girls in Japan can teach you in America?

Well, the first thing is *to be good-natured.* The other day I saw a large party of school-boys about twelve years old having a nice time wrestling. Two boys would be picked out to wrestle together; a third boy would hold a short stick between them until all was ready, and when he took it away it was the signal for them to begin. They would clasp each other around the waist and struggle, and all the others would shout the name of one or the other, until at last down they would go and one would be victorious; but when they got up the boy that was defeated was just as good-natured as the other. As I stood and watched them a long time, I did not see a single boy get angry because he was beaten. I could not help thinking of the many times I had watched boys at their sports in America, and seen some little fellow lose all self-control because he had been beaten in a game. I wished that some of the American boys who sometimes pout and say, "I won't play any more," when things do not go to suit them, could see these Japanese boys at there play, and learn from them the lesson of *good-nature.*

Have you a little baby at your house, and do you like to take care of it? How many times I have seen a girl or boy very cross and unhappy when asked to mind the baby for a while! I do not suppose there are any children in the world who have to take care of the baby so much as the boys and girls of Japan. A very common way of taking care of the baby is to have it tied upon the back and carry it around in this way; there are no cradles in Japan. I often see little children carrying a baby brother or sister upon the back when it is hard to tell which is the larger. Of course it is hard to play with such a burden, and many times they can only stand still and look on to see others play. There is a very interesting book called "Unbeaten Tracks in Japan," written by a lady, who says in it that the Japanese babies never cry; but I have seen the children who were taking care of the baby, trying very hard to amuse the baby and stop its crying. I have never yet seen any one cross or unkind to his or her little baby brother or sister. Is not this *loving patience* a sweet lesson for you to learn from them?

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arnold,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Whiting,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Ziegler.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Watson,	Miss Wood,
Miss Pease,	Miss Hopkins.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,	
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,	
	Mrs. Whitlock.	

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Boyd,	Miss J. Lewis.	Miss Sidford,
	Mrs. Muirhead.	

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid,	Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,

Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas. Mrs. Crane.
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot, Miss Ella F. Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke, Mrs. Cowan,
Mrs. Syle, Miss Miller,
Miss Kaye.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira. Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers.—President.—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer.—Miss Carter.
Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary.—W. Scott Crawford.
Assistant Secretary.—William Bishop.
Librarians.—Richard L. Wallace, Walter Gutteridge.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Miss Ruth Snyder,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Emma Haeberlen,
Mrs. Hansell, Mr. George B. Woodruff,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Annie W. Denney, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters, Miss Ely.
Miss Sinclair.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell and Miss A. E. Wallace.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
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BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Edgar W. Spackman.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—Harry Christensen.
Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Wednesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of saia Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Funa for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterestea witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

May 1st—St. Philip and St. James' Day.
" 7th—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 11th—Ascension Day.
" 14th—Sunday after Ascension.
" 21st—Whitsunday.
" 22d—Monday in Whitsun-week.
" 23d—Tuesday in Whitsun-week.
" 28th—Trinity Sunday.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 23d—Charles Henry Stevens.

MARRIED.

March 30th—Sydney Elmer Dashiell and Kate Virginia Abreght.
April 3d—Amos Ellis and Henrietta Zeilin Wilson.
" 5th—Walter S. Burke, U. S. N. and Frances M. Beaman.
" 12th—Norton Downs, M. D. and Phebe Warren McKean.
" 14th—Guy Arshag Donjian and Annie Wesley Dodd.
" 19th—Robert C. Segerson and Marie L. Brown.

BURIED.

April 8th—Helen Murphy Jewell.
" 15th—William Stroud.
" 17th—Mrs. Maria E. Beagary.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

For Endowment Fund,	$1,083 69
" Society for Increase of the Ministry,	113 17
" Missionary Bishop of Oklohoma,	42 37
" Rev. Mr. Potts' Missionary work in China,	81 16
Special:—From Mrs. Geo. B. McLellan,	100 00
" For Mrs. Buford's Hospital,	12 00
" " Church of the Crucifixion,	1 00
" " The Consumptives Home,	5 00
Special:—For Christ Church Rectory, Rock Spring, Md.,	$25 00
" From Mrs. S. W. Middleton, for "the very poor,"	15 00
" "In Memory of Mrs. Wallace,"	25 00
" For Home for Crippled Children,	60 00
" " Home for Colored Crippled Children,	46 23
" " Sheltering Arms,	60 00
" " " " from Boys' Guild,	10 00
" " General Charities,	277 09
Total,	$1,956 71

OFFERTORIES IN MAY.

Third Sunday—Indian Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

THE RECTOR EXPECTS TO BE ABSENT Sunday May 14th, having accepted an invitation to preach the annual "Sermons on the Sage Foundation" before the University of Cornell.

"FOUNDER'S DAY" AT THE BURD ASYLUM is an institution which seems to be greatly misunderstood. It is not a "free lunch," nor the occasion of a city excursion. It is a day when the members of St. Stephen's parish are formally invited to be present and assist at the annual award of honors to the children. But for several years such a crowd of people have congregated who have no connection with either the Parish or the Asylum that it has been thought well this year to change the day, and to add a notice to the card of invitation asking that it be presented at the door of the Asylum. In a word, it is sincerely desired to have the presence of those who are invited, and not of other folk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH.

For the Convention Year, May 1, 1892, to May 1, 1893.

Baptisms:—Adults,	7	
Infants,	30	
	37	
Confirmed,		35
Communicants:—Added, new,		35
" by removal,		23
Died,		11
Removed,		9
Present number,		1000
Marriages,		22
Burials,		48

MONEY RECEIPTS.

From pew rents,	$14,710 66
" offerings,	15,330 76
" investments,	3,157 50
" other sources,	19,258 89
Total,	$52,457 73

EXPENDITURES.

Current Expenses,	$17,061 13
Burd Orphan Asylum,	20,866 34
Episcopal and Convention Fund,	325 68
Sunday-schools,	246 01
Parish Schools,	1,196 76
Poor,	836 14
Foreign Missions,	260 08
Domestic "	1,058 01
Colored "	706 00
Diocesan "	1,510 00
City "	170 88
Deaf Mute "	100 00
Episcopal Hospital,	477 12
Prayer Books, Tracts, Printing, &c.,	280 50
Theological Education,	251 53
Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergy,	552 34
Rush Hospital,	200 00
House of Rest,	50 00
S. E. Dispensary,	50 00
Diocesan House,	200 00
Sheltering Arms,	60 00
Home for Crippled Children,	60 00
Home for Colored Crippled Children,	46 23
Deaconess' House,	25 00
Church Home,	25 00
Female Benevolent Society,	978 48
Missionary Box Committee,	747 67
Altar Society,	628 78
Children's Friend Society,	818 36
Girls' Friendly Society,	210 00
King's Daughters,	197 84
Miscellaneous,	1,203 07
Total,	$52,258 14

REPORTS IN DETAIL.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—The managers of the Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church present to the congregation the twenty-eighth annual report. During the season of 1892 and 1893 the following money was received and expended:

Balance from last year,	$ 79 57
Offertory,	159 50
Subscriptions,	76 50
Sales,	662 91
Total,	$978 48

Donations—One piece of gray flannel from Mrs. Adams, one piece of red flannel and one piece of canton flannel from Miss McDonall.

Amount paid Sewing Women,	$520 95
Materials,	457 53
Total,	$978 48

Fifty-six women received regular work during the winter. Two thousand four hundred and fifty-three garments and other articles were made by them.

April, 1893. H. C. WILKINS, *Secretary.*

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.—The Committee present to the congregation their annual report.

Ten boxes and one pocket communion service have been sent, valued at $1,213.26, to Maryland, Minnesota, California, Georgia, two to Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Missouri, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

The Treasurer reports money received and expended, $747.67.

The difference in the money reported and value of the boxes, is owing to the discount taken off purchases, and the valuable gifts of new and second-hand clothing. Over two hundred school books were kindly donated for the use of a colored school in Tennessee. ANNE N. SANDERS, *Sec.*

THE ALTAR SOCIETY presents its Ninth Annual report to the congregation:

The Chancel Committee has performed the duties of caring for the chancel and vestments, and reports that during the past year gifts were received of wheat, oats and corn, for decorating the Church on Thanksgiving Day, palms for Palm Sunday, five dozen Easter lilies and a box of white roses on Easter Sunday.

The Embroidery Class report:

Work donated.—Black stole and surplice to St. Stephen's Mission, Norwood, Pa.; surplice and set of altar linen to Dalton, Ga., surplice to Rev. C. W. Tyler, Missionary at Guthrie, Oklahoma; surplice to St. George's Mission Chapel, Philadelphia; pulpit fall to All Souls' Church, Philad'a.

Through Miss Sandford: Set of green altar hangings, and set of book markers to St. John's Church, Salisbury, Conn.

Through Mrs. Taylor: Set of red book markers to Home for Aged Couples, Philadelphia.

Through Miss Stevenson: Set of altar linen to St. Phillip's Church, Bolivar, Tenn.

Work ordered.—Two black stoles for Church of Our Father, Hull's Cove, Mt. Desert; surplice for St. Mary's Church, Washington; white stole for a Church in Minnesota; white altar cloth and hangings for Chapel at Burd Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia; fair linen cloth for Faith Chapel, Reading; set of altar linen prepared; white stole worked by a member for the Warden Burd Orphan Asylum.

Work for our own Parish.—One purple stole; one fair linen cloth embroidered; three embroidered linen chalice veils; four embroidered linen corporals; one embroidered white stole; three surplices; six lavabo cloths; one embroidered linen chalice veil presented by Mrs. Nixon.

Instruction in embroidery has been given this winter by a member of the class to the Altar Society of the Church of the Crucifixion.

It is earnestly hoped that for the coming year a few more ladies can undertake to work regularly once a week in the embroidery class.

THE LENTEN SEWING COMMITTEE report:

Garments cut out,	611
" donated,	21
" unmade from last year,	3
" returned, " "	8
	643
Garments destributed,	617
" on hand,	6
" not returned,	20
	643

CONTRIBUTIONS, MONEY.

Mrs. Russell,	$ 5 00
Mrs. Beale,	5 00
Miss E. J. Magee,	5 00
Cash (through Dr. McConnell),	5 00
Mrs. Molloy,	4 00
Miss Seabrook,	1 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	5 00
Miss Sanders,	1 00
Miss Potts,	5 00
Misses Holman,	20 00
Miss Dutilh,	1 00
Cash (through Dr. McConnell),	5 00
Mrs. Merritt,	1 00
Miss Balch,	2 00
Mrs. Muirhead,	2 00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	1 00
Total,	$68 00

GOODS PURCHASED.

56½ yards pillow case Muslin,	$ 7 06
54½ " Muslin,	4 60
52 " " (unbleached),	3 77
55 " Canton Flannel,	3 85
78½ " Flannel,	16 49
47 " " (gray),	9 40
122⅔ " " (outing),	8 59
57 " " (red),	15 06
Twine, paper, tags, etc.,	2 00
Total,	$70 82

GOODS DONATED.

Mrs. T. P. Chandler—	
57 yards Gingham,	$ 4 56
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, Jr.—	
2 pieces Flannel,	20 00
Miss M. S. Wilkins—	
52 yards Muslin,	
12 " Flannel,	
15 " " (outing),	
Miss Cleemann—	
3 Bathing Suits,	
Mrs. Richardson—	
14 yards white Flannel,	
10 " gray "	
12¾ " blue "	
8⅝ " pink "	
11¾ " brown str. "	
6 " blue str. "	
6 " pink str. "	
18 " Gingham,	
12 " white Canton Flannel,	
24 " Plaid Muslin,	
20 " Muslin,	
Mrs. W. P. Wayne—	
1 piece unbleached Muslin,	
Mrs. J. Albert Caldwell—	
— yards Chintz,	
Mrs. Molloy—	
30 yards sheeting Muslin,	4 50
Mrs. Davison—	
14 yards Flannel,	
Mrs. Russell—	
15 Corset Covers,	
6 pairs Drawers,	
Mrs. Clarkson—	
1 piece Outing Flannel,	
1 " Canton "	
Miss Wilkins—	
Muslin,	7 00

GARMENTS DISTRIBUTED.

Episcopal Hospital,	11
Hahnemann "	17
Rush "	12
Jefferson " (Maternity),	32
Kensington "	14
Orthopædic "	17
St. Christopher,	30
St. Stephen's Parish School,	56
Sheltering Arms,	29
Home for Incurables,	3
Seamen's Mission,	35
Children's Church Home, Angora,	18
Home for the Homeless,	26
Home for Aged Couples,	8
Bethany Home,	34
Baptist Orphanage,	26
Willing Day Nursery,	29
Society Prevention Cruelty to Children,	11
Visiting Nurses,	48
St. Stephen's King's Daughters and Children's Friend,	51
Children's Aid,	22
Working Home for Blind Women,	12
Florence Crittenton Mission,	9
Needy family,	3
Mrs. Buford's Hospital,	20
Missionary Box Com., 12¾ yds. fine flannel,	32
Bar Harbor Summer work for the poor, 18 yds. flannel,	8
Mrs. Mitchell, special,	4
	617

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, report donations and money received during the year:

Balance, April 25th,	$175 04
Donations from individuals,	442 85
Donations through Dr. McConnell,	117 00
" " Rev. J. L. Miller,	15 00
Contributing Members,	52 00
Active Members,	16 47
Total,	$818 36
Expenses for the year,	655 92
Balance,	$162 44

Donation in memory of Mrs. Wallace, through Dr. McConnell, April 1st, $25.00. Donation of clothing from Altar Society. Bathing suits from Altar Society, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleemann, Miss Magee, Mrs. Molloy, Miss Dutilh, Miss Sidford and Mrs. Harry Rodgers. Donation of Easter Cards from Miss Stevenson.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS in April:

Mrs. Kelly,	Mrs. C. F. Davison,
Miss Alice Kelly,	Miss L. Davison,
Mrs. Moody,	Miss E. Airey.
Mrs. C. E. Wetherly,	

April 4th a Stereopticon Entertainment was given to the children. Prof. Harper's pictures were enjoyed very much by all. Prof. Hoy very kindly offered to do the lecturing, and the ice cream and cake helped to make the evening one of the most enjoyable the children have had. Over 800 children have been entertained and taken on excursions this year. The Winter work will soon be over and it is hoped that the kind friends that remembered the little ones so kindly last year will not forget them this, so that many more little pale faces will get a breath of *sea air*. Many *thanks* to those who have so kindly donated bathing suits. What will we do with the other fifty children who have not any suits? hire them you say, but that takes money that could be used to give them more pleasure in some other way.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsover Circle report:

Money on hand April 25th,	$ 69 54
Dues from members,	11 60
Donations received,	20 20
Donations and money received from Musical Tea, February 7th,	96 50
	$197 84
Expenses for the year,	133 40
Balance,	$ 64 44

Donation of Easter cards from Miss Stevenson. Donation from Mrs. Taylor, April 19th, $1.00. Clothing from Altar Society, to be given by the King's Daughters to the poor.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in the Guild room of Parish House, April 19th. The King's Daughters engaged Prof. Harper to give a Stereopticon Entertainment to the members of the Royal Legion and some children of the Children's Friend Society.

The pictures were very fine but made much more enjoyable by Mr. Hall who so kindly consented to do the lecturing.

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings, May 3d and 17th, in Parish House at half-past seven o'clock.

THE GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY report:

Received from the Church,	$110 00
" " dues,	22 98
" " donations, etc.,	51 03
Total,	$184 01
Spent for Teachers' Salaries,	$136 00
" Materials,	55 11
" Amusements,	4 00
Special for Diocesan Dues,	$14 30
" Christmas Books,	13 62
" Badges,	7 50
Total,	$230 53
Total Spent,	$230 53
" Received,	184 01
Owing Secretary,	$46 52

WITH THE beginning of this month the Garment Committee retires from its regular weekly session, but if application be made for the relief of any case, garments will be gladly supplied from the store on hand, with the hope that by so responding, cleanliness among the poor may be encouraged and possible disease averted.

Contributors during April:

Anonymous,	Miss Lewis,
Mrs. Atmore,	Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Atmore,	Miss J. Lippincott,
Mrs. Hine,	Miss May Miller,
Mrs. Johns,	Mrs. H. McIlvaine,
Mrs. Judson,	Mrs. Richardson.

Garments received during April, ... 66
" distributed during April, ... 27

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE has attended to the mailing of THE PARISH NEWS.

The Treasurer reports:

Cash received from May 1, 1892, to May 1, 1893.

Balance on hand,	$ 32 38
Fund for Altar Cloth,	148 62
Cash Received from Offertory,	237 71
" " " Embroidery orders,	49 36
" " for Easter Flowers,	160 71
	$628 78

Expended, May 1, 1892, to May 1, 1893.

For Flowers during the year,	$132 85
" Easter decorations,	120 00
" Embroidery Class, lessons and materials,	176 52
" Chancel Committee,	7 70
	$437 07
Balance,	191 71
	$628 78

MARIA S. WILKINS, *Secretary.*

THE TOTAL PROCEEDS from the Fair in aid of The Church Home for Seamen, was about $2600. The proceeds from the St. Stephen's Table was $228.10.

THE CHANCEL COMMITTEE reports that during the past year gifts were received of wheat, oats, and corn, for decorating the Church on Thanksgiving Day, the decoration of palms on Palm Sunday, and five dozen Easter lilies, and a box of white roses on Easter Sunday.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
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SERVICES.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

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Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Whiting,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Ziegler.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Watson,	Miss Wood,
Miss Pease,	Miss Hopkins.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Semple,	Mrs. Johnson,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
Mrs. Dougherty,	Miss E. Klahr,

Mrs. Arrison.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Mrs. Whitlock.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Boyd, Miss J. Lewis. Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid,	Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,

Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas. Mrs. Crane.
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot, Miss Ella F. Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke, Mrs. Cowan,
Mrs. Syle, Miss Miller,
Miss Kaye.

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Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

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Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Miss Langton, Miss Ruth Snyder,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. Neilson,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mr. Hansell,
Miss Hansell, Miss Emma Haeberlen,
Mrs. Hansell, Mr. George B. Woodruff,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Annie W. Denney, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters, Miss Ely.
Miss Sinclair.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell and Miss A. E. Wallace.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
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Treasurer—Harry Christensen.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Wednesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

June 4th—1st Sunday after Trinity.
" 11th—2d Sunday after Trinity, and St. Barnabas the Apostle.
" 18th—3d Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—Nativity St. John Baptist, (Saturday.)
" 25th—4th Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Peter, (Thursday.)

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

May 7th—Grace Smith Lister.
" 14th—Walter Bates Hildenbrand.
" 18th—Randolph Greenfield Adams.
" 31st—Sergeant Gilmore Berry.

MARRIED.

May 10th—Rev. Edward G. Knight and Lilly May Sutch.

BURIED.

May 4th—John W. Forney.
" 11th—Frank DeBois Herriman.
" 16th—Caroline Borner.
" 29th—Mathilde Catherine Riera.
" 31st—Eleanor Van Dusen Boyd.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

For St. John's College, Shanghai,	$ 2.00
" Altar Society,	5.00
" Rush Hospital, from Mrs. Charlemagne Tower,	200.00
" Indian Missions,	103.63
" Fresh Air Fund,	1.00
Special from Mrs. L. T. Davison,	112.90
General Charities,	209.49
	$634.02

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

Third Sunday in Month—Children's Friend Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

THE DONATIONS to the Home for Aged Couples as reported in the May number of PARISH NEWS, should have been "set of book markers and stole."

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY received just too late for the last month's report, a donation of clothing from the Garment Society, also two bathing suits.

Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, the children have not had any outings yet, but many of them have been around inquiring, and are looking forward to having a good time and also to getting a breath of fresh air.

Many of these children are crowded together, five and six, or more, in one room, the air is close and one can scarcely get their breath on entering, even the streets they live in seem stuffy.

Will you not remember these little ones when you are sight-seeing in Chicago this Summer? Let us try to keep sickness away by giving them all the fresh air we can. Last year we had four excursions to the sea-shore, taking between 60 and 65 children on each trip, making about 250 in all.

We hope to do more this year if funds will permit. Each trip costs between $60 and $70, but it does sights and sights of good.

From Mrs. Lundy for Fresh Air Fund,	$1 00
Mrs. Kate Burton,	5 00
Contributing Member, Miss Kate Liddell,	1 00

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their next meetings on June 7th and 21st, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

Money received in May:

Miss Sidford,	$1 00
Miss Sanders,	1 00
Total,	$2 00

Work done by the King's Daughters in May: An entire outfit of clothing made for little Katie Judge at the Home of the Merciful Saviour.

Officers elected at the last meeting:

Vice President.—Miss Ella Riffel.
Treasurer.—Miss Nellie Miller.
Secretary.—Miss Minnie Koch.

THE "RELIGIOUS PAPERS" have fallen foul of the Rector for the alleged fault of having said in a sermon that "he would not pray against the cholera." The *Presbyterian* does it after this fashion:

"This is to trifle both with God and the cholera. . . . Were the principle involved in it carried to its full extent, all prayer for Divine interference in human affairs would be set aside, because evils are preventable, if the causes of them are ascertained and duly removed by human effort. We believe in work, but we believe also in prayer. Man must do his part, yet God must incline and help him to do so. Prayer and effort must go together. We must clean our streets, but we must ask God, at the same time, to stay the cholera. . . . Let us have the praying spirit, as well as the working. . . . Keep person, domicile, city, and village clean, but at the same time pray, Lord, keep the cholera from our land."

The *Southern Churchman* is still more severe, as thus:

"We have heard of such preaching before. No doubt means are to be used to avert cholera, but after we have used all the means, then what? Our Lord and Master has told us what. He knew no daily bread would come to our tables unless we plow and fertilize and sow seed, and unless we do these it is in vain to pray. But we do them suppose, do them wisely and well—then what? Christ has told us the next thing: 'Our Father, give us this day our daily bread.' Dr. McConnell did not think of Christ's teaching, but gets up in his pulpit as a minister of Christ, and tells people prayer for the averting of cholera is unwarranted, clean up. He may find out that Philadelphia can be made as clean as Broek in Holland, and yet the cholera sweep it as with a besom of destruction."

Well, well, all this zeal might have been saved for some better purpose if the editors of these papers had simply taken the trouble to find out the truth and to abstain from bearing false witness. For as it happens the Rector did not say what they quote, but something altogether different. What he did say was this:

"The Bishop of the Diocese has very properly set forth a form of prayer against the pestilence, which form it will probably be the duty of this congregation to use. But before they, in common with the people of the city, will be in a position when they can use such a prayer without mockery there are some things incumbent upon them to do."

He then proceeded to point out what those things were. He believes in praying: believes in it so sincerely that he is not willing to do it in any sham or make-believe fashion. He believes that our good Father who is in Heaven is even more ready to hear than we are to pray. But he finds no warrant either in religion or common sense for believing that God will give him any good thing for the asking unless he honestly becomes to the extent of his ability a co-worker with God; or that He will save him from any threatened evil, unless he himself shall first do what lieth in him to protect himself.

He said that the people of Philadelphia as a whole had, at that time, no right to ask God to save them from a pestilence, because they had refused to do what they acknowledged to be their duty in the way of means to prevent it; and that whenever they should be ready to work, then, and not till then, would they have the right to pray. He is glad to think and to believe that the community is coming to a better mind with regard to this whole question.

CHOLERA MAY POSSIBLY VISIT the city this summer. Everybody hopes that it will not, and there is no occasion to get into a state of mind even if it should. It is a "filth disease," and, as a rule, is only fatal to filthy people. We hope not many such are to be found in this parish. Nevertheless it often happens that very cleanly people are compelled from no fault of their own to live in very filthy surroundings. Practically that is the situation of every decent person in Philadelphia. There has been what looks like an honest effort on the part of the city authorities to get the city cleaned up and put into a better sanitary condition. The effort has been honest, and to some extent successful. At the same time it must be said that city officials are a good deal more successful in explaining why the city is not clean than in getting it clean; in admonishing the citizens as to their duties rather than in discharging their own. There is not much use in grumbling about this. So long as good and otherwise sensible men continue to be governed in their voting at municipal elections by political considerations things will not be better than they are now. At least we have now a Chief Executive of the city whom we believe to be an honest man and an intelligent one, and that is a combination we have not had for a good while. His power is very great, though not absolute. It would be a most excellent thing if the people of the city should get into the habit of looking to him when they find that they are suffering from any municipal ill, and of asking him why it is not corrected, and just when it will be.

But in case an epidemic should occur, which may God forefend, the clergy of this parish would gladly be of any service which it is in their power to render. In such a case they will not hesitate to call upon the more fortunate members of the parish to aid the less fortunate ones. Very many of our people are able to go out of the heat, and dirt, and peril of the city for the summer. We are heartily glad they can. But if it should be needful to draw upon them for food, or care, or burial of any less fortunate one, we will not hesitate to do so. We will do so the more boldly because they have always responded cheerfully to any appeal which has been made.

And we beg once more that when serious illness of any sort enters any household in this parish the clergy may be advised of the fact. May be they can be of no use, and may be they can. In an experience somewhat prolonged we have never known or heard of a case where a sick person was the worse for being visited by God's Minister, and we have known very many who were the better for it in every way. The truth is that when one is seriously ill he thinks about some things which are little in his thoughts while he is well; and he would be very glad indeed to hear a prayer said at his bedside, while he is far to shy to suggest such a thing to the family. Let the clergyman have the opportunity to come to his room, as a friend of the family, without making any fuss about it, or trying to "prepare" him for it, and the result will be peace for body and soul.

ON MONDAY EVENING, May 29th, the Girl's Friendly Society gave an entertainment at their closing meeting, which consisted of solos and choruses interlined with some very bright witticisms. The music was very well rendered and reflects great credit upon the girls.

The sparkling wit that pervaded the first part, called forth peals of laughter. The second part was made up of dialogues and recitations, all of which were written and arranged by Miss Emma Edwards, who deserves special mention for the clever manner in which she rendered the different characters she assumed. Miss Katie Hinds displayed unusual ability and afforded great amusement by her bright delineation of the Irish girl, as well as the clever sayings in the first part.

All the girls did exceedingly well, and are worthy of commendation, inasmuch as they got up the programme without any assistance whatsoever. And it was pronounced by all, as one of the most successful entertainments given in St. Stephen's Parish. The Sunday-school room was well filled by the Friendly Society and their friends.

THE BOYS' GUILD of St. Stephen's Church went up the Delaware River to Andalusia on Decoration Day, and there had their annual pic-nic, spending the day in games of base ball, athletic contests, and other sports.

Prizes were awarded for the following contests:

100 Yards Dash, won by Chas. Fogg. Time, 15 seconds.

220 Yards Dash, won by Chas. Fogg. Time, 39 seconds.

¼ Mile Walk, won by Harry Christenson. Time, 2 minutes, 50 seconds.

Running Broad Jump, won by Edgar Spackman. Distance, 12 feet.

Standing Broad Jump, won by Edgar Spackman. Distance, 7 feet.

Putting the Shot, won by Chas. Fogg. Distance, 22 feet.

MÈRE ET RITUEL.

Lors de la récente consécration de l'évêque Hortsmann à la cathédrale de Philadelphie, l'archevêque Ryan crut devoir terminer son discours par quelques paroles adressées personnellement au nouvel évêque. "Bientôt, ditil, vous nous donnerez à tous votre bénédiction en tant qu'évêque. Mais votre première bénédiction épiscopale doit être pour votre mère présente à cette solennité et si justement fière de son fils." Tous les regards à ces mots se tournent vers le nouveau prélat. On lui met la mître en tête, la crosse à la main; puis il descend les marches de son trône, s'avance jusqu'à l'entrée du sanctuaire, et alors on voit paraître une grande dame aux cheveux blanchis, qui tombe aux genoux de l'évêque, son fils, pour être bénie par lui. A peine a-t-elle reçu cette faveur pour elle si douce et si précieuse que, n'écoutant que l'impulsion de son cœur, elle jette les bras au cou du nouveau pontife et l'embrasse avec une respectueuse tendresse. Il va sans dire que cet incident, qui n'était nullement dans le programme, causa dans l'immense congrégation une sensation profonde.

Une dame connue pour l'élévation de ses pensées fit à ce sujet la remarque suivante: "J'eusse préféré voir Mrs. H. ainsi bénie par le nouvel évêque se lever et bénir à son tour son fils agenouillé devant elle. C'eut été en pareille circonstance une revendication et une consécration solennelle de la plus haute dignité qui soit au monde, la dignité de mère!

Aussi longtemps qu'il y aura des mères sur la terre, Dieu y montrera par elles ce qu'est un amour vrai.

Une femme n'oublie jamais qui a parlé bien de son mari ou admiré son enfant.

La distinction entre le profane et le sacré est illusoire; pour l'homme vraiment religieux tout est sacré.

De même la distinction entre le naturel et le surnaturel; tout ce qui est vrai est naturel.

SELECTIONS.

"If it is true that our Master estimates our services by what they cost us in effort or self denial, it follows that when we give money without at all feeling it, we shall not get much credit for it in heaven." "I will give you $10. I will never feel it," said a gentleman to a friend of ours. "Give me something you will feel," was the reply.

THE BUSINESS MAN'S LESSON.

He was an upright business man. In his heart he believed the religion of Christ to be true. But he was very busy, and when Sunday came he was thoroughly tired. He had become interested, too, in his Sunday paper, so he gradually dropped off going to church. His wife went regularly, and sometimes the children. One morning, just after his wife had set out, he was comfortably seated reading the money article, when he heard his boys talking in the next room. Said 8-year-old Willie: "When you grow up shall you go to church as mother does, or stay at home like father?" "I shall do neither," said the one decidedly. "When I'm a man, I shall have my horses, and be on the road Sundays, and enjoy myself." The newspaper suddenly lost it attraction. Between the father and it there came a picture of his boys associating with loose men, and drifting into a godless, reckless life, and of himself looking on it in his old age as the fruit of his self-indulgence. Five minutes after he was rapidly walking toward the church. When the service was over, his wife, coming down the aisle, saw him waiting at the door. There was questioning, glad surprise in her eyes, but he only remarked that he had taken a walk, and thought he would join her on her way home. Next Sunday, however, the whole family were in their pew, and all the rest of the day there was a kind of peace about the house that reminded him of his boyhood days in his father's home. And who will say that he was the less fitted for another week of business life by this share in the services of God's house instead of "staying at home all Sunday to rest."—*S. S. Times*

You must *quarantine* against immoral literature. This is a deadly poison. It comes in various and attractive disguises. Exclude it as you would the germs of a pestilence. To effectually protect your homes from its baleful influence, supply them with healthy literature. It is as easy to cultivate a good as a depraved literary taste in children. They will read something, and what they read will exert an important influence on their character. Let your most earnest effort be exerted to keep out of the house the sensational novel, the blood-curdling tales of vice, the obscene pictures, the whole flood of wicked, degraded, crime-producing literature that threatens us. Put in reach of your families good papers, magazine and books. Bait them with a chaste story, and keep them supplied with wholesome knowledge. A bad book may prepare your son for the cell of a felon. A bad novel may vitiate the whole life of your daughter.

There's many a trouble
Would break like a bubble,
And into the waters of Lethe depart,
Did we not rehearse it,
And tenderly nurse it,
And give it a permanent place in the heart.

There's many a sorrow
Would vanish to-morrow,
Were we but willing to furnish the wings;
But sadly intruding,
And quietly brooding,
It hatches out all sorts of horrible things.

Build a little fence of trust
Around to-day;
Fill the space with loving work,
And therein stay.
Look not through the sheltering bars
Upon to-morrow:
God will help thee bear what comes
Of joy and sorrow.

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REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
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Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
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Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Whiting,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Ziegler.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Watson,	Miss Wood,
Miss Pease,	Miss Hopkins.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
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Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
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Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
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FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
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Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
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Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

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Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee —Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas. Mrs. Crane.
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot, Miss Ella F. Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke, Mrs. Cowan,
Mrs. Syle, Miss Miller,
Miss Kaye.

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Music Teacher.—Miss Marion Leach.

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Mrs. Hansell, Mr. George B. Woodruff,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders,
Miss Annie W. Denney, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters, Miss Ely.
Miss Sinclair.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell and Miss A. E. Wallace.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Bannister.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
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BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Edgar W. Spackman.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—Harry Christensen.
Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Wednesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 12 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

July 2d—5th Sunday after Trinity.
" 9th—6th Sunday after Trinity.
" 16th—7th Sunday after Trinity.
" 23d—8th Sunday after Trinity.
" 25th—St. James' Day.
" 30th—9th Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

June 2d.—Charles Herbert Chamberlain.
" 11th.—Virginia Miller.

MARRIED.

June 1st.—Wm. K. Barclay and Florence Elizabeth Brunner.
" 1st.—Frank Newlin and Mary Emily Bannister.
" 14th.—Wm. J. Gass and Katie C. Davis.
" 21st.—Elmer Ellsworth Hagler, M. D., and Kent Rolla Dunlap.
" 22d—John Adams Thayer and Marie Elizabeth Dickie.

BURIED.

June 26th.—Ada L. Hartman.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

E. E. Brown, for Poor Woman in Hospital,	$10.00
Miss Emily Bell, for C. F. S.,	5.00
Miss Laura Bell, " "	5.00
Mrs. Seth Caldwell, " "	10.00
Mr. Beauveau Borie, " "	25.00
Mrs. Frederic Stovell, " "	15.90
S. L. C., " "	10.00
Miss Magee, for Poor,	25.00
For "Children's Friend Society,"	75.50
For "Summer Outing for Children,"	1.00
For General Charities,	132.38
Total,	$313.88

OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

For General Charities.

THE RECTOR HAS ENGAGED to deliver a course of five Lectures in the Summer School of the "University Extension," upon the Religious History of the United States. They will be delivered at the University at 5 o'clock each day, July 10th to 14th.

THE REV. MR. MILLER is away, enjoying his well-earned vacation.

MRS. S. WIER MITCHELL has made a beginning which it is earnestly hoped will be followed by many in St. Stephen's, in providing for the perpetual endowment of her pew according to the terms of the Endowment Trust, adopted by the Vestry a year or two ago.

By the generous gift of $2500 the pew has been endowed in perpetuity as a Memorial to the Father and Mother and Sister of the giver. Provision has already been made in wills for the endowment of other pews; but Mrs. Mitchell is the first to be the almoner of her own gifts for this good purpose.

WE ADOPT AS OUR OWN the following editorial article from "*The Kingdom*," and commend it to the attention of all whom it may concern:

Before the Christian starts upon his vacation, he sees to it that some brother or sister of his, who is not so well off as he is in this world's goods, is provided with the means of taking a vacation also. The Christian does not anticipate any pleasure from a selfish vacation. Unfortunately, as the affairs of men are at present divided, the people who do not need any vacation get more vacation than they know what to do with, while the people who are literally dying for a vacation get none at all. Why, simply to live as we live all the time, would be paradise to many a hungry soul in the hot tenements of Philadelphia.

If the Christian is not very rich, he puts five dollars into an envelope and lays it in the alms basin on the Sunday before he goes, marked "For the Children's Friend Society." If he has more money than that he puts in more.

And suppose that the Christian has a horse and carriage that is to stand idle most of the summer, he leaves directions that some family of his acquaintance shall be taken out in that carriage at least twice a week during his absence—some family that must otherwise walk or go by cable car, or else he sends a note to the Rector, in which he says: "My horses and carriage are at your disposal twice a week during July, August and September. If you will send a note each week to such and such an address the carriage will call wherever you may designate."

And suppose that the Christian has a greenhouse or garden, where the flowers will be blooming all summer, or fruit will be growing. He leaves directions with his gardener before he goes away, and in the course of these directions he tells the gardener to take all the flowers and all the fruit that can be picked each week and carry them to such and such houses on such and such days. The amount of thoughtlessness that is locked up in green-houses is incredible. These beautiful flowers that blaze away beneath the sultry roof of glass might give so much delight to somebody!

And suppose that the Christian has a great space of cool lawn around his house. He does not want a rabble of people trampling over it. Of course not. But why not choose a quiet family or two, and say: "Use my grounds this summer during the hot days. Come in out of the close air of your narrow rooms, and bring the baby with you, and sit under the shady trees." Why, that would double the delight of the sea breezes, to know that the pleasant places at home where not locked up, to be only looked at by the tired eyes of weary people, but were open and were giving strength and rest to those who need it.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in June.

(Through Dr. McConnell) from	Miss Emily Bell,	$ 5 00
" " " "	Mrs. Seth Caldwell,	10 00
" " " "	Mr. Beauveau Borie,	25 00
June 11th. From	Mr. Edward Moore,	10 00
(Through Dr. McConnell) from	Miss Laura Bell,	5 00
June 14th. From	Mrs. Matthew Semple,	25 00
" 18th.	Offering in Church,	75 50
" 23d.	Mrs. Frederick Stovell,	15 00
(Through Mr. Miller) from	S. L. C.,	10 00
	Total,	$180 50

Clothing from Mrs. Wetherby.
Bathing Suit from Miss Stevenson.
Clothing from Miss Angney.
Package of clothing received without any name.
Many thanks to all who have remembered the children so kindly.

Contributing members in June:

May 30th.	Mrs. M. E. Sinn,	$1 00
June 3d.	Miss Dupuy,	1 00
" "	Miss H. E. Dupuy,	1 00
" "	Miss Ford,	1 00
" 9th.	Mrs. Charles E. Milnor,	1 00
" 20th.	Mr. James Greer,	1 00
" "	Mrs. James Greer,	1 00
" "	Mr. Samuel Haines,	1 00
" "	Mrs. Samuel Haines,	1 00
" 21st.	Miss Grace Atmore,	1 00
" "	Mr. Craig Atmore,	1 00
" 22d.	Mr. Sidney Hoopes Evans,	1 00
" "	Miss Ella Kalbfleish,	1 00
	Total,	$13 00

The Excursions have now commenced for the season. About 100 children were taken to the Zoological Gardens this month, as we had a number of tickets left over from last year that Mrs. Clapp so kindly donated.

It was very amusing to hear the strange names many of the animals had given them by the children. Tigers were called big pussies; Seals were Eels, and Peacocks, Turkeys.

But what gave them most pleasure was feeding the animals, especially the elephants. Old Bolivar stood there with his mouth open, waiting for a cracker that might by chance, fall into his open mouth, then there would be shouts of laughter.

One poor little girl, so anxious was she to go, that she came shoeless and stockingless, much to the pity of several children. However, she was provided with both. A very kind little girl gave her a second-hand pair that she might look a little like the rest of the children and have a good time.

We hope next month to commence with the Sea Shore Excursions, for they do the children so much good, and give them something to talk about the whole year.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their next meetings July 5th and July 19th, in Parish House, at eight o'clock.

BISHOP WALKER, of North Dakota, writes:

"Our city of Fargo was swept on last Wednesday, June 7, by a most disastrous fire. Many claim that it was more destructive in proportion to population and property than that at Chicago.

"A fierce south wind was blowing and notwithstanding extraordinary exertions on the part of the citizens to stem the tidal wave of fire it swept away probably one-fifth of the city, or about 150 acres of thickly populated ground. The loss is estimated at $3,000,000. It is a serious blow to us, but the people are courageous. Many noble helping deeds were wrought by our people in the midst of the alarm and destruction.

"I am glad to say that our church and the 'Roaming Catholic Cathedral' were untouched. I, however, lost my entire library of about 4,000 volumes. All my pictures, furniture, works of art, even my clothing, were consumed. I am realizing the absolute desolation of a man who has not one book on hand that he can call his own. What solitariness can be greater?"

SELECTIONS.

"YOU KNOW the wish of my heart; I have uttered it to you more than once. It is to see the mutual hatreds by which Christians are separated dwindle and disappear in face of the multiplying attacks of atheism. I recognize with joy that these hatreds tend continually to vanish from among you, and give place to love. In England I have seen the dawn of this mutual love. It was with deep emotion—shared, I am sure, by all present—that I found myself seated, with my eminent and venerable colleague, Cardinal Manning, at a Protestant meeting attended by Anglican bishops and ministers, all manifesting equal delight in being thus able to work together, without a single allusion to the things that still divide us, in a great work of humanity and mercy. It was clear to me that we are no longer separated, the most of us, save by habits, prejudices and interests. Mighty hindrances, no doubt, and not to be overcome in a day; but it is no small matter when hatred ceases and gives place to love."—*Cardinal Lavigerie.*

IN THE minds of most laymen there lurks more or less impatience concerning missionary work, and the subject seems to produce *ennui* or out-and-out skepticism with some. Robert Louis Stevenson has belonged to the class of the prejudiced, to which it may be added that he has never given evidence of an especial interest in religion. Yet after having had an exceptional opportunity of studying the workings of missions in a far-away land, he writes as follows in the *British Weekly*: "I suppose that I am in the position of many other persons—I had conceived a great prejudice against missions in the South Seas, and I had no sooner come there than that prejudice was at first reduced, and at last annihilated. Those who deblatterate against missions have only one thing to do—to come and see them on the spot. They will see a great deal of good done; they will see a race being forwarded in many different directions, and I believe, if they be honest persons, they will cease to complain of mission work and its effects."

AT ONE time Drs. Onderdonk, Wainwright, and Schroeder, were the three chief preachers in Trinity parish, and a witty layman undertook to give the style of the dogmatic Onderdonk, flowery Schroeder, and courtly Wainwright, as exemplified in brief sermons on the text: "Two beans and two beans make four beans," somewhat as follows: Dr. Onderdonk: "The Church in her wisdom has decreed that if two beans be added unto two beans, the product shall be four beans; and if any self-sufficient mortal shall presume to question this conclusion of the law and the prophets, together with the canons, let him be *anathema maranatha.*" Dr. Schroeder, after enunciating his text, was supposed to wake at sunrise, wander into the dewy fields, and pluck one pearly bean after another, and finally go into ecstasies over the quartette of shining beauties which he held in his hand. But the point of the satire was reached in Dr. Wainwright's case, who was made to say: "It has generally been conceded, and nowhere that I know of denied, that if two beans be added unto two beans, their product shall be four beans. But if there be in this intelligent and enlightened

audience, any who may venture to have conscientious doubts upon the subject, far be it from me, my brethren, to interfere with such a person's honest convictions."

VIE CHRÉTIENNE.

A notre époque, ce que l'humanité déçue par le langage et la vie de tant de faux chrétiens demande, ce sont des faits, ce sont des vies! Les théories, les discussions, les belles paroles ont lassé les esprits sérieux de ce temps et les ont rendus sceptiques. Ils ne croient á l'excellence d'une doctrine qu'en voyant la supériorité de la vie. Très-peu parmi eux lisent la Bible; très-peu sont édifiés par le rituel; mais tous lisent la vie des chrétiens et subissent la salutaire influence d'une vertu vèritable!

L'ecclésiasticisme avancé, ou ritualisme, ou pharisaïsme, ou traditionalisme, n'a jamais eu pour objet la rèalisation de la divine parole: "paix sur la terre, bienveillance aux hommes." Il n'a réussi qu'à semer la division et la haine entre les différents membres de la famille chrétienne, enseignant comme doctrines divines des ordonnances humaines.

THE *Christian Union* says: "The Episcopal Church is not disturbed by controversies over fundamental questions of doctrine, which have of late years agitated other denominations. It now gives its attention to matters pertaining purely to worship, or the carrying on of the great beneficial enterprises of the Church. It is small wonder that such a Church has a great and growing attraction for many who have no relish for weary theological disputes and tedious heresy trials."

"WHAT is an agnostic?" asked Rollo, who was reading something about Huxley.

"An agnostic," replied his Uncle George, "is a man who loudly declares that he knows nothing, and gets mad and abuses you if you believe him. He says he doesn't know anything, but he really believes he knows everything."

"DO YOU really believe that an ass ever spoke to Balaam?" queried a man who prided himself on his intellect. Coleridge, to whom the question was put, reflected very calmly for a few moments, and then responded: "My friend, I have no doubt whatever that the story is true. I have been spoken to in the same way myself."

EXCUSES.

So you are not going to church this morning, my son? Ah, yes; I see. "The music is not good." That's what you go to church for, to hear music. And the less we pay, the better we demand.

"And the pews are uncomfortable." That's too bad—the Sabbath is a day of rest, and we go to church for repose. The less work we do during the week, the more rest we clamor for on Sunday.

"And the sermon is so long, always." All these things are to be regretted. I would regret them more sincerely, my boy, did I not know that you will often squeeze into a stuffed street car with a hundred other men, breathing an incense of whisky, beer and tobacco, and hang on a strap by your eyelids for two miles, then pay fifty cents for the privilege of sitting on a rough plank in the broiling sun for two hours longer, and come home and talk the rest of the family into a state of aural paralysis about the "dandiest game you ever saw played on that ground."

Ah, my boy, you see what staying away from church does. It develops a habit of lying. There isn't one man in a hundred who could go on the witness stand and give, under oath, the same reasons for not going to church that he gives to his family every Sunday morning. My son, if you didn't think you ought to go you wouldn't make any excuses for not going. No man apologizes for doing right.—*Robert Burdette.*

AMBITION.

"Never relinquish the great object of your ambition, whatever it may be. Let it be, more or less distinctly, ever present in your mind. Let it exert a controlling influence over all your actions. In the first place, have some definite aim to your life—some distinct and leading object of your ambition, and be ambitious to accomplish it. In choosing an object of ambition choose a worthy one, in behalf of which all your strength, all your higher and nobler faculties of your nature, may be enlisted. Have an aim that you may unblushingly and proudly exhibit to the light of day, and for which you may safely challenge the respect of all. Then pursue it earnestly and steadfastly. No matter what discouragements assail you or place themselves in your way, keep right on in the pursuit of your knowledge. If your progress be slow, still persevere and make it sure. Do sorrows come to you? They come to all. The continued adherence to the great plan of usefulness which you have laid out will do as much as anything to brighten your path, even when grief and gloom evershadow it."

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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1st Directress.—Miss Cleemann.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
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Miss M. J. Lewis,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Livingston,
Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Whiting,
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Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell,	Miss VanDusen,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Mrs. Watson,	Miss Wood,
Miss Pease,	Miss Hopkins.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
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Miss Magee,	Mrs. J. A. Caldwell,
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SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Mrs. Muirhead.

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Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,

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FOREIGN.—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
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Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Sanders, *Secretary*, Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
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ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) First Friday of the month at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Miss Mellon.
Secretary.—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian.—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas. Mrs. Crane.
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot, Miss Ella F. Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke, Mrs. Cowan,
Mrs. Syle, Miss Miller,
Miss Kaye.

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Miss Annie W. Denney, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mr. Wm. E. Waters, Miss Ely.
Miss Sinclair.

Women's Bible Class.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell and Miss A. E. Wallace.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
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BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

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President—Edgar W. Spackman.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Treasurer—Harry Christensen.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P. M.
Singing Class—2d and 4th Wednesdays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

August 6th—The Transfiguration of Christ.
" 13th—11th Sunday after Trinity.
" 20th—12th Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—St. Bartholomew the Apostle.
" 27th—13th Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

July 9th—Helen Mar Lee.
" 22d—John Cleveland Ahearn.

MARRIED.

June 28th—John Edmundson Diggles and Mary A. Lyon.

BURIED.

June 28th.—Walter Bates.
July 12th—Georgie Drew Barrymore.
" 27th—George Apple.

OFFERINGS IN JULY.

For General Charities,	$75.70
Special from E. E. Brown,	25.00
Children's Friend Society, from Miss Dickson,	20.00
Total,	$120.70

OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST.

For General Charities.

DURING the absence of the Rector, the Assistant Minister, Rev. Mr. Miller, is in charge of the Parish. He can be found during the week in the Parish House at 11 o'clock each day.

THE RECTOR, Rev. Dr. McConnell, as Chaplain of the First Regiment, National Guards, went into camp with officers and men, and on Sunday evening of July 23rd, held service and preached to the Regiment from the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."—*Gal.* 6: 7.

After leaving camp he started off on his summer vacation, expecting to stay for a few weeks with his family at Watch Hill, R. I. While there he will officiate and preach in the Church of that place for two Sundays. After this he will go into the woods for his annual fishing and hunting trip.

THE MEMBERS of the Choir of St. Stephen's Church, with the Organist and Choir Master, Professor D. D. Wood, take their annual vacation during the month of August. They will be gladly welcomed back on the first Sunday in September.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in July.

June 27th.	Mrs. Carol Wetherley,	$ 2 00
" 24th.	Miss Kate Burton,	5 00
July 3d.	Mrs. Sarah R. Clapp,	25 00
" 3d.	Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	25 00
" 3d.	E. N. M.,	2 00
" 6th.	Miss Emily K. Sharp,	12 00
" 25th.	Miss Elizabeth Wister Stevenson,	2 00
" 30th.	King's Daughters, St. Stephen's Church,	1 00
" 31st.	S. J. C.,	10 00
" 31st.	Miss Dickson,	20 00
	Total,	$104 00

Contributing members in July:

Miss Mary Sloan,	$1 00
Miss M. C. Ermentrout,	1 00
Miss L. L. Williamson,	1 00
Miss Cleemann,	1 00
Mrs. E. C. Hine,	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Rumpp,	1 00
Miss Mary S. Rumpp,	1 00
Mrs. James Arrison,	1 00
Total,	$8 00

July 19th seventy children with their care takers were anxiously waiting at the Camden Ferry for the time to start for the ten minutes of seven train, to Atlantic City.

A glance at their bright little faces was enough to show how delighted they were at the thought of a day's outing.

When all were seated in the car it was very amusing to hear them talk about the trip. One said, "I was up at four o'clock." Another, "I could not sleep half the night." Then another asked what time it was? When told half past seven, said, "Oh! I thought it was nine o'clock!"

One small child asked if that was "Lantic," meaning the first stopping place after we left Camden. "Have you a hymn book?" was the next question. Never being asked for one before of course we were not provided, however, the young lady managed to entertain her friends at her end of the car with a number of popular hymns.

On reaching the Excursion House, Mrs. Trenwith was on the porch to receive the children. Hats, wraps, and packages were disposed of, then each with a shovel and bucket in hand started for the Beach. Almost the first question asked was, "Can't we take off our shoes and stockings?" The keys of bath houses which Mrs. Trenwith had so kindly given them the use of, were sent for, and about twenty-five children were put into bathing suits, others not quite so fortunate had to wear Gingham Aprons. Now comes the fun; Mr. Clayton gave each in turn a dip in the Ocean, and it was very funny to see the more timid ones run when they would see him coming, all the time wanting to do as their friends had done. For about two hours they thought of nothing else, and were it not for dinner, it would have been hard to get them to leave the water.

Half past twelve o'clock they went to the Excursion House, where Mrs. Trenwith had a dinner of soup, meat, chicken and vegetables, ice cream and cake for desert. They all behaved nicely and enjoyed their dinner.

But the Beach was the attraction and many could not resist the temptation of taking off their shoes and stockings again, others gathered shells and crabs and asked all sorts of funny questions.

One little girl asked "what time the whales came up." Another wanted to know "if she would be allowed to take home some sand?"

At five o'clock they were given tea and sandwiches, and as we had the Dancing Room all to ourselves just before train time, the children were permitted to have a little dance, and it was noticeable, that the one that was so anxious for the hymn book was the best dancer on the floor.

We are indebted to the Penna. R. R. Co., for the favorable rates at which they took the Excursion, and to the Conductor and Brakesmen who did everything in their power to make us comfortable on the trip.

The King's Daughters had their annual excursion on Saturday afternoon, July 29th, accompanied by their President, Mrs. Vanderslice.

They went to Wilmington on the steamer Brandywine and saw the Old Swedes' Church, built in 1698. Had a very enjoyable ride in the Electric cars to Shellpot Park, had lunch on the grounds, returning home by the steamer City of Chester, the ride home being made delightful by the moonlight.

There will not be any meetings during the month of August.

They have contributed in July to the Children's Country Week Association, Ice and Flower Mission, and the Children's Friend Society.

Emma Edwards,
Acting Secretary.

Let us try to touch other lives on the positive and helpful side. "Share with me your beliefs; I have doubts enough of my own," said Goethe. Do not talk of your ailments, your worries, your disappointments.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY
OF
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
PHILADELPHIA.

I.

This Society shall be called The Altar Society of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, and shall meet annually on All Saints' Day, at which meeting a Secretary and a Treasurer shall be chosen and the Committees of the Society appointed.

II.

Its object shall be

1. The care of the Altar Furniture, Vestments of the Clergy, and everything appertaining to the Chancel, which belongs to the due and reverent performance of Divine Service.
2. To assist other Churches as far as possible in making suitable provision for the worship of the sanctuary.
3. To direct and send *Parish News* to the members of the congregation.
4. To prepare the work for the Lenten Sewing.

III.

The Rector of the Church shall be *ex-officio* President of the Society, and preside at all meetings, when present, and nothing shall be done without his consent and approval.

IV.

Any lady, being a communicant in the Parish, may become a member by being elected thereto by a majority vote of the members and approved by the Rector.

V.

The members of the Society shall be divided at the beginning of each year into the following Committees:

1. The Chancel Committee.
2. The Sewing Committee.
3. The *Parish News* Committee.
4. The Lenten Sewing Committee.

The heads of the above Committees, to be appointed by the Rector, shall, together with the Secretary and Treasurer, constitute the Executive Committee, which shall have general charge of the work of the Society.

VI.

These Laws shall not be altered except by the consent of the Rector, and by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting.

VII.

The Treasurer will receive donations from any member of the Parish for the use of the Society.

SELECTIONS.

THE DECALOGUE IN RHYME.

1. "Have thou no other gods but me,
2. Unto no image bow thy knee;
3. Take not the name of God in vain,
4. Do not the Sabbath Day profane;
5. Honor thy father, and mother, too,
6. See that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean;
8. Steal not, though thy state be mean;
9. Of false report bear not a blot,
10. What is thy neighbor's covet not."

—*Old Scotch Version.*

THE LOYAL CHURCHMAN.

In speaking of a loyal Churchman, there is not meant one who is bigoted, but one who honestly believes that there are reasons for his loving his Church with a very firm and true affection.

Many persons imbibe the notion that it matters very little with which of the many religious bodies one is connected. It is true that a person can lead a very sincere Christian life and yet not be connected with this Church, but as you have opportunity to know more of the history and the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church, you will be convinced that you will find in it the stimulus to a holy life, and the means of

usefulness, such as may not elsewhere be furnished for you. If you are thus persuaded, you will be loyal and true. You will think charitably of others, but you will cling with unswerving devotion to the Church of your choice and affections.

You may hear objections made to your Church, but they are objections which can all be fully answered, and which need not give you one moment's uneasiness. In maintaining your loyalty the following considerations will prove helpful:

First. You are connected with a Church which has a lineal descent from apostles; which has numbered holy martyrs in its ranks; and which has given birth to some of the noblest names which appear upon the annals of the past.

Second. You are connected with a Church which cares for its members from the cradle to the grave; which makes no distinction between rich and poor; which follows you with holy words throughout all of your career, and which will encourage you to lead a sober, righteous, and godly life.

Third. You are connected with a Church which honors God as He has revealed Himself to us as a Trinity of three Sacred Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and which teaches you to revere Him as your Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

You must not be surprised to find those who, not appreciating the value of this Church, and perhaps not being friendly to some of the scriptural doctrines and usages which it maintains, presume to attack it. Ever consider that their assaults would not be made if they were to go to the trouble to understand what the truth really is.

You will now and then hear some of its own members complaining of some of its features, and you may hear controversy and partisan opposition; but be not moved by any of these things. There will be differences of opinion so long as men see in part. Avoid numbering yourself with parties, but consider that one of the admirable features of a catholic (universal) Church is the very fact that it can embrace those who hold differing views upon minor points.

Now and then you may be tempted to dislike some of its arrangements, or to wish that it were differently constructed; but it is true wisdom not to let our own whims or fancies rule you, but to submit them to what the wisdom of pious men in ages past have thought would tend to God's glory and to man's welfare.

Your loyalty will often be put to the test, and sometimes in very painful ways, but you will never regret standing firm for the truth and laboring in every proper manner to uphold that which has had so many signal evidences of God's approval; and which you are to transmit intact to those who come after you.

—Rev. J. W. Shinn, D. D.

NATURE never provides for man's wants in any direction, bodily, mental, or spiritual, in such a form as that he can simply accept her gifts automatically. She puts all the mechanical power at his disposal—but he must make his lever. She gives him corn, but he must grind it. She elaborates coal, but he must dig for it. Corn is perfect, all the products of nature are perfect, but he has everything to do to them before he can use them. So with truth; it is perfect, infallible. But he cannot use it as it stands. He must work, think, separate, dissolve, absorb, digest; and most of these he must do for himself and within himself. If it be replied that this is exactly what theology does, we answer it is exactly what it does not. It simply does what the green grocer does when he arranges his apples and plums in his window. He may tell a Magnum Bonum from a Victoria, or a Baldwin from a Newtown Pippin. But he does not help me to eat it. His information is useful, and for scientific horticulture, essential. Should a special pomologist deny that there was such a thing as a Baldwin, or mistake it for a Newtown Pippin, we should be glad to refer to him; but if we were hungry, and an orchard were handy, we should not trouble him. Truth in the Bible is an orchard rather than a museum. Dogmatism will be very valuable to us when scientific necessity makes us go to the museum.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

September 3d—14th Sunday after Trinity.
" 10th—15th Sunday after Trinity.
" 17th—16th Sunday after Trinity.
" 21st—St. Matthew the Apostle (Thursday).
" 24th—17th Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Michael and all Angels (Friday).

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

August 7th—Kate Graham MacKnight.

BURIED.

August 5th—Eliza R. Hasenpat.
" 7th—Willing Glading Stewart.
" 10th—Theodore E. Russell.
" 11th—Hannah Sleator.
" 12th—Theodore T. Edgerton, Sr.
" 15th—Dauiel Lawton Flanagan.

OFFERINGS IN AUGUST.

General Charities, ... $27 68

OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities.

SUMMER IS ABOUT OVER. Soon the warm weather will pass away. The people will settle down in their accustomed places, and active Church work in the city parishes will be resumed. Perhaps many in this congregation of ours have been thinking of what they ought to do for others, and how best they can help the Church in the work she has to do in our portion of the city. It does seem as the city increases in size the shorter time there is to do active work. The fashion of spending a greater portion of the time in the country or at the sea-side of those well furnished with money and leisure, greatly impairs the parishes in the heart of our city life. But soon the work here will begin. *What will you do?*

"THERE ARE DIVERSITIES of gifts but the same Spirit. And there are differences of ministries but the same Lord." The Church has so many channels of work. So many ways there are to be of use. In our own parish we have many societies. Would it not be well for those willing to work in the parish to look at the list of our societies with their times of meeting, the names of directors, etc.? and then at the earliest opportunity, upon your return to the city, let the Rector know just what you would like to do, or better still, to let him know what you feel you are best able to do for the Church and your fellow-men.

THE PARISH HAS a goodly list of societies and organizations for work. The members are in earnest, and when help and assistance are asked for, it is because there is work to do and willing hands alone are invited to come and take hold.

The Altar Society, with its Chancel Committee; its Library Committee, Embroidery Class, Order Committee, and with these also the superintending and management of the Lenten Sewing.

The Female Benevolent Society, with its Board of Managers, Cutting Committee, Parcelling Committee, Distributing and Paying Committee, Selling Committee, Special Orders Committee, Examining Committee, and Garment Committee.

The Missionary Box Committee.

The Sunday-school, with its various classes; Infant School and Bible Classes.

The Mothers' Meetings.

The Children's Friend Society.

The Boys' Guild, with its Singing Class.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

And besides all these, from time to time, special work for young men who have placed themselves ready to respond to the calls of the Rector.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL of our parish will open for the Fall on the first Sunday in October at 9.45 A. M. The children have had a long vacation. They will be gladly welcomed back to the school. There will be need of more teachers, owing to several vacancies in the classes that must be filled. There are many communicants in the parish the size of ours, that have plenty of time to do some Church work. The appeal for teachers is made to such as these. Teaching is not easy work. So much is demanded. Love of children, aptness to teach, regularity of attendance and punctuality as well. Then an interest in the religious work and a feeling of responsibility as to the advance in Christian growth of the children committed to one's care. Other Church work there is an abundance, but as things are as they are, it does seem the care of the Sunday-school children is one of the most urgent duties that the parish is bound to fulfill. If any teachers find they cannot enter upon their work this Fall, they will please notify the Rector as soon as may be, that other arrangements for the classes may be made.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY is an organization that has deservedly met with the approval and has received the help of the members of the congregation. It began in a small way to give attention to the neglected and little favored of the poorer children about us. It has grown in size, and by the generous support of the people, it has been enabled to do quite a large amount of good to very many children. It is a society managed by ladies, who do the work of the society themselves, having no agents or paid assistants. They do not send the children to the sea-side or to the country, but they take them by the hand and say come with us. And after all else said or done it is the personal ministrations of faithful and interested people that lift the load from many a tired and weary heart. If all our charities could be done by ourselves and not by strangers, the world would be a better and happier place. The neighbor is loved and helped, and he knows it, and he feels a different person, not merely because he has been helped, but because those about him cared enough for him to help him.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in August:

August 2,	Mr. Charles Hillman,	$5 00
" 2,	Mrs. Albert Pancoast,	10 00
" 8,	Mrs. Anna Kelly,	2 00
" 14,	Master Bowden Washington,	10 00
" 17,	Mrs. C. Wetherley,	1 00
" 20,	Mrs. E. T. Moody,	1 00
" 25,	King's Daughters, St. Stephen's Church,	2 00
" 26,	Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	1 00
From Mrs. De Grasse Fox, part of the proceeds of Children's Fair at Bar Harbor,		75 00
Total,		$107 00

August 17, From Mr. Artzt tickets for the Zoological Gardens.

August 19, From Mrs. A. B. Lovejoy four bathing suits.

As I write the poor children are calling to know if there will be room for them on the next Excursion, August 30th. One poor child said: "I have not been any place this summer."

"Can't Mary go?" asks another. Her mother was sick, so her friend pleads for her. "I was in the country a week, but I never saw the ocean; can't I go?"

Their faces brighten, for they have been in a state of uncertainty until they see their names written in the book and told to be at the place of starting five minutes before six o'clock. "Oh thank you; much obliged;" off home they start looking very happy.

A poor girl, weary from work, perhaps fourteen years of age, with a very torn dress, said, "I have never been anywheres."

One can hardly realize what these trips do for the children this warm, sultry weather. Many of them have been disappointed by the Country Week Association not having funds to carry on their work, we therefore feel very strongly tempted to have another Sea Shore Excursion in September, trusting to our kind friends helping us to carry on the Winter work.

The next excursion, August 30th, will be called the Bar Harbor Excursion, as the donations from kind friends there are enough to cover the expenses of the trip.

Questions like these are asked: How are you getting along? What are you doing for the children? The answer is having excursions as often as our funds will permit. August 9th a party of 90 were taken to Atlantic City. Again on the 16th of August 86 more, and each set of children seem to enjoy it more than the last.

It is very pleasing to hear the children say "I never had such a good time," also to have their parents come and thank you, saying John, or Mary, never had such a good time in their life. Many of the little girls wanted their faces red, saying they wanted mamma to see what a good time they had.

One of the children, while in bathing, came running out to tell there was some kind of a fish with wings floating out there. When told to catch it and bring it in, it proved to be a small dead chicken.

One whose experience was founded on visits to the Sanitarium on the Delaware River, wanted to know what made the waves roll in all the time when there was'nt any steamboats passing. And the person she asked had to give it up.

Another, when the train was crossing a bridge over a small lake, wanted to know whether there were any whirlpools in there.

The idea of most of them was that all the things mentioned in the Geography books, from a whale to a waterspout, ought to be seen on the first glimpse of the ocean.

After next Wednesday's excursion about 325 children have had a day's outing at the sea shore.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS' first meeting will be *September 20th, in the Guild room* at half-past seven o'clock.

THE BOYS' GUILD of St. Stephen's Church will meet after the long vacation on the first Friday in October. It is hoped that the old members will all be in their places when the roll is called. Any boy over thirteen years of age can be voted in if he be willing to conform to the rules of the Guild.

SELECTIONS.

THE WAY TO A HAPPY LIFE.

Lay nothing too much to heart; desire nothing too eagerly; rejoice not excessively, nor grieve too much for disasters; be not violently bent on any design, nor let any worldly cares hinder you from taking care of your soul, and remember that it is necessary to be a Christian (that is, to govern one's self by motives of Christianity) in the most common actions of civil life.

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."—*Col.* 3: 17.

"He that would not fall into temptation must have a presence of mind, a watchful eye over himself; he must have great things in view, distinguish betwixt time and eternity, or else he will follow what passion, not what reason or religion suggests."—*Bishop Walson.*

THE DEATH of the Right Rev. Dr. Alexander Gregg, on July 11th, removes one of the elder Bishops, who although set over an organized diocese, was in reality Bishop of a region which was almost wholly missionary. The setting off of the two large jurisdictions of Northern Texas and Western Texas still left under his charge an enormous area to which his energies were devoted, for which he lived and in the service of which he died. The election of Bishop Kinsolving, as his assistant, no doubt was a great relief to his declining years.

In closing its editorial comment upon the death of Mr. Drexel, the New York *Tribune* used these striking sentences: "Death has stripped many rich men of all their acquisitions. Throughout his life Mr. Drexel saved great sums of money by giving them away, and therefore he has carried priceless possessions into the other world."

A tabulated statement of communicants of our Church in the various States and Territories in 1882 and 1892, arranged by States and not by dioceses, is as follows:

	1882.	*1892.*
Alabama,	3,955	6,196
Arkansas,	1,010	2,200
California,	4,323	11,239
Colorado,	1,758	4,366
Connecticut,	20,953	27,374
Dakotas (The Two),	1,746	3,680
Delaware,	2,026	2,943
Florida,	1,789	4,409
Georgia,	4,536	5,975
Illinois,	11,320	20,040
Indiana,	3,830	6,126
Iowa,	4,203	6,526
Kansas,	2,187	3.072
Kentucky,	4,295	7,079
Louisiana,	3,782	5,256
Maine,	2,170	3,080
Maryland and District of Columbia,	23,573	30,956
Massachusetts,	18,076	29.487
Michigan,	10,749	18,482
Minnesota,	5,243	10,973
Mississippi,	2,386	3,281
Missouri,	5,413	9,356
Montana,	575	1,514
Nebraska,	1,926	4,274
Nevada,	315	576
New Hampshire,	2,066	2,894
New Jersey,	16,632	29,821
New Mexico and Arizona,	175	696
New York,	87,364	131,437
North Carolina,	5,836	8,410
Ohio,	11,693	18,057
Oregon,	737	2,265
Pennsylvania,	39,251	58,875
Rhode Island,	6,821	10,388
South Carolina,	4,686	5,737
Tennessee,	3,500	6,044
Texas,	4,388	7,379
Utah,	385	767
Vermont,	3,488	4,244
Virginia,	13,951	19,042
Washington,	339	2,585
West Virginia,	1,945	3,109
Wisconsin,	7,133	10,609
Wyoming and Idaho,	371	1,733

—*Spirit of Missions.*

PRAYER.

In the old heathen times, a man in certain circumstances might perhaps, with a clear conscience, have prayed to a Dionysus or an Aphrodite to consecrate his acts of drunkenness or debauchery; but, thanks to the preaching of the Galilean fishermen, we have got beyond that now; and universal experience declares the fact that genuine private prayer (for I do not speak of course of repeating routine formularies), which is the vital element of a noble moral nature, is to the coarse, sensual, and selfish man, an atmosphere which he cannot breathe. Take, therefore, young man, the apostolic maxim with you—Pray without ceasing. Keep yourself always in an attitude of reverential dependence on the Supreme Source of all good. It is the most natural and speediest and surest antidote against that spirit of shallow self-confidence and brisk impertinence so apt to spring up with the knowledge without charity which puffeth up and edifieth not. What a pious tradition has taught us to do daily before our principal meal, as a comely ceremony, let us learn to do before every serious act of our life, not as a cold form, but as a fervid reality. Go forth to battle, brave young man, like David, with your stone ready, and your sling well poised; but be sure that you are fighting the battle of the God of Israel, not of the devil. Whether you have a sword or a pen in your hand, wield neither the one nor the other in a spirit of insolent self-reliance or of vain self-exhibition; and, not less in the hour of exuberant enjoyment than in the day of dark despondency and despair, be always ready to say,—"Bless me, even me also, O my Father!"—*Professor Blackie.*

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Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
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Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson. Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton.
Miss Ella F. Thomas. Mrs. Crane.
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

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Meets on Wednesdays at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Berger, Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot, Miss Ella F. Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke, Mrs. Cowan,
Mrs. Syle, Miss Miller,
Miss Kaye.

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Teacher.—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher.—Miss Matchin.

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Superintendent.—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Miss Langton, Miss Ruth Snyder,
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Mrs. Molloy, Miss A. R. Stratton,
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Infant Class.—Miss E. E. Cattell

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Airey, Miss Pabst,
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ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mrs. Russel.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week at 11 o'clock. Church open daily from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

October 1st—18th Sunday after Trinity.
" 8th—19th Sunday after Trinity.
" 15th—20th Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—St. Luke the Evangelist (Wednesday).
" 22d—21st Sunday after Trinity.
" 28th—SS. Simon and Jude (Saturday).
" 29th—22d Sunday after Trinity.
November 1st—All Saints' Day (Wednesday).

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

September 17th—Marguriete Emma Barrows Jack.

MARRIED.

September 21st—John Craig Wells and Fanny Robertson.

BURIED.

September 5th—Mrs. Fanny Holingsworth Arnold.
" 12th—Mary M. Nutting,
" 14th—George Leuffer Glass.
" 23d—Mrs. Susan C. Brown.
" 25th—Pierre Marcelin Lafourcade.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

For Children's Friend Society,	$ 8 00
General Charities,	108 85
	$116 85

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday of the month, Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays, General Charities.

EVENING SERVICE AND SERMON beginning today, October 1st, at 4 o'clock.

IN THE DEATH OF MRS. CRAWFORD ARNOLD this Parish has lost one of its most valued members, and this city one of its most distinguished women. Of the irreparable personal loss to some this is not the place to speak. What was said of her by one of the city papers is all true: "She united in her winning personality and qualities of mind and heart the finest characteristics of the substantial old Philadelphia families with which she was connected. There have been few movements, religious, philanthropic or social, in which women had a share within the past twenty years in Philadelphia in which Mrs. Arnold has not taken a prominet part. No woman who has died in a decade in this city will be more extensively or more sincerely mourned." She was beautiful in soul and body.

May she rest in peace; may perpetual light shine upon her!

A DEACONESS WILL BE ADDED this fall to the working force of this Parish. One of the first and best of the graduates of the "Training School for Deaconesses" has been secured. Among the first works which she will undertake will be a Sunday afternoon class for children of parishioners. Last winter Miss Sanford the Deaconess' House-Mother had such a class with admirable results. She will not continue it this winter however, and our Deaconess will take it up. It is not a Sunday-school class precisely. None will be admitted to it except upon personal application to the Rector. The teaching will be such religious instruction as Christian parents would gladly give to their Children if they felt themselves qualified to do so. Of course no one can ever take the place of the father and mother in teaching a child "those things which he ought to know and believe to his soul's health;" but in cases where the parents are perplexed either as

to *what* to teach or *how* to teach, they will be glad to take advantage of the offer of a trained teacher, able and willing to do just the thing which they think they cannot do.

Parents who wish to secure this advantage for their children for an hour on Sunday afternoons will please speak to the Rector about it.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL HAS opened for the Fall and Winter season. The sessions are held in the morning at 9.45 o'clock. The teachers are expected to report for work and if possible they are asked to be early in charge of their classes. Nothing helps so well to keep the scholars in attendance as regularity or punctuality on the part of the teachers. If you are unable to attend the school this year please report the fact to Rev. Mr. Miller who has charge of the school.

THE RECTOR HAS IN SOME WAY MISLAID the addresses of the following persons, and would be glad to secure them:

Edward E. Barr, Mary Jane Hall, Charles Bowen, D. R. Richardson, C. Irvine Walker, Mrs. Mollie B. Ashcroft, Luther P. Mason, Miss Mary Wightman, Miss Annie T. Seabrook, Samuel Weatherill, Edward C. Weatherill, Mrs. Jennie L. Robinson.

THE BOYS' GUILD of St. Stephen's Church will meet after the long vacation on the first Friday in October. It is hoped that the old members will all be in their places when the roll is called. Any boy over thirteen years of age can be voted in if he be willing to conform to the rules of the Guild.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.—Donations received by the Society in September:

Sept.	7, Mrs. T. P. Chandler,	$5 00
"	14, Miss Dutilh,	2 00
"	17, E. C. B.,	1 00
	Total,	$8 00

From Mrs. Wimley, two large boxes of fancy cakes for the Excursion, August 4th.

August 30th was the last Sea Shore Excursion for the season.

Over 325 children have had a day's outing to Atlantic City this summer.

Fifty children were taken to the Zoological Gardens for an afternoon's outing.

But the summer work would not be complete unless they had an Omnibus ride.

There are yet some poor children who have not been any place this summer. The Excursion of September 30th, takes just as many of these children as two coaches will hold, starting from Parish House, for an afternoon's outing to the Dairy, at Fairmount Park. Ice cream and cakes will be given them for refreshments.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE will resume its duties on Monday next, October 2d.

Since the last report two Garments have been received and one hundred and forty-two distributed. The hours and the place will be as heretofore. from 10.30 A. M. until 12.30 P. M., in the Parish School Building, rear of the Church.

Monday,	2d.—Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss Cleemann,
"	9th.—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot,
"	16th.—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid,
"	23rd.—Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Stratton,
"	30th.—Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss Cleemann.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of St. Stephen's Church will have their next meetings Oct. 4th and 18th, at half-past seven o'clock.

To the Editor of THE PARISH NEWS.

The next term of the Church Training and Deaconess House will begin Oct. 4. The object of the House is not only preparation for the Diaconate, but the better training of Church workers for their work. The opportunity is here given for thorough instruction in the Bible, Church History, the Prayer Book, and other studies, and the students also receive a practical training, and are taught how best to visit in hospitals and among the poor and outcast. It is earnestly desired that this work should be brought before the women of our Church, who feel the need of deeper knowledge, and it is hoped that there are many who desire to lead more consecrated lives, and who will gladly take advantage of these privileges. Students can either reside in the house, and give up their whole time, or can continue to live in their own homes, and come to the House for one or more courses of instruction. Further information will gladly be given by any of the Managers, or by Miss Sanford, at the House, 708 Spruce St.

MARY COLES,

President Board of Managers, 2111 Walnut St.

The following is the two years' course of study:

FIRST YEAR.

Monday: New Testament Use of the Old Testament, Rev. Dr. Perry; Pastoral Theology, Rev. Dr. Rumney; Business Methods, Rev. Dr. Paddock; Practical Training.

Tuesday: Life of Christ, Miss Aertsen; History of Prayer Book, Rev. L. M. Robinson.

Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles, Miss Coles; Christian Evidences, Rev. Wm. Ely; Practical Training.

Thursday: Hygiene and Home Sanitation, Seneca Egbert, M. D., Ancient Church History, Rev. R. S. Eastman; I and II Corinthians, Prof. Micou.

Friday: Practical Training.

Saturday: Missions.

SECOND YEAR.

Monday: The Collects, Rev. Wm. Ely; Church History, Rev. J. R. Moses; Practical Training.

Tuesday: Bible Class Teaching, Miss Biddle; Liturgies, Rev. L. M. Robinson,

Wednesday: The Thirty-nine Articles, Rev. Wm. Ely; St. Paul's Epistles, Miss Coles; Practical Training.

Thursday: Emergencies (Advent Term), Seneca Egbert, M. D.; General Epistles, Prof. Micou; Old Testament, Prof. Batten.

Friday: Practical Training.

Saturday: Missions.

THE GREAT DIFFICULTY AND ITS REMEDY.

One great difficulty in Church work is the inexperience of the workers. Many ladies of the very best disposition find themselves at fault for want of training. They need knowledge and practice in the use of knowledge; but they seldom think of fitting themselves for activities in which they might be exceptionally useful. It is not altogether their fault, because, until recently, there has been but little opportunity for systematic learning.

In other churches there have been many opportunities of learning many things. We read, for example, that in Chicago, during this year of many distractions, Mr. Moody's "Bible Institute" has been in active operation, with as many as one hundred devout women regularly studying the Scriptures and the best methods of practical Christian work. We hear, moreover, that one hundred other women are already entered for the winter term of work and study. That such devotion must bring large results of usefulness in the communions in which they exist is evident; but, until recently, hardly anything of the kind has been known in the Protestant Episcopal Church. The good works of men and women have been done in a hap-hazard sort of way, without personal training or any systematic preparation of the workers. Under such conditions it is simply marvelous that so much has been actually done. With a better system, what is there that might not be done?

In Philadelphia there is now an opportunity of personal training in the knowledge and work of the Church which could hardly be excelled. We print elsewhere a letter from Miss Mary Coles, calling attention to the programme of studies in the "Church Training and Deaconess House." It ought to be understood that while this House has been established with a primary view of the training of deconesses, it is equally intended for the instruction and training of devout women who have no intention or expectation of entering the diaconate for life. Now, there is a large class of young women whose lives are frittered away in mere social inanities, and whose personal dignity would be enormously raised if they should devote an hour or two per day or per week to the studies proposed in the curriculum of the Church Training House. There are also many married women whose lives would rise into something more like intellectual dignity if, to such an extent as may be possible, they were to do the same thing. If one hundred intelligent women, married and unmarried, were to take regular courses of study in the Training House under the accomplished gentlemen and gentlewomen who have consented to act as instructors, the effect of their devotion would be felt in every department of Church work in this city long before twelve months had passed, and their influence would spread abroad throughout the length and breadth of the country. We commend this suggestion to the serious consideration of all to whom it applies. We refuse to believe that Mr. Moody's "Bible Institute" in Chicago can be crowded summer and winter with eager students, and that the Church Training House of Philadelphia cannot be made as fully beneficial to the women of the Church in this great city.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY will resume its work for the winter, on Monday, October 2nd, when the regular classes in millinery, dressmaking, gymnastics, current topics, plain sewing, and embroidery will commence.

The class in cooking, in charge of a graduate of Mrs. Rorer's school, will re-open the first Thursday in November.

SELECTIONS.

La concentration de la population dans les grandes villes, particulièrement aux Etas-Unis, est un des caractères de la civilisation moderne et ne saurait manquer d'avoir de très-graves conséquences.

Dans ce pays, c'est l'élément étranger qui constitue cet accroissement, et avec lui croit de façon inquiétante le nombre des pauvres et des criminels, et, comme la ville est le centre de l'influence nationale, on peut prévoir les tristes et inévitables résultats de cet état de choses.

Il y a quarante ans, ou comptait aux Etas-Unis un criminel sur 3,500 personnes, on en compte un aujourd'hui sur 750. Le nombre des criminels augmente cinq fois plus, proportionellement, que celui de la population.

Les émigrants fournissent plus de la moitié des détenus dans les prisons et les maisons de correction.

Bishop Huntington says: "This country is not in so much danger from a few hundred tramps strolling in the streets, always repulsive and restrained, as it is from an equal number of gentlemen of very different appearance and manners, astute and cautious, with an annual income of a million or more, who never snatch a purse, or break into houses, or pick a lock, and never steal less than $50,000 at a time."

WHAT IS BIBLICAL CRITICISM?

But what is criticism? Some seem to think of it as in the colloquial sense of fault-finding; as if the criticism of the Bible and of literature were the same as the criticism of blameworthy character or conduct. Some people seem to think it is the wanton rejection of what any one dislikes. True criticism is simply discernment; the exercise of the judgment. If a book of the Old Testament seems to be written by Isaiah, or a Psalm by David, or a gospel by St. John, it is criticism that makes us think so, and by criticism alone can we reasonably maintain the opinion. If a passage of Prophecy or a Psalm seems to me not to unfold its fullest spiritual significance in connection with the events with which some equally uninspired critic before me has connected it, even though that other critic has been privileged to write his opinion over the chapter or at the top of the page, my effort at criticism is made not alone, if at all, in literary pride, or pedantic wantonness, but expressly to enter into the emotions of the inspired writer. And it is wonderful how the spiritual enthusiasm and devotion of Bible study quicken, not indeed by questioning every tradition and received opinion, and approved result of former scholarship, concerning the sacred volume, but by willingness to receive light from every quarter, and to correct, if need be, the misinformation of less privileged days. "Then shall ye return," says a prophet, "and discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." True religious fellowship consists not in accounting every hypocrite who boasts with his tongue or makes a fair show in the flesh a true and faithful man, to be cherished and defended against the just punishment of his faults, but in discerning and knowing men by their fruits, and honoring most those whose worth is modest and true. So true loyalty to God's Word consists not in reading it with every tradition of man encumbering it, and every mistake in printing or copying it uncorrected, as if these were from him; but in reading it with every faculty awake to His voice and to the movings of His Spirit in the hearts of all sorts and conditions of men.—*Standard of the Cross (Episcopal).*

FREE THOUGHT.

"Thanks be to free thought," exclaimed the radical passenger who had just demonstrated that matter is indestructible, that force with a big F is co-eval with space with a big S, and that the co-ordination of the senses were recreative and primitive, and that the Ego, co-existant and repellant, was the corollary of creation, and therefore there was no God. "Thanks be to science," he said, "this is the age of reason."

"Yes," said the pale slim passenger on the wood-box, "it is. Your reason appears to have reached about its eleventh or its ninety-seventh year, it's hard to tell which." And the conversation perished and immediately there arose a great calm. It was eleven miles to the next station, and everybody looked out of the windows all the way.—*Burdette, Burlington Hawkeye.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM, at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A.M.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

November 1st—All Saints' Day (Wednesday).
" 5th—23d Sunday after Trinity.
" 12th—24th Sunday after Trinity.
" 19th—25th Sunday after Trinity.
" 26th—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30th—St. Andrew (Thursday).

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

October 6th—Mabel Ethel Carson.
" 22nd—John Lewis Cox.
" 27th—Martha Haynes Thomas.
" 28th—Letitia Brown.

MARRIED.

October 28th—Geo. H. F. Young and Minerva L. Bastruff.

BURIED.

October 9th—Lizzie M. Ballentine.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

For Domestic Missions,	$112 05
For the relief of Unemployed Working Men:	
From Mr. Seth Caldwell,	50
Mr. Thomas,	10
Mrs. Hine,	10
Mrs. R. E. Atmore,	50
Mrs. Barclay,	5
Through Mrs. Weatherly,	17
T. K. S.,	20
Cash,	4
Cash,	1
For General Charities,	363 23
Total,	$476 95

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday of the month—Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Thanksgiving Day—Episcopal Hospital.

THE ATTENTION of the congregation is called to a Phonographic Concert to be held in the Sunday School Room, at the rear of the Church, on Wednesday, November 15th, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds are to be applied by the King's Daughters to the relief of the poor. Tickets can be had by applying to the Verger, Joseph Clayton, or any of the King's Daughters.

THERE WILL BE A GREATER DEMAND UPON THE POOR FUND of the Parish this winter than has been at any time for many years. The demand comes at a time, too, when the people of the Parish feel less able to give than they have for as long a time. The same hard times which throws people out of work also cuts off income and lessens dividends. More than one man who has been accounted "rich"—probably without good reason—now feels very poor. But it must be remembered that while the lessening of one's income is a very serious and painful thing, yet for many among us it only means retrenching a little, doing without some things which we would otherwise have, and which we can get along without very well; the loss of employment, if it be very long continued, means starvation. There are not only thousands of working men out of a job, but there

are thousands of clerks, salesmen, stenographers, employees of every sort, who, according to their means, have always been willing to help the less fortunate ones, but who now have nothing to do, and nothing to live upon. We all hope and expect that the present condition of things will not last long. But conversation with many business men lead me to think that it is likely to continue for some months, at any rate. Now, if people will only reflect a little, they will see that a poor man or woman can starve just as dead in two weeks as they could in two years. It is nothing to the purpose to say to a family in need that the times will soon be better. They cannot wait. Rent goes on and hunger recurs regularly. The owner of houses can get along for a good while though his tenants pay him nothing; but the tenant must have food, clothing and fuel for himself and his children.

When people are in need they go first to the Clergy. It does not make any difference whether they are Church-goers or not. They will tell their distress to the Clergy before they will to their own nearest friends, to say nothing of the Societies for the distribution of Charity. They know that the Minister will help them if he can, and that at any rate he will be civil to them, and that he will keep quiet about it. The loving-kindness of Christ is still believed to have its home pre-eminently in the Church. The Offerings in St. Stephen's Church are always for some charitable purpose outside of its own support. There has not been a collection in this Church in twelve years for its own use. The ordinary Offerings, together with the gifts which the Rector asks annually from a number of individuals, have always been sufficient to enable him to do what he has thought ought to be done. Just now they are not enough. That is why he writes this. He has confidence in the people, a confidence justified by an acquaintance and friendship of a good many years, that they will not fail now, even though it put them to some inconvenience, not only to do what is right but what is generous.

ON ALL SAINTS' DAY, in the church, after Morning Prayer and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. McConnell, on the nature and significance of the Order of Deaconesses, the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, Bishop of Pennsylvania, in the presence of a large congregation, made Miss Emily T. Rodman a Deaconess in accordance to "A form for the setting apart of Deaconesses in the Diocese of Pennsylvania." The Rev. Dr. Rumney, of St. Peter's Church, Germantown, presented the candidate to the Bishop.

The Bishop then asked the following questions, to which the candidate answered for herself.

Have you well considered in your own mind your purpose to serve God in this office and ministry?

Answer. I have so considered it.

Will you endeavor, so long as you shall hold this office, faithfully to fulfill the duties of the same without fickleness or waywardness?

Answer. I will.

Will you diligently ask of God the grace to enable you to cling to this endeavor, and to make this purpose good?

Answer. I will.

Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other chief Ministers, who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have the charge and government over you: following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions?

Answer. I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Bishop, laying his hands upon the head of the candidate kneeling before him, said:

Take thou authority to exercise the office of a Deaconess in the Church of God, whereunto thou art now set apart.

Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter. The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. Amen.

After which the Holy Communion was administered to the Clergy, the newly made Deaconess and the Congregation. The Clergy taking part in the service, beside those already mentioned, were Revs. Dr. Snively, Dr. Rowland, Mr. Ely, Mr. Moses and Mr. Miller.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SAMPLE of a kind of communication which the Clergy of this Church constantly receive:—

PHILADELPHIA October 23rd 1893

REV DR MCCONNELL

I Saw your Picture In the Item Paper, I wanted to write to you to ask you, if I could be of any healp to you I am partley blind of Both eyes, and my right sholder is very badly hurt by lifting more than I was able, but with all the above I am able to work I can Sew by useing an needle that has a cut in the side, I am very handy could I do any work for my Board? I do not want money, only Board for what I will work for, I want to work do you know of any thing I can do

Your church is a rich church, I was thinking if you would speak to Some of the Ladies of your church that I would do mending, say two or three Ladies a week to do mending for them Just for my Board, and I am very handy

by you speaking for me would do good for me, In all your doing good remember me please I was confirmed by Bishop Steavens, and I have a certifcate, that I was confirmed by Bishop Stevens

will you please try hard for me for work

will you please write me

I had my letter addressed to Mrs Worton on account of I cannot say where I will be as I am trying very hard to get Something to do, the place I have been, the man has 2 days work, and he has his mother over 80 years old to keep, he could not by her coffee, and I had to Buy her coffee and eggs and Bread, and near Starve myself to do it if you could give any thing for the old Lady to eat it would be a blessing if her Son place suts down, I will have to take her to the Alms House.

Very Respectfully

THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY begins its winter work this month. The members of the various Committees will meet as follows:—

Cutting Committee, Tuesday, at 10.30 a.m., November 7th.

Parcelling Committee, Tuesday, 11.30 a.m., November 7th.

Distributing and Paying Committee, Wednesday, at 11.30 a.m., November 8th.

Selling Committee, Wednesday, at 11.30 a.m., November 8th.

The Board of Managers will meet on the first Thursday of each month, after Morning Service.

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, December 7th, at 12 o'clock, in the Parish Building, rear of the Church.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE would like to call attention to the fact that more people than usual are out of employment, and, consequently, more demands than usual will be made upon the generosity of the giving public; therefore the Committee would request that old and new contributors, would kindly send in garments of all descriptions now, early in the season, so that when winter comes, a supply of clothing may be on hand, ready for the needs of cases coming under the immediate jurisdiction of the Committee.

Packages marked for Garment Committee will be received from 10.30 a. m. until 12.30 p. m., every Monday, at the Parish School Building.

The most recent contributions to be acknowledged this month are from:

Miss Edwards, Miss Geib,
Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Swayne,
Miss Veacoch.

Garments received in October,	- -	25
" distributed, "	- -	27
November 6th—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot,	
" 13th—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid,	
" 20th—Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Stratton,	
" 27th—Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth.	

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY reports that on September the 30th ended the Excursions for the children. The inquiry now is, "When will the Concerts commence?" for they call all Entertainments Concerts. These Entertainments are one bright spot in the children's lives, and they are talked about all summer, as they do their Sea Shore trips in the winter.

November 22nd has been decided upon for their Thanksgiving treat; any of the Contributing Members of the Society will be gladly welcome on that evening, should they care to see their delight when Prof. Hoy introduces Mr. and Mrs. Punch and his Magic Tricks.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting Wednesday, November 1st, half past seven o'clock. The question has been asked, "What are they doing, working for the poor?" A suggestion was made and acted upon at the last meeting; it was, to have a shoe bag, in which second-handed shoes could be placed and kept until very cold weather, when shoes were scarce, and then given out to the poor.

This was done in other Parishes, and worked splendidly.

A Phonographic Concert will be given in the Sunday School room of St. Stephen's Church, November 15th, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds are to be given by the King's Daughters to the relief of the poor. Admission, 15 cents.

SELECTIONS.

THE RAMBLER.

The Rambler finds the following in the columns of *The Examiner:*

On Wednesday of last week an interesting service was held in Jackson Park, Chicago. A representative of each religious faith of the world, beginning with the most ancient, sounded the new liberty bell in the name of peace, unity, and liberty of all religions, and at the same time repeated a silent prayer to their respective divinities, asking blessings on the bell.

The Rambler has diligently searched the recesses of his mind and has failed to find anywhere a more conspicuous example of illustrious idiocy than is depicted in the above. To think of, one after another, the priests and bishops, doctors of divinity, califfs, and muftis, and bonzes and rabbis, and all the rest of them gravely skipping up one after the other to the bell, and each and severally giving it a yank and then in silent prayer to their respective deities asking blessings on the bell! What does the bell want of blessings; wherein does the blessedness of the bell inhere? If it is to be used for fires, perhaps it would be proper to pray that the firemen and the horses may respond promptly, and eke that the fire may be put out before they get there. When they do anything in Chicago, it is on a large scale. If they have a fire, it is a first-class fire; when they have a noisy ruffian for a mayor, they leave nothing to be desired—except that he should die or resign. When they get up an exhibition it whips the world; and when they resolve upon some scenic presentation of surpassing lunacy, they just out-do themselves.

At the New York City Club Bishop Potter observed that he had heard it said that "for a minister who claimed some lineal descent from the Apostles to have even an opinion, and certainly to express an opinion, about political reforms and the best methods of securing them, was a very unapostolic business." This sort of thing the Bishop very appropriately classified as "dismal rubbish."

There is a great deal of that sort of "dismal rubbish" abroad; and, unfortunately, all the rubbish is not on one side. It may be worth while to devote a few lines to rubbish of both sorts.

When a man becomes a minister, he does not cease to possess the rights, nor is he released from the obligations, which belong to him either as a man or as a citizen. The only difference is that, for example's sake, he is bound, as a minister, even more than other men, to a full performance of every public and private duty.—*Church Standard.*

CHURCHMANSHIP.

There is much talk always about "high," "broad" and "low" as applied to various classes of churchmen, that our readers will relish this little announcement in one of the parish papers, which we think expresses the sentiment of the mass of the clergy in the United States:

"If obedience to the faith and discipline of the undivided church be 'high,' our parish is high and getting higher. If personal holiness and an exclusive trust in our Lord Christ for Salvation be 'low,' our parish is low and getting lower. If large, inclusive views of truth, and the keeping in touch with life in all its modern phrases be 'broad,' our parish is broad and must be broadened.

"But why have 'ifs' and parties in the Living Church? A man who has any power to reason—nay, a man who can read English, and will read it—must see that the prayer book of our church is (1) Catholic, (2) Evangelical, (3) inclusive and adaptable.

"That ringing noble name, a churchman, means that a man possessing it is not 'high' only, for that were instability; nor 'low' only, for that were narrowness; nor 'broad' only, for that were shallowness; but that as a citizen of that city 'the length and breadth and height' of which are equal in the Angelical survey, has in himself the solid, stable, cubic symmetry of a perfect nature."—*Exchange.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM, at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A.M.

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Secretary—Mrs. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

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CALENDAR.

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" 10th—2nd Sunday in Advent.
" 17th—3rd Sunday in Advent.
" 21st—St. Thomas, Apostle, (Thursday).
" 24th—4th Sunday in Advent.
" 25th—Christmas Day.
" 26th—St. Stephen, Martyr, (Tuesday).
" 27th—St. John, Evangelist, (Wednesday).
" 28th—The Innocents, (Thursday).
" 31st—Sunday after Christmas.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

November 5th—Elizabeth Catherine Guscott.
" 5th—Adelaide Loughead.
November 21st—Alfred Hovey Page.
" 22nd—Anita Merchant Sanders.
" 22nd—Estelle Dallas Sanders.
" 23rd—Mary Ray Little.

MARRIED.

November 7th—Brady S. Richardson and Mary Tindle.
" 23rd—Nelson Pendleton Bigelow and Sophie Dallas Borda.
" 23rd—Harry R. Thomas and Mary E. McKenna.
" 28th—Nalbro Frazier Thomson and Katherine M. Stoutenborough.
" 28th—Edwin Lukens Kennedy and Blanche Virginia Hershey.
" 29th—Charles Washbourn and Mary Ellen Bean.

BURIED.

November 19th—Alice Sarah McConnell.
" 20th—William Brown.
" 22nd—George Turner.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

Deaconess House,		$ 65 52
Female Benevolent Society,		198 31
Italian Mission,		100 00
UNEMPLOYED WORKING MEN.		
Mr. R. E. Atmore,	$50 00	
Mr. Seth Caldwell,	50 00	
Mr. Thomas,	10 00	
Mrs. Johns,	5 00	
Mrs. Hine,	5 00	
T. K. S.,	20 00	
Through Mrs. Weatherly,	17 00	
Miss Maulsby,	50 00	
Cash,	5 00	
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Through Rev. Dr. Edwards,	17 60	
		$234 60
SPECIAL CHURCH WORK FUND.		
Mrs. Russell,	$50 00	
Mr. Ryers,	50 00	
Miss Everly,	50 00	
Mr. Pancoast,	25 00	
Mr. Seth Caldwell,	50 00	
Mrs. Wister,	25 00	
Mr. Crawford Arnold,	50 00	
Mrs. Tower,	50 00	
Mr. McDowell,	50 00	
Miss Julia Garrett,	50 00	
Miss Elizabeth Garrett,	50 00	

Mrs. Clapp,	50 00
Mr. B. Frank Clapp,	50 00
Mr. Francis A. Lewis,	25 00
Mr. Geo. L. Crawford,	250 00
Dr. Thomson,	50 00
Mr. Sam'l H. Austin,	50 00
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	50 00
Miss Fannie Magee,	25 00
Miss Eliza Magee,	25 00
Mr. W. A. Holman,	50 00
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00
Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	50 00
Mr. Sam'l Clarkson,	50 00
Mr. Frank Thomson,	50 00
Miss Simpson,	25 00
Miss Mary Mellon,	25 00
Mr. R. E. Atmore,	50 00
Mr. A. R. Cox,	50 00
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	25 00
Mr. Charles H. Mellon.	15 00
Mr. Thomas McKean,	50 00
Dr. McConnell,	50 00
	$1,615 00
For Children's Friend Society,	5 00
For King's Daughters,	73 80
For General Charities,	461 01
From A 228, Ledger Office,	1 00
TOTAL,	$2,754 24

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

Third Sunday of the month—Missionary Box Committee.
Fourth Sunday—Sunday School Festival.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

A COURSE OF SUNDAY AFTERNOON LECTURES on the Life of Christ, will be begun by the Rector on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd. Seven or eight years ago he conducted a course upon the same theme. The theme is inexhaustible, however, and ought to be always of interest. Like the Sunday afternoon courses of lectures heretofore, they will be considerably longer than the conventional sermon. His idea has always been to regard the Sunday afternoon congregation as a large Bible Class, and to have the sermon take the informal and somewhat familiar shape of a Bible Class instruction.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE, of St. Stephen's Church, intend holding, on the 7th, 8th and 9th of December, their annual sale of the handiwork of gentlewomen, who are obliged, by their own efforts, to support themselves.

In this sale will be found articles of useful and artistic needle-work, and delicious home-made jellies, preserves, pickles, etc., of superior quality and at most reasonable prices.

The ladies of the Committee hope it is understood that no commission is charged the depositors for selling their goods, and earnestly trust that the congregation will do all in their power to further this good work.

BY THE DEATH OF WILLIAM BROWN, the Bell Ringer, a well known figure in St. Stephen's has passed out of sight. For thirty-three years he has rung the Chimes. In all that time he missed but three days from his post.

Although a watchmaker by trade, Mr. Brown's chief interest for all his life had been concentrated in bells. Even in his earliest youth he displayed a love for such work, and it may be said that his talent was inherent, for he had no training to speak of. Born in Stony Stanton, Leicestershire, England, early in life he succeeded in obtaining a position as change-ringer in several of the churches in the neighborhood.

Shortly after his arrival in America, in 1851, he was instituted chimer at St. Stephen's, and since that time has taken a leading part in the installation of bells and chimes in this section of the country. Among the chimes which he opened are St. Marks', this city; St. Paul's, Cheltenham; Trinity Church, West Chester, and the Centennial chimes that were hung in the Cathedral at Garden City, Long Island.

It is not easy to find any one to take his place. Bell ringing seems indeed to be a kind of lost art. Even advertising for a chimer has failed so far to bring a competent chimer. For a little while the congregation, and the people in the vicinity of the church, will have to endure a little discord while a bell ringer is learning. He cannot ring without learning; he cannot learn without ringing; and he cannot ring without making a noise.

It would be a right and graceful thing to erect a tablet to William Brown upon the wall at the entrance to the tower. The Rector has an idea that many who have for many years listened to the music of his bells would gladly contribute moderate sums for this purpose. He has already received $10. for it; he would like $50. more.

FOR THE ACCOMMODATION of the Congregation and workers in the Parish House, a Messenger call box has been placed in the Altar Society's room (on the first floor), which can be used at any time for Messenger Telegraph Service or calling coupe.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION IN OUR CHURCHES.

Since October 1st, 1893, the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, has inaugurated a plan which ought to be of peculiar interest to our churches. The society will organize classes for systematic instruction in any subject that the class may prefer, the meetings to be held at the time and place which the class desires. The course extends over ten weeks, one meeting each week, and will be based upon a text-book, to be selected by the instructor and approved by the society. Thus, in Civics—the duties of citizenship; the work has been based upon John Fiske's "Civil Government in the United States" and Bryce's "American Commonwealth." In Literature, such books as Stedman's "Poets of America" are used for reference. The advantages of the plan are obvious—the instructor comes to the class, so that instruction is brought to the students, rather than compelling him to go far away to the college. Again, by leaving the selection of the time of meeting in large measure to the class, any conflict with church engagements is avoided: for instance, a class lately organized at the P. E. Church of the Holy Apostles will meet on Wednesday evening at 9 P. M., after the regular service. Again, a small number can undoubtedly do better and more satisfactory work than a large and promiscuous audience of three or four hundred. The total fee for these class courses has been fixed at $75.00, irrespective of the size of the class, so that for a large class the individual fee will be very small. In Civics, the fee varies from $25.00 to $75.00, depending upon the size of the class. Why should not each church in this city take hold of this movement and start work along University Extension lines? It will be another step toward the ideal when an education can be brought within the reach of every man and woman in the community.

A Representative of the University Extension Bureau will be present at the Parish House on Friday evening, December 8th, at 7.30 o'clock, to meet any persons who care to undertake a course of study under its auspices. It will then and there be determined what subject shall be undertaken, and times of meeting will be arranged.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE are in need of canton flannel under garments for men, women and children, as well as infants' slips for day and night wear, and unbleached clothing for women, flannel shirts and sacks; and in fact, warm clothing of any description.

As 109 garments were contributed during November, and 109 were distributed during the month, the number of articles on hand remains the same as at the close of October.

Contributors during November:

Mrs. Bunker,	Col. Parker,
Mrs. Seth Caldwell,	Mrs. W. C. Richardson,
Mrs. Theophilus Chandler,	Mrs. E. Rowland,
Miss Christopher,	Miss I. S. Sixsmith,
Miss Dickerson,	Mrs. Sinn,
Mrs. Moody,	Mrs. Shill,
Miss M. S. Minister,	Miss Wilkins,
Mrs. Molloy,	Miss M. S. Wilkins,

Miss L. S. Williamson.

Monday, Dec.	4th—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot.
" "	11th—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid.
" "	18th—Miss Dutilh,	Miss Sanders.
Tuesday, "	26th—Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY have commenced their winter work. About 300 children were entertained by Prof. Hoy, Wednesday evening Nov. 22nd. They never tire of seeing Punch

and Judy, and the delight on their faces show what these Entertainments do for them.

It is hoped that their kind friends wont forget the little ones Christmas.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society:

November 16th—Mrs. Sanders, . $5 00

THE PHONOGRAPHIC CONCERT held by the King's Daughters for the relief of the poor, November 15th, was enjoyed very much by all, and the members of the Circle wish to thank all who so kindly helped them to help the poor.

Money received from Entertainment,	$63 90
Donations from Mrs. English, Los Angelos,	5 00
" " Mrs. Rynard,	2 00
" " Mrs. Taylor,	2 00
Cash,	90
TOTAL,	73 80
Expenses were	23 75
BALANCE,	$50 05

Some few tickets have not been returned yet.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their next meetings December 6th and 20th, in the Parish House at half past seven o'clock.

Officers elected for the year at last meeting: Miss Ella Riffel, Vice President; Miss Nellie Miller, Treasurer; Secretary, Miss Emma Edwards.

SELECTIONS.

BISHOP HILL ON MISSION WORK IN AFRICA.

The Right Rev. Dr. J. Sidney Hill, Bishop of the Church of England in western equatorial Africa, writes in a most interesting manner in the *Church Missionary Gleaner*, concerning the great privilege of being a missionary in Africa, and the bright prospects in his own missionary diocese: "It was an African that rendered the needed service of bearing the cross of the world's Saviour to His crucifixion; may it not be that in the crowning day that is coming, the very brightest jewels in the Redeemer's diadem will be found to be some of Africa's suffering sons? It was in Africa that the Holy Child Jesus, the Son of God, found a needed refuge from the massacre of innocents; may it not be that ere the King comes Africa's blood-bought children may find in the loving Father's unspeakable gift of His Only-begotten One a recompense, a rest, a refuge for all their sorrows? It was in Africa that Arab and English, American and Portuguese, vied with each other in producing what Dr. Livingstone called the 'open sore of Africa,' and to-day the chief characteristic of that land of human woes is the familiar sight of innumerable heavy-laden burden-bearers—little children, feeble women, over-worked men—sighing from morn to night for the Rest-giver, and the ushering in of the kingdom of righteousness and peace."

THE Japanese Government is now closing the schools it has established for the higher education of girls. Missionaries think this retrograde movement is largely due to the fact that polygamy is sanctioned by the government, which fears that if Japanese women become educated and emancipated, they will oppose a custom so degrading to themselves and their children.

LIFE is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the same dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love! Make haste to be kind.—*Amiel*,

IN 1850, it is said, there were about ten Norwegian pastors in the United States. Now the Norwegians in the Northwest have 682 pastors, and 1,700 congregations.

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REV. S. D. McCONNELL, D.D., *Rector*,
1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M.D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. CRAWFORD ARNOLD, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. Wm. Lippincott,	Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,
Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	Mr. Edward Rowland,
Mr. Geo. Blight,	Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	Mr. Samuel Clarkson,
Mr. W. M. Stewart,	Mr. Charles H. Mellon.

Organist and Choir Master,
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton,
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM, at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A.M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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TRUSTEES:

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A.M. and 4.00 P.M.
DAILY, 9.15 A.M. and 7.15 P.M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, 10.30 A.M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. McConnell.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Austin,
Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Russell,	Miss Stevenson,

Mrs. McDowell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A.M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A.M.

Miss E. Bell,	Miss Smith,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Miss Pease,	Miss Wood,

Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. Boyd,
Mrs. Arrison,	Miss E. Klahr.

Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Stevenson,	Miss Mary L. Koons,
Mrs. Whitlock.	Mrs. Musgrove,

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Sanders,
Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,

Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Saunders, *Secretary.* Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

Miss Stevenson,	Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison,	Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A.M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Mellon.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey,	Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby,	Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton,	Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson,	Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot,	Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Miss Emory,
Miss M. S. Klahr,	Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson,	Miss Langton,
Miss Ella F. Thomas,	Mrs. Crane,

Miss Emily K. Sharp.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Clarkson,	Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby,	Miss Perot,

Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Mrs. Madeira,	Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey,	Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor,	Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively,	Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton,	Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden,	Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford,	Mrs. Crane,
Miss Berger,	Miss Flora V. Stuard,
Miss Perot,	Miss Eliza F. Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke,	Mrs. Cowan,
Mrs. Syle,	Miss Miller,

Miss Kaye.

ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Madeira, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher—Miss Matchin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—W. Scott Crawford.
Assistant Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarian—Edgar W. Spackman.

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Miss Langton,	Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. S. Harlan,	Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss Hansell,	Miss Shoemaker,
Mrs. Hansell,	Miss Maria Mitchell,
Mrs. Molloy,	Miss Marion B. Smith,
Miss M. L. Wallace,	Miss Mary A. Shoemaker,
Miss Ruth Snyder,	Miss Mabel Edwards,
Mr. Hansell,	Mrs. H. P. Kelly,
Miss H. W. Sanders,	Mrs. Leicester Addis,

Miss Emma Haeberlen.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, *Deaconess*, and Miss E. E. Cattell.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P.M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P.M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney,	Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy,	Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Marion Smith,	Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis,	Miss Edwards.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Edgar W. Spackman.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—Clyde Mendenhall.
Treasurer—William Bishop.

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Miss Whitney,	Mr. Russel.

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" 6th—The Epiphany.
" 7th—1st Sunday after Epiphany.
" 14th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
" 21st—Septuagesima Sunday.
" 25th—Conversion of St. Paul.
" 28th—Sexagesima Sunday.

PARISH RECORD.

MARRIED.

December 12th—Stanford Bacon Lewis and Mildred Jones.
" 23rd—Wm. J. Schaffer and Susan A. Cross.

BURIED.

December 1st—Daniel F. Haasz.
" 5th—Susan D. Kilgore.
" 9th—William Super.
December 11th—Edward B. Banks.
" 22nd—Alfred H. Page.
" 26th—Louis Roder.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

Episcopal Hospital,		$470 00
Missionary Box Committee,		167 12
Sunday Schools Christmas Festival,		140 56
Aged and Infirm Clergy,		222 70

SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

Mr. Thos. McKean,	$50 00	
Mr. F. T. S. Darley,	50 00	
Mrs. Russell,	10 00	
Mrs. Super,	10 00	
Mr. John Blakeley,	100 00	
Christmas Offering,	1 00	
Mrs. Love,	1 00	
Mrs. Russell,	7 00	
Miss Maulsby,	10 00	
Margaret H. Page,	5 00	
Mrs. Musgrove,	1 00	
Miss Sidford,	1 00	—246 00

CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR THE POOR.

Mrs. Benjamin Rowland,	$5 00	
Mrs. Moody,	1 00	
Mrs. Watson,	4 00	
Mr. Crawford Arnold,	5 00	
Mr. H. A. Caruthers,	2 00	
Mrs. Emily Livingston,	10 00	
"C.",	10 00	
Miss Ann Thompson,	8 00	
Mr. J. J. Shannon,	5 00	
Through Mr. W. H. Washington,	5 25	
"A Workingman",	25	
Mrs. Leicester Addis,	1 00	
Miss Leicester Addis,	1 00	
Mrs. Elliott,	5 00	
Mrs. Firmin,	5 00	— 67 50

TABLET TO WILLIAM BROWN.

The Misses Magee,	$10 00	
Mrs. Stratton,	1 00	
Mrs. Molloy,	5 00	
Miss Everly,	5 00	— 21 00
General Charities,		299 29
Total,		$1634 17

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

First Sunday of the month—Citizens' Relief Committee.
Third Sunday of the month—Foreign Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

A Happy New Year to each and every one.

Will the people kindly speak up a little more boldly in the Responses during the Service? Especially in the reading of the Psalter there is a certain affectation of timidity, which is all nonsense. In a church where there is so large a proportion of strangers as there is in ours, it is most desirable that our own people would respond full and strong. Strangers wait for those who are at home to set the key. It is not the idea that each one should whisper the responses to himself. He is not his own audience. It is not good breeding for one to talk to himself in company.

There has seldom been seen a harder working set of people than those who assembled at the Parish House on the Friday and Saturday before Christmas, to parcel out and distribute the mass of stuff which came for the poor people's dinners. Mr. Miller had to be every where at once. The boys of the Guild shouldered great baskets and marched off with them. The King's Daughters, with Mrs. Vanderslice and Mrs. Molloy to guide them, worked like grocery clerks. The Deaconess found that deaconizing is a laborious business. Good and capable friends came in to help. Mr. Harmon Robinson sent his wagon and came to load it. When one wagon was found to be insufficient, Mr. Clarkson went out and captured another one. When that was found to be still not enough, the Verger, whose clear head is always to be depended upon, came to the relief with his sable vehicle, filled it with a sort of burden to which it is little accustomed, and probably for the first time, an undertaker's wagon was welcome at many a house!

The response to the Rector's appeal for Christmas dinners for the poor was most gratifying. It would seem as though the people had been simply waiting for some opportunity to give expression to their good will to their poor neighbors. I have no doubt that this is the constant fact. People who have are always willing to share with those who have not, but the trouble is they do not know and cannot know who and where the needy are. This is why they answer so quickly to any Daysman who is in a position to reach out for alms with one hand and distribute them with the other. The Clergyman is probably better fitted to do this than is any other man, by reason of his situation. But even he can do it only imperfectly. The best of all possible ways would be for every well disposed man or woman to find out some unfortunate family, and undertake, personally, the task of putting them upon their feet. In nine cases out of ten, counsel and sympathy and moral bracing up are more needed than food or money.

But candor compels the confession that this seems to be practically impossible as things are. The well-to-do and the ill-to-do are really as unknown to one another as though they lived a thousand miles apart and spoke a different tongue. It is to establish the needed connecting link that there have been devised, of late years, all the societies and machines, and devices for the administration of charity. Some of them are good and some are very mischievous. But they all exist for the reason that people have found it impossible to administer their own charities. The loss is unspeakable, and the loss is greater to the rich than it is to the poor. The poor may lose the chance for the things they need, but the rich are likely to lose their humanity.

The condition of things just now is deplorable. No such wide spread distress and sense of hopelessness has ever existed in this country. It is not as bad in Philadelphia as it is in many other places, but, God knows, it is bad enough. People are not actually starving to death. That is not the form the suffering takes. There are probably a good many men in this town just now who would willingly exchange the anguish they bear at the sight of the helplessness and hopelessness of their families for the pangs of actual hunger, and think they had made a good bargain.

The Citizens' Permanent Relief Committee are dealing with the situation, upon the whole, as well and as wisely as any body of men who could be selected. For the rest of us there would seem to be open only two alternatives,—either seek out and carry some needy family personally, or give to the Committee the means to do it for us. The first way is beyond comparison the better one, where it is practicable. It is also much the more pleasant one. Miss Rodman, our Deaconess says in her report:—

"If those who gave so generously for the Christmas dinners of the poor, could have seen the surprise and delight with which their gifts were received, they would have been well repaid. Many a family would have had no Christmas dinner had it not been for the baskets sent out by St. Stephen's Church. People have come with tears in their eyes to express their gratitude, not only for the dinner itself, but for the kind thought and love that prompted the sending.

On Sunday morning a little girl stood waiting after Sunday School until the other children had gone; when the teacher went to see what she wanted, the child threw up her hands, and said: 'Oh! my mother wanted me to thank somebody for the *loverly* things sent to us, there is enough for all of us. Loverly things.'

At one house where a basket was taken late Saturday afternoon, two small children were sitting alone in the dark, waiting for their father and mother to come in. The lady who brought the basket put it on the floor and lit the lamp. As she turned around she saw that the little boy had seized the turkey in his arms, and was dancing about the room, with its long neck hanging over his shoulder, its yellow legs showing against his dark dress. He was shouting in glee, 'We've got a turkey, we is going to eat a turkey.' At another house the mother was sitting alone, the six children having gone to Sunday School. Her head was bent over her arms on the table. As she looked up to see who had come in, traces of tears were seen on her face. Such a change as came over it, when she saw the basket, and understood that it was for her! She looked ten years younger. She said she had thought there could be no Christmas dinner for them this year. One basket was taken to a family where there are six children, the father is blind. They too had made up their minds that 'Santa Claus would not remember them.' Words can hardly express the happiness which that basket gave; especially to the oldest child, a sweet faced girl of twelve, who had evidently learned many of the lessons that care and anxiety teach.

A dinner was sent to a man who is dying of consumption; he has a boy of twelve, a thin little fellow, who looks half starved, and an old father and mother. All that the family have had to live on for a year and a half, has been what the old man could earn by doing odd bits of work. The sick man was telling a friend afterwards about the basket. 'I had been thinking all day,' he said, 'that there was no one to give any presents this year, now that I could not work, and my mother was just saying that we should have no Christmas dinner this year, when just then that beautiful dinner came.' And then the old woman insisted on showing the friend the turkey, the packages of tea and sugar, the hominy and potatoes, and the apples put away in the drawer. And as each article was taken out, and shown, the old woman would exclaim, 'and ain't it beautiful?'"

The following is a list, as accurate as possible, of the gifts and the givers:—

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, box of oranges; no name, 1 turkey; Mr. B. R. Thomas, 5 dozen baskets; Mr. Cornelius, dinners; no name, potatoes, turnips, onions, turkeys, cabbage and butter; Miss Baird, large order groceries, Mrs. Bowden, 1 basket of potatoes; Mrs. S. B. W. Mitchell, dinners; B. R. Thomas, 6 chickens; no name, 300 lbs. granulated sugar; Miss Jane Jamison, dinners; Mrs. Knorr, dinners; Mr. E. H. Johnston, dinners; Miss Dickerson, dinners; E. G. McCollin, dinners; Mrs. Davison, dinners; Mrs. Darley, dinners; Mrs. Sanders, dinners; Miss Lundy, dinners; Mrs. Pancoast, dinners; Shoemaker (the Misses), dinners; W. J. Stovell, dinners; no name, groceries; no name, dinners; Mrs. Neidhard, dinners; E. W. Stevenson, dinners; no name, dinners; C. L. Flanagan, dinners; no name, flour and coffee; Mrs. E. Law, dinners; Mrs. F. A. Lewis, dinners; Miss Tilghman, dinners; Geo. C. Mason, dinners; J. T. Lewis, dinners; Seth Caldwell, Jr., dinners; Miss A. Z. Potts, dinners; Miss Dutilh, dinners; Mrs. J. L. Adams, dinners; Wm. S. Price, dinners; Mrs. Newlin, dinners; Mrs. F. Stovell, dinners; no name, dinners; Wm. Lippincott, dinners; Edward Beale, dinners; Mrs. Kenworthy, dinners; Mrs. S. Clarkson, dinners; Hunter Brooke, dinners; Mr. Dietrich, dinners; no name, dinners; Mrs. Dr. Williamson, groceries; no name, groceries; Miss Harlan, dinners; no name, dinners; no name, dinners; Miss Jamison, dinners; no name, dinners; Miss Klahr, dinners; Choir, 11 chickens, 2 turkeys, large lot vegetables; no name, dinners; Mrs. Johns, dinners; Dr. &

Mrs. Hine, dinners; Mrs. F——, dinners; Mr. Robinson, dinners; Mrs. Richardson, dinners; Mrs. Stratton, dinners; Miss Sidford, dinners; King's Daughters, dinners; Miss M. J. Lewis, dinners; Mrs. Judson, dinners; Mrs. Lowery, dinners; Mrs. Maulsby, dinners; A. W. B., dinners; Dr. Keyser, turkey; 1822 Spruce St., 1 roast; Miss Williamson, dinners; E. L. Perot, dinners; Mrs. Clarke Merchant, turkey; Mrs. Miles Rock, dinners; Miss Wilkins, dinners; Mrs. Kelly, turkey and oranges; Mrs. H. Rodgers, groceries; Mr. P. S. Dooner, turkey; Mrs. Becket, dinners; Miss Bell, dinners; Mrs. Middleton, dinners; no name, beef; Mrs. Mellon, dinners; Mrs. Seeger, dinners; Miss Cleemann, 2 turkeys, Mrs. E——, turkeys and vegetables; Miss Koons, roast dinner; Mrs. Lippincott, dinners; Mrs. Crawford, dinners; Mr. Coddington Billings, dinners; Mrs. John Craven, dinner; Miss Bell, groceries; Master Seth Caldwell Hetherington, dinners; Miss Ada Hetherington, dinners; Mrs. Bardsley, dinner; anonymous, 50 lbs. of oats; Mrs. Hetherington, groceries; no name, dinners; John Radcliffe, 1 turkey; anonymous, cranberries, sugar; Mrs. Robert J. Tompson, dinners; no name, groceries; no name, groceries; no name, dinners; Mr. Hills, large quantity oatmeal; no name, groceries; Mrs. Austin, dinners; no name, turkey; no name, 5 barrels flour, 20 hams, 100 lbs. coffee, 3 bags beans (900 lbs.); Mr. Samuel Moore, dinners; no name, beans; Mrs. Abbott, dinners; Mrs. Dr. Thomson, dinners; Mrs. Brunner, dinners; no name, dinners; Edw. Shippen, dinners; Mrs. Taylor, dinners; Misses Magee, dinners; no name, dinners; Miss Van Dusen and Mrs. Boyd, groceries; Mrs. Wetherly, groceries; Mr. Whitesides, dinners; James Greer, dinners; Mrs. Artzt, dinners; Mrs. Allen, groceries; Capt. Jno. W. Shakford, dinners.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS of the Parish held their Christmas Festival on Thursday, Holy Innocents' Day, at half past seven o'clock in the evening. The Christmas Carols were sung, a short service was held, and Dr. McConnell made an address to the children. After this was ended the school was entertained by Mr. Heath with ventriloquism, magic, and a Punch & Judy show. Then the teachers distributed boxes of candies, cake and oranges to the various classes.

The tree was beautifully decorated with the ornaments and glitter known only to Christmas trees, and stood forth conspicuously brilliant at the far end of the Sunday School room, reflecting the various colored lights thrown upon it from a calcium light reflector placed in the gallery. The carols were well sung, and the festival was greatly enjoyed by all present, including the parents and friends of the children of the school.

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., Dec. 30, 1893.

MY DEAR MR. MCCONNELL:

Believe me, I would not trouble a busy man like you are, overwhelmed, too, I know, with appeals for help, with a letter, if my wants were not pressing and imperative. For the past two months we have had typhoid fever in the hospital; at one time twenty-one cases were desperately ill. This fearful infliction, with all the additional expenses it has entailed, is almost more than I can stand. I have eighty-five helpless people to provide for during the winter which is coming on so fast. Owing to the stringency in the money market, my friends cannot help me as generously as they have done formerly. I feel bewildered and overwhelmed, and would lose heart utterly, and sink hopelessly in these deep waters, if I did not remember Who stands at the helm.

Most sincerely yours,

PATTIE BUFORD.

THE LATEST ACCOUNT from the Garment Committee includes the annual report for the year ending November 30th, 1893, and reads as follows:

The number of members and contributors is 192; of these 99 have contributed during the year.

Balance of garments, November 30th, 1892,	605
Garments received up to November 30th, 1893,	723
Total,	1328
Garments distributed up to November 30th, 1893,	721
Balance,	607
Total,	1328

The distributions were, to

Rush Hospital for Consumptives,	38
Missionary Box Society,	52
Children's Friend Society,	39
Mrs. Buford's Hospital,	68
Samaritan Hospital,	20
Visiting Nurses,	16
Individuals,	488
Total,	721
Garments distributed during December,	78
" contributed " "	110

Contributors during December:

Mrs. William Anable,	Mrs. Josephine P. Lippincott,
Miss Anable,	Mrs. Maulsby,
L. H. Baird,	Mrs. McConnell,
Mrs. Crawford,	Miss F. S. Magee,
Miss Christopher,	Mrs. Wm. H. Nixon,
Mrs. C. L. Flanagan,	Mrs. M. M. Parmalee,
King's Daughters,	Mrs. Albert Pancoast,
Mrs. Kelly,	Miss Sarah Stroup.

Tuesday, Jan.	2nd—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot.
Monday, "	8th—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid.
" "	15th—Miss Dutilh,	Miss Sanders.
" "	22nd—Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth.
" "	29th—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE of King's Daughters, composed mostly of women in the Mothers' meeting, held a Fair in the Guild room of the Parish house the evening of December 21st. The amount realized was not so large as from their first fair of a year ago. The proceeds go to the buying of material, which is made up and distributed to the worthy poor. Last month they sent thirty-two woolen garments of excellent material and good work, to the unemployed poor in the northern part of the city.

The first work they did after the circle was organized was to send thirty garments to Mrs. Buford's Hospital. The two following years to the City Mission.

They desire to thank Miss Stevenson for the very generous donation to their Fair, and also the Whatsoever Circle and Mrs. Fenton.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in December by the Children's Friend Society:

Miss Viola Pine,	$ 50
Miss Kate Burton,	2 00
Mrs. C. Wetherley,	1 00
Miss A. S.,	1 00
Miss Sidford,	1 00
Mrs. Joseph Davison,	5 00
Mrs. Moody,	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Russel,	1 00
Total,	$12 50

From Mrs. Sidney Evans, two large boxes of new clothing, dresses, mittens, stockings and many other useful and pretty gifts. From Miss Kate Burton, mittens, stockings and handkerchiefs. Garment Society, eleven garments. Miss Lowenberg, clothing. Miss Reede, bags for the Christmas tree. Mrs. Davison, dolls. Mrs. S. E. Russel, dolls. Miss Cleemann, candy. King's Daughters, mittens, stockings, books and candy. Mrs. Stratton, toys. Mrs. Judson, ornaments for the tree and many pretty gifts. Mrs. McConnell, toys and clothing. Mrs. McPheran, ornaments for the tree. Miss Kalbfleish, clothing. A little gift for each child, made by the children in Miss Rodman's Sunday afternoon class. Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Japanese toys. Miss Stevenson, Christmas cards.

What a bright and happy Christmas this has been for the poor children, so many of them have received Christmas baskets from the church.

Thanks have come from north, south, east and west; many have said, they would not have had anything to eat, had it not been for the good things in the baskets. Mamma and Papa cried, one little one remarked. A mother of eleven in family, said "we actually would not have had a thing to eat; I have $3.10 but that must go towards the rent, or we go in the street.

A little girl 14 years came to thank for the family, "thanks very much and wish all a Happy New Year." She had beefsteak in her basket, said, "there wasn't a tough piece about it; it was nicer than turkey," also remarked, that in her life, which was 14 years, they had but one turkey.

Another little one kept calling the turkey a bird, another took the turkey in her arms and hugged it. One poor child who was left out, said,

"we have nothing but sauer-kraut," which she did not seem to admire for a Christmas dinner; however she was made very happy, for there was a basket left over which was given to her.

More than twenty families have already thanked the church for their baskets, and they keep coming all the time.

December 29th the little ones had their Christmas treat, Mr. Hall, their good friend, had very kindly offered to entertain them, but unfortunately he was taken sick, however that did not hinder the children from having a good time.

The tickets said half past seven, but while some of the ladies were packing the last boxes and hanging a few things on the Christmas Tree in the Sunday School room, little feet were heard and two little heads peeped in, it was just half past six o'clock. This shows how eager they are to come and how very much they enjoy these entertainments.

Dr. McConnell, Mr. Miller and Miss Rodman very kindly assisted the ladies in making the evening a pleasant one for the children, whilst they did their part too, many of them reciting or singing their little pieces which they had learned. Kris Kringle was then introduced, then the fun began, such a laughing time and shaking of hands as he had, but the best of all was the distribution of gifts. Each child was given a bag of candy or orange, Japanese toy and some useful gift. All went home happy and said they had a good time. It was the only Christmas a great many of them had except their Christmas basket from the church.

WHAT THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have been doing.

Thanksgiving, four large baskets of provisions were packed in the Parish House and taken by the members themselves to poor families down town; two other families were helped in other ways. Christmas, their little girl out at the Home of the Merciful Saviour, which they have promised to dress, must have a new coat, mittens and aprons in her Christmas box. The poor children in the Children's Friend Society were not forgotten. Dolls, monkeys, dogs and brownies were stuffed, mittens, stockings, &c. bought, and candy for the tree.

Money received by the King's Daughters:—

Cash,	$5 00
Miss Sidford,	1 00
Money for tickets,	1 00
Total,	$7 00

Their meetings will be held in the Parish House, January 3rd and 17th, at half past seven o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

L'EVANGILE ET ROME.

J'ai dit: Miséricorde, et non pas sacrifice,
J'ai dit: Donnez gratis ce qui vous fut donné
Gratis; Et cependant au peuple rançonné
Vous vendez le baptême au jour de la naissance;
Vous vendez au pécheur l'inutile indulgence;
Vous vendez aux amants le droit de s'épouser;
Vous vendez aux mourants le droit d'agoniser;
Vous vendez aux défunts la messe funéraire;
Vous vendez aux parents l'office anniversaire;
Vous vendez oraisons, messes, communions;
Vous vendez chapelets, croix, bénédictions;
Rien n'est sacré pour vous, tout vous est marchandise,
Et l'on ne saurait faire un pas dans votre église
Sans payer pour entrer, sans payer pour s'assesoir,
Sans payer pour prier. L'autel est un comptoir;
La papauté du Monde est la grande usurière:
Ma maison, ici bas, est maison de prière,
Et vous en avez fait repaire de voleurs!
De la vierge on y vend les banales faveurs,
Comme en un mauvais lieu l'on vend l'amour des femmes.
Tout reflète chez vous la laideur de vos âmes,
Les scribes, vos aïeux, étaient moins pervertis.
Vous n'êtes mêmes pas des sépulcres blanchis!

V. HUGO.

At the recent Keswick missionary convention, Mrs. Bishop, the great traveller, spoke and made a profound impression by her eloquent dealing with the consciences of well-to-do Christians. "You have no right to pray for money for your missions," she said; "you have got it, God has given it to you; you have only to use it in the right way."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Mrs. Russell,	Miss Stevenson,

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A.M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy.

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Miss E. Bell,	Miss Smith,
Miss Patterson,	Miss Thomas,
Miss Pease,	Miss Wood,

Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. Boyd,
Mrs. Arrison,	Miss E. Klahr.

Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Stevenson,	Miss Mary L. Koons,
Mrs. Whitlock.	Mrs. Musgrove,

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirhead.

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Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,

Miss Sidford.

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DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

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Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Russell.

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Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A.M.

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Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton,
Miss Ella F. Thomas, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Chester,
Miss Perot, Miss Ella F. Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke, Mrs. Cowan,
Mrs. Syle, Mrs. Drant,
Mrs. Nixon.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher—Miss Matchin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—W. Scott Crawford.
Assistant Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarian—Edgar W. Spackman.

Teachers.

Miss Langton, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss M. S. Harlan, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Miss Hansell, Miss Shoemaker,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Maria Mitchell,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss Marion B. Smith,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Mary A. Shoemaker,
Miss Ruth Snyder, Miss Mabel Edwards,
Mr. Hansell, Mrs. H. P. Kelly,
Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Leicester Addis,
Miss Emma Haeberlen.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, *Deaconess*, and Miss E. E. Cattell.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P.M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P.M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Marion B. Smith, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis, Miss Edwards.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Edgar W. Spackman.
Vice-President—John Seed.
Secretary—Clyde Mendenhall.
Treasurer—William Bishop.

Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P.M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30—9.30 P.M.

Secretary—Mrs. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Miss Whitney, Mr. Russel.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice,
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel,
Secretary—Miss Emma Edwards,
Treasurer—Miss Nellie Miller.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

February 2nd—Purification of the Virgin Mary [Fri.]
" 4th—Quinquagesima.
" 7th—Ash-Wednesday.
" 11th—First Sunday in Lent.
" 18th—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 24th—St. Matthias [Saturday.]
" 25th—Third Sunday in Lent.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

January 18th—Louise Virginia Sausser.
" 21st—Lawrence Elwyn Huntsberry.
" 24th—Theresa Collins Reed.
" 24th—Mazie Reed.
" 24th—William Gordon Reed.

MARRIED.

January 11th—W. Chandler Stewart and Mary Pauline Nickels.
" 22nd—Harry M. Hoffman and Anna C. Thornton.

BURIED.

January 1st—Susan Allen Dickerson.
" 2nd—Catherine Allmendengir.
" 10th—Elizabeth Hartley.
" 10th—Edward Banks, Sr.
" 19th—Josephine Winifred Corbin.
" 20th—William Lippincott.
" 20th—Anna Theresa Guscott.
" 23rd—John H. Winebrenner.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND POOR.

"L. B. H."	$50 00	
Miss Dixon,	25 00	
Mrs. A. C. B. Parker,	20 00	
Mr. D. D. Wood,	10 00	
Julia R. Douglass,	5 00	
Miss Anna Yarnall,	50 00	
Mrs. Atkinson,	10 00	
Anonymous,	50 00	
Mrs. Moody,	2 00	
Cash,	1 00	
Cash,	10 00	
Cash,	10 00	
Miss Hutchinson,	5 00	
Miss Susan Stevenson,	20 00	
Cash,	5 00	
Mr. J. C. Fuller,	50 00	
Collection in Church,	1038 33	
Miss Fannie S. Magee,	25 00	
Miss Eliza Magee,	25 00	
		1411 33
FOR DEACONESS HOUSE,		30 02
FOR MRS. BUFORD'S HOSPITAL:		
Miss Dutilh,	10 00	
Mrs. J. Campbell Harris	10 00	
		20 00
FOR TABLET TO MR. BROWN.		
Mrs. Richardson,	20 00	
Misses Magee,	10 00	
Mrs. Stratton,	1 00	
Mrs. Molloy,	5 00	
Miss Everly,	5 00	
		41 00
For Bishop of Wyoming,		250 00
For Foreign Missions,		168 10
For Children's Friend Society,		9 00
General Charities,		210 25
Total,		2139 70

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

Third Sunday of the month—For Diocesan Missions.
Fourth Sunday of the month—For Sunday Schools.
Other Sundays—For General Charities.
Wednesday mornings in Lent, } For Missionary Box
Friday afternoons in Lent, } Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM LIPPINCOTT.

At a Special Meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, held on the 19th day of January, 1894, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously carried:

In the death of our dear friend and fellow Vestryman, Mr. William Lippincott, we are impressed with the feeling not only that the Parish has lost one of its oldest and most faithful members, but that we have met with a personal bereavement. Having lived far past the term of the three-score years and ten, allotted as the span of a man's life, and having been an office bearer in this Church for nearly thirty years, we his colleagues, and representing the whole congregation, wish to place upon record our testimony to his spotless life as a faithful Christian gentleman.

Mr. Lippincott was a member and pew-holder in St. Stephen's from its foundation in 1823.

The constant mention of his name upon the Minute Book of the Vestry as forming one in nearly every important committee will attest the number of his services and the appreciation by the Vestry of their value.

He was a man of few words, but of sound judgment, not fond of debate, but of positive opinions, and tenacious in carrying them out. He was of a most genial and hospitable nature, generous in all his thoughts and acts, and kind to every one. He was remarkable for the vigor of his mind and body. He had none of the garrulity or prejudices which often accompany old age, but took a lively interest in the people and things around him, and seemed to enjoy especially the society of the young. The sorrows of his life, which were many, he kept to himself and bore his trouble with Christian resignation, maintaining outwardly his customary geniality and cheerfulness.

His wise and earnest work in this Parish and its charities have been a blessing, and his life in the community has been a benediction. Having served his generation through a long life he has been gathered to his fathers, "having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope, in favor with God, and in perfect charity with the world."

Resolved, Therefore, That this expression of our deep sense of loss be inscribed in the minutes of the Vestry, and be also printed in the *Parish News*, *Public Ledger*, *The Church Standard* and *The Churchman*.

EDWARD ROWLAND,
Secretary of the Vestry.

THE BISHOP HAS APPOINTED the usual date for his annual visitation of the Parish for *Confirmation*. It will be at 11 o'clock, Tuesday before Easter, March 20th.

As the Rector looks over the congregation Sunday after Sunday, he sees the faces of many men and some women who have not openly identified themselves with the Church, and who ought to do so. It is a duty which seems to him so plain and obvious that he is always perplexed to imagine why they do not recognize it. He wonders if there is anything he could possibly say, which might move them to do it. They are already so evidently on the side of Christ that he cannot see why they hesitate to acknowledge what everybody sees to be the fact. It cannot be cowardice, or even *mauvaise honte* which deters them. They are above that. It can only be that they fail to realize what the nature of the obligation is.

Why is it, then, that every man and woman is bound to be a member and communicant of the Church? It is not primarily in order that he may secure his individual "salvation" thereby. That may be achieved without. If one say boldly that the professed members of the visible Church will ultimately be "saved" and the non-members "lost," there are few who would believe him. One has only to look facts in the face to see that this is incredible. The real question is not one of personal gain or loss at all. It is a question of right or wrong doing.

The Church is the society which Jesus established for the betterment of the world. It has not always kept this purpose singly before its eyes. But in the main it has been and is true to its original aim. It does make its members good; and it does act for good upon the world. Jesus insisted that every man and woman who is at all in sympathy with Himself and with His purpose should make himself known to the society. He would not have clandestine followers. He did not ask that any one should blow a trumpet and proclaim to the world that he was about to become a Christian. But He ordained that anyone who wished to be on friendly terms with Him should make himself known to the Brotherhood. Such an one is in search of righteousness. Let him therefore join the society for the promotion of righteousness which is organized about the person of Jesus, that is, the Church. He is officially received into it by the sacrament of Baptism wherein the pure water betokens the spirit of purity. The venerable Father of the Household lays his hands upon his head in benediction, and in the name of the whole society recognizes him as one of us. Then he eats and drinks with the fraternity and shows his brotherliness. It is all simple to the last degree. It was meant to be simple and easy. The conditions are easy. "Do you accept the essential facts of Christianity as they are stated in the Apostles' Creed?"

"Do you promise that, by the help of God, you will endeavor to lead a sober, righteous and godly life?" These are all. Beyond these one's doctrinal opinions may be what he chooses. His personal conduct is left to his own ordering, subject only to his own voluntary promise to endeavor after righteousness. The conditions cannot be made any easier. But therefore the Master insists upon avowal. He wants to know whom he may count upon for help, and whom he may not.

To say "I am not fit: I am not good enough," is simply trifling. Any one is fit who *wishes* to be fit. The wish is itself the qualification. The Masters's plan is to bring this wish for goodness to a fruitful issue by setting him who so wishes in the midst of forces and influences which will produce that result. The Church is such an environment. Its sacraments and ordinances are adjusted to that purpose by Divine wisdom and by customs of human experience.

Of course, hereditary misconceptions, and common prejudices must be taken account of. But is it too much to ask that candid men and women, who already strive after goodness, and who already revere the Son of Man, will look fairly in the face the facts of their spiritual life, and be guided by the spirit of all wisdom?

The clergy of the parish will be ready to meet anyone half way, or the whole way, or to go to them concerning this matter upon the slightest intimation. There will be instructions upon the nature and obligation of church membership, and upon those things which a Christian ought to know and do, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 5 o'clock. There will be also a Confirmation Class for younger people in the Guild Hall on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7.45 o'clock.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the Altar an Sunday morning, February 18th. This annual offering has come to be a well known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's. For the sake of those who have come to the parish within the year, we will explain the way it is done.

On Sunday morning, February 11th, the Rector will speak more in detail about Diocesan Missions. During the week which follows, every family will be waited upon by a committee of gentlemen, among whom the parish has been districted for this purpose. The committee *simply calls to receive offerings* of those who give. They will make no argument or appeal of any kind. The Rector will do all that publicly. Of course the committee will be courteously received by all well-bred people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is equal to $5 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling handful of people are much the better off.

Of course there are many in the parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given far more than the amount, so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the collectors will be by them placed in the alms-basins, Sunday, February 18th.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE Ladies' Sale, held in the Guild Room, in the early part of December, in aid of gentlewomen who are obliged by their own efforts to support themselves, amounted to $760.19.

LENTEN SEWING.—The committee on Lenten Sewing will be at the Guild Room, every Monday and Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, to cut out and prepare work, which will be given out on Ash-Wednesday and every Monday and Friday during Lent, after morning service. Contributions of money and goods will be gratefully received, as there is a great demand for relief this season; the committee is anxious to keep up the good work. Over 600 garments were distributed last year. Cannot the number be increased to 1000? It will depend upon the hearty co-operation of members of the congregation. Any one willing to cut out work will be welcome. If members could send word to the committee how many garments they want on Ash-Wednesday, the packages will be ready for them.

OWING TO THE GENEROUS GIFTS of very good second-hand clothing, the Missionary Box Committee were able to send three boxes of very valuable comforts during the Advent Season, valued at $175.00. They have now applications for boxes from the west, and trust that the Lenten offerings will enable them to let the Missionaries have the warm clothing they have needed all winter as soon as possible. Nearer home they are asked to help the daughters of a clegyman in getting their outfit for the school they are attending on scholarships.

THESE WINTER MONTHS are the busy season of the Garment Committee, and as the contributions have been generous, efforts have been made to have the distributions equally so; and while, numerically, a large number of garments of some kinds are on hand, yet, literally, few are on foot, for almost every applicant would welcome a pair of shoes and stockings; and flannel underclothing and outside wraps and coats have been in steady demand, so that future contributions in this line, during the coming month, would be available.

Contributions during January are herewith acknowledged:

Altar Society,	Mrs. Lundy,
Miss E. Bell,	Miss Lundy,
Miss L. Bell,	Miss A. Magee,
Mrs. J. S. Burr,	Mrs. McIlvaine,
Mrs. N. T. Clapp,	Mrs. Molloy,
Mrs. Cornish,	Mrs. Muirheid,
Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Musgrove,
Miss Dickson,	Mrs. Olmstead,
Miss M. Dickson,	Miss F. Pancoast,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Russel,
Miss J. Garrett,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Greer,	Miss Sanders,
Miss Geib,	Mrs. Semple,
Mrs. W. W. Heberton,	Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Kenworthy,	Miss E. W. Stevenson,
Miss Koons,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Lammot,	Miss A. R. Stratton,

Lenten Sewing Society.

Garments contributed during January,	117
Garments distributed during January,	209

Monday, Feb.	5th—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid,
" "	12th—Miss Dutilh,	Miss Sanders,
" "	19th—Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth,
" "	26th—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot.

MISS RODMAN THE DEACONESS, wishes to thank the Garment Committee for the many articles given by them to her for the work among the poor of the parish, and also to express her thanks for bundles containing clothes, old linen, flannel, etc., to Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. Edward Beale, Mrs. Dr. Williamson, Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Miss Stevenson, Miss Dickerson, Mrs. Edward P. Nixon, Miss Wilkins, Miss Sanders.

Miss Rodman has given away one hundred and fifty articles during the past month.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in January:

January 10th—A friend,	$1.00
" 10th—A friend,	1.00
" 22d —Through Dr. McConnell from the church,	50.00
Total,	$52.00

Contributing members in January:

Miss K. M. B.	$1.00
Mrs. Stratton,	1.00
Mrs. John Heyle,	1.00
Mrs. W. Harkness Knorr,	1.00
Miss Marion Knorr,	1.00
Mr. L. H. Hall,	1.00
(Punch),	1.00
Total,	$59.00

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS and their friends spent a very pleasant evening, January 10th, in the Guild room. Dr. Burk, one of the members of the Peary Expedition, gave an illustrated Talk on "One Day in Greenland," which was both interesting and very enjoyable.

The King's Daughters hold their meetings in February on Wednesdays, the 7th and 21st, in the Guild room, at half past seven o'clock.

THE OBJECT OF THE BOYS' GUILD is to promote Reverence, Purity, Temperance and Sociability among its members, and during its six years existence, has very successfully maintained its reputation. Any boy over thirteen years of age, willing to submit to the rules of the Guild, can, if he desire, be elected a member.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1st, 1893,		$8.82
Dues received during the year,		12.73
		$21.55
Sent to Home of Sheltering Arms,	$10.00	
Paid for Printing,	4.00—	14.00
Balance,		$7.55

A QUIET DAY FOR WOMEN, to be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Bodine, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour, will be held in St. James' Church, Walnut and Twenty-second Streets, on the second Thursday in Lent, February 15th. Services, beginning with Holy Communion, at 10.30 A. M. until 1 P. M., and from 2.30 till 4.30 P. M.

Conference of Church Women in the Holy Trinity Parish House, Twentieth Street below Walnut, on Friday, February 16th, from 10.30 A. M. to 1 P. M., and from 2.30 to 4.30 P. M. Topics: "The Church's Opportunity in relation to Wage Workers." "The Responsibility of the Church towards the Foreign Elements in our City." "The Ideal American Home." "The Spirit of Work."

FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS THE RECTOR of this parish was closely interested in the Theatre Services which were held under the management of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, at the Arch St. Theatre. There can be no doubt of the value of those services. During all that time the attendance averaged 1500 men, ninety-five per cent of whom never went inside of a Church. They were not the offscourings of creation either, but good, decent, plain, respectable men. There are a good many reasons why such people will go in crowds to hear the Gospel preached in such a public place and will not go to Church. Anyone who really cares to find out the reasons can do so without much trouble. During all those years there was not a trace of "sensationalism" in the conduct of the services. They were severely plain and simple, and the preaching was the same. Four years ago they were interrupted by the breaking down of Mr. Johnson's health. It is intended now to recommence the same work at the Walnut St. Theatre the first Sunday in February. The Rector declined to take any part in the services which have been conducted in that place during the winter under the management of the Young Men's Christian Association. He did so because he did not believe that they were managed so as to reach the kind of people who ought to be reached. A puplic service on Sunday in any place and way which takes people away from Church, who are in the habit of going there, is bad in its results, however excellent may be its intention. Such a service is only defensible in so far as it actually operates as a feeder to the Church. It is better that men

should hear the Gospel of Christ from the stage of a theatre than that they should not hear it at all. But if such a service become a place where nominally Christian folk go in search of a sensation, it becomes a nuisance. It is possible so to run it, as has been proven by experiment, in such a way that it does good and not harm. But to do so requires much wisdom and much experience. There is probably no man in the United States who is so well qualified to do just this as is the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

It may be of interest to say in this connection that the Rector expects to hold a series of services upon the Sunday nights in March, in the First Regiment Armory, for the benefit of the members of the Regiment, of which he is the Chaplain.

SELECTIONS.

L'EGLISE CATHOLIQUE.

L'aurore de la grande fraternité chrétienne apparait à l'horizon. Les dénominations diverses ont accompli leur tâche; elles n'ont plus de raison d'être. Le moment est venu où chacune d'elles doit contribuer de ce qu'elle a de mieux à l'édification d'une église véritablement une, chrétienne et catholique, où le pouvoir exécutif sera exercé par les évêques, et le pouvoir électif par les fidèles; où l'imitation du Christ sera considérée comme beaucoup plus importante que l'acceptation de telle ou telle doctrine particulière, que l'observance de telle ou telle pratique rituelle. C'est ainsi seulement que l'église pourra regagner l'amour et la confiance du peuple.

A correspondent says in an exchange: "How many women will wear Aigrettes of Herons' plumes in their hats after they hear the true and shocking details of how they are obtained? These light and pretty trimmings are the ornamental plumes of the heron during the breeding season, and then only can they be obtained. Very few are yielded by each bird, and they are shot in the heronries after being driven from off the nests that contain their young. The feathers are pulled out, the birds are thrown on the ground, frequently alive, where they decay, and the young are left to perish of absolute starvation, in order that thoughtless women may have a cockade in their hats. The fashion of wearing birds' feathers is responsible for the disappearance of many song birds, and for the almost extermination of the humming-bird in the Southern States.—*The Churchman.*

MEN AND MONEY.

"Herein," says Mr. Ruskin, "is the test with every man, whether money is the principal object with him or not. If in midlife he could pause and say, 'Now I have enough to live upon. I will live upon it, and, having well earned it, I will also well spend it, and go out of the world poor as I came into it,' then money is not principal with him; but if, having enough to live upon in the manner befitting his character and rank, he still wants to make more, and to die rich, then money is the principal object with him, and it becomes a curse to himself and generally to those who spend it after him. For you know it must be spent some day; the only question is whether the man who makes it shall spend it or some one else, and generally it is better for the maker to spend it, for he will know best its value and use. This is the true law of life."

PREACHING WITHOUT NOTES.

A visitor at the Church of the Saviour recently remarked that he had never before heard an Episcopal clergyman speak without a manuscript. This calls up a story told by Phillips Brooks, in his "Lectures on Preaching," of a rough backwoodsman in Virginia who once heard Bishop Meade preach an extemporaneous sermon, and being somewhat unfamiliar with the ways of the Episcopal Church, he said "he liked him. He was the first one he ever saw of those petticoat fellows that could shoot without a rest."

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No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

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Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.30 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
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Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
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Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton,
Miss Thomas, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Mrs. Buck,
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Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
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Miss Emma Haeberlen. Mrs. Leicester Addis,

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Infant Class—Miss Rodman, *Deaconess*, and Miss E. E. Cattell.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P.M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P.M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

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Meets first and third Fridays of the month, at 7¾ P.M.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

. . dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

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pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

March 4th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 11th—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
" 18th—Sunday before Easter.
" 19th—Monday before Easter.
" 20th—Tuesday before Easter.
" 21st—Wednesday before Easter.
" 22nd—Thursday before Easter.
" 23rd—GOOD FRIDAY,
" 24th—Easter Even.
" 25th { EASTER DAY, Annunciation of the V. M.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

February 4th—Alfred Mayer Rock.
" 4th—Helen Virginia Clarkson.
" 6th—Mary Stroud Pancoast.
" 8th—Jaennetta Drysdale Lee.
" 13th—Adeline Laird.
" 21st—Jane Jamison.
" 22nd—Sallie Charlesetta Munshower.
" 26th—Florence May Carpenter.
" 26th—Harriet Alcott Carpenter.

BURIED.

February 3rd—James Hurlbut Brooks.
" 19th—Georgiana Martin.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For the poor from, A Friend,		$5 00
"	C. A. O.,	5 00
"	Mrs. Mitchell,	8 00
"	Mrs. Kenworthy,	5 00
"	Miss Susan Stevenson,	25 00
"	Cash,	25 00
Mrs. Russell, for Brown Tablet,		5 00
Mr. Crawford Arnold, for Theatre Services,		5 00
Miss Garrett, for Lenten Sewing,		5 00
For Diocesan Missions,		1309 08
" General Charities,		311 58
" Sunday Schools,		107 41
" Children's Friend Society,		4 00
Total,		$1820 07

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

Second Sunday, March 11th—For Domestic Missions.
Third Sunday, March 18th—For Easter Decorations.
Fourth Sunday, Easter—For Parish Endowment Fund.
Good Friday—For the City Mission.
Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons in Lent, } For Missionary Box Committee.

CONFIRMATION WILL BE Tuesday in Holy Week, March 20th, at 11 o'clock.

THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION of the Holy Communion on Maunday Thursday evening, at 5 o'clock.

THERE WILL BE SERVICE, with Sermon, and Offertory for the City Mission on Good Friday, at 11 o'clock.

THE HALF-PAST TWELVE SERVICE will be omitted on Good Friday.

ON EASTER DAY THERE WILL BE a celebration of the Holy Communion, at 8 o'clock, and also at 11 o'clock.

IT IS THE LAW AS WELL AS THE CUSTOM OF THE CHURCH that every one who has been confirmed shall actually partake of the Holy Communion "at least three times a year, one of which shall be Easter Day." Of course it is a law without any penalty attached. It is a custom which any one has the power to disregard if he chooses to; but, all the same, it is a rule which ought to be as binding as any which the art of man could devise. To disregard it is to do one's self a serious injury, and is also to do a wrong to the society which he has deliberately identified himself with, and, above all, is discourteous to the Master.

AS USUAL, AT THE EASTER DAY SERVICES the members of the regular congregation will be admitted through the North Transept door. The front doors will be opened at the time of service for the admission of strangers, who will be shown at once to any seats which may then be unoccupied. It will not be possible to keep pews or seats for their regular occupants on that day after the time for beginning the service. This arrangement has been adopted by the Vestry, after careful experiment, as the only way whereby at the same time the pewholders may have their rights and the visitors may be hospitably treated. The problem is a difficult one. It is but fair that those who come regularly to church through the year, and who actually sustain it, should have the precedence on the great festivals over those who come only on occasion. At the same time the Church wishes to be as courteous as possible to any man or woman who comes even once to the house of God to worship.

A NEW HYMNAL WAS ADOPTED by the last General Convention. It had been in the hands of a Committee for several years. Having done their work of revision, they reported it, and, with some few amendments, it was adopted. It leaves out some two or three hundred of the old hymns, and inserts a still larger number of new ones. Since its adoption by the General Convention, eighteen months ago, no more of the old Hymnals have been printed. The Rector has delayed introducing it in St. Stephen's for several reasons. In the first place he was not well satisfied that upon the whole it was an improvement upon the old one. Beside that, he waited for suitable music to be published for the new hymns, many of which are of peculiar metres.

Now, however, the music has been published. It is not possible any longer to procure copies of the old Hymnal, inasmuch as they are no longer printed.

For these reasons it has been determined to introduce the new Hymnal in the Parish on the coming Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. Members of the congregation who have not copies are earnestly desired to procure them against that time. They can be had at any book store, at prices from fifteen cents a copy upward. The hearty singing of the hymns by the congregation is one of the features of St. Stephen's, and one which it is hoped will long continue.

THE OFFERING ON EASTER DAY will be for the Special Endowment Fund of the Parish.

This is the only service in the year at which the offerings of the people are asked for anything connected with the sustenance of this Parish. And even on this occasion it is not really so, in so far as this present congregation is concerned. This Fund was begun, four or five years ago, for the express purpose of guranteeing that St. Stephen's Church should be able for all time to minister to the people of the city who live round about where the Church stands. So many parishes have been left stranded and helpless by the removal of the population away from them, owing to the encroachment of business, that we are determined to avoid this in the case of ours. The Church is now strong and vigorous, and is constantly giving of its money to all contemporary good works and charities. While this is the case is the time to provide for the future. The Fund now being raised will not be of any benefit to any of us; but it will be a perennial spring of beneficence to generations after we shall be gone. The Easter Offerings are only expected to be the nucleus of this Fund. It is expected that it will grow chiefly by the bequests of those who make their wills. It is hoped, and really expected, that many who now own pews, and whose names have been on the seating list for years, will provide in their wills that those pews may forever retain the same name as a Memorial. In two cases this has been already done. By Mrs. Mitchell's gift outright of the capital the Cadwalader pew is endowed. By the provision in the will of the late William Lippincott that name will be perpetuated. Several wills have been reported to the Rector, making bequests large or small to this Fund.

Of course it is always taken for granted that one's gifts on Easter Day, whatever object he may give them for, will be real and not sham or make believe gifts. It is a day, also, on which they should be for some purely religious as distinguished from philanthropic purpose. Of course, if one does not care for any such purpose, there is no reason why he should give anything at all. But in that case it is hard to see why he should be present at church when the offering is made, or why he should take the trouble to read this.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, members of the Parish, have been mislaid in some way. The Rector would be much obliged by having them sent to him.

Mrs. Margaret Allen, Alice H. Bennett, Edw. E. Barr, Chas. Bowen, Job Roberts Linton, F. W. McDaniel, Mrs. Elizabeth Pyne, Woodland H. Robertson, George C. Rickards, Sadie E. Swank, Miss Selden, Mr. Sleator, Lizzie H. Taylor, Irvin H. Wells, Lucretia May Bailey, George G. Barclay, Mary E. Barton, A. Crawford, Miss Deming, Miss Sarah Gardner, Edward P. Henson, Marie E. Smith, Irving C. Walker, Jr.

A GENERAL MISSIONARY MEETING of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, on Thursday, March 8th, at 2.30 P. M. Bishop Whitaker will preside.

Address from

Bishop Talbot, The Indians.

Bishop Barker, Missions in the West.

Rev. I. T. Cole, Foreign Missions.

Rev. C. B. Wilmer, The Freedmen.

The offering will be equally divided among the four committees having charge of this work.

OWING TO THE KINDNESS of the ladies in sending Miss Rodman money, articles of clothing, etc., she has been able to relieve, during the last month, much suffering: much of which has been in families who never before asked for help, and who were most unwilling to have their need known. She wishes to thank Miss Harlan, Mrs. Beale, Miss Perot, the Misses Holman, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. R. Eglesfeld Griffith, Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Thomas Blakey, Miss Laura Bell.

A friend,	$5.00
C. A. O.,	5.00

THE COMMITTEE ON LENTEN SEWING will meet in the Guild room on Monday and Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to cut out garments. Contributions of money or goods will be thankfully received. Owing to the great distress, the demand for help is greater this season.

Any persons willing to cut out and prepare work are invited to meet with the Committee.

THE MANAGERS OF THE Female Benevolent Society will hold a Sale on Friday morning, March 16th, from 10 to 1.30 o'clock. The household articles to be sold have been made during the winter by the poor women whom the Society has aided. These useful goods must be disposed of now. The ladies of the congregation are earnestly asked to come and buy.

THE COLD SNAPS this last month have caused many articles of clothing to disappear from the shelves belonging to the Garment Committee, but kindly contributors are sending more bundles to fill the vacant places. Among the new contributors is little Bessie Cleemann Clayton, whose interest, as well as that of some other little children, was excited by being told about the Garment Committee by Miss Rodman, and on finding out that giving two new garments a year

made one a member, these little girls decided they could help the older people just as much as if they were grown-up themselves, and so their names will appear as contributing members.

At present, dresses for women and girls are much needed, and shoes and warm under-clothing are always acceptable.

Number of garments contributed in February, 122
" " distributed " 128

Contributors during February:

Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. B. Borie,
Miss Bessie C. Clayton,
Mrs. Crombarger,
Miss Christopher,
Mothers' Loyal Circle, (King's Daughters),
Mrs. Hansell,
The Misses Holman,
Mrs. Hine,
Mrs. Johns,
Mrs. John T. Lewis,
Mrs. A. C. Maclay,
Miss E. Magee,
Mrs. Thomas Neilson,
Mrs. F. Newlin,
Mrs. Richardson,
Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Vanderslice.

Monday, March 5th—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid,
" " 12th—Miss Dutilh, Miss Sanders,
" " 19th—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth,
" " 26th—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY the Children's Friend Society in February:

February 7th—From King's Daughters,	$2.00
" 8th—From a grateful friend,	2.00
Total,	$4.00

Clothing from Garment Society.
" " King's Daughters.
" " C. D. P.

THE CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT in January was just too late to have printed in Parish News.

The donations have not come in as in other years, but the work of the Society has kept along, only not quite as many little ones have been invited to the entertainments. It is hoped, however, with the assistance of kind friends, that we shall be able to invite those children, who have been left out, to the Easter Entertainment.

January 31st, one hundred children were invited to the Parish House to have a good time.

What shall be done for the children is the question each month.

Money being scarce, and so much suffering amongst the poor, the desire was very great to give the children groceries; how can it be done? Not with the money in the Treasury, as that was given for another purpose.

Dr. McConnell was consulted and through him a donation of money was received, which enabled the members of the society to give out more than one hundred and fifty pounds of groceries.

Mr. Hall, the children's kind friend offered to do his part towards entertaining them. He told them a number of amusing stories; started a game of "Stage Coach," which delighted the children very much. They next played "Going to Jerusalem." After this, to make the evening more enjoyable, Miss Perkins played the violin very beautifully, assisted by Miss Clark on the piano. There were a number of recitations and singing by the children. Mr. Hall then asked the children if they had a good time; the answer was *yes sir*, from all.

Each child was given a good size pound cake, an orange and three or four pounds of groceries, and went home very happy.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will hold their meetings March 7th and 21st, in the Guild room, at half past seven o'clock. During February, the King's Daughters have made an entire infant's outfit, helped a poor family with their rent, given clothing and money to the Children's Friend Society, and made a number of garments for the Altar Society.

On April 4th, a Musical Tea will be given in the Guild room. The members of St. Stephen's Choir, under the direction of Prof. D. D. Wood, have again very kindly consented to sing. The object of the Tea is to aid the King's Daughters in their charitable work.

Tickets can be procured after March 10th.

SELECTED.

One day a courtier found King Henry V. attending the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at an almost deserted side-chapel in Westminster Abbey, whilst a great crowd, gathered thick together, filled the nave, and hung upon the lips of a popular preacher. When an opportunity presented itself, the courtier inquired of the King, why he was not with the large congregation. On this, the King replied, "I would rather be *with my Dearest Friend*, than merely to hear him talked about."

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

April 1st—First Sunday after Easter.
" 8th—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 15th—Third Sunday after Easter.
" 22nd—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
" 25th—St. Mark's Day, (Wednesday).
" 29th—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
May 1st—SS. Philip and James, (Tuesday).
" 3rd—Ascension Day.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

March 1st—Edward Lafourcade, Cornelia Cheyney Lafourcade.
" 2nd—Willard Spenser, Willard Spenser, Jr.
" 8th—Albert Harold Lewis, Josephine Robina Schroeder, Isabella Shaw, Mary Middleton Mitchell.
" 10th—Elsie Miriam Moore.
" 17th—Frances Roberts, Graham Roberts, Caryl Roberts.
" 18th—Matilda Grace Cuthbertson.
" 20th—Josephine Lockhart, Bertha Grace Peddrick.

CONFIRMED.

Lawrence Addicks, Edith Lanigan,
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Esther K. James, Lavinia B. C. Thompson,
May Jordan, Jennie Dorothea Walton,
William Henry Keevan, Amelia Watson,
Josephine Kuhn, Frances Dekker Watson,
Adaline Laird, Lily Webber,
Laura Winpenny.

MARRIED.

March 28—Charles Hughes Ivins and Marie Runton.

BURIED.

March 7—Edward Lafourcade.
" 31—Mrs. Brisbane.

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

First Sunday of the month—Society for increase of Ministry.
Fourth Sunday—Foreign Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

From	L. H. B. for poor,	$ 50 00
"	Misses Holman for Lenten Sewing,	15 00
"	Mrs. McKean,	85 00
For	Domestic Missions,	1 00
"	Sunday-Schools,	4 00
"	City Mission,	157 59
"	Missionary Box Com.,	427 55
"	Easter Decorations,	143 35
"	Endowment Fund,	842 73
"	General Charities,	362 21
"	The poor through Miss Rodman,	17 50
"	Fresh Air Fund,	3 00
"	Consumptive's Home,	20 00
"	Rock Spring's Church,	20 00
"	Christ's Church, Glencoe,	100 00
	Total,	2,248 93

MR. D. D. WOOD COMPLETED ON EASTER DAY his thirtieth year of service as Organist and Choirmaster of St. Stephen's Church.

It has been the fortune of very few men to give pleasure, and pleasure of so exalted and pure an order, to as many persons as Mr. Wood has done. His work has never been that kind of professional work which can be bargained and paid for. He has expressed in terms of Music the pure and high thought and devotion which only he that hath ears therefor can hear. Genius has been defined as "the capacity to take infinite pains." The definition is not adequate. It is true that genius cannot manifest itself without the infinite labor; but many an one expends the pains and falls short of the genius. Many among us think that this sweet soul and vigorous mind combines both requirements of the definition. For us there is no other Organist, as there is no other Choir. His touch has a sympathy and a pathos all its own. It has been purchased at a great price. God and himself alone know the cost. It would seem that no lower price would serve. God does not act blindly even when he imposes blindness. He secures his ends by the most direct means. The love and admiration which we give to our dear friend and Mæstro, could probably have been won for him at no less a cost. Probably no congregation in America has been blessed with music which in form and quality and precision, and above all, in reverence and devotion, leaves so little to be desired. And the people are not unmindful or ungrateful for God's good gifts.

THE "CITY UNION FOR PRACTICAL PROGRESS" asked the Rector of the Church, in common with the other clergy of the city, that he should preach upon a certain Sunday named upon "the gigantic evil known as the Sweating System." At the same time they sent him certain documents containing some information upon the subject; and also some proposals of the Society for its cure. The information was not very specific, nor were the proposed methods of its cure in all regards such as he could endorse. Beside that, the evil, while a very nasty one, does not seem to him to be one of that rank or quality, which can well be dealt with from the pulpit.

Nevertheless, it is a very real evil, and is closely associated with some customs which people do not ordinarily recognize as evils at all. The existence of the "Sweating System" depends upon the existence of two classes of evil persons, equally blameworthy; those who wish to sell garments for less than they are worth, and those who wish to buy garments for less than they are worth. The "Sweater," with his close-packed and steaming garret in which men, women and children work like slaves and live like beasts; is but an incident of the wide-spread determination to get the very most that one can for the very least in return.

It is hard to see what can be done directly to eradicate the evil. The measures which the City Union proposes are, first, the enactment of a law like the one now in operation in Massachusetts, compelling every retail seller of clothing to mark with a "tag" all goods which have been made in a tenement house. It is very doubtful if such a law is either equitable or possible of enforcement. The second remedy proposed is a law extending the "Factory Inspection" regulations concerning ventilation and sanitation to every building, be it private house or not, in which manufacturing is done. This would seem to be both wise and possible. The Union is doing good work at any rate in calling public attention to the physical and moral contamination which always attends this bad system.

But for the general public of well meaning people who wish to do the thing which is right, the thing to be urged is more willingness to pay a just price for the clothes which they wear. The "Song of the Shirt" will continue to be sung—that is, where the poor seamstress has breath enough left to sing—while those who wear the garments are willing to wear them with sweat and tears and possibly disease upon them, because they can be bought cheap. It is significant that the vile industry is almost entirely carried on by Russian and Polish Jews, that is, by those who within Christendom are farthest removed from the operation of the generous spirit of Christ.

This fact would seem to point to the path along which the cure must come, however slow it may be in coming. We believe profoundly that our Master is to be the healing of the nations. Just in proportion as His influence permeates the social organism evils like the one before us dissapear. Many are impatient at the slowness of this method, and cast about for some device which will operate immediately. In so far as their "practical" methods provide expression for so much of the spirit of Christ as has already been diffused they are efficacious. When they go beyond this, or essay to force this they fall impotent.

THE MID-DAY LENTEN SERVICES held in this Parish were attended by large and reverent congregations. There were thirty-seven services in all, with a total congregation of over seven thousand people.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday-Schools, the Parish Day School, and the Burd Orphan Asylum, will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 1st, at 4 o'clock. The offerings will be received from the various classes and congregation for "The Home of the Merciful Saviour" and "The Sheltering Arms."

WE WISH TO MAKE grateful acknowledgments on behalf of the Girls' Friendly Society, to Dr. Anna Fullerton for her lecture on "Health and Care of the Body," delivered on March 12th; and also to Miss Laura Bell, for her lecture on "Constantinople," Easter Monday, March 26th. We also present thanks for gifts of Easter cards from Anonymous.

MISS RODMAN wishes to acknowledge the receipt of money for the work among the poor, and of several bundles of clothing.

Clothing from:

Mrs. Roberts, Miss Klahr,
Miss Earle, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Sinn, and the Garment Committee.

From a Friend,	$5.00.
Miss Magee,	5.00.
Miss Stevenson,	1.00.
" " For the charitable work of the King's Daughters,	1.00.
Mrs. Merritt, For the Lenten work of Altar Society,	1.50.
Miss E. G. Magee,	2.00.
E. N. M.,	2.00.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GARMENT COMMITTEE during March are hereby gratefully acknowledged from:

Miss Atmore, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,
Mrs. W. B. Buck, Mrs. Moody,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. R. E. Maulsby,
Miss Goforth, Miss Mellon,
Mrs. Judson Mrs. Olmstead,
Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Richardson,
Miss Livingstone, Miss Sidford,
Mrs. McIlvaine, Miss Stoddard,
Miss E. W. Stevenson, Miss M. J. Lewis.

Number of Garments contributed in March, . 112
" " " distributed " " . . 57

Monday, April, 2nd—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid,
" " 9th— " Dutilh, Miss Sanders,
" " 16th— " Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth,
" " 23rd— " Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot,
" " 30th— " Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY in March:

March 13th, Mrs. M. E. Sinn, . . $1.00.
" 21st, Mrs. Moody, Contributing Member, ... $1.00.
$2.00.

Donation of 250 Easter Cards from Miss Stevenson; from Altar Society, 35 pieces of clothing and 2 bathing suits.

A box of oranges from King's Daughters, for the Children's Easter.

Three hundred and fifty pounds of groceries were given out to one hundred children, instead of one hundred and fifty pounds as stated in last month's PARISH NEWS.

March 28th has been selected for the children's Easter. One might ask what these entertainments do for the children? Just the same as the excursions do in the Summer; brighten their lives and give them something to think of, and take them away from the one living room where five and six are sometimes huddled together. They also show that some one has a kind feeling towards them.

A poor little girl who will be entertained next Wednesday, was sent out by her step-father to sell soap. Not being able to count, she was told that unless she brought home a 25 cent piece and 10 cents, she would not be let in when she came home at night.

An orange and Easter eggs, and Mr. Yost with his magic tricks, will give this child at least two hours of enjoyment. This is what the Winter work is for.

A MUSICAL TEA will be given by the King's Daughters, in the Guild Room of the Parish House on April 4th.

A number of ladies in the Congregation will assist in receiving.

The following members of the choir, under the direction of Mr. D. D. Wood, have very kindly offered their services.

Sopranos: Mrs. E. Newkirk, Miss Alice Burdette, Miss Anna D. Cowan, Mrs. Helen Conner. *Altos*: Miss Julia Plantholz, Miss Rebecca Lowenberg, Miss Jennie Gallagher. *Tenors*: Mr. C. Stanley Hurlbut, Mr. J. Ross Corbin. *Basses*: Mr. George Roden, Mr. M. H. Brooks. *Pianist*: Mrs. J. Ross Corbin.

Tickets are 50 cents and can be had of the Verger.

The only way to have constant peace is to have constant trust.

SELECTIONS.

The *Spectator* published as a "genuine letter from a schoolboy to his mother" the following pathetic production: "My dear Ma,—— I wright to tell you I am very retched and my chilblains is worse again. I have not made any progress and do not think I shall. i am very sorry to be such an expense, but I do not think this schule is any good. One of the fellows has taken the crown of my best hat for a target. he has now borrowed my watch to make a water wheel with the works, but it wont act. Me and him have tried to put the works back, but we think some wheels are missing as they wont act. I hope Matilda's cold is better. I am glad she is not at schule. i think i have got consumption. the boys at this place are not gentlemanly, but of course you did not know this when you sent me here. i will try not to get bad habits. The trousers have worn out at the knees. i think the tailor must have cheated you, the buttons have come off, and they are loose behind. i don't think the food is good, but I should not mind it if I was stronger. The piece of meat I send you is off the beef we had on Sunday, but on other days it is more stringy. There are black beadles in the kitchen, and sometimes they cook them in the dinner, which cant be holesome when you are not strong. Dear Ma, I hope you and Pa are well, and do not mind my being so uncomfortable because i do not think I shall last long. Please send me some more money as i o 8d. If you cannot spare it I think I can borrow it of a boy who is going to leave at the half quarter and then he wont ask for it again, but perhaps you would not like to be under an obligation to his parents as they are tradespeople. I think you deal at their shop. I did not mention it or I dare say they would have put it down in the bill.—Yr. loving but retched son——"

The Rev. Hamilton Paul was entertaining a dinner party. He said grace in a low voice, and immediately began to eat. One of the guests, who was somewhat deaf, cried out: "Mr. Paul, you have not said grace." "I did." "But I didn't hear you." "I was not speaking to you."

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SERVICES.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

May 1st—SS. Philip and James.
" 3rd—Ascension Day.
" 6th—Sunday after Ascension.
" 13th—Whitsun Day.
" 14th—Monday in Whitsun Week.
" 15th—Tuesday in Whitsun Week.
" 20th—Trinity Sunday.
" 27th—First Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 8th—Eleanor Dougherty.
" 11th—Lillie Coulter Benkert.
" 11th—William Casper Benkert,
" 15th—Katharine Williams McCollin.
" 26th—John Lowry Benkert.
" 28th—Lavinia Boulden Thompson.

MARRIED.

April 11th—Reese M. Wilson and Mary Lee Minster.
" 25th—Benjamin F. Burns and Jean L. David.
" 30th—Wm. Volkhardt and Mary Boys Nebeker.

BURIED.

April 10th—Mrs. Emily Livingstone.
" 11th—Mrs. Margaret Blair Jollie.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

Society for Increase of Ministry,	$161 25
Loan Association,	300 00
Special,	5 00
Rush Hospital,	10 00
King's Daughters,	10 00
St. Paul's College, Tokyo,	148 50
Children's Friend Society,	14 00
General Charities,	415 24
Sunday School Carol Service:	
For Domestic Missions,	42 22
" Sheltering Arms,	68 44
" Home of the Merciful Saviour,	71 43
From Class Offering (Miss Rodman),	13 50
" E. N. M. " "	2 00
" A Friend " "	5 00
" Mrs. Putnam " "	12 00
" Class " "	2 40
Total,	$ 1,280 98

OFFERTORIES FOR MAY.

Third Sunday of the month—For Indian Missions.
Other Sundays—For General Charities.

PARISH REPORT FOR THE CONVENTION YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1894.

BAPTISMS: Adults,	14	
Infants,	41	
		55
CONFIRMED,		49
COMMUNICANTS, added, new,		49
by transfer,		18
died,		14
removed,		20
present number, (about),		1000
MARRIAGES,		24
BURIALS,		44

RECEIPTS.

From Pew Rents,	$14,754 67
" Burd Orphan Asylum,	18,877 96
" Offerings,	15,281 19
" Donations,	2,500 00
" Investments,	2,855 63
Total,	54,269 45

EXPENDITURES.

For Parish Expenses,	17,620 97
" Burd Orphan Asylum,	18,455 44
" Parish School,	783 30
" Sunday Schools,	297 97
" Poor,	1,332 54
" Endowment Fund,	3,344 20
" Episcopal and Convention Fund,	341 22
" Sustentation Fund,	116 20
" Episcopal Hospital,	454 79
" Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergy,	399 00
" Foreign Missions,	414 60
" Domestic "	1,154 49
" Indian "	103 63
" Colored "	170 00
" Diocesan "	1,218 00
" City "	157 59
" Italian "	125 00
" Society for Increase of Ministry,	161 25
" Theological Education,	310 00
" Books, Tracts, &c.,	189 76
" Relief Fund,	1,583 43
" Church Unity Society,	50 00
" Divorce Reform League,	100 00
" Deaconess House,	120 54
" Rush Hospital,	210 00
" Deaf Mute Mission,	50 00
Through Female Benevolent Society,	881 23
" Missionary Box Committee,	933 75
" Altar Society,	653 84
Through Children's Friend Society,	692 49
" Girls' Friendly Society,	182 84
" Boys' Guild,	20 00
" Children's Aid Society,	50 00
" King's Daughters,	142 50
For Sheltering Arms,	68 44
" Home Merciful Saviour,	71 43
" The Bishops' Poor Fund,	100 00
Miscellaneous,	622 77
Offerings undistributed,	650 00
Total,	54,333 21

THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY of St. Stephen's Church, presents its Twenty-ninth Annual Report to the Congregation. During the season of 1893 and 1894, the money received and expended, has been as follows:

Received from the sale of garments and other articles, made by the women employed by the Society, $580.42; received from Offertory, $193.31; received Subscriptions, $107.50; total, $881.23. Expended for paying Sewing women, $423.70; for materials, $457.53; total, $881.23.

Sixty-four women were employed during the Winter, and 2,235 articles made by them.

The Managers feel that the Society has done fairly well, considering the hard times; and they are grateful to the Congregation for the liberal way in which the appeals for aid have been met; and particularly for purchasing the articles at the closing sale.

H. C. WILKINS,
Secretary.

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE in presenting their Annual Report, again thank the congregation for giving them the opportunity of sending to the missionaries most valuable boxes, through their generous gifts of money and clothing, which in many instances, were too good to call second-hand. The Lenten sewers made a great number of garments, which some sent to a missionary in the coal regions of Pennsylvania. Twelve boxes have been sent, valued at $1,000; one to Pennsylvania, one to Central Pennsylvania, one to Wyoming, one to Wisconsin, one for distribution among the charcoal burners in Alabama, one to Colorado, one to a Divinity student in the Theological Seminary, Virginia, one to Oregon, one to Arkansas, one to Texas, and one to Virginia to Mrs. Buford, for her work among the poor colored people.

The following extracts from some of the letters received, will show how gratefully they have been welcomed.

"The missionary box was full of good things from the top to bottom. I only hope that in fairing so well myself, I am not robbing others of what is justly their due—" "The contents of the box has clothed many a naked body, and carried comfort to many a despairing home. It is hard to believe how improvident the charcoal burners is. They are most grateful for this help, and when told that the clothing had been sent by the kind ladies of Philadelphia, they were overcome with gratitude." "Please convey to the proper persons my hearty thanks for the contents of the missionary box recently received. The clothes are a good fit and came in good time. The same evening the box arrived, we were able to delight the heart of an old woman, who has been unable to stir from her bed for two years, with a suit of undergarments.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY presents its Tenth Annual Report to the Congregation:

The Chancel Committee during the past year, has performed the duties required of it, and reports that it received gifts of oats, wheat and corn, which were used in the chancel on Thanksgiving Day. The decorations of palms in the chancel on Palm Sunday, were given by a member of the congregation; and a box of cut flowers was received on Easter Sunday.

The Embroidery Class Committee reports:

Work Donated. Surplice to Mission at Wissinoming, Philadelphia; surplice to Home for Aged Couples, Philadelphia; through Mrs. Arrison, purple stole to Rev. Percival Hickman, Greeley, Col.; through Mrs. Crane, old stoles to Rev. John Warnock, Montoursville, Pa.; old cassocks and surplices, set of altar linen to Mission at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Work Ordered.—Set of green book markers for St. John's in the Wilderness, Eglesmere, Pa.; fair linen cloth prepared for Church, Sunbury, Pa.

Work for Our Own Parish.—One white embroidered stole, one purple embroidered stole, one embroidered fine linen cloth, nine surplices.

The Library Committee has attended to the mailing of THE PARISH NEWS.

The Superintendant of the Lenten Sewing Committee reports:

Garments cut out, 738; garments donated, 44; garments distributed, 769; garments not returned, 13. Contributions in money:
Miss Eliza Magee, $5.00; Miss Sanders, $1.00; Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $5.00; Mrs. Hollingshead, $1.14; Miss E. W. Balch, $2.00; Mrs. Muirheid, $2.00; Mrs. Molloy, $3.00; Mrs. Nixon, $5.00; Miss Maulsby, $5.00; Mrs. S. E. Russell, $2.00; Mrs. Borie, $5.00; Mrs. Dougherty, $2.00; Misses Holman, $15.00; Mrs. Merritt, $1.50; Mrs. Stratton, $2.00; Miss Sergeant, $1.00; through Dr. McConnell, $42.39; making a total of $100.03.

Goods donated by:
Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Jr., anonymous, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Sinn, Miss Blank, Miss Mellon, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Wilkins.

Goods purchased:
From Hood, Foulkrod & Co, $93.12; from Benevolent Society, $6.16; incidentals, $0.75. $100.03.

Garments distributed:
Episcopal Hospital, 13; Jefferson Maternity Hospital, 27; Lying-in Hospital, 28; Hahnemann Hospital, 31; Kensington Hospital, 32; Rush Hospital, 21; St. Christopher's Hospital, 32; Home for Aged Couples, 25; Children's Church Home, Angora, 13; King's Daughters and Girls Friendly, 82; St. Stephen's Parish School, 27 yds. flannel, 34; Seamen's Mission, 34; Italian Mission, 27; Bethany, 18; Home for the Homeless, 27; Visiting Nurses, 26; Willing Day Nursery, 19; Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 15; Children's Aid, 10; Church of the Crucifixon, 34; Working Home for Blind Women, 8; Miss Rodman, 55; Missionary, 50; Miss Lundy, special, 2; Miss Sanford, 11; Mrs. Molloy, 18; Miss Lewis, 10; Mrs. Nixon, 12; Miss Davison, 12; Mary Buchanan, 16; Not Distributed, 27; making a total of 769.

The Treasurer's report:
Cash received from May 1, 1893, to May 1, 1894:

Balances on hand, $43.07; Fund for White Altar cloth, $148.62; Cash received from Offertory, etc., $200.00; Cash received for Easter flowers, $143.35; Cash received from orders for embroidery, $15.80. Total, $550.84.

Expended May 1, 1893, to May 1, 1894:

George Craig for flowers, $135.00; George Craig for Easter decorations, $131.00; Embroidery Class, lessons and materials, $113.12; Chancel Committee, $10.75. Total, $389.81. Balance, $160.97.

The white altar cloth for the Burd Orphan Asylum, will be finished shortly; and if any one in the congregation would like to see it, and any other work the Embroidery Class have on hand, they can do so Whitsun Tuesday, before or after morning service.

MARIA S. WILKINS,
Secretary.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, report donations and money received during the year.

Balance, April 25th, 1893, $162.44; Donations from Individuals, 208.50; From Children's Fair at Bar Harbor, through Mrs. De Grasse Fox, 75.00; Donations through Dr. McConnell, 45.00; From the church through Dr. McConnell, 50.00; From the church collection, June 18th, 75.50; Donations through Rev. J. L. Miller, 30.00; From Easter Collection, 3.00; Contributing Members, 34.00; Active Members, 9.05; Total, 692.49. Expenses for the year, 563.01, Balance, 129.48.

Donations of clothing have been received from the Lenten Sewing Committee, and 21 bathing suits. Clothing has also been received from Garment Society and King's Daughters and from many kind friends.

Bathing suit from Miss Cleemann, Bathing suit from Mrs. E. B, Sangree, Easter cards from Miss Stevenson, and two boxes of toys, rabbits for the sick children at home, two boxes of Oranges from the King's Daughters. Money received in April: Donations from Miss K. B., $3.00; From church collection Easter, 3.00; From kind friend S. M., 5.00; Contributing members in April, Miss Kate Liddell, 1.00; Mrs. Davison, 1.00; Miss Lavinia Davison, 1.00; Total, 14.00.

About 500 pounds of groceries have been given out by this society and six hundred children have been entertained and taken on excursions during the summer months; Last year four car loads of children at different times were taken to Atlantic City for a day's outing. If you had taken a walk to the Market Street Ferry, about seven o'clock in the morning, you would see eager little faces looking about to find the lady who invited them for a days outing to the Sea Shore. Then to show how much they appreciate the kindness shown them, you would hear them say can't I carry your coat or package?

Some of the children have alrady asked, "are we going to the Sea Shore this summer?" the reply was, we hope so. The cost of one of these Excursions is eighty-five dollars, the most of this is taken up with railroad travel and the children's dinner, the other is only incidental expenses. Come and see them start some morning and meet them at the ferry in the evening and you will see what these outings do for these poor children.

250 children were entertained Easter in the Sunday School room by Prof. Yost with his magic tricks and trained birds which the children always enjoy. Each child was presented with an Easter card, box of candy eggs and a large orange, "as they passed out of the room they said thank you, we had a good time."

April 28th, one hundred children were taken to the Eleventh St. Opera House, and entertained by Mr. Kellar. To see their bright little faces was enough to show how much they appreciated Mr. Kellar's kindness. "One of the little girls remarked that she thought Mr. Kellar must have a lovely home when he could make such pretty flowers grow so easily."

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle report:

Money on hand, April 25th, $64.44; Dues from Active Members, 17.02; Donations received, 13.00; Money received from Phonographic Entertainment, 60.90; Donations and Money received from Tea, April 4th, 37.14; Total, 192.50, Expense for year, 152.24, Balance, 40.26.

Donations of clothing have been received by the King's Daughters from the ladies on the Lenten Sewing Committee, also from the Garment Society, which have been given to the poor. The work of the King's Daughters has been very much larger than in other years, they have given money and other donations to the Episcopal Hospital, Pennsylvania Hospital, Childrens' Country Week Association, Home of the Merciful Saviour, Home for Aged Couples,

Children's Friend Society, money to the Ice Fund, Clothing to the Garment Society, and have helped a number of poor families with clothing and groceries.

Little Katie Judge, at the Home of the Merciful Saviour, was also made happy with a new coat and dress this winter.

The proceeds of the Tea given by the King's Daughters, April 4th, were $37.14.

Very many thanks to all from the Members of the Circle for their kind help, also to Mr. Wood and the members of the choir for their delightful music, those who were not their missed a very great treat.

The floral decorations were very kindly donated by Mr. George Craig, and the pretty little cups and saucers were loaned by a kind friend.

Donations received in April:

From Dr. McConnell, $5.00; Miss Sidford, 3.00; Miss Stevenson, 1.00; Mrs. Russel for poor women, 1.00; Total, 10.00,

The King's Daughters will have their May meetings on the 2nd and 16th, in Parish House at half-past seven o'clock.

The next work of the King's Daughters will be cutting and sewing carpet rags, which when woven, will be given by them for a carpet for the kitchen at the Home of the Merciful Saviour. Donations of clean rags sent to the Parish House to the Whatsoever Circle will be very acceptable.

The Garment Committee has discontinued its work until the Fall, and acknowledge contributions during April from: Mrs. Atmore, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Davison, Miss Davison, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss E. Magee, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Jos. Clayton, Mrs. J. A. Crane, Miss S. Stevenson, Mrs. J. R. Lippincott, Mrs. Judson, No Name.

Garments contributed during April, 48; garments distributed during April 217.

IT WILL BE OF INTEREST to the many friends of Mr. David D. Wood in St. Stephen's Parish to know that Haydn's noble oratorio of "The Creation," is to be sung at the Temple, Broad and Berks Streets, on Thursday evening, May 10, by the Temple Chorus, under the direction of David D. Wood. There will be a large orchestra, with W. W. Gilchrist as conductor, and the soloists are to be Madame Emma Suelke, soprano; C. Stanley Hurlbut, tenor, and Dr. Carl Martin, basso.

Miss Rodman wishes to thank Mrs. Parmalee and Mrs. Blakey, for the bundles of clothing which they kindly sent for her to distribute.

THERE WAS AN ENTERTAINMENT given in the Sunday-school room on Thursday evening, April 26, under the auspices of the Boys' Guild, which was largely attended by the friends of the members, including a large delegation from the Girls' Friendly Society. There was a sketch given by the boys entitled, "More blunders than one," which was well presented by Clyde Mendenhall, George Pfeifer, Harry Bush, William Kuhn, Adam Shelhause, Albert Berg, and Charles Moore.

After this there was a varied program of singing, recitations, etc. Mrs. Arrison kindly opened the entertainment by a piano overture.

Miss Sanders and Mr. Richard Stratton kindly interested themselves in the affair, and did much to make the entertainment so great a success.

THE MEMBERS OF THE BOYS' GUILD of the parish are happy over the victory of Friday last. They had Tug of War contest in the Guild Room with a chosen team from the Young Men's Society of the Church of the Nativity. There were many friends assembled to see the result. The members of St. Stephen's Team were E. W. Spackman, anchor; John Firmin, Wm. Bishop and Harry P. Christensen. 1st. heat won by 4 inches gain. 2nd. heat by 5 inches gain.

The Boys expect to pull a return match in the Rooms of the Church of the Nativity, on Friday, May 11th. We wish them all success.

SELECTIONS.

Benjamin Franklin wrote to his daughter: "Go constantly to church, whoever preaches. The act of devotion in the Common Prayer Book is your principal business there, and if properly attended to, will do more toward amending the heart than

sermons generally can do. For they were composed by men of much greater piety and wisdom than our common composers of sermons can pretend to be! and therefore I wish you would never miss the prayer days; yet I do not mean you should despise sermons, even of the preachers you dislike, for the discourse is often much better than the man, as sweet and clean waters come through very dirty earth."

HOW THE APOSTLES DIED.

From history and tradition we learn that all the apostles except St. John, died unnatural and cruel deaths, as follows:

1. Peter was crucified in Rome, with his head down, on a cross similar to that used in the execution of Jesus.
2. Andrew was bound to a cross and left to die from exhaustion.
3. St. James the Great was beheaded by order of Herod at Jerusalem.
4. St. James the Less was thrown from a high pinnacle, then stoned, and finally killed with a fuller's club.
5. St. Philip was bound and hanged against a pillar.
6. St. Bartholomew was flayed to death by command of a barbarous king.
7. St. Matthew was killed with a halberd.
8. St. Thomas was shot by a shower of arrows while at prayer, and afterwards run through the body with a lance.
9. St. Simon was crucified after the manner of Jesus.
10. St. Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria until he expired.
11. St. Luke was hanged on an olive tree in Greece.
12. St. John died a natural death.
13. Paul was beheaded by command of Nero.
14. Judas hanged himself and "fell and his bowels gushed out."
15. St. Barnabas was stones to death by Jews.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

"More and more there is growing up a disposition among parents to permit all matters of religious observance to be with their offspring mere matters of choice or preference. Your child must learn French and German and drawing; but he shall learn his catechism and his Bible lesson, and a reverent observance of this holy day if he chooses, and not otherwise. A more dismal and irrational folly is not easy to conceive of. I do not say that there may not have been folly in another and in an opposite direction. I am not unmindful that religious teaching has sometimes been made a dreary and intolerable burden. But surely we can correct the excess (not, I apprehend, very frequent or very harmful), without straightway flying to an opposite and worse one. And so I plead with you, who are parents, to train your children to ways of reverent familiarity with God's word, God's house and God's day."—*Bishop H. C. Potter.*

SINGING OUT OF TUNE.

That must have been a dreadful case of discord which gave rise to a trial in the Essex Archdeaconry Court in England, in the year 1615, wherein a certain man was accused, "that he singeth the psalms in the church in a jesticulous tone and allitonant voice, viz.: squeaking like a pig, which doth not only interrupt the other voices, but is also altogether dissonant and disagreeing unto any musical harmony, and he hath been requested by the minister to leave it, but he doth obstinately persist and continue therein." Now, the truth is that, the man who can sing ought to sing, but the man who cannot sing, and cannot be trained to sing, ought not to try to sing. His must be the inward spirit of praise going up silently before the Most High God.

Dr. James De Koven once said: "The members of our Church are prevented from giving the large gifts which one hears of elsewhere, by the fact that it costs more to support the average Episcopalian, and to keep him and his in that 'station of life unto which it has pleased God to call him,' than it has cost any other kind of Christian since the time when the Divine Master declared that 'the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head.'"

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
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Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson,
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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss Magee,	Mrs. Boyd,
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Miss VanDusen.

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Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirhead.

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Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
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Miss Sidford.

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Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
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CALENDAR.

June 3rd—Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 10th—Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 11th—St. Barnabas. [Monday.]
" 17th—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—Fifth Sunday after Trinity, and Nativity of St. John Baptist.
" 29th—St. Peter, [Friday.]

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

May 2nd—Lilly May Ives Foss.
" 6th—Roy Anthony Wagner.
" 13th—Sophia Caldwell Hetherington.
" 15th—Frank Fortescue Baggé.
" 16th—Marjory Thornton.
" 30th—Elizabeth Bellah Patterson.

MARRIED.

May 4th—Charles Lilly Pearson and Margaretta A. Rebman.
" 9th—Thomas Jones Bigstaff and Alexine Benton.
" 11th—Louis Francis Bauman and Mrs. Annie Woods.

BURIED.

May 7th—Alfred W. Fell.
" 29th—William Stevenson Hockley.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

Indian Missions,	$35 50
Special:—	
From Mr. John H. Livingston,	50 00
" Mrs. Sausser,	10 00
" Misses Tilghman,	7 00
General Charities,	238 46
Total,	$340 96

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

Sundays—For General Charities.

THE RECTOR WAS ABSENT the last Sunday in May to preach a sermon in the University Course at Cornell.

THE RECTOR, WARDENS and VESTRYMEN of St. Stephen's Church, sent general invitations to the members of the parish to visit the Burd Orphan Asylum, on Founder's Day, Thursday, May 24th. There were many of the congregation present at the institution on that day.

After being received by the Warden Rev. Dr. Snively and Mrs. Snively, the asylum was examined in its various departments. After this the services of the day were held in the chapel. The Rev. W. S. Baer, the Secretary of the Diocese; the Rev. Mr. Matoda, a Japanese clergyman of the Church, who last Summer had charge of the chapel services; the Rev. J. L. Miller, and Rev. Dr. McConnell, took part in the services. The rewards and prizes for general good conduct, scholarship and faithfulness, were distributed to the children by Rev. Dr. Snively; after which, the Rev. Dr. McConnell made a brief address. The children of the asylum conducted the singing. All the visitors of the day were well pleased with the cheerful, happy faces of the children, and with their general air of content and healthfulness. The institution showed careful management, and in every part cleanliness and order were manifest. It was indeed a delightful day.

THE CHURCH WORK among the various societies of our parish, has stopped for the Summer. The Winter was a hard one for the poor, and our active workers were kept busy doing what they could to render assistance to those in want. But now, absence from the city of so great a number of faithful women, requires as usual, the closing of such kind of service. There is one society, however, in the parish to which we desire to call the earnest attention of our people. Its work does not stop, be the days short or long; the weather hot or cold. Those having charge of it give to it their personal devotion; this is the Children's Friend Society. The members of St. Stephen's Church know it well, and have generously supported it in its active work of benevolence in the years past. It is a society for poor children. It gives sunshine, fresh air and kindness to many a poor child, who otherwise would get precious little of these. In the years of its existence it has done an infinite amount of good, and its influence has extended over a large amount of ground, and among people in the poorest and most forlorn neighborhoods. The ladies who have charge, freely give it their earnest attention. Many children are cared for. In the hot summer season when you seek refreshment in the country or by the sea, the thought that you have been the means of enabling the neglected and poor to find relief for a little while from the oppression of their crowded homes, surely will be a satisfaction. Send your offerings to Mrs. Vanderslice, President and Treasurer, No. 9 S. 10th St.

ON MONDAY EVENING, May 28th, the Girls' Friendly Society met in the Guild Room for the close of their work for the season. The associates very thoughtfully provided a pleasant evening of entertainment, in which Mr. Hall gave some excellent recitations and sang some of his humorous songs. He was greeted most enthusiastically by all present. Mrs. Owens very kindly sang some lovely ballads with infinite expression and feeling much to the pleasure of the girls. She was accompanied on the piano by Mr. Owens. The Society then sang a song with Mr. Hall. After this the ladies handed around cake and ice cream. At the close of the evening, Rev. Mr. Miller, made a short address, and the meeting for the season closed with the Girl's Friendly Hymn sung by the Society and with prayer and benediction. The Society is very strong, and has a large membership of young women, who are engaged in various trades and kinds of business during the week. The Associate Ladies have done earnest work during the winter, and their influence for good has been greatly felt and recognized by all.

THE BOYS' GUILD of St. Stephen's Church had its annual excursion on Decoration Day. Through the kind invitation of Miss Henrietta Sanders, one of the honorary members of the Guild, they went out to the Sanders' Farm at Ship Road Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The day was spent in playing base-ball and all sorts of competitive races and sports.

The results of the sports were as follows: 100 yards dash, (senior), was won by Wm. Bishop, time, 15 seconds; throwing the base-ball, won by Frank Collins, distance, 237 feet; quarter mile walk, won by Harry P. Christensen, time, 2 minutes, 20 seconds; 100 yards dash, (junior,) won by Clyde Mendenhall, time, 14 seconds; running broad jump, won by Frank Collins, distance, 14 feet, 3 inches; hop, step and jump, won by Frank Collins, distance, 29 feet, 4 inches; 220 yards dash, won by John Firmin, time, 33 seconds; putting the 16 pound shot, won by E. W. Spackman, distance, 25 feet, 5 inches; running broad jump, (junior,) won by Albert Berg, distance, 12 feet.

The prizes will be silver medals, with the event and record engraved on them.

Mr. Miller was judge; Geo. Pfeiffer, timekeeper; Wm. Guscott and Frank Gutteridge, measurers.

The day passed off without any accidents, and was considered on the whole, the most successful and pleasant excursion ever experienced by the Boys' Guild.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE of King's Daughters, composed mostly of women in the mothers' meeting, gave, during the last year, one embroidered set of altar linen to a new church in Cape Charles City, Va.; made thirty-two woolen garments and sent them to the northern part of the city, to be distributed to the worthy poor of that section; thirty-five woolen garments to the Garment Committee of this Church. This Circle has always been self-supporting. In December of each year, it holds a Fair which supplies them with funds to carry on their work.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in May:

From Mrs. John Heyl,	$1 00
" " Putnam, (through Miss Rodman,)	12 00
" Miss Rodman's Class, three Sundays in April,	2 40
" Mrs. Edward T. Moody,	1 00
" " Sausser, (through Dr. McConnell,)	10 00
	$26 40
Contributing member in May, Mrs. John Heyl,	$1.00
Total,	$27 40

From Garment Society, bathing suits and clothing; from Miss Anna Sinclair, large boxes of clothing; anonymous donation of a number of bathing suits, for which the ladies of the society send many thanks to the giver.

The winter work is now over, and as soon as the weather is settled, the excursions will commence; many children have asked if there will be any more entertainments? The rain does not seem to stop them; they are so afraid of being left out.

AT THE LAST MEETING of the King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle, Miss Bertha Ott was elected Secretary, in place of Miss Emma Edwards, who has gone to her home in London.

What are we doing is asked? Sewing and cutting rags for a carpet that is to be given to the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children; visiting a poor sick girl, who cannot walk, and is a very great sufferer.

The meetings in June are on Wednesdays, the 6th and the 20th, in the Parish House, at half past seven o'clock. It is hoped and expected that Mrs. Henry Rood, the State Treasurer, will spend a social evening with the Circle on June 6.

THE RECTOR has given the use of the "Guild Room" for an entertainment for the benefit of an aged widow and daughter, to be given Thursday evening, June 7th, 1894, at 8 o'clock, by the Glenwood Singing Society, which was originally composed of members of the Girls' Friendly Society, and the Boys' Guild of St. Stephen's Church, conducted by a member of the Church, assisted by the pupils of the Neff College of Oratory.

Tickets 25 cents. To be had at the door, or of the Verger.

SELECTIONS.

NOT ALTOGETHER HARMONIOUS.

The choir was singing a new arrangement of the beautiful anthem, "Consider the Lilies." The pure sweet voice of the soprano rose clearly and distinctly in the solo:

"They toi-oi-oil not,
They toil not,
They toil not,
Ny-y-y-ther do they spin."

She paused, and the tenor took up the strain:

"Nee-ee-ee-ther do they spin,
They toi-oi-oi-oil not,
They toil not,
They toil not,
Nee-ee-ee-ther do they spin."

The tenor ceased, and the basso, a solemn, red-haired young man, with a somewhat worldly-looking eye, and a voice like a foghorn, broke in:

"Nay-ay-ay-ay-ther do they spin.
They toil not,
They toil not,
Nay-ay-ay-ay-ther do they spin.

Then the voices of the three were lifted up in semi-chorus:

"Ny-y-y-ther)
"Nee-ee-ee-ther) do they spin.
"Nay-ay-ay-ther)
They toi-oi-oi-oil not,
They toil not,
They toil not,
"Ny-y-y-ther)
"Nee-ee-ee-ther) do they spin."
"Nay-ay-ay-ther)

"Brethren," said the gray-haired, old-fashioned pastor, when the choir had finished, "we will begin the service of the morning by singing the familiar hymn:

"'And am I yet alive?'"

Three doors there are in the temple
Where men go up to pray,
And they that wait at the outer gate
May enter by either way.

There are some that pray by asking;
They lie on the Master's breast,
And, shunning the strife of the lower life,
They utter their cry for rest.

There are some that pray by seeking;
They doubt where their reason fails,
But their mind's despair is the ancient prayer
To touch the print of the nails.

There are some that pray by knocking;
They put their strength to the wheel,
For they have not time for thoughts sublime—
They can only act what they feel.

Father, give each his answer—
Each in his kindred way;
Adapt Thy light to his form of night,
And grant him his needed day.

Give to the yearning spirits,
That only Thy rest desire,
The power to bask in the peace they ask,
And feel the warmth of Thy fire.

Give to the soul that seeketh,
'Mid cloud and doubt and storm,
The glad surprise of the straining eyes
To see on the waves Thy form.

Give to the heart that knocketh
At the doors of earthly care
The strength to tread in the pathway spread
By the flowers Thou hast planted there.

Then in the common temple
There shall worship hand in hand
The lives that man's heart would hold apart
As unfit to dwell in one land.

For the middle wall shall be broken,
And the light expand its ray
When the burdened of brain and the soother of pain,
Shall be ranked with the men that pray.

THE OBJECT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Remember that the Sunday-school is not, in any respect, to take the place of the Church. It is simply one of the means or instrumentalities used by the Church for the pupose of teaching the young the principles of Christian Faith and Duty. It must never be regarded or employed as an institution separate from and independent of the Church. It properly exists solely as a help to the minister of the parish in the discharge of his duty in feeding the lambs of his Flock.

Therefore, as soon as your children are old enough to understand and take part in public worship, see to it that they attend and do so. If they are permitted to set aside this duty, one great object of their instruction in the Sunday-School will be defeated. You know that the time will soon come when your children will leave the Sunday School, and if now, the exercises there are permitted, as I fear they often are, to take the place of the appointed service in the Lord's house, they will have formed a habit of neglect that will bring to naught our best endeavors.

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PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

June 12th—Lambert Mitchell.
" 16th—Gertrude Carlisle Sausser.
" 16th—Florence Louise Sausser.
" 16th—Emerson Randolph Sausser.
" 16th—Malcolm Greenville Sausser.
" 17th—Amelia Blakeley Gass.
" 24th—Lewis Gouverneur Smith.

MARRIED.

June 5th—Wm. P. Atkinson and Anna Doughten Cowan.
June 6th—Alexander Moore, Jr. and Anna Alston Remine.
June 6th—John Gibb and Margaret Frances Bell.
June 13th—Walter L. Meek and Fanny C. Vanderslice.

BURIED.

June 9th—William Henry Price.
" 19th—Mrs. G. O. Sialhammer.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

Special,	$5 00
" from Mr. Wm. S. Price,	25 00
" " Mrs. Hockley,	50 00
" " Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	5 00
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For General Charities,	177 10
	$277 10

OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

For General Charities.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET the needs of the Children's Friend Society. It is precisely in the summer when the more fortunate people are out of the city that the Society needs the means to do its work. If people could only realize what it is for the poor little children and babies to stew in their stuffy, smelly, hot little rooms, during the summer, and with what joy they hail the chance to get a day even so far in the country as the Park, no one would find any flavor in his own vacation until he had first made it possible for some forlorn little creature to get at least one day in the shade and a good meal. People do not realize that it is simply impossible for the children of the poor to even get to the Park. They cannot walk so far, and they cannot pay their car fare. Please put a dollar, or five dollars, or fifty dollars in an envelope, and send it to Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 S. Fifth Street.

On two Sunday afternoons in June Miss Rodman has taken out a party of the girls to the Burd Asylum. As the girls are at work during the week, they greatly enjoyed the glimpse of the country.

After the beautiful little Service the girls wandered under the trees, ate their lunch, enjoying with it a great pitcher of cool milk, sent out to them by the thoughtful kindness of Dr. Snively.

During July Miss Rodman hopes to take them out again.

On the first Monday evening in June twenty-four girls met Miss Rodman at the Parish House of St. Stephen's Church for the purpose of getting better acquainted with one another, and in the hope of having a pleasant evening. They decided that the best thing to do was to form a Club. The name to be the "Girls' Summer Club." It was decided to have it both of a social and literary character. Miss Rodman was elected President, Miss Sarah Kinsley, Vice-President; Miss Louisa Widman, Secretary; Miss Emma Schopback, Treasurer. Since the first meeting the Club has grown rapidly, and seems to be a success. Each week a literary committee is appointed, who plan out a program, consisting of music, readings and recitations.

As most of the girls belong to the Girls' Friendly Society, or are hoping to next winter, the associates of that Society are much interested in this Club.

One of them, Miss Dickerson, furnishes cake and lemonade, which on the hot evenings has been most refreshing, and her kind thought of them has been greatly appreciated by the girls.

WHY SOME PEOPLE GO TO ROME, AND OTHERS DO NOT.

It is evident to all careful observers that the Church of Rome is looking with peculiar interest to the United States. The Church which has during the last century met with such disastrous losses in Europe and South America and Mexico clearly hopes that she may make it up in this country. It may be possible. At any rate any plan of such an astute organization as that deserves consideration.

Heretofore the movement has been overwhelmingly the other way. For every one who has left a Protestant Church to become a Roman Catholic ten at the very least have come the other way. Bishop Perry, of Iowa, reports that during his episcopate he has received over seven hundred adult Roman Catholics by actual count, whereas the loss the other way has not been above a score. The same is true in every part of the country.

But it is not a foregone conclusion that this state of things will continue indefinitely. Part of the impedimenta which the settlers of this country brought with them was a deep, bitter, suspicious dislike of Rome. It was in part justified, and in part it was unreasonable. But it existed. An unintelligent prejudice has probably had as much to do with keeping some people from going to Rome as has any conviction upon the question at issue. The real difficulties in the way of an intelligent and honest man becoming a Roman Catholic are far stronger to-day than they were a hundred years ago. That Church was then much less objectionable than it has since come to be. But people are not always reasonable in their actions. At any rate the unthinking prejudgement is much less likely now to deter than it once was. And it is likely to become less and less an element in the case. When it disappears what will be likely to happen? Will those who have been reared Protestants become Romanists any more frequently than they do now?

There are several classes of people who may possibly do so, and they are not the sort who as a rule do now take that step. At present those who take that path are as a rule persons who are led by a fancy rather than a conviction. I have never happened to know any one who became a Roman Catholic from clear conviction based upon an unbiased examination of the case. They always make up their minds to go, and seek for the reasons afterward. For this reason I have found as a rule that it is time thrown away to reason or argue with any one who has got this notion into his head. No argument against it can reach the motive for his action. It is like the bite of a tarantula, one who has once been bitten can never thereafter keep still. He may about as well go at once and be done with it.

But there is another class from whom some curious expressions are beginning to be heard. They are the so-called "hard-headed, practical" men. They wish a religion, but they wish a religion which can be conducted apart from the rest of their life. They are willing to pay for it handsomely. They are familiar with business-like transactions, and while they are busy making money they would be glad to turn over the conduct of their religion to any expert or company of experts who will give bonds to attend to it properly. This is precisely what Rome offers to do. One often hears the phrase "Catholic doctrine." The phrase is misleading. The Church of Rome has practically one doctrine and no more. That doctrine is "Obedience." Do what the Church tells you, and the Church will guarantee your salvation. Any man who can have any faith whatever that the Church either can or will fulfill her side of the compact would be foolish not to enter into it. Protestantism lays a heavy burden upon both the understanding and the conscience. It gives no *guarantees* of salvation upon any terms whatsoever. It is too honest to promise what it believes that no human power can ever be in a position to fulfill. A quack will promise unhesitatingly to perform cures which the conscientious physician will not promise on any terms. But one cannot shut his eyes to the fact that quacks find plenty of people to believe them, to follow their directions, to pay them, and even to firmly believe that they have fulfilled their promise.

It would seem to be well, therefore, that the essential difference between Rome and Protestantism should be more dwelt upon than it has been for some time past. Mr. Hutton said, with much truth, "Romanism and Protestantism are not two varieties of the same Religion, as so many think. They are two different religions." The one offers "salvation" in the world to come, as the reward of docility and obedience to the Church. The other offers goodness in this world as the result of strenuous personal endeavor carried forward best and normally under the stimulus and companionship of the Church which does not command but entreat. The one is business-like and dogmatic, the other is sentimental and cautious. The two presentations of religion appeal with force to quite different characters.

It looks as though the choice would become sharper and the lines more clearly drawn in the near future.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The summer work has now commenced. Friday, June 22d, sixty children were taken to the Zoological Gardens. The baby seal, elephants and snakes seemed to be their admiration, but it did not take away their appetites—all seemed ready for their ice cream and cake when taken to the restaurant. They were a very appreciative lot of children, and seemed to enjoy everything, even to the car ride out and in.

In glancing over the pages of an early report book one is convinced of the fact that the "Whatsoever Circle" of the King's Daughters has been a most thriving and successful Circle since its organization, April 5th, 1890.

At the time of organization there were but six members, some of whom are still with us; since then we have grown quite rapidly, and have now reached about five times that number.

We are comparatively young yet, however we are strong and in earnest, and the future appears bright and encouraging.

Probably the question will arise, "What have we been doing the past four years?" The true and only answer one can give is that we have been working for the benefit of others in a quiet way, visited and relieved the sick and needy as far as possible.

Our members are coming and going constantly, and we extend a hearty invitation to persons desiring to join us in our good work, and will take great pleasure in voting them into our Order.

June the 6th the King's Daughters were sitting quite cozily in the Guild room, around the table, with their carpet rags before them, eagerly awaiting the arrival of a very entertaining person—Mrs. Henry Rood, the State Treasurer—whose visits are greatly appreciated by the Circle.

Mrs. Rood soon appeared. After a hearty shaking of hands, and a "cross" questioning, the meeting was opened by the reading of the 45th Psalm and Prayer.

We were then called upon to answer some very interesting conundrums concerning the human body, which proved a source of much amusement owing to the numerous funny answers.

Mrs. Rood also related a few incidents in connection with the conundrums, thus helping us to arrive at the correct answers more readily.

Near the close of the meeting lemonade was

served, which was kindly donated by Mr. Dooner; also cake, which was made by some of the members of the Circle.

Mrs. Rood then spoke of the wearing of the King's Daughters' Cross, and asked us to kindly wear it at all times.

The meeting then adjourned.

The meetings in July are on Wednesdays, July 11th and July 25th.

BERTHA E. OTT, Secretary.

Donations received in June by the Children's Friend Society:

Mrs. W. S. Russell,	$5 00
Miss Dutilh,	2 00
Miss Sidford,	2 00
Miss Stephenson,	5 00
From A. M. E.	1 00
Miss K. B.	10 00
Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr. (through Dr. McConnell)	15 00
Mrs. Matthew Semple,	25 00
King's Daughters St. Stephen's Church,	2 00
From the Church, (through Dr. McConnell)	50 00
Total,	$117 00

Contributing members in June.

Mrs. Sidney Hoopes Evans,	$1 00
Mrs. M. E. Sinn,	1 00
Miss Dupuy,	1 00
Miss Anna Dupuy,	1 00
Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy,	1 00
Mrs. James Arrison,	1 00
Rev. Charles E. Melinor,	1 00
Mrs. Charles E. Melinor,	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Hopper,	1 00
Miss E. A. Ford,	1 00
Mrs. E. C. Hines,	1 00
Total,	$11 00

SELECTIONS.

TOBACCO SPIRITUALIZED.

I.

This Indian weed now withered quite,
Though green at noon, cut down at night,
Shows thy decay,
All flesh is hay,
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

The pipe, so lily like and weak,
Does thus thy mortal state bespeak,
Thou art e'en such,
Gone with a touch,
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

And when the smoke ascends on high,
Then thou beholdst the vanity
Of worldly stuff,
Gone with a puff,
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

And when the pipe grows foul within,
Think on thy soul defiled with sin,
For then the fire
It doth require.
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

II.

Was this small plant for thee cut down?
So was the Plant of Great Renown,
Which mercy sends
For nobler ends,
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

Doth juice medicinal proceed
From such a naughty, foreign weed?
Then what's the power
Of Jesse's flower?
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

The promise, like the pipe, inlays,
And by the mouth of faith conveys
What virtue flows
From Sharon's Rose.
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

In vain th' unlighted pipe you blow,
Your pains in outward means are so.
Till heavenly fire
Your hearts inspire
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

The smoke, like burning incense towers;
So should a praying heart of yours
With ardent cries
Surmount the skies.
Thus think, and smoke tobacco.

—Ralph Erskine.

Après l'impiété, les plus grands ennemis de la religion sont l'intolérance qui la rend haïsable et la superstition qui la rend méprisable!

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MISS EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

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Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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2nd Directress.—Mrs. Wiegand.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
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Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Russell,	Miss Stevenson,

Mrs. McDowell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A.M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson,
Miss Thomas, Miss Pease, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. Boyd,
Mrs. Arrison,	Miss E. Klahr,

Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Stevenson,	Miss Mary L. Koons,
Mrs. Whitlock.	Mrs. Musgrove,

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Cleemann,

Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Sanders,
Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,

Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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Librarian—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton,
Miss Thomas, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Lundy, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Chester,
Miss Perot, Miss Thomas,
Miss Seabrooke, Mrs. Cowan,
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Mrs. Molloy, Miss Marion B. Smith,
Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Mary A. Shoemaker,
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Miss Emma Haeberlen. Mrs. Leicester-Addis,

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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P.M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P.M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Marion B. Smith, Miss Pabst,
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President—Edgar W. Spackman.
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Meets on Fridays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30—9.30 P.M.
Secretary—Mrs. Hansell, 2040 Arch Street.

ASSOCIATES:

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Miss Hansell, Miss M. S. Harlan,
Mrs. Bowden Mrs. Russel.
Mrs. Newlin.

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President—Mrs. Vanderslice,
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel,
Secretary—Miss Bertha Ott,
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

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CALENDAR.

August 5th—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.
" 6th—Transfiguration, (Monday).
" 12th—Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.
" 19th—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—St. Bartholomew, (Friday).
" 26th—Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

July 1st—Madalon Romayne Sergeson.
" 10th—Genevieve Cecil Bond.
" 19th—Jennings Eugene Warren.
" 29th—James Riley.

BURIED.

July 9th—Maria Tilghman.
" 14th—Geo. W. Watson, Jr.
" 21st—Benjamin Hemsley C. Massey.
" 25th—Mrs. Alice Lippincott.
" 31st—Oliver L. Bates.
" 31st,—Richard Lee Russel.

OFFERINGS IN JULY.

Special, through Miss Rodman,	$ 8 00
Mrs. Clarkson, Misses Clarkson, for summer excursion, Children's Friend Society,	15 00
Children's Friend Society,	195 00
" " "	17 00
General Charities,	71 27
Total,	$306 27

OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST.

For General Charities.

TWICE WITHIN A YEAR the destroyer has visited the Parish and seized from among the best. If he "loves a shining mark" what fairer ones could he have found than Mrs. Crawford Arnold and Mrs. Dundas Lippincott? The loss is unspeakable from every point of view. When exalted Christian character, good sense, charm of manner, cultivation and wealth all meet in one person, no wonder such an one is loved and admired. It will hardly be deemed invidious to suggest that Mrs. Lippincott's death will cause a greater loss to Philadelphia than would that of any other man or woman in it. Her good

deeds were beyond count, but her good influence was more still. She did not obtrude her goodness, but it was known that she was good, and that did the work. She has done her work, and received her reward early. Mr. Lippincott will have the sincere sympathy of the clergy and people of this Parish, as well as of thousands beside.

"*The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God; and there shall no evil befall them.*"

WHEN MR. AND MRS. GEORGE C. THOMAS go away for the summer, arrangements are made so, that one evening in the week, their valuable collection of pictures can be seen by those so fortunate as to have cards of admission. The pictures are numbered, and catalogues are provided for the visitors. The house is brilliantly lighted, and is in charge of several young men of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, connected with the Church of the Holy Apostles. Their courtesy and interest add much to the pleasure of the guests. As each person enters the house a card is handed to him, with the request written on it, that he will vote for the picture he likes best: this adds greatly to the attention with which they are studied, for it is known that Mr. Thomas himself opens the box in the fall, and that he likes to know what has been the favorite picture. There are easy chairs, where one can rest and listen to the fine music; for Mr. Thomas tries always to have some one to play either on the piano or organ. The same trace of thoughtful kindness is shown everywhere, even to the palm leaf fans and ice water which are provided. It is Mr. and Mrs. Thomas's wish, first to have their own Church people have the enjoyment of their house and pictures, but the invitations are by no means confined to them. As far as they can, where ever they know of anyone who would enjoy seeing the fine pictures, a card is sent.

Owing to this kindness, Miss Rodman has been able to take with her, for several weeks, the girls belonging to "The Girls' Summer Club." And she has been greatly pleased to see how much they appreciated the pictures, and felt the generosity, which is so willing to share with others less fortunate, the beautiful things of life.

MISS RODMAN WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE having received in June:

Mrs. Russel	$5 00
E. N. M.	2 00
Miss Dickerson	5 00
Mrs. Caldwell	5 00
Received in July:	
Miss Dickerson	5 00
Miss Stevenson	1 00
E. N. M.	2 00

Also a large package of books and magazines for lending, and bundles of clothing from Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Perot, Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. Stratton and Mrs. Borie.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in July:

June 25th,	From E. N. M.	$2 00
	Miss J. Garrett,	5 00
" 29th,	Mrs. W. Williamson,	5 00
July 2nd,	Mr. Beauveau Borie,	25 00
	From a kind friend,	5 00
" 5th,	Dr. William Thomson,	10 00
	Miss Dickerson,	2 00
	Miss Dickson,	5 00
	Mr. and Mrs. Holman, (through Dr. McConnell)	30 00
	Mrs. Edward F. Beale,	2 00
	Mrs. C. P. Stratton,	1 00
	Mrs. Edward Rowland,	5 00
	Mrs. T. P. Chandler,	5 00
	Almoner,	1 00
	Cash,	3 00
July 22nd,	Mrs. Anna M. Kelly,	5 00
	Mrs. Edward T. Moody,	1 00
" 24th,	Mrs. Sanders,	10 00
	Mr. D. D. Wood,	5 00
" 25th,	Mrs. Clarkson and the Misses Clarkson (through Rev. Mr. Miller)	15 00
July 30th,	From Master H. C. Banks, Jr.	2 00
July 31st,	Miss H. C. Wilkins,	50 00
	Miss Maria S. Wilkins,	5 00
	Mr. Albert Pancoast,	10 00
From King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church,		1 00
Total,		$210 00

From Mr. B. R. Thomas, 144 shovels and 144 buckets for the Sea Shore Excursions.

Through Dr. McConnell from Mr. Charles Flanagan, fifty tickets for a Trip down the River.

One bathing suit from Mrs. M. M. Parmalee.

From Miss Leah Russell and Miss Mamie Russell, three bathing suits.

Contributing members in July:

Miss L. L. Williamson,	$1 00
Miss Cleemann,	1 00
Mrs. Joseph Reinboth,	1 00
Mr. Samuel Haines,	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Haines,	1 00
Mr. James Greer,	1 00
Mrs. James Greer,	1 00
Miss Kate Liddell,	1 00
Miss Grace Atmoor,	1 00
Master Craig Atmoor,	1 00
Miss M. C. Ermentrout,	1 00
Mrs. H. C. Banks,	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Rumpp,	1 00
Miss M. L. Rumpp,	1 00
Master Homer Hoopes Evans,	1 00
Mrs. E. F. Fenton,	1 00
Miss Mable Ford Langton,	1 00
Total,	$17 00

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY is known by almost every one in the Parish and yet we are asked by some, what do you do?

We are not the Girls' Friendly, that is a good society and does ever so much good. We are the *Children's Friend*, the *little children*. The ladies who do the work go up the small streets in the city and invite poor little children for a day's outing, either to the Park, a Trip on the River, or what is *best of all*, a day's outing to the *Sea Shore*.

The ladies of the Society are received kindly by the mothers of the children, and they are glad to have the children go, for they are sure they will be well taken care of. Wednesday, July 18th, will show you how we go to work: Eight ladies, living in different parts of the city, start out to visit eight families, (sometimes the number is more), but for this trip each lady was to invite eight children. The children were invited and told either to meet at the lady's house who invited them, or go direct to the Market Street Ferry.

Half past six o'clock in the morning sixty-seven children and their care takers are waiting for the boat that is to take them to the seven o'clock train on the Pennsylvania Road to Atlantic City.

All are fixed comfortably in the car, and a badge of red ribbon tied to their little dresses or coats, so that they may be known from any other children that might be at the shore. Their bright little faces show what a good time they are looking forward to. "One poor child said she was afraid to go to bed for fear she would be left." After an hour's ride, crackers are distributed, for many of the children eat very little breakfast.

Shall we give out the buckets and shovels was the next question; they were the gift of their kind friend, Mr. B. R. Thomas. As each child receives a bucket and shovel, such remarks as these were heard: "oh! what a pretty bucket," "how large they are," "what a nice shovel," "can we keep them?" If Mr. Thomas had seen all the curiosities they had in the buckets on their return, he might have been surprised that any thing was left at the shore.

The Excursion House is now reached, bundles and hats disposed of. They start to the Beach. In less than fifteen minutes they are in the water, clothes and all, just as far as they could go without getting dripping wet; but thanks to a kind lady who, although a stranger, wishes to give them a ride on the Carroussel. Whilst they are having this ride, Mr. Clayton and Mr. Hall have gone to the Excursion House to get the bathing suits from Mrs. Trenwith, who had very kindly taken care of those the Society had last year. Through the kind friends in the Church every child had a bathing suit, which lessened the work for the ladies very much. It was very funny to see some of the little tots get a suit on a size or so too large; but they did not care, their thoughts were on the fun they were going to have. Mr. Hall and Mr. Clayton were soon ready to give the children a dip in the Ocean. Each child would come up and tell when they had their dip and how far out they had been.

Dinner time came too soon, but Mrs. Trenwith,

who is always thoughtful, thinking the children would be hungry, had it ready at half past twelve o'clock. Soup, chicken, meat and vegetables, with ice cream for desert.

After dinner they played in the sand awhile; then the Proprietor of the Carroussel sends word he wishes to give the children a free ride. Bread and milk is then given them and off they go to the train, with many thanks to Mrs. Trenwith for all her kindness.

In less than a half an hour all the small children are fast asleep, and on reaching Camden each lady looks after her eight children, either giving them to their parents at the ferry, or seeing that they are safely home.

This shows just a day's outing and how the work is done.

July 25th, fifty-six children were taken for a trip down the river; the children enjoyed the ride on the boat very much.

This will make 175 children that have had an outing since the summer work began.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS had their Annual Excursion to Bartram's Botanical Gardens, Saturday, July 28th.

They were very much interested in the old house where John and Ann Bartram lived, built in the year 1731 and enlarged in 1770.

They also saw the tree called Christ Thorn.

The old Cider Press is quite curious, and the tomb stone of one of Mr. Bartram's slaves is almost worn away to nothing.

Many beautiful trees are there, and it is a spot that all should visit.

The King's Daughters will have their next meeting August 29th, at half past seven o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

Bishop Brooks wrote from Tanjore: "It is strange to be right in the midst of pure, blank heathenism after one has been hearing and talking about it all his life. And it is certainly as bad as has been painted. I have seen a good deal of the missionaries here, and a good many of them are doing very noble work, but the hosts on hosts of heathen must be a pretty discouraging sight to them sometimes. All the rest of my life I shall have pictures before my mind of these queer Hindoos riding on elephants (that they prod with a sharp iron stick behind the ear to make them go), squatting on their heels in the sunniest sunshine they can find, and religiously bathing in big tanks and tugging at the heavy cars on which they love to drag their horrible gods about the country; smiling, cheating, lying dreadfully, and making their country as picturesque as anything can be in all the world."

JUST ITS INTENTION.

It is related on good authority that an elderly man from Western Pennsylvania, whose family were Presbyterians and whose only experience in a religious way came from attending a country church with them, was once on a visit to a brother who was a Churchman and a Warden in a certain Philadelphia Parish. Sunday morning came, and he was invited to go to Church with his brother. He professed his willingness to do so if his brother would only post him as to what to do, for he had heard that "Episcopalians" were dreadfully formal. In Church they sat right together. The service began with the sentences, then the Warden whispered "kneel down." This seemed to be hard work. After the Lord's Prayer, on admonition, he "got up." Then "sit down," and so it went until after the Creed. When the "kneel down" then came it seemed too much for the visitor's patience, for as he was getting down he grunted in an undertone, "Well! this *does* beat the Devil." "Just its intention," quietly whispered the Warden, and after this the service went on without any further comment.

The first principle of Christianity is to forget one's self. When Wilberforce was straining every energy to get his bill for the emancipation of slaves passed, a lady once said to him: "Mr. Wilberforce, I'm afraid you are so busy about those slaves that you are neglecting your own soul." "True, madam," he replied, "I had quite forgotten that I had one." That remark contains one of the deepest thoughts of Christianity. [Address by PROFESSOR DRUMMOND.]

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St. Stephen's Church.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Mrs. Hine,
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" " *Lenten Sewing.*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Thompson, Miss Langton,
Miss Thomas, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Emily K. Sharp.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot,
Mrs. Radford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

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CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P.M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

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Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel,
Secretary—Miss Bertha Ott,
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

September 2nd—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 9th—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 16th—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 21st—St. Matthew, (Friday).
" 23rd—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Michael and All Angels, (Sat.)
" 30th—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

August 21st—Carrie Florence Dotts.

MARRIED.

August 8th—Richard W. Quinn and Lillie C. Criswell.

BURIED.

August 16th—Maria Matilda Large.
" 21st—Samuel Clarkson.
" 28th—Carrie F. Dotts.

OFFERINGS IN AUGUST.

General Charities,	$26 51
R. E. M. for Children's Friend Society,	10 00
Children's Friend Society,	35 00
Total,	$71 51

OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities.

MR. SAMUEL CLARKSON, a Vestryman of this Parish died suddenly August 18th. The loss by his death is unspeakable. He was one of God's own. If ever man died "in favor with God and in love and charity with all men," surely it was Mr. Clarkson. As a Churchman he learned at the feet of Dr. Muhlenberg, to whom he was almost as a son. At the head of a great manufacturing concern, a large employer of labor, he was sagacious enough to bring prosperity to the business, and so kind and just as to hold the supreme confidence and affection of the employees. His faith was serene and his life blameless. May light perpetual shine on him, and may God lift up the light of His countenance upon his stricken family.

THE CHURCH has been open for services every Sunday during the summer season.

THE RECTOR expects to return to the City and to resume his parish duties about the middle of this month.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL in beginning the work for the coming season will be in need of some more teachers to fill vacancies that may occur, and to supply new classes to be formed. It is important that all classes should be supplied with teachers. There is need of earnest, faithful communicants who are "apt to teach" and who can interest the scholars in the weekly lessons. Anyone who takes charge of a class, should see to it that he be regular, punctual and faithful in the performance of the duties assumed.

The School will be opened on the first Sunday in October at 9.45 A. M. This is one of the most important departments of church work. Who will offer to help? Notify the Rector as soon as you can that he may see that all classes are supplied with such teachers as are needed.

THE BOYS' GUILD will hold its next regular meeting on Friday evening, October 5th at 7¾ o'clock, in the Guild room. Boys 13 years of age and over are invited to become members. This society is organized for the purpose of promoting reverence, purity, temperance and sociability among its members. Last year the membership was quite large and much good was done. There is much interest taken and loyalty is shown by all belonging to the Guild. Several ladies and gentlemen of the Parish last year helped to make the recreation hour, after the business part of the meeting, an attractive feature for the boys and young men. It is hoped these with others will come and help during the coming winter in this attractive work.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in August:

Aug. 3rd,	Mrs. C. H. Hillman,	$5 00
" 6th,	From B. L. M.	5 00
" 16th,	Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	1 00
Aug. 16th,	From S. J. C.,	10 00
"	R. E. M., (through Rev. Mr. Miller),	10 00
"	Mrs. Washington,	3 00
Aug. 28th, "	Mr. R. E. Atmore,	10 00
Contributing member:		
	Mrs. John L. Anderson,	1 00
	Total,	$45 00

SINCE THE LAST REPORT the Children's Friend Society has had three Excursions to Atlantic City. Nearly three hundred children have had a day's outing at the Sea Shore this summer. Fifty have had a trip on the River, and over sixty were taken to the Zoological Gardens, making so far over four hundred children that have had an outing through this Society.

August 18th was called the Bar Harbor Excursion, because kind friends there had sent donations for another trip. On last Tuesday morning a little girl was seen standing at the door of one of the ladies' houses; when asked what she wanted? her reply was, "I have come to go on the Excursion." Poor child, she was just one day ahead of time, for the Excursion was to be on Wednesday.

Many of the children who have been with us this summer, have never been any place, not even on a train of cars. It don't seem possible, but we have found many such cases.

Such remarks as these were heard last Wednesday, as each child came out dressed in a bathing suit. "Oh, look at those children!" "Did you ever see so many," "look how happy they are, and every one has a bucket and shovel."

Look at that little girl with a bathing suit too large for her, digging away in the sand; how funny she looks and so happy. While the stranger is speaking, a little girl comes up; when asked what she is doing? her reply is catching oysters. And half a dozen, all talking at once, ask if we saw how far Mr. Clayton took them out? Another said did you see how he floated me? Look there he goes with a little boy on his shoulder.

The bath is over and dinner is ready, and one could hardly realize that there were over seventy children in the dining room, so quiet and well behaved were the children. One lady remarked that it was actually painful it was so quiet.

After dinner a little girl was heard say "it must have cost a million of dollars to give us that dinner, so many of us."

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their next meetings September 12th and 26th, in the Guild room at half past seven o'clock.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION of the Boys' Guild of St. Stephen's Church, held its First Annual Fall Sports on Saturday afternoon August 25th, 1894, at Chamounix, in west Fairmount Park. It was a delightful day for the sports and the different events were well contested. The results of the afternoon were as follows: 100 yards dash, won by H. Christensen, time, 12 seconds; throwing the base ball, won by Frank Collins, distance 275 feet; ½ mile walk, won by H. Christensen, time 4 minutes, 58 seconds; putting the 16lb shot won by E. W. Spackman, distance 23 feet, 6 in.; 220 yards dash, won by H. Christensen, time 26 seconds; hop, step and jump, won by E. W. Spackman, distance 31 feet, 8½ inches; 1 mile run, won by John Seed, time 5 minutes, 15 seconds; running broad jump, won by Frank Collins, distance 15 feet.

There were many of the friends of the Association present, and the interest manifested in all of the events was very encouraging.

The prizes were silver medals with a yellow enameled cross in the centre of each.

SELECTIONS.

My chief reason for being an Episcopalian is because I find what I need here to help me towards right behaving and right believing.

I like the moderation, the patience, the Christian good sense of the Episcopal Church. The longer acquaintance I have with my ministerial brethren and with myself, the more thankful am I for the Prayer Book, which protects the devotions of the congregation against changes of spiritual weather, does not allow the helpfulness or worthiness of the service, to be dependent upon the size of the congregation, the temperature of the Church, the disposition, the digestion, or the religion of the parson, but provides that God shall be reverently adored in words which are hallowed by the use of ages, and prayed to in petitions which cover every need of man. When the Archangel Gabriel is pastor of the Parish, we may be content with his extemporaneous prayers. But I would not be willing to commit my devotions to anybody else all the year round.

Another helpful institution of the Episcopal Church, beside the Prayer Book, is the arrangement of the Christian year. This keeps the balance of religious teaching. It makes it absolutely certain that the great truths of the Christian faith shall be taught every year in every Parish. The Parson cannot help himself. The Church herself reminds her children of the birth of Jesus Christ, of the events of his childhood, of the life that he lived, of his fasting and temptation in the desert, of the words and deeds which crowded the last week before His crucifixion; of that supreme fact of the Cross and the meaning of it, of His resurrection and ascension into Heaven, and of the coming of the Holy Ghost. Christmas and Easter are already kept, as they were of old, in all Christian Churches. Good Friday will come next. And presently the Week of Prayer, which in our curiously unwise and perverse way of doing things is put at a time which has no special significance, will be appointed at that week which annually commemorates the betrayal, the trial, the mocking and scourging, the condemnation, the death and burial of Jesus Christ.

I rejoice especially in the wide inclusiveness of the Episcopal Church, in the fact that there is room in it for all kinds of people. It is sometimes a matter of amazement to Christians of other communions that there should be so much space for difference, so many various positions and opinions in the Church. But this is that which distinguishes between a church and a sect. A sect is a company of people who think exactly alike. A church is a great, roomy, catholic institution which has a welcome for every man who even wishes to live a Christian life and who has

made even a small beginning of Christian faith.

The truth is that people are different. We have been made so by the good Lord himself. Jesus Christ knew that perfectly and constantly acted upon the knowledge. But he did not teach that there ought to be a different church for all the various species of the human family. He founded one church and meant it to be big enough to take everybody in.

There are Episcopalians who are scarcely to be distinguished from Presbyterians, others who look like Roman Catholics, others who talk like Unitarians. Because these religious sects represent human temperaments and are deserving of a representation in a Christian church. It is the place of a Christian church to minister to every man that lives.

This broad and reasonable and Christian inclusiveness is secured in the Episcopal Church by the complete simplicity of it's doctrinal requirements. It asks its people to assent to the Apostles' and the Nicene creeds, to accept the Holy Scriptures as containing all things necessary to salvation, to partake in the two sacraments which were ordained by Christ himself, and to conform to the historical administration of the Christian church. It does not impose upon its members any metaphysical formulas, does not venture into theories, does not set up any doctrine of the Trinity, of the Incarnation, or of the Atonement, leaving these deep truths to the single statements of the brief creeds. It does not define the inspiration of Holy Scripture: its members may agree as they think best with the General Assembly or with Dr. Briggs. It leaves it entirely open to its people to be either Calvanists or Arminians, grounding its position in all these matters upon the blessed indefiniteness of Holy Scripture, which leaves room for difference. It does not account the ritual of either sacrament to be so important as the sacrament itself. In baptism it provides for either immersion or aspersion, as the Christian may desire, and it has a service for the baptism of infants and another for those of riper years. While in government it is as congregational as the Congregationalists, and as presbyterian as the Presbyterians, only adding that element of constitutional superintendence which is shown by all experience to be essential to the permanent well-being of any business, of any society, or of any state.

I cannot think of any true thing which I would like to teach which I am not perfectly free to teach in the Episcopal Church. Nor do I know of any wise thing which I would like to do which I am not absolutely free in this Church to do. I am an Episcopalian because the Episcopal Church is the most satisfactory church society I can find. GEO. HODGES.

"UNLUCKY FRIDAY."

Some of us have been brought up to dread Friday as a peculiarly unlucky day. Let us look into the matter a little.

Friday, long regarded as a day of ill omen, has been an eventful one in American history.

Friday, Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery.

Friday, ten weeks after, he discovered America.

Friday, Henry VIII of England gave John Cabot his commission, which led to the discovery of North America.

Friday, St. Augustine, the oldest town in the United States, was founded.

Friday, the "Mayflower," with the Pilgrims, arrived at Plymouth; and on Friday they signed that august compact, the forerunner of the present Constitution.

Friday, George Washington was born.

Friday, Bunker Hill was seized and fortified.

Friday, the surrender of Saratoga was made.

Friday, Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown; and on Friday the motion was made in Congress that the United Colonies were, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

Americans surely ought not to be afraid of Friday.—*Sunday Afternoon.*

Said a brilliant Oxford student who went to Africa, and died after a year's work: "I think it is with African missions as with the building of a great bridge. You know how many stones have to be buried in the earth, all unseen, for a foundation. If Christ wants me to be one of the unseen stones, lying in an African grave, I am content. The final result will be a Christian Africa."

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SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
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Mrs. Radford.

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Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P.M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P.M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

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Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30—9.30 P.M.
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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

October 7th—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 14th—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—St. Luke, (Thursday).
" 21th—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 28th—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity and St. Simon and St. Jude.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

September 2nd—Irene Emma Hildenbrand.
" 25th—Isabel Noble Allen.

MARRIED.

September 17th—Charles F. Ziegler and Bessie May Gross.
" 25th—John P. Casey and Mary E. Hoffman.

BURIED.

September 19th—Admiral Edward York Macauley, U. S. N.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

For Children's Friend Society,	$17 00
" Seaman's Home,	25 00
" General Charities,	133 12
	$175 12

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday in the month—For Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—For General Charities.

IN MEMORIAM.

SAMUEL CLARKSON.

At a meeting of the Vestry held October 1st, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our dear brother, *Samuel Clarkson;*

Resolved, That we hereby place on record our great grief and sense of loss. In every relation of life, Mr. Clarkson bore himself as a Christian, and, in the true sense of the word, a Gentle-man. As a Churchman, a man of business and a citizen, he was intelligent, upright, kind and faithful. We lament that we shall see his face no more, while we bless God's holy name for the good

example of this His servant departed this life in faith and fear.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Minutes of the Vestry, and that copies thereof be made to appear in THE PARISH NEWS, *The Church Standard*, *The Churchman* and the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*.

THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS of this Congregation is once again earnestly asked to the Daily Services. Every day at 11 A. M. prayers are said in this Church for the spiritual health and benediction of all its people. We trust that these prayers are not without effect, whether the people are present or not. But is it not worth while to consider whether those whose business obligations will permit should not make a point of being present at stated times? It is quite true that "to labor is to pray;" so that if any one is earnestly at work doing his duty in that state of life into which God has called him, he is better employed than he would be while he neglected his work to say his prayers. But there are many who with a very little arranging could find a half hour from time to time to kneel in God's house and bathe his soul in a spiritual atmosphere. He will go out therefrom refreshed.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY resumes its work for this season on Monday, October 1st, in the Guild Room, when, no doubt, both associates and members will be glad to meet and begin their work again for the winter. The Cooking Class, which is held on Thursdays, will not begin until November, due notice of which will be given to the Society at some regular meeting beforehand.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE will resume its duties on Monday, October 1st, and in expectation of heavily increasing demands this season, will be very grateful to all the members who will give cheerfully according to their means.

We are entirely without outside clothing for *men* and *boys*; a sorry outlook with cold weather approaching.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor."

All articles *must* be addressed to the Garment Committee, and can be sent at any time to No. 9 S. Tenth Street, or any Monday to Parish School Building, rear of St. Stephen's Church.

No. of garments contributed since April 30th, 4
" " distributed " " " 32

Contributor, Mrs. Taylor.

Monday, Oct. 1st—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 8th—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 15th—Miss Dutilh, Miss Sanders.
" " 22nd—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 29th—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in September:

1st—(From West Virginia), Anonymous,	$1 00
23rd—From a very kind friend, . . .	5 00
29th—From Mrs. Harriet Dowley, (through Dr. McConnell), ...	1 00
30th—From Mrs. Waln, ...	10 00
Total, ...	$17 00

As you turn the corner of Tenth and Chestnut Streets, on Friday, September 7th, you see two large coaches standing in front of the Parish House, waiting for the little ones that are to have an outing to the Dairy at Fairmount Park. Look at their bright little faces as each one takes a seat in the coaches and you will see that they are expecting a good time. Over fifty children are packed away; then comes the delightful river ride, the children singing and talking all the way out; the bells on the horses with their plumes add very much to the children's pleasure.

After spending an hour or so playing, they are given a ride in the Carrousel; then it is time for sandwiches, ice cream and biscuits; another run and home we go all saying they had such fun.

This was the last excursion for the summer, and a very happy one it has been for over five hundred children. Every year the work has increased, more excursions and more children have had an outing, thanks to the kind friends who have helped with their donations.

In November the winter work begins; this is just as important as the summer. Go into many

of the houses of these children; see how they are crowded five, six and ten in a room; would you not be glad for one hour's pleasure one evening in a month? That's what our entertainments are for; also to keep up the interest in the children.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will have their meetings Wednesday, October 3rd and 17th, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

On the evening of August 30th, the King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church visited the house of Mr. George Thomas to see his fine collection of pictures. They spent a very pleasant evening there and took great interest in voting for the picture they liked best, which was "Through the Mist," a marine scene, for which the majority voted. They desire to express their thanks for the kind invitation tendered them.

BERTHA OTT, Secretary.

SELECTIONS.

There is a man, who shall be nameless, because he will not see this article, who refused to put anything into the offering on Sunday nights when there was no sermon. When the sermon was preached he put in a nickel, but said it was an outrage to pass the *collection plate*, when there was *nothing but the Evening Service*. The value which the man placed on the sermon was certainly flattering to the preacher, and not very flattering to the choir, as the service was valued at nothing, and the sermon at a nickel. The worst part of the above story is this, it is true. It represents the ideas not of one, but of many protestant minds. They come to Church to be preached at; the nickel they drop into the plate is supposed to go towards the pay of the preacher. The idea that worship is anything, or that they go to Church to worship, is something they have never grasped. The idea that they are obliged to offer something on God's altar to make their worship anything but a farce, would be considered ridiculous. It only shows how ignorant many people are of the very first principles of Christianity.

The following clipping from the *Churchman* illustrates what has just been said:

"It is said of a literary man, who died last year, that he never went to church, and a friend explains the fact by saying that he was not intellectually fed by what was set forth. But, supposing this to be true, observes a religious weekly, did not the man owe to his Maker the duty of joining in public worship? How poor an idea of the sanctuary must he have who supposes that it exists only for the purpose of public instruction! It includes this, but its primary intention is to render honor and homage to the greatest and best of all Beings. Then, as to intellectual food, is not this furnished by the living oracles which are more or less read or repeated in all Christian worship, or did the literary man think that he had exhausted the contents of the Bible? The main purpose of the pulpit is, not to bring forth new truth, but to exhibit old truth in its adaptation to the needs of the present. Hence, the most able and learned may be benefitted by the sermon of a man of very moderate gifts and acquirements, whose aim is to present Scripture truth in its simplicity."

Here is another excellent thought on the same subject:

"Ask the average protestant why he goes to his place of worship, and he tells you to get good. But worship is not a getting, but a giving; a service in which the chief or first idea is not the receipt of alms or wages, but of a duty rendered; a making on the part of the creature some return to the Creator, specially in ways suggested and prescribed by him."

A SYMPOSIUM ON UNITY.

Some new interest has been awakened by the New York *Independent*. A Congregational minister having written an article to the effect that the cause of Unity would be promoted by such a change of the laws and rubrics of the Episcopal Church as would permit ministers of other religious bodies to occupy its pulpits, the *Independent*, before publishing it, sent out the article in slips to all the bishops of the Episcopal Church, inviting the expression of their views upon the matter. Twenty-seven of our bishops courteously

responded, and their answers, along with the original article, are published by the *Independent*.

It is a very notable fact that, although the bishops who respond are of all schools in the church, there is not one who believes that an exchange of pulpits would in any way further the cause of that organic unity which they have at heart. They point out that this exchange of pulpits is practised, and has been for a hundred years, by all the Protestant denominations, but they are no nearer to organic unity than before. If the exchange of pulpits would produce unity, why has it not done so in the case of the denominations which have practised it? Then our Church could not do this without a change in the preface to the ordinal, which forbids it, and the agitation for such a change would result in dividing ourselves, at least. Again, such a change, if it could be effected, would make a hopeless separation between the Anglican communion and all the other branches of the Historical Catholic Church, which comprise more than three-fourths of the whole Christian world, and thus will produce more division, instead of unity. In every discussion of this momentous subject it is only more and more apparent that on this subject of Church Unity the Protestant denominations and the Anglican communion do not occupy common ground. We believe the Scriptures demand Organic Unity; the others do not believe in this at all. They sneer at Organic Unity as impracticable. Perhaps it is as impracticable as the conversion of the world to Christ, nevertheless it may be the ideal towards which we are to strive. They are content with shaking hands over the fences which men have made, without ever thinking of taking down the fences. We know that the Church of Christ was practically one for centuries, and that, when danger threatened, the bishops could be called together from all parts of the world, and their decision was the voice of the Œcumenical Catholic Church. There is nothing but the wickedness of men which has destroyed this state of things, and we cannot be faithful to God if we do not at least labor to restore it. A mere exchange of pulpits among Christians who will not commune together, is only putting a plaster on a cancer to conceal its ugliness, which cannot heal it.

There seems to be some confusion of mind in the public about the meaning of the fourth plank in the Quadrilateral of our bishops on the subject of unity. Because it is not required that any particular theory of the Episcopate should be held, it seems to be supposed in some quarters that the fact is not important. These answers of our bishops will help to dispel this misconception. Our bishops unanimously hold that while Christian people may hold what theory they please about it, the fact is that in our judgment there can be no Organic Unity without the Historic Episcopate. Our bishops are a unit about this. The Historic Episcopate is a sacred trust with which they cannot part, and without which there can be no Organic Unity among Christian people.

Some years ago the late Horace Mann, the eminent educator, delivered an address at the opening of some reformatory institution for boys, during which he remarked that if only one boy was saved from ruin, it would pay for all the cost, and care, and labor of establishing such an institution as that. After the exercises had closed, in private conversation, a gentleman rallied Mr. Mann upon his statement, and said to him:

"Did you not color that a little when you said that all that expense and labor would be repaid if it only saved one boy?"

"Not if it were my boy," was the solemn and convincing reply.

Some one has handed us some remarkable figures, which recently were printed in one of our principal papers, showing the number of ministers in the religious bodies around us who have left their communions and have been ordained in the Episcopal Church in the last year. There were forty-one in all, including thirteen Methodists, eight Baptists, seven Presbyterians, seven Congregationalists, two Roman Catholics, two Universalists, one Unitarian, and one Adventist.

Love and hope always live together. Kill hope, and love will bring it to life again.

The only thing that keeps a stingy man from stealing is the risk of the thing.

One of the most terrible things about sin is that it makes us dissatisfied with God.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Mary A. Shoemaker,
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Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. H. P. Kelly,
Miss Emma Haeberlen. Mrs. Leicester-Addis,

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, *Deaconess*, and Miss E. E. Cattell.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P.M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P.M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
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Secretary—Miss Bertha Ott,
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

November 1st—All Saiuts, (Thursday).
" 4th—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 11th—Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.
" 25th—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30th—St. Andrew, (Friday).

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

October 29th—George Davis Dowley.

MARRIED.

October 2nd—John Pierce Roberts and Mary Hardisty.
" 11th—James R. Fitz-Patrick, M. D., and Florence Bailey Dwien.
" 24th—Manuel G. Villarana and Lizzie Anaya.
" 25th—Lewis M. Silver, M. D., and Roberta Shoemaker.

BURIED.

October 15th—Margaret Eleanor Evans.
" 23rd—George King Lipman.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

From H. D. Bridle,	$ 1 00
" H. N. Dowley,	2 00
For Seaman's Home,	25 00
" Children's Friend Society,	10 00
" Domestic Missions,	107 48
" General Work,	291 07
Through Miss Rodman,	2 00
	$438 55

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday in the month—Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Thanksgiving Day—Episcopal Hospital.

THE OFFERTORY ON THANKSGIVING DAY will be as usual for the Episcopal Hospital.

THE RECTOR WISHES TO SAY A WORD to the Congregation of St. Stephen's Church about money. It is pretty well understood, and has been for a long while, that no collections are ever taken in this Church for anything connected with the Church's running expenses. In this it probably differs from most other churches, and

it is a fact in which we all take great satisfaction. The offerings are always for charities of some sort, or for the expenses of the benevolent work which is carried on under the auspices of the Church. For this reason the Rector asks that the people who attend the services will provide the expenses of these charities; he asks it not as a favor, and he thinks it would be impertinent even to urge it as a duty. He has discovered in the past that it has never been necessary to do more than to place before the people what the actual needs of the case are, whereupon the people always provide.

We are beginning now another winter's work. Many of the people who are the most reliable contributors to this work have been until now out of town, but the expense of the work has gone on continually. For example—to take only a few of the activities of the parish as samples of the rest—the Altar Society has for its duty to provide all the accessories of a dignified and respectful worship of Almighty God. They give their time and personal labor gratuitously and lovingly; but the articles which they are required to provide cost money; and that money comes only from the congregation. Take again the Children's Friend Society. Each winter it provides simple entertainments of one kind or another for hundreds and hundreds of poor children. In the case of most of these children this is absolutely the only amusement that they have during the whole winter. These children live in the most squalid surroundings and have not a penny wherewith to pay for those means of entertainment which seem to most people to come as naturally as the air they breathe. They are dependent solely on the kindliness of the members of the Children's Friend Society for this purpose. To provide all these entertainments and to look after these poor little creatures, very often to provide for them sufficient garments to enable them to attend decently, costs money. This again can come only from the congregation. Then again, the Girls' Friendly Society has under its care somewhere about 150 working girls. It provides for them instruction, guidance and entertainment also. One evening in each week, at least, it is necessary to provide for many of them a plain tea, for it is impossible for them to go from their shops to their far away homes and back again to their evening classes. They are taught dressmaking, millinery, cooking, and some of the branches of ordinary education which they have not been able to receive elsewhere. All this costs money, and it can only come from the congregation.

The Benevolent Society, the Boys' Guild, the Sunday School, and in fact all of the work of the parish, can only be sustained and carried forward at a very considerable expense. This expense is provided for at the ordinary morning and afternoon offertories. The Rector of the Church begs most earnestly that the people who attend these services will bear this in mind, and that when they make their offering it will not be a mere mechanical and perfunctory act, but that they will remember they are providing the means for other men and women, who have time to do the work which the very people who themselves give the money are just as much bound to do, as are the people who take their money and use it for charitable purposes.

THE CUTTING COMMITTEE of the Benevolent Society, will meet on Tuesday, November 6th, at 10 o'clock, to begin their work of cutting garments for this coming season.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE, King's Daughters, meets Wednesdays, at 2 P. M.

Miss Stoddard, President and Secretary.

MISS RODMAN WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE having received:

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THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.—I wonder whether the congregation, *generally*, understands what this committee means? I suppose not; for if they do, I am confident that every body would give liberally, even to the smallest girl or boy in the Church. Certainly every communicant would. It merely asks for two new articles of clothing, once a year, from each member, which can cost from six cents each to any higher price they choose, and to as many articles as they please to give. This clothing is put in the hands of nine experienced persons, forming the committee, for distribution among *deserving* poor; and for fear of pauperizing, are professedly given only to children under ten years and adults above sixty. But any deserving case, regardless of sex, sect or color, will be temporarily assisted, between those ages, who, for any good reason, is out of employment, or unable, physically, to labor for a living.

Partially worn outside clothing for men and boys, is always thankfully received, and judiciously distributed. At present there is *one* coat on hand; neither trousers nor vests of any size.

And who will take care of our little babies? We have two thin slips and some socks in the closet; would that be enough to make your babies comfortable?

Every package *must* be addressed to the Garment Committee, and can be sent any morning to No. 9 S. Tenth Street, or any Monday, between 10.30 A. M. and 12.30 P. M., to the Parish School Building, (rear of the Church).

Monday, Nov. 5th—	Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid.
" " 12th—	Mrs. Muirheid,	Miss Sanders.
" " 19th—	Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 26th—	Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammott.

Number of Articles received in October, . . 11

" " " distributed " " . . 14

Contributors:

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DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in October:

Mrs. L. V. Sausser, . . . $2 00

The winter work commences in November; the question now is, what shall we do for the little ones' Thanksgiving? For they do not forget the pleasant evenings last winter, and were speaking of the entertainments on the excursions this summer.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of Whatsoever Circle, have their meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month, November 7th and 21st, at half past seven o'clock.

Katie Judge, the crippled child, at the Home of the Merciful Saviour whom they had taken to dress, died at Avon-by-the-Sea this summer. She was much loved by the whole circle, and was a good little Christian girl.

SELECTIONS.

"TOO EXCLUSIVE."

We regret indeed there are those who think that the Church is too exclusive, but we can hardly think it strange that there should be those who think it is, when we find that a still larger number think it too inclusive. "But"—it is said—"it does not invite other ministers into its pulpits." Why should it? They acknowledge no allegiance to us. The Church is not responsible for them; has no authority over them, and no assurances from them as to what they would preach, teach or say. The fact is, simply, that for good and sufficient reasons "this Church" confines its official teaching to its official teachers. The particular manner of their appointment is simply a part of its Apostolic heritage. No national Church could, without self-destruction, set aside for itself the three orders of ministers in Christ's Church, which have been from the Apostles' time until now. It is simply a fact that there have always been these orders of ministers in Christ's Church,—Bishops, Priests and Deacons. We did not create the fact and are not responsible for it. We could not change it if we would, and would not if we could. If others choose to do so it is their affair, not ours. "But" (it is said) "you do not recognize other churches." It is indeed true that we believe in one Church, not in many churches, but this we believe because it is the express teaching of Holy Scripture, and furthermore has been the universal teaching of the Christian Faith. Says the Apostle, "There is one Body and one Spirit;" and the Creed requires us to say, "I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church." Since one means one and not many; we must believe in one Church,

not in many Churches. If it be said, "Do you suppose that it is made up only of those who belong to what is called the Episcopal Church, or the Anglican Communion?" We answer no; we do not. We claim that it includes the whole body of the baptized; that there is not anywhere a baptized man who is not a member of the Catholic Church; no matter by what name he may call himself, or by what name he may be called. If men must say, I am of the Pope, or I am of Calvin, or I am of Wesley, or I am of Williams, we can only answer with the Apostle, "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" and, "While one saith I am of Paul, and another I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal?"—*Rev. A. W. Snyder.*

THE BEST HUSBAND.

No man, in my opinion, can be the best husband 'till he is the minister of his family. As the home is the first church, so the husband is the first minister. He is the high priest of that home; his wife the high priestess.

If religion means an abiding faith in an Almighty power above us, and a true love of God, who is love, together with love in the best sense of all mankind, then I say religion should have its place, a large place in every home; and the husband should be the one to encourage, by example and sensible teaching, its continued presence there. If he would have the happiest family about him, he will teach—not preach, understand—the doctrines of religion and morality. The father who would have his child, when that child becomes a man, continue in his career in the fulness of Christian faith, must bring up that child amid Christian surroundings. As a rule, those men who are most sincere in their religious belief, were imbued with the spirit of religion in childhood.

I cannot bring myself to believe that there is enough religion in our homes to-day—not enough, particularly in this great, seething, crowding, pushing city. Amid the rush, the pace that kills, religion is forgotten. The husband and father has no time for it; he can't even find house room for it. As only one man here and there will tolerate religion in his office or place of business; where then, do the great mass of men keep their religion? Some few keep it within the walls of a church, pay a handsome pew rent for keeping it there, and go take a look at it once every Sunday from eleven to twelve.

I fear that especially among well-to-do families, in the homes of prosperity, religion is almost entirely neglected; at least, the subject is seldom spoken of as an expression of real feeling, except in hushed tones. And yet I do not wish to paint the situation in darker colors than it really is. I do not say all husbands and fathers neglect religion. If there are great numbers of homes in this city in which religion has no place, there are still many households in which the family live together in the spirit of Christ's teachings; and when such is the case, it is usually because the husband and wife agree in their religion, and agreeing in that, agree in all matters, and are the happier. In these homes, husband and wife love God and pray and worship together, just as they work, hope, sorrow and joy together.—*Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst.*

LES NOMS DES NÈGRES.

Noms illustres bien mal portés:

Un rapport de police d'une ville du Kentucky porte que Benjamin Franklin a été fouetté pour avoir volé des poules, que Thomas Jefferson a été arrêté pour vagabondage, que John Wesley a été pincé en flagrant délit de cambriolage, que Georges Washington passera devant les assises comme incendiaire, que Martin Luther s'est pendu à la branche d'un arbre et que Napoléon Bonaparte a été condamné à dix jours de prison pour avoir volé une chèvre.

Tous ces délinquants sont des nègres qui déshonorent des noms illustres choisis par eux.

The Rev. B. C. Haworth, of Japan, writes: "Every Japanese is enrolled at birth at the local temple. So long as he remains in the neighborhood of the family temple, it is almost impossible to get him to break the temple tie and join a Christian Church. The membership of Christian Churches is made up almost entirely of people who have come from other localities. In Osaka, for instance, it is a very rare thing to find a native of Osaka in any one of the churches."

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Mrs. Snively, Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Radford,
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December 2nd—First Sunday in Advent.
" 9th—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 16th—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 21st—St. Thomas, (Friday).
" 23rd—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25th—Christmas Day.
" 26th—St. Stephen, (Wednesday).
" 27th—St. John the Evangelist, (Thursday).
" 28th—The Innocents, (Friday).
" 30th—Sunday after Christmas.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

November 7th—Alan Crawford.
" 8th—Mabel Jane Smith.
" 9th—Adelaide Potts.
" 25th—Elise Hazel Hepburn.

MARRIED.

October 30th—James Lewis Wood and Miriam Eugenia Hanifen.
November 1st—James Pemberton Lofland and Delema Waples.

BURIED.

November 21st—Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Selden.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

For Bishop Gilbert's work among Swedes,		$500 00
" The Female Benevolent Society,		174 75
" Special Church Work Fund :—		
Mr. J. M. McDowell,	$50 00	
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	50 00	
Mr. F. A. Lewis,	25 00	
Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	50 00	
Mr. S. H. Austin, Jr.	50 00	
Mr. Frank Thomson,	50 00	
Mr. F. T. S. Darley,	50 00	
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Miss Eliza Magee,	25 00	
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Mr. Geo. L. Crawford,	50 00	
Mr. Seth Caldwell,	50 00	
Miss Everly,	50 00	
Miss Jamison,	25 00	
Mrs. Tower,	50 00	
Mrs. S. Wylie Mitchell,	25 00	
Mr. Crawford Arnold,	50 00	
Mrs. Cox,	50 00	
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00	
Miss Julia Garrett,	50 00	
Miss Elizabeth Garrett,	50 00	
Cash,	25 00	
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	50 00	
In loving memory of Sam'l Clarkson,	50 00	
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Mr. Charles H. Mellon.	25 00	
Mr. R. E. Atmore,	50 00	1250 00
From Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,		10 00
" E. N. M.,		2 00
For General Charities,		304 28
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THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle will not have their next meetings until December 12th and December 19th, on account of the Sale held by the ladies in the Guild room December 5th.

"What is the Circle doing now?" was asked last week. Sewing for the poor, looking after an invalid girl, and giving a good time to about twenty little tots.

On Wednesday evening, 28th inst., a Thanksgiving party was given to twenty poor children. That meant a good time. First they played with some little Brownies, then games were played, favors given out, and each child was then dressed up in a paper cap and given a box of candy and some cake. One does not often see a happier lot of children, and the young ladies feel amply repaid for their trouble.

Donations of shoes for the poor children from Mrs. Louise V. Sausser.

SELECTIONS.

THE EVILS OF DIVISION.

Melancthon, the celebrated German reformer, the friend of Luther, and accounted one of the wisest and greatest men of his age, endeavored to show his countrymen the great danger and disadvantage it was to Christianity in general that it should be broken up into opposing sections; and accordingly he illustrated his argument by an allegorical picture of the wolves and the dogs, who were marching onwards to fight one against the other. The wolves, that they might better know the strength of their adversary, sent forth a master wolf as their scout. The scout returned, and told the wolves that the dogs were indeed more in number, but yet, that they should not be discouraged; for he observed that the dogs were not one like another; a few mastiffs there were, but the most were little ones, which could only bark, but not bite, and would be afraid of their own shadow. Another thing, also, he observed, which should much encourage them, and that was, that the dogs marched as if they were more offended at themselves than with us; not keeping their ranks, but grinning and snarling, and biting and tearing one another, as if they would save us the labor of it. And therefore let us march on resolutely, for our enemies are their own enemies; enemies to themselves and their own peace; they bite and devour each other, and therefore we shall certainly overcome them. Though a kingdom or Church be never so well provided, yet, notwithstanding, if divisions and heart-burnings get among its members, like a spreading gangrene, they will infect the whole; and like a breach in the walls of a besieged city they will let in the enemy to destroy it. Nay, though there should be a kingdom of saints, if differences and distractions get within that kingdom, they will, like the worm in Jonah's gourd, eat up all the happiness of it in one night. Hence we should seriously lay to heart the great danger of our unhappy divisions, and perceive the great advantage, safety and comfort of unity among Christians.

ON THE LORD'S SIDE.

When the country was suffering amid the pangs of the Civil War there was an assembly of denominational preachers in Washington. A delegation was appointed from that body to wait on Mr. Lincoln and offer him their sympathy and assure him of their approval of his policy. He received them courteously and thanked them for the encouragement they brought. At the conclusion of the conference the spokesman of the party said (not without some affectation): "We trust, Mr. President, that you never fail amid your anxieties, to pray that the Lord may be on your side." "Well, gentlemen," said Mr. Lincoln, "I must confess that I have failed to so pray, but I have very earnestly tried to always be on the Lord's side."

If only men were thus content to find out the Lord's will and earnestly to follow it at any cost, rather than to search for texts to support their own preconceived notions, in other words, to always strive to be on the Lord's side, rather than to get Him to be on their side, it would be the death of sectarianism and end the divisions which afflict the Church of Christ.—*Church Bells.*

Some one gives this wise suggestion: "When a man tells you that he attended a certain church six months without being noticed by anybody, ask him how many people he tried to help."

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SERVICES.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday in the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
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FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
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Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
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CALENDAR.

January 1st—Circumcision, (Tuesday).
" 6th—The Epiphany, (Sunday).
" 13th—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 20th—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25th—Conversion of St. Paul, (Friday).
" 27th—Third Sunday after Epiphany.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

November 28th—Walter Davis.
December 9th—Robert Thomas Boyd, Jr.
" 9th—Emma Shapland Anderson.
" 30th—Susan Carpenter Parry.

MARRIED.

December 24th—Edwin Gilbert and Virginia Justus.
" 27th—Seymour Curtis Ingalls and Katherine E. O'Donnell.

BURIED.

December 4th—George Blight.
" 8th—Lewis Moore Crawford.
" 8th—Wilmer F. John.
" 13th—Abram R. Cox.
" 21st—Caroline Hartman Rieva.
" 24th—Mary Louise Baldwin.
" 26th—Charles M. Miller.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

For Episcopal Hospital,	$542 25
" Missionary Box Committee,	134 49
" Sunday School Festivals,	149 98
" Aged and Infirm Clergy,	267 23
From Mr. Thos. McKean,	50 00
" Mrs. Hockley,	5 00
" Mrs. Russell,	5 00
" Mrs. Leicester-Addis,	5 00
" 1901 Spring Garden St.,	5 00
" Children's Fair,	180 94
For Rush Hospital,	50 00
" General Charities,	465 79
" C. F. S.,	5 00
" Garment Committee,	5 00
" Christmas Gifts,	5 00
" Children's Friend Society,	32 25
Through Miss Rodman,	30 00
Total,	$1937 93
Proceeds of Sale at Parish House,	$911 70

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Third Sunday of the month—Foreign Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

A Happy New Year!

There is a good deal of confusion in people's minds concerning the matter of "Church Work." Not long ago I was asked in all seriousness, "Is St. Stephen's a working parish?" The only immediate reply which suggested itself was, "What do you mean by a working parish?" My own idea is that fundamentally a working parish is one whose members labor diligently at their "*profession*, which is to be made like unto Christ." It is quite evident that if they are lazy or indifferent here no other work which they do will be likely to amount to very much. I venture to hope that the people of this parish are not unmindful of this primary obligation.

But of course I knew that what my questioner wanted to know was whether or not the parish maintained and ran a large and efficient number of "societies," "guilds," "organizations," &c. My reply was, "in proportion to the size of the parish you would probably say that in this sense it is not what you would call a working church." It bears but little resemblance to the so called "Institutional Church," which is strenuously advocated in some quarters. We have, as compared with some parishes, but few working organizations. We have none at all for appearance sake. We do not believe in constructing machines for sake of seeing the wheels go round. We do not believe in organizing societies for sake of "giving people something to do." People have more to do as it is than they are able to do well. The only legitimate reason for starting a society is *that there is something which needs to be done.* The organizations we have are about as efficient as it is possible for organizations to be. To begin with the Vestry itself, its work is done so quietly and well that nobody knows anything about it. The same may be said of the Sunday Schools, the Female Benevolent Society, the Missionary Society, the Altar Society, the Girls' Friendly, the Boys' Guild, the King's Daughters, the Mothers' Meetings, the Children's Friend Society and the Burd Orphan Asylum. The truth is they work so silently and with so little friction that people do not realize what they are accomplishing.

There are however at least two more things which need to be done. One is a large work among young men; the other is a still larger *educational, reformatory and charitable work for street boys.* I know, or think I know, what could be done and how it could be done. But it would require a considerable sum of money to secure the plant and the machinery with which to do it. The men and women who would do the actual work I know where to lay my hands upon. Will any body offer the money?

The Rector's appeal for toys to be given to poor children during the Christmas holidays was most generously responded to by the congregation. The various societies in charge of the distribution have presented in this paper their report of what was done with the presents sent in. There were many packages without names attached. Others were sent by the following:—

Miss McDowell, pupils of Miss Gordon's school (collected by Miss Earle), Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. T. M. McKean, Mrs. Josephine L. S. Adams, Miss Baird, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Isabel R. Hunter, Miss Stevenson, Katherine Wilson, Mrs. Frederick A. Koons, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Thorn, Mrs. A. T. Cook, Mrs. Josephine Adams, Miss Jamison, Mrs. T. A. Reilly, Mrs. Rynard, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Hollingshead, Mrs. Parmalee, Stanley Atkinson, Mrs. Clarke Merchant, Mrs. Johnson, the Misses Holman, Miss Fagan, Mrs. Harkness Knorr, Mrs. A. F. Martin, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Krombarger, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Miss Evelyn Barr, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. A. G. Brunner and Mrs. W. K. Barclay, Mrs. A. Pancoast, Miss L. H. Baird, Mrs. Joseph E. Widener, Mrs. W. K. Barkley, Mrs. Benjamin Rowland, Mrs. Dr. J. Graham, Mrs. McDowell, Mr. James Greer, Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Jr., Misses Beatrice Powell and Doris Fenton, Miss Alice Grant, Mrs. Albert G. Hetherington, Dr. John Hewson, Miss Davis, Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Mrs. W. S. Price, Mr. Thomas, Miss A. McDowell, Mrs. Samuel W. Hamer, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Griffith, Miss Burton, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Hunter Brooke, Mrs. E. Becker, Mrs. Craven, Mrs. Judson, Viola Fenton Bidlack, Catherine Smith, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. Hall.

What is now the St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was formed in 1889 at a sociable held in connection with the Theatre Services of the Rev. Mr. Johnson. It was organized by Mrs. Johnson with a membership of six girls, and for a time was supported through the generosity of Mrs. Alfred C. Harrison, who was its secretary for over two years. Through Mrs. Harrison's resignation and Mrs. Johnson's leaving the city, it became part of the Parish work of St. Stephen's, and has so continued with a steadily increasing membership up to the present time, when it now numbers over a hundred and twenty-five, and bids fair to overflow its present quarters. Of its original members only two remain, Sarah Gardner and Cecilia Troop.

The Christmas entertainment of the society was held on Monday evening, December 17th, when the regular classes were dispensed with, and the evening was made a purely social one, beginning with a donkey party, which caused much merriment, and followed by games in which the girls joined with great spirit. Mrs. Rutter then followed with a breezy talk, telling of her recent Christmas experience in the far West. Mrs. Rutter is one of the original workers in the society, who is gladly welcomed back by both associates and girls. A Christmas present of a simply framed photograph was then given to each of the girls from the associates. The evening's entertainment was closed by the singing of the Girls' Friendly hymn and the reading of the prayer by Mrs. Bowden.

A new feature of the Thursday evening meetings of the society is a class in book-keeping, which has proved very popular with the girls. The services of a thoroughly competent and practical book-keeper have been secured, and under her skillful instruction the girls are rapidly becoming versed in the mysteries of single and double entry and other features of book-keeping. Combined with the cooking class, this new departure makes the Thursday evening meetings vie in interest with the Monday evening gatherings.

Although the rain came down in torrents on the day of the fair given by the children of Miss Rodman's Sunday School class, it was a great success.

The children worked hard; the ladies interested were untiring in their efforts to make it a success. The friends of the children came in the pouring rain to show their interest in the cause, and to help the children raise money for the Sheltering Arms, and the Southern Home for Destitute Children. These two Institutions are doing a grand work by caring for and saving little children who have been ill treated or homeless.

The ladies of the Parish House Committee of St. Stephen's Church held, on the 6th, 7th and 8th of December, their annual sale of the handiwork of gentlewomen who are obliged by their own efforts to support themselves.

The Committee never charge the depositors any commission for selling their goods. The sales amounted this year to $911.70. The Committee wish most earnestly to thank the members of the Congregation for the cheerful and liberal patronage of this year's sale.

The children of the Infant class had a party on the Friday before Christmas, and it would be hard to find a happier set of children.

Several of the young ladies of the Parish, and some of the older members of Miss Rodman's afternoon class, kindly came and entertained the children. The spirit with which they played "Blind Man's Buff," "Drop the Handkerchief," and the zeal with which they "Went to Jerusalem," made the faces of the little ones shine with delight.

There was plenty of ice cream and cake, and very quickly the long tables were made ready. So much cream and cake were stowed away that those who were passing it trembled for fear some of the children might not be able to rise from the table; but they were, and not only that, but each child seemed perfectly able to carry home a doll, book or game that was given them. No one who saw their radiant little faces, as they said "Good night," had any doubts as to whether that party was a success.

Miss Rodman wishes to acknowledge having received bundles of clothing from Miss Perot, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Nixon and Miss Farrar Smith;

magazines and papers from Mrs. Borie; cake from Emily, Lena and Leonard Beale, Frances Graham and Caryl Roberts, Emily Austen, Katherine Wilson, May Townsend, Annette Cornish, Josephine and Louise Elliot, Louise and Ethel Weightman, Ada Hetherington; 4 quarts of ice cream from Mrs. Hollingshead.

Miss Rodman's afternoon class,	$14 00
Miss Stevenson,	2 00
Miss Dickerson,	2 00
Miss Russell,	1 00
Mr. C. P. Perot,	1 00
Mrs. Borie,	5 00
Miss Mitchel,	5 00
	$30 00

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE have received gifts of clothing during the past year from 108 different contributors, some of whom have kindly contributed more than once. These articles have been distributed to various needy individuals, and also to the following institutions: Children's Friend Society, Missionary Box Society, Italian Mission, Rush Hospital for Consumptives, King's Daughters, Bishop Whitaker's Appeal for California, Visiting Nurses' Society and Mrs. Buford's Hospital.

Balance of garments November 30th, 1893,	607
Garments received up to November 30th, 1894,	706
Total,	1313
Garments distributed up to November 30th, 1894,	840
Balance,	473
Total,	1313

The winter months are always the busiest, and the demand at present for women's nightgowns, medium size, and men's nightshirts is not equalled by the supply, so if the contributors next month will just bear this in mind, some of the applicants for these necessities will be duly grateful.

Contributors during December:

Mrs. Arrison,	Miss Hollingshead,
Mrs. Blakely,	Mrs. Johns,
Mrs. C. H. Colket,	Mrs. Judson,
Mrs. Seth Caldwell,	Mrs. Kenworthy,
Mrs. G. L. Crawford,	Mrs. Kelly,
Miss Christopher,	Miss M. J. Lewis,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. C. R. Lee,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. J. P. Lippincott,
Miss Dickson,	Mrs. Musgrove,
Miss Durang,	Mrs. Moody,
Mrs. Thos. M. Drysdale,	No name, 5 parcels,
Mrs. Fenton,	Mrs. Olmstead,
Mrs. Gass,	Mrs. Pierce,
Mrs. Glynn,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Hine,	Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Holman,	Miss Sinclair,
Miss Stroup,	Mrs. Sydney H. Evans,
Mrs. Washington,	Mrs. Wood,
Whatsoever Circle,	Misses Sanders.

Garments contributed in December,	403
Garments distributed in December,	102

Monday, Jan.	7th—Miss Baird,	Miss Sanders,
" "	14th—Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth,
" "	21st—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot,
" "	28th—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE, King's Daughters, held their annual fair December 18th and 19th. The Circle wish to thank Miss Cleemann, Miss Rodman and Mrs. Stratton for articles contributed.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in December:

Dec. 4th—	Anonymous (through Dr. McConnell),	$ 5 00
	From Miss Rodman's afternoon class,	10 00
Dec. 12th—	Miss E. W. Stevenson,	5 00
	Mrs. W. A. Holman,	1 50
	Miss K. B.,	1 00
	Cash,	1 00
	Mrs. Reinboth,	75
	Miss Ford,	1 00
	From Miss Rodman's afternoon class for Christmas,	5 00
	Total,	$30 25

Contributing members in December:

Miss Anna Sinclair,	$ 1 00
Miss Ford,	1 00
Total,	$32 25

Clothing from Mrs. M. M. Parmalee; Mrs. John B. Craven, books and dolls; Miss K. B., stockings and handkerchiefs; box of new clothing from Mrs. Sidney Hoopes Evans; one dozen warm skirts, made by the King's Daughters, and Christmas tree fixing; Christmas cards, from Miss Stevenson.

Nothing appeals so much to a person's feelings as poor children at Christmas time.

One would have thought so had they gone into St. Stephen's Sunday School room about nine o'clock Friday morning, and a stranger would have looked and asked what was going on? On the platform was being arranged a drawing room, on which Mr. Clayton, who is one of the best of friends to the little ones, had worked for two days.

The walls were papered, curtains and hangings, loaned by kind friends in the Church, were hung, a mantle was built and bricked around, which when a Fairy's wand touched, would turn into boxes of candy. There were rugs, furniture, mantle ornaments and bric-a-brac.

But off in the corner stood a little crib; what does it all mean? Don't you see the toys that the people of St. Stephen's have so generously sent? It is the poor children that the Children's Friend Society have invited to have their Christmas to night. Half-past seven the tickets say, but at seven o'clock they commence coming, and after quite a number are in the room it is suggested that the Christmas cards be given out which Miss Stevenson so kindly donated.

Miss Littell from West Philadelphia very kindly offered to play a solo on the banjo, then Miss Bertha Walsh gave a recitation; some of the little ones were then called upon and they did very well. The curtain was then raised and there sat grandmother Kringle knitting, mother Merry on the other side of the room waiting for some one and in the crib a little boy and girl are supposed to be fast asleep. Mrs. Clayton then read "The night before Christmas when all through the house, &, &,"——A jingle is heard, up jumps mother and finds it is Santa Claus, (who is generally known as Mr. Hall, the children's friend). He comes in, looks at the children and goes to work to fill the stockings; then he goes out and the little ones wake up, take down their stockings and gather up the toys in their little nightdresses. Santa Claus comes back and looks around the room and wonders where he is going to get enough toys for over 200 children? Hark, what a prancing there is outside!

Then a Fairy enters (who is Miss Freeman), he tells his trouble and she takes her wand and waves it across the bricks about the mantle, which are then turned into boxes of candy. She then helps Santa Claus distribute them and a basket of small toys, tops, balls, mouth organs, horns and small dolls and bags of beads.

But this is not all, over two hundred gifts were given out, dolls, kitchens, dishes, blocks and games of all sorts, books and all sorts of toys imaginable, including a blackboard and a tricycle which a kind little boy brought down to the Church to give.

You can imagine the children's delight, they never had such a nice Christmas.

The ladies of the Society would like to thank the Rector and all the kind friends of the congregation for making these children so happy.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle, have their meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month, January 2nd and 16th, at half-past seven o'clock.

The King's Daughters have visited in December St. Christopher's Hospital, there making seventeen poor little children happy with toys, books, jelly and scrap books. They have sewed and given to the Children's Friend Society twelve little warm skirts and helped with the Christmas entertainment, sent two garments to the Garment Society and last but not least, filled five large baskets with poultry, all sorts of groceries, can vegetables, fruit and potatoes, candy and nuts for five poor families. A note from one of the women was received, expressing how much pleasure her Christmas basket gave.

Donation from Miss Sidford, $1.00

Christmas cards from Miss Stevenson.

SELECTIONS.

EXCUSES.

So you are not going to church this morning, my son? Ah, yes, I see. "The music is not good." That's a pity; that's what you go to church for, to hear music. And the less we pay, the better we demand.

"And the pews are uncomfortable." That's too bad—the Sabbath is a day of rest, and we go to church for repose. The less work we do during the week, the more rest we clamor for on Sunday.

"And the sermon is so long, always." All these things are to be regretted. I would regret them more sincerely, my boy, did I not know that you will often squeeze into a stuffed street car with a hundred other men, breathing an incense of whiskey, beer and tobacco, and hang on to a strap by your eyelids for two miles, then pay five cents for the privilege of sitting on a rough plank in the broiling sun for two hours longer, and come home and talk the rest of the family into a state of aural paralysis about the "dandiest game you ever saw played on that ground."

Ah, my boy, you see what staying away from church does. It develops a habit of lying. There isn't one man in a hundred who would go on the witness stand and give, under oath, the same reasons for not going to church that he gives to his family every Sunday morning. My son, if you didn't think you ought to go, you wouldn't make any excuses for not going. No man apologizes for doing right.

THE GROWTH OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Rev. A. E. Waffle, D. D., writing from Jamestown, N. Y., to *The Christian Enquirer*, draws attention to the fact that the Episcopal Church is growing in every part of the United States. Speaking of the growth of the Baptist community in the State of New York, Dr. Waffle says the Baptists are increasing mostly in the large towns, but that in the state some of their associations have barely held their own, while some have suffered an actual decrease during the last twenty years. From 1870 to 1892, according to The Annual, the Baptists increased from 100,032 to 136,212, an actual gain of 36,180, or 36 per cent., whilst in the same period the Episcopalians have increased as much as 141 per cent. Upon this notable increase of the Episcopal Church, Dr. Waffles makes the following remarks:

"What are the reasons for this superior growth? It certainly is not due to better preaching, for the Baptists have more better preachers than any other denomination. Some will say that it is due to immigration from England; but that is a mistake, for the bulk of English immigrants are Wesleyan Methodists. Some will attribute it to the ritual, and yet others to the fact that Episcopalianism is an 'easy' religion, not requiring conversion and a godly life. How far these causes are operative I do not know; but, in my opinion, they effect Episcopalian growth far less than is commonly supposed. I believe that this growth is due mainly to the confidence, assurance and courage of the Episcopalian leaders. They believe that theirs is 'The Church,' and are not slow to assert their belief. That very assurance, and the exclusiveness which follows it, is their tower of strength. They are not ashamed of their belief, they have the 'courage of their convictions,' and a large part of the world takes them at their own estimate. Here is the secret of their power.

Bishop Tucker, of Uganda, ordained seven men to the ministry recently, two of whom are the greatest chiefs in the country and govern great provinces. These were only ordained deacons. The ceremony took place in the cathedral, of which the Bishop says: "For Central Africa it is as wonderful a building as Durham cathedral is for England. There are nearly 500 trees in it used as pillars. Some of them were brought five or six days' journey and needed several hundred men to carry them." On February 5, twenty-eight men were baptised, and on the 8th, seventy-five adults were confirmed. More than 150 candidates for baptism appeared in a few days.

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" 3rd—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
" 10th—Septuagesima Sunday.
" 17th—Sexagesima Sunday.
" 24th—Quinquagesima Sunday. St. Matthias.
" 27th—Ash Wednesday.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

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" 4th—Sophia Toy.
" 13th—Edith Bean Washbourn.
" 26th—Maud Morgan.

MARRIED.

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BURIED.

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" 23rd—William H. Daly.
" 26th—Mrs. Ida E. Snively.
" 27th—Mrs. Mary Emma Dager.
" 28th—Mrs. Catherine A. Olmsted.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

For Foreign Missions,	$172 30
" General Charities,	481 49
Through Miss Rodman,	1 75
Total,	$655 54

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

Third Sunday of the Month—For Diocesan Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS of the Vestry were by an oversight not printed in the PARISH NEWS of January as they should have been and as was intended.

IN MEMORIAM.

GEORGE BLIGHT.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, held December 3, 1894, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our dear brother and fellow vestryman, George Blight.

Resolved, that we hereby desire to place upon record our deep appreciation of the life and character of our departed friend and colleague. Mr. Blight was a member of St. Stephen's Parish since its founding in 1823, being brought to it when a child. He was made a member of its vestry in 1872. During his whole lifetime, in his association with the Church, he manifested those qualities which have so long made him to be regarded as almost the ideal of a Christian gentleman. His deep and simple-minded devotion, his unfailing courteousness, and his willingness to devote time and attention to Church affairs, have rendered him invaluable and made his death a loss all the more deplorable to the Church.

But we console ourselves by calling to mind that those same properties of mind and heart which have been to the Church upon earth so valuable are those same qualities, which, we humbly believe, have made him fit and prepared for the enjoyments and activities of the Church beyond.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Vestry, and that copies of the same be sent to the family of Mr. Blight, and also be published in the PARISH NEWS, *The Church Standard*, the *Churchman* and the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*.

EDWARD ROWLAND, *Secretary*.

THE BISHOP WILL MAKE HIS ANNUAL VISITATION for Confirmation on Tuesday before Easter, April 9, at 11 o'clock.

Any person who has not been confirmed and who is old enough to be confirmed, and who is not in a position to give a satisfactory reason for not having been confirmed will kindly give his or her name and address to any of the Clergy before or during Lent.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE NOON DAY SERVICES for business women have been held at St. Stephen's during Lent. For a still longer period a similar service for business men has been held at old St. Paul's on Third Street. This latter service has been under the management of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood of the Diocese. This year the Brotherhood proposed to the Rector of this Parish that they should bring their services from St. Paul's and consolidate them with the business women's services at St. Stephen's.

It seems to be a wise and right thing to do. This coming Lent, therefore, the two services will be merged into one large service for business men and women to be held every day at St. Stephen's Church at 12.30, and ending upon the minute at 5 minutes before one. There will be, as has been heretofore, a short service and a short address. It is hoped that the Bishop of the Diocese will be able to open the services on Ash Wednesday. During the remainder of that week the Rector of the Church will conduct the services and make the addresses. During the following weeks the Clergy and services will be as follows:

Beginning Monday, March 4th, Rev. Dr. Mortimer, of St. Mark's Church.
Subject, "Temptation; its laws."

Beginning Monday, March 11th, Rev. Mr. Burgess, of St. Asaph's.
Subject, "Temptation; its remedy."

Beginning Monday, March 18th, Rev. Dr. Parks, of St. Peter's.
Subject, "Human Nature; what it is."

Beginning Monday, March 25th, Rev. Dr. Bodine.
Subject, "The Christian's Daily Life."

Beginning Monday, April 1st, Rev. Dr. McConnell.
Subject, "The Church; what it is."

The attendance at these services will no doubt be very large, and it is both hoped and expected that the advantage of them will be even greater than that which has manifested itself as a result of our Noon Day Services in previous years.

During Lent as usual there will be Evening Prayer every day at 5 o'clock with Confirmation Instructions at the Wednesday and Friday 5 o'clock services.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, which occurs this year upon the 17th of February, is the day, which for a number of years has been used in this Parish for the annual offering the Diocesan Missions. It will be used this year for the same purpose, and in the same way.

As to the purpose, the Rector has in previous years said about all he knows. Certainly all the members of the parish will agree with him that the City in which we live will yet bear a considerable amount of preaching of the Gospel. Beside that, all who are in any sense related to the church will agree with him that the Gospel has in certain regards been better presented by this Church than it has by any other. The truth is, what this City and all other cities need at this juncture more than anything else is not more wisdom or sagacity in the management of its affairs or better political arrangements. What it needs is more good people; that is to say people who do not lie nor steal nor covet their neighbors' goods, and who at least try to do to others as they would have others do unto them. The offering for the Diocesan Mission is to provide for a portion of the expenses necessary in creating such people.

As to the method, it has been the custom to ask each member of the Parish annually for $5 for this purpose, and as there are many who cannot afford to pay so much and who pay but a portion of it, others have always been willing to contribute more than their share so as to bring up the balance. The representative of the Parish will call upon every family in the week between the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of February to receive their offering, which will be placed on the Altar the 3rd Sunday. These collectors have always been received with courtesy and the Rector has no doubt that they will be so received again. Will the contributors kindly place their contributions in an envelope addressed to the Church and instruct their servants to give them at once to the collector when he calls.

THE MANAGERS OF THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY wish to announce that on Friday, February the 8th there will be a Sale, in the Guild room of the Parish House, after service; a Sale of articles made by the poor women employed by the Society. These articles are suitable for Hospitals, for the Garment Committee of the Church, or for any charitable object to which the buyer may wish to donate them. There is a very large stock on hand and each week it grows larger, so, if the ladies of the Congregation will kindly come on Friday and buy, it will be a great assistance to those who have this work in charge.

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE, through the generosity of the Congregation, has been able to send three valuable boxes this winter to Missionaries in Michigan, Missouri and Oklahoma. Judging from past years they feel confident that the offerings during Lent will enable them to undertake the sending of the usual number of boxes to those who are working in these Mission fields.

Most valuable clothing has been sent to the Committee from the following:

Mr. George Crawford,
Mrs. Kenworthy,
Mrs. McConnell,
Mrs. Harry Rogers,
Mrs. Townsend,
Mrs. Vanderslice,
No Name,
No Name,
Garment Committee,
Lenten Sewing Committee.

MISS RODMAN WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE having received from

A friend,	$1 00
A friend,	75

Bundles of clothing from

Mrs. Elliot,
Mrs. Roberts,
Mrs. Austen,
Mrs. Harry Stevenson,
Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Williamson,
Mrs. Beale,
The Mothers' Loyal Circle.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE have received during January 165 garments and distributed 161.

Contributors during January:

Mrs. Atmore,
Miss Atmore,
Miss Baird,
Miss E. Bell,
Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Wm. B. Brech,
Mrs. J. L. Barr,
Miss Cleemann,
Miss Christopher,
Mrs. Fenton,
Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Judson,
Mrs. Lundy,
Miss Lundy,
Miss Koons,
Miss Livingston,
Misses Magee,
Mrs. Maclay,
Mrs. Newlin,
Mr. C. H. Hillmann,
Mrs. A. Pancoast,
Mrs. Harry Rogers,
Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Jr.,
No Name,
No Name,
Mothers' Loyal Legion,
(King's Daughters).
Miss Stevenson.

Monday, Feb.	4th—Miss Sanders,	Miss Baird.
"	" 11th—Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth.
"	" 18th—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot.
"	" 25th—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid.

AT THE JANUARY MEETING of the Associates of the Girls' Friendly Society several things of interest concerning its general management were discussed; among others a plan for a Neighborhood Conference, in which it was decided that our Branch should take the initiative, provided the co-operation of the neighboring Church could be secured. By a Neighborhood Conference is meant that several branches of the Girls' Friendly Society, who are near enough to be neighbors, should meet together now and then to make each other's personal acquaintance, to confer together about matters interesting or helpful to all, to ask questions, to give answers, to receive instruction. Perhaps some of our members will write papers, as it is hoped that they will heartily respond to this appeal to their hospitality, and to take a strong individual interest in the successful carrying out of this idea. At a conference of this kind held in New York, one of the members read a paper on "An Ideal Associate," and an associate responded with one on "An Ideal Girl." This conference successfully carried out could not fail to be beneficial to all, besides giving an opportunity for pleasant social intercourse among those having the same aims in view.

It was also decided to form a class in darning, where the girls will be given instruction in this homely but very important domestic accomplishment. Those members wishing to join should make application to Mrs. Bowden, who will give their names to the associate having it in charge.

After this the dressmaking class will be held on both Monday and Thursday evenings, as the number of pupils has made it impossible for the teacher to do full justice to all in a single evening. Through the kind offices of Mrs. Hall a sewing machine was secured at an almost nominal price, which adds greatly to the facilities of the class. This is one of the most important classes in the society, and its popularity shows how highly the members appreciate its practical value.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in January.

Miss A. W. Bennett, (Germantown), 25c.
Clothing from Mrs. H. M. Crombarger.
Clothing from M. E. Sinn.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month, February 6th and 20th, at half past seven o'clock.

Donations received from one of the King's Daughters, Mrs. L. V. Sausser, three pairs of gum boots to be given to the poor.

Magazines from Mrs. M. M. Parmalee.

HELENA, MONTANA, Jan. 14, 1895.

MY DEAR DR. MCCONNELL:

Are you one who thinks a Missionary Bishop is one who should stay at home and mind his own business? I am doing that this year, and I wish I could do it every year. But money does not come in, and I am at my wits' end. Hooker says "Cut down my salary," but I know it ought not to be done, and I don't mean to do it. However, where the money is to come from to pay my clergy I do not know. I wonder if you can help me.

Faithfully yours,
L. R. BREWER,
Missionary Bishop of Montana.

A CHINESE ENTERTAINMENT entitled "A trip to Central China" (fifteen ladies and gentlemen in Chinese costume) will be given by the King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle on Wednesday evening, February 13th, 1895. Doors open 7.30; commencing at 8 o'clock. In the Sunday School room of St. Stephen's Church.

SELECTED.

It is said that the Archbishop of York recently wrote to the incumbent of a rural parish suggesting that a "Quiet Day" should be held there. The following was the reply: "My Lord—In this parish we have too many quiet days; what we want is an earthquake."

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REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

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Mr. Beauveau Borie, Mr. Charles H. Mellon.
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Mr. Edward Rowland,

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed.& Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

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Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy, Mrs. Arrison,
Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Lundy, Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson, Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Willson, Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers, Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson,
Miss Thomas, Miss Pease, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Bright,
Miss Magee, Mrs. Boyd,
Mrs. Arrison, Miss E. Klahr,
Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons,
Mrs. Whitlock. Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Cleemann,
Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Sanders,
Miss Cleemann, Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth, Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Lammot,
Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Josephine Lewis, *Sec.* Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*

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ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Mellon.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey,	Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby,	Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton,	Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson,	Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot,	Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr,	Miss Langton,
Miss Thompson,	Mrs. Crane,
Miss Thomas,	Miss Emily K. Sharp.

Miss Marie Bunn.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson,	Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby,	Miss Perot.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Lundy,	Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey,	Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor,	Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton,	Miss Stevenson,
Miss Selden,	Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford,	Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. Rogers,	Miss Thomas,
Miss Perot,	Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Seabrook,	Miss Lewis,
Miss Byllesby,	Mrs. Graham,
Miss Gerrish,	Miss Lundy,
Miss Walker,	Miss Winpenny,

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

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PARISH SCHOOL.

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Treasurer—Miss Carter.
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Mrs. Molloy,	Miss Marion B. Smith,
Miss H. W. Sanders,	Miss Mabel Edwards,
Mrs. Howard Butcher,	Mrs. Leicester-Addis,
Mr. T. H. Walters,	Mr. Lineweaver,

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, *Deaconess*,
Miss Perot, Miss Thomas, Miss Clarkson.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney,	Mrs. Hall,
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Vice-President—Albert Berg.
Secretary—Clyde Mendenhall.
Treasurer—Frank Collins.
Meets on Fridays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish,	Miss Dickerson,
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Mrs. Bowden,	Mrs. J. B. Shober,
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" 24th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 25th—Annunciation of Virgin Mary.
" 31st—Fifth Sunday in Lent.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

February 5th—Mary Elizabeth Duffy.
" 13th—Charlotte Elizabeth Haase.

MARRIED.

February 22nd—Montague Henry Morle and Harriet Soley.
" 25th—John Bedford Shober and Margaret Simmons Harlan.
" 26th—James Braton Thompson and Emelia Garrison Brinton.

BURIED.

February 8th—Charles Frederick Hupfeld.
" 14th—Frank Granger Kennedy.
" 19th—Edwin T. Eisenbrey.
" 20th—Anna I. Dolby.
" 20th—Richard Winstanley Ormerod.
" 20th—Elias Hall Toy.
" 22nd—Robert Swift Joyce.
" 23rd—George A. Guion.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For Bishop Brewer,	$ 15 00
" Diocesan Missions,	1259 50
From Miss Maulsby,	5 00
" Mrs. M. Kean,	85 00
" A Friend,	2 00
" Mrs. Stratton,	1 00
" Mrs. Borie,	10 00
" Mrs. Mitchell,	16 50
" Mrs. Colket,	3 00
" Mrs. Bowden and Miss Dickerson,	5 00
" Miss Balch,	2 00
" Miss Rodman's Sunday School Class,	1 78
" Anonymous,	25 00
" Mrs. Hunter Brooke,	2 00
For General Charities,	474 09
Total,	$1906 87

From Mr. Charles Hartshorne, 4 half-tons Coal.

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

Third Sunday of the Month—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Wednesday Mornings in Lent, " " } Missionary Box
Friday Afternoons " " } Committee.

THERE ARE THREE CLASSES OF PEOPLE who are concerned with the Bishop's visit to this Parish for Confirmation.

(1) Those who have sons and daughters between fifteen and twenty, who have not yet been confirmed. Of course, they cannot summarily bring such young people to the Bishop; but they cannot well answer to God for it if they let the matter drift, and through indifference or hesitancy fail to set before their sons and daughters their duty.

(2) There are the young people themselves, who having now reached years of discretion should face the facts of life and deal with them. Religion is one of those facts from which no one can escape, even if he wished.

(3) Those grown men and women who are practically Christians, but who have not been willing thus far to be definitely counted upon as upon the Master's side.

In all these cases the ground of the obligation is the same.

Confirmation may stand, in a general way, for openly joining oneself to Christ's Church. Why should one do so? I reply:—generally speaking, he cannot be a good man without it. This is not because there is any magic in the Church or the Sacraments to make a man good in spite of himself. It is because the idea of goodness, an ideal which has come to be quite universally accepted, is such as cannot be realized without this. His idea of goodness is double. It contains the idea of personal purity, and of earnest solicitude for other people's welfare, and he declares their religious welfare to be the chief thing. Now, the first of these might, conceivably, be reached by an individual alone. He might become, all by himself, clean and chaste, and honest and patient. He might do all this alone with God. In some rare instances he does so, but ordinarily, he does not. There are a few persons who secure an education all by themselves, but they are very few; and they get their education painfully, and as a rule, their education is not good. Personal righteousness does not come easy to any human soul. If one really desires it, he will do well to learn in the divinely established school of goodness, which is the Church. The routine, the atmosphere, the ordinances, the Sacraments of the Church, are generally necessary to salvation from sin. They are necessary. As things are it cannot be reached without them. Of course, if one does not really wish for personal goodness, there is nothing more to be said. He ought not to be confirmed.

But the second requirement of goodness according to Christ, cannot be reached at all apart from the Church. There is no other institution in existence which has for its purpose to make the world good. There are institutions a plenty for keeping the world in order, for feeding it when it is hungry, for clothing it when it is naked, for instructing it when it is ignorant; and these are all excellent. But Christ's society is for a higher purpose. It is to get men set right with their inmost selves and with Almighty God, with life and death and the future. He asks recruits for this Society. He declares that He will make up his final judgment of every man largely upon the way in which he has or has not responded to this call. He wants to know upon whom He may count. "He that confesseth me before men, him will I also confess." Joining the Church, then, is not a profession that one is better than his fellows; or that he is better to-day than he was yesterday; but that he is in sympathy with the aim and purpose of the Son of Man, and wishes to be so counted.

THE NOON-DAY LENTEN SERVICES this year, as has been announced, will be under the care and direction of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood of the Diocese. It is with some reluctance that the Rector changes the kind of services, which have given so much pleasure, and he hopes profit, for several years past. But the truth is that the daily addresses, together with the other work necessary is more than he is up to. He does not feel that he can any longer do it well, and would therefore prefer not to undertake the whole of it. For that reason he welcomes most gladly the offer of the St. Andrew's men that they should undertake the care of the services, and he is very glad that the people of our own Parish and others will have the opportunity to hear such men as Dr. Mortimer, Dr. Bodine, Mr. Burgess and Dr. Parks. There is every reason to hope and expect that the services will be very largely attended, and that they will also be pleasant and profitable.

LENTEN SEWING.—The Committee are ready for contributions of money and goods for the Lenten work. The members of the Congregation are kindly asked to take or send for *cut-out* garments to have made and ready for distribution Easter week. The demands are great from hospitals, homes, nurseries, &c. Garments will be given out after any morning service.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE report having received in the month of February 179 pieces; given out 56 pieces.

Contributors during February: Mrs. Maulsby, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Goforth, Miss Bessie Clayton, Mrs. Edward Rowland, Miss Baird, Miss F. Pancoast, Mrs. F. T. S. Darley, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Lammot, No Name, Mrs. D. Parker, Col. D. Parker, No Name, Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stratton, Mrs. Davison, Miss Davison, Mother's Loyal Circle of King's Daughters, Mrs. W. Anable, Miss Lundy, Miss Seabrook, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Joseph E. Widener, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Bidlack, Miss C. W. Anable.

Monday, March 4th—Miss Sanders, Miss Baird.
" " 11th—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 18th—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 25th—Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirheid.

MRS. RODMAN WISHES TO acknowledge having received clothing, cotton and cheese cloth from:

Mrs. Stratton, Miss Davison, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Lovejoy and Mrs. Darley.

Received in February:

A Friend,	2 00
Mrs. Stratton,	1 00
Mrs. B. Borie,	10 00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	16 50
Mrs. Colket,	3 00
Mrs. Bowden,	3 00
Miss Dickerson,	2 00
Miss Balch,	2 00
Sunday-School Class,	1 78
Mrs. Hunter Brooke,	2 00

From Mrs. Austen, Mrs. Chas. C. Perot, Miss Thomas, Miss Annetta Cornish, Mrs. Clayton and Miss Mitchell, loaves of cake.

Owing to the kindness of several of the young ladies of the Parish, the little children of the Infant Class had on Friday afternoon several hours of almost perfect happiness. For over an hour the young ladies worked with a will, helping the children with the games; and then the "party" came in. Every child had all the cake and ice cream he or she could eat and that is saying much.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in February:

From Mrs. E. M. Richardson,	$20 00
" Mr. S. M., for clothing for Benevolent Society,	5 00
" Mr. E. M., for clothing for Benevolent Society,	5 00
Contributing Members in February:	
Mrs. M. M. Parmalee,	1 00
Mrs. C. P. Stratton,	1 00
Total,	$32 00

The poor children have not been forgotten, but owing to so much sickness in our city and the children having such a nice Christmas Entertainment it was thought best to wait a month or so.

Many of the children have been seen by the different ladies in the Society, clothing given to some and shoes to others, which were given by the King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle.

It has been asked by a stranger if we have a shoe fund in St. Stephen's Church? They have them in other Parishes. Will each member of the Congregation contribute 25 cents a year towards such a fund if the King's Daughters will start one?

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month, March 6th and 20th.

The Entertainment given February 13th, entitled, "A trip to Central China," by the Rev. Mr. Poole, a missionary of some years in that country, was most instructive and entertaining, and was enjoyed by all. It might be a good idea to have it repeated before a still larger and older audience. The young ladies and gentlemen made quite a pretty picture in their Chinese and Japanese dresses.

The money received from the silver offering amounted to	$13 37
Received from Miss Sidford,	2 00
" " Mrs. Taylor,	1 00
" " Miss Sanders,	50
" " Miss Stevenson,	50
Total,	$17 37

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—A Quiet Day for Churchwomen, will be held on the second Thursday in Lent, March 7th, 1895, at the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia. To be conducted by Rt. Rev. William Croswell Doane, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Albany. The services will be as follows: St. James' Church, Walnut and Twenty-second Streets, 7.30 A. M., Holy Communion; Bishop Doane Celebrant Church of the Incarnation, 9.30 A. M., Holy Communion; Rev. Dr. Newlin Celebrant, 10.30 A. M., First Meditation, 3 P. M., afternoon Offerings of the day, for the United Offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions made at its Triennial Meeting in October.

Conference of Churchwomen in Holy Trinity Parish House, Twentieth Street below Walnut, on Friday, March 8th, from 10.30 A. M. till 1 P. M. and from 2.30 till 4.30 P. M.

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, the annual meeting of the corporation of the Church Training and Deaconess House was held at the Deaconess House. In the absence of the bishop of the diocese, the meeting was called to order, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Rumney, the warden. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. Ewing L. Miller, and, after a brief address by the warden, the report of the treasurer, Mr. George C. Thomas, showing a small balance on hand, was received and referred to the auditing committee.

The report of the board of managers was read by Miss E. N. Biddle. The report of the house-mother, Miss Sanford, deaconess, was also read. From the various reports, it appeared that during the past year there have been in the House nineteen students, besides twenty day students attending the classes. Though the work is still new, and is still largely tentative and experimental, eleven women have been already set apart as deaconesses, and sixteen have been sent out as qualified Bible-teachers. The interest of the work has been increased by the occasional residence of missionaries from abroad, as the Rev. Dr. Tyng, of Japan, and the Rev. Jules L. Prevost, of Alaska, also by frequent visits from missionary bishops and from the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary. The demand for deaconesses greatly exceeds the supply, and the managers are continually asking themselves why it it that more women do not devote themselves to deaconess work, and why they do not more generally avail themselves of the opportunities of instruction which are offered. The clergy have shown the greatest interest in the house and its work, and have freely undertaken to conduct the classes of the students. The following is the teaching corps: *Professors:* Pastoral Theology, Rev. T. S. Rumney, D. D.; Theology, Rev. William Ely; Old Testament, Rev. L. W. Batten, Ph. D.; New Testament, Rev. R. W. Micou; Prayer Book, Rev. L. N. Robinson; Ancient Church History, Rev. R. T. Eastman; Modern Church History, Rev. John R. Moses; New Testament Use of the Old Testament, Rev. James D. W. Perry, D. D.; Business Methods, Rev. Horace Fuller. *Instructors:* Hygiene and Home Sanitation, Seneca Egbert, M. D.; Bible Study, Miss Coles, Miss E. N. Biddle, Miss McVickar; *House-Mother*, C. H. Sanford, deaconess.

The organization of the corporation is as follows: President, the Bishop of the Diocese; warden, Rev. Dr. Rumney; the board of council, the president and warden *ex-officio*, John Ashhurst, Jr., M. D., Charles C. Harrison, R. Francis Wood, George C. Thomas, treasurer, and Ewing L. Miller, secretary.

The following is the board of managers: *President*, Miss Coles; *Vice-President*, Miss McVickar; *Treasurer*, Miss E. P. Aertsen; *Secretary*, Miss Anne N. Sanders, Miss Frances E. Bennett, Miss E. N. Biddle, Miss Annie Buchanan, Mrs. William W. Farr, Miss Elizabeth Morris, Mrs. Effingham Perot, Mrs. Andrew A. Blair and Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

A resolution was adopted requesting the bishop to address a pastoral letter to the clergy and parishes of the diocese, calling attention to the Church Training and Deaconess House, not only with a view to secure subscriptions and donations to its support, but even more urgently to press upon the attention of the women of the diocese the opportunity which the House affords to qualify themselves for efficient service as deaconesses and for any department of Church work in which they may be called to serve.

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1318 Locust Street.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

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Mr. Charles H. Mellon.
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Mr. George L. Crawford.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

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Mrs. F. A. Lewis,
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Mrs. Russell,
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Mrs. Austin,
Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Arrison,
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Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,
Miss Lundy,
Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Hine,
Mrs. Willson,
Mrs. Adams,
Mrs. H. Rogers,
Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Durang,
Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson,
Miss Thomas, Miss Pease, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,
Miss Magee,
Mrs. Arrison,
Mrs. Bright,
Mrs. Boyd,
Miss E. Klahr,
Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A.M.

Miss Stevenson,
Mrs. Whitlock.
Miss Mary L. Koons,
Mrs. Musgrove,
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

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Mrs. Muirheid,
Mrs. Stratton,
Miss Cleemann,
Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford,
Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Muirheid,
Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Reinboth,
Miss Dutilh,
Miss Sanders,
Miss Stoddard,
Miss L. Bell,
Mrs. Lammot.
Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Josephine Lewis, *Sec.* Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Mellon.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Langton,
Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Thomas, Miss Emily K. Sharp.
Miss Marie Bunn.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Lundy, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. Rogers, Miss Thomas,
Miss Perot, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Seabrook, Miss Lewis,
Miss Byllesby, Mrs. Graham,
Miss Gerrish, Miss Lundy,
Miss Walker, Miss Winpenny,

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
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Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.
Music Teacher—Miss Matchin.

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Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Assistant Secretary—John D. Firmin.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman,
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Miss Langton, Miss A. R. Stratton,
Miss Hansell, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Maria G. Mitchell,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss Marion B. Smith,
Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss Mabel Edwards,
Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Leicester-Addis,
Mr. T. H. Walters, Mr. Lineweaver,
Miss Boyd.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, *Deaconess*,
Miss Perot, Miss Thomas, Miss Clarkson.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Marion B. Smith, Miss Pabst,
Miss Lewis, Miss Edwards.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Geo. Pfeifer.
Vice-President—Albert Berg.
Secretary—Clyde Mendenhall.
Treasurer—Frank Collins.

Meets on Fridays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hall, Miss Harlan,
Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. J. B. Shober,
Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Russel,
Mrs. Newlin, Miss Marion B. Smith,
Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Rutter.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)
President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Business Meeting Second Friday of every Month.
President—Harry P. Christensen.
Vice-President—John D. Firmin.
Secretary—E. W. Spackman.
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Executive Committee:
Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D.,
Rev. J. L. Miller,
John Seed,
John Simpson.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

April 7th—Sunday before Easter.
" 8th—Monday before Easter.
" 9th—Tuesday before Easter.
" 10th—Wednesday before Easter.
" 11th—Thursday before Easter.
" 12th—Good Friday.
" 13th—Easter-Even.
" 14th—Easter Day.
" 15th—Monday in Easter Week.
" 16th—Tuesday in Easter Week.
" 21st—First Sunday after Easter.
" 25th—St. Mark. (Thursday)
" 28th—Second Sunday after Easter.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

March 8th—Edward Swift Newton.
" 13th—Essie Marshall Smith.
" 13th—Clarissa Emma Smith.
" 13th—Clinton Bowen Fisk Smith.
" 13th—Charles Leslie Smith.
" 17th—Juliet May Folwell Muth.
" 30th—Laurence Webster Fox.
" 31st—Joseph Terry McCaddon.
" 31st—Mrs. Priscilla John.

MARRIED.

March 16th—O. Gregg Metheny and Frances D. Robinson.

BURIED.

March 6th—Amanda Davies.
" 11th—Elmore Charles Hine, M. D.
" 25th—Robert Hopkins Paterson.
" 27th—Charles P. Dager.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Colored Missions,	$175 34
" Domestic Missions	274 29
From Mrs. Hunter Brooke,	2 00
" Misses Holman,	15 00
" Mr. Thompson Ritchie,	20 00
" Dr. L. Webster Fox,	15 00
" Anonymous,	5 00
Through Miss Rodman,	31 20
For General Charities,	436 47
For Missionary Box Committee,	256 47
	$1230 77

OFFERTORIES IN APRIL.

Good Friday—City Missions.
Easter Day—Special Parish Endowment Fund.
Sunday after Easter—Society for the Increase of the Ministry.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

During Holy Week the Ante-Communion Service with Epistle and Gospel will be said every day at 11 o'clock.

At a public service on the evening of March 28, one Lady Associate and thirty-two girls were received into the Girls' Friendly Society of the Parish.

The Lenten Sewing Committee have, during this Lent, given out an unprecedented number of garments to be made up for the poor by the ladies of the congregation.

The Rector having accepted an invitation to make an address at Yale University the first Sunday in April, will necessarily be absent from the parish upon that day.

The Services on Easter Day will be at 8 and 11 a. m., and at 4 p. m. Both the law and the unbroken custom of the Church requires that every one who has been confirmed shall "receive the Holy Communion, at the least, three times in a year, two of which times shall be at Christmas and Easter."

Confirmation will be administered Tuesday in Holy Week, April 9th, at 11 o'clock. Owing to the short time between that time and the hour for the Noon-day Service it is not advisable that any but those who are then confirmed should receive the Holy Communion at that Service.

The congregation and visitors will be admitted to the Church, at the services on Easter Day, in the way that has been customary for some years. The pew-holders and regular attendants will be admitted by the north transept door. The front doors of the Church will be opened immediately before the time for beginning the services. We think our own people understand the impossibility of reserving their pews after the time when services begin; it is very desirable therefore that they should be in their seats before the hour. Of course those who attend the services regularly have the right and ought to have the right to their own seats on the high festivals of the Church. It is not fair that their places should be taken by those persons who only come to church on great festivals, and then rather to satisfy their curiosity than to receive spiritual benefit. Nevertheless there are very many visitors who come with the purest and best motives, and this congregation has during many times shown its desire to extend hospitality to all comers.

The offertory on Easter Day will be, as has been for several years, for the Special Endowment Fund of the Church. This is a fund which is being accumulated for the maintenance of St. Stephen's in years to come. No part of it nor the income of it will be available for current expenses until the capital sum reaches the amount fixed in the Articles of Trust under which it is being built up. At present there is no necessity for its use, but the congregation which now worship in St. Stephen's are enjoying the advantages of buildings and equipments which were provided by those who have now gone to their rest. It is but fair and honorable that we should make what return we can by providing for the necessities of those who come after us. It is perfectly clear that those who shall come after us will be those much less able to provide for the support of the Church than is the present congregation. The one thing which the Rector would venture to again urge with all earnestness is whether the people's offerings be given for this purpose or whether they be discontinued for some other charitable use, that the offering of each individual on Easter Day should be a real offering and not a make-believe one. Let each one by his offering express in some measure his own gratitude for the hope of his own immortality which springs out of the divine event of Easter Day.

The Lenten Work taken out by the ladies of the congregation is to be returned by Easter Monday morning. The Committee will then assort the garments made and prepare them for distribution where most needed.

The Managers of the Female Benevolent Society wish to announce that on Wednesday, April 10th, there will be a Sale, in the Guild room of the Parish House, after service; a Sale of articles made by the poor women employed by the Society. These articles are suitable for Hospitals, for the Garment Committee of the Church, or for any charitable object to which the buyer may wish to donate them. There is a large stock on hand, so, if the ladies of the Congregation will kindly come on Wednesday the 10th of April and buy, it will be a great assistance to those who have this work in charge.

The Garment Committee have received 34 garments during March and distributed 80.

Contributions were received from Mrs. Thos. H. Fenton, Mrs. Hansell, Missionary Box Committee, Mrs. Wiegand, Col. D. Parker, Miss Sidford, Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Vanderslice.

Monday, April	1st—Miss Sanders,	Miss Baird.
" "	8th—Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Reinboth.
" "	15th—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs. Lammot.
" "	22nd—Miss Sidford,	Mrs. Muirheid.
" "	29th—Miss Sanders,	Miss Baird.

A Fair for the benefit of the Home for Colored Crippled Children will be held during the second week of May, in St. Mark's Parish House. The ladies of St. Stephen's Church will have a table for the sale of fancy articles, etc., and ask the members of the congregation to help them in the work by sending donations of money or fancy articles to be sold at this table. Please send your donations to Mrs. John Crane, 330 S. Fifteenth Street, or to Parish House in her care.

Miss Rodman wishes to acknowledge having received clothing, toys, picture books and supplies for the Lenten work from Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Cox, Miss Bell, Miss Farrar Smith; from Miss Thomas 12 volumes for the library of the Infant Class.

Received in March:

Mrs. Austen, $1.00; Mrs. Adams, $1.00; Miss Atmore, $1.00; Mrs. Breuil, $1.00; Mrs. Francis Breuil, $1.00; Mrs. Carver, $1.00; Miss Garrett, $10 00; Mrs. Albert Caldwell, $5.00; Mrs. Colket, $5.00; Mrs. Davison, $1.00; Mrs. McDowell, $1.00; Mrs. Francis Lewis, $5.00; Mrs. Hunter, $1.00; Miss Mitchell, $1.00; Miss Sharpe, $1.00; Miss Shoemaker, $1.00; Misses Wood, $2.00; S. S. Class, $3.20.

The object of the Visiting Nurse Society is "to give to the poor, and those in moderate means the best *home* nursing under the existing circumstances." A visiting nurse is furnished without charge to those unable to pay for her services. Often in her rounds from house to house, among the very poor she finds great suffering, especially in maternity cases, where the family is utterly unable to get the necessary sick diet, clothing, bandages, medicine, etc. In such cases the Society furnishes these articles, but as it is supported entirely by voluntary contributions their supplies often prove inadequate. Learning that certain articles of clothing, etc., were greatly needed, some of the ladies of St. Stephen's Church have, in addition to their other Lenten sewing, been working to supply them. They have met on Friday mornings at the Parish House. As one result of this work they have decided to form a permanent society, the object being to supply necessary articles for cases of illness. In a parish as large as St. Stephen's there is continual need of an organization of this kind. The deaconess of the Church has more than once felt the want of it in spite of the generous way in which the ladies always respond to appeals for help.

The details and plan have not as yet been fully decided upon. Indeed it is growing into existence in a very quiet way, but much interest is felt in the work.

The name chosen is the "St. Stephen's Aid Society." Mrs. Charles Carver has kindly consented to act as President; Miss Maria G. Mitchell as secretary; Miss Mary Wood as treasurer. The executive committee consist of Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Austen and Mrs. Breuil.

There are many ladies who have shown their interest in the work by giving money or supplies, but who as yet have not been able to attend any of the meetings. Those who have been able to take part in the work of the Society are Mrs. Adams, Mrs Austen, Miss Atmore, Miss Balch, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Francis Breuil, Mrs. Brunner, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Albert Caldwell, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Darley, Miss Davison, Miss Garrett, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Francis Lewis, Mrs. Law, Miss McDowell, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Miss Perot, Miss Sharpe, Miss Shoe-

maker, Miss Farrar Smith, Miss Snyder, Miss Mary Wood, Miss Alice Wood.

REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE of concerted action in Girls' Friendly work, the associates of St. Stephen's Branch invited the associates of St. Marks, St. Clements and Epiphany to a conference of Associates, which was held in St. Stephen's Parish House and resulted in a general interchange of ideas and discussion of the work and aims of these four Branches. It was decided to unite in a social evening whereby the members would be given an opportunity of meeting one another in social intercourse and where the idea of a General Conference of Associates and Members could be presented. This resulted in the gathering of about one hundred and fifty representatives of the neighbouring Branches and the first of the evening was passed in listening to recitations and music given through the kindness of friends to whom our thanks are due. Miss Dickerson, Head of the Literature Department of Pennsylvania, then spoke of a Conference she had recently attended in New York and advocated the holding of a similar one here at which the members might be given an opportunity of expressing themselves about the desirability of belonging to the society and of proving that they were in every way as well advanced as the members of New York and Massachusetts where this idea has been successfully carried out.

One of the interesting features of the month was a "Don't Evening," conducted entirely by the members themselves and consisted in the reading and discussion of things Girls' Friendly girls should aim not to do. Some of the "Don'ts" were decidedly unique and original and in the discussion which followed many bright definitions were given in illustration.

"First Lessons in Nursing" was the subject of a practical talk given by Dr. Gertrude M. Streeper through the kindness of Mrs. Rutter, and was full of useful information about the care of the sick. A stage was fitted up with a cot, medicine table and the necessary appurtenances of a sick room, even to the patient, a small child of six or seven years, who gracefully lent herself to a practical demonstration of how the bedclothes can be changed without disturbing the patient, the best way to give a dose of medicine and other helpful hints of a like nature.

An Admission Service at which thirty-three new members and one associate were admitted to the society, was held on last Thursday evening. Dr. McConnell's solemn words on giving to each her badge of membership, "Wear it so worthily that in the end you may receive the crown of everlasting life," were calculated to make each and every one impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and the underlying principle of the society.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY the Children's Friend Society in March:

From Mrs. E. F. Moody, . . .	$1 00
" The King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle, ...	2 00
Contributing Members:	
Miss Gertrude Sausser, ...	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Sinn, ...	1 00
Total,	$5 00

Coat and shoes from Miss Anna Sinclair.

Questions like these have been asked by many little ones.

Are you going to have an Entertainment Easter?

Have you any tickets for a Concert? You won't forget me, will you? and the answer was, we will try to remember you all.

Prof. Fow and Prof. Hoy have already been engaged to entertain some two or three hundred children with their Humorous sayings, Comic Recitations and Fun in Silence. In addition to this, the ladies of the Society wish to give each little one a candy Easter egg. Any donations for this purpose will be very acceptable.

The Entertainment will take place April 17th, at half-past seven o'clock, in the Sunday School room. *The Contributing Members of the Society* who would like to see the children's Easter, will be very welcome.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle, have their meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month, April 3rd and April 17th.

Twenty-six yards of rag carpet was sewed and woven, and given to the Home of the Merciful Saviour by this Circle.

Over two dozen bibs were made for the small children in St. Christopher's Hospital.

Pillow-cases are being made for the Rush Hospital, and a large number of pieces of the Lenten work will soon be finished.

At the meeting Wednesday, March 20th, Miss Dora Friedel was elected Secretary, in place of Miss Bertha Ott.

Cash received, ... $0 50

Donation of 12 yards of Outing Flannel from Miss Gertrude Sausser.

Ten yards of Cambric from Miss Stevenson.

Dress goods from Miss Bessie Kehl.

Outing Flannel, Anonymous.

Magazines, Miss Sanders.

Bundle of Magazines, name lost, many thanks to the giver.

The Shoe Fund started by the King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle, March 1st, has made a very good beginning.

It might be well to state here the object of a Shoe Fund; hardly anybody will let a child or anyone else starve, and clothing will be given, but shoes are expensive and very hard to get. Many poor little feet were frosted this Winter just for the want of a good strong pair of shoes. It is to help such that this Fund has been started, but the money will not be touched until Fall, when the King's Daughters hope to have it in working order.

To be a member of this Fund costs 25 cts. a year. Any old shoes sent to the King's Daughters will be mended; or should the giver wish to have them mended so much the better.

This Fund will not interfere at all with any other society, indeed the idea is to help all.

Any case being reported to any member of the Circle will have attention at once.

Contributing members to the Shoe Fund:

Mrs. Howard Butcher, 25c.; Miss Theodore Butcher, 25c.; Miss Margaret Butcher, 25c.; Miss Mary Crawford, 25c.; Mrs. L. V. Sausser, 25c.; Miss Gertrude Sausser, 25c.; Miss Sidford, 50c.; Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 25c.; King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle, $1.00; Mrs. C. P. Stratton, 25c.; Mrs. Joseph Reinboth, 25c.; Mr. Joseph Reinboth, 25c.; Mr. Charles Flag, 25c.; Mrs. Charles Flag, 25c.; Mr. J. E. Beatty, 25c.; Miss L. Blane, 25c.; Mr. T. L. Whaler, 25c.; Miss Stevenson, $1.00; Dr. E. S. Vanderslice, 25c.; Alena, 25c.; Miss Cleemann, 25c.; Miss Brown, 25c.; Miss Pemberton, 25c.; Miss Mable Edwards, 25c.; Mr. John Seed, 25c.; No Name, $1.50; Miss Anna Heitenbrand, 25c.; Miss Ida W. Harper, 25c.; Miss Ella Kalbfleish, 25c.; Mr. E. F. Moody, 25c.; Mrs. E. F. Moody, 25c.; Mr. N. H. Moody, 25c.; Mrs. Bunker, 25c.; Miss Marion B. Smith, 25c.; Mrs. W. Sangree, 25c.; Mr. Brown, 25c.; Mr. Scovel, 25c.; Mrs. Lougherhead, 25c. Total, $12.50.

Church Missions House,
New York, March, 26th 1895.

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

The Board of Managers, by resolution, has requested me, as President of the Board of Missions, to set forth a statement of the present condition of the missionary treasury, and ask for contributions to relieve its embarrassment and to provide for the demands of the work. I am not surprised, but I am nevertheless grieved, to learn that the financial depression throughout the country during the past two years has made itself felt in the serious reduction of contributions for missionary objects. The payments to the missionaries have been continued; but it has been necessary to borrow money for that purpose. The treasury of the Board is indebted to the amount of more than $100,000. The obligations incurred for this year must be met, but unless adequate means are provided it will become necessary to make a serious reduction in the appropriations which must be made at the May meeting of the Board for the new year. Such curtailment would be at great loss and sacrifice to the missionary work, which should not be permitted except in case of extremest necessity. The expansion of the work of the Church in the United States is a constant appeal to us, not only to hold the ground that has been gained, but to continue to advance as rapidly as we are able. The opening of the great nations of the East is a call to us to follow the leadings of Divine Providence by strengthening the hands of those whom we have sent with the Gospel to China and Japan.

These demands grow imperative at a time when the ordinary sources of income are checked. A debt of $35,000 brought forward from last year, has been increased by the falling off of contributions since. During the six months from September 1st

to March 1st the contributions were $136,371, while for the corresponding period last year they were $168,915. From the 1st of March to the 1st of September next there will be required to meet the appropriations of the year $375,000. During the corresponding months of last year (including the unusual amount of $70,000 from legacies), the receipts were $270,000. It is our duty to place these facts before all our Church people, trusting that in this season of spiritual earnestness a special disposition will be shown to replenish the missionary treasury and provide against a hurtful curtailment of the work.

May I ask that this letter be read in the churches, and opportunity given for offerings in behalf of our missionary work?

J. WILLIAMS,
President of the Board of Missions.

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116 Fairview Ave.,
DENVER, COL., Feb. 25, 1895.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

I wish to call your attention to the enclosed description of the Denver Home for Consumptives, now in process of erection. It will be in no sense a local institution, but will offer good board and home care, for the small sum of $5.00 per week, to the sufferers from pulmonary disease who come here from all parts of the country.

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It is to cure this numerous class of health-seekers—sick, poor and homeless—that the new home is being built: and certainly no institution in the land is more needed or can be the means of saving a greater number of valuable lives.

In this belief and in behalf of the churchmen of Denver, I ask you to aid the work with your check for a sum however small. I ask you also to lay the matter before any of your parishioners who you think may be interested in it.

Very truly yours,
FREDERICK W. OAKES.

DENVER, COL., Feb. 22d, 1895.

TO THE LADIES OF ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD:
No. 9 S. 10th St., Phila., Pa.

DEAR LADIES: This is to acknowledge the receipt of the "Missionary Box" so kindly sent by you to us. It was delivered yesterday, and of course, I could not write until to-day, for the evening was occupied fully at "The Opening." So generous were you in its preparation that I find it impossible to adequately thank you. We *were* in need of everything; we *are* in need of nothing. You have not only given us pleasure in receiving, but have administered to our actual necessities. After supper, we held a special Thanksgiving Service to Him who gave you the ability and the will to give; and begged Him to give you in addition thereto, such a measure of His grace as to "make you perfect in all good works."

A few days since, I received by mail a surplice. I do not know who is responsible for this—if any of you should find it out, please thank them for me. You have been so generous that I am emboldened to ask one other favor, *i. e.*, that during this season in which you will draw very near to the "Source" of all blessings, presenting your "special intentions," please among them pray that God may bless our Mission with power to do much for Him; and that He may raise up some friends to help us finish our chapel, that we may have a place to worship.

We, all of us (eight) thank you for the comfortable clothing. Sincerely,

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
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Rev. J. L. Miller,
John Seed,
John Simpson.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

May 1st—SS. Philip and James.
" 5th—Third Sunday after Easter.
" 12th—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
" 19th—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 23rd—Ascension Day.
" 26th—Sunday after Ascension.
June 2nd—Whitsun-Day.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 5th—Elizabeth Hulings Charlton.
" 5th—Eloise Charlton.
" 5th—John Thompson Lewis, Jr.
" 5th—Annie Eleanore Humber.
" 5th—Mary Louise Blakey.
" 5th—William Henry Kuhn.
" 5th—Mary Ella Miller.
" 5th—Henry Harold Bush.
" 9th—Joseph Terry McCaddon.
" 13th—Marenda Frances Brassell.

CONFIRMED.

Frank F. Baggé, Josephine Hecker,
Anna Bartley, Lottie Elizabeth Haase,
Mary Emma Bartley, Annie E. Humber,
Emma Bauers, Emma M. Jewell,
May Louise Blakey, William H. Kuhn, Jr.
Mary Bently, John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Louisa Britsch, Phoebe Morris Lewis,
Jennie Evaline Botsford, Josephine McLaughlin,
Elizabeth P. Broome, Mary T. MacAlister,
Margaret Butcher, Janet Brayton MacAlister,
G. B. Brown, Agnes Helen MacAlister,
Susan Brown, Julia Clyde MacAlister,
H. Harold Bush, Wayne McCaddon,
Andrew H. Corinth, Joseph Terry McCaddon,
Izora F. Chidester, Mary E. Miller,
Eloise Charlton, Russ R. Nichols,
Elizabeth R. Charlton, L. P. Powell,
Peter Christensen, Helen S. Sanders,
Christiana Christensen, Anita M. Steinmetz,
Catherine V. Campbell, Maybelle Spellisy,
Dora K. Friedel, Clara H. Stoop,
Lillian M. Geary, Juliet N. Stevens,
Geo H. Gibson, John H. Tabler,
Eva L. Guscott, Carol Maud Weatherly,
Esther C. VanDusen.

MARRIED.

April 30th—Stanley Alden Aldrich and Jane Stratton Pratt.

BURIED.

April 20th—Mary C. Peters.
" 20th—Charles Neidhard.
" 26th—Ann S. Dickey.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

Special Parish Endowment Fund,		$847 20
City Missions,		144 23
Society for Increase of Ministry,		138 75
From Sunday Schools—		
For Domestic Mission,	$66 69	
Sheltering Arms,	65 00	
Home of Merciful Saviour,	66 00	—197 69
From W. A. Holman,		50 00
" Miss Dickson,		20 00
" Lyman P. Powell,		5 00
For Easter Decorations,		118 90
" General Charities,		73 60
Through Miss Rodman—		
S. S. Class,		14 32
E. N. M.,		5 00
Aline Mary Leicester-Addis,		5 00
For Missionary Box Committee,		89 60
Sunday Easter Offerings,		9 25
For Christ Church, Glencoe,		100 00
" Mrs. Buford,		20 00
" Education of Girl in Cairo Mission,		150 00
" Rush Hospital,		25 00
For Diocesan House—		
Miss Wilkens,	$25 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis,	10 00	
Cash,	20 00	
"	10 00	
"	2 00	
"	2 00	
"	1 00	— 70 00
Total,		$2,083 54

OFFERTORIES FOR MAY.

General Charities.

PARISH REPORT FOR THE CONVENTION YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1895.

BAPTISMS: Adults,	17	
Infants,	37	
		54
CONFIRMED,		51
COMMUNICANTS, added new,		51
by transfer,		23
present number,		1000
MARRIAGES,		24
BURIALS,		44
PUBLIC SERVICES: On Sundays,		twice
On other days,		daily
SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES.		
Officers and Teachers,		25
Scholars,		275
Total Membership,		300
OTHER SCHOOLS: Parish School.		
Teachers,		2
Scholars,		35
OTHER PARISH AGENCIES:		
Female Benevolent Society.		
Altar Society.		
Missionary Box Committee.		
Girls' Friendly Society.		
Children's Friend Society.		
King's Daughters.		
Boys' Guild.		
Boys' Junior Guild.		
CHURCH,		1
Sittings,		1100
Chapel Building,		1
Sittings,		200
Parish and School Buildings,		1
Parsonage,		1
Cemetery,		1

EXPENDITURES.

For Parish Expenses,	$19,783 40
" Support of Sunday Schools,	316 42
" Parish Schools,	886 19
" the Poor,	1,632 96
" Endowment,	3,588 30
" Burd Orphan Asylum,	17,137 39
" Episcopal and Convention Fund,	352 40
" Missions, Diocesan,	1,350 00
City,	144 23
Deaf,	50 00
Italian,	100 00
Seamen's	30 00
" Episcopal Hospital,	542 25
" Home of the Merciful Saviour,	66 00
" Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen,	267 18
" Bishop's Charity Fund,	100 00
" Missions, Foreign,	240 30
Domestic,	1,316 77
" From Sunday School,	66 69
Indian,	35 50
Colored People,	512 00
For Christian or Theological Education,	227 50
" Book Societies, Printing, Tracts, &c.,	413 89
Through Altar Society,	400 00
" Missionary Box Committee,	758 94
" Female Benevolent Society,	940 34
" Girls' Friendly Society,	323 25
" Children's Friend Society,	161 00
For Miscellaneous,	317 00
" St. Paul's College, Tokio,	148 50
" Society for Increase of Ministry,	161 25
" Sheltering Arms,	65 00
Total,	$52,434 65
Boxes sent, No. 8; estimated value,	$758 94

RECEIPTS.

From Pew Rents,	$14,304 75
" Offerings,	12,673 47
" Investments,	6,051 72
" Legacy,	2,500 00
" Burd Orphan Asylum,	17,137 39
Total,	$52,667 33

THE RECTOR, the Rev. Dr. McConnell, sailed for Europe on Saturday, April 27th, on the steamer Southwark, for a much-needed rest. He will be absent from the parish until about the middle of September. The earnest prayers and best wishes of the congregation for his welfare go with him. May he have a safe voyage, a pleasant vacation, and return to his people with renewed vigor and ready for another year of faithful work in our city.

THE RECTOR EARNESTLY BEGS the attention of our people to the following letter about the Children's Friend Society. There is no organization in St. Stephen's Church nor in Philadelphia, which does better work. Please do not let it be crippled for want of funds. Send your contributions to Mrs. Vanderslice, care of St. Stephen's Church.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18th, 1895.

MY DEAR RECTOR:

You are going away from us for a time and I am sure I hope you will come back benefited by the trip.

I have tried to see you to have a talk with you about our *Children's Friend Society*, for I do not wish you to come back and find it does not exist.

You can see by each month's report that we do not get the donations that we used to get.

Parhaps it is due to the times. I am sure I hope the people are not losing interest in our poor little children. I do not think there is a society that is known so well outside of our own Church and in other cities as the C. F. S.

Each month our little parish paper goes to so many people that are interested and have sent donations of some sort to our poor children.

A work that has been going on for five or six years, surely cannot go to pieces, and yet we cannot carry on the work long without the small amount we will have in the treasury. I don't think we will have much over forty dollars when I count up last night's expenses.

I am interested in everything in our Church, but as I am at the head of this Society, it is my duty to tell you before going away just how we stand. Would a special collection do us any good? Or can you help us in any way? If we can only start and if there be any people left in St. Stephen's after you are gone, I think, as heretofore, they will help with the Summer work.

Many children are looking forward to the excursions, and bathing suits have been made, but what can we do without money?

Please don't think I am begging. I merely want you to know the facts.

Very Sincerely,
VIRGINIA VANDERSLICE.

THE MANAGERS OF THE Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church present to the Congregation the 30th Annual Report.

During the season of 1894-95, the money received and expended has been as follows: From offertory, and balance left from last year, $216.23; from sales, $575.11; from subscriptions, $149; making a total of $940.34. Cash paid sewing women, $409.79; for dry goods and trimmings, $513.91; making a total of $923.70. Balance, $16.64.

Over sixty women were employed during the Winter, and two thousand four hundred and ninety articles made by them.

Of these articles, there still remain a number unsold. The ladies having them in charge would be glad to dispose of them to any of the congregation wishing to purchase.

H. C. WILKINS, Secretary.

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE, at the close of the season of '94-'95, desires to report that in reply to one letter through the Freedmen's Committee and six through the Domestic Committee, and an appeal from Mrs. Buford, eight boxes have been sent this Winter, their aggregate value estimated at $758.94.

One of these were sent to Mrs. Buford's Mission; two were sent to Divinity students, and one to the College of the Sisters of Bethany. The remaining four were sent to missionaries doing active service in the Church's work. Among them was a joint box supplying the wants of two missionaries.

The boxes have given great satisfaction to those who have received them and have been gratefully acknowledged. One of these letters, from a colored clergyman, was published in the PARISH NEWS for April.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY presents its 11th Annual Report to the congregation:

The Superintendent of the Chancel Committee reports that during the past year the Committee has performed the duties required of it, and that it received gifts of oats, wheat and corn, which were used in decorating the chancel on Thanksgiving Day.

The Embroidery Class Committee reports work donated:

Through Miss Stevenson, surplice to a missionary; surplice to a missionary, (work given by Miss Sanders;) surplice to Home for Aged Couples; work given on surplice for Rev. Dr. Franklin; work given on embroidered banner for the Girls' Friendly Society; partly worn fair linen cloth to Deaconess' House.

Work *ordered:* Surplice for Christ Church Chapel, Philadelphia, banner for Girls' Friendly Society.

Work for our own Parish: One red embroidered stole, embroidery transferred on white altar cloth hangings, full set purple alms mats, (silk donated by Mrs. Taylor) and hangings for Sunday-school room.

The Superintendent of the Lenten Sewing Committee reports: Garments cut out, 884; garments distributed, 862; garments in hand, 22; making a total of 884.

Cash donations: Mrs. E. F. Beale, $5; Miss E. Stevenson, $5; Miss E. Magee, $5; Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $5; through Rev. S. D. McConnell, $71.01; making a total of $91.01.

Goods purchased from Hood, Foulkrod & Co., for Lenten sewing, $91.01.

Goods donated by Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Miss E. Stevenson, Miss Sanders, Mrs. F. P. Chandler, Mrs. C. Fenton, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. M. E. Sinn, Children's Friend Society, Anonymous, Mrs. S. Clarkson, Miss Wilkins.

Garments distributed: Kensington Hospital, 17; Rush Hospital, 23; St. Christopher's Hospital, 39; Episcopal Hospital, 21; Hahnemann Hospital, 66; Maternity Hospital, 42; Lying-in Hospital, 61; King's Daughters, 13; French Mission, 44; Italian Mission, 46; Church Home, Angora, 25; Home for Colored Cripples, 40; Colored Day Nursery, 37; Willing Day Nursery, 32; Children's Aid Society, 23; Seamen's Mission, 36; Church of the Crucifixion, 38; Home for the Homeless, 19; Children's Friend Society, 48; Home for Aged Couples, 23; Garment Committee, 21; Parish School, 30 and 39 yards of outing flannel; Church Training Deaconess House, 21; Specials—Miss Sanders, 24; Mrs. Bowden, 2; Mrs. Crombarger, 1; Mrs. Taylor, 44; on hand, 22; making a total of 884.

The Treasurer reports: Cash received, May 1st, 1894, to May 1st, 1895:

Balances on hand, cash $12.15; White Altar Cloth Fund, $148.62; cash received from Rev. S. D. McConnell, $349.70; cash received from orders, $10.25; cash received from Miss Sanders for linen pieces, $0.80; cash received from Miss Stevenson for linen, $7.80; making a total of $529.32.

Expended May 1st, 1894, to May 1st, 1895:

Geo. Craig, for flowers, $119.50; Embroidery Class lessons and materials, $166.40; Chancel Committee, $11.90; incidentals, $3.40; total amount, $301.20; cash received, $529.32; balance on hand, $228.12.

MARIA S. WILKINS, Secretary.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE have to report this month the resignation of Mrs. Muirheid, to whose efforts some eight years ago, is due the credit of starting this little organization in St. Stephen's. The work of the Committee will be resumed in the Fall, with Miss Rodman at the head.

Garments contributed during April, 46; garments distributed during April, 47.

Contributors: Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Taylor, No Name, Lenten Sewing Society.

Miss Rodman wishes to acknowledge having received garments, cotton, cheese cloth, scrap books, papers from Miss Balch, Miss Emily Bell, Mrs. Tucker.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY report for the year: money received $395.33; money received through Dr. McConnell $70.00; received through Rev. Mr. Miller $15.00; Contributing Members $39.00; Active Members $12.00; making a Total of $531.33; Expenses for the year $472.98; leaving a Balance of $58.35.

Donations received in April: Mrs. J. P. Hilman $1.00; Miss Stevenson $2.00; Mrs. John Heyle $1.00; Cash $5.00; Mr. Lyman P. Powell $5.00; From Easter collection $8.00. Contributing Members in April: Miss Kate Liddell $1.00; Mrs. Moody $1.00; Mrs. John Heyle $1.00. Donation of clothing and bathing suits have been received from the Lenten Society, One bathing suit from Miss Cleemann, Easter Eggs and cards from Miss Stevenson, Easter Eggs from Miss Airey. About 700 children have been entertained and taken on excursions during the year, an increase since the Society was started in 1888 of about 600 children.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle report for the year: money received during the year $44.76; from members $18.00; for the shoe Fund started by King's Daughters $14.75; making a total of $77.51: expenses for the year $44.98, leaving a balance of $32.53. Donations of clothing: 13 pieces from the Lenten Society to be given by the King's Daughters to the poor. Shoes from Mrs. Crombarger and Miss Sanders for Shoe fund. Members to the Shoe Fund in April, Miss Wilder 25c.; Miss Lundy 25c.; Miss Sanders 25c.; Mrs. Crombarger 25c.; Mrs. H. P. Taylor 50c.; Mrs. James Arrison 25c.; Mrs. M. E. Sinn 25c. Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice 25c.; Easter cards received from Miss Stevenson. The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their meetings May 1st and May 15th, in the Guild room at half past seven o'clock.

AT THE EASTER ENTERTAINMENT of the Girls' Friendly Society, held on Monday evening, April 22nd, a varied programme of recitations and music was most charmingly rendered by Mrs. Lamberton and Miss Neidhard, to whom both associates and members wish to express their hearty appreciation of their kindness. Mr. Hall coming in during the entertainment and being most warmly greeted, made a few impromptu remarks which brought to a close an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Annual Tea and Service for Members and Associates of the Girls' Friendly Society of Pennsylvania, was held at the Church of the Epiphany on Saturday evening of last week, and in spite of the inclement weather the seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost limit. St. Stephen's Branch was well represented and being one of the largest, made a fine showing as they marched in church, carrying at their head the new banner presented to them by the Altar Society of the Church. After a brief service, the Bishop of the Diocese made a short but impressive address, dwelling chiefly on the broad conception of friendship as embodied in the title of the Society and referring to the greatest of all conceivable friendships—that of Jesus Christ for all mankind.

"A Conundrum Tea" will be given by the members on Thursday evening, May 9th, for the benefit of the Lodge-by-the-Sea, which this year will be at Cape May, N. J., where a house with a capacity of accomodating forty members at a time has been secured on Hughes St. within two blocks of the beach. There are two parlors, a large dining room, kitchens and a laundry for the use of visitors. The price of board will be three dollars per week and application can be made at any time to Miss Reese, Froebel Institute, Lansdown, Pa., and should in all cases be signed by the Branch Secretary, Mrs. Bowden.

The entertainment which will be given in aid of this holiday house will be a musical and literary

one, conducted entirely by the members themselves, and the refreshments will likewise be donated and prepared by them under the direction of the cooking teacher. The tickets, which through the efforts of a member were donated by Mr. Dunlap, to whom our thanks are due, are for sale by the verger and both associates and members, the price being fifteen cents a piece, and it is hoped there will be a large demand for them by all the friends of the Society.

SELECTIONS.

Dr. Penticost tells a story about a little girl who was one day talking to her grandfather. The old gentleman had been imparting some good advice, suitable to the tender years of his grandchild. Finally, the latter put the questions: "Grandpa, are you a christian?" "Yes, my dear, I hope I am." "What church do you belong to, grandpa?" "Oh I belong to the Church of Christ." "But what is that? Are you a member of the same Church that mamma and I are—the Episcopal church?" "No, my dear, I am not an Episcopalian." "Are you a Presbyterian, then?" "No; I am not a Presbyterian?" "Are you a Baptist, then?" "No." "Are you a Methodist?" "No, dear; I do not belong to any of the churches; I just belong to Christ." After a pause in which the little one was thinking it all over, she turned her face up to her grandfather's and said, "Well, grandpa, if I were you I would try and get in somewhere."

One provision of the will of the late Lemuel Coffin is peculiarly suggestive. This is the endowment of Holy Trinity Church. Well would it have been, indeed, for the moral and religious welfare of this great city if this commendable idea had been acted upon by men of means and liberality years ago. During the past twenty-five years fifteen churches in the centre of the old city have been abandoned, and now those concerned are appalled at the work which confronts them. A hundred Christian Leagues, as proposed, cannot meet the emergency. And at this time other churches which a little while ago thought they were safe from being crowded out or fatally impoverished, are facing a grave situation. But Holy Trinity, thanks to the generous devotion of one of its founders, will escape such a fate. The example thus set by Mr. Coffin should be followed generally. There is scarcely a church in the older or central part of the city which sooner or later will not feel the need of such friendly assistance. There should be no more abandonment of these sacred edifices consecrated to the work of Christianity. *Evening Telegraph.*

ANSWERS from the Board School scholars in London include the following: "Jerusalem was surrounded by walls to keep the milk and honey out." "The cities of refuge were intended for those who had unintentionally committed suicide." "Titus was an Apostle who wrote epistles. He was the Emperor of Rome, and his surname was Oates." "The hydra," said a little maid of five once, "was wedded to Henry VIII. When he cut off her head, another one sprung up." "The United States is governed by machinery" (who can deny it?). "St Peter was crucified head downward, because he mentions it."

The Rev. Dr. Miel, himself once a Roman priest, has received into the Episcopal Church during his rectorate at the Church of St. Sauveur, Philadelphia, 400 adult Roman Catholics, including six priests. We know of several other rectors who can give figures equal at least to a half of the above. We have many Roman Catholics for Confirmation ourselves, and have had at least one Roman priest tell us that if he were younger he would renounce the Papacy and come into the Anglican Church.

The Bishop of Maryland reports that in his average Confirmation classes there are about 30 converts from Romanism and the same number from the Methodists each month. "The tide of return," said he, "appears a steady one."

Because we suffer, it ought not to be inferred that God is not a father. Suffering, trial, exposure, seem to be necessary elements in the education of a moral being.

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No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
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Sexton and Undertaker.
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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Austin,
Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Arrison,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. McDowell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
Mrs. H. Rogers,	Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson,
Miss Thomas, Miss Pease, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell,	Mrs. Bright,
Miss Magee,	Mrs. Boyd,
Mrs. Arrison,	Miss E. Klahr,

Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson,	Miss Mary L. Koons,
Mrs. Whitlock,	Mrs. Musgrove,

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins,	Miss Cleemann,
Mrs. Stratton,	Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Mrs. Muirhead.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Cleemann,	Miss Stoddard,
Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
Miss Dutilh,	Mrs. Lammot,
Miss Sanders,	Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*

Miss Josephine Lewis, *Sec.* Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11:30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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Miss Boyd.
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Miss Perot, Miss Thomas, Miss Clarkson.

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PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

June 2nd—Whitsun-Day.
" 3rd—Monday in Whitsun-Week.
" 4th—Tuesday in Whitsun-Week.
" 9th—Trinity Sunday.
" 11th—St. Barnabas (Tuesday).
" 16th—First Sunday after Trinity.
" 23rd—Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Monday).
" 29th—St. Peter (Saturday).
" 30th—Third Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

May 12th—Charles Christopher Staib Lindenmayer.
" 18th—William Henry Dillingham.

BURIED.

May 10th—Edward J. Williams.
" 12th—Emma Shapland Anderson.
" 14th—John G. Meigs.
" 29th—Florence Holman.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

General Charities,	$171 51
Special from Mrs. Russell,	20 00
" " "A Friend,"	10 00
Through Miss Rodman,	7 00
	$208 51

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

General Charities.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED from the rector, the Rev. Dr. McConnell, that he and his family arrived at Liverpool in safety, and that they were all well. At present they are staying in London.

THE ATTENTION OF the members of our congregation is respectfully called to the Annual Commencement of the Divinity School, Philadelphia, in the Church of the Epiphany, Chestnut and 15th Streets, Thursday, June 6th, at 11 o'clock A. M. The sermon, by Rev. W. R. Huntington, D. D., Rector Grace Church, New York.

THE GIRLS' SUMMER CLUB will reopen Monday evening, June 3, 1895.

THERE WAS A SCENE of about as perfect happiness as one often sees in this world, on Wednesday afternoon, May 22, when between sixty and seventy children of the Infant Class of St. Stephen's Sunday School were taken out to the Zoological Garden. The long omnibuses were filled with the little children, who were delighted that both going and coming "the longest way 'round was taken. The day was perfect; the deep fascination which the animals always have for little folks, was felt just as strongly as usual. The ice-cream was thought to be without a flaw, and with plenty for all. Every particle of cake which the ladies so kindly provided was eaten; yet all had enough, and best of all no one was hurt, lost (and some of the children were very small) or made ill.

The young ladies who gave up the afternoon for the sake of giving the little ones pleasure, felt more than repaid by the sight of the radiant faces of the children.

Those who contributed to the happiness of the little ones were Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Miss Cattell, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Miss Perot, Miss Stevenson, Miss Sharpe, Miss Thomas, The Misses Wood, Mr. John H. Tabler and Mr. Clayton.

Miss Rodman wishes to acknowledge having received in May: Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, $5; Miss Stevenson, $1; a friend, $1; also clothing, books, papers, cards, tracts, dolls and picture books from Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Borie, Miss Bell, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Miss Farrar Smith, Miss Stevenson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Blakey.

Lawrenceville, Va., May 20, 1895.

MY DEAR MISS LEWIS:

The large and most valuable box of clothing sent me by the ladies of St. Stephen's Missionary Box Society, reached me safely last Friday. I thank you all from my heart for the large supply of useful clothing you have sent the poor creatures under my care. There are now ninety patients, and I need not tell you how sorely I need the generous help you have given me.

It touched me very much that the ladies remembered my little Mary Stewart. She was delighted with the pretty doll, and sends many thanks for her. It was certainly kind and sweet to think of her.

We have had a great deal of sickness and sorrow during the past pitiless Winter. Many poor wornout sufferers have gone to their eternal rest; many still linger suffering so much and so patiently, it makes my heart ache to see them. Last night a poor old man died, and is lying still and cold to-day awaiting his burial. Such work as mine is necessarily full of infinite sorrow; unutterable sadness, but it has blessed compensations. I do not believe one unworthy woman was ever blessed with friends as tender and true and good as God has given me. May He bless and reward you all for all you have done to help me. With truest love and gratitude,

Sincerely Yours,
PATTIE BUFORD.

THE GROWTH OF THE G. F. S. of St. Stephen's Church, has been an encouraging one since its commencement eight years ago, when about ten girls gathered from the Arch Street Theatre Sunday evening services, under the direction of Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson, its first Secretary, formed its nucleus. A little fancy sewing, a cup of tea and cake, an interesting book and games, held them together, coupled with a warm personal interest in them and their homes. Now we number 123 members, and about thirty-three candidates.

Two admission services have been held this Winter, and we find the *majority* of the girls though not Episcopalians, earnest and truthful. It has always been our custom, from the very start, to provide a simple tea, in order that those living at a distance, may come directly from their work. At present we have classes in dressmaking, calesthenics, book-keeping, cooking and embroidery, and last but by no means least, a current event class which of late has merged into one of discussion, and many thoughtful subjects have been discussed before the girls and by them.

Realizing the need of a closer touch with our neighbors and familiarity with their methods, (at Miss Wright our Diocesan President's suggestion), a Conference was held of St. Mark's, St. Clement's and Epiphany's G. F. S. Branches, and just before Lent a social gathering, in the evening, of the Associates and Members of these

Branches, in this Parish House, for music, dramatic reading and a simple entertainment. About 150 in all were present.

Much of the good work done in St. Stephen's is due to our Deaconess, Miss Rodman, who forms a summer club, thus holding the girls together till we meet in the autumn.

We also have a gifted Associate, Mrs. Rutter, whose ten minutes address before we close, is full of good counsel and helpful thoughts. If I have said too much of the bright side of our work, I trust you will pardon me. We have had many failures and discouragements, but to the Divine blessing, and faithfulness of my predecessors and Associates, is due our present success.

At the Tea and Entertainment given in the Parish House by the members of the society, in aid of the Lodge by the Sea, at Cape May, $69.47 was cleared. This is a very creditable amount considering that the idea originated with, and was carried out entirely by the members themselves.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of The Mothers' Loyal Circle report for the year 72 woolen garments were made; 34 were sent to Mrs. Buford's Hospital; 10 to Miss Rodman; 10 to the Italian Mission; 18 to the Garment Committee of this Church; two dollars to a poor, sick girl; a cross of flowers for the funeral of one of the Circle; two dollars, the fee for membership of the Ladies' Italian League.

This Circle is composed, mostly, of elderly women, who support themselves by their own exertions, or have large families to care for; yet they gladly give what time they can to work for others, so that their work for charity is more than praiseworthy.

MRS. CRANE WISHES to acknowledge through the PARISH NEWS, receipts of donations for the fair held at St. Mark's Parish House, for the Colored Crippled Children's Home from the following ladies: Misses Magee, Miss Cleemann, Miss Stevenson, Miss Sharp, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Arrison, The Misses Wood, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Edward Crane, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Wilkins, Miss Atmore, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stratton, Mrs. Joseph Perot, Miss Sarah Wister Perot, Miss Seabrook, Miss Bessie C. Morris The Misses Langton, Mrs. M. M. Parmalee.

St. Stephen's table netted the fair $51.25.

MR. EWING L. MILLER, the Chairman of the Lenten Service Committee of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, reports:

Many of us, while professing Christians and sworn to serve under His Banner until our life's end, make the excuse for our inactivity that we have no ability or no chance to do work for the Master. This is more often the case with men, especially with young men, than with women. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has become, under God's Providence, in a large measure the means of making and giving men *Opportunities*; and the Brotherhood in Philadelphia has been singularly blessed during the past Lenten Season by the opportunity which the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, and through him the entire parish, both individually and collectively, gave to them for doing the best Brotherhood work in its history.

The Keynote of the Brotherhood is found in St. John 1; 40-42. Having found Christ to strive by prayer and service to bring our brother men to Him; and since its organization, the solemn days of Lent and Advent have been used for its greatest efforts towards this end.

For many years, daily Lenten Services have been held in old St. Paul's Church, 3rd Street below Walnut; but since the general westward movement of the business center of the City, the Local Council of the Brotherhood has felt that its efforts would be productive of better results if it could follow that westward march and do work in its midst. The logical situation was St. Stephen's Church; but this Church had for several years been ministering during Lent to the business women; and it was with considerable hesitancy that the Chairman of the Lenten Service Committee approached the Rector with a view of enlisting his interest in the movement from St. Paul's. With what success, however, is now a matter of history—and one of the most happy episodes in the History of the Brotherhood in this City. The Church was literally handed over to the Brotherhood, between the hour of noon and one P. M. daily, through Lent—Pulpit, pews, organ,

bells, everything! And we found ourselves as Lent approached with all the best machinery possible at our disposal and only lacking the motive power, (God's faithful ministers) and the fire, (congregations) to commence a most active campaign for Christ and His Kingdom: *A glorious opportunity!*

A few well-chosen words to the Brotherhood was all that was needed—for the Brotherhood is composed of the *active* workers of the church, and is ready at all times to take any hint whereby their energy and vigor may display themselves on the Brotherhood lines. Two hundred cards to as many Chapters in the Diocese, told them of the opportunity. These cards brought about 120 responses and requisitions for over 25,000 cards, announcing the services, for distribution. They also brought volunteers for a men's choir which throughout the entire season of Lent, made a great feature of the services in splendid hearty singing of hymns. The selected clergy entered with greatest enthusiasm into the work, and by a series of well thought out subjects, gave their hearers one of the best expositions of the Christian life and duties that have ever been presented by our Church.

With such an opportunity, how *could* these services fail of success? Whether actively engaged in their management, or only withdrawing for a few moments out of the busy day, to approach the Throne of Grace. Many eyes were dimmed as we left the dear Church on Easter Eve, and thought that these services were ended, for a time at least.

About half of the Lenten days were threatening or stormy ones. Careful count was made of each congregation, and on 21 clear days the church was *full*—this means *five* persons in every pew in the middle aisle, and other parts of the Church in proportion. The total attendance was 23,315 for the forty services; and from careful count of these, an average of 38 per cent. (8859) were *men;* 221 per service!

The results of this series of services can not be estimated. We *know* that men entered and departed from the Church with the question, "what kind of a Church is this," indicating that our services appealed to others than our own Church people. We *know* that we were asked: "What is this Brotherhood?" and "What does this Brotherhood mean?" and now, some who asked the question, wear the Button on their coats which signifies their intention to try harder than ever before to *work* and pray for the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

So the opportunity has been given and taken advantage of. The Brotherhood in Philadelphia has the consciousness of having made a hearty effort. God grant that the Rector and Parish of St. Stephen's may give them another such during the Advent Season, and again next year; so that these solemn seasons may become veritable harvest times—times of in-gathering for His Church in Philadelphia.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in May:

May 5th—	From Miss Stevenson,	$ 5 00
" 6th—	" Miss Neidhard,	1 00
" 7th—	" Miss Garrett,	20 00
" 12th—	" Mr. David D. Wood,	10 00
" 13th—	Mrs. Charles E. Milnor,	1 00
" 19th—	Mr. Frederick Stovell,	13 00
" 20th—	Mrs. Edward T. Moody,	1 00
" 21st—	Anonymous,	1 00
" 23rd—	From a friend, (through Rev. Mr. Miller),	10 00
" 23rd—	From Mrs. Russell, (through Rev. Mr. Miller),	5 00
" 23rd—	Mr. Beauveau Borie,	25 00
" 23rd—	Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	10 00

Contributing members in May:

Mrs. Anna M. Kelly,	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Hopper,	1 00
Mrs. Charles E. Milnor,	1 00
Miss Ford,	1 00
Total,	$106 00

A bundle of clothing received from the Garment Society and bathing suits. Clothing from Mrs. Weatherley. Bathing suits from Mrs. Sangree.

The Winter work is now over, and the ladies of the Children's Friend Society hope to give the little ones their first outing in June, should the weather be warm enough.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle, received:

From Miss Maria Wilkins,	$1 00
Towards Shoe Fund, from Easter Collection,	25
Mrs. Weatherley,	25
Miss Maud Weatherley,	25
Mrs. Anna M. Kelly,	25
Total	$2 00

From the Misses Bell four pairs of shoes; from Miss Stevenson, half dozen books; from Mrs. Parmalee and Mrs. Higham, game of croquet, to be used by the King's Daughters and Children's Friend Society; also hats to be given to the poor children.

In May, St. Christopher's Hospital was visited and a donation of three dozen bibs, with books, candy and pictures, were given to the sick children. A very pretty note of thanks was received saying how much the children were pleased with their gifts.

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings June 5th and 19th, in Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

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pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

July 7th—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 14th—Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 21st—Sixth Sunday after Trinity.
" 25th—St. James (Thursday).
" 28th—Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

June 8th—Henry Redwood Wharton, Jr.
" 15th—Clarissa Wellington Hughes.
" 18th—Abram Runkle Cox, Jr.
" 19th—Earl Clay Hartman.
" 19th—Annie Madeline Whitehead.

MARRIED.

June 26th—Harry Scharf Roche and Verene Boyle.

BURIED.

June 5th—Margaret Gibson.
" 26th—Frederick W. Fotterall.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

General Charities,		$70 88
For Children's Friend Society:		
From Mr. Bernard Dupuy,		20 00
From Mrs. A. R. Cox, for poor,		5 00
" Mrs. W. S. Russell, for poor,		5 00
" Mrs. Harry Rogers, for Diocesan Missions,		5 00
" " " " " Altar Society,		5 00
Through Miss Rodman:		
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	$5 00	
Mrs. Cornish,	5 00	
Mrs. Russell,	5 00	
Miss Dickerson,	5 00	
E. N. M.,	7 00	—27 00
		$137 88

OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

For General Charities.

THE REV. MR. MILLER preached at the House of Refuge for Girls on Sunday afternoon, June 16th. On Sunday afternoon, July 7th, he is invited to preach to the boys, in the chapel of the House of Refuge, at Glen Mills. There are about six hundred boys in this institution.

THE GIRLS' SUMMER CLUB is even more of a success than ever. The average attendance is double that of last year. The girls manage it themselves, making their own rules and getting up their own programme each week. There is a very friendly spirit among the girls, and each one seems determined to do her part towards making the club a success, and attaining the end for which it was started.

REV. DR. MCCONNELL in a recent letter reports that he and his family are well and busy sight seeing. They were in Paris on June 18th and were about starting for Holland. Below will be found extracts from some of the letters written for the Press of this city:

"As I wander about the city of Rouen I can see how history has left its record, stratum upon stratum. First the simple mercurial Celt, Christian in name but pagan at heart. Then comes the Norse savage, greedy for plunder, but with that vein of mystic devotion which still makes of the practical Englishman the most sentimental of men. Then came the Church. Then came modernity. Here at Rouen one sees what the world was like when the Church possessed it. Western Europe from the eleventh to the fifteenth century was a monastery. Almost everywhere the monastery has been demolished and its stones used for factories and palaces, but here it stands as of old. Here the Church survives after a fashion.

Away on the top of the high hill which overlooks the valley of the Seine, the far-away plains of Normandy, and Rouen lying at our feet, stands Notre Dame de bon Secours. A gem of the thirteenth century Norman, its graceful arches and pillars richly gilt, it has its walls lined with votive tablets set up by grateful votaries of the Virgin. "I prayed to Mary for my child and she heard me," "Mary heard me for my husband," "I vowed to Mary and she remembered me." I look at the dates upon the anonymous tablets. A few are old, 1364, 1621, but by far the majority are of to-day. One before me is 1894. Here the religious thought of the middle ages still survives.

PETRIFIED PRAYERS.

As I look down upon the little old city at my feet I see churches, churches, churches. They have no relation to the needs of the population. They were here before the people. They stand like eternal cliffs and people ripple about their walls. They are all old. The beautiful old cathedral rises out of the mass of old crooked streets as it did A. D. 1270. St. Ouen, the finest Gothic pile in the world, stands on its high hill as it did in 1318, as it did when Joan of Arc went from its chancel into the church-yard outside to make her recantation an hour before the poor girl was led away to be burned in front of the cathedral yonder. There is St. Gervais, St. Machlon, St. Patrice—every saint, in fact, save Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. There is not a modern church in the place. The day of building is long gone by here. They now build cotton factories.

They were not built to worship in, they were votive monuments of piety. They are prayers in themselves. But a prayer once prayed, its office is done. If it takes the form of poetry it may live in literature. If it takes the form of architecture it lives in art. But a prayer it never really is, save for him who first uttered it. These are petrified prayers."

In writing about a dinner in Merchant Taylours Hall on Thread Needle Street, London, he refers to the speeches there:—

"And then the speeches. The Lord Mayor, Sir Joseph Renals, a business man, was the best of all. With the usual English hesitation he talked in a business-like fashion, and did but little damage to his "h's." The Archbishop of Canterbury said some wise things, and if he had not attempted to be ponderously facetous at times would have been all that one could desire of one whose cares of Church and State must leave him little time and heart for a lighter vein. His benignant face above his purple dress coat was good to look upon. It was a Tory dinner. The wicked people who propose disestablishment were assaulted hip and thigh. But it was noteworthy that a feeling of despondency ran through all the speeches.

The rugged old Bishop, of London, brought the house down when he declared in effect that they "would fight to the end against disestablishment which was fatal policy, and against disendowment which was simple robbery, but that if worst should come to worst the Church would still know how to hold the heart of the English people." An American could not but think that may be the disaster which they seemed to foresee might prove the greatest blessing which the Church of England has known for many a century. As "the fatal gift of Constantine" became the bane of Rome until it was rudely snatched away by Victor Emmanuel, so Augustine of Canterbury may have his false policy undone in spite of his successors. At any rate I could not help thinking that if disestablishment had come a hundred and fifty years ago the Church of England would now be, in a modified form, the Church of the United States, and "our unhappy divisions would by now have been healed."

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in June:

June 2nd—Cash,	$ 5 00
" 7th—Miss Sidford,	2 00
" 7th—J. L.,	10 00
" 7th—Miss Laura Bell,	5 00
" 7th—Miss Neidhard,	1 50
" 10th—Miss Dutilh,	2 00
" 14th—Mr. Bernard Dupuy, (through Rev. Mr. Miller),	20 00
" 14th—Mrs. C. P. Stratton,	1 00
" 18th—Miss Rynard,	5 00
" 18th—B. T. M.,	5 00
" 18th—Mrs. E. M. Rumpp,	1 00
" 23rd—Cash,	5 00
" 29th—Mrs. M. M. Williamson,	5 00
" 29th—Miss L. L. Williamson,	1 00
Total,	$68 50

Contributing members in June:

Rev. Charles E. Milnor,	$ 1 00
Miss Dupuy,	1 00
Miss A. E. Dupuy,	1 00
Mrs. Sidney Hoopes Evans,	1 00
Master Homer Evans,	1 00
Mrs. C. L. Becket,	1 00
Miss Lizzie Tomson,	1 50
Miss Grace Atmore,	1 00
Master Craig Atmore,	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Rumpp,	1 00
Miss Mary Rumpp,	1 00
Miss Cleemann,	1 00
Mrs. James M. Arrison,	1 00
Total,	$ 13 50

Donation of clothing from Mrs. Taylor.

Donation of clothing from Mrs. Reinboth.

Fifty-two bean bags from King's Daughters.

Game of lawn tennis and game of croquet from the Misses Eisenbrey.

June 15th was the first of the summer outings; one o'clock promptly the Guild room was filled with as happy a set of children as one would wish to see, waiting patiently for the stages to take them to the Dairy at the park, where they were going to have a good time.

One of the ladies said to the children while they were waiting, "I think the King's Daughters have something in this closet for you;" all eyes were turned and each little hand was put out to receive a bean bag, which when handed to them they could not resist giving it a little toss.

The stages are here, some one calls from the stairs and each lady gets her little flock together and starts to pack them in the stages.

"Where is Mr. Clayton?" some one asks, for he is a friend to all the children. "Here I am," he said. Three stages drive out Market Street with many looking on, as much as to say, wish I could go too.

It would be hard to say which were the brightest set of children as they were all very musical, singing their little school songs such as Robin Hood, Sweet Briar, You can't play in Our Yard, Many Flags and Columbia Gem of the Ocean.

On reaching the grounds, the games commenced at once, Mr. Clayton joining in their sports much to the children's delight.

Ice cream and biscuits were served, and last of all they had a ride on the Merry-Go-Round, which was a donation from one who has helped us as a substitute very often and just before her death spoke of our little children.

We have given out during the month of June about three dozen garments, we can always find something to do for the poor children.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle received from Miss Sidford $1.00

A large box of books from Miss Stevenson. A pair of shoes for Shoe Fund from Mrs. Reinboth; game of lawn tennis and croquet from the Misses Eisenbrey, which is to be used by the King's Daughters and Children's Friend Society.

The King's Daughters have made 52 bean bags and donated them to the Children's Friend Society. They are very much interested and are doing what they can to brighten the life of a poor invalid girl, who had her back broken in two places when she was thirteen years old and is now twenty-three and not any larger than a child nine years old.

All day long she is in one position, on a hard wooden settee, with a mattrass which might be more comfortable. Perhaps next fall when some of you clean house, you might have an old couch which if you would kindly donate to the King's Daughters they will have it moved to Lizzie's residence as that is the poor girl's name.

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings July 3rd and July 17th in the Parish House at half past seven o'clock.

SELECTIONS.

Nothing breaks family peace so quickly or so effectively or so permanently as the conviction on the part of each member of the household that it is his or her bounden duty to set every other member right upon whatsoever subject may happen to turn up in the table-talk of the day. Not otherwise is it in that larger family of which God is the Father and His dear Son our Elder Brother—that household into which we are regenerate by water and the Holy Ghost: here, also, much unhappiness has been and is occasioned by insisting too strenuously upon absolute unanimity of sentiment and opinion. Of course, there are bounds to what people can endure under the same roof. Wherever there is what the physicists call tension, there there must also be the limit of tension—that is to say, the breaking or the bursting-point. I do not dispute, neither do I desire to cloud, that fact. There are a number of perfectly definite propositions that underlie and underpin family tranquility. Knock out a single one of these and the family must go to pieces. Even so there are "Church principles," if you please, which cannot be unsettled without bringing the whole fabric about our ears. All I venture to maintain is that the number of these necessary agreements may possibly have been exaggerated, and that it might be a good thing if the coming generation, the pioneers of the twentieth century, were to take for a special task the effort to discriminate more carefully than has hitherto been done between those articles which are really the articles of "a standing or falling Church" and those that may have been mistaken for such in the past. *Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington.*

"ENGLISH AS SHE IS WRITTEN."

A Traveler in Japan says the Japanese have a mania for putting up English sign advertisements, and they flood your room at the hotels with English cards. And such English! A conspicuous notice at a Kioto hotel reads:

On the dining-time nobody shall be enter to the dining and drawing-room without the guests allow.

One of the articles in the municipal laws of Kioto reads:

Any dealer shall be honestly by his trade. Of course the sold one shall prepare to make up the safe package.

A Tokio dentist's circular reads:

Our tooth is a very important organ for human life and countenance as you know; therefore when it is attack by disease or injury artificial tooth is also very useful. I am engaged in the Dentistry and I will make for your purpose.

The printed label on the claret bottle at Nikko read:

Weak man who is not so hard of his stomach takes notice of his health ever must use this wine usually.

ENLIGHTENED INHUMANITY.

Reading over a letter written from India, I came across this paragraph: "The nations here are principally Hindus; consequently they never take life, except sacrificially; therefore birds are especially blest, multiply rapidly, and become very tame. Two big crows flew out of the hallway as I entered, on my way to breakfast, this morning, and at the table two small birds, uninvited but welcome guests, flew in at the windows and were picking up a few crumbs, all unmindful of a roomful of people. They flew out again, with no fear of bad boys, the rifle or the gun. *Church Standard.*

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

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Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson,
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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Mrs. Stratton,	Miss Baird.

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Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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ALTAR SOCIETY.

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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
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Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Langton,
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LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
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CALENDAR.

August 4th—Eighth Sunday after Trinity.
" 6th—Transfiguration (Tuesday.)
" 11th—Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—Tenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—St. Bartholomew (Saturday.)
" 25th—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

July 7th—Dorothy Caroline Needs.
" 9th—Katharine Forbes Allford.
" 14th—Robert Park McKnight.
" 28th—Eva Reinheimer.

BURIED.

July 12th—Mrs. Courtney Schenck.
" 16th—Mrs. Eliza S. Stokes.
" 18th—Harry B. Phillips.
" 31st—Herman E. Bitterlich.

OFFERINGS IN JULY.

General Charities, - - - $31 32

OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST.

General Charities.

REV. DR. MCCONNELL, while in Paris, preached in the American Church one Sunday in June.

DURING THE MONTH of August the Rev. H. M. G. Huff, formerly of the Church of the Epiphany, will officiate. If his services are needed during the week, communications can be had with him through the verger—Joseph Clayton.

THE REV. DR. MCCONNELL in his last letter, dated The Hague, June 27th, says: "We have been very busy sight-seeing. We were three weeks in Paris and saw it above ground and beneath; including the sewers and the Catacombs. I did not think much of it. Paris is not an attractive place for my taste. It is a paradise for artistic people, and for rich people; but not for the average mortal. We came here a week ago and are in love with the place and the country.

We have gone about a good deal on bicycles. Friday we went to Delft and back through the country villages—a ride of 27 miles. It is the best possible way to see a strange country, and the roads are superb. We have been very well."

THE GIRLS' SUMMER CLUB has been such a success, and the girls have seemed to enjoy it so much, that Miss Rodman has decided to keep it open two weeks later than last year. It will not close until the middle of August. The object of the Club is to supplement and continue the work of the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church. That society is doing a grand work. By its help many a girl has been better equipped for the struggle of life, and enabled to resist temptation. The aim of the Club is to hold the girls together, and to make them feel that the Church counts as a factor in their lives in the summer as well as in the winter. The girls meet at the Parish House about half past seven.

The first half hour at the Club is a social time; one of the girls is appointed each night to act as the hostess, she especially looks after new members and strangers, and also as each girl comes in she is introduced to the others; it makes no difference how well she may know them already, the ceremony is gone through with, and it is astonishing how quick many of the girls are getting to be about saying the little pleasant things that do so much to put people at their ease. At eight o'clock seats are taken for the business meeting, the roll is called, the minutes read, the literary and entertainment committees appointed, and the management of the club and plans for the future discussed and regularly voted upon. After that comes a little music, and a recitation or two. Then lemonade and very simple cakes are passed about. The girls have the great advantage of having the services of a regular music teacher, who sings with them, making suggestions, and doing what she can to train their voices. After a hymn or two the Club motto (Phil. iv: 8) is said in concert, sometimes the deaconess says a few words, and the meeting is closed with prayer.

Several evenings the girls have taken advantage of Mr. George C. Thomas's generosity in opening his house, and showing his fine collection of pictures. One Sunday afternoon a party went out to the Burd Asylum; the girls were greatly impressed by the beautiful service in the Chapel, they had a delightful walk in the woods about the place, and came away very enthusiastic about some delightful graham bread and milk that had been kindly offered them. On Sunday, August 4th, another party of the girls from the Club will go with Miss Rodman.

One outcome of the Club has been that almost every girl, who had not already a bank account, has begun to put money into the Dime Savings Bank. The girls are being encouraged to put a little in week by week. Already plans are being made for next summer, and it is earnestly hoped that then something can be done for others outside the Club needing help, and as yet not reached by the Girls' Friendly Society.

Miss Rodman has been greatly helped by the books and magazines which from time to time have been sent her by the ladies of St. Stephen's Church. She is especially indebted to the Misses Eisenbrey, Cattell and Miss Perot. She also wishes to acknowledge a bundle of clothing sent by Mrs. Stratton.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in July:

Mr. Harry C. Banks, Jr.,	$2 00
July 15th, Miss K. B.	5 00
July 16th, Miss Stevenson,	5 00
King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle,	2 00
Contributing member, Miss K. B.	1 00
Mr. Samuel W. Haines,	1 00
Mrs. Samuel W. Haines,	1 00
Miss Clara Wood,	1 00
James Greer,	1 00
Mrs. James Greer,	1 00
Mrs. C. Fenton,	1 00
Total,	$21 00

Game of croquet and toys from the Misses Eisenbrey.

It hardly seems necessary to explain the work of the Children's Friend Society, so well is it known in the Parish. Yet as new members come into the Church they might like to know about the work and how it started.

In 1888, some four or five ladies in the Parish who had seen so much distress amongst the poor, and meeting many poor little children in the small streets about the city who never got an

outing or any fresh air, planned they would take some half dozen out for a ride in the cars to the Park and furnish a lunch for them. So great was their delight and enjoyment that on the following Saturday the ladies repeated it, increasing the number of children. This, however, could not continue long without funds, so the work was started by asking friends for five cent donations to give a poor child a ride, and it would be a very hard hearted person that would refuse.

At the end of the first year, seventy-five children had been taken on excursions, entertained and looked after.

It was then time the work should have a name and be formed into a regular society. The ladies meant to be the Children's Friends, so this name was selected from a number of others. Then the rector, Dr. McConnell, asked if the society would like to belong to the Parish. Proud the members are that St. Stephen's Parish is the originator of such a good work.

At that time it was the only society with the exception of the Country Week of the kind. Now the Culture Extension League, many Guilds and King's Daughters are starting the same work. Public School yards are thrown open for children to play in; but there is work enough for all.

Over 600 children's names are now on the books of our society, and they are taken on excursions in the summer and entertained in various ways in winter.

It is not only the people of St. Stephen's Parish that have contributed to this work, but many donations have been received from other cities.

On Wednesday July 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Apple very kindly donated the ride for the excursion to George's Hill. They had three of the Union Transfer coaches waiting at the Parish House to take seventy children for a drive. It did not take long to pack them in the "beautiful coaches" as the little ones called them. All were ready and off they started, out Market street to Broad street, then to Spring Garden street, entering the Park at Green street entrance, passing Lemon Hill, Zoological Gardens, Memorial Hall, Horticultural Hall and stopping at George's Hill. All was new to the children, and the ride was enjoyed very much by all. The children felt hungry on reaching George's Hill, and were ready for some biscuits, as well as a good drink of spring water. The society had just invested in a new tin bucket, and whenever a child was missing, the answer was, "they have gone to the spring for a bucket of water." Had it not been that Mr. Jackson Blank's wagon was seen coming up the Hill with ice cream, it might be feared the spring would be dry. Bean-bag and games of croquet were played, and Miss Dora Friedel, Miss Minnie Wilder, Miss Bertha Walsh and Mr. John H. Tabler greatly assisted the ladies in giving the little ones a good time. They returned home along the river road which delighted the children. It was quite amusing to see how excited they would get when the coaches back of them would get ahead. At Tenth and Chestnut streets they started that old song "We won't get home until morning."

Although we have not been able to have any Sea Shore excursions, or give the children a dip in the Ocean (much to their disappointment) the work is going steadily on. The next excursion will be August 2nd.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle received from a very kind gentleman in the Church a couch for Lizzie Weikle, the invalid girl in whom they are so much interested.

The young ladies of this Circle have preferred to continue their meetings and work throughout the entire summer, doing whatever good their hands find to do.

Saturday, July 27th, they had their annual excursion to Gordon Heights, leaving Chestnut street Wharf at half past one o'clock, and returning home on the eight o'clock boat. Although it rained the young ladies had a very enjoyable afternoon.

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings August 7th and 21st.

SELECTIONS.

The New York newspapers are devoting considerable space to the fact that Bishop Potter has forgone his annual vacation, and will spend a month as the working rector of the Cathedral mission on the east side of New York. There are many clergymen who labor all the year in in just such districts, who suffer privations

patiently and willingly, if so be that they can help their fellows, and whose devotion and self-sacrifice are never heard of in the outside world. Bishop Potter, just and generous as he is, has not been slow to acknowledge this fact when being interviewed, and has also been careful to explain that he was not going to induce martyrdom, or that he proposed "slumming." He wanted to learn for himself the character and requirements of that particular mission field, and, certainly, there was no better way of obtaining such knowledge than by mingling with the people who live and labor there

But without giving the Bishop's work sensational importance, something that he has himself deprecated, his resolution to go where he has gone is a good illustration of self-abnegation. He has set an example to his clergy, and his course is a splendid object lesson in the democracy of the church—the equality of all men in the sight of heaven, something about which we hear a great deal, but see very little. Christianity will become more of a reality to weary toilers and workers when it is brought to them by just such simple and gentle ways.

The Inquirer.

QUERY.

This appeared lately in one of our advanced sheets:

"Which is growing faster, the broad Church or the Catholic party?"

It is not for us to answer it; but the question seems to us well put and calling for developments which may throw light upon it.

The terms *church* and *party* are here properly applied. The Church must be broad, being Catholic. The *Catholic party* has no right to the name of Church, and still less to that of Catholic Church. It is a *party*, and for that very reason is uncatholic. Here are some of their respective characteristics:

Catholic,	Partisan.
Broad,	Narrow.
Comprehensive,	Exclusive.
Progressive,	Retrogade.
Liberal,	Intolerant.
On one side,	*On the other*.
Faith,	Beliefs.
The commandment of God,	Traditions.
Righteousness,	Rites.
Works,	Practices.
Truth,	Authority.
Freedom,	Burdens.
Ministers,	Priests.
Christ,	Church.
Etc.,	Etc.

LE SIÈCLE PRÉSENT.

Si ce n'est point un siècle de convictions religieuses, c'est du moins un siècle de sincérité en matière de religion. Sans manquer au respect dû aux choses sacrées ou considérées telles, il ose les regarder en face et s'en fait même un devoir. L'homme n'a plus peur de Dieu, il le cherche au contraire. Nous considérons onc, non comme un sacrilège, mais comme un acte consciencieux, l'étude critique des fondements du christianisme, telle que l'ont entreprise des esprits supérieurs et sincères. Le résultat sera, au lieu du culte idolâtrique rendu par tant de chrétiens à certains hommes et à certaines choses, une plus juste appréciation et une estime plus rationnelle et des hommes et des choses. La superstition pourra y perdre, la vraie religion ne peut qu'y gagner.

ROMAN CATHOLICS are setting up an ambitious claim to be the founders of the American Republic. The absurdity of this claim is best shown by the fact that among the signers of the Declaration of Independence, we find 26 Episcopalians, 12 Congregationalists, 6 Presbyterians, 2 Quakers, 2 doubtful, and one single Roman Catholic, namely, Charles Carroll.

"To my own mind the conclusive *evidences of the truth of Christianity* are found in the social movements of the world about me. I know that Christ is King of men, that His Kingdom is the kingdom of the truth, because I see that He has laid down laws to which men must conform in every relation of life if they would be happy and prosperous and free."

Write it on your heart that every day is the last day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday.—*Emerson.*

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
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Mrs. Arrison,	Miss E. Klahr,

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Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Russell.

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Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Langton,
Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane,
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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Lundy, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. Rogers, Miss Thomas,
Miss Perot, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Seabrook, Miss Lewis,
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Miss Boyd.

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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

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Miss Lewis.

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Secretary—Albin Anaya.
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John Seed,
John Simpson.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

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" 21st—St. Matthew's (Saturday).
" 22nd—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
St. Michael and All Angels.

PARISH RECORD.

MARRIED.

August 6th—Abbott R. Gardner and Emma Jean Smith.

BURIED.

August 5th—Mary E. Holman.

OFFERINGS IN AUGUST.

General Charities, ...	$19 50
Children's Friend Society, . . .	43 50
	$63 00

OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities.

THE REV. DR. MCCONNELL and family will start for home September 4th, on the Steamer Maasdam sailing from Rotterdam. They are all well, and have had a delightful summer.

THE PARISH DAY SCHOOL will begin its session on Monday, September 9th, in the Parish Building, rear of the Church, Miss Kate Lewis teacher. Applications for the admission of girls may be made to her at the opening of the School.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will open for the coming season on the first Sunday in October, at 9.45 A.M. Rev. J. L. Miller has charge of the School. Applications for admission can be made to him at the opening of any session during the year. The teachers who find that they cannot take charge of their classes at the opening sessions, will please notify Mr. Miller, so that he can make suitable provision for the vacant places.

The children have had a long vacation. They

will be gladly welcomed back to the School. There will be need of more teachers, owing to several vacancies in the classes that must be filled. There are many communicants in a Parish the size of ours that have plenty of time to do some Church work. The appeal for teachers is made to such as these. Teaching is not easy work. So much is demanded. Love of children, aptness to teach, regularity of attendance and punctuality as well. Then an interest in the religious work, and a feeling of responsibility as to the advance in Christian growth of the children committed to one's care. Other Church work there is an abundance, but as things are as they are, it does seem the care of the Sunday School children is one of the most urgent duties that the Parish is bound to fulfill.

SUMMER WILL soon be ended. Soon the warm weather will pass away. The people will settle down in their accustomed places, and active Church work in the city parishes will be resumed. Many in this congregation of ours may be thinking of what they ought to do for others, and how best they can help the Church in the work she has to do in our portion of the city. It does seem as the city increases in size the shorter time there is to do active work. The fashion of spending a greater portion of the time in the country or at the sea-side of those well furnished with money and leisure necessarily interferes with Parish work in the heart of our city life. But soon the work here will begin. *What will you do?*

"THERE ARE DIVERSITIES of gifts but the same spirit. And there are differences of ministries but the same Lord." The Church has so many channels of work. There are so many ways to be of use. In our own Parish we have many societies. Would it not be well for those willing to work in the Parish to look at the list of our societies, with their times of meeting, the names of directors, etc.? and then at the earliest opportunity, upon your return to the city, let the Rector know just what you would like to do, or, better still, to let him know what you feel you are best able to do for the Church and your fellow-men.

THE PARISH HAS a goodly list of societies and organizations for work. The members are in earnest, and when help and assistance are asked for, it is because there is work to do and willing hands alone are invited to come and take hold.

The Altar Society, with its Chancel Committee, its Library Committee, Embroidery Class, Order Committee, and with these also the superintending and management of the Lenten Sewing.

The Female Benevolent Society, with its Board of Managers, Cutting Committee, Parcelling Committee, Distributing and Paying Committee, Selling Committee, Special Orders Committee, Examining Committee, and Garment Committee.

The Missionary Box Committee.

The Sunday School, with its various classes; Infant School and Bible Classes.

The Mothers' Meetings.

The Children's Friend Society.

The Boys' Guild.

St. Stephen's Association.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

And besides all these, from time to time, special work for young men who place themselves in readiness to respond to the calls of the Rector.

PHILADELPHIA, July 10th, 1895.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE desires to call attention to the advantages now afforded in the Church Training and Deaconess House of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for all women to qualify themselves for greater usefulness in the Church, or home, or Sunday School, or in society.

This Institution is established not only for the training of those who are to be set apart as deaconesses, but also for the instruction of all who have a mind to work for Christ in any department of Christian activity.

The scheme of studies includes courses in Church History, Church Music, Methods of Teaching, Business Methods, Home Sanitation, the Prayer Book, the Books of the Bible, the New Testament Use of the Old Testament, English Composition, Doctrinal and Pastoral Theology.

Instruction is given in all of these departments by teachers of large experience and culture, who devote their best energies to their work.

All of these courses are free. It is only necessary to apply to the House Mother, 708 Spruce Street, who will furnish tickets admitting to the lectures which the applicant elects to attend.

From the first Wednesday in October to the last Tuesday in May, one lesson a week is given in most of the courses. A few of them do not extend through the year, and in some three or four lessons a week are given.

It would seem that there must be in this Diocese many earnest-minded Churchwomen, who, if they knew of the opportunity which here exists, would be glad to make use of it. There are many teachers in our Sunday Schools who would be greatly benefited by taking one or more of these courses. And there are, doubtless, many not actively engaged in teaching or any parochial or missionary work, who would find their religious life deepened, and their grasp of truth and duty made stronger, by giving a little of their time to such systematic study of some department of Christian doctrine, or history, or work, as taking up one or more of these courses would require.

Following will be found the Scheme of Studies for the coming year, with the names of the Faculty and Instructors, and I earnestly invite your attention to a consideration of the benefits which may be derived from their teaching.

Faithfully yours,

O. W. WHITAKER.

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

House Year, 1895-1896.

First Year's Class.

MONDAY.

A. M., 10-11, Ancient Church History.
REV. R. S. EASTMAN.
11-12, Pastoral Theology.
REV. DR. RUMNEY.
P. M., 8- 9, Training of the Voice for Church Music.
REV. JULIUS G. BIERCK.

TUESDAY.

A. M., 10-11, Bible Class Teaching.
MISS BIDDLE.
11-12, Lessons in English.
MISS MCVICKAR.
P. M., 3- 4, History of the Prayer Book.
REV. L. M. ROBINSON.

WEDNESDAY.

A. M., 10-11, Acts of the Apostles.
MISS COLES.
11-12, The Creed.
REV. WM. ELY, D.D.
P. M., 2-2.45,
2.45-3.30, I and II Corinthians.
PROF. MICOU.
3.30, The Old Testament.
PROF. BATTEN.

THURSDAY.

A. M., 10-11, Business Methods.
REV. H. F. FULLER.
11-12, Hygiene and Home Sanitation.
SENECA EGBERT, M.D.
P. M., Practical Training.

FRIDAY.

Practical Training.

SATURDAY.

A.M., 9, Missionary Society.

Second Year's Class.

MONDAY.

A. M., 10-11, The New Testament Use of the Old Testament.
REV. DR. PERRY.
11-12, Modern Church History.
REV. J. R. MOSES.
P. M., Practical Training.

TUESDAY.

A. M., 10-11, Bible Class Teaching.
MISS BIDDLE.
11-12,
P. M., 4- 5, Studies in Early Liturgies.
REV. L. M. ROBINSON.

WEDNESDAY.

A. M., 10-11, The Thirty-nine Articles.
REV. WM. ELY, D.D.
11-12, St. Paul's Epistles.
MISS COLES.
P. M., 2-2.45, General Epistles.
PROF. MICOU.
2.45-3.30,
3.30, The Old Testament.
PROF. BATTEN.

THURSDAY.
A. M., 10-11, Emergencies (Adv. Term).
SENECA EGBERT, M.D.
P. M., Practical Training.

FRIDAY.
Practical Training.

SATURDAY.
A. M., 9, Missionary Society.

All of these courses are free to day Students. The only charge is for the necessary books. Tickets for any course can be obtained by applying to the House Mother, 708 Spruce Street.

Applications for Admission as residents should be sent to Admission Committee, 708 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

The School Year begins Wednesday, October 2nd, 1895.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in August:

August 5th	—From a Friend,	$10 00
" 7th	—Miss R. Airey,	1 00
" 12th	—S. J. C.,	10 00
	Mrs. L. H. Hillman,	5 00
" 13th	—Miss Bennett,	50
	Mrs. L. V. Sausser,	2 00
	Mrs. Albert Pancoast,	10 00
	Mrs. H. McIlvaine,	1 00
	From E. N. M.,	2 00
	Miss Emma Spence,	1 00
" 17th	—Miss Anna McClure Sholl,	1 00
		$43 50

August 23rd was the second Excursion to George's Hill, making about 150 children that have had an outing this month.

One o'clock, prompt, the children are told to be at the Parish House; each one is given a bean-bag or ball to carry out, and then they start for the Trolley Cars, Tenth and Arch Streets. Very happy it makes them feel, when they are the only ones permitted to get on the cars.

They enjoy the ride very much, and on reaching the grounds all are eager to get to the top of the Hill. Hats come off, but before starting to play they must have some biscuits, as many, for fear of being left at home, ate very little dinner.

Many of the children on this last trip were half orphans, some of them very pretty children. The work of this Society does not end by taking a child once on an Excursion; the ladies wish to be the Children's Friends, and they are proud to see many of them, growing up into womanhood and manhood, bright and useful. Places of employment have been found for some, and they have worked themselves up and now are holding high positions in stores.

One family living in a dark cellar, not fit for a human being to live in, was moved and made comfortable when the Society first started; now the children have grown up and the mother is well and a hard working woman.

But we must not forget the children and the Excursion. Miss Hines, Miss Bessie Wilder and Miss Nellie Miller, and Mr. Tabler helped very much to entertain the children.

Now it is time for the Ice Cream and Cake, but we must not forget an invalid gentleman's kindness to the children on the trip August 2nd, General E. L. Townsend, who was driving in the Park, was attracted to the children, and spent most of the afternoon taking two at a time for a drive around George's Hill, which was appreciated very much by all.

There will be one or two more Excursions. The members of the Society wish to thank all those who have helped them with the work this summer.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle had a Trolley Ride to Chestnut Hill on the evening of August 21st; it was enjoyed by all.

Their next meetings will be September 4th and September 18th, in the Parish House, halfpast seven o'clock.

SELECTED.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—*Charles Kingsley.*

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St. Stephen's Church.

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1318 Locust Street.

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No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. Austin,
Mrs. F. A. Lewis,	Mrs. Neidhard,
Mrs. Jas. Kenworthy,	Mrs. Arrison,
Miss M. J. Lewis,	Mrs. Clarkson,
Mrs. Russell,	Mrs. Hepburn,
Mrs. McDowell,	Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann,	Mrs. J. Kenworthy,
Miss Lundy,	Miss Livingston,
Mrs. Crane,	Mrs. Russell,
Mrs. S. Caldwell,	Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Clarkson,	Miss Durang,
Mrs. Hine,	Mrs. Beale,
Mrs. Willson,	Mrs. Reinboth,
Mrs. Adams,	Mrs. Lammot,
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson,
Miss Thomas, Miss Pease, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Miss Magee,	Mrs. Boyd,
Mrs. Arrison,	Miss E. Klahr,
	Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson,	Miss Mary L. Koons,
Mrs. Whitlock,	Mrs. Musgrove,
	Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

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Mrs. Stratton,	Miss Baird.

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Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss L. Bell,
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DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Josephine Lewis, *Sec.* Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. S. Caldwell,
Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Stratton,
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Mellon.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Davison,
Misses Maulsby, Miss Patterson,
Miss Stratton, Miss Perot,
Misses Clarkson, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Lammot, Mrs. Sangree,
Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Spencer,
Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Langton,
Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane,
Miss Thomas, Miss Emily K. Sharp.
Miss Marie Bunn.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Langton,
Miss Maulsby, Miss Perot.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Lundy, Mrs. Buck,
Miss Mellon, Mrs. Hepburn,
Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sanders,
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Davison,
Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson,
Miss Selden, Miss Thompson,
Miss Sanford, Mrs. Crane,
Mrs. Rogers, Miss Thomas,
Miss Perot, Mrs. Nixon,
Miss Seabrook, Miss Lewis,
Miss Bullesby, Mrs. Graham,
Miss Gerrish, Miss Lundy,
Miss Walker, Miss Winpenny,

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Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
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Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Miss Hansell, Mrs. Vanderslice,
Mrs. Hansell, Miss Maria G. Mitchell,
Mrs. Molloy, Miss Marion B. Smith,
Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss Mabel Edwards,
Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Leicester-Addis,
Mr. T. H. Walters, Mr. Lineweaver,
Miss Boyd.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, *Deaconess,*
Miss Perot, Miss Thomas, Miss Clarkson.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. McPherran,
Miss Marion B. Smith, Miss Edwards,
Miss Lewis.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—George Pfeifer.
Vice-President—Albert Berg.
Secretary—Albin Anaya.
Treasurer—Frank Collins.

Meets on Fridays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)
President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Business Meeting Second Friday of every Month.

President—Harry P. Christensen.
Vice-President—John D. Firmin.
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Treasurer—Wm. A. J. Guscott.

Executive Committee:

Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D., John Seed,
Rev. J. L. Miller, John Simpson.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

October 6th—17th Sunday after Trinity.
" 13th—18th Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—St. Luke (Friday.)
" 20th—19th Sunday after Trinity.
" 27th—20th Sunday after Trinity.
" 28th—SS. Simon and Jude.
November 1st—All Saints Day (Friday.)

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

September 1st—Emma Nora Wallace.

MARRIED.

September 2nd—Louis Keim Marfilius and Maria A. Stites.

BURIED.

August 31st—Adolph Kaltstein.
September 18th—Rachel Laird Wood.
" 23rd—Juliet deHart Smith.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

General Charities, ...	$127 38

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday, Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays, General Charities.

THE RECTOR returned from his vacation in Europe, on Sunday, September 15th, and came to the Church in the afternoon and took charge of the evening service.

THE WINTER ARRANGEMENT of the afternoon service, begins as usual the first Sunday in October. On that day, and thereafter, service will be at 4 o'clock, with sermon, and offertory for charities. The congregation is reminded, that by a resolution of the Vestry passed several years ago, pews will be retained for their owners until the time of beginning the service. After that time it will be taken for granted that the owners are not coming, and strangers will be seated as rapidly as possible.

THE TROLLEY SYSTEM IS PRODUCING some marked changes in the distribution of population in Philadelphia. It is somewhat too soon, probably, to determine just what its effect will be upon the down-town churches. To speak more precisely, we are curious to see what its effect will be upon St. Stephen's. It is possible that it may bring people there, or it may take them away, or more likely still it may do both. The present indications are that it will induce the removal from the city to the suburbs of a considerable number of parishioners who have heretofore lived somewhat near the Church. A few of these will remove so far away that they will be beyond the reach of their old Parish. But on the other hand, it begins to be clear that the increasing rapidity of motion and the fact that so many trolley lines converge about 10th and Chestnut, will make it possible for a constantly increasing number of persons to attend the services at St. Stephen's if they feel so inclined. As a matter of fact, among the regular attendants at present, there are pew holders from Chestnut Hill, Germantown, Overbrook, Merion and West Philadelphia. Strangely enough, these are among the most regular attendants. The indications are that one effect of the trolley system will be to break up parish boundries even more than they are broken up at present. The churches which have for some time been regarded as down town and out of reach of the population are no longer so. They are easily accessible. Their prosperity, hereafter, will depend upon their willingness and ability to do the Churches' work among men. People can go to them, and will go to them if there is anything really valuable to be got when they do go.

But this same distribution of population has created new duties for the Church in every portion of the city. There are at least four or five places within the city limits where a new town of from five to ten thousand inhabitants will be made, out of whole cloth, within three or four years. There is no church in any of these places. The people who go to them are, as a rule, at the commencement of life. They buy a new home and place a mortgage upon it which it will require several years, at least, to extinguish. They do not know one another. They belong to all sects and denominations. The old city goes before them and builds for them their streets and their school houses. Later on they themselves pay for these and support them. In the same way the old Church must go before them and build their churches for them. Later on they will build these and support them. But they cannot be depended upon to take the initiative.

One of these new places in the city is in the neighborhood of 52nd and Haverford Road. It is a section for which St. Stephen's Church is to some extent responsible. The corporation happens to hold the title of a considerable section of land in that vicinity which has been in their hands for many years. Most of it is held in trust for the Burd Orphan Asylum. It is proposed at once to begin the work of a new mission or church in that vicinity. The Rector will ask the Vestry to take such action as is in their power, and which they have already expressed their willingness to do. He will call upon the congregation of St. Stephen's for continuous contributions of money for the support of services. He will call upon the people who attend the church to give their personal help as workers in this new mission field. Judging by the building operations already in progress, or for which permits have been taken out there will be in that vicinity, where at present no one lives, a population of at least six thousand within two years. In five years, they will be able to support and maintain their own church. It is the plain duty, however, of St. Stephen's to take action at present so that in the future the Church may be able to do its duty in that vicinity. The congregation will be kept informed continually of whatever arrangements may be made to this end.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION of our Church in the United States is in session during this month of October at Minneapolis. It meets once in three years to consider and take action upon the state of the Church, to make and change laws and regulations for the Church, and to arrange for its work in the future. The Convention is composed of two houses. First; the House of Bishops, consisting of the eighty-two bishops of the Church. Second; the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, which is composed of four Clerical and four Lay Deputies from each of the fifty-two dioceses, and of one Clerical and one Lay Deputy from each of the eighteen missionary jurisdictions. For the last twenty years the principal work of the General Convention has been the revision of the Prayer Book. That was completed at the last Convention in Baltimore three years ago. Probably most of the work to be done at this session is the routine work which accumulates during the three years. In addition to that, at the last Convention a committee was appointed to report a revision of the Constitution and Canons of the Church. That committee will make its report at this Convention. It will no doubt give rise to prolonged discussion, and probably a considerable number of changes will be made in the present Constitution. These changes, however, will not sensibly affect the every day life of the parishes and people of the Church. The most important of the proposed changes relate to Ordination of Ministers. When the Convention will have adjourned and taken final action, the PARISH NEWS will publish a *resume* of their action, and point out any practical effects that it may have upon the church life of the people.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL begin on Sunday, October 6th, at 9.45 A. M. It is important that the teachers should be on hand to take charge of their classes at that time. It is unfortunate to have the scholars present only to find no one there to teach them. If for any reason the regular teachers cannot then be present, will they not kindly send word when they may be expected, so that provision may be made for the classes in the meantime. Some more teachers will be needed. If any in the congregation can find an hour to give to this work every Sunday morning they will be welcomed, and work can be readily supplied them. Regularity and punctuality are important.

THE WORK OF OUR PARISH in its various departments is necessarily stopped during the summer season. One society, however, has a work to do chiefly in the hot weather. It tries to be a friend to children who in the heat and dust of a summer in the city are crowded away in the poor and uncared for neighborhoods. These children are looked up, gathered together in little bands and not sent but *are taken* by kind friends out for little excursions into the country. Members of the congregation and others interested in the good work have given from time to time liberally of their means, but the nature of these kindly offices to children is such that more than money is needed and more than money can buy. Those interested in the active work of the Children's Friend Society, (Mrs. Vanderslice and a band of devoted women with her) carry on the work simply as a labor of love. They have done a noble work, a work of benevolence in which all who have the interest of the parish at heart have every reason to feel gratified. This work has been going on for a number of years. Other societies outside of our parish have since been organized for this purpose. The good resulting from all these efforts cannot be lost. All honor to these women of our parish who so earnestly and lovingly deny themselves many a day of pleasure that they may let some gladness rest upon the little children who so sorely need it and might not otherwise obtain it.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD of the Rush Hospital invite their friends to an opening "TEA" to be held at their new location, N. E. corner of 33rd Street and Lancaster Avenue, on Wednesday Oct. 9th from 4 till 10 o'clock. The present site is much more healthful and attractive than the former one, and the ladies hope for an increase of interest and donations proportionate to the improvement of the building and comfort of the patients.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in September:

Mrs. W. S. Russell,	$2 00
From King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle),	1 00
Mrs. Dutilh,	1 00
Total,	$4 00

The summer excursions ended September 13th. Although the Society has not been able to give the children a dip in the ocean this year, over 500 have been taken to the Park.

The members of the Society take this opportunity to thank the ladies who so kindly made the

bathing suits. Eighty suits were packed away carefully in camphor, in hopes that another year they may be put to some good use.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have visited, this month, St. Christopher's Hospital. They donated two dozen bibs, four panel pictures, scrap books, balls, paper dolls and other toys to the children.

Donations have been received from Mrs. Herman Bitterlich; eight panel pictures, a piece of bed-ticking and three pairs of shoes from Mrs. Crombarger; three pairs of shoes from Mrs. Sausser; two pairs of shoes from Mrs. Vanderslice. For Shoe Fund from King's Daughters 50 cents. The amount towards the Shoe Fund that was started last March, has now reached $14.75; will not more join as members? Many 25 cents will help to cover many little feet this winter. Anyone wishing to join can give their name to Mrs. Vanderslice or to any of the King's Daughters of this Circle.

The King's Daughters will have their next meeting on October 16th, in the Guild room at half past seven o'clock, p. m.

SELECTIONS.

CHRISTIANITY.

Strictly speaking, it is not a religion. It refuses to take its stand side by side with the other religions. It stands on a ground of its own and is, to a great extent, destitute of those qualities which constitute what is ordinarily called religion. It has little to say about the origin of man. It has no theory to propound concerning the nature of God. It has no formal statement concerning the manner of future existence. It refers to all these things, to be sure, but it takes them for granted. It does not reveal them, it does not uphold them. It simply assumes them.

Christianity is Christ's working theory of life. It runs thus:

"Life is under the management of a Father. It is to be passed amongst brothers; act accordingly. This is my commandment: 'May ye love one another.' Your brother may injure you grievously; do not retaliate. Conquer him with patience and bind him to yourself with the meshes of love. You may suffer thus; very probably you will. You may perish. Nevertheless, not a hair of your head shall be wasted".

And He practiced what He preached. He became Himself the supreme example of His method.

"Let His mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ."—Phil. 11: 5.

THE MISSION OF CHRIST.

Christ has very clearly defined His mission. He did so in His first sermon in the synagogue at Nazareth. He read Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah, and declared that He had come to fulfil it; and this is what He read:

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the glad tidings to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

To carrying out this purpose He gave His life. He framed no creeds, prescribed no ritual, conducted no regular and established public worship. To these things the Church has largely given its endeavors—not so Christ. He went about doing good. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, comforted the mourning, instructed the ignorant, inspired with newness of life the sinful and despairing. That He did these things was, He affirmed, the evidence of His Messiahship.

GOD GIVE US MEN!

For the welfare of the Church, as well as of the State, in its highest offices, we may cry out with Dr. J. G. Holland:

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog,
In public duty and in private thinking.
For while the rabble, with their thumbworn creeds,
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps."

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St. Stephen's Church.

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1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 South Tenth Street.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
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Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.30 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Willson, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. H. Rogers, Mrs. J. Kenworthy, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson, Miss Thomas, Miss Pease, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Rodman, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

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FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

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Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Misses Clarkson, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thompson, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Patterson, Miss Perot, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Sangree, Miss Spencer, Miss Langton, Mrs. Crane, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Marie Bunn.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Maulsby, Miss Langton, Miss Perot.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Selden, Miss Sanford, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Perot, Miss Seabrook, Miss Byllesby, Miss Gerrish, Miss Walker, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Stevenson, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Nixon, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Miss Lundy, Miss Winpenny.

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Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, Miss Perot, Miss Thomas, Miss Snyder.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
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Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.
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Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

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Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)
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Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D., John Seed,
Rev. J. L. Miller, John Simpson.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

November 1st—All Saints' Day.
" 3rd—21st Sunday after Trinity.
" 10th—22nd Sunday after Trinity.
" 17th—23rd Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30th—St. Andrew. (Saturday.)

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

October 6th—Dorothy Hodges Bringhurst.
" 6th—Nicholas Joseph Engelbert.

MARRIED.

October 5th—Walter Hebdon Lazenby and Louisa Mary Marshall.
October 9th—Charles T. O. Brunner and Bessie F. Arnett.
October 16th—Archibald F. Reddie and Eliza Cattell.

BURIED.

October 19th—Mary Reynolds Pile.
" 21st—James G. Steinle.
" 25th—Wm. M. Stewart.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

For Domestic Missions,	$126 00
For General Church Work:	
From Mrs. Russell,	50 00
" Miss Dickson,	20 00
" Offertories,	220 82
	$416 82

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday:—For Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays:—General Charities.
Thanksgiving Day:—For Episcopal Hospital.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM M. STEWART.

IN THE DEATH OF Mr. Wm. M. Stewart, the Vestry and Parish have sustained a serious loss. He has been identified with the work of the Church, here and elsewhere, for more than half a century. Where he was best known he was loved and honored most. In the western part of the State few Churchmen were better known, or have done more to make it grow in uncongenial soil. In Philadelphia his work was done more quietly. But by his clear judgement and faithfulness, and far more by his simple minded and brave godliness he has well served the Church and its Master. His deeply grieving family will have the sympathy and prayers of all the people.

MISS RODMAN'S afternoon class will begin Sunday, November 3rd, at a quarter before three in the Parish House.

THE MANAGERS OF THE Female Benevolent Society will have their first meeting in the Parish House on Thursday, the 7th of November, at 11.30, after morning service.

THE RECTOR REGRETS GREATLY that after so long an absence during the summer he should have felt it his duty to be absent from the Parish the last Sunday in October. He did so in order that he might accept an invitation to preach at Harvard University; an invitation which for various reasons he felt compelled to accept.

In each November during a number of years the Rector has asked a number of gentlemen and ladies in the Parish for certain definite sums of money for the expenses of the charitable and benevolent work done chiefly during the winter. He has ventured in each case to name the sum which he has asked of each person. He has done this because he has felt that he was in a position to know better than any one else what amount was needed for the purpose, and because he has believed that people would rather be asked for a certain definite amount than to be requested to contribute whatever they might think best. Last year he asked forty-six people for $50.00 or $25.00 each, and forty-three out of the forty-six sent him the amounts asked for. The other three declined for reasons which were perfectly legitimate and perfectly plain. This November he proposes to considerably extend this invitation to assist. With the new work which has been undertaken in West Philadelphia, to which he contributes his own labor gratuitously, a very considerable increase of expenses will be entailed. A good many people may therefore expect to be asked for money. Of course, they may not be able to respond. They will be the judge of that. But judging by the past, and by the way in which those who have heretofore been asked have given, he has little apprehension on the subject.

The Garment Committee will resume its work on Monday morning, November 4th, at eleven o'clock in the Parish Building, and contributions of clothing will be gratefully acknowledged.

During October, contributions of money and clothing have been received from Mrs. Muirheid, Miss Christopher, Mrs. Bunker, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Rowland and "No Name."

Number of articles received in October,	35
" " distributed "	16

Monday, Nov. 4th—Miss Rodman, Miss Sanders.
" " 11th—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 18th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 25th—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in October: Miss Neidhard, $1.00; Mrs. Edward T. Moody, $1.00. Total $2.00.

The Excursions are over, and we are waiting to plan the Thanksgiving treat. The children look forward to it. It is a little sunshine in many weary lives.

Will you not remember the little ones when you yourself are going to a lecture or concert this winter? Help the Society in some way by your offerings so as to make these lowly ones a little happy.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle are sewing for the House of St. Michael and All Angels. They have visited their sick girl, Lizzie Weikle, who is glad to have a visit from any of the Circle.

Donation of books for the King's Daughters' Library have been received from Mr. Andrew Cornith. From Mrs. Abram R. Cox, Jr., $1.00; Mrs. Edward Rowland, 25c.; Mr. George T. Rowland, 25c.: Mrs. Crombarger, 25c.; Mrs. George Wilder, 25c.; Miss Ida Harper, 25c.; Mrs. Joseph Clayton, 25c.; Miss Bessie Clayton, 25c.; Miss C. H. F., 50c.: total, $3.25. Two pairs of shoes from Mrs. Sausser, 1 coat from Mrs. Parmalee.

SELECTED.

FOR SUFFERING ARMENIA.

In response to a memorial from the clergy and laity of the Diocese of New York, the General Convention on October 10th took the following action:

Whereas, The Armenian Church, one of the most ancient communions of Christendom, is being subjected to a persecution of peculiar atrocity involving the wholesale slaughter of men and the violation of women; and

Whereas, Those who survive these terrible persecutions are now perishing from disease, cold, and hunger; and

Whereas, In the New Testament times, as St. Paul tells us, the churches of Christendom contributed to relieve the necessities, each of the other;

Resolved, That this convention commends to all those whom it in any wise represents, and to all Christian people, the prompt and energetic employment of whatever measures may contribute to the succor of this afflicted people, and especially such contributions as may relieve their sore necessities.

Resolved, That the authorities of the Church of England be respectfully asked to take such action as will fitly commend the cause of the Armenian Church to the whole English-speaking world.

In accordance with this action of the General Convention, we, the Committee appointed to present said memorial, respectfully ask the immediate attention of our brethren of the clergy and laity to the important duty thus laid upon us, so that the appeal of the Convention may be sustained by immediate response suitable to the urgent necessities of the case.

As the horrors of the winter, always so severe in those mountainous regions, and now more than doubled by the destitution brought on by Turkish oppression, are about to set in, if substantial aid is not sent before the roads are blocked with snow and all communication with the outside world cut off, we shall next spring have to count by thousands the deaths due to the winter alone.

It is, therefore most important that a large sum should be sent without delay to the British Ambassador at Constantinople, to be distributed by the local relief committees composed of British consuls and American missionaries.

We, therefore, venture to request that all clergy will take up collections on behalf of Armenia, in accordance with the appeal of the General Convention.

Henry Y. Satterlee, John. P. Peters, W. Montague Geer, C. W. E. Body, J. Bleecker Miller, Herant M. Kiretchjian,
Committee.

There can be no question as to the fact of the unspeakable atrocities committed, with the connivance of the Turkish Government, upon the Christian Armenians. It is literally true that their men are tortured and murdered by the hundreds and their women outraged by the thousands. I will be only too glad to forward through the proper channels any aid which any one will give.

S. D. McConnell.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

48th and Haverford Avenue,
Philadelphia.

CLERGY.

The Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D., *Rector.*
Rev. J. J. Lanier, *Minister in Charge.*

VESTRY.

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Sexton.
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THE CHOIR.

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Miss Susanna Young, Miss Louisa Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Lillie Taylor, Miss Sara Tretheway, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. Arthur Tretheway, Mr. John H. Tretheway, Mr. F. Jenkinson, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. H. H. Tretheway, Mr. John Pryce.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Mrs. Martha Baily, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Mr. W. J. Harper.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Mary Sproule.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

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GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER at the corner of 48th and Haverford Avenue has been for a number of years in difficulties. These have been largely due to its unfortunate location. For some reason, difficult now to understand, the Church was planted right against the interminable blank wall of the Philadelphia Insane Hospital on one side, and overlooking an impassable ravine on another side. This cut it off from the whole population on the two sides where at that time the population was. It confined it to a comparatively small and difficult area. For this and other reasons it at last became evident to the authorities of the Diocese that the Parish could no longer stand on its own feet. Arrangement has therefore been made whereby St. Stephen's becomes responsible for it and for its future work.

Three or four blocks beyond the present site of the Church there has already begun a movement of population which promises to build up that whole section very rapidly. It also happens that in that section St. Stephen's Corporation controls a considerable amount of ground. The place where the Church of the Holy Comforter can do good work in the future, become self-supporting and prosperous, will be by removing a few blocks to this new locality. Looking forward to that, the Vestry of the Parish have unanimously voted to transfer all its property, Church, Sunday School building and lot, to St. Stephen's Corporation, and have elected Dr. McConnell its Rector. He has accepted that Rectorship, and has undertaken to do what he can to put the Parish on its feet. He believes that within a year it can become more than self-supporting. He will appeal to the congregation of St. Stephen's Church for help during the time which must elapse before the Holy Comforter can walk alone. A thoroughly competent man will be secured as Minister-in-charge. The plan is to begin afresh, gather and solidify a congregation in the present church building, and within a year or two, or whenever the proper time comes, to sell that property and build a more commodious church at 52nd street and Haverford avenue.

THE SEATS IN THE Church of the Holy Comforter will be free. It must depend for its support upon the offerings of those who attend its services. It is taken for granted that these services will be a pleasure and a profit to those who attend. It is also taken for granted that they are honorable men and women who would not willingly accept favors without making an honorable return. It will be left to each one of them to say how much he is able or willing to give for the maintenance of the Church. He is more than welcome for a while whether or not he contributes anything. But if it should happen after he has been for a time an attendant at those services that he should still not be willing to help to any extent, it would then seem to be evident that the Church was not doing for him what he has a right to expect and that he should secure some other place of worship.

MR. JOHN O. BARRETT, one of our most prominent Brotherhood members and an earnest worker in the Church, has just commenced his studies for the Ministry at the Divinity School at Nashotah, Wisconsin.

THE POOR PEOPLE in our parish depend largely upon us every winter to furnish them with clothing, coal, etc. We have only one society at present to look after them, (the King's Daughters) and supplies and material of all kinds will be gratefully accepted by this society.

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St. Stephen's Church.

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1318 Locust Street.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

EMILY T. RODMAN, *Deaconess*,
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Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Willson, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. H. Rogers, Mrs. J. Kenworthy, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. C. D. Kenworthy, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. A. R. Cox.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Miss Patterson, Miss Thomas, Miss Pease, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleemann, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Rodman, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Meets first Thursday in each month, at 12 o'clock, in Parish Building in the rear of Church.

Mrs. McConnell, *Superintendent.*
Miss Josephine Lewis, *Sec.* Miss M. J. Lewis, *Treasurer.*
Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Russell.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Mellon.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Librarian—Miss Clarkson.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Misses Clarkson, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thompson, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Patterson, Miss Perot, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Sangree, Miss Spencer, Miss Langton, Mrs. Crane, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Marie Bunn.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Clarkson, Miss Maulsby, Miss Langton, Miss Perot.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Selden, Miss Sanford, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Perot, Miss Seabrook, Miss Byllesby, Miss Gerrish, Miss Walker, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Stevenson, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Nixon, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Miss Lundy, Miss Winpenny.

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Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
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Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

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Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

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Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, Miss Perot, Miss Thomas, Miss Snyder.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Albert Berg.
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Secretary—Charles Moore.
Treasurer—Frank Collins.

Meets on Fridays at 7¾ P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Russel, Miss Marion B. Smith, Mrs. Rutter.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Business Meeting Second Friday of every Month.

President—Harry P. Christensen.
Vice-President—John D. Firmin.
Secretary—E. W. Spackman.
Treasurer—Wm. A. J. Guscott.

Executive Committee:

Rev. S. D. McConnell, D. D., John Seed,
Rev. J. L. Miller, John Simpson.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

December 1st—First Sunday in Advent.
" 8th—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 15th—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 21st—St. Thomas. (Saturday)
" 22nd—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25th—Christmas Day.
" 26th—St. Stephen.
" 27th—St. John the Evangelist.
" 28th—The Innocents.
" 29th—First Sunday after Christmas.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

November 3rd—Catharine Henriette Lawson Leonard.
" 14th—Ray Thomas Dutton.

BURIED.

November 8th—Claude C. Christie.

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

Third Sunday—Missionary Box Committee.
Fourth Sunday—Sunday School Festival.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

For Female Benevolent Society, ... $85 75

FOR SPECIAL CHURCH WORK FUND:—

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Mr. Thomas McKean,	50 00	Mr. John T. Lewis,	25 00
Misses Magee,	50 00	Mr. Rob't Ryers,	50 00
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00	Mr. Paul Elsasser,	10 00
Mr. J. M. Arrison,	25 00	Miss Laura Bell,	10 00
Mrs. Balch,	25 00	Mr. R. R. Bringhurst,	10 00
Mrs. Hine,	10 00	Mr. Edw'd Rowland,	10 00
Miss M. J. Lewis,	25 00	Dr. S. Wier Mitchell,	50 00
Mr. F. A. Lewis,	25 00	Mr. J. H. Sixsmith,	10 00
Mrs. S. Wylie Mitchell,	25 00	Misses Wood,	10 00
Mr. Albert Pancoast,	25 00	Mrs. Tower,	50 00
Miss Stevenson	25 00	Mrs. Brunner,	10 00
Mr. John T. Spencer,	25 00	Mrs. Cox,	25 00
Miss Wilkins,	25 00	Dr. Drysdale,	10 00
Miss Walton,	25 00	Miss Kinsey,	10 00
Miss Bell,	10 00	Dr. Wm. Thomson,	50 00
Mr. Hunter Brooke,	10 00	Mr. R. E. Atmore,	50 00
Dr. J. Nicholas Mitchell,	25 00	Mrs. Davison,	25 00
Miss Bloodgood,	10 00	Mr. J. F. Breuil,	25 00
Dr. McConnell,	25 00	Mrs. Reilly,	25 00
Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	50 00	Cash,	10 00
Mr. Edward P. Beale,	10 00	Cash,	10 00
	$1200 00		1845 00

For General Charities,	275 66
Through Miss Rodman:	
Mrs. Leicester-Addis,	1 00
Sunday Afternoon Class,	2 42
Children's Friend Society,	14 00
Total,	$2223 83

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Christmas Festival will be held on Thursday evening, December 26th, at half-past seven o'clock.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY the Holy Communion will be celebrated in the morning at eight o'clock and also immediately after Morning Prayer and Sermon, at eleven o'clock.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH HOUSE COMMITTEE, of St. Stephen's Church, intend holding, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 5th, 6th and 7th of December, at No. 9 S. Tenth St., their annual sale of the handiwork of gentle-

women, who are obliged by their own efforts to support themselves.

In this sale will be found articles of useful and artistic needle-work, and delicious home-made jellies, preserves, pickles, etc., of superior quality and at most reasonable prices.

The ladies of the Committee hope it is understood that no commission is charged the depositors for selling their goods, and earnestly trust that the congregation will do all in their power to further this good work.

IT HAS BEEN THE CUSTOM in St. Stephen's for a number of years to devote a series of Sunday afternoons each winter to a course of lectures or instructions upon some aspect of the work of Christ and His Church. Two years ago the general subject was, "The Life of Christ." Last winter it was, "The Bible; how it came to be, and what it is." This winter it will be, "The Doctrines of the Church; what they are, and why we believe them." The course will be commenced the second Sunday afternoon in December. These instructions or conferences are of necessity considerably longer than the conventional sermon. Experience has shown, however, that many people are really desirous to have their ideas cleared and stated with coherence. Of course, only those who are really interested in the subject matter are willing to devote so much time and attention as it requires. Those who for any reason are not able or willing to give such long continued attention as is necessary can always protect themselves by staying away.

APROPOS OF THE REQUEST OF THE RECTOR made lately of a considerable number of people in the Parish for specific sums for the expenses of the Church work, a few things may well be said. There seems to be a misapprehension about one point. This money as well as the offerings in Church is not chiefly for distribution among the poor. The Church gives just as little cash to the poor as it can help. It tries to help them otherwise. Through the Benevolent Societies which provide work for them, through the Girls' Friendly Society which tries to uplift self-respecting girls who are earning their own livelihood, through the Children's Friend Society which tries to bring a little brightness into the lives of poor children, and through all the Societies of the Church this money is expended. Much of it also goes to the upbuilding of the Church in poor parts of the city, and much of it goes out of the city altogether. For this purpose money is always required. The people who call themselves Christians need never hope, and ought not to wish, to escape from calls for money. They are constant, and they will remain constant. The Church is a household, and like every other household bills come to it all the time. They will continue to come as long as it remains a household. Of course we all understand that the ideal way to do Church work is for each Christian man and woman to go out into the world and do it themselves. But there are very many who are so situated that they cannot do this. There are many others who do not feel that they possess the gifts and capacities to enable them to do it well. All these, therefore, can only do their work by proxy. There are those who have time, or who make time, and who have the ability to do these things. The rest are called upon to bear the expense. In this particular case the response to the Rector's appeal has been almost unanimous. The few who have felt compelled to refuse have done so for the very best reasons, which he thoroughly understands to be honest reasons.

DURING NOVEMBER 92 articles were contributed and 29 distributed, and contributions of money and clothing, to the Garment Committee, are acknowledged as follows:

Mrs. Arrison, Miss E. Bell, Mrs. Seth Caldwell Jr., Miss Cleeman, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Musgrove, No Name, Mrs. Parmalee, Miss Sidford, Mrs. Jos. R. Smith, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Wilkins and Miss Maria S. Wilkins. From Miss Margaret Dickson, two dollars. Money thus contributed and that arising from the sale of garments, goes toward buying new clothing as it is needed. At present, there is more demand for merino underwear for men and women than for anything else. It has been found better to let the applicants for clothing pay something for the garments received, even though the sum be trifling, as the mere fact of being allowed to purchase articles at a nominal rate, preserves a feeling of self-respect and prevents pauperizing.

Monday, Dec.	2nd—Mrs. Reinboth,	Miss Cleemann.
"	"	9th—Miss Rodman,	Miss Sanders.
"	"	16th—Miss Stoddard,	Mrs Lammot.
"	"	23rd—Miss Sidford,	Miss L. Bell.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in November: Miss Stevenson, $2.00; Cash, $1.50; Mrs. Richardson, $10.00; Friend, 50 cents. Total $14. 00.

On November 27th the little ones had their Thanksgiving Entertainment. Prof. Hoy, with his Marionette Minstrels (Lilliputians,) which are represented by seven life like figures, taking the following parts: Bones, Banjo, Violin, Flute, Cornet, Tamborine and Interlocutor. Punch and Judy ended the evening performance.

Messrs. Blasius, 1101 Chestnut street, very kindly loaned one of their pianos for the evening.

Donations for the Children's Christmas will be very acceptable.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings December 4th and 8th, in the Guild room of the Parish House at half-past seven o'clock.

Donations received, Miss Dickerson, $1.00: Books from Mrs. Russell.

For Shoe Fund, Miss Dickerson, 25c.: Mrs. Hansell, 25c.: Miss Hansell, 25c.

On Monday December 9th, at 8 o'clock, A CONCERT, in aid of the charitable work of the King's Daughters, (Whatsoever Circle) will be given in the Sunday School room. The members of the choir, under the direction of Mr. Wood, have kindly volunteered their services.

Tickets can be procured from any of the King's Daughters or from the Verger.

SELECTIONS.

Information got by galloping through a multitude of books is about as nourishing as the mustard scraped off a sandwich. It may make your tongue "smart," but it won't make you strong.

If you cannot be great, be willing to serve God in things that are small.—*Smith.*

Church of the Holy Comforter.

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4517 Fairmount Avenue.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M. Other Sundays 7.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 7.30 A. M.

WEDNESDAYS:
Evening Prayer and Lecture 8.00 P. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M.
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Louisa Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Sara Tretheway, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. Arthur Tretheway, Mr. John H. Tretheway, Mr. F. Jenkinson, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. H. H. Tretheway, Mr. John Pryce.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Meets 2.30 P. M.

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Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

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Meets every other Thursday in month at 704 N. 43rd Street at 8 o'clock.

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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

November 24th—Phebe Austin Mosher.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

From Pledges, - - - - -	$24 05
" Loose Offerings, - - - -	27 21
Total, - - - -	$51 26

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS are making new vestments for the Choir.

A CHOIR CONCERT is being talked of for the latter part of January.

THE CHOIR IS NOW REHEARSING the Christmas music, and, from what has been heard, it promises to be one of the finest services they have rendered.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW will begin next month to thoroughly canvass the Parish, calling at every house, leaving a copy of the "PARISH NEWS," a card setting forth the hours of service and an invitation to attend the Church. The Parish will be divided into districts, and a member of the Brotherhood will be responsible for each district. There will also be a lady assigned to each district, who will assist in visiting and noting new families. The members of the Church and congregation can materially aid in this work by notifying any member of the Brotherhood when a new family moves into their neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE during the winter will consist of Evening Prayer, and the instruction at this service will consist of a study of the Sunday School Lesson for the following Sunday. This service will be very instructive not only to the Sunday School teachers but also to the congregation, as the course of study is a very interesting one, consisting of the Parables and Miracles of our Lord. During December the parables will be those of the Advent.

Wednesday, Dec. 4—The Ten Virgins, St. Matt. 25: 1–13.
" " 11—The Talents, St. Matt. 25: 14–30.
" " 18—The Tares, St. Matt. 13: 24–30, 36–43.

Music at this service will be led by a voluntary choir under the direction of Mr. L. Willard Harris, who has kindly volunteered his service as organist.

ALREADY NEW INTEREST and life is manifest in the Sunday School, as shown by an increase in the number of scholars and zeal and activity on the part of the teachers. At an early date some new and interesting features will be introduced.

The children under the direction and training of the Organist and Choir Master, Mr. John Ackroyd, are rapidly learning their Christmas Carols. Some time during Christmas week a festival and

Christmas Tree will be given the children of the Sunday School.

Contributions for this purpose are solicited from any who are willing to give. Send to Rev. J. J. Lanier, 4517 Fairmount Avenue.

WHEN A COMPANY OF CHILDREN are playing together there is very apt to be one or two or more who get miffed and declare that "they won't play" unless they have their own way in the game. They withdraw into a corner and sulk, or they go home and leave the company. Usually they are disciplined pretty sharply by their play fellows. They are jeered at and called names, and are lucky if more vigorous methods are not used. Such persons are not unknown in the Church. If everything is not done their way they won't play. The folly of their position is evident to everybody except themselves. Of course, anyone has the power to withdraw from any organization if the methods of the organization are not satisfactory to him. But if the organization exists for the purpose of doing a work which he is interested in he will not withdraw from it unless the methods which it pursues are very bad indeed. Our Parish is set down in the midst of a community, and its purpose is to build up the Church in that community. To do so the members of the Parish must live and let live. They must give and take. One's own personal pleasure in the affair is not the thing of the first consequence. The main thing is to get the work done. To do so the Services of the Church and its methods generally must be such as commend themselves to the greatest number. No individual has the right to allow his personal preference to interfere with the work of the Church. This principle is recognized in every secular club or association of men. It surely ought to be the rule in a Society of Christian people who profess that each member thereof does not "consider his own things, but the things of another."

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

I. Fill the blanks in the accompanying pledge with your name, address, and the amount you are willing to give weekly *for all religious purposes together.*
II. Place the Pledge thus filled in the plate at any collection. Envelopes for one year will be sent to you at once.
III. In consideration of this Pledge, the Church assures the giver that no further call will be made upon him during the year for any purpose whatever. Of course, anything additional which he may choose to give will be received and applied as he may designate.
IV. At any service place the amount of your weekly pledge in the plate. Never give the money which you have pledged except in an envelope.
V. No one but the Rector and the Accounting Warden will know the amount of your pledge.
VI. The amount received will be paid out in the following order:
  (1) Necessary expenses—as fuel, light, sexton, repairs, etc.
  (2) Salary of Minister in charge.
  (3) Music.
  (4) Sunday School.
  (5) The balance will be divided among Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

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Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

..... *189*

I promise to give ..... *weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religous purposes.*

Name, ...

Address, ...

☞Please fill up this Pledge, tear it off and place it in the Alms Basin.

THERE IS ROOM IN THE CHOIR for two Sopranos and one or two Alto voices. Ladies will find this an excellent opportunity for the practice of good church music. There is also an opening for two good Bass voices. The number in the Choir is limited, therefore only those who are fair readers of music will be admitted.

The Choirmaster will be in attendance at the Church to receive applicants on Tuesday and Friday, December 3rd and 6th, at 7.30 P. M. Please apply early, as the practicing of the Christmas Festival music is now beginning.

AN APPEAL FROM MRS. BUFORD.

The twelfth year of the existence of my Hospital is now completed, and I send to my friends, who have built and supported it, my annual report of what has been done. My heart is very full of love and gratitude for your generous kindness, which has enabled me to take care of the largely increased number of patients during the past most trying year. The number has varied from seventy-five to ninety, twenty-five have died, forty-five have been discharged, ninety-four received. Seven hundred and seventy-eight sick and needy sufferers have been assisted outside in their own homes. The receipts from January 1st to September 1st, have been three thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents, the expenses have been three thousand seven hundred and eight dollars and seventy-one cents. Ten of these poor unfortunates are blind, many are slowly dying with incurable diseases, a large number are old and feeble, past usefulness, past work, helpless, decrepid. Thirty are friendless, homeless, orphaned or abandoned children. Nobler, worthier objects constantly appeal to you for charity, but there are not, there cannot be on earth creatures, more forlorn and pitiful than those for whom I plead.

The Hospital and Orphanage are widely known now—and I trust their influence for good is widely felt. Many sick and afflicted ones are brought to me from different sections of Virginia, and from North Carolina. Last year I ventured to beg my friends to help me raise an Endowment Fund, to keep up this hospital, crowded always, how sorely needed God only knows, after I am gone. This object is very near my heart, but I must leave it to Him, in whose Hands are the hearts of the children of men. Not mine the power, nor strength, nor means, nor responsibility of perpetuating this beautiful charity, only mine to be faithful to the end. Two thousand dollars have been invested as a nucleus for this endowment—which I can use if my necessities force me to do so. Fifty dollars will provide for one person for one year, one thousand dollars will endow a bed. There has never been a time since my Hospital was opened, that we have not had some poor young creature slowly dying of consumption, often several cases at the same time. About two months ago, a poor young girl, one of my own scholars and one of my brightest and best, came back to me. Father and mother had both died with consumption, she had been off in service vainly trying to make her own living, a wasted shadow of herself, hollow eyed with quick labored breathing, a constant hacking cough, a poor ruined girl, a little sick baby in her weak trembling arms, she came back to me. The sickly baby died in a few days, and then reason gave way, a raging maniac, singing snatches of wild songs, starting up, shrieking out with the strength of delirium, she lingered for several weeks and then God in tender mercy sent the angel, called Death, to give her rest.

Young girls with happy homes and fathers and mothers watching over you, if you so beloved, so blessed, would out of your abundance spare a few crumbs to save these hapless victims of want, and privation and tainted heredity, and such temptations as God keep you ignorant of forever, surely your pity and compassion for these forlorn and shipwrecked creatures, would lend a purer, serener brightness to those quick coming future years. And proud fathers and mothers, rejoicing over your noble sons, and fair daughters, and prattling little ones, think sometimes of these pain racked sufferers, these children homeless, fatherless, motherless, all childish joys and pleasures blighted by disease, hunger, want.

You my friends, who have watched and helped this work so many years must feel as deeply as I do, that even from its feeble incipiency His pitying Hand has rested tenderly on this poor effort to help the helpless.

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St. Stephen's Church.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

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President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

January 1st—Circumcision (Wednesday).
" 5th—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6th—Epiphany (Monday).
" 12th—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 19th—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25th—Conversion of St. Paul (Saturday).
" 26th—Third Sunday after Epiphany.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

December 1st—Horace George Quinn.
" 18th—Elizabeth Harriet Lovick.
" 21st—Margaret Eversly Thomas.

MARRIED.

December 17th—Edwin F. Kamerly and Lillah M. Stokes.

BURIED.

December 13th—Benjamin Richardson.
" 31st—Louisa Nisbet McIlvaine.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

For Episcopal Hospital,		$382 63
" Missionary Box Committee,		120 21
" Aged and Infirm Clergy,		234 86
" Bishop Kendrick,		10 00
" " "		5 00
" Church Work Fund:		
Mrs. S. H. Evans,	$5 00	
Dr. Harlan,	10 00	
Mr. A. S. Cooper,	10 00	
Mr. Frank Thomson,	50 00	
Mr. C. Howard Colket,	25 00	
Mr. Montgomery Wilcox,	5 00	
Mr. J. Jacob Shannon,	25 00	
Mrs. Benj. Richardson,	5 00	
Mr. W. H. Haller,	5 00	
Mrs. Wistar,	25 00	
Cash,	10 00	
Cash,	5 00	
		180 00
For General Charities,		523 51
Children's Friend Society,		25 70
Through Miss Rodman:		
Afternoon Sunday School Class,	$2 18	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	5 00	
Mrs. J. Mitchell,	2 00	
Mrs. Taylor,	1 00	
Misses Magee,	2 00	
Mrs. Watson,	1 00	
Mrs. Atmore,	2 00	
		15 18
Total,		$1497 09

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Third Sunday—Foreign Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

AT A MEETING OF THE VESTRY of St. Stephen's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, held November 4th, 1895, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased God in His wise providence to take out of this world the soul of our dear brother and fellow Vestryman, Mr. William M. Stewart, we therefore desire to place upon record our testimony to the respect and confidence in which we have held him, and our sense of loss. In all his relations he was a godly man, and, having discharged his duties faithfully and borne his burdens bravely, we rejoice in the sure hope that he has gone to enjoy the rest of Paradise.

Resolved That the Secretary be requested to convey to Mr. Stewart's family our sincere sympathy, and to publish the above preamble and resolution in THE PARISH NEWS, *Church Standard* and *The Churchman*.

EDWARD ROWLAND, Secretary.

THE CLERGY OF THE PARISH wish a Happy New Year to all the people thereof.

THE RECTOR IS VERY ANXIOUS to find some one who possesses a file of the *Churchman*, or the *Church Journal*, or the *Episcopal Recorder*, or any Church newspapers covering the period between 1865 and 1885. He has not been able to find any of these in any library in Philadelphia or New York. It may be possible, however, that individuals who have been subscribers to these periodicals have preserved them. If such be the case, he would regard it as a very great favor to be allowed to look through them.

THERE HAS BEEN LATELY a vast amount of irresponsible talk about the matter of a possible war with England. The origin of the interest in the matter is perfectly well known to all. Ordinarily the Christian Minister need not concern himself with such questions. But there seems to be in this instance such a lack of realization of what war means, such a lightness and lack of thought in discussing the subject, that it cannot be out of place to call the attention of all sober-minded folk to the seriousness of the matter involved. Of course, it is always possible that a nation may be compelled to settle a great question by the appeal to arms. We have not yet reached the point when such an appeal is theoretically out of the question. But it ought to be evident that such a mode of settlement can only be justified when the question involved is one of life or death. Nothing will justify a nation in going to war except its own imminent peril of being destroyed. A nation is like an individual. It may become right for an individual to preserve his own life by taking the life of him who threatens it. Nothing short, however, of this will justify him. Affront, or slight, or abuse, or disregard, or even great personal loss, will not justify one man in attempting to kill another. Nothing will justify him except palpable and immediate danger. This is just as true of a nation as it is of a man. It is still more true when the question is between two Christian nations. Between two men of that sort when a difficulty arises each is expected to be patient and courteous and considerate of the other, and they are expected to exhaust all possible means of adjustment before proceeding to the ultimate one.

In the controversy between ourselves and Great Britain which is now being discussed, none of those pre-requisites have yet been fulfilled. We have been talking of "honor," and they have been talking of "rights." War cannot grow out of either of these sources without both countries going back a thousand years in their ideals. It may well be doubted whether the thing in dispute is intrinsically even a very important matter. It certainly is not very important just yet. If its settlement be left finally, as no doubt it will be, to those who know something by experience or otherwise of what war is, the solution will be a peaceful one. There are still enough men living in the United States who have seen and felt the awful wretchedness of warfare, and there are enough men of the same sort on the other side of the water, to render it unlikely in the highest degree that the cheap and tawdry talk which is now prevalent will result in embroiling two nations. The two peoples are too closely bound together in blood, in religion, in commerce, in trade, in history and in a common future, to run to the madness of attempting to cut each others' throats.

THE ANNUAL SALE held on December 5th, 6th and 7th by the Ladies of the Parish House Committee, in the Guild Room, in behalf of needy gentlewomen who send in the work, realized $748.98. This, without any charge by way of commission, etc., was handed over to the women who had placed their work on sale.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL was held in the evening of St. Stephen's Day, December 26th. The large tree was beautifully decorated. The carols were joyously sung by the scholars present. Dr. McConnell made an address to the School. Miss Chandler gave several recitations, which were much appreciated. Mr. David D. Wood was present, and conducted the singing of the school, having trained the children during the Sundays in Advent. Candy, cake and oranges were distributed to all present. The Festival was a very happy one.

DURING DECEMBER 228 articles have been contributed and 71 distributed by the Garment Committee, and acknowledgments are due to Mrs. Borie, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Sidney H. Evans, Mrs. Goforth, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Lineaweaver, No Name, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Rodman, Miss S. Stroup, Mrs. D. Parker and Mothers' Loyal Circle, King's Daughters. A contribution of children's half-worn coats would be much appreciated.

Monday, Jan. 6—Miss Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 13—Miss Rodman, Miss Sanders.
" " 20—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 27—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, the Infant Class had their Christmas party. Ninety children played games and sang, and then the "party" began, when all had all the sandwiches cake, ice cream and candy they wanted.

That the little ones were so perfectly happy was owing to the untiring efforts of the young ladies who so willingly gave up the afternoon to entertaining them.

Those who sent toys, cake, sandwiches, etc.: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Blakley, Mrs. Borie, The Misses Bell, Mrs. Beale, Miss Borie, Mrs. Wm. B. Buck, Mrs. Brunner, Mrs. Hunter Brooke, Miss Cattell, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. A. J Cook, Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Mr. N. Davis, Mr. Duncan, Miss McDowell, Mrs. Elsasser, Miss Elsasser, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Harkness Knorr, Mrs. Lesley, Alfred Lowry, Mrs. Leidy, Mrs. J. T. Lewis, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. A. F. Martin, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Miss Perot, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. B. Rowland, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Sinn, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. C. Stovell, Miss Smith, Miss Farrar Smith, Mr. E. E. Smith, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson, Miss Sidford, Mrs. Herbert Washington, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. C. M. Whitcomb, Infant Class of Grace P. E. Sunday School, Merchantville, Mrs. H. B. Apple, Bessie C. Clayton, Miss Christopher, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Leslie, a Friend, Mrs. Smith, Miss Stroup, Miss Sidford, Mrs. R. J. Thompson.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE, KING'S DAUGHTERS, composed of elderly women, held their annual Fair December 13th. They desire to thank all who aided them, particularly Miss Stevenson, who contributed so handsomely to its success.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in December: November 26th, from Church fund (through Dr. McConnell), $100.00; December 1st, Cash, $5.00; Miss Anna Dupuy, $1.00; Dr. Alice Bennett, $5.00; from a Friend, $1.00; Mrs. Crombarger, $1.00; Miss Anna Sinclair, $1.00; from a Friend, $1.00; St. Stephen's Association, $5.70; Miss Rodman's Sunday School Class, $5.00. Total, $125.70. Donations of articles from Miss Mary Rumpp, Mrs. Sinnickson, Miss Lowenberg, Miss K. B., Mrs. Sidney Hoopes Evans; the Rebecca Harding Davis Club, Haddonfield, N. J. (through Mrs. Hillman); King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle), Mrs. Crombarger.

THE CONCERT given for the charitable work of the King's Daughters (of the Whatsover Circle), December 9th, by the Choir of the Church, under the direction of Mr. D. D. Wood, assisted by Miss Imogene Chandler, reader, and Miss Edith Wood, violinist, was enjoyed very much by over three hundred people.

The proceeds amounted to $64.35 clear of all expenses.

Donations received: Miss Maria Wilkins, $1.00; Miss Sidford, $1.00; Mrs. Caldwell, $1.00; Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $1.00.

Books from Mrs. Crombarger; clothing for the poor, Mrs. H. G. Cook: magazines from Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

For Shoe Fund, Mrs. M. M. Parmalee, 25 cents; Miss Bertha Walsh, 25 cents.

The work done by the King's Daughters in December; Christmas box of clothing and toys, sent to the House of St. Michael and All Angels; three Christmas baskets; two pairs of shoes; clothing made and given for Children's Friend Society; also toys and a box of oranges for the

children's Christmas. Their next meeting will be in the Parish House, January 8th and 22nd, in the Guild room.

31 Milwaukee Ave.,
Detroit, Mich., May 23rd, 1895.

DEAR MADAM:—This Ascensiontide has an added element of joy to us, in the manifestation of that Charity, which our Lord's whole life so beautifully illustrated, and which is enjoined as the crowning grace of all, —"the greatest of these is Charity."

Your Missionary Box (and such a box) has just arrived. It was detained for some time at Toledo, probably a week or more, but eleven days after the shipment I ascertained that the Pennsylvania Lines had an Agency in this city. I went to them and they put a "tracer" after it, which soon brought it to light. And it came in, a large box,—well filled,—shaken together, and running over with good things. And it came in good time to meet our present necessities—and everything will find a welcome place.

Dear Ladies of St. Stephen's, for such an expression of your love to Christ and his cause, and his weary workmen, we give you our warmest and most cordial thanks.

If, as it is said, gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul, then our souls are in beautiful blossom to-day, and may the fruitage be added sheaves in the harvest of the Master.

We had hardly gotten the box out of the way, when the postman brought us your second special gift, the beautiful stole. It is perfectly lovely. I fear I shall be tempted to wear it all the time. And every time I do wear it, you may be sure it will be a perpetual reminder of the generous and loving hearts of St. Stephen's.

I must tell you about my little grand-boy, eight years old. He was very animated, helping to hand the things out of the box, when he espied the little suit. "Oh, he said here is a suit for me." And sure enough it was just his fit,—and when he found a nickel in one of the pockets, he felt as though he had a personal friend in Philadelphia.

Dear Ladies, it will always be our fervent prayer that "the blessing of God Almighty may be amongst you, and remain with you always."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

WEDNESDAYS:
Evening Prayer and Lecture 8.00 P. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

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Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
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Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
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Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Irene Galt.
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Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

December 15th—William Graham Clough.
" 15th—Rebecca Alice B. Clough.
" 15th—Sarah May Smith.
" 15th—Mary Violet Anderson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

Attendance: Lizzie Mills, Willie Dowdy, Resie Rose, Ida Mettle, Laura Clough, Mary Warnock, Annie Winkle, George Binder, Annie Springfield, Elsie Cummings.

New Pupils brought by: Daisy Webb, 1; Resie Rose, 2; Ida McAfee, 1; Laura Clough, 1; Elsie Cummings, 2; Maud McAfee, 1.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

From Pledges,	$47 43
" Loose Offerings,	26 45
Total,	$73 88

SUBJECTS FOR THE Wednesday Evening Lectures for the coming month:

Wed., Jan. 8—The Lame Walk. St. Mark 2: 12.
" " 15—The Lepers are Cleansed. St. Mark 1: 32-45.
" " 22—The Deaf Hear. St. Mark 7: 31-37.
" " 29—Blind receive their Sight. St. Matt. 20: 25.

A FEW WEEKS AGO, the Rector called the attention of the Congregation to the fact that the pledges made in 1894 had been mislaid, and asked all who had made such pledges to renew them on the new form, copies of which could always be obtained at the Church door. Some have not yet complied with this request. Your compliance with this very reasonable request is greatly desired, as it will materially aid your Rector and Vestry in the proper financing of the Church work. Those wishing the Church's prosperity and are willing to contribute toward its support, can have no valid objection to renewing their pledge in the new form.

THE CHOIR CONCERT mentioned last month has been definitely decided upon, and will be held on February 6th, at 8 P. M., in the Sunday School room. Cards of admission will be 25 cents and can be obtained, after January 22nd, from any member of the Choir, or at the door on the Concert evening.

The purpose of this entertainment is to raise funds for the purchase of music to be used at the Church services. Heretofore the Choir has been self sustaining, all music being bought with money voluntarily subscribed by its members and the receipts from entertainments. It is their wish to continue in this spirit of independence and relieve the Church of any expense for this purpose.

To members of our Parish no comment is necessary, but to our friends of St. Stephen's Parish we extend a cordial invitation to be present and can promise a pleasant evening.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL and Christmas Tree was a decided success. The

children enjoyed it and so did the older people. The children sang their carols beautifully, and afterwards went into the Sunday School Room, where there was awaiting them a lovely Christmas Tree and Santa Claus to distribute the presents. Santa Claus was happy, the children were happy, the teachers were happy, everybody was happy and in a good humor. Long may the light of Christmas shine in our hearts, and the Christ Child never lose his power!

The joyful Christmas is past and the time of work is at hand. There has been for the past few weeks a small attendance in all the Church Societies. This has been attributed to the unusual demands Christmas makes upon our time. But Christmas is past, work is at hand for every one. Let us work!

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS wish to thank the Congregation of the Holy Comforter for their liberal response to its appeal on behalf of the poor, just before Christmas.

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

I. Fill the blanks in the accompanying pledge with your name, address, and the amount you are willing to give weekly *for all religious purposes together*.

II. Place the Pledge thus filled in the plate at any collection. Envelopes for one year will be sent to you at once.

III. In consideration of this Pledge, the Church assures the giver that no further call will be made upon him during the year for any purpose whatever. Of course, anything additional which he may choose to give will be received and applied as he may designate.

IV. At any service place the amount of your weekly pledge in the plate. Never give the money which you have pledged except in an envelope.

V. No one but the Rector and the Accounting Warden will know the amount of your pledge.

VI. The amount received will be paid out in the following order:

(1) Necessary expenses—as fuel, light, sexton, repairs, etc.
(2) Salary of Minister in charge.
(3) Music.
(4) Sunday School.
(5) The balance will be divided among Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

PLEDGE.

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I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name,.....

Address,.....

☞Please fill up this Pledge, tear it off and place it in the Alms Basin.

SELECTED.

The Arab proverb says: "Who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool—shun him. Who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is humble—teach him. Who knows, but knows not that he knows, is asleep—wake him. Who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise—follow him."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Seabrook, Miss Gerrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Stevenson, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Miss Borland.

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Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, Miss Perot, Miss Thomas.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

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President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

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President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

February 2—Septuagesima and Purification of V. M.
" 9—Sexagesima.
" 16—Quinquagesima.
" 19—Ash Wednesday.
" 23—First Sunday in Lent.
" 24—St. Matthias [Monday.]
" 26, 28 and 29—Ember Days, [Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.]

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

January 14th—Alvan H. Pratt.
" 17th—William Joseph Williamson.
" 19th—Edna Hart.

MARRIED.

Jauuary 8th—Wm. H. Holt and Marian L. Hawley.
" 28th—Charles Bell Child Clipperton and Ella Elizabeth Ehret.

BURIED.

January 9th—George H. Bowers.
" " —Bernard Stephen Du Puy.
" 16th—Elizabeth Van Dyke Pease.
" 17th—Edith Cox.
" 19th—Alvan H. Pratt.
" 30th—Emma R. Freeman.
" 31st—David Streaker.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

For Foreign Missions,	$110.65
" Theatre Services,	142.19
" Church Work Fund, from Mr. Darley,	50.00
" General Charities,	312.89
Through Miss Rodman:	
Mrs. Cornish,	3.00
Afternoon Sunday School Class,	4.00
Total	$622.73

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

Third Sunday—Diocesan Missions.
Fourth " —Sunday Schools.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY is the date of the Annual Collection for Diocesan Missions. The method of making this offering is so well known in the Parish, that it would hardly seem to need any further explanation. In the sermon on the second Sunday morning in February, the condition and needs of the work of the Church in this Diocese will be carefully considered and laid before the people, as it has been done in previous years. During the following week a representative of the Parish will call at the house of every family to receive his contribution. This contribution will be placed in the Alms Basins at the Offertory on the morning of the third Sunday, February 16th.

It has been for ten years the custom of the Parish to make this offering as nearly as may be $5.00 for each member of the congregation. Of course, there is not and cannot be anything compulsory about the matter. Each one will do what he thinks right. This has been, however, the standard which has not only been aimed at, but which has been practically secured. Of course, there are many persons who cannot afford to give

so much, and ought not to try to do so, but, on the other hand, there are many who can give twice or five times the amount, and who have shown in the past that they are ready and willing to do so. The Rector would especially ask that the members of the Congregation would have their offering ready, so that the agent of the Parish may be able to receive it when he calls, without waiting and without being compelled to call several times.

LAST LENT A DAILY SERVICE and address was held in the Church, beginning at 12.30 and ending promptly at five minutes before one o'clock. Those services were under the management and direction of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood of the Diocese. Those who attended them will remember both the numbers, and the interest which marked them last year. About twenty thousand people in all attended them last Lent. The attendance varied from four hundred and fifty to eight hundred and fifty every day, by actual and careful count. It is expected to repeat the same services this coming Lent. The arrangement of preachers and topics will be seen in the scheme below. There is only one name that is possibly not known to any of the congregation, and that is that of the Rev. Mr. Aitken. Mr. Aitken is a clergyman of the Church of England, who has once or twice before visited this country as a missioner. In the services which he conducted in Old Trinity Church, New York, the building was crowded to the doors every day by the busy men from about the lower part of Broadway. The effect of his very remarkable addresses is felt to this day, and will be felt by many through all time.

Schedule of Lenten Services, under the Auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at St. Stephen's Church:

Ash Wednesday, Feb'y 19, BISHOP WHITAKER.
Feb'y 20–21, REV. S. D. MCCONNELL, D. D.
of St. Stephen's Church.
" 22, VEN. ARCHDEACON BRADY.
" 24–26, REV. W. N. MCVICKAR, D. D.
of Holy Trinity Church.
Subject: Responsibility and Religion.
" 27–28, REV. H. RICHARD HARRIS.
of Grace Church.
Subject: The Child Spirit in Religion.
Feb'y 29, REV. JOHN FULTON, D. D., LL. D.
March 2– 6, REV. A. G. MORTIMER, D. D.
of St. Mark's Church.
Subject: The Life of Prayer.
" 7, REV. HERBERT J. COOK.
" 9–13, REV. S. D. MCCONNELL, D. D.
Subject: Christian Duty.
" 14, REV. JOHN DOWS HILLS.
" 16–20, REV. FREDERICK BURGESS.
of St. Asaph's, Bala.
Subject: Christian Faith.
" 21, REV. R. W. FORSYTH.
" 23 to April 2 (except Sunday), a Mission especially to Men, will be preached by the REV. W. HAY M. H. AITKEN, of England, when the services will begin at 12.15 promptly, closing at the usual time.
Good Friday, April 3, REV. S. D. MCCONNELL, D.D.
Easter Eve, " 4, REV. J. LEWIS PARKS, D.D.
of St. Peter's Church.

Services commence at 12.30, close at 12.55 *punctually*.

Come: BRING a friend!

THE CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTIONS will be given during Lent at the 5 o'clock services Wednesdays and Fridays, and a Confirmation class will also be gathered in the Vestry room on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 o'clock. We have spoken so often about the nature and obligation of Confirmation that there seems little more to be said. In fact, there is nothing more to be said. There is, however, something to be done. Any man or woman who has come to mature age, and who wishes goodness rather than badness for himself and for the world in which he lives, is certainly called upon to join that society—the Church—which is the only organization in the world which exists for the sake of building up goodness. The requirements are very simple, as simple, indeed, as they could possibly be made. The door of Church membership is open to any one who can say that he believes the Apostle's Creed, and can further say that he wishes and intends, by the help of God, to lead a sober, righteous and godly life. If there be any such person who has not been confirmed, the question for him to ask himself is not "Why should I do this thing?" but "What possible ground of exemption have I from this duty?"

THE ANNUAL CHURCHWOMEN'S CONFERENCE will be held on the Second Thursday in Lent, Feb. 27th, 1896, at the Church House, Walnut and 12th Sts. Morning session at 10.30 o'clock. The Bishop of the Diocese will open the Conference.

Paper:—"The Spirit of the Age," Mrs. Zantzinger. Afternoon session at 3 o'clock, Papers:—"The Home and its Best Interests and the Homemakers of the Future," Mrs. D. M. Lowrey; "What can Women do to Hasten the Coming of God's Kingdom?" Mrs. Mumford.

A Quiet Day for Churchwomen will be held at St. James' Church, Walnut and 22nd Sts., on the second Friday in Lent, Feb. 28th, to be conducted by Rev. W. Hay M. H. Aitken, of England. Services at 7.30, 9.30, 10.30 A. M., 3 and 8 P. M.

Please note that this day follows instead of precedes the Conference to suit the convenience of the distinguished missioner.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE report having received 63 garments during January and distributed 113.

Acknowledgments for clothing are due Mrs. Atmore, Miss Baird, Miss L. Bell, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Macky, No Name, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. D. Parker, Mrs. A. Pancoast, Mrs. Edward Rowland, Miss Sanders, Miss E. W. Stevenson, Mrs. Reinboth and Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Monday, Feb. 3., Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 10., Miss Rodman, Miss Sanders.
" " 17., Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 24., Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

IN THE REPORT of the Children's Friend Society of last month, the account of the Christmas Festival arranged for the little ones was unintentionally omitted, much to the regret of those most interested in the good work of the Society. The ladies' by means of the generous donations of contributors and friends, provided a delightful entertainment and over 250 children received a present, either of clothing or toys. Miss Perkins, violinist, and Miss Bessie Wilder, pianist, kindly assisted in the entertainment. Mr. Hall, always the friend of the children, helped greatly to make a happy time for the little ones.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in January: from Mrs. Moody, $1.00; contributing members, Mrs. Joseph Reinboth, $1.00; Mrs. C. P. Stratton, $1.00; Total, $3.00.

Any one can be a Contributing Member of the Society for $1.00 a year. This will help to entertain little children and take them on excursions in the summer.

MISS RODMAN has received during the month of January, from Mrs. Cornish, $3.00; afternoon S. S. Class, $4.00; from Miss Stevenson, a package of cards.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the (Whatsoever Circle) will have their meeting February 5th and February 19th, in the Guild room at half-past seven o'clock.

Donations received: Miss Sidford, $1.00; for Shoe Fund, Mrs. Richardson, $1.00; Mrs. Mann, $1.00; through Miss Maud Weatherly $9.25; donation of shoes, clothing and 13 tumblers of jelly to be given to the poor and sick.

The King's Daughters have given out this month five pairs of shoes to those in great need.

January the 8th, the King's Daughters from the Church of the Holy Comforter, West Philadelphia, spent the evening with our Circle. All enjoyed the evening very much and hope to repeat it soon again.

DONATIONS FOR THE St. Stephen's Aid Society were received from: Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. J. F. Breuil, Mrs. Webster Fox, Miss Christopher, Mrs. Moody, Anonymous. They are all donations of clothing.

SELECTED.

It will be time wasted to undertake to preach any higher than your own experience.

The man who prays, "Thy kingdom come," ought to be willing to go anywhere on earth to establish it.

The party who refuses to forgive, is the one who is wrong.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Louisa Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Sara Tretheway, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. H. H. Tretheway, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Irene Galt, Miss Lodor, Miss Helen Galt, Mr. F. M. Tiffany, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

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Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
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President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. B. Kite.
Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

From Pledges, - - -	$44 60
" Loose Offerings, - -	14 85
Total, - - -	$59 45

THE CHOIR DESIRES to thank the King's Daughters of the Parish for new Cottas.

WE HAVE FELT for some time that a *mothers' meeting* would be of great benefit and usefulness in our Parish. As soon as the proper person can be secured, one will be organized.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS will give an Entertainment in the Sunday School building of the Church on Tuesday evening, February 18th, for the purpose of increasing the funds of their Band. Mrs. Richards will have charge of the Entertainment, which insures that it will be a thoroughly enjoyable and delightful affair.

THE APPEAL OF THE RECTOR and Vestry made in the January issue, in reference to renewal of pledges (from subscribers whose pledges made in 1894 had been mislaid), has met with some response, and it is desired that those who have not complied with the request will do so at their earliest convenience.

ON JANUARY 2ND Miss Edith Taylor entertained her Sunday School class at her home. Games, music and refreshments were in evidence until a late hour, and the class, together with twenty-five little friends, spent a very enjoyable evening. Miss Taylor's class numbers fifteen, and is the largest in the main school.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL is to be congratulated upon its growth in the last three months. From an attendance of fifty-five in October it has grown to an average attendance of about ninety-five. We will not be satisfied with less than one hundred and fifty by Easter, for which teachers and scholars are earnestly working.

THE CHURCH CONGREGATION has steadily increased both in numbers and in earnestness. We are not only glad to note the increased attendance, but also that they not only wish to avail themselves of the privilege of Church worship, but that they wish to help the Church's work. This is the best sign we have noted. No Christian should long content himself with simply coming to the Church's services. He should be a *doer* as well as a *hearer* of the Word. It is *doing the will of God* that makes us acceptable to Him.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHOIR CONCERT, to be given on the evening of Thursday, February 6th, are well under way. The program will include Solos, Duets, Quartets, Glees and Tableaux. The services of Miss Burdette, a Soprano of marked ability and voice, have been secured, and will be accompanied by Prof. D. D. Wood, Organist of St. Stephen's Church. Negotiations are pending with other talent, but it is not possible at this time to give particulars; it may be said, however, that our Choir Master, Mr. John Arkroyd, has spared nothing in his efforts to make the entertainment perfect in every detail. Cards of admission are twenty-five cents, and can be obtained from any member of the Choir, or at the door on the Concert evening.

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

I. Fill the blanks in the accompanying pledge with your name, address, and the amount you are willing to give weekly *for all religious purposes together.*

II. Place the Pledge thus filled in the plate at any collection. Envelopes for one year will be sent to you at once.

III. In consideration of this Pledge, the Church assures the giver that no further call will be made upon him during the year for any purpose whatever. Of course, anything additional which he may choose to give will be received and applied as he may designate.

IV. At any service place the amount of your weekly pledge in the plate. Never give the money which you have pledged except in an envelope.

V. No one but the Rector and the Accounting Warden will know the amount of your pledge.

VI. The amount received will be paid out in the following order:

(1) Necessary expenses—as fuel, light, sexton, repairs, etc.
(2) Salary of Minister in charge.
(3) Music.
(4) Sunday School.
(5) The balance will be divided among Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

PLEDGE.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

.....189

I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name,.....

Address,.....

☞Please fill up this Pledge, tear it off and place it in the Alms Basin.

SELECTIONS.

THE WHOLE OF LIFE IS A BUILDING up; a saying of single things, single deeds, single thoughts, one upon another, until they make the whole structure. We talk of a man's founding a fortune; of building up an education or a position in society; of sights and words that are "edifying," which means simply that they help to build up, or to strengthen, our minds or souls or artistic powers, and so on.

When our poet said: "All are architects of Fate, building on the walls of Time," he meant that every action of every man adds something to the great structure of human life. Every deed and word is a stone, good or bad, firm or crumbling, going to make up the most important building in the universe—human character.

And in all this building, which is going on around us and in us, day by day, the first thing to look at and to be careful of, is the foundation. We must start aright; with the true purpose and motive, or the deeds built up above it will not hold together.—*C. L. P.*

SINS OF OMISSION.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
  It's the thing you leave undone,
That gives you a bit of heartache
  At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
  The letter you did not write,
The flower you did not send, dear,
  Are your haunting ghosts at night.

The stone you might have lifted
  Out of a brother's way;
The bit of heartsome counsel
  You were hurried too much to say;
The loving touch of the hand, dear,
  The gentle, winning tone,
Which you had no time nor thought for,
  With troubles enough of your own.

Those little acts of kindness,
  So easily out of mind,
Those chances to be angels
  Which we poor mortals find;
They come in night and silence,
  Each sad, reproachful wraith,
When hope is faint and flagging,
  And a chill has fallen on faith.

For life is all too short, dear,
  And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion,
  That tarries until too late;
And it isn't the thing you do, dear,
  It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you a bit of heartache
  At the setting of the sun.

—*Margaret E. Sangster.*

The following statement recently appeared in *Public Opinion:*

"A good showing is made by the so-called Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Over 4,000 clergy, 550,000 communicants, and nearly 2,000,000 baptized persons; over 100,000 confirmed—this is a very fair result in the way of increase during the year. Besides, there are nearly five hundred candidates for Holy Orders, and the records show an increase of income amounting to $2,000,000. The general growth of the Church far exceeds proportionally that of the population at large, or of any other religious section of it in particular. It looks like the Church of the Future."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Molloy.

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Maulsby, Miss Jamison.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

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Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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Librarian—Miss Clarkson.

Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Seabrook, Miss Gerrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Stevenson, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Miss Borland.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. McConnell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. McConnell, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Breuil, Miss Sanders, Miss Rodman.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss Beale, Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny, Miss Grigg.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, Miss Perot, Miss Thomas.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Newlin.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Albert Berg, Jr.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—Frank W. Collins.

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

March 1st—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 8th—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 15th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 22nd—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
" 25th—Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, (Wednesday).
" 29th—Sunday before Easter.
" 30th—Monday before Easter.
" 31st—Tuesday before Easter.

PARISH RECORD.

MARRIED.

February 5th—Henry Cotheal Swords and Elizabeth Clarkson.
" 5th—George A. Sleator and Helen P. Trefz.
" 18th—Wm. P. Craig and Emma T. Nebeker.
" 25th—Joseph Robert Conk and Frances Lena Woychinski.

BURIED.

February 9th—Matthew Mills.
" 15th—Wilson Berkeley Macauley, M. D.
" 16th—Jennie Heath.
" 24th—Joseph S. Burr.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

For the Bishop of Kansas,	$1235 00
" Diocesan Missions,	1273 73
" St. Stephen's Aid Society,	72 19
" Sunday Schools,	114 85
" General Charities,	273 34
From Mrs. Charles P. Perot,	14 00
" Mrs. Russell,	6 00
" William Thomson,	5 00
Total,	$2994 11

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
During Lent, Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons—St. Stephen's Aid Society.

THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT completed the fourteenth year of the present Rector's work in the parish. The statistics of that period show:

Baptisms,	657
Confirmations,	576
Marriages,	290
Burials,	490
Receipts for Parish purposes,	$266,463
" " Burd Asylum,	269,000
" " Missions and Charities,	200,000
Total,	$735,463

IN RESIGNING THE RECTORSHIP of St. Stephen's the Rector has hesitated greatly as to whether he should or should not attempt to state publicly his reasons therefor. In a matter where one's own personal life is so closely involved, he cannot very well speak about it without an appearance of offensive egotism. On the other hand it does not seem right that one should go away from friends so good and true without saying why. In general, the reasons may be summed up in the statement that the work which is necessary to

keep prosperous and useful a parish so numerous and at the same time so widely scattered as this one, has become so laborious that he is not able to do it. On the Parish Record, and among the regular attendants are thirty-five families in West Philadelphia, twenty-five scattered about through Germantown and Chestnut Hill, five in Camden, three in Merchantville, three in Haddonfield, and others in Overbrook, Bala, Merion and Bryn Mawr, and from 3500 North to 2000 South on the city streets. Out of nearly seven hundred families, less than fifty live east of Broad street. This will explain the Rector's weariness so far as outward conditions are concerned. For another side of the case he ventures to quote from an all too kind but true editorial in the *Church Standard* of a week ago:

"We are not authorized to state any of Dr. McConnell's reasons for resigning the Rectorship of St. Stephen's, to accept that of Holy Trinity, Brooklyn; but we venture to believe that there is one cause of such changes as this, which does not readily suggest itself to the lay mind. A man goes into a great parish in vigor of youthful manhood, full of physical energy and intellectual activity. After a while he has set things in motion and has so established them that they need only to be kept up. He sees further things which might be done, but the doing of which depends upon others rather than himself, and which others are not prepared to join with him in accomplishing. Consequently, so far as the activities of the Church are concerned, there grows upon him in the course of years a feeling that the work which he was sent to do is done, and that while another man might carry it on, or even develop it in ways of which he has not thought, his own peculiar faculties and his enlarged experience may be more usefully applied in some other place. This state of mind is very different from that of mere willful restlessness. It springs from a dutiful recognition of facts and from the painful acceptance of a logical inference.

"Besides, a man of active intellect is often oppressed by a feeling which never disturbs the pleasing self-satisfaction of lesser men. It was the feeling which distressed Phillips Brooks, the painful feeling that his preaching is beginning to lack freshness, that he is constantly repeating himself, and consequently that his pulpit ministrations are less edifying than they ought to be; while the same ministrations, if addressed to a different congregation, might be more useful. We have known several men, but only men of high distinction, who have been depressed and almost oppressed by a feeling of that kind; and notwithstanding the fact that their congregations were both deeply and gratefully appreciative of the privileges which they enjoyed, the feeling itself was not unreasonable. After all, every man however great, has his own cycle of thought, and the extent to which he can give expression to it is determined, not only by his own powers, but also, and very largely, by the congregation he addresses. With the same congregation always before him, it is nearly certain that the time will come when he must think that he has preached himself out; and that in delivering the same message to a different congregation, he should not only have the stimulus of feeling the freshness of the old message when delivered to the new flock, but might also in a new church find new lines both of thought and address. Whether rightly or wrongly, the feeling does come to preachers of superior ability. When it comes, it brings with it a sense of weariness against which the man struggles in vain; and as a wise physician often prescribes a change of scene or of occupation as the only remedy for physical fatigue, so, in a case like this, a change of the pastoral connection may be indicated as the indispensable condition upon which the man shall be enabled to do his best work.

"We do not say that these considerations have in any way entered into Dr. McConnell's thoughts in forming his resolution to remove from Philadelphia to Brooklyn. We mention them, nevertheless, both because we think it likely that they may have had some influence with him, and because we know that the congregation of St. Stephen's and his other friends in Philadelphia, while they will not easily reconcile themselves to his decision, will wish to be able to reconcile it with the long-continued and devoted attachment which has existed between him and them."

As the Missionary Box Society no longer exists as a separate organization, but has been included in the Aid Society, it may be well to review its work in the past.

The Society was established in 1866–67, and its records show that during a period of twenty-eight years, that is from 1867 to 1895 inclusive, it has sent out 197 boxes. These, together with other special gifts, are valued at $17,523.48.

This does not include the work of the present year, and it is hoped that under the new conditions the standard will not be lowered.

The Managers of the Benevolent Society will hold, on Thursday, March 5th, at 10 o'clock A. M., a sale of garments made under their direction by the poor women to whom they give sewing. These garments are especially suitable to be given to the poor and to the charitable institutions of the city.

The Garment Committee report having received 60 garments during February, and have distributed 39. Acknowledgments for contributions are due to Mrs. Atmore, Miss Atmore, Mrs. Hine, King's Daughters, Mrs. Lundy, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Molloy, the Misses Magee, Mrs. J. P. Lippincott, Mrs. Richardson, Miss S. Stroup, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stratton, Miss S. Stevenson, Mrs. Joseph Widener, Miss Williamson and Miss Sidford.

Monday, Mch. 2—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 9—Miss Rodman, Miss Sanders.
" " 16—Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Lammot.
" " 23—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.
" " 30—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.

Mrs. Charles P. Perot gave a party on Washington's Birthday, in the Parish School House. Only the children of the infant class were invited, and some friends who came to help. There were games, ice cream, cake and candy; and sixty thoroughly happy children.

Children's Friend Society. Contributing members in February, Mrs. Anna M. Kelly, $1.00 and Mrs. Sutterlee, $1.00. The little children will have an Easter Entertainment the beginning of April. It is hoped that their kind friends will not forget them.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will meet every Wednesday evening during Lent in the Guild room, 7.30 o'clock, Received for the Shoe Fund from Miss Bertha Walsh 25 cents, Mrs. Sausser 25 cents, Miss Gertrude Sausser 25 cents, Mrs. S. H. Evans 75 cents, Master Homer Evans 25 cents, Mrs. Anna M. Kelly 25 cents. Dues are now owing for the year 1896. One pair of shoes from Miss Maud Wetherley. Three pairs of shoes from a kind friend. The King's Daughters have given out in February three pairs of shoes, two pairs of over-shoes, also clothing to a poor family.

The Committee on Lenten Sewing meets every Monday and Thursday to cut out garments for the Hospitals, Homes, Missions and the poor. There have been distributed over 700 garments each Easter season, giving comfort to many needy persons, and help to many charitable institutions in the city. The Committee will be glad of any contributions of money or goods. The garments to be made can be taken out after any week-day service.

SELECTIONS.

Every sinner carries his own brimstone.

Self-conceit is one of the first gods men worship.

There is hope for the man who is conscious of his own faults.

God's time is the best time. His time for you to be saved is now.

If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should never grow old.

Little Fred came down to breakfast with a bad cold in his head. "Bofe of my eyes is leaking," he told his mother, "and one of my noses don't go."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M.
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Louisa Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Sara Tretheway, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss Laura Clough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Irene Galt, Miss Lodor, Miss Helen Galt, Mr. F. M. Tiffany, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

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President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

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Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malarny, Laura Clough, Annie Springfield, Lavinia Dempster.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
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Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
Treasurer—Miss E. R. Curry.

Mrs. E. V. R. Tretheway, Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Dunham, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. J. H. Dowdy, Miss M. V. Harbert, Miss Bella Wilkinson, Miss Julia McAfee, Miss Hypatia Hall, Miss M. Pugh, Miss Helen Galt, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Mary H. Graff, Miss Gertrude H. Graff, Miss Ricord.

Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

From Pledges,	$41 98
" Loose Offerings,	16 68
Total,	$58 66

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

February 14th—Charles Waterman Laing.
" 18th—Walter Saville.

BURIED.

February 3rd—Thomas R. Martin.
" 10th—Wallace Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

JANUARY.

ATTENDANCE: Willie Dowdy, Anna Brightly, Geo. Binder, Effie Fox, Georgiana Fox, Tillie Taylor, Annie Springfield, John Donnell, Mortimer Rawlinson, Martin Binder.

NEW SCHOLARS BROUGHT BY: Marion Beam, 1; Laura Clough, 2; C. Fox, 1; Elsie Donelly, 1; Hannah Rupprecht, 1; Mattie Warnock, 1; Willie Boyd, 1; Effie Fox, 1.

FEBRUARY.

ATTENDANCE: George Binder, Lois Calvert, Johannah Rupprecht, Martin Binder, Mary Warnock, Tillie Taylor, Joseph Todd.

NEW SCHOLARS BROUGHT BY: Ida Nuttall, 1; Albert Brown, 2; Lizzie Anderson, 1; Kate Anderson, 1; JohannahRupprecht, 1; DrewBoyd, 1; Joseph Todd, 1.

WHO SHOULD BE CONFIRMED? Only two questions are asked any person wishing to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church. The first is, do you believe the truths contained in the Creed? The second is, are you going to try to lead a Godly life? Any person who can honestly say yes to these two questions is not only *ready* to be confirmed, but it is his *duty* to be confirmed.

The only condition is the *desire* to be Christ's disciple and the will to try to be like Him. The docile spirit to be taught of Christ, is enough to begin with. Christ says, "Come, follow me." All who desire to do so, have only to arise and come. To cluster around him as our head and king, and to obey Him that we may become like Him is Christianity.

Any one as he hears of Christ and reads about Him, and finds himself desiring to be like Him, and willing to cast in his fortunes with Christ's fortunes, is ready to confess Christ openly before men.

While upon earth Christ drew His Disciples from the outcasts and the most moral classes. Magdalene from the outcasts; Peter and Andrew from the most moral. He asked no questions about their past. He asked no questions about their character. Some of them had no past save one of shame. He offers them a future full of glory. They had no character; they came to Him to get character; the weak to be made strong; the bewildered to get light; the doubting to get faith; the despairing to get hope; the empty to be made full; the mourners to get comfort; the lost to be saved! And it is still so To feel the *need* of Christ, to have the *desire* to be like Christ, to have the *will* to try to obey Him; constitute the sole requirements for Christian discipleship. This is the first step, but it is only the first step. Many more remain to be taken. Much more remains to be learned and done in the stern education of life as we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

THE HOLY COMFORTER CIRCLE of King's Daughters, wish to thank the *Beta Psi Society* for the delightful and successful dramatic entertainment, given on Tuesday, Feb. 18. A goodly sum was realized. The Sunday-school building was packed by an appreciative audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the comedy from the beginning to the end, and were at times rapturous in applause. Seldom have amateurs shown such skill and so little crudeness in their acting. Long life and much success to the *Beta Psi Society!*

THE THANKS OF Mr. John Arkroyd and the Choir are heartily extended to the following ladies and gentlemen for the able assistance rendered at the Concert held on February 6th: Misses Burdette, Sproule, Robb, Sanderson and Edith Taylor, and Prof. D. D. Wood, Messrs. Mellor, B. Wood, Devine, F. Broadbent, H. Broadbent, Jenkinson Frankenfield and Harbert Hamilton.

THE CHOIR CONCERT was held on Thursday evening, February 6th, as announced. There could hardly have been a worse night for an entertainment, yet over one hundred were present. The audience was appreciative, the applause generous, and every one, it is believed, spent a pleasant evening.

In addition to solos, duets and quartets, the Choir sang five glees, all of which were given with precision and perfect expression. One of the best, "The Vesper Hymn" was marred by the storm, for the hidden chorus could scarcely be heard above the wind that fairly howled around the building.

Last, and by no means least, came eleven beautiful tableaux by the young ladies of the Church, under the direction of Miss Sproule.

Mr. John Arkroyd is to be congratulated for the admirable programme presented and for the fine work done by the Choir under his direction.

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

I. Fill the blanks in the accompanying pledge with your name, address, and the amount you are willing to give weekly *for all religious purposes together.*

II. Place the Pledge thus filled in the plate at any collection. Envelopes for one year will be sent to you at once.

III. In consideration of this Pledge, the Church assures the giver that no further call will be made upon him during the year for any purpose whatever. Of course, anything additional which he may choose to give will be received and applied as he may designate.

IV. At any service place the amount of your weekly pledge in the plate. Never give the money which you have pledged except in an envelope.

V. No one but the Rector and the Accounting Warden will know the amount of your pledge.

VI. The amount received will be paid out in the following order:

(1) Necessary expenses—as fuel, light, sexton, repairs, etc.
(2) Salary of Minister in Charge.
(3) Music.
(4) Sunday School.
(5) The balance will be divided among Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

PLEDGE.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

.....189

I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name,.....

Address,.....

☞Please fill up this Pledge, tear it off and place it in the Alms Basin.

SELECTIONS.

MEN AND MONEY.

"Herein," says Mr. Ruskin, "is the test with every man, whether money is the principal object with him or not. If in midlife he could pause and say, 'Now I have enough to live upon. I will live upon it, and having well earned it, I will also well spend it, and go out of the world poor as I came into it,' then money is not principal with him; but if, having enough to live upon in the manner befitting his character and rank, he still wants to make more, and to die rich, then money is the principal object with him, and it becomes a curse to himself and generally to those who spend it after him. For you know it must be spent some day; the only question is whether the man who makes it shall spend it or some one else, and generally it is better for the maker to spend it, for he will know best its value and use. This is the true law of life."

I have seen a picture of Niagara in which a group of visitors in the foreground was so large that one could scarcely see the falls. Some men are like photographers who always take their pictures so. Whatever the scene may be, self is always in the front, larger than anything else which the picture has to show.

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Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.
Mr. J. A. Caldwell,	Mr. F. A. Lewis.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
WEEK-DAYS, daily, at 11 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, 1st Sunday and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Maulsby, Miss Jamison.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleemann, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Rodman, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Davison.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Miss Clarkson, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Hansell, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Boyd, Miss Perot, Mrs. Sangree, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Marie Bunn, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Borland, Miss Seabrook, Miss Gerrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. McConnell.
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Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

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Mrs. McConnell, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Breuil, Miss Sanders, Miss Rodman.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss Beale, Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny, Miss Grigg.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, Miss Perot, Miss Thomas.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Albert Berg, Jr.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—Frank W. Collins.

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Rutter, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

April 1st—Wednesday before Easter.
" 2nd—Thursday before Easter.
" 3rd—Good Friday.
" 4th—Easter Even.
" 5th—Easter Day.
" 12th—First Sunday after Easter.
" 19th—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 25th—St. Mark (Saturday).
" 26th—Third Sunday after Easter.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

February 28th—Elizabeth Emily Little.
March 2nd—Henry Winslow Strang.
" 5th—Margaret Benkert.
" 13th—Almira Peterson Colket.
" 13th—Gertrude Woodward Harrat Tyson.
" 13th—Helen Bosdevex Tyson.
" 27th—Herman Le Roy Collins.
" 27th—James Traquair Thorn.
" 27th—George H. Streaker.
" 27th—Bessie May Zeigler.
" 27th—Clara Margaret Friedel.
" 29th—Jean McClelland Ingalls.

BURIED.

March 9th—Sarah Emily Strang.
" 17th—James H. Shereard.
" 26th—Thomas Fayette Blakemore.

CONFIRMED.

Caroline Montelius Abbott, Walter S. Anaya, Albin Anaya, Edythe Gladys Allen, Florence Atmore, Sue P. Billings, Elizabeth O. Butterfield, Herbert N. Bowers, Frank Bauerle, Charles Howard Colket, Almira Peterson Colket, Herman Le Roy Collins, Mabel Viola Crum, Mary Jane Corrigan, Timothy B. Clemens, Rose M. Campbell, Lida S. Englebert, Louise Englebert, Clara Margaret Friedel, Flora Jean Gibson, Josephine Hodgson, Caroline Eliza Hutchinson, Lily V. Harper, Louisa Florence Joyce, Alice J. Kelly, James I. Lineaweaver, Annie Moore, Chas. H. Moore, George Pfeiffer, Ellen Sawyer Palmer, Robert F. Polk, Randolph P. Russell, Eva Reinheimer, E. Everett Smith, George H. Streaker, Gertrude Carlisle Sausser, James Traquair Thorn, Blanche Ray Trewin, Helen B. Tyson, Gertrude Woodward Tyson, Walter H. Thomas, Augusta I. S. West, Chas. W. West, Bessie May Ziegler.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

For Domestic Missions,	$ 236 66
" St. Stephen's Aid Society,	287 80
" Easter Decorations,	77 25
From Mrs. McKean,	85 00
" Mrs. Hutchinson,	8 00
For General Charities,	509 43
	$1204 14

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

EASTER DAY—Special offerings.
Second Sunday—Easter Carol Service. Home for Crippled Children.
Third Sunday—Society of Increase of Ministry.
Last Sunday—General Charities.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MR. JAMES MAGEE have been for years adding to the treasury of memorials in St. Stephen's Church. Those which they have placed there are things of beauty, and will be joys forever. The Parish is called upon once again to express its obligation to the same donors for a new and most beautiful Tablet erected to one of their ancestors, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. This Tablet has been for many years in Independence Hall, and was removed from there in consequence of

the changes being made in that venerable edifice. It seems fitting in every way that it should find its permanent resting place in the walls of St. Stephen's Church.

ON EASTER DAY THE SERVICES will be at *eight* o'clock, *eleven* o'clock and *four* o'clock. At the two latter services the pew-holders and regular members of the Congregation will be admitted as usual through the north transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the hour of the service itself, and the visitors will be provided with seats to the full capacity of the Church.

It seems rather an inhospitable mode of action, but upon reflection it will commend itself to all reasonable people. It is but right and fair that those who attend the services all the other days of the year, should have an opportunity to occupy their own seats on the great high festival, and that those who only visit the Church upon such occasions should be asked to wait upon the convenience of the regular attendants.

THE OFFERTORY ON EASTER DAY will be for whatever purpose each particular giver may mark his offering. If he will place it in the plate with a card saying for what charity or benevolence he wishes it to be used, it will be so applied. Any which is not so marked will be distributed by the Rector at his best discretion among the various charitable enterprises of the Church. There are at least two reasons why this offertory should be large. The first is because it is to be made upon Easter Day and ought to bear some proportion to the value which each giver places upon the hope of his own resurrection, which has come to him through the work of Jesus Christ. The second reason is a practical one. The charitable and benevolent work of the Church costs money; a good deal of money. There are many willing hands who are ready to do the work, but they cannot do it and furnish the money also. After Easter there always follow a number of months, during the summer, when the income from offerings is relatively little. It is desirable in every way that the treasuries of the various societies should be left with enough in them to carry forward their work, so that their beneficiaries will not be called upon to suffer.

THE NOON-DAY LENTEN SERVICES for the last six weeks have been in many ways very remarkable. It is to be doubted whether as many people have ever been inside of a church in this city within the same period of time. The Church has been full, and more than full at every service. How much good they may have done no one can tell. There are a few who always attend such services from an insatiable appetite to hear addresses. Probably they might be better men and women if they should hear less preaching and do more practicing. But this class of persons is relatively small. The great majority of those who have attended have listened to the word of God with an honest heart, in order that they may practice it in their lives. It must be that many among these have been mightily helped forward in the better way. The men of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, who have had charge of the services, are in every way to be congratulated upon the efficiency and success of their arrangements.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday School, Parish School and Burd Orphan Asylum will be held on Sunday after Easter, at 4 o'clock. The offerings will be received for the Home for Crippled Children.

THE LAST MEETING of the St. Stephen's Aid Society was held on Friday, March 27th. Over 350 garments have been made during the winter meetings, and are ready for distribution. Three Missionary boxes were also completed, and sent to their destination on March 30th.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE report having received 91 garments during March, and have distributed 102.

Contributions are gratefully acknowledged, as follows: from Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. C. H. Colket, Miss Christopher, Mrs. Cornish, Miss Bessie Clayton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Fenton, James Greer, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Judson, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Maulsby, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Newlin, No Name, Miss Florence Pancoast and Mrs. Stratton.

There has been so great a demand for underwear of all kinds for men and women, particularly in the matter of undervests, that contributions of those articles will be appreciated, in readiness for another season.

Monday, Apr. 6—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 13—Miss Rodman, Miss Sanders.
" " 20—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 27—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE UNITED OFFERING OF 1898.

The Woman's Auxiliary has marked three Triennials with a United Offering. In 1889 it gave $2,000, with one-half of which to build the first church (Christ Church, Anvik) in our Alaska Mission, and with the other to send a new Missionary to Japan. In 1892 it added $20,000 to the Enrolment Fund. In 1895 it gave $56,000 to endow the Episcopate in a Missionary Jurisdiction. In 1898 it hopes to bring a still larger sum, and entrust it to the care of the Board of Missions, for the training and support of women workers in the Mission fields of the Church.

In the offering of 1895 every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction had a share, varying from $8,000, given by New York, to $5 received from West Africa. In the offering of 1898 we wish that not only every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction should be represented, but every Parish and Mission also. We ask all Diocesan Officers to bring the matter before all Parish Officers, and they, in turn, before the members of the Parish Branches. Then we ask that women interested speak of it to women uninterested; that from Diocese to Diocese, from Parish to Parish, from Mission to Mission, the impulse may be handed on. And as with the Woman's Auxiliary, so so with its Junior Department, even to the newest member of the Babies' Branch; we would have no individual left unappealed to, who claims connection with the Missionary Society, which is the Church.

From the Church Missions House, Mite Boxes for the United Offering and copies of this leaflet will be sent to all who ask for them. These boxes are for the daily penny, the weekly dime—for any conscientious, systematic gift which the owner of the box may feel able to make. The boxes should be opened in September of the three succeeding years, 1896, 1897 and 1898, and the contents sent to some Officer of the Auxiliary within the Diocese, appointed to receive them.

Will you not send for these boxes soon, and begin this ingathering without delay? And with the box, will you not use the prayer inscribed upon it? Then October, 1898, may see, not only an abounding united gift of gold and silver, but a free and loving offering of women of the Auxiliary, giving themselves to Mission work for Christ and His Holy Church.

JULIA C. EMERY,
Secretary.

Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

In the last three years Pennsylvania gave $6,560.60, and in the next three years she hopes to double it.

THE MITE BOXES can be obtained after any of the daily services from the Sexton, who will take the names and address of those taking the boxes, and report to Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut Street, Treasurer.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in March: From Miss Mary Mercutchson $2.00; Mrs. Herman Dercum, $2.00; through Dr. McConnell, $8.00; clothing from a kind Friend.

Contributing members in March: Mrs. Davison, $1.00; Miss Davison, $1.00; Mrs. Parmalee, $1.00; Mrs. M. E. Sinn, $1.00.

April 7th has been selected for the Children's Easter Entertainment, and it is hoped by all that the little ones will have a good time.

The members of the Society would be very glad to have those who are interested in the children come and see their delight.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have received during March from Miss Sanders $1.00. For Shoe Fund from Mrs. M. E. Sinn, 25 cents; Mrs. Stratton, 25 cents; Mrs. M. T. Mann, $1.00.

Three pairs of shoes have been given away this month, also clothing, and jellies to the sick.

A CANTATA of the different nations will be given, April 22nd, in the Sunday School room, rear of Church, by the King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Children's Friend Society. Tickets will be 15 cents.

Church of the Holy Comforter.

48TH AND HAVERFORD AVENUE,
PHILADELPHIA.

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THE REV. S. D. McCONNELL, D. D., *Rector.*
1318 Locust Street.

REV. J. J. LANIER, *Minister in Charge.*
4517 Fairmount Avenue.

VESTRY.

MR. CHAS. G. KEILIG, *Rector's Warden.*
MR. L. WILLARD HARRIS, *Accounting Warden.*

Mr. Thomas Taylor,
Mr. James H. Dowdy,
Mr. Philip Hill,
Mr. Joseph B. Kite,
Mr. J. M. Dunham,
Mr. F. E. Sanderson,
Mr. A. E. Sanderson,
Mr. G. A. Siddall.

Organist and Choir Master.
Mr. John Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Sexton.
Jacob Wilmer, 710 Lydia St.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss M. Darnbrough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Mr. J. F. Jenkinson.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Helen Galt, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Mr. F. M. Tiffany, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Director—Minister in Charge.
President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

Messrs. J. B. Kite, W. D. Squires, James H. Dowdy, Rev. Wm. N. Baily, C. G. Keilig, W. J. Harper, L. W. Harris, G. O. Calvert, James Pryce, John Pryce, Hermis Skelton, A. E. Sanderson, F. E. Sanderson, Chas. I. Wilkinson, Arthur Darnbrough.

Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malarny, Laura Clough, Annie Springfield, Lavinia Dempster.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. B. Kite.
Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
Treasurer—Miss E. R. Curry.

Mrs. E. V. R. Tretheway, Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Dunham, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. J. H. Dowdy, Miss M. V. Harbert, Miss Bella Wilkinson, Miss Julia McAfee, Miss Hypatia Hall, Miss M. Pugh, Miss Helen Galt, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Mary H. Graff, Miss Gertrude H. Graff, Miss Ricord.

Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

From Pledges,	$57.68
Loose Offerings,	17.30
Total,	$74.98

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

March 24th—Margaret Smith.
" 24th—Richard Whitehead McDowell.
" 24th—George Wm. McDowell.

BURIED.

March 1st—Walter Saville.
" 8th—Ruth Alger Whitesell.
" 15th—John McAfee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

MARCH.

ATTENDANCE: Mortimer Rawlinson, John Donnell, Willie Dowdy, Clarence Rankin, Berta Rankin.

NEW SCHOLARS BROUGHT BY: Joseph Todd, 2; Amelia Keller, 2.

THE RECEIPTS from the Choir Concert given February 6th were $43.50; expenses, $14.90, leaving net amount of $28.60 for the Choir Fund. This is a remarkable showing when the stormy night of the Concert is considered.

AN ABSTRACT from the Warden's Annual Report shows that for the fiscal year ending April 2nd, 1896, the receipts from all sources were $1,830.23, and expenditures $1,753.34. The Parish Record for the same period shows—25 baptisms, 1 marriage, 12 burials. There are 83 communicants on the Record.

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, the two things of most importance to the Parish will be an Entertainment, given by the children of the Sunday School for the purpose of buying a blackboard for the Infant Class. The management of it will be in the hands of the teacher of the Infant Class, Miss Sproule. Price of admission will be ten cents. The date cannot at this time be definitely fixed, but it will be some time about the middle or last of the month.

THE OTHER EVENT OF INTEREST to the Parish will be a social gathering of its members in the Sunday School to spend a social evening together, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted the one with the other. The Societies of the Parish will be the hosts on this occasion.

CHRIST AND HIS WORK is summed up in one word, the Resurrection. For him to accomplish this work in us three factors are necessary: (1) Time, (2) Faith, (3) a New Birth. His work is to be a gradual work. As he seeth the Father work, so he works, gradually, slowly, but effectually. His birth into the world is the descending of a higher kingdom of life into that just beneath it, to lift it up. This work has been going on gradually for the last nineteen hundred years. This is the aeon of the world's birth pangs into Christianity, into Christ's Kingdom of Life. The march of humanity is slowly but steadily setting towards that far off divine event toward which all creation moves. The goal of that far off divine event is attained in the gift of immortality, the birth into Christ's Kingdom of Life. But immediately the thoughtful person answers, what good will this do me? I will not live to see this dream of immortality. In a few years at most I will have had my day and ceased to be. I will have descended into the realm of the dead. What reason should I have to rejoice in the possible immortality of the Race, if I, the individual, be left behind and perish by the wayside? I reply, if you the individual perish by the wayside and be left behind, you have no reason to rejoice whatsoever. Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. But our Lord, in virtue of belonging to a higher Kingdom of Life than ours, being a spirit of larger discourse, looking before and after, claims to know (1), That Death is not destruction to you, the individual; (2), That he has the power to recall us to life and reinstate us in the Life of the Human Race. He demonstrated this power again and again.

But the most knotty factor remains. It is Faith. It is that which most seriously and vitally concerns us. The work can only proceed for us, the individual, as we personally exercise that Faith, by means of which this New Birth is brought about.

A temporary refusal to exercise this Faith retards the Birth into his Kingdom. An eternal refusal to do this would mean an eternal abiding in the Kingdom of Sin and Death. And so Christ stands upon the threshold of our Kingdom of Life, saying I can take you, weak, sinful man, purify you, and lift you up into my Kingdom of Life. Do you believe I can do this? Will you obey me? I must have a complete surrender of your will, affections, life and property. What I say do, you must make your utmost effort to do. Where I say go, you must make your utmost effort to go. I must be your King or nothing. You must work in my kingdom or I can not save you. If you do so, I pledge you my utmost power and I will never forsake you. Though you die a hundred times, not a hair of your head shall be injured. This is the Faith Christ asks of us, and is the fusion-point of our souls with the spirit of Christ. It is the Virgin womb in which is born the spiritual man. When St. Paul triumphantly exclaimed: "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me," Christ's resurrecting work was nigh finished in St. Paul. Faith is the supreme effort of lifting ourselves into Christ's

Kingdom of Life, but finding ourselves far short of the goal, cries, "God be merciful to me a sinner." The grace of God is the descending Christ meeting us and lifting us up into the realm of the Blessed, called Heaven. This is the Resurrection.

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

I. Fill the blanks in the accompanying pledge with your name, address, and the amount you are willing to give weekly *for all religious purposes together*.

II. Place the Pledge thus filled in the plate at any collection. Envelopes for one year will be sent to you at once.

III. In consideration of this Pledge, the Church assures the giver that no further call will be made upon him during the year for any purpose whatever. Of course, anything additional which he may choose to give will be received and applied as he may designate.

IV. At any service place the amount of your weekly pledge in the plate. Never give the money which you have pledged except in an envelope.

V. No one but the Rector and the Accounting Warden will know the amount of your pledge.

VI. The amount received will be paid out in the following order:

(1) Necessary expenses—as fuel, light, sexton, repairs, etc.
(2) Salary of Minister in Charge.
(3) Music.
(4) Sunday School.
(5) The balance will be divided among Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

PLEDGE.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

.....189

I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name,.....

Address,.....

☞Please fill up this Pledge, tear it off and place it in the Alms Basin.

SELECTED.

EASTER.

White Day!
Our thoughts turn back to thee, drawn
By the brightness of thy rays' clear
Shining: e'en through much gloom
Of intervening years.

Whiteness thy fitting
Emblem—oh, Day triumphant, with
Great victory of sacrifice so pure
And free, death were a bond too
Weak to hold it!

The cross no more of
Shame and death the symbol, but
Garlanded with flowers and lifted
High above the world.

We bend the knee:
To Thee, the risen Christ, our
Adoration bring.

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St. Stephen's Church.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. CRAWFORD ARNOLD, *Rector's Warden.*

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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, 1st Sunday and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Maulsby, Miss Jamison.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleemann, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Rodman, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Davison.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Miss Clarkson, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Hansell, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Boyd, Miss Perot, Mrs. Sangree, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Marie Bunn, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Borland, Miss Seabrook, Miss Gerrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. McConnell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. McConnell, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Breuil, Miss Sanders, Miss Rodman.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss Beale, Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny, Miss Grigg.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, Miss Perot, Miss Thomas.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Miss Denney, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

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Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Albert Berg, Jr.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—Frank W. Collins.

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6,30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Rutter, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Nellie V. Miller.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Rector, is as happy as it unusual. We shall long regret his loss, but we cannot let him go without our most honest thanks for services of incalculable usefulness.

We wish him God-speed and a like success wherever he may be. S. Weir Mitchell, M. D.

THE MANAGERS OF THE Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church, present to the congregation the thirty-first annual report:

During the season of 1895-96 the money received and expended has been as follows: Balance from last year and offertory $244.76; from sales $615.69; subscriptions $60.; gift from the Rector, $100.; total, 1,020.45. Paid for dry goods, etc., $447.78; paid sewing women, $413.68; total, $861.46. Balance, $159. Over fifty women were employed, and two thousand, two hundred and thirty-four articles made by them. The managers are much indebted to the members of the congregation who so kindly came and purchased these articles; and also to the Ladies' Aid Society for having bought from them over sixty dollars worth of clothing, etc., to send to Mrs. Buford.

April 27, '96. H. C. WILKINS, Secretary.

THE AID SOCIETY has sent out this season Missionary boxes to Wyoming, California, Nebraska, Virginia and Pennsylvania. These were six in number, and were valued at $473 57.

The Aid Society gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Altar Society in furnishing altar linen and surplice for one of the boxes; also the generous contribution of clothing from the Garment Society for Mrs. Buford's box; as well as donations of second hand clothing from members of the congregation.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY presents its 12th Annual Report to the Congregation:

The Superintendent of the Chancel Committee reports that during the past year, the Committee has performed the duties of caring for the chancel and vestments, and has received gifts of oats, wheat and corn, for the decoration of the chancel on Thanksgiving Day, and on Easter Sunday a large box of lilies from Bermuda.

The Embroidery Class Committee reports work *donated*: white stole to the Church House; fair linen cloth and corporal, chalice veil, two purificators to a Mission; corporal chalice veil and two purificators to Church of the Holy Comforter; through Mrs. Arrison, surplice to a missionary; through Mrs. Stratton, surplice to Church of Saint Sauveur; surplice to a missionary; through Miss Josephine Lewis, white stole to Rev. M. C. Stanley, Detroit; through Miss Davison, surplice to Church of the Atonement, Morton, Pa.

Work Ordered: Surplice for St. Paul's, Camden; two long surplices for Rev. S. D. McConnell.

Work For Our Own Parish: Fair linen cloth; three stole collars, made and presented by Miss Sharp; a gift of handsome white silk, for the white altar cloth, has been presented by the Misses Magee.

The Superintendent of the Lenten Sewing Committee reports garments cut out, 751; garments distributed as follows: Episcopal Hospital, 27; Maternity Hospital, 35; Lying-in Hospital, 36; Hahnemann Hospital 36; Kensington Hospital, 23; Rush Hospital, 22; Home for Aged Couples, 30; Home for the Homeless, 15; Home Missionary Society, 23; Visiting Nurses, 36; Willing Day Nursery, 25; Children's Aid Society, 26; Church of the Crucifixion, 47; Seamen's Mission, 43; French Mission, 51; City Mission, 43; Italian Mission, 49; Church Home for Seamen, 42; Church Home, Angora, 25; King's Daughters and Children's Friend Society, 48; Miss Stoddard, special, 20; Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, special, 12; Miss Sanders, special, 10; Mrs. Taylor, special, 2; St. Stephen's Parish School, 25 and 40 yards of outing flannel. Total number of garments, 751.

Cash Donations: Mrs. E. F. Beale, $5.00; Mrs. S. E. Russell, $5.00; Miss Maulsby, $5.00; Mrs. Stratton, $1.00; Mrs. R. E. Atmore, $2.00; Miss Magee, $5.00; Mrs. E. Richardson, $20.00: E. A. F., $3.00; Miss Sanders, 50c.; Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $2.77; through Dr. McConnell, $44.61. Total amount received, $94.88. Goods purchased from Hood, Foulkrod & Co. for Lenten Sewing, $93.98; postage, tags, twine, etc., 90c.; total, $94.88.

Goods donated by Miss Sanders, Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Mrs. S. E. Russell, Anonymous. Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Christopher, Miss Helen Sanders. Miss M. S. Wilkins.

The Treasurer reports: Balance on hand, $10.14; Cash received from Dr. McConnell, $150.00; Cash for surplice, $5.25; Balance on white altar cloth fund, $121.17; Total $286.56.

Expended: J. B. Sheppard, for linen, $39.81; Embroidery lessons and stamping, $37.85; Embroidery Class materials, $10.96; Bill for making surplices, $6.00; White altar cloth expenses, $25.00. Total, $119.62; leaving balance on hand, $166.94. MARIA S. WILKINS, Secretary.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE report that during the season 591 garments were contributed and 518 distributed. The clothing has been bestowed where it was most needed in individual cases, and donations were made as well to Mrs. Buford. the Missionary Box Committee, the Sheltering Arms and the Rush Hospital for Consumptives. The experiment of selling articles at a nominal price has worked well, and the Treasurer reports a balance of nine dollars and seventy cents.

The demand for clothing this winter, was not

so great as during last year, the weather not being so severe nor the hard times so pronounced. Over four hundred articles still remain on hand, in readiness for the early fall, before contributions are sent in. Contributors during April were Miss E. Bell, No Name, and Mrs. Robert Miller.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY reports for the year: Donations received, $250.70; from Church Fund (through Dr. McConnell,) $150.00; through Dr. McConnell, $8.00; through Rev. Mr. Miller, $15.00; Active members, $7.00; Contributing members, $32.00. Total, $462.70. Expenses for the year, $376.75. Balance, $85.95.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in April: Miss Stevenson, $5.00; through Mrs. Clayton, $5.00; Mrs. Moody, $1.00; from Church Fund (through Dr. McConnell,) $50.00; Easter cards for 300 children, Miss Stevenson; bundle of clothing from Lenten Sewing Society.

KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle reports for the year: Cash received, $78.35; dues from members, $15.00: from entertainment (so far received,) $37.30; Shoe Fund, $10.75. Total, $141.40. Expenses for the year, $99.90. Expenses for Shoe Fund, $8.39. Total expenses, $108.29. Balance, $33.11.

Donations received in April: Clothing from the Lenten Sewing Society to be distributed to the poor; for Shoe Fund, Mrs. Craven, 50 cents; one dozen flags and bunting from Mrs. Crombarger; Easter cards from Miss Stevenson; three pairs of shoes from Mrs. Sausser.

The King's Daughters have their meetings the first and third Wednesdays in the month, in the Guild room of the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE, King's Daughters, report having made eighty flannel garments —forty-six were sent to the Southern Home for Destitute and Friendless Children, fifteen to the Italian Mission and fifteen to this Church.

THE LENTEN SERVICE COMMITTEE of the Local Council, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, desires most heartily to thank the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, and through him the pew-holders, for their renewed kindness to the Committee during the Lenten Season just passed.

We feel that the Services for business people held in the Church have been the most successful in the history of the Brotherhood in this country, and that lasting benefit has accrued therefrom in the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and the awakening in many hearts of a sincere and lasting love for the Master.

The fact of the Word being preached to 32,770 souls in these forty Services, an average of 819 per service, and a gain of forty per centum over the attendance of last year speaks volumes in itself. The Committee in stating this large aggregate number in attendance, and pointing to the fact that few churches in this diocese can give such a total attendance in an entire year's services, congratulates the Parish of St. Stephen's that it has been blessed with such an opportunity for doing good; knowing as we do the inconveniences to which pew-holders may have been put, by reason of the immense throngs of strangers who have daily entered their doors.

Two instances may serve to illustrate the benefits derived from these services from two points of view. First: that personal individual effort was made by Brotherhood men to carry out the second great rule of our organization; the chairman received a note from a member of the Brotherhood *previous* to the services conducted by Rev. Mr. Aitken, in which he stated that, up to that date, he had *brought fifty-one* young men to the services. Second: that these services brought a blessing to those who attended them. The ushers in the middle aisle had noticed, particularly, a well dressed, gray haired man who was in daily attendance throughout the services, and that each day he took a card from the usher. On the Saturday before Easter, this man asked one of us for a few minutes conversation, in which, while declining to give his name, he thanked him for his kindness in finding him a seat every day, and stated that he and a friend were sitting in a hotel one day very early in Lent, when one of our service cards was placed in his hand. It seemed like a call to him. The thought of younger and better days came to him. It had been *many years* since he had seen the inside of a church. He made up his mind to "go to St. Stephen's and see what these services were like." His friend accompanied him. The result of this visit was another, and then daily until they ended. He said he felt as though his entire life was changed; and that he intended, by God's help, not to go back to the old life again; that he owed it all to that little card being placed in his hand so many weeks ago. He showed a letter from his friend, who had recently moved to New York, who joined with him in testifying to the great influence the services had wrought upon his life.

We may hope and pray that these influences for good may be lasting. At any rate, it is encouraging to hear of such cases, and feel that there must have been many such in the Providence of God that only He knows of, and will give the increase to.

In behalf of the committee,

EWING L. MILLER, Chairman.

Church of the Holy Comforter.

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CLERGY.

THE REV. S. D. MCCONNELL, D. D., *Rector.*
1318 Locust Street.

REV. J. J. LANIER, *Minister in Charge.*
4517 Fairmount Avenue.

VESTRY.

MR. CHAS. G. KEILIG, *Rector's Warden.*
MR. L. WILLARD HARRIS, *Accounting Warden.*

Mr. Thomas Taylor,
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Mr. Philip Hill,
Mr. Joseph B. Kite,
Mr. J. M. Dunham,
Mr. F. E. Sanderson,
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Mr. G. A. Siddall.

Organist and Choir Master.
Mr. John Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Sexton.
Jacob Wilmer, 710 Lydia St.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M.
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss M. Darnbrough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Mr. J. F. Jenkinson.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Helen Galt, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Mr. F. M. Tiffany, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Director—Minister in Charge.
President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

Messrs. J. B. Kite, W. D. Squires, James H. Dowdy, Rev. Wm. N. Baily, C. G. Keilig, W. J. Harper, L. W. Harris, G. O. Calvert, James Pryce, John Pryce, Hermis Skelton, A. E. Sanderson, F. E. Sanderson, Chas. I. Wilkinson, Arthur Darnbrough.

Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malany, Laura Clough, Annie Springfield, Lavinia Dempster.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. B. Kite.
Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
Treasurer—Miss E. R. Curry.

Mrs. E. V. R. Tretheway, Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Dunham, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. J. H. Dowdy, Miss M. V. Harbert, Miss Bella Wilkinson, Miss Julia McAfee, Miss Hypatia Hall, Miss M. Pugh, Miss Helen Galt, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Mary H. Graff, Miss Gertrude H. Graff, Miss Ricord.

Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

From Pledges,	$52 26
Loose Offerings,	35 65
Total,	$87 91

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 5th—John Edward Leithead.
" 5th—Carrie Louise Schultz.
" 5th—Richard Nunn Lanier.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

APRIL.

ATTENDANCE: Lilian Wilkinson, George Binder, Martin Binder, Mortimer Rawlinson, Lucile Keilig, Mary Warnock, Louise Binder, Wm. Dowdy, Clarence Rankin.

NEW SCHOLARS BROUGHT BY: Katie Marley, 2; Annie Springfield, 1; Lydie Kite, 2; Susie Wilkinson, 1; Joseph Todd, 1; Mamie Anderson, 1; Ida Nuttle, 1; Jennie Timlin, Amelia Keller, 2; Lizzie Anderson, 1; Hester Valentine, 1; Katie Boyd, 1; Mary Bostick, 1; Lois Calvert, 1.

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VI. The amount received will be paid out in the following order:

(1) Necessary expenses—as fuel, light, sexton, repairs, etc.
(2) Salary of Minister in Charge.
(3) Music.
(4) Sunday School.
(5) The balance will be divided among Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

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WEST PHILADELPHIA,

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Address,.....

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SELECTIONS.

A clergyman was very anxious to introduce some hymn-books into the Church, and arranged with his clerk that the latter was to give out the notice immediately after the sermon. The clerk, however, had a notice of his own with reference to the baptism of infants to give out. Accordingly, at the close of the sermon, he arose and announced that "all those who have children whom they wish to have baptized, please send in their names at once to the clerk." The clergyman, who was stone deaf, assumed that the clerk was giving out the hymn-book notice, and immediately arose and said: "And I should say, for the benefit of those who hav'nt any, that they may be obtained at the vestry any day from 3 to 4 o'clock; the ordinary little ones at one shilling each, and special ones with red backs at one shilling and four pence.

"How shall I thank you?" asked one friend of another who had rendered invaluable assistance at a time of urgent need and perplexity. "Do not try," was the answer, "except in so far that, finding another in difficulty, you should pass on the kindness."

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St. Stephen's Church.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Maulsby, Miss Jamison.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleemann, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Rodman, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Davison.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Miss Clarkson, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Hansell, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Boyd, Miss Perot, Mrs. Sangree, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Marie Bunn, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Borland, Miss Seabrook, Miss Gerrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

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Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. McConnell.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss Beale, Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny, Miss Grigg.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Miss Rodman, Miss Perot, Miss Thomas.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

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GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Rutter, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

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(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

June 7—First Sunday after Trinity.
" 11—St. Barnabas. [Thursday.]
" 14—Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 21—Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 24—Nativity of St. John Baptist.
" 28—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29—St. Peter. [Monday.]

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

May 17—Francis Scott Breuil.
" 24—Edward Shirley.

BURIED.

May 11—Michael Nisbet.
" 13—Henrietta L. Zeilin.
" 15—Elizabeth King.
" 29—Elizabeth D. McConnell.

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

Indian Missions,	$45 50
General Charities,	146 44
Children's Friend Society:	
From Miss Hutchinson,	1 00
From X,	10 00
Total,	$202 94

ON THE FIRST OF MAY, the Deaconess, Miss Emily T. Rodman, left this parish for the purpose of assuming duty in Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn: the Rev. Dr. McConnell, the Rector, having asked her to go to his new field of work. She was very actively engaged in the various departments of our parish work, and will be much missed by the many friends to whom she endeared herself. The Infant Class of the Sunday School was under her care and direction, and increased steadily in attendance under her ministration. The earnest prayers and best wishes of the congregation will go with her in her new work.

Mrs. S. Molloy, one of the teachers of the Sunday School, very kindly consented to take charge of the Infant Class after the resignation of Miss Rodman. Her scholars, some of the larger girls of the Sunday School, have faithfully assisted her in the care of the little children.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S G. F. S. Branch:—A steady improvement in the interest felt by the girls and their quiet, thoughtful demeanour, and general regular attendance, has given the Associates reason to feel encouraged in the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church. In point of members we have not as many as last year. Some have passed away, one or two married, and others have not returned. So that while we had 130 last year, we have but 102 this present time. During the hot weather of last summer, our Deaconess, Miss Rodman, formed a summer club which did admirable work, for it not only gave her a personal interest in the girls, but developed another talent in them. They recited for her, and wrote compositions which they read to her, and when we returned in the autumn we found them ready and eager for the winter's work. Classes were formed as usual for cooking, dressmaking and singing, adding book-keeping, which, under the able tuition of

Mr. Richardson, of the New Century Guild, has been a great benefit to those who persevered in learning single and double entry.

Dr. McConnell held an impressive admission service during Lent, and said a few beautiful, helpful words to the girls, afterwards giving them each a flower or two from off the altar.

Much interest is now being shown in trying to raise enough money for a piano, and toward the bath rooms of the Cape May Girls' Friendly Holiday House. As last year the girls raised (quite by themselves) $72 for it, it is to be hoped they will be equally successful this year. Mr. and Mrs. Hall gave an Easter entertainment for them, which they enjoyed very much; and during the winter the girls planned their own "Amusement Evening," and the singing, recitations, and charades were very creditable. We were much pleased that one of our girls won the first prize, and another, honorable mention for the best essay on Ivanhoe.

A. C. Bowden, Branch Sec'y.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in May:

Mrs. W. S. Russell, $2.00; King's Daughters, (Whatsoever Circle), $4.00; From X., (through Rev. Mr. Miller), $10.00; From Miss Carrie Hutchinson, (through Rev. Mr. Miller), $1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Jr., $10.00.

Contributing members in May:

Mrs. A. N. Crombarger, $1.00; Miss Dupuy, $1.00; Miss A. E. Dupuy, $1.00; Mrs. S. Hopper, $1.00; Mrs. Charles E. Milnor, $1.00; Miss E. A. Ford, $1.00.

The little ones are looking forward to their Summer outings. Already some have inquired when are we going to have an Excursion?

So much has been said of the work of the Society, that all must be familiar with it. The children, many of whom live up little crowded streets, sometimes two or three families in a room, are taken out for a day's excursion or an afternoon's outing, and given a good time out in the country where good fresh air can be had.

The children have many kind friends in the Church and out of it who remember them by donations, or contribute $1.00 a year to help the work along.

When you are away this Summer, will you not think of the C. F. S. and aid us in our work?

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their meetings June 3rd and June 17th in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

The work done by this Circle in May, has been the sewing of rags for a carpet to be given to their invalid girl, Lizzie Weikle. The King's Daughters from the Church of the Holy Comforter, have kindly assisted in this work and have given a dollar towards the weaving of the carpet.

The first break in the Whatsoever Circle, was caused by the death of Daisy McConnell, May 25th. She was one who was always glad to do her part in any work that was being done for the good of others and will be missed by all.

The Boys' Guild of St. Stephen's Church held their Annual Excursion and Spring Sports on Decoration Day, May 30th. They went, with their chaplain, Mr. Miller, to a farm near Mt. Airy, on the Reading R. R., and there spent a most delightful day. The result of the sports was as follows:

100 yards dash won by Charles Moore, 9 yards handicap, time 11 1-5 seconds; second George Pfeiffer, 8 yards handicap. The 220 yards dash was won by William Bishop, 15 yards handicap, time, 27 4-5 seconds; second, H. P. Christensen, scratch. The ½ mile run was won by Charles Moore, 40 yards handicap, time, 2 min. 32 3-5 seconds; second H. P. Christensen, scratch. The 1 mile run was won by H. P. Christensen, scratch, time 6 min 25 seconds; second Harry Bush. 100 yards sack race won by Charles Moore, scratch, time 39 2-5 seconds; second Herbert N. Bowers, 1 yard handicap. The hop, step, and jump was won by Albert Berg, scratch, distance 32 feet 6 inches; second E. W. Spackman, scratch. Putting 16 lb. shot won by George Pfeiffer, 3 inches handicap, distance 24 feet 8½ inches; second E. W. Spackman, scratch. First and second medals were awarded as prizes.

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Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

Holy Days:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
Mr. J. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss M. Darnbrough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Mr. J. F. Jenkinson, Dr. W. G. Percival.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Helen Galt, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

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President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

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Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. D. Squires, *Associate.*
Miss E. C. Keilig, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malany, Laura Clough, Annie Springfield, Lavinia Dempster.

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Treasurer—Miss E. R. Curry.

Mrs. E. V. R. Tretheway, Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Dunham, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. J. H. Dowdy, Miss M. V. Harbert, Miss Bella Wilkinson, Miss Julia McAfee, Miss Hypatia Hall, Miss M. Pugh, Miss Helen Galt, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Mary H. Graff, Miss Gertrude H. Graff, Miss Ricord.

Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

From Pledges,	$48 85
Loose Offerings,	15 43
Total,	$64 28

PARISH RECORD.

Baptized.

May 31—George Morley Vickers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

May.

Attendance: Dora Swope, George Binder, Anna Nellis, Mortimer Rawlinson, Martin Binder.

New Scholars brought by: Jennie Bass, 1; Mary Boston, 1.

On June the tenth at 8 p. m. the Bishop of Easton will confirm a class in the Church of the Holy Comforter for Bishop Whitaker. A large attendance is expected on this most solemn occasion.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL has just purchased and given out to the children quite a number of new books. The children are delighted with them. The only regret is that we have no more money to buy more books with, and make them still more happy with good reading.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY will soon have a box ready for Mrs. Buford's Hospital in Va.

ON THURSDAY EVENING, June 18th, the local Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will give a "Smoker" in the Sunday-school building. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to the men of the Parish. A pleasant evening is promised and it is desired that all should attend.

HERETOFORE, IT HAS been customary for members of our Congregation who leave town during the Summer, to pay subscriptions when they return. In consequence of this policy, the Church has had an unnecessary struggle for existence from June to October. It must be well-known to our parishioners that we are dependent upon the weekly collections; the Vestry therefore ask that pledges be *prepaid* for the number of Sundays each subscriber will be absent. These amounts will be set aside and added to the collection each week.

It may not be generally known that our Mother Church, St. Stephen's, contributes a certain amount towards the support of our Parish; the balance necessary to carry on the work *it is expected will be met by the Congregation* with the aid of the Convocation. This expectation has not been met; the expenses exceeding receipts by nearly $3.00 per week.

It is earnestly hoped that each individual interested in the welfare of the Church of the Holy Comforter, will increase his or her subscription as much as possible, and that the total increase will more than make up the amount needed each week.

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

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Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
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Managers—President—
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss Beale, Miss Grigg, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Albert Berg, Jr.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—E. W. Spackman.
Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Bowden, 2030 DeLancey Place.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Rutter, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)
President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

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pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

July 5th—Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 12th—Sixth Sunday after Trinity.
" 19th—Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
" 25th—St. James' (Saturday.)
" 26th—Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

June 16th—Laura Pauline McCoy.
" 24th—James Booth Wharton.

MARRIAGES.

June 17th—William Bunting Graham and Mary Fullerton Hazard.
June 24th—George A. Murr and Anna Neilson Danner.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

General Charities,	$69 38
Children's Friend Society,	34 00
Total,	$103 38

OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

General Charities.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in June: Miss A. E. Ford, $1.00; Mr. Harry E. Banks, Jr., $2.00; Miss Garret, $10.00; Miss Laura Bell, $5.00; Miss E. W. Stevenson, $10.00; Miss Thorne, $2.00; Miss Rynard, $2.00; Miss Dutilh, $2.00; Mrs. Williamson, $5.00; Miss L. Williamson, $1.00. Total, $40.00.

Contributing member, Mrs. L. H. Evans, $1.00.

First Excursion, July 11th, weather permitting.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings July 1st and 15th, in the Parish House, at half past seven o'clock.

This Circle was organized in 1890 by ten members; it now has a membership of thirty and ten honorary members. Some have moved away, others have married, and there has been one death, but the work "In His Name" goes on the same. Homes and Hospitals have been visited, clothing made, jellies and flowers taken to the sick, and toys to the little children.

A little girl in the Home of the Merciful Saviour was dressed entirely by the Circle until her death. Another, who has been an invalid for thirteen years, is cared for in many ways, and she in turn, as a "shut in" King's Daughter, has scrap albums and pictures brought to her, which she arranges quite artistic, and they are then taken and given to the sick in the Hospitals by the King's Daughters.

In 1893 a Shoe Fund was started; many children and sometimes a mother have been made happy or kept from taking cold with a new pair of shoes. "Whatsoever your hands find to do" is the work of this Circle.

SELECTIONS.

RELIGION IN VACATION TIME.

The vacation season is fast drawing near. Ocean-bound vessels, and railroad cars heading West and North, will be crowded with rich people and people of all kinds, seeking change, recuperation and the new scenes which suggest new ideas and often foster new strength. The

opening summer brings with it, as the poet says,

"the wish to be away;"

away from the tedium of wearing routine, from places associated with some sad or difficult experience, from ties and duties which have been so long in sight that change is for a short period necessary, in order that a return to the familiar environment may be met with freshened power and energy. We are not speaking of the idlers who in travel seek only new opportunities for frittering away their lives and affections under other skies and on other shores. To these people who are in a small minority, life is one long vacation; one round of pleasure routine. Yet amid the darkening shadows of such lives—and shadows come with time even to the sated pleasure-seeker—our vacation thoughts may well yield a lesson of some sort.

Any recreation which implies a suspension or a neglect of religious observances does a great deal more harm than good. The restraint which is needed by all those who are permitted and privileged during the summer to enjoy the luxury of complete leisure is exactly what regular worship and devotional exercise avail to furnish. Many, however, who are regular church-goers in the city, are tempted to lounge all Sunday on the hotel veranda or the steamboat deck during the summer without a thought of religious responsibilities. The country clergymen often finds his parish overrun, in the fairest and most charming season of the year, by a crowd of city people who think they can "do what they like" so soon as they pass beyond the limits of asphalt pavements and electric lights. We do not forget the vast number of excellent church people who do not in the country leave behind the love of the Church which they show in the city.

The plain duty of all holiday seekers is to show themselves in the presence of the rural population, or the foreign population, not merely more fashionable, more refined, more liberal than the toilers who surround them, but more God-fearing and devout. The Canadian woodcutters in the Adirondacks, who have exchanged their home in Quebec villages for a sojourn in one of the playgrounds of New York, have been heard to declare that there is no God south of the St. Lawrence. This is a reproach which in some degree has been occasioned by the temporary irreligion of holiday seekers. Sunday should be scrupulously observed in any case by the most worn-out toiler who rushes to shore and mountain for his brief holiday. Etiquette, good form, at least, should prescribe this tribute to religion. The poor churches of the rural places should, moreover, command the alms as well as the presence at public worship of all church people who take up their abode in summer in the neighborhood of these sometimes forgotten shrines.

To refresh body and mind and think it necessary for such an end to relax religious devotion and duty is sheer folly. Idleness, even when it comes in the shape of needed leisure, is always dangerous. But it loses all its danger, and may prove an unmixed benefit and blessing when those who seek it in a vacation forget neither the dignity, the duty, nor the privilege of their Church membership.—*The Churchman.*

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

"Emerson, in his Divinity Hall address, when giving that description, never to be forgotten by any reader, of his attendance in a country church during a snow storm, when the snow was real and the preacher merely phenomenal, drew the conclusion that the popular interest in public worship was gone or going. Walk the streets on Sunday, fifty years later, and see if you still think so! Yet I remember well that all who passed for radicals then held this view; I know that I expected, for one, to see an immense diminution in the building of churches and in the habit of attendance. Practically, the result has not followed; even the Sunday bicyclers have not emptied the churches. The difference is not in the occupants of the pews, but of the pulpits; that course has been adopted which Henry Ward Beecher recommended at the ministers' meeting—not to scold the people for sleeping in church, but to send somebody into the pulpit to wake up the minister. There is prevalence of larger thought, of braver action."—*The Outlook.*

It is well that we have so often to entertain God's angels of disappointment, and sorrow, and care unawares, for if we knew of their coming we might turn them out of doors.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
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Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss M. Darnbrough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Mr. J. F. Jenkinson, Dr. W. G. Percival.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Helen Galt, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 9.00 A. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Director—Minister in Charge.
President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

Messrs. J. B. Kite, W. D. Squires, James H. Dowdy, Rev. Wm. N. Baily, C. G. Keilig, W. J. Harper, L. W. Harris, G. O. Calvert, James Pryce, John Pryce, Hermis Skelton, A. E. Sanderson, F. E. Sanderson, Chas. I. Wilkinson, Arthur Darnbrough.

Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malany, Laura Clough, Julia Keller, Lavinia Dempster.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. B. Kite.
Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
Treasurer—Miss E. R. Curry.

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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

From Pledges,	$48 55
Loose Offerings,	10 84
Total,	$59 39

PARISH RECORD.

BURIED.

June 5—Katie S. Boston.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

JUNE.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Binder, Mortimer Rawlinson, George Binder, Willie Dowdy, Resie Rose.

NEW SCHOLAR BROUGHT BY: Mary Boston, 1.

Through an oversight the following names should have been on the Honor Roll for the month of May for attendance: Lewis Binder, Willie Dowdy, Anna Dowdy.

DURING THE MONTHS of July and August the Sunday School will meet at 9 A. M.

ON JULY 15TH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will have a picnic at Chamounix. The children will meet at the Church, 48th and Haverford, at 8 A. M. Coaches will be provided, and all the Sunday School children will be carried free. Adults will be charged 25 cents. Contributions towards the picnic fund will be very acceptable from any wishing to contribute.

ON THURSDAY EVENING, June 18th, the Local Chapter Brotherhood of St. Andrew gave a "Smoker" in the Sunday School building, which was a success in every way. The Chapter's object in giving this entertainment was to bring the men of the Parish together for a social evening, make them mutually acquainted, and in this way bring more men to Church. The attendance was fair, and it is hoped that these entertainments will be continued during the coming winter, and that when they become better known they will be largely attended. The Chapter wishes to thank the gentlemen who so kindly assisted during the evening and helped make the affair a success.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY has just sent out a box of clothing to Miss Buford of Va. We are glad to welcome our new candidates to our branch, fifteen in number, and our new associate, Miss Edith Taylor, who so generously assisted in filling our box. We will be glad to have more associates and members for our next year's work. We closed our year's work with a sociable, which was greatly enjoyed by all. E. C. KEILIG.

REPORT OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Church of the Holy Comforter for the year ending June 30th, 1896:

Garments made and distributed, 62; Received from King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church, 19; from Ladies' Aid, Church of Holy Comforter, 12; from Organized Charity, 4; Vestments for the Choir, Church of Holy Comforter, 9; partly worn garments, 25. Total, 131.

Provisions given throughout the year to those in need, and at Christmas to twelve families, by donations from members of the Church, Girls' Friendly, and others.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1895.	DR.	
July 1	To Balance, Cash on hand,	$6 45
Nov.	Donation from Rev. Dr. McConnell,	5 00
Dec.	" " the Church of the Holy Comforter for the poor, Christmas,	1 50
1896.		
Feb.	To Cash received from the Entertainment given by the "Beta Psi" Society,	37 75
	Dues paid in by the members of the Circle,	25 73
		$76 43

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Distributed to the Church of the Holy Comforter and its Choir,	$19 88
Distributed outside,	3 05
Cash paid for material for making up wearing apparel for the poor,	6 05
Expenses for stamps, &c.,	30
June 30—Expenses for evening in closing the Circle of the year,	1 50
Amount Cash given out to Charity,	19 60
Balance on hand,	26 05
	$76 43

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

PLEDGE.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

.....*189*

I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name,.....

Address,.....

☞Please fill up this Pledge, tear it off and place it in the Alms Basin.

"Eyes are Windows to the Soul."
May we be your Glaziers?

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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" 23rd—Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—St. Bartholomew, (Monday).
" 30th—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH REGISTER.

BURIALS.

July 15th—Mrs. Margaretta S. Milne.
" 16th—George W. Mysick.
" 29th—Elizabeth Hulings Charlton.

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General Charities,	$39 88
Special,	20 00
From Mrs. Russell,	7 00
Children's Friend Society,	29 00
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THE REV. ELLWOOD WORCESTER, PH. D., has been elected Rector of this Parish. He will enter upon his duties about the middle of September or the first of October.

THE REV. DR. WORCESTER was elected Rector of St. Stephen's Church by the unanimous vote of the Vestry, all the members being present with the exception of three, two of whom are in Europe. The newly elected Rector is about 34 years of age. He was born in Rochester, New York. He was graduated from Columbia College in the Class of '86. After a course in the General Theological Seminary he studied for a year or two in Germany, at Leipsic, where he won his degree. He began his ministry as Assistant Minister in St. Ann's, Brooklyn, under the Rectorship of the Rev. Dr. Alsop. He was there a short time, but very soon made for himself a warm place in all hearts. His sermons and addresses gave great promise. They were full of thought, very compact, interesting and instructive. For the past few years he has been at South Bethlehem, being Chaplain of Lehigh University, and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy. The students like him as a preacher. Those who know him well speak of his agreeable personal qualities. He is manly, broad-minded, a hard reader and deep thinker, a man of undoubted ability. His wife is a daughter of Bishop Rulison, of Central Pennsylvania. He comes to this parish most highly recommended by some of those highest in authority within the Church. He is endorsed by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Davies, Bishop of Michigan; Bishop Potter, of New York, speaks most highly of him, and so also does the Bishop of our own Diocese, who will gladly welcome him here. The place he is called upon to fill is a responsible and an high one of itself, but besides this, he is to succeed the Rev. Dr. McConnell and to carry forward the work so ably done these past years by that brilliant preacher and able administrator of affairs; all those who have the welfare and success of St. Stephen's at heart will give to him

a cordial welcome and be ready to aid him in his work. The earnest prayers of the congregation will go with him that he may be replenished with the truth of God's doctrine and endued with innocency of life that he may faithfully serve before God to the glory of his great Name and the benefit of his Holy Church, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Redeemer.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in July, Mrs. S. P. Chandler $5.00, Mrs. W. S. Russell $3.00, Miss Sarah Eisenbrey $10.00, Mrs. E. M. Rumpp $3.00 (proceeds of sale from Candy), Miss Sidford $2.00.

Contributing Members in July: Mrs. E. M Rumpp $1.00, Miss M. S. Rumpp $1.00, Mrs. Heyl $1.00, Mrs. James Arrison $1.00, Mrs. Kelly $1.00, Miss Cleemann $1.00.

July 11th, One o'clock sharp, was the time for the first Excursion to start.

As you enter the Guild room of Parish House you are greeted with bright happy faces, all anticipating a good time.

Bean bags and balls were distributed, the children were then counted, numbering 100, and formed in a line and started for 10th and Arch Streets, where the cars were waiting to take them to George's Hill.

On reaching the Hill, after disposing of their hats and bundles, the fun commences until Mr. Blank's wagon was seen coming up the hill. The children were then treated to ice cream and biscuit; after that they were ready for more fun, until it was time to go home.

After reaching the city many remarked they had such a good time and said thanks.

The Society hopes to take another hundred out for an outing on the first of August.

The Society return thanks to the King's Daughters who assisted in entertaining the children. Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Carrie Rothpletz, Miss Bertha Walsh and Miss Clara Friedel.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE Whatsoever Circle have their meetings August 5th and 19th in the Parish House half past seven o'clock.

Donation received, $1.00 from Miss Sidford. Four pairs of shoes to women and children have been given out this month.

Received from Mrs. Taylor two pairs of shoes, from Miss Lowenberg one pair.

Four dozen bean bags have been made by the Circle for the poor children's outing.

SELECTIONS.

TO DO WELL AND TO DO GOOD.

Living is doing. Phillips Brooks said: "Life is effectiveness. Right living is doing well and doing good. To do well is the obligation of right living, which under God, a man owes to himself; it is the pith of Godliness. To do good is the obligation of right living, which under God, a man owes unto his neighbor; it is the heart and marrow of charity. To do well is to walk in the way of righteousness; to do good is to walk in the royal way of love. To do well was the supreme lesson of the Old Testament; to do good is the supreme lesson of the New Testament. A Jew might have rested satisfied if he had done well; a Christian can never be content until he has done some good. It is well to have done well, but to do good is divine. We not only want to do as well as we can, we want also to do all the good we can. The man of whom the best they can say is that he has done well enough, that man has probably never done good enough. The two must go together; they travel hand in hand; as the old German, Adam Heyden, said: 'He who does the most for others does the best for himself,' or as Whittier said of the two great commandments,

> 'The first is last, and the last is first,
> And the two are verily one.' "

He who lives in Christian lands, and is educated by Christian schools, and doctored by Christian charities, and nurtured by Christian influences, and yet himself lives not like a Christian, he is as the parasite upon a noble tree—he feasts at a table which he does not help to spread.

Phillips Brooks says: "Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but laying hold upon God's willingness."

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss M. Darnbrough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Mr. J. F. Jenkinson, Dr. W. G. Percival.

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Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.

Meets 9.00 A. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

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MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malany, Laura Clough, Julia Keller, Lavinia Dempster.

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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN JULY.

From Pledges,	$38 05
Loose Offerings,	7 40
Total,	$45 45

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

July 12th—Anna Liza Nuttle.

BURIED.

July 14th—Mary A. Hayman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

JULY.

ATTENDANCE: Anna Nellis, Martin Binder, Mortimer Rolandson, George Binder.

NEW SCHOLAR BROUGHT BY: Lizzie Anderson, 1.

MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE Holy Comforter will be away on a vacation at Conanicut, R. I., from August 5th to 30th, but the services of the Church and Sunday School will continue the same as they are at the present—Sunday School at 9.00 A. M. and Morning Prayer at 10.30 A. M.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL picnic at Chamounix on July 15th was a success in every respect. Six coaches carried out 120 to the ground.

The races in the afternoon were very much enjoyed, of which the following were the winners:

75 yds. dash, boys, won by John Turner.
50 yds. dash, girls, won by Anna Nellis.
Sack race, boys, won by John Turner.
Hoop race, girls, won by Lizzie Anderson.
3 legged race, boys, won by Bertie Rankin, Mortimer Rolandson.
Potato race, boys, won by Harold Rankin.

SELECTIONS.

THE TONE OF VOICE.

It is not so much what you say,
As the manner in which you say it:
It is not so much the language you use,
As the tones in which you convey it.

"Come here!" I sharply said,
And the baby cowered and wept;
"Come here!" I cooed, and he looked and smiled,
And straight to my lap he crept.

The words may be mild and fair,
And the tones may pierce like a dart:
The words may be soft as the summer air,
And the tones may break the heart.

Whether you know it or not,
Whether you mean or care,
Gentleness, kindness, love and hate,
Envy and anger are there.

Then would you quarrels avoid
And in peace and love rejoice,
Keep anger not only out of your words,
But keep it out of your voice.

—*Youth's Companion.*

A little newsboy in Chicago was asked by a man with a club foot to give him a "shine." He did this with hearty good will, and the man whom he had served flung him a quarter, saying with a little pathos in his tone, "Take that, my boy. You have had a heavier job than usual;" upon this the little fellow handed back the change saying, "Why, mister, I couldn't make money out of your hard luck."—*Church Union.*

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

PLEDGE.

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.....189

I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name,.....

Address,.....

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

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" 27th—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Michael & All Angels, (Tuesday.)

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISM.

August 9th—Katharine Julia Mitchell.

BURIALS.

August 1st—Mary Kline Steenburg.
" 13th—Harvey C. Russell.

OFFERINGS IN AUGUST.

General Charities,	$33 28
Special,	25 00
Children's Friend Society,	40 00
Total,	$98 28

OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

General Charities.

THE REV DR. ELWOOD WORCESTER will enter upon his duties as Rector of this Parish on the first Sunday in October.

THE PARISH DAY SCHOOL will begin its sessions Tuesday, September 8th, at 9 o'clock. Those desirous of having girls placed in the school this Fall will apply to the teacher, Miss Kate Lewis, or to any of the clergy of the Parish.

MRS. MOLLOY, WHO HAS kindly taken temporary charge of the Infant Class, took the children out to the Park on Wednesday, September 2nd, for a day's excursion. She was assisted by the young ladies of her former class, who rendered valuable aid in taking care of the little ones and in helping to entertain them during the day.

PROFESSOR D. D. WOOD and the members of the Choir took their annual vacation during the month of August. They return to their duties on the first Sunday of September, to be gladly welcomed back by the congregation. They were much missed in the Summer.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL begin on the first Sunday in October. The scholars have had a long vacation. It often seems as if after so long away from school bringing them back would be attended with much trouble. In fact this is not so. The children love their school and soon return to their places. It is not long before the various classes are well filled. The children are all right. The trouble is not with them. A class without a teacher, that is the secret of so much disaster! The children become disheartened. They quickly go away and soon the entire class is broken up. Teachers must be had for the classes. Many of our faithful teachers no doubt will return in time to take their classes on the first Sunday. They will be ready to welcome the children and so far it will be well, but one

asks himself how is it to be with the other classes? Those most interested in the welfare of the school do not want to see children lost to the Parish. So the demand is for more teachers. These must come prepared to be regular and punctual. There are many communicants here who are well qualified to teach. They have some time at their disposal. They are earnestly asked to give their names to the Clergy of the Parish, and places can be found for them either among the boys or girls. Teachers are needed. Who will volunteer?

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY the Children's Friend Society in August: Mrs. J. G. Hillman, $5.00; Mr. S. J. C., $10.00; Mrs. Albert Pancoast, $10.00; Mr. R. E. Atmore, $5.00; Miss Stevenson, $10 00; Total, $40.00.

Contributing members in August: Mr. Craig Atmore, $1.00; Miss Grace Atmore, $1.00.

One reads in the daily papers of the work done by the Country Week, Culture Extension League and other charitable societies.

What is said of the Children's Friend Society of St. Stephen's Church which first started the day's outings? It goes along quietly working all the time. It had two excursions to the Park this month with about one hundred and fifty children.

The Managers regret they were not able to take the children to the Sea Shore, but the funds would not permit that. It is hoped the sly little moth miller will not devour the bathing suits (which are packed away in camphor), before another season.

One could judge for himself whether the poor children enjoyed their outings should he have happened to pass a car on its homeward way and have heard the children singing that old familiar song, "We won't go home until morning."

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings in September, on the 2nd and 16th in the Parish House, at 7.30 o'clock. Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Ida Harper, Miss Dora Friedel, Miss Mabel Crom and Miss Lilly Harper kindly assisted in entertaining the children at the Park.

SELECTIONS.

GOOD RULES FOR EVERY DAY.

1. Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers.

2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read remember that God is speaking to you and that you are to believe and act upon what He says.

3. Never profess to ask God for anything you do not want. Tell Him the truth about yourself, however bad it makes you; and then ask Him, for Christ's sake, to forgive you what you are and to make you what you ought to be.

4. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, "What have I done to-day for Him?"

5. If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it. If you cannot do this it is wrong.

6. Never take your Christianity from Christians or argue that, because such and such people do so and so, therefore you may. You are to ask yourself, "How would Christ act in my place?" and strive to follow Him.

"GIVING ALL DILIGENCE."

"If you want to be a strong Christian—that is to say, a happy man—you must bend your back to the work and give all diligence. Nobody goes to heaven in his sleep. No man becomes a vigorous Christian by any other course than giving all diligence.

"It is like some of the old wives' recipes for curing diseases with some familiar herb that grows at every cottage door. People will not have that; but if you bring them some medicine from far away, very rare and costly, and suggest to them some course out of the beaten run of ordinary, honest living, they will jump at that.

"Quackery always deals in mysteries and rare things. The Great Physician cures diseases with simples that grow everywhere. A penny-worth of some familiar root will cure an illness that nothing else will touch. It is a homely virtue, but if in its homeliness we practised it, our souls would wear a different face from what they do to-day."—*Rev. Alexander McLaren, D. D.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8:00 P. M
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss M. Darnbrough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Mr. J. F. Jenkinson, Dr. W. G. Percival.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Helen Galt, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Director—Minister in Charge.
President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

Messrs. J. B. Kite, W. D. Squires, James H. Dowdy, Rev. Wm. N. Baily, C. G. Keilig, W. J. Harper, L. W. Harris, G. O. Calvert, James Pryce, John Pryce, Hermis Skelton, A. E. Sanderson, F. E. Sanderson, Chas. I. Wilkinson, Arthur Darnbrough.

Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malany, Laura Clough, Julia Keller, Lavinia Dempster.

Meets in Parish Room second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. B. Kite.
Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
Treasurer—Miss E. R. Curry.

Mrs. E. V. R. Tretheway, Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Dunham, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. J. H. Dowdy, Miss M. V. Harbert, Miss Bella Wilkinson, Miss Julia McAfee, Miss Hypatia Hall, Miss M. Pugh, Miss Helen Galt, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Mary H. Graff, Miss Gertrude H. Graff, Miss Ricord.

Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY in September, the 13th, the regular winter services of the Church of the Holy Comforter will be resumed. Morning prayer 10.30 A. M. Evening prayer 7.45 P. M. Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

AFTER A VACATION OF two months the Vested Choir will again lead the singing of the Church, beginning on September the 13th.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY will organize for the winter's work on the second Thursday in September, the 10th. The meetings of the Society during the winter will be held in the Parish Room. Judging from the number of new members coming into the Society, it promises to be full of good works and do much good during the winter.

On September the 6th, the first Sunday in September, the Sunday School will again meet at 2.30 P. M., continuing through the winter. The summer holidays are now over and the teachers and scholars are all expected back in their accustomed places. The teachers will as soon as possible hunt up their old scholars and search out the new.

SELECTIONS.

The great philanthropist, George Peabody, was once asked whether he enjoyed making money or giving it away, and he replied: "I enjoyed making money. I think it is a great pleasure to make money, and when the idea was first suggested to me that I should give money away, it did not please me at all—in fact, it distressed me. But I thought the matter over, and concluded that I would make an experiment on a small scale. So built the first of the model tenement houses in London. It was a hard pull, but after it was done I went among the poor people living in the rooms, so clean and comfortable, and I had quite a new feeling. I enjoyed it very much. I gave more, and the feeling increased; and now I can truly say that much as I enjoyed the making of money, I enjoyed far more the giving it away."

The personal character and personal influence of its members will build up a parish. The tendency is to depend too much upon the minister as if he were paid to maintain the Church. It is more than he can do and more than he ought to be expected to do. He is to be the leader of a willing, zealous people in worship and good works. He has a right to expect that, using his strength and time in full measure, doing his duty, the people will feel a personal responsibility for the prosperity of the Church. Some do and many do not. Nearly everybody who goes to Church has the power to take another with him. The personal invitation to come would greatly increase the congregations and financial support of the Church. Congregations that draw are more needed than ministers who draw. People often think they need better preaching, or better music, or a better Church, when they need more of the spirit of consecration and self-sacrifice. The people have much to do in putting spirit, vigor and heart into the preacher. The well-being of the Church depends, above all things, upon the standard of personal religion, upon the interest, zeal, thoughtfulness of the people.

The holy man fills his calendar not so much with saints' days, as with saints' deeds.

The Rector and Vestry have adopted the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

PLEDGE.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

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I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name, ...

Address,.....

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St. Stephen's Church.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
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REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. J. A. Caldwell,	Mr. F. A. Lewis.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, 1st Sunday of the month and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Maulsby, Miss Jamison.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleemann, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Davison.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Miss Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Miss Clarkson, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Hansell, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Boyd, Miss Perot, Mrs. Sangree, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Marie Bunn, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Borland, Miss Seabrook, Miss Gerrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—
Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss Beale, Miss Grigg, Mrs. Molloy, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester-Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny.

Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Albert Berg, Jr.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—E. W. Spackman.
Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Rutter, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

October 4th—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 11th—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke's Day.
" 25th—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 28th—SS. Simon and Jude, (Wednesday).
Nov. 1st—All Saints Day.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

September 11th—William Roland Smith.
" 20th—Tristram Coffin Colket.
" 27th—Robert Edward Konigsbauer.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

General Charities,	$55 92
Children's Friend Society,	5 00
Total,	$60 92

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY at 11 o'clock in the morning, and in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THE REV. DR. WORCESTER will enter upon his duties as Rector of the Parish on the first Sunday of the month. He will preach the sermon at the morning service at 11 o'clock, and at the evening service at 4 o'clock.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin its work on Sunday morning, October 4th, at 9.45 o'clock. If possible every class ought to be supplied with a teacher at the very beginning. Nothing is so discouraging to the scholars and fatal to the prosperity of the school as not to have a teacher at the head of a class, or to have one who can never be depended on as to regularity or punctuality. We have many earnest noble-minded persons who have done most faithful and excellent work in teaching, and in moulding and shaping the characters of the young. We shall need more of these. There can be found, in a congregation as large and intelligent as this, many who can interest themselves in this kind of work. They are "apt" to teach. They are asked to let their willingness to take a class be known to the Rector or any of the clergy. May the work of this school year be begun in earnest, prayerful endeavor to reach the young of our congregation and parish, that they "may be virtuously brought up, and lead a godly and a Christian life."

Amongst the many activities of a modern parish there is none so important as that of the Sunday School.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE will begin its work on Monday, October 5th, at 11 o'clock, in the Parish Building, in the rear of the Church. Contributions of clothing can be sent on any Monday. They will be gladly acknowledged. Miss Cleemann will take charge on Monday, October 5th.

DONATION RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in September: Mrs. W. S. Russell, $5.00.

The summer work ended September 5th with an excursion of over sixty children to the Zoological Garden. In the morning the day promised to be clear, but unfortunately for the children, whilst they were making their visit to the lions and tigers, it commenced raining very hard; with eight umbrellas for such a large number it was hard to tell what to do. However, someone suggested taking them to the elephant house, four or five at a time; this was continued until all the houses were visited, ending up with the new monkey house, which was the admiration of all the children.

By this time the children were hungry, and they did not mind at all eating their biscuits in the monkey house. It was then suggested by one of the ladies that they should jump in the cars and come to her home, where they had their ice cream and cake, which made up for their disappointment at the Zoological Garden.

Any suggestions in the way of entertaining the little ones this winter, the members of the Society will be glad to receive.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings in October on the 7th and 21st, in the Parish House at 7.30 o'clock.

During the month of September this Circle has made and donated aprons, three dozen bibs and other clothing to the Home of St. Michael and All Angels. Also visited the Home on the 19th of September, taking books and cakes to the children. The Sister in charge was very kind in showing the young ladies the House and Memorial Chapel.

SELECTIONS.

FOREIGN ECHOES.

Nobody can accuse the Archbishop of York of not speaking plainly in the reply to the Pope's encyclical which he made the other day in York Minster, before a synod of the clergy of his diocese. Here are a few of the salient passages: When this union is represented to us as a union not only with our Blessed Lord and with one another, but as a union with Peter, and, still more, with the successors of Peter, or, in plain terms, an unqualified submission to the Roman Pontiff, we are bound to neglect a claim so entirely unsupported by the teaching of Holy Scripture, or by the voice of the universal Church. Until we could, *per impossible*, be convinced that St. Peter himself but held this position of supreme authority, still more that such a position and such authority was transmitted to those who followed him in his office, whatever that office might have been, until it has been proved to us that the Bishops of Rome do hold, and have held, this position and authority, by the direct appointment of our Blessed Lord Himself, it is impossible that, on any terms, we could acknowledge such a claim, or yield ourselves to this obedience. There can be but one answer to such a demand. Nor is our difficulty less as regards the unity of the faith. If the faith be that which, once for all, was delivered to the saints, the faith contained in the Holy Scriptures and in the creeds of the undivided Church, we are already at one alike with the Church of Rome and the Churches of the East. But if by the faith is meant the excretions of doctrine which have accumulated during successive centuries, ... if it is to include the doctrine of indulgences, whatever that may practically mean, or that Romish doctrine of Purgatory which our Church condemns as the perverted substitute for the true idea of the intermediate state, then, indeed, in loyalty to our Master, we must decline to take this yoke upon us, or to yield our assent to what our Church has rightfully characterized as fond things vainly invented and repugnant to the Word of God. . . . . The inquiry now being held respecting our Anglican orders owes its first impulse to the writings of Roman Catholics themselves. On our own part there is not, and never has been, a shadow of a doubt, nor should we be one whit the better or one whit the worse, as regards our holy orders, whatever the opinions of the Church of Rome might be."—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

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SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

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MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

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Meets 2.30 P. M.

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Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

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Meets in Parish Room second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

From pledges, ...	$40 45
Loose offerings, ...	12 21
Total, ...	$52 66

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW, feeling the importance of the money question, and in order to enable themselves to vote intelligently in the coming election, have made arrangements to have all phases of the money question explained by able speakers. Free Silver, Oct. 1st, 8 P. M.; Philosophy of Money, Oct. 8th, 8 P. M.; Gold Standard, Oct. 15th, 8 P. M. Lectures in Sunday School Room, admission by card only, which can be obtained by application at the Church or to any member of the Brotherhood.

MINISTER IN CHARGE of the Church of the Holy Comforter is delivering a series of sermons of Christian Civilization. He wishes to establish in Philadelphia a strong Church of men and women who believe in the reality Brotherhood of Man. He believes that righteous dealing, love that goes up to God as worship, and down to man as helping service, is true religion; that the path of service and helpfulness to man is the only path of light to God. There are enough men and women in Philadelphia to establish such a church, if they would only get together and know one another. He invites all who believe that a better civilization is possible for man, to come and hear his sermons every Sunday, 10:30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M.

Last Sunday morning his sermon was on "Sacred things," of which the following is an extract: If you should ask me what is the most sacred thing upon this earth, I would not point to the altar, but to the pews and unhesitatingly say: Human Life! If you ask me why? I reply: Our religion teaches us that when God came in most majestic apparel, He robed himself in a garment whose warp and woof was humanity; when He came in divinest tenderness, it was a human eye dimmed with tears; when He came in infinite beauty it was in a human heart that beat with infinite compassion, pity and love.

If you were to ask me to name the greatest blasphemer, I would not say the desecrator of churches, but him who would harm in any manner whatsoever the human form divine. When you injure the human body you desecrate the Temple of God himself.

If you were to ask me to name the thing I consider that most intimately touches the destiny of man at present, I would say the Bread and Butter question.

Bread supports life, and life is a divine thing, and anything that ministers to life is a sacred thing. When the miner is digging coal it is a sacred thing, for he is warming human life; when the doctor is writing a prescription, it is a sacred thing, for he is saving human life; politics is a sacred thing, for when an American casts his ballot he is affecting the destinies of seventy million human lives. When a man holds a ballot in his hand he should hold it with the sacredness that he does the sacrament!

SELECTED.

If we had realized how very hard it is to tear apart the prison walls of evil habits, we would not have put so many nails in when we were fastening them together.

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

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Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

..... 189

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, 1st Sunday of the month and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Maulsby, Miss Jamison.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
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Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Borland, Miss Seabrook, Miss Gerrish, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

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Women's Bible Class—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Louisa Christensen, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

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Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

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Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Dickerson, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Rutter, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

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Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

November 1st—All Saints' Day.
" 8th—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
" 15th—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 22nd—Sunday next before Advent.
" 29th—First Sunday in Advent.
" 30th—St. Andrew, (Monday).

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

October 11th—Constance Rulison Worcester.

MARRIAGES.

October 14th—John James Sproul and Mabelle Roselle Lowrey.
" 21st—Edward Bioren Getze and Susan Agnes Berens.

BURIALS.

October 15th—Charles William Needs.
" 19th—Mary Graff Dutilh.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

Domestic Missions,	$158 21
Charitable and Benevolent Work,	255 79
Total,	$414 00

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday—Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays—Charitable and Benevolent Work.
Thanksgiving Day—Episcopal Hospital.

OUR WORKS DO FOLLOW US.

AT THIS SEASON of the year a plain and friendly chat on the subject of money is timely and appropriate. Before building our tower we must count the cost. The winter campaign is beginning and from the general stagnation of the times it promises to be a severe one. Our organizations and societies are also beginning their work and they will have plenty of work to do. St. Stephen's, as the Rector has already found out, is in many respects a unique church. There are very few like it anywhere. It is doing in the best sense a catholic work. Its sympathies and its generosities extend far beyond the limits of its own parish, even beyond the organized work of the diocese. There is not a good or generous cause in anyway connected with the Church in this country that does not feel that it can plead its necessities with us with a good hope that we will do what we can to relieve them.

This is as it should be. It is a noble tribute to the character of the men who have guided the destiny of our venerable parish in past years. "To whom much is given of him shall much be required." We cannot help feeling a just pride and happiness in being part of such a Church as this. But at the same time the work our Church has done in the past imposes upon us an obligation for the future. Our Works do Follow Us—our good works no less than our bad works. Many worthy and admirable causes are looking to us both within our parish and outside of it. We must be true to ourselves.

Thanks to the able administration of our competent and devoted Vestry, our people can feel

that their gifts will be applied directly and wholly to religious and philanthropic objects. We do not ask your money for insurance, or coal, or to pay salaries, or to discharge old debts; but to educate the young, to reclaim the erring, to relieve the necessities of the deserving destitute, to make poverty and old age less bitter, to strengthen the Kingdom of Christ in many places where it is still weak. The history of such a work as this can never be told, but it will be revealed at the Last Day. God forgets nothing.

After all, conscientious, regular giving is largely a matter of habit and education. With a little effort probably most of us could train ourselves to give twice as much as we are now giving without seriously missing it. Perhaps some persons may be interested in knowing what the *average* offering per Sunday of each worshipper of St. Stephen's is. It is *eight cents* per week in summer on the part of persons actually in attendance on our services, and *ten cents* a week in winter. That is to say we receive an average of nine cents a week, or four dollars and sixty-eight cents a year from each individual. This is not a bad showing. It is much more than many churches receive. But surely, considering the *average* ability of our people, it is not enough. There is a good old rule in whist—"when in doubt, play trumps." A good rule in giving is—when in doubt between ten cents and a quarter, put in a quarter!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Rector would like to repeat the substance of a few words of exhortation he recently addressed from the chancel on the subject of the Sunday School. He is glad to observe that his appeal has already borne some fruit, and he trusts that by setting it before the congregation in this form it may meet with a larger response.

The Sunday School of St. Stephen's is not as large or as flourishing as it ought to be. It is weaker relatively than most of our other parochial organizations. And yet the Sunday School is the most important of them all. It is true, owing to the absence of numerous dwellings in the immediate neighborhood of our Church, owing also to the distances at which most of our parishioners live, St. Stephen's, at present, cannot hope to have a Sunday School like the great schools of St. Augustine's or St. George's, in New York.

Granting this, we can easily double our present numbers if our people will make an effort to send us their children, and, above all, if we can obtain a sufficient number of intelligent and conscientious teachers. A good teacher attracts scholars. When one has anything to teach there are always plenty of persons who are willing to learn. The marvelous success that has attended the Jesuit system of education is due largely to the fact that they give their best men to teach the youngest children. They know that the impressions of early childhood are indelible. It was a wise man who said "Give me the instruction of a child until it is six years old, and I do not care who educates it afterward." Mohammed loved children. Often when preaching in the mosque of Medina, if he saw his little grandchildren enter he would descend, embrace them tenderly, and place them beside him in the pulpit. Then, excusing himself to the congregation on account of their innocence, he would go on with his discourse. There was Another who said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

The responsibilities of parents are heavy enough at the best. We should lay as many as we can on God. The best and easiest way to goodness is through association with the good. The habits of piety and tender association formed in childhood can never be entirely lost. The teacher also is not without a reward. Never does my religion stand before me so plainly as when I attempt to teach it to another. To believe ourselves—that is an easy matter for most of us. But to believe so as to *inspire* faith, to believe so as to make others believe—there is always something great about that.

For those children who are not able to attend the morning session of the Sunday School, an afternoon class will be formed similar to the class formerly taught by Miss Rodman. This class, which will meet at three o'clock, will be conducted by Miss Hall, of the Deaconess' House, with the kind assistance of Mrs. E. B. Putnam.

AFTERNOON LECTURES.

The Rector expects in a short time to begin to substitute a series of simple "talks" on the Bible and on other matters pertaining to our Christian faith for the regular Sunday afternoon sermon. The sermon is an excellent institution, but it has its limitations. There are a thousand things which any thoughtful pastor would like, from time to time, to say to his people, and which the people would be interested in hearing, that are too homely or too fragmentary to be introduced into a sermon.

A congregation that has had the privilege of listening to Dr. McConnell's lectures does not need to be told that the Bible is not only the Word of Life, but also the most interesting book in the world. Nevertheless the Bible, and in particular the Old Testament, to most of us is a sealed book, and there are many reasons why it should be. It is the Rector's conviction that the better we understand the Bible the more we shall love it, and the more wonderful it will appear to us. It is true modern criticism has placed many old truths in new lights, but it gives back to us more than it takes away. It is that which gives us courage to proceed. There is a reverence for the Bible which consists in letting it entirely alone. The Jews felt such a reverence for the name of God, in consequence of which they forgot how to pronounce it. God does not desire such a service as this. "The hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in *spirit* and in *truth*: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

THERE IS TO BE published in the *Philadelphia Saturday Review*, in a week or two, an illustrated article on St. Stephen's Church, present and past, and also one on the Burd Asylum.

A RECEPTION WILL BE given to the children of the Sunday School by the teachers and officers about Thanksgiving-tide.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE will be glad to receive the annual contributions of two new garments from any member of the congregation who feels disposed to send them. Underwear of all kinds, for women and children, will be particularly appreciated, as a goodly supply will be needed to give to the applicants during the winter months. The articles can be sent at any time to the Parish Building in the rear of the Church, and should be labelled for the Garment Committee. The ladies will be at the Parish Building every Monday from half-past ten to half-past twelve o'clock.

Contributions are gratefully acknowledged as follows: From Mrs. J. L. Adams, Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. C. H. Fenton, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle, Mothers' Loyal Circle, Mrs. M. M. Parmalee, and Mrs. Edward Rowland.

Number of articles received during October, 89, and 59 were distributed.

Good use can always be made of men's clothing, heavy underwear, shoes, coats, etc.

A Boarding and Temporary Home for Colored Children, under the name of "The House of the Holy Child," is to be established about November 15th in this city. This Home, it is hoped, will supply a longfelt need, as heretofore there has been no place where colored women at service could have their little children properly cared for. In the past year practical test has been made, by individual effort, of such a home. It has been eminently successful, and in order that the work may be enlarged, the aid of the charitable public is now solicited. A house, 1819 Fitzwater Street, has been rented, and visitors will be cordially welcome at any time. November 19th has been chosen for Donation Day. The religious training will be that of the Episcopal Church, but the Home will not be connected with any parish.

Manager, Miss Edith Wharton Dallas,
1514 Pine street.
Secretary, Mrs. William Ellis,
2125 Walnut street.
Treasurer, Mr. George Wharton Dallas,
606 Chestnut street.

The foundation of the "House" is endorsed by the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

THE EXCURSIONS are over, and the members of the Children's Friend Society ask what shall be done for the little ones on Thanksgiving Day?

It is almost ten years since this Society was organized. Most every week some who have now grown up, tell how, as children, they enjoyed both the outings in the summer and the evening entertainments. Children have come in to the Church and Sunday School, employment has been found for some, and kind, encouraging words given by all the members engaged in the work.

Donation received from Mrs. Edward S. Moody, $1.00.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings November 4th and 18th in the Parish House at half-past seven o'clock.

The work done by this Circle in October has been for the Garment Committee, and also for St. Christopher's Hospital.

Last year a Shoe Fund was started by this Circle. Anyone can be a member by giving the small sum of 25 cents a year. Shoes partly worn are very acceptable. Many little feet, as well as large ones, may be kept from being frosted this winter. Will you not help us in this work and add your name to the Shoe fund?

THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will have its first meeting on Thursday, November 5th, at 11 o'clock, immediately after the morning service in the Church. It is necessary to make several changes in the managers and officers of the Society. Therefore there is a need that as many of the ladies of the congregation as can should be present at the business meeting after the service, for the purpose of electing officers and appoint the various members of the committees for the coming season.

THE EMBROIDERY CLASS of the Altar Society will meet on Friday, November 6th, at 10 A. M. It is earnestly hoped that the members will begin work promptly, and be regular in their attendance as far as possible. This Class is taught church embroidery during a part of the week, and makes the altar linen and vestments of the clergy of our Parish; and where it is thought best also the linen and surplices of poor and far-away missionaries. If any ladies in the congregation should like to enter the Class to learn this department of church work, or to help the ladies prepare the linen work of our Parish, they can join the Class by applying to the Superintendent, Mrs. Taylor, on Friday mornings.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY has started for its winter's work. It meets on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 9.30 o'clock. Thursday evenings are devoted to the different classes, among them dress-making, cooking, book-keeping, etc. Monday is devoted to general instruction and recreation under the direction of the various associates. The ladies ask for the interest and co-operation of the members of the congregation. The Society has done a large work, and has a large list of members, and is recognized as one of the most important branches of this valuable organization in the diocese.

THE BOYS' GUILD of St. Stephen's Church has begun its meetings in the building used for the Sunday School in rear of the Church. This organization has reached many boys of the neighborhood, and has existed for several years, exerting a great and helpful influence over them. Miss H. W. Sanders and Miss Stratton have given their Friday evenings to the work. Much can be done, and more persons are needed to carry the work into greater ways of usefulness.

SELECTED.

"Uncomforted?—Nay, think not so!
White deeds dropped thickly, drift like snow
And lift the soul where it may boast
Of saint-like nearness to Christ's feet
And angel intimacies sweet:—
He knows Christ best who helps men most.

Pure deeds are fruit of love divine
And bear the soul their own sweet wine
To make its holiest pulses stir
With angel rapture; men forget
That great men suffer greatly; yet
God comforteth the Comforter."

Church of the Holy Comforter.

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CLERGY.

THE REV. S. D. MCCONNELL, D. D., *Rector.*

REV. J. J. LANIER, *Minister in Charge.*
4517 Fairmount Avenue.

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Mr. J. Ford Fox.

Organist and Choir Master.
Mr. John Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Sexton.
Jacob Wilmer, 710 Lydia St.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Bessie Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss M. Darnbrough, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. John Pryce, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Mr. J. F. Jenkinson, Dr. W. G. Percival.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd.
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Helen Galt, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Director—Minister in Charge.
President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

Messrs. J. B. Kite, W. D. Squires, James H. Dowdy, Rev. Wm. N. Baily, C. G. Keilig, W. J. Harper, L. W. Harris, G. O. Calvert, James Pryce, John Pryce, Hermis Skelton, A. E. Sanderson, F. E. Sanderson, Chas. I. Wilkinson, Arthur Darnbrough.

Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malany, Laura Clough, Julia Keller, Lavinia Dempster.

Meets in Parish Room second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. B. Kite.
Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
Treasurer—Miss E. R. Curry.

Mrs. E. V. R. Tretheway, Mrs. E. Baker, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Dunham, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. J. H. Dowdy, Miss M. V. Harbert, Miss Bella Wilkinson, Miss Julia McAfee, Miss Hypatia Hall, Miss M. Pugh, Miss Helen Galt, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Mary H. Graff, Miss Gertrude H. Graff, Miss Ricord.

Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

From pledges,	$44 00
Loose offerings,	10 00
Total,	$54 00

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

October 25th—Minnie Wayne Farquhar.
" 25th—Hazel Adelle Farquhar.
" 25th—William Jennings Bryan Farquhar.

BURIAL.

October 7th—Albert W. Smith.

Miss Tillie Taylor teaches a Class in Sewing in the Parish Room every Saturday from three

to four P. M. There is room for still more in her large and interesting class.

Our Organist, Mr. J. Ackroyd, for the past two weeks has been absent on account of sickness. We hope to be able to welcome him at his post, which he so ably and satisfactorily fills, on next Sunday. In his absence Mr. L. Williard Harris kindly consented to act as organist in his place. The Minister in charge, Vestry and Congregation extend to him a vote of thanks for his timely and invaluable assistance.

SELECTIONS.

Whenever you yield to temptation, it brings you no happiness. There may be, perhaps, at times a fancied pleasure in the wrong doing, but it is not real, and it is not lasting. There may be a sort of passing pleasure, as when, in betting or gambling, you win largely; or when, by theft or falsehood, you get something for which you have had a longing; or when, by fine dressing, you gain the flattery of silly admirers.

But there is no *satisfaction* in all this. How can there be? These things do but indulge the lower part of your nature, that which is earthly and tainted with sin. But there is a higher nature in you, even that which is Heavenly. Your better part strives against sin, but Satan is continually dragging you down, and trying to make you rebel against God and lose your own soul.

Now, what is it that you want to enable you to conquer this great enemy of your soul? What do you want to enable you to withstand the temptations which you meet with every day?

You want strength, *spiritual strength*. And this can only come from the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Chalmers, the eminent divine, was fond of telling the following story: Lady Betty Cunningham, having had some difference of opinion with the parish minister, instead of putting her usual contribution in the collecting plate, merely gave a stately bow. This having occurred several Sundays in succession, the elder in charge of the plate at last lost patience, and blurted out: "We cud dae wi' less o' yer manners and mair o' yer siller, ma leddy."—*S. S. Magazine.*

"Wealth," says Dr. Holmes, "is a steep hill which the father climbs slowly, and which the son often stumbles down precipitately."

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

PLEDGE.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

.....189

I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

Name,.....

Address,.....

☞Please fill up this Pledge, tear it off and place it in the Alms Basin.

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May we be your Glaziers?

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St. Stephen's Church.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

SISTER ELIZABETH, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

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MR. CRAWFORD ARNOLD, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. Edward Rowland,	Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.
Mr. J. A. Caldwell,	Mr. F. A. Lewis.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, 1st Sunday of the month and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Stevenson.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Maulsby, Miss Jamison.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss E. Klahr, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Cleemann, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Boyd, Miss Perot, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss M. McDowell, Miss M. Shoemaker, Miss Farrar Smith.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Mellon, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Seabrook, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—
Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Breuil, Miss Sanders.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Miss Beale, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Moore, Miss Man-pay-sant, Miss Spencer, Miss Alice Spencer, Miss Bright.

Women's Bible Class, 2 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Louisa Christensen, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Albert Berg, Jr.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—E. W. Spackman.
Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Dickerson, MissHarlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Mrs. Rutter, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Neidhard.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES—Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Hansell and Miss Hansell.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

December 6th—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 13th—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 20th—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 21st—St. Thomas, (Monday).
" 25th—Christmas Day.
" 26th—St Stephen, (Saturday).
" 27th—St. John Evangelist.
1st Sunday after Christmas.
" 28th—The Innocents.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

November 1st—Winfield Scott Brown.
" 1st—Harry Brown.
" 8th—Basil Gladstone Hepburn.
" 15th—Lawrence James Cuthbertson.
" 17th—Albert P. Berg.
" 17th—Albert P. Berg, Jr.

BURIALS.

November 5th—Rose Mary Campbell.
" 20th—Albert P. Berg.

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

Second Sunday of the month—Sunday School Christmas Festival.
Third Sunday—St. Stephen's Aid Society.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

Special—		
Mrs. Wm. Thompson,	$5 00	
In Memoriam Bernard S. Dupuy,	5 00	
A Friend,	250 00	
		260 00
Female Benevolent Society,		144 53
Episcopal Hospital,		269 48
General Charitable and Benevolent Work,		430 00
Missionary Mite Boxes,		75 00
Special Church Work Fund:		
Miss Everly,	$50 00	
Mr. Crawford Arnold,	50 00	
Miss E. W. Stevenson,	25 00	
Miss M. J. Lewis,	25 00	
Mrs. S. Wylie Mitchell,	25 00	
Miss F. Magee,	25 00	
Miss E. J. Magee,	25 00	
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00	
Miss Julia Garrett,	50 00	
Mr. Thomas McKean,	50 00	
Mr. George L. Crawford,	50 00	
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	50 00	
Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	50 00	
Mr. Albert Pancoast,	25 00	
Miss L. A. Holman,	25 00	
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	50 00	
Mr. F. T. S. Darley,	50 00	
Mrs. Hine,	10 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis,	10 00	
Miss Wilkins,	25 00	
Miss Simpson,	25 00	
Mr. Hunter Brooke,	10 00	
Mr. J. A. McDowell,	50 00	
Mr. P. M. Elsasser,	10 00	
Mr. Edward Rowland,	10 00	
Mr. Edward Beale,	10 00	
Mr. L. C. Cleemann,	20 00	
Dr. Worcester,	25 00	
Mr. Samuel Lewis,	10 00	
Mr. E. B. Putnam,	25 00	
Mr. C. H. Colket,	25 00	
The Misses Maulsby,	20 00	
Mr. Wm. B. Campbell,	25 00	
Mr. F. A. Lewis,	25 00	
Cash,	10 00	
Mrs. J. W. Williams,	10 00	
Miss Thorne,	10 00	
Dr. Harlan,	10 00	
Mr. John T. Lewis,	25 00	
Mr. S. H. Austin,	50 00	
Dr. T. M. Drysdale,	10 00	
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell,	50 00	
Mrs. Reilly,	10 00	
Miss Tower,	20 00	
Miss Walton,	25 00	
Mr. Geo. B. Roberts,	50 00	
		1135 00
Total,		$2314 01

THE REQUESTS for the special fund for Church work were sent out somewhat late. Those contributions that were not received in time for publication will be acknowledged in next number of PARISH NEWS.

THE SPECIAL CHURCH WORK FUND.

The Rector desires to make grateful acknowledgement for the response made to his attempt to create this fund, both by the people who gave and by those who for excellent reasons did not give. Personal appeals for money are as a rule not pleasant either to make or to receive. But in this attempt the painfulness of the request has been mitigated in almost all cases by the kindness and frankness of the response.

The principal embarrassment to a man necessarily a stranger to the circumstances of many of our people lies in the danger of a request that ought not to be made, and, which if made, ought not to be granted If such mistakes have been made no one is so sorry as the person who originated them.

On the other hand this fund represents too much in our parish life and work for it to be abandoned without grave cause. As has often been stated before, this money is devoted primarily to our working societies. The Sunday School, the Girls' Friendly, the Boys' Guild, the Altar Society, the Children's Friend Society, the various branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, the King's Daughters and others all come in for their shares. There will always be money and the disposition at St. Stephens to aid the deserving poor, but experience has proved that in the great majority of cases the best way to do this is to help people to help themselves. By supplying innocent and useful activity to our young men and women, by giving little pleasures to children that are not little to them, by helping weaker parishes, and supplying the necessities of some of our good missionaries, we are doing a better work than we should do in supporting an army of lazy and mendacious beggars in idleness. It is this mistaken kindness that has degraded the holy word Charity.

The Rector had this fact impressed upon him on his arrival in Philadelphia. He was surprised at the cordiality of the welcome extended to him by large numbers of tramps and professional beggars, who claimed to have enjoyed the confidence of his predecessor. This the Rector soon found cause to doubt. For a few days, not knowing what else to do, he distributed small sums of money among these worthy fellows. The news evidently spread that a greenhorn had come to town, and the rectory was fairly besieged. The prospects of securing a little time for study and repose seemed poor, when the Rector, advised by a good friend, adopted a new plan. Instead of giving money, he laid in a stock of tickets on comfortable inns and decent eating houses for these "starving" and "homeless" men. Their disgust was extreme. Some who were not too proud to beg were altogether too proud to present a ticket for a meal. Others, having taken tickets, revenged themselves by tearing them in pieces and strewing the pieces in front of the rectory door. Very few made any use of them. But the best of it was, showing the perfect understanding that exists among these people, that the army in a few days dwindled away to the moderate number of petitioners which every city rector expects as part of his day's work.

In reality no more difficult or perplexing problem lies before Christianity or civilization than what to do with that class of society, which sometimes we allude to with a light heart as "the submerged tenth." These are the persons, evolutionists tell us, natural selection is winding out. They are designed for slaughter. Will Christianity ever acquiesce in that? If I may use the figure, society is a craft of only a certain degree of buoyancy. For three parts to be above the surface, it is necessary for the fourth part to be submerged. The floating of the three parts depends on the drowning of the fourth part. That is not a pleasant thought. Some of us may well wish *we did not weigh so much.* The problem is to increase our buoyancy, to convert our old waterlogged craft into a balloon, so that every part of it may be bathed by air and sunshine.

This will be the problem of the future. But

that is no reason why we should not grapple with it according to our strength at present. Human happiness is still a science that lacks its man of genius. Our present social condition is the result of ages of abuse and ignorance, which it will require ages to undo. We feel this as soon as we come into the presence of these outcasts, these step-children of fortune. There is something sad and burnt out about these neglected ones. They are the living result of centuries of crushing repression. They constitute a class antiquity did not know. They carry the stigmata, the physical brand of degradation and degeneration on their persons. They seem to say to us "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born."

There was a curious and barbarous superstition in the middle ages, that when a wall was laid that was to stand for centuries, a living human being must be immured at its foundation. Change this a little and it gives us a profound truth. If these broken stones are ever to rise and form anything good, living men and women must be built into that fabric. Money alone can never work this miracle: love and devotion may. Those "buried lives," sunk in the mire of our great cities, fighting their lost battle underground, are the foundation stones on which, if at all, humanity will rise. The guilty again will be saved by the sufferings of the innocent.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Christmas Festival will be held on Monday, December 28th. Holy Innocents' Day, in the Sunday School Room, at 7.30 o'clock. The Christmas Tree will be handsomely decorated and the Carols, taught by Mr. David D. Wood, will be sung.

The Infant Class will hold its Christmas Festival Saturday, December 26th, at 3 o'clock.

WITH THE FIRST WINTRY blast come appeals for canton flannel underclothing, shoes and outside wraps, which the Garment Committee have not been able to supply, owing to the lack of these articles on their shelves. Will the kind hearted people who intend to make contributions of clothing and who have not yet done so, please send unbleached night-gowns, canton flannel drawers, shoes and jackets for women and children. Its seems best to specify from month to month what is actually needed, and meantime grateful acknowledgements are due to Miss Cleemann, Miss Christopher, Miss E. Bell, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Dickson, Miss Baird, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Edward Rowland, Mrs. Sinn, Miss Sidford, Mrs. Stratton and Miss Williamson. Garments received in November, 56; garments distributed in November, 43.

Monday, Dec. 7—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 14—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 21—Miss Sanders, Miss Davis.
" " 28—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

THE EMBROIDERY CLASS need more workers, on both altar cloths that are being made for St. Stephen's and for the French Church, and other work. It is also desired to form a class of beginners among the younger members of the congregation. A teacher will be ready to instruct this class, on Friday mornings, from 10 A. M. to 12 M., as soon as a sufficient number will signify their willingness to enter this class to the Superintendent, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, who can be seen on Friday mornings in the room on the third floor of the Parish House.

The instruction is free to any member of St. Stephen's, provided she gives her time and work to the Altar Society.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE UNITED OFFERING OF 1898.

The Woman's Auxiliary has marked three Triennials with a United Offering. In 1889, it gave $2,000, with one-half of which to build the first church (Christ Church, Anvik), in our Alaska mission, and with the other to send a new missionary to Japan. In 1892, it added $20,000 to the Enrolment fund. In 1895, it gave $56,000 to endow the Episcopate in a Missionary Jurisdiction. In 1898, it hopes to bring a still larger sum, and entrust it to the care of the

Board of Missions, for the training and support of women workers in the mission fields of the Church.

In the offering of 1895 every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction had a share, varying from $8.000, given by New York, to $5 received from West Africa. In the offering of 1898 we wish that not only every Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction should be represented, but every Parish and Mission also. We ask all Diocesan Officers to bring the matter before all Parish Officers, and they, in turn, before the members of the Parish Branches. Then we ask that women interested speak of it to women uninterested; that from Diocese to Diocese, from Parish to Parish, from Mission to Mission, the impulse may be handed on. And as with the Woman's Auxiliary, so with its Junior Department, even to the newest member of the Babies' Branch; we would have no individual left unappealed to, who claims connection with the Missionary Society, which is the Church.

From the Church Missions House, mite-boxes for the United Offering and copies of this leaflet will be sent to all who ask for them. These boxes are for the daily penny, the weekly dime—for any conscientious, systematic gift which the owner of the box may feel able to make. The boxes should be opened in May of the three succeeding years, 1896, 1897, and 1898, and the contents sent to some Officer of the Auxiliary within the diocese, appointed to receive them.

Will you not send for these boxes soon, and begin this ingathering without delay? And, with the box, will you not use the prayer inscribed upon it? Then October, 1898, may see, not only an abounding united gift of gold and silver, but a free and loving offering of women of the Auxiliary, giving themselves to mission work for Christ and His Holy Church.

JULIA C. EMERY.

These boxes can be obtained at the Parish House by applying to the Verger, Joseph Clayton, who will take the names and addresses.

$75 were received from Mite-boxes for 1896. Treasurer, Miss E. J. Magee.

THE ATTENTION OF THE lovers of good music is called to the Sixth Oratorio Concert of "The Chorus of The Temple," by the production of Handel's Oratorio "The Messiah," on Thursday evening, December 17th, 1896, at the Temple, Broad and Berks Streets.

On this occasion, the Chorus of one hundred and eighty voices will be assisted by the Germania Orchestra, forty pieces; Mr. D. D. Wood at the Grand Organ; and the following soloists: Madam Emma Suelke, Soprano; Miss Julia Plantholz, Contralto; Mr. C. Stanley Hurlbut, Tenor and Dr. Carl Martin (New York City), Basso; Dr. W. W. Gilchrist, Conductor.

Seats can be secured at Blasius & Sons, 1119 Chestnut St. or at the door on Thursday evening.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in November by the Children's Friend Society: Miss Emily Bell, $1.00; Miss E. W. Stevenson, $2.00. Clothing from Mrs. Sidney Hoopes Evans.

On the evening of November 25th, two hundred and fifty children were entertained by Prof. Hoy, in the Sunday School room, with Marionetts and Shadowgraphs, which, with their favorite Punch and Judy, delighted the children. The evening was enjoyed very much by the little ones.

The Piano used was kindly loaned for the occasion by Messrs. Blasius & Sons.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings December 2nd and December 16th, in the Parish House, half past seven o'clock. Four large baskets of provisions were given out to poor families, that they might have a happy Thanksgiving.

Dues received: Miss Wilkins, $1.00; Miss Sidford, $1.00. Donation, Miss Sidford, $1.00. Clothing received for the poor from Mrs. G. Wilder and Miss Bertha Walsh.

For Shoe Fund: Mrs. Sidney Hoopes Evans, $1.00; Mrs. Addis, 25 cents; Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 25 cents. Half dozen pairs of shoes Mrs. Sausser. Three pairs of shoes were given out.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE of King's Daughters will have their Annual Fair on Friday evening, December 18th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House.

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Organist and Choir Master.
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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS:
Holy Communion, first and third Sunday in the month, 10.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.45 P. M.
Sunday School 2.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS:
Holy Communion 10.00 A. M.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

THE CHOIR.

Rehearsals, every Friday evening at 8.00 P. M
MR. J. ACKROYD, 606 N. 43½ Street.

Miss Susanna Young, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Tillie Taylor, Miss Adele Frankenfield, Miss Annie Winkle, Miss Augusta Winkle, Miss Ethel L. McCarty, Miss Isabel Wilkinson, Miss C. Jenkinson, Miss Bertha White, Mr. Thomas Taylor, Mr. J. Leonard Ackroyd, Mr. C. I. Wilkinson, Mr. L. W. Harris, Mr. Hermis Skelton, Dr. W. G. Percival.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Minister in Charge.
Librarian—Mr. W. J. Harper.
Secretary—
Teachers—Miss E. C. Keilig, Miss M. K. Sproule, Miss Mabel Baker, Miss Edith Taylor, Miss Cornelia Galt, Miss Helen Galt, Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, Mr. Wm. H. Howard.
Teachers in Infant School—Miss Maude Sproule, Miss Laura Clough.
Meets 2.30 P. M.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

Director—Minister in Charge.
President—Mr. J. M. Dunham.
Vice-President—
Secretary—Mr. Thomas Taylor, 720 N. 49th Street.
Treasurer—Mr. J. L. Ackroyd, 606 N. 43½ St.

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Meets in Parish Room first and third Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MRS. W. D. SQUIRES, *Associate.*
MISS E. C. KEILIG, *Branch Secretary.*

Misses Matilda Taylor, Mary Warnock, Mattie Warnock, Lidie Kite, Mattie Malany, Laura Clough, Julia Keller, Lavinia Dempster.

Meets in Parish Room second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

President—Mrs. E. M. Hamilton, 4806 Fairmount Avenue.
Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. B. Kite.
Secretary—Miss Matilda Taylor.
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Meets at the home of the president every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

From pledges,	$48 50
Loose offerings,	12 79
Total,	$61 29

SELECTIONS.

A TRUE RELIGION IS FOR ALL.

"Three classes of men one sees," said Buddha, "as when one sits beside a pond, and observes the water lilies growing in it. He sees some below the surface, others with heads raised quite above it, and others still just resting on the water. So all mankind is of these three, the sunken, the hopelessly bad; the confirmedly virtuous; and the undecided, the wavering. The first it may not help, the second is strong and does not need me. But the third—shall I leave them to perish? Perhaps my word may save them, or some of them."

But Jesus saw with deeper insight that some of those sad submerged ones have still the power to lift themselves above the turbid flow of passion into the light, the pure day, of a spiritual life; that some of those proud heads will bow and sink and need to be raised again. A real Saviour must be for all. A true religion must be for all. None so bad that he cannot be touched by it. None so good that he does not need it, since its ideals ever soar far above all human achievement.

DEFINITIONS OF HOME.

A prize was offered recently by London Tid-bits for the best answer to the question, "What is home?" Here are a few of the answers received:

The golden setting in which the brightest jewel is "mother."

A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

Home is the blossom of which heaven is the fruit.

The only spot on earth where the faults and failings of fallen humanity are hidden under the mantle of charity.

The place where the great are sometimes small and the small often great.

The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world.

The jewel casket containing the most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness.

Where you are treated best and you grumble most.

Home is the central telegraph office of human love, into which run innumerable wires of affection, many of which, though extending thousands of miles, are never disconnected from the one great terminus.

THE RECTOR AND VESTRY HAVE ADOPTED the following address and form of pledge, which will be distributed generally throughout the Parish:

The purpose of the Church of Christ is to keep His Gospel always before men. It tries to make them Christ-like by the methods which He has ordained, the Word, Sacraments, and Prayers. This involves expenses. It is expected, both by the Church and the world, that every congregation of Christian people will pay its own bills. There may be good reason why it may be for a time unable to do this—but only for a time. It offers to the people of the community where it is a very valuable thing. It takes for granted that every man and woman who takes advantage of this offer will pay for it according as they are able. It does not believe that any one wishes to go to Church as a pauper, living on the gifts of others.

The Church of the Holy Comforter wishes to serve you and your children in Christ's way. It asks you, in return, to pledge what you think right for the Church. It may be much, or it may be little, but it ought to be something. Whatever you may do will be known only to God, to yourself, and to the Rector and Treasurer of the Parish.

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Church of the Holy Comforter,

WEST PHILADELPHIA,

.....189

I promise to give.....weekly, until I give notice to the contrary, for religious purposes.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, 1st Sunday of the month and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Worcester.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Mrs. Whitlock.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Wiegand.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Boyd, Miss Perot, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss M. Shoemaker, Miss Farrar Smith.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Seabrook, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—
Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Breuil, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Arrison.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Miss Beale, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Moore, Miss May-pay-sant, Miss Spencer, Miss Alice Spencer, Miss Bright.

Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Louisa Christensen, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.
Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.
Afternoon Class for Children, 3 o'clock—Miss Hall.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

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President—George Pfeifer.
Vice-President—F. L. Baeuerele.
Secretary—Roy Morrison.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.
Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Worcester, Sister Elizabeth, Miss Williamson, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Dickerson, MissHarlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Miss Neidhard.
CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.
HONORARY ASSOCIATES—Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Hansell and Miss Hansell.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Ella Riffel.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

January 1st—Circumcision, (Friday).
" 3rd—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6th—Epiphany, (Wednesday).
" 10th—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 17th—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 24th—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25th—Conversion of St. Paul, (Monday).
" 31st—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

Christmas Eve—Sarah Worthington Mitchell.
Edna Elmira Madden.
Charles Frederick Backer.
Elmer Albert Bains.
Samuel Ellinger.
Augustus Albert Edward Broderick.
Harry Broderick.
Carrie Louisa Breuer.
Lena Rosenfels.

BURIALS.

December 10th—Rebecca Trotter West.
" —George A. Murr.

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Third Sunday—Foreign Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

Special Church Work Fund:

J. P. Chandler,	$10 00	
Mrs. Dunne,	5 00	
Miss Bloodgood,	10 00	
Mr. Haydock,	10 00	
Miss Laura Bell,	10 00	
Dr. Wm. Thompson,	50 00	
Mrs. Lundy,	10 00	
		105 00
St. Stephen's Aid Society,	118 76	
From Miss Garret,	5 00	
		123 76
Christmas Festival Sunday School,		136 52
Aged and Infirm Clergy,		228 00
Episcopal Hospital,		2 00
City Mission,		1 00
Foreign Missions, Miss Jane Jones,		5 00
General Charities,		336 66
Total,		$937 94

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

By the time our paper reaches its destination these words will have echoed over the entire globe. Another of the earth's long journeys around the sun has been accomplished. Another stage of life's journey is passed. How swiftly the years slip by. Who would think that twelve months had glided away since we were preparing ourselves to meet the good year 'ninety-six? Time is a strange thing. It has only one dimension, it is all length. It is so inevitable. It moves in only one direction. It never retraces the smallest step it has once taken.

"The Moving Finger writes, and having writ,
"Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
"Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
"Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it."

The one thing certain is that life flies. We are all in Time, and it is sweeping us away. Like a river it has its deep and its shallow places, its dangerous rapids, its plunges into the unknown, its calm and level stretches. Like a river it flows, sometimes swift and sometimes slow, now through sunless chasms and again beside the green pastures. But if we inquire what this wonderful Time is, and Whither it is carrying us, we can only say with Saint Augustine—"If you had not asked me perhaps I might have told you, but since you ask the question, I must confess I do not know."

It is that which gives much of its strangeness to human destiny. There is in us just enough of the permanent to make us shudder that we are so vanishing. We are mortal weavers weaving an immortal fabric. On the one hand is conscience proclaiming truth and goodness to be supreme and eternal, on the other hand the vicissitudes of a mortal lot, the awful indifference with which death marks out its victims. This contradiction is the cause of much of our sadness. The two do not agree. One or the other must be sacrificed. If man is eternal, Time and change cannot mean very much to him. If he is so evanescent, why attempt to inject such infinite issues into his little life?

The two writers who have felt this contradiction most profoundly are the Preacher of Ecclesiastes and the Persian poet Omar Khayyam. That is why, in spite of their cynicism, we love them, for they have touched all our sorrows. It is true they both sacrifice man to the blind process of the world, but they do so with many regrets, Koheleth surveys with an impartial eye the strange events of human life. He sees man with his infinite aspirations circumscribed by a finite destiny, the good man cut down in early life, the bad man flourishing to a hoary old age. He beholds the funerals of criminals celebrated in the city where they have done their worst deeds. He sees some men toiling like ants their whole life long without ever enjoying the fruit of their labors or even knowing for whom or what they are working. He paints in matchless colors the coming on of old age, the gradual loosening of all the timbers of the house, decay, disillusion, the closing, day after day, of some door between us and the world, and he comes to the bitter conclusion—"All is Vanity." Life passes so quickly, pleasure is so fugitive, men are so ungrateful, women are so perverse and unsatisfactory, there is only one thing worth doing, and that is to enjoy yourself as much as you can with the wife you have loved in your youth, mindful all the time of the evil days that are coming as the *finale* of the happiest life, and of Death that so soon will pass his sponge over all. "Amuse yourself young man in your youth, walk in the ways of your fancy and according to your pleasure. But know that God will ask of you an account of all that." "There is not one of your pleasures for which you shall not hereafter atone by many regrets." Omar Khayyam, in some respects a loftier spirit, is even more bitter. His irony wounds us more profoundly, his laughter is more mocking.

These two books are of immense value because they draw the conclusions of a philosophy without faith, with a courage that our modern doctrinaires do not possess. These latter rhetoricians rob us of God and our hope, and then try to make us believe we are richer than we were before. Omar and Koheleth are more candid. Most of us probably have our moments of doubt when we surrender ourselves to their seductive charm, but we feel all the while that theirs is not the true philosophy of life. This knot, difficult to untie, can be cut by the sword of faith. Pessimism is a morass. Those who wander into it are swallowed up by it. For that reason it is best to keep out of it. There are some persons that accomplish great things without any apparent belief in immortality, but, as Renan says, they are sustained by the knowledge that their friends believe it for them. There is also a word which neither Omar nor Koheleth though of, but which forms the basis of every true philosophy and every true religion. That is the word Duty. By holding fast to duty in the face of all obstacles man triumphs over destiny.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, by request of the Rector, there was held in the Church a short Carol Service for the children of the parish. The carols taught by the Organist, Mr. David D. Wood, were sweetly sung by the Sunday School scholars. The service was conducted by Dr. Worcester, and the address was made by the Rev. Mr. Miller. Many of the congregation were present and took part in the service. Immediately after the service eight children, brought to the Church by Sister Elizabeth, were baptised by the Rector.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL held its Christmas Festival in the Parish Building, in the rear of the Church, on Holy Innocents Day, at eight o'clock P. M. The Sunday School room was filled with the children and young people of the School and Bible Classes, with many friends and parents of the children in the gallery. The carols were beautifully sung by the School. The tree was handsomely decorated with flowers, tinsel and toys, and shone forth brilliant in color under the bright gas light. Candy, oranges, cake and apples were given to all. There was a short service, and an address by Mr. Miller. Miss Maud Taylor gave a well selected list of recitations, which were much appreciated by the children, as was shown by the repeated calls for more selections from her. Owing to a previous engagement, Dr. Worcester came in before the close. He greeted all heartily and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. By his interest in the school and frequent visitations on Sunday mornings during the sessions, he has endeared himself already to the children and young people of the parish.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

The beginning of new work is always somewhat difficult, but to Sister Elizabeth the "starting" in S. Stephen's Parish has been made comparatively easy by the kindly welcome given, and the help of the ladies managing the Charitable Societies.

The benefit of the "Garment Committee" was discovered the very first week, when a poor little baby made her entrance into the world totally unprovided for, the mother herself having hardly clothes to cover her. Within a few hours both were made comfortable, warm and very grateful. Five other small bairns would testify this month, could they speak, to the usefulness of the "Aid Society," and the warmth and comfort of the little wrappers and sacques, etc., made by the kindly fingers.

But it is not *only* clothes that are needed. Christmas Eve the Rector's attention was drawn by a member of the congregation to the condition of a family living some little way out. Not only were *they* found to be in great distress and poverty (one son out of work for four months, the other very seriously ill, the mother a widow and no work), but two other families were discovered as badly, if not worse off than the one visited—"illness, many little mouths to fill and no work" was the cry of all; the absolute necessaries of life were bought for them, but it was impossible to do more—illness and poverty together must indeed be hard to bear!

With all the sadness there are still many things to help and cheer us on, and for which we are most thankful; one I should like specially to mention came to me the other day in the shape of two new dollar bills, "to be spent for the poor woman and little baby," no name or address was given, but I felt sure it meant a bit of self-denial from some one, and I should like to thank her here and tell her how grateful the poor mother was for the help; a little of the money still remains and will be used for coal.

One other thing: a number of very nice children's Picture Books were given me just before Christmas to distribute, and gave great pleasure to the small children who received them.

The Bible Class, started the first Sunday in December, has been very encouraging, having grown from two to fifteen members in three weeks, but we hope before long it will double its numbers. This class is not intended for young children, but all over the age of fifteen will be welcome.

The class is held in the Rector's room in the Parish House every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, and it is a great help to the teacher if the members can be in their places five minutes before.

Visits paid from November 24th to December 28th, 1896.

Ordinary visits,	220
Sick visits,	10
Total,	230

Four classes. Eight meetings attended.

RECEIVED.

From Rev. E. Worcester,	$2 00
" " "	5 00
" " "	10 00
Mrs. E. L. Addis,	5 00
	$22 00

PAID.

For Shoes,	$2 00
" Groceries,	1 60
" Coal,	1 50
" District Books,	40
" Shoes,	1 50
" Bread,	75
" Meat,	75
" Groceries,	2 00
	10 50
Balance on hand,	11 50
	$22 00

THE RECTOR gladly acknowledges the generous donation of picture books for the little children sent by Mrs. Theophilus P. Chandler, and also a box of Bric-a-Brac from Mrs. C. L. Martin given to the children of the Infant Class. He also thanks Mrs. Drysdale for the toys and books sent for distribution.

A MOST GENEROUS response in the shape of warm underclothing was made to the appeal of the Garment Committee in the last PARISH NEWS, for 95 articles were received, and 107 distributed during the past month. As the outgoing number exceeded the incoming, however, there is still need for more contributions.

Acknowledgements are due to Miss Bessie C. Clayton, Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Gravatt, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Griffith, Miss Florence M. Jones, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Magee, Miss Annie Magee, Miss Eliza Magee, Mrs. Moody, No Name, Mrs. J. P. Lippincott, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Sanders, Miss E. W. Stevenson, Mrs. Vanderslice, Mrs. Edward Rowland and Miss M. S. Wilkins.

Monday, Jan. 4—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 11—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 18—Sister Elizabeth, Miss Sanders.
" " 25—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY will have their Christmas entertainment in the Guild room on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at 8 P. M.

THE BOYS' GUILD held a debate with the Girls' Friendly Society on Tuesday, December 22nd, in the Guild Room. The subject was Resolved, that "the fear of punishment was a greater preventative to crime than the hope of reward." The boys had the affirmative side. The girls took the negative. The decision was rendered in favor of the members of the Boys' Guild, much to their joy.

THE INFANT CLASS of the Sunday School had its Christmas Festival on Saturday afternoon. The tree was decorated by the teachers, and with the candy, cake, oranges and presents of books, bric-a-brac, all the little ones had a delightful time. The carols were sung joyfully, and recitations made by the little boys and girls were a feature of the occasion. Santa Claus was there and helped to distribute the presents.

THE CLOSING EXERCISES of the Parish School for the Christmas holidays took place on Wednesday, December 23rd, in the Parish Building. The exercises consisted in singing and recitations by the pupils; the Christmas gifts were distributed, and the bright and happy faces of the children expressed their great pleasure. After the Creed had been said the Rector made a short address, and closed the school with prayer.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS (Loyal Circle) held a Fair in the Guild Room, on Friday, December 18th, in the evening. The proceeds are used by the members of the Circle in helping forward their charitable work during the winter. This Circle is mostly composed of the women in Miss Stoddard's Mothers' Meeting.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in December by the Children Friend's Society: Mrs. E. M. Rumpp $1.00, Miss Mary Rumpp $1.00, a Friend $5.00, Mrs. J. P. Hillman $5.00, from church fund through Dr. Worcester $25.00, Miss Anna Sinclair $1.00, Miss Ford $1.00. Christmas cards for two or three hundred children, Miss Stevenson.

Are the children going to have any Christmas? Those interested in the work hardly knew what to say, as the funds were low—almost like Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Dr. Worcester was Santa Claus, and has come to our relief, and we hope, with the help of kind friends, to give the little ones a good time the beginning of January.

The children would miss these Entertainments, they are talked over the whole year; they cost between twenty and thirty dollars, the Excursions in the summer the same, Sea Shore ones seventy-five and eighty dollars each. When this work started it was the only Society, except the Country Week, of the kind. Donations have been received in years back from many persons in other cities, and all were glad to hear of the good time given to the children.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle will have their meetings, Jannary 6th and 20th, in the Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Donations received: Miss Mary Sidford, $2.00.

Four families were made happy with all sorts of good things for Christmas; also clothing, toys and candy for the children.

A little girl was also given a pair of shoes, which were a little worn, but with the addition of a pair of overshoes she will, although very small and not quite fourteen years, be able to go to work.

Don't forget the Shoe fund, and help the King's Daughters to keep some little feet from being frosted.

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St. Stephen's Church.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Louisa Christensen, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.
Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.
Afternoon Class for Children, 3 o'clock—Miss Hall.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

February 2nd—Purification of St. Mary the Virgin.
" 7th—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
" 14th—Septuagesima Sunday.
" 21st—Sexagesima Sunday.
" 24th—St. Matthias, (Wednesday).
" 28th—Quinquagesima Sunday.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

January 10th—Milton Andrew Hildenbrand.
" 13th—Lovenia Henry.
" 13th—Richard Prior.

MARRIED.

January 27th—Roland Leslie Taylor and Anita May Steinmetz.
" 28th—Herbert L. Brown and Alice Dickie.

BURIED.

January 7th—William H. Trehde.
" 15th—James C. Montgomery.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

Foreign Missions,	$235 45
General Charities and Benevolent Work,	492 34
Special Church work Fund:	
From Mrs. John T. Spencer,	25 00
Total,	$752 79

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

Second Sunday—Sunday Schools.
Third Sunday—Diocesan Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

IN MEMORIAM.

GEORGE B. ROBERTS,
Died, January 30th, 1897.
Vestryman, 1870-1897.

AT A MEETING OF THE VESTRY of St. Stephen's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, held February 1st, 1897, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Vestry, in common with their fellow citizens, lament the loss to the public of the valuable life that has passed away with the death of Mr. George B. Roberts. In common with their fellow churchmen they lament the loss thus fallen upon the Church of which he was so devoted and useful a member. But they feel a nearer and deeper sorrow in the loss of him as a fellow Vestryman and friend. Mr. Roberts was a man of affairs deeply engrossed in the cares of business, but he always found time to attend to whatever other duties were cast upon him.

He served in this Parish as a Vestryman, continuously, for upwards of twenty-six years; in that time no important matter came before the Vestry that he was not present taking a leading part, and with his clear and practical mind solving difficulties and framing plans of action. He was patient and courteous in discussion, and endeared himself to all by his kindly helpfulness. The Vestry have lost a wise counsellor, an able coadjutor and an earnest, frank and sincere friend.

Resolved, That the Vestry extend to the family of Mr. Roberts their earnest sympathy.

Resolved, That a committee of the Vestry be appointed to attend the funeral, and that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Vestry, and a copy thereof sent to the family of Mr. Roberts, and copies thereof be made to appear in THE PARISH NEWS, *Church Standard* and *The Churchman*.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the Altar on Sunday morning, February 21st. This annual offering has come to

be a well known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's. For the sake of those who have come to the parish within the year, we will explain again, this year, the way it is done.

On Sunday morning, February 14th, from the pulpit, will be told more in detail the work of Diocesan Missions. During the week which follows, every family will be waited upon by a committee of gentlemen, among whom the parish has been districted for this purpose. The committee *simply calls to receive offerings* of those who give. They will make no argument or appeal of any kind. The Rector will do all that publicly. Of course the committee will be courteously received by all well-bred people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is equal to $5 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling handful of people are much the better off.

Of course there are many in the parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given far more than the amount, so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the collectors will be by them placed in the alms-basins, Sunday, February 21st.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE Ladies' Sale, held in the Guild Room, in the early part of December, in aid of gentlewomen who are obliged by their own efforts to support themselves, amounted to $417.00.

THE RECTOR would like to call the attention of the congregation to Sister Elizabeth's report, which he believes will interest them. It is a comfort and satisfaction to him to know that this great work of charity is in such good hands. This, as most of us know, is a hard winter. To the poor it is a very hard winter, because it is so hard to get work. Hundreds and thousands of people, probably as good as most of us, find it difficult to keep their stomachs reasonably full of food and to keep warm at night. A certain number of these persons look naturally to us. They have worshipped with us, some of them for many years. They know us better than we know them. They have knelt beside us around the Lord's Table. Among these persons, for the most part, Sister Elizabeth's work lies. It is something that the Church, in the person of one of its ministers, should go to them, but it is not much, after all, if she goes empty-handed. St. James ridiculed that form of charity more than eighteen hundred years ago—"Go in peace, my brother or my sister, be warmed and fed." In such weather as this it requires coal and wood and blankets to keep people warm. Hungry stomachs need bread and butter, and occasionally a little meat, more than soft words.

The Rector has, of course, the Charitable and Benevolent Fund, but too much of it is appropriated by obligations and promises of long standing to enable him to dip into it very heavily. During the month of February Sister Elizabeth could use one hundred dollars in relieving actual want and suffering. Perhaps some of us would have a better digestion, and sleep more sweetly in our comfortable beds, if we assisted her in this good work. At all events the objects of our kindness would. Nothing retards digestion like protracted hunger, and cold is a great enemy to sleep.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

A gentleman was once heard to remark "I do hate to get a begging letter asking just at the *end* instead of at the *beginning* for what it wants, as if I had to be persuaded into giving. I always make a point of refusing whatever is asked for in this way." Taking warning by my friend's sad experience (who, needless to say, did not get what she wanted), I have followed the rule of telling my wants straight out at the very beginning, and have always found my friends ready and willing to help.

WANTS FOR FEBRUARY.

Boots to keep some little feet I know warm; sizes, 10½, 11 and 12; *for bigger feet*, 3½ and 4. *Coal. Groceries. Flowers*, each week, for sick and sad, especially needed and appreciated this time of year.

Having told my "wants," my warmest "thanks" must follow to the kind and thoughtful people who have already given their help, several of whom do not wish their names mentioned. I often wish they could see the delight and gratitude with which their gifts are received. The poverty and distress is still great, and will be, I fear, until after March, so many fathers and brothers out of work, and the little money put by for "hard times" all spent, and that dreadful nightmare, debt, riding fast over them.

One specially sad case was brought to our notice, by a good member of St. Stephen's, of a poor old woman who had been without food for two days; she had never before asked help, and was much distressed at having to receive it now. There are many others, perhaps not in such a desperate condition, but still greatly in need of temporary help and sympathy.

Money is never given, but coal, food, rent and clothes are, to the deserving and really needy, and, may I add, in every case a visit is paid to the home before help is given.

The Bible Class is now held in the Guild room, over the Rector's, in the Parish House; it is growing slowly, but we trust surely; eighteen members belong, but are not always all present. May we ask, with the beginning of a new month, for more regular attendance?

The Friday before the first Sunday in the month there will be a Women's Preparation Class for the reception of the Holy Communion on the following Sunday; it will be held in the Guild room in the Parish House, at 7.45.

The "mothers" still meet Wednesday afternoons, and last week, through snow and wind, ten found their way to the Parish House, and were rewarded by a visit from the Rector. All ask anxiously each meeting for Miss Stoddard, and there will be general rejoicing when she is able to be among us once more.

Visits paid from December 28th, 1896, to February 1st, 1897:

Ordinary visits,	248
Sick visits,	18
Total,	266

RECEIVED

Dec. 28th, Balance on hand,	$11 00
Miss M. G. Mitchell,	5 00
Rev. E. Worcester,	10 00
Mrs. Mitchell,	7 00
E. A. F.,	1 50
Rev. E. Worcester,	2 00
	$36 50

EXPENDED.

Y. W. C. S.,	$3 85
Druggist,	1 75
Baker,	1 25
Comforts for Sick Children,	2 75
Coal,	4 00
Butcher,	2 10
Grocer,	7 36
Two Comfortables,	3 00
Blankets,	2 00
Rent,	2 00
Comforts for Sick Children,	2 10
Shoes,	1 75
	33 91
Balance on hand,	2 59
	$36 50

CONTRIBUTION.

A gentleman who is well acquainted with the congregation of St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday afternoons in particular, and who has lived and traveled much abroad, says that it is the nearest approach to an English rural parish of anything he has ever seen in this country. There is everything in it, socially and intellectually; all sorts and conditions of men. The rich and the poor are met together in it in a most striking manner. He says he has even met with tramps in a ten-cent lodging house who had been here the Sunday before, and entertained him with an account of the Services. As to the character of the congregation in the other direction it does not become us to quote him, except so far as to say that it is his opinion that extremes meet here as scarcely anywhere else in the city. We should be glad to believe that it is so.

ON LOOKING OVER the list of names of contributing members, the Garment Committee would report that a number of members have not yet sent in their annual donation. Two new garments sent to the Committee constitute membership, not a very heavy tax surely, and could the donors see how their gifts are appreciated, flannel skirts, women's nightgowns and children's dresses would be sent every week, and no appeal for clothing be necessary. As is, however,

these articles are now asked for, and acknowledgments for clothing received during the past month are due to Mrs. Atmore, Miss Atmore, Miss Baird, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Bunker, Miss Dickerson, Miss Bessie C. Clayton, Mrs. C. F. Fenton, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Sidford, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss S. Stevenson and Miss Wilkins.

Number of garments received in January, . 76
" " distributed " . 125

Monday, Feb. 1, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 8, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 15, Sister Elizabeth, Miss Sanders.
" " 22, Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

THE CUTTING COMMITTEE of the Benevolent Society earnestly desire to add to its numbers new workers to assist in cutting garments to be made by the poor women. The Committee meets on Tuesdays at 10 o'clock, in Parish House, No. 9 S. Tenth St. The Benevolent Society will gladly welcome them; their assistance is greatly needed.

THE AID SOCIETY has already sent out three Missionary Boxes, besides making up garments to be given to those whose necessities are great, especially for infants and young children. We give below a letter of thanks, just received, acknowledging a box sent to a colored missionary in the South, with a family of four little children. This was a Christmas Box, and, besides the necessary clothing, contained a gift for each of the little children:

DEAR MADAM:—I have to acknowledge receipt of letter and box, both of which reached me today. I have to ask you to convey to the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Church our most heartfelt thanks for so excellent a box, the contents of which cannot fail to be of the highest benefit to us, and to contribute very much to our comfort and happiness.

Again thanking you very much,
I am, dear Madam,
Yours in the Holy Church,

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DONATIONS RECEIVED in January by the Children's Friend Society: Mrs. C. P. Stratton, $2.00; Miss Louise Betts Edwards, $1.00; Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $1.00; Mrs. Anna M. Kelly, $1.00.

Clothing from Miss Anna Sinclair.

January 13th over three hundred children were entertained by Professor Perry, the popular Magician—A Night in Wonderland. It was one of the finest entertainments the children have had, and was much enjoyed by all.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet February 3rd and 17th, in Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Donations received: Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $1.00; For Shoe Fund, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, 25 cts.; Mrs. Edward Rowland, 25 cts.; a Friend, $1.00; H. F., 25 cts.; Miss Dora Friedel, 25 cts.; Mrs. Anna M. Kelly, 25 cts.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, an honorary member of this Circle, donated ice cream and cake for all the members of the Circle, which was enjoyed very much.

This Circle visited, January 23rd, St. Christopher's Hospital, taking clothing, books, toys and candies to the sick children.

One dozen pairs of shoes have been given out this month to those in great want. It is astonishing how many children have the pretence of a shoe. Examine them, and you will find one thickness of leather; should it be rainy, you will find them soaking wet. Is it any wonder that so many have colds, which develop into diphtheria and other diseases? The King's Daughters ask for second-hand shoes or overshoes, to help them keep some poor little ones from getting sick.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay.

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler.

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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Louisa Christensen, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.
Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.
Afternoon Class for Children, 3 o'clock—Miss Hall.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

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Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

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Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

March 3rd—Ash-Wednesday.
" 7th—First Sunday in Lent.
" 14th—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 21st—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 25th—Annunciation of Virgin Mary (Thursday)
" 28th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

February 9th—Edna Heron Messenger.
" 13th—George McCleary.
" 26th—Adele Nevin Robinson.
" 26th—Ethel Kathryn Nourse.

BURIED.

February 5th—Richard Hockaday.
" 23rd—Margaret Atmore.
" 24th—William B. Johns.

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

Diocesan Missions,	$1,205 03	
Special for Jews,	57 00	
" for Rescue Mission,	50 00	
" for Seamen,	2 00	
		1,314 03
General Charities and Benevolent,		270 19
Sunday School,		118 12
Clergy Relief Fund,		5 00
Sister Elizabeth's Fund,		55 59
Total,		$1,762 93

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Wednesday mornings in Lent } St. Stephen's Aid Soc.
Friday afternoons in Lent }

The Bishop will administer Confirmation in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday in Holy Week at 11 o'clock.

CONFIRMATION.

"A certain man had two sons." That is a picture in miniature of God and the world. The certain man is the Heavenly Father; the two sons are those who stay in and those who stay from the Father's house.

The heart of that Father throbs with love for all the world, and longs for nothing so much as for the return of those children who are wandering and lost in a sinful world.

He calls them to come back and be at home. That is really the meaning of the call to Confirmation. Come home and all that the Father has shall be yours as well as His.

That call should be heard and heeded by the men and women of the world and of this Parish. It promises moral health, spiritual wealth, the highest joy and perfect rest and satisfaction.

Why then, do not men rise and go back to the Father's house? Among other reasons there are these: Grown men and women have not infrequently a feeling that to confess Christ and enter His Church is to exhibit a kind of sentimentalism and weakness of which they are ashamed. The call to Confirmation is for children. The Church is the place for women and children. But what if this be true. It is equally true that the call is to men and women as well as children, and the Church is emphatically for men, for He Who is its Head is the "Lord of all power and might." They who are on God's side are on the strong side; and therefore men who pride themselves on their strength should join themselves to Him Who is the source of all their power. Time was when kings, princes and noblemen were not ashamed to kneel at the font and the altar and be signed with the sign of the cross; and the noblest and most kingly act that any man can

perform is to confess allegiance to Christ and and fight under His banner.

Besides all this, every man is bound by the obligation of his creation and redemption to use his influence to promote goodness and righteousness among his fellows. The Church, whatever may be its faults and weakness, is on the whole, the saving influence of the world, without which there would be little safeguard for the family, property, or anything the world holds dear.

The church therefore calls for strong men, and gives to all who come into it, as all true education does, larger, higher and nobler manhood and womanhood developed into the symmetry and sweetness, the beauty and glory of the character that is in Jesus Christ.

Men sometimes feel that by being confirmed they take new obligations upon them which they are not sure they can keep. But there is no new obligation taken in Confirmation.

There is simply the recognition of an old obligation that is on every man, whether in the Church or out of it; an obligation to love and serve God and do the everlasting right. What is required is that men shall try to do their best. There is no better than the best, and to try to do that is but our reasonable service. Put away then all doubt and temptation. Be willing to give up that which is evil, to do that which is right, and to confess Him Whom you all believe is your Lord, and you will be prepared to come to Confirmation.

In this congregation there is probably not one who would not like to accept Christ and to enter His Church. Most of you mean to do so before you die. But you wait irresolute, apparently but not really indifferent.

You are like the hands and machinery of a clock that is all wound up ready to start and keep time, but as yet motionless.

Let this simple appeal and the solemn services of the Lenten season be the influence that shall touch your hearts and hands and start you on your way to the Father's house, and toward the perfect manhood of Jesus Christ.

Rise up in the dignity of your manhood, realize its splendid possibilities. Confess Christ. Renounce evil. Ratify your baptismal vows, and promise, God helping you, to keep His commandments and live a better life.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Lenten Services for business people will be held at St. Stephen's Church, commencing at 12.30; closing at 12.55, punctually.

Addresses may be expected as follows: Ash Wednesday, March 3, the Bishop of the Diocese, opening address; 4-5, Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, "Fixity of Purpose," "Shallowness"; 6, Rev. J.E. Johnson; 8-9 Rev. S.D.McConnell,D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y., "Truth," "Life"; 10-12, Bishop Rulison, of Central Pennsylvania; 13, Rev. R. A. Rodrick, of Mt. Holly, N. J.; 15-19, Rev. Chas. S. Olmsted, D. D., St. Asaph's, Bala, Pa., "Folly of Sin," "Strange Gods," "Ideals," Human Destiny," "Rewards"; 20, Rev. John Dows Hills, St. Mary's; 22-26, Rev. Elwood Worcester, Ph.D., St. Stephen's; 27, Rev. Campbell Walker, Zion; March 29-April 2, Bishop Thompson, of Mississippi, "Plain and Practical Talks on Repentance and Life"; 3, Rev. W. B. Bodine, D. D., Saviour; 5-9, Bishop Thompson, of Mississippi, "Plain and Practical Talks on Repentance and Life"; 10, Rev. John P. Tyler, Advent, "Low conception of Duty."

Holy Week: Monday, Archdeacon Brady; Tuesday, Rev. Richard H. Nelson, St. Peter's; Wednesday, Rev. H. Richard Harris, Grace, "The mind of Christ"; Thursday, Rev. Wm. H. Falkner, St. Philip's, "Obligation of the Holy Communion"; Good Friday, Rev. Elwood Worcester, Ph. D., St. Stephen's; Easter Eve, Rev. Joseph L. Miller, St. Stephen's.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

A short story by Tolstoi has been forcibly brought to my mind lately, and I have no doubt is well known to many of you.

The old man, Avdyéitch, as you will remember, was a poor cobbler. One night he dreamed that "The Christ" was coming to visit him next day. On the morrow it happened that several people needed his help, and to all he gave willingly: to one just a warm seat by his fire, to another an old coat and cup of tea, to a third kind words, and so on. That evening when peacefully resting in the twilight, he fancied he saw forms in the dark corner of his little room, and heard a voice whisper, "Avdyéitch did you not recognize Me?" then out of the darkness slipped one after another the people who through the day he had helped, each saying, "This is I." Then the old man understood his dream, and that the Saviour had really come to him and had been received by him, and the words rang in his ears "In as much as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me." So is the Voice of Christ heard now by those who have lovingly given to the needs of others, for the very smallest gift of hard earned pennies as for the larger ones; and surely this is the best thanks we can receive. Could the people who have been helped this month pass before their good friends, how many think you of us would recognize in their poor, sad faces "The Christ" and how many feel the great honor of having been *allowed* to minister to His needs? Had this honor been fully recognized, I think there would have been no WANTS in the March number of our PARISH NEWS. I do not ask those who have already so generously given, but to those who perhaps did not see the February NEWS, or were not able to give at that time, I would say there are still many poor hungry ones, sick and out of work, who need *your* special help. After this month I sincerely trust things will brighten, and do not be afraid, I shall not be always begging!

It was a great pleasure last Wednesday afternoon to once more see Miss Stoddard at the "Mothers' Loyal Circle," and we hope before many weeks she will be strong enough to take up the work she has carried on for so many years.

Friday evening next, March 5, at eight o'clock, the Preparation Class for the Reception of the Holy Communion on the following Sunday, will meet in the Guild Room. All communicants are welcome.

Visits paid from February 1, to March 1.

Ordinary visits,	229	Classes taken,	6
Sick visits,	24	Meetings attended,	7
Total,	253		

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Mrs. Mitchell,	5.00	Groceries,	12.55
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"Cash,"	10.00	Rent,	2.00
Mrs. Sinn,	2.00	Shoes,	4.70
Miss G. M. Mitchell,	5.00	Beef Extract,	.75
"Transfer,"	5.00		49.32
Mrs. Stratton,	1.00	Balance,	6.27
Mrs. Mitchell for special cases,	2.00		
"A Friend,"	1.00		
Miss M. J. Sidford,	1.00		
	$55.59		$55.59

Our most grateful thanks are due to an unknown friend for splendid box of new books for boys, to Mrs. Beale for children's clothing, to Mrs. Sinn for men's underclothes, to Miss Cleemann for a wrapper, to Mrs. Edith Allen for three night dresses, to Miss Russell for coal ticket, to Miss Lundy for can of Granum and old linen, to Miss Maulsby for sheets, towels, bedspread, comfortable, etc., to Miss Ruth Snyder for flowers (greatly appreciated), to "The Ladies' Aid Society" for baby clothes, to Miss Davison for children's clothing, and to Mrs. Joseph Clayton for her great kindness in preparing and cooking food for the sick.

THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY desires to call the attention of the congregation to the Annual Sale of garments, kitchen and glass towels, dusters, etc., to be held after the morning service, Friday, March 12, in the Guild Room of the Parish House. It is scarcely necessary to remind those who are interested in the poor, of the need the Society has for the money which helps so materially to remunerate the poor women during the winter months when their necessity is great. There will be garments on sale very suitable for the ladies of the congregation to buy and give to the needle-work Guild.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE report having received 67 garments during February, and have distributed 54. Acknowledgements with thanks for articles donated are due to Miss Christopher, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Edward Fell, Miss French, Miss Koons, Mrs. Maulsby, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Richardson, Miss

Stratton, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Sinn.

Mon. March 1—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth,
" 8—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard,
" 15—Sister Elizabeth, Miss Sanders,
" 22—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard,
" 29—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in February, Mrs. M. E. Sinn, 75c.; King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle, $1.00.

The children have missed their monthly entertainments this winter. Want of funds has made it impossible to continue them. It is hoped, however, that some kind friends will help to give them a bright Easter.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle, meet March 3d and 17th, in the Parish House at half-past seven o'clock. Dues received for the Shoe Fund: Mrs. M. M. Parmalee, 25c.; Mrs. Edward T. Moody, $1.00; Miss Sidford, 25c.; Mrs. Vanderslice, 25c.; Mrs. E. L. Bunker, $1.00; Miss Sinn, 25c.

This Circle has been making at their meetings, for the past month, a comfortable for Sister Elizabeth to give to one of her poor families.

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A Quiet Day for Churchwomen will be held in St. Luke's Church, Thirteenth Street below Spruce, on Thursday, March 11, 1897; to be conducted by the Rev. Thomas George Dowling, of Toledo, Ohio. Services: 9.30, Holy Communion; 10.30, 11.30 A. M. and 8 P. M. The evening service for men and women. The Church will be open all the afternoon for private devotions. Evening Prayer will be said at 5 P. M.

The Churchwomen's Conference will be held in Holy Trinity Parish House, Twentieth Street below Walnut, on Friday March 12, at 10.30 A.M. Papers will be read on the Topics, "What shall we read?" and "Systematic giving." It is earnestly desired that there be a full discussion after each paper is read.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay.

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Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler.

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Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Seabrook, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Louisa Christensen, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.
Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.
Afternoon Class for Children, 3 o'clock—Miss Hall.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

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(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

April 4th—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
" 11th—Sunday before Easter.
" 12th—Monday before Easter.
" 13th—Tuesday before Easter.
" 14th—Wednesday before Easter.
" 15th—Thursday before Easter.
" 16th—Good Friday.
" 17th—Easter-Even.
" 18th—Easter Day.
" 19th—Monday in Easter Week.
" 20th—Tuesday in Easter Week.
" 25th—St. Mark. First Sunday after Easter.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

March 15th—William Charles Foss.
" 15th—Albert Roy Foss.
" 21st—Aline Sherwin Chandler Rogers.
" 21st—George Edward Krimmel.
" 21st—Walter Tyndall Lamer.
" 22nd—Francis Hansell Schroeder.

MARRIED.

March 2nd—William A. J. Guscott and Henrietta Louisa Christensen.
" 8th—Geo. S. Fullerton and Julia W. Dickerson.

BURIED.

March 2nd—Barbara Weber.
" 12th—Peter D. Keyser M. D.
" 15th—Florence S. Reed.
" 22nd—Emma Snyder.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

General Charities,	$279.86
Domestic Mission,	279.72
Diocesan Mission,	5.00
Special:	
Mr. Atmore,	25.00
Mrs. McKean,	85.00
St. Stephen's Aid Society,	231.30
Alms Box,	6.75
Bishop Thompson's work,	116.77
	$1029.40

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Palm Sunday—Easter Decorations.
Good Friday—City Missions.
Easter Day—Endowment Fund.
Fourth Sunday—Theological Education.
Wednesday Mornings—St. Stephen's Aid Society.
Friday Afternoons—St. Stephen's Aid Society.

ONE OF THE CHARMS of St. Stephen's Church is the surprise most persons feel on passing, for the first time, from the outside to the inside. Even to those who know every stone in the old building too well to be surprised, the pleasure is not less. The Rector had this brought to his mind in a somewhat amusing way a little while ago. A friend was visiting him who has spent much of his life abroad and is familiar with the finest church buildings in Europe. Standing on Tenth Street, and surveying the plain exterior of St. Stephen's of which he had heard so much, with evident disappointment he said, "I suppose your congregation intends to build a new church pretty soon." But on entering and observing the treasures of art contained in that plain shell, like jewels in a simple casket, our monuments, our beautiful window, our superb mosaic altar-picture and reredos, he exclaimed, "O my friend, I take it all back. There is nothing like this in this country."

Although we believe and are sure that God can be worshipped acceptably wherever He has recorded His name in Nature or in the hearts of men, there will always be something touching and uplifting in works of art inspired by religious ideals. There is devotion enough in the picture galleries of Europe to keep faith alive through a darker period of unbelief than that

through which certain countries are now passing. These great object lessons in religion speak a universal language, they appeal to all hearts. We in St. Stephen's owe an immense debt of gratitude to those generous and devoted men and women who have provided us with objects on which our eyes can never rest without pleasure.

But on the other hand, what has been done so well in the past ought to be an incentive to us to go on and do more, until every suitable portion of the Church has been enriched with beautiful memorials of those who once loved it and worshipped in it. In particular, there remains one niche to be filled, one work to be done of such a nature that we cannot help wondering that no one has thought of claiming it as his or her own.

Our Chancel needs only one thing to make it perfect of its kind, and that is a glorious window. Our present Chancel window, which consists only of conventional figures, the work of a bygone school of art, the eyes of generations have rested on without learning one religious lesson. What we should have in this most conspicious place is a worthy representation in colored glass of the martyrdom of the Saint after whom this Church is named. The scene itself is dramatic and inspiring in the highest degree, and the three adjoining lights would lend themselves well to this treatment. On the one side St. Paul guarding the clothes of the murderers, on the other the Saviour just rising to his feet to greet his faithful servant, and in the center the martyrdom of the Saint. Such a picture would give a solemnity to the Church it does not now possess, and a more touching and beautiful memorial could hardly be imagined.

THE RECTOR INTENDS to publish a new Year-Book of the Parish.

It is particularly requested that all persons who consider themselves members of St. Stephen's Church, (communicants, pew-holders and regular attendants,) fill out the blanks prepared for this purpose that none may be overlooked in the new book. These blanks will be placed in the pews and in the vestibule of the Church.

THE OFFERINGS ON EASTER DAY will be for the Special Endowment Fund of the Parish.

This is the only service in the year at which the offerings of the people are asked for anything connected with the sustenance of this Parish. And even on this occasion it is not really so, in so far as this present congregation is concerned. This Fund was begun, several years ago, for the express purpose of guranteeing that St. Stephen's Church should be able for all time to minister to the people of the city who live round about where the Church stands. The Church is now strong and vigorous, and is constantly giving of its money to all contemporary good works and charities. While this is the case it is the time to provide for the future.

CONFIRMATION will be on Tuesday in Holy Week, April 13th, at 11 o'clock.

The Rector desires particularly that all who are to be Confirmed will meet him in the Guild Room after the 5 o'clock service on Friday, April 9th, to sign the Parish Register, arrange for the Confirmation Service, and to say some words to them of a more private character than can well be done at the public confirmation lectures.

THERE WILL BE A celebration of the Holy Communion on Maundy-Thursday, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

THERE WILL BE Morning Prayer and Litany, with Sermon, and Offertory for the City Mission on Good Friday, at 11 o'clock.

ON EASTER DAY THERE WILL BE two celebrations of the Holy Communion, one at 8 o'clock, and later at 11 o'clock.

IT IS THE LAW AS WELL AS THE CUSTOM OF THE CHURCH that every one who has been confirmed shall actually partake of the Holy Communion "at least three times a year, one of which shall be Easter Day." Of course it is a law without any penalty attached. It is a custom which any one has the power to disregard if he chooses to. It is a rule, however, which ought to be as binding as any which the art of man could devise. To disregard it is to do one's self an injury, and is also to do a wrong to the society with which one has identified himself, and, above all, it is discourteous to the Master.

ON EASTER DAY THE SERVICES will be at *eight* o'clock, *eleven* o'clock, and *four* o'clock. At the two latter services the pew-holders and regular members of the Congregation will be admitted as usual through the north transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the hour of the service itself, and the visitors will be provided with seats to the full capacity of the Church.

It seems rather an inhospitable mode of action, but upon reflection it will commend itself to all reasonable people. It is but right and fair that those who attend the services all the other days of the year, should have an opportunity to occupy their own seats on the great high festival, and that those who only visit the Church upon such occasions should be asked to wait upon the convenience of the regular attendants.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday Schools, Parish Day School and Burd Orphan Asylum, will be held in the Church on the first Sunday after Easter, April 25th, at four o'clock. The offertory will be for the Home of the Merciful Saviour for crippled children.

THE LENTEN WORK taken out by the ladies of the congregation is to be returned by Easter Monday morning. The Committee will then assort the garments made and prepare them for distribution where most needed.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

How small one letter seems! And yet what a difference it can make. Boo*k*s are delightful, and treasures, but boo*t*s are necessities. Many of our boys I expect are glad it was only a printer's error last month and that the boo*t*s are boo*t*s still, and not, by the changing of the letter t into k, books.

A little Scotch baby wishes to thank the Ladies' Aid Society for taking pity on him; he is not the only baby that is grateful, but having a good provident mother he naturally expected better things; he found when he entered the world that his twin brother was well cared for and had plenty of garments, his mother having "provided for ain but not for twa," he was left out in the cold.

The Communicants' preparation class meets the Friday before the first Sunday in the month, at eight o'clock, in the Guild Room.

Visits paid from March 1st to March 30th.

Ordinary visits, 190	Classes taken, . . . 5
Sick visits, . . . 18	Meetings attended, 6
Total, 208	

Our best thanks to The King's Daughters for a nicely made comfortable, to an unknown friend for two pair of boots and one pair of shoes, to Mrs. Weir Mitchell for men's clothing, to Miss Sidford for children's petticoats and infants' flannels, to Miss Lundy for old linen, to Mrs. Joseph Clayton for a quantity of wine jelly, to Miss Ruth Snyder for a box of beautiful roses, also for gifts of money.

RECEIVED FROM.		EXPENDED.	
On hand, ...	$6.00	Butcher, ...	$4.89
Mrs. Hillman, . .	5.00	Baker, ...	2.10
Mrs. Merrit, . . .	1.00	Grocer, ...	7.49
Miss M. G. Mitchell,	5.00	Milk, ...	1.36
"A little tenth," . .	.60	Beef extract, . .	1.75
Miss Wilkins, . . .	5.00	Boots, ...	2.75
		Druggist, ...	1.86
	$22.60		22.20
		Balance, ...	.40
			$22.60

THE LAST MEETING of the St. Stephen's Aid Society will be held on April 9th. The members of the Society and also any ladies of the congregation are urged to call or send for work to be done during the summer.

THE LADIES OF THE BENEVOLENT Society will hold a Sale in the Parish house on Wednesday, April 14th, from half after ten until half after one o'clock, for the purpose of selling garments, household articles, etc., made by the poor women the society employs.

Owing to the bad weather on the day the last Sale was held, we had few buyers. It is very much hoped that all the ladies of the congregation will make use of this opportunity to furnish themselves with dusters, scrub-cloths, dish-cloths, also garments suitable to give to the poor and hospitals, and at the same time aid the good work of the Benevolent Society.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE have received 61 garments during the month of March, and have distributed 50. Contributions are gratefully acknowledged as follows: from Mrs. Edith Allen, Mrs. J. K. Barclay, Miss L. Bell, "Whatsoever Circle" King's Daughters, Mrs. and Miss Davison,

Mrs. Judson, Miss Maulsby, Miss Florence Pancoast, Mothers' Loyal Circle, the Misses Stevenson, Miss Stoddard, Mrs. Stratton and Mrs. Vanderslice.

Monday, 5th, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" 12th, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" 19th, Miss Sanders, Sister Elizabeth.
" 26th, Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet April 7th and 21st, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock

Dues from Miss Sanders, $1.00.

Dues for Shoe Fund: Mrs. C. P. Stratton 25 cents, Miss Cleemann 25 cents, Miss Fanny Keim 25 cents, Mrs. James Arrison 25 cents, Mrs. Craven 25 cents, Mrs. Crombarger 25 cents, Miss Sinclair 50 cents.

From Miss Christopher one pair of shoes, Miss Sinclair one pair of shoes.

On Wednesday, March 24th, the Rev. Frederic Poole, who is in charge of the Chinese Mission on Race Street, gave an illustrated Lecture on "China and Chinatown." Over 100 stereopticon views were used in describing the lecture. Among them was the Race Street Mission, scenes of the riot district in China in 1892, characters of the Chinese Empire, two Chinese girls undergoing the operation of foot binding, and many other instructive pictures.

The proceeds of this lecture are for the benefit of the King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle, for their charitable work among the poor.

The money given to the Rev. Mr. Poole for this lecture goes to the Chinese Mission. The King's Daughters feel that it is a very good Lenten offering, as well as a very beautiful lecture.

The proceeds were	$49 10
Expenses for the evening . . .	23 60
Balance	$25 50

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in March: Miss E. W. Stevenson, $5.00; Mrs. Bunker, $1.00; from a Friend, $5.00.

Easter is coming, and the children are asking, Are we going to have anything? It is a hard question to answer, and yet, when all is brightness around, and the children have had so many happy times in St. Stephen's Sunday School room in years past, surely this Easter will not be an exception. Some of the congregation will respond to the appeal, and help the Society to make glad the hearts of the little ones in whom they are interested.

AN ENTERTAINMENT will be given by the Boys' Guild in the Sunday School building, on Thursday evening, April 22nd. Programme will consist of a comedy, in two acts, entitled "The Cool Collegians," and another, in one act, entitled "Box and Cox." Tickets, 15 cents, can be purchased from Mr. Clayton, or any member of the guild.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Worcester.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Mrs. Whitlock.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Wilkins, Miss Stevenson, Miss Baird, Mrs. Bright.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss E. Bell, Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Musgrove, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Stratton, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Davison, Miss Boyd, Miss Perot, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Farrar Smith.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Seabrook, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—
Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Breuil, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Arrison.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Miss Beale, Miss H. W. Sanders, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Mrs. Leicester Addis, Miss Boyd, Miss Hall, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Mann-Payzant, Miss Spencer, Miss Alice Spencer, Miss Bright.

Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.

Young Ladies' Bible Class, 4 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Secretary—Roy Morrison.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Miss Harlan, 1515 Walnut Street.

LITERATURE ASSOCIATE—Mrs. Elwood Worcester, 1318 Locust Street.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

ASSOCIATES.

Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Worcester, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Cornish, Miss Harlan, Mrs. J. B. Shober, Miss Neidhard, Mrs. Hall, Miss Williamson, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES—Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Hansell, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Sidford.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary.—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

May 1st—St. Philip and St. James.
" 2nd—2nd Sunday after Easter.
" 9th—3rd Sunday after Easter.
" 16th—4th Sunday after Easter.
" 23rd—5th Sunday after Easter.
" 27th—Ascension Day.
" 30th—Sunday after Ascension.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

April 4th—Grace Pennock Sharp.
" 4th—Sarah Louise Sharp.
" 4th—Irene Jennie Tayman.
" 4th—Robert J. C. Brown.
" 9th—Mark Harmer Brooks.
" 9th—Edward Raymond Northrop.
" 10th—Stanford Huston Lewis.
" 12th—Caroline Marie Doe.
" 17th—Charles Henry Hyatt.
" 17th—Wilhelm Louis Haase.
" 17th—Andreas Hermann Rudolph Haase.
" 17th—Wilhelmine Grace Haase.
" 17th—Elizabeth Henrietta Haase.
" 17th—Bertram James Collins.
" 17th—Emma Elsie Myers.
" 17th—Eward Fred Myers.
" 17th—Annie Elizabeth Myers.
" 17th—Ida Edith Myers.
" 17th—Robert Dennison Wirk Berry.
" 17th—Edwin Berry.
" 17th—Julia Butz.
" 17th—Eleanor Twiss.
" 21st—Mary Delnia Elliott.

CONFIRMED.

Tuesday, April 13th.

Winfield Scott Brown, Harry Brown, Amelia Ida Binninger, Mark Harmer Brooks, Leonard T. Beale, Anna Scott Bickley, Albert Page Berg, Jr., Lucy May Dager, Thomas Levett Farmer, Louise Katheryne Holman, Florence Hansell, Charles Richardson Hansell, Elizabeth Borie Lewis, Millicent Wells Miller, Marion B. Monroe, Isabella Fitz-Gerald Morton, Edward R. Northrop, Mary Emma O'Neill, Thomas Hinchman Platt, James Riley, Anna T. Smith, Sarah Louise Sharp, Grace Pennock Sharp, Morris Lewis Stovell, J. Herbert Stevenson, Edna Daisy Sellers, Mary Emily Slowe, Thomas Slye, Anna Bella Townsend, Irene Jennie Tayman, Ella May Wagner, Marie Bersania Werner, Mary Jane Wynne.

MARRIED.

April 22nd—Robert M. Janney and Deborah Tower Lee.
April 26th—William Cox and Florence Wallis.

BURIED.

April 6th—Henry Hobart Guion.
" 9th—William Wertz.
" 11th—Florence May Carpenter.
" 22nd—Mrs. Georgia H. Swayne.
" 30th—Col. Jesse E. Peyton.

OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

For Easter Decorations,	$132 78
" City Mission,	195 89
" Endowment Fund,	780 17
" Theological Education,	98 66
" St. Stephen's Aid Society,	85 72
" General Charities,	160 78
From Sunday School for Domestic Missions,	69 67
" " " " Home of the Merciful Saviour,	100 00
Total,	$1,623 67

OFFERTORIES FOR MAY.

Third Sunday—Indian Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

PARISH REPORT FOR THE CONVENTION YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1897.

BAPTISMS: Adults,	12	
Infants,	51	
		63
CONFIRMED: Male 13, Female, 20,		33
COMMUNICANTS, present number,		900
MARRIAGES,		10
BURIALS,		28

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASSES.

Officers and Teachers,	25
Scholars,	300
Total Membership,	325

OTHER SCHOOLS: Parish School.

Teacher,	1
Scholars,	26

EXPENDITURES.

For Parish Expenses,	$16,582.77
" Burd Orphan Asylum,	20,000.00
" Sister Elizabeth's Report,	134.10
" Support of Sunday Schools,	345.49
" Parish Schools,	881.86
" Parish Mission Stations,	193.00
" Benevolent Society,	907.19
" The Poor,	379.01
" Altar Society,	583.49
" St. Stephen's Aid Society,	781.70
" Endowment,	532.85
" Boys' Guild,	44.00
" Children's Friend Society,	266.25
" Girls' Friendly Society,	146.74
" King's Daughters,	100.15
" Printing, etc.,	137.37
" Episcopal and Convention Fund,	401.20
" Sustentation Fund,	130.71
" Missions, Diocesan,	1,025.00
City,	210.00
Deaf,	20.00
Italian,	105.00
Seamen's,	2.00
French Church,	100.00
" Episcopal Hospital,	272.48
" Other Hospitals,	35.00
" Christmas Fund, (for Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen),	228.00
" Diocesan Library,	15.00
" House of Rest,	50.00
" St. Andrew's Brotherhood,	463.05
" Relief Fund,	65.00
" Home of Merciful Saviour,	25.00
" Home of Merciful Saviour, (Sunday School),	100.00
" Children's Aid Society,	6.71
" Church Home for Children,	50.00
" Deaconesses House,	50.00
" Special,	718.85
" Missions, Foreign,	290.45
Domestic,	597.93
Domestic, (S. S.),	69.67
Indian,	70.50
Colored People,	110 00
Jews,	62.00
" Women's Auxiliary,	41.00
" Christian or Theological Education,	216.00
" Divinity School,	45.00
" Clergy Relief,	5.00
" Railway Conductors' Club,	50.00
" Miscellaneous,	116.77
Total	$47,763.29

RECEIPTS.

From Pew Rents,	$12,588.78
" Special Church Work,	1,420.00
" Burd Orphan Asylum,	17,000.00
" Offerings for purposes outside the Parish,	2,787.42
" Diocesan Missions,	1,344.03
" Investments,	5,068.09
" Other Sources,	425.81
" Sunday School,	169.67
" Women's Auxiliary, (Mite Boxes),	41.00
" Other Societies,	4,943.70
Total,	$45,788.50
Boxes sent, No. 8; estimated value,	$571.15

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

The warm spring days and the wild flowers we see being sold in our streets bring with them the thought of green fields and country lanes to which many will be going in a very few weeks. May I ask those fortunate ones to think of the sick and needy who will be left in the great city? The summer holiday and rest I believe would be a happier time if each traveller should leave behind him a little offering for the relief of Christ's sad and suffering children, of which, alas! there are still many to be cared for. Any who may doubt my word and will come and join me in a day's visiting, I am sure will realize the needs of others more than they ever have before in their lives.

Knowing the warm hearts in St. Stephen's congregation, I feel certain, though asking much, I shall not ask in vain.

The Bible Class meets each Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, in the Guild Room. All over the age of fifteen are welcome. The Communicants Preparation Class meets the Friday before the first Sunday in the month, at eight o'clock, in the Guild Room.

Visits paid from April 1st to May:

Ordinary visits, 103	Classes taken, 5
Sick visits, 13	Meetings attended, 2
Total, 116	

Most grateful thanks to: Mrs. Hine, for two night dresses; Miss Bell, for pictures and scrap books; Mrs. Joseph Clayton, for fresh eggs; Mrs. Smith, for children's clothes; Miss Ruth Snyder, for beautiful box of roses; Mrs. Borie, for splendid parcel of men's clothes, boots and shoes; Mrs. Graham, for boots and shoes; The Lenten Sewing Society, for most useful gift of petticoats and pillow slips; St. Stephen's Aid Society, for two hundred and twenty-five garments for Infants; The Daughters of the King, for groceries.

This Lenten Offering, from the Daughters of the King, I should like specially to mention, and to tell them that three families send their most sincere thanks to the kind and thoughtful donors.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$ .40	Advertisement,	$ .25
Mrs. Addis,	2.00	Milk,	.27
Miss Sanders,	5.00	Groceries,	7.64
Miss Stevenson,	2.00	Butcher,	3.41
"A Friend,"	2.00	Baker,	.24
Rev. E. Worcester,	6.00	Boots,	2.50
		For work,	2.00
	$17.40		16.31
		Balance,	1.09
			$17.40

Visits paid from November, 1896 to May, 1897:

Ordinary visits, 990	Classes taken, 25
Sick visits, 80	Meetings attended, 29
Total, 1070	

The Bible Class for young women started in December, has now twenty members. The Communicants' Preparation Class has had a small but very satisfactory attendance, and is slowly but steadily growing.

During the five months of work in St. Stephen's Parish $134.10 have been placed in my hands for the relief of the poor, among whom my time has been I may say almost entirely spent. This money has been used to help only the really deserving in times of sickness or special distress. One month eighteen families were relieved, all simply needing temporary help.

ALL THOSE who took part in the mid-day Lenten Services, held in St. Stephen's, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, must have been exceedingly gratified with the attendance from day by day. The Church was filled at nearly all services, and on Good Friday the large congregation at the regular morning service as it pushed its way out of the building found another waiting patiently to take the seats for the mid-day service. The attention and reverence were noted. The number of men and women, who came from their active business to engage in the short services, singing the hymns, taking part in the prayers and attentively listening to the earnest, direct and practical sermons, was indeed most impressive. The congregation at some services more than filled the Church. The average attendance was about 800, making a total attendance of about 32,000.

A HANDSOME set of bishop's robes was presented during the Lenten season to the Rt. Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, of Mississippi, through the efforts of members of the congregation, assisted by a few friends from outside the parish.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY of St. Stephen's Church in account with F. S. Magee, Treasurer.

Received from balance, $163.91; from Offertory, $144.53; from sales, $561.25; from subscriptions, $37.50; total, 907.19. Paid for sewing, $366.76; for materials, $441.45; for pensioners, $54.50; balance $45.48.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY presents its Thirteenth Annual Report to the Congregation:

The Superintendent of the Chancel Committee reports that during the past year the Committee has performed the duties of caring for the chancel and vestments, and has received gifts of oats, wheat and corn for decorating the Chancel on Thanksgiving Day.

The Embroidery Class Committee reports work donated: Set of Communion linen to St. Stephen's Chapel, Long Island; Long Surplice to J. C. Smith Memorial Home, materials and stamping for Altar Cloth and hangings to Mission of St. John the Divine, Surplice to Divinity Student, Altar Cloth and hangings to Church of St. Sauveur, two old Surplices and Communion linen to Mission. Dr. McConnell was presented with a set of Stoles.

Work for our own Parish: Nine Surplices; Credence cloth, embroidered by Miss M. Maulsby; seven Corporals, embroidered by Miss Sanders; one purple stole; set of green alms mats.

Work ordered: Surplice for Rev. F. W. Forsythe, of St. Matthew's, Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of the Lenten Sewing Committee reports garments distributed, 703; not distributed and still out, 6. Total, 709. Garments distributed as follows: Maternity Hospital, 33; Episcopal Hospital, 15; Kensington Hospital, 14; Rush Hospital, 15; Lying-in Hospital, 41; Hahnemann Hospital, 40; Children's Friend Society, 10; Girls' Friendly Society, 32; Children's Aid Society, 10; Visiting Nurses, 35; Home for Aged Couples, 17; Home for the Homeless, 18; Church of the Crucifixion, 35; Church Home, Angora, 17; Home for Colored Cripples, 24; St. Stephen's Infant School, 23; Seamen's Mission, 26; Colored Day Nursery, 35; French Mission, 38; Willing Day Nursery, 22; Italian Mission, 36; King's Daughters, 36; Home of the Merciful Saviour, 24; Parish School, 24. Special: Sister Elizabeth, 14; Mrs. Carver, 12; Mrs. Clayton, 7; Mrs. Sausser, 16; Mrs. Crombarger, 3; Mrs. Bowden, 6: Mrs. Molloy, 8; Mattie, 5. Total, 703.

Lenten Sewing returned: 26 pieces.

Cash received: Mrs. Stratton, $1.00; Miss E. Bell, $2.00; Miss Dutilh, $1.00; Miss E. J. Magee, $5.00; Mrs. Beale, $2.00; Miss Ford, $3.00; Miss Williamson, $1.00; Mrs. Richardson, $10.00; Rev. Elwood Worcester, $60.00. Total, $85.00;

Goods donated by Anonymous, Miss Christopher, Mrs. Sinn, Anonymous, Miss E. Stevensen, Ladies' Aid Society, Miss Sanders, Miss H. L. Sanders, Miss Cleemann, King's Daughters, Miss Wilkins, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

Work donated: Red stole to Church House.

Paid for goods for Lenten Sewing, etc., $79.41; cash received, $85.00; balance, $5.59.

The Treasurer reports: General Fund, balance on hand, Nov. 8th, 1896, $12.97; received from Dr. Worcester, $100.00; from Miss Dupuy, Mrs. McKean, Mrs. Stratton, the Misses Tilghman, Miss Maulsby, $23.00; received for making surplice, etc., $17.37: collection for Easter Decorations, $132.78. Total, $286.12

Expended for flowers, embroidery lessons, materials, etc., $285.86; balance, 26c. Balance on White Altar Cloth Fund, $97.37. Expended, $10.83; balance, $86.54. Received for fund for Bishop Thompson's robes, $200.00. Expended for Bishop Thompson's robes, $200.00. Total balance, $86.80.

MARIA S. WILKINS, Secretary.

THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED from the Missionary Mite Boxes were forty-one dollars.

ELIZA J. MAGEE, Treasurer.

WITH THE COMING of Spring, annual reports appear giving the result of the winter's work. In the main, the season cannot be considered as having been a severe one, as demands for clothing have not been so numerous, nor, with a few exceptions, have the applicants been so absolutely poverty-stricken as in former years.

The total number of articles received during the year was 469, and 575 were distributed. Including a number of garments left over from the preceding year, the balance now on hand is 337. It has been found expedient to always keep a supply of warm underclothing for early distribution, as contrbutions do not come in very fast before December, and clothing is given away during the entire year under the supervision of the Deaconess.

The Treasurer reports a balance of $10.95 in the treasury.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

The first of May marks the end of our fiscal year. At this time, following the example of other corporations, we present a printed statement to our "Shareholders," by which they can judge of our financial condition and obtain some general insight into the work accomplished during the past year. In comparison with what we *ought* to have done it does not seem much. But in comparison with what some people thought we were *going* to do it seems a good deal. Most of us, especially during the fall and early winter, were entertained *ad nauseam* with dark prognostications of coming evil. The Rector among others received his full share. Of course the prophesies may still be fulfilled to the letter. It is best not to crow till we are out of the woods. But at the present time, thank God, we are sailing under a tolerably clear sky. The usual amount of work has been done. The usual obligations have been met and discharged. Probably few Episcopal Churches in Philadelphia have more uniformly large congregations, and in none does harmony and good feeling more generally prevail. All this is matter not of boasting and self-congratulation, but of devout thanksgiving to God, and it should inspire us all to do our best in the future. The strength of any structure, whether it is a church, a nation, or a human character, is in direct proportion to the sum of the virtue, the sacrifice and devotion laid at its foundation. Judged by this severe standard, we may hope that the future of St. Stephen's will be long and glorious.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

The Rector, as he writes these words, cannot help wondering if they will ever stand for anything more real than words. He confesses that at present they represent his pet ideal. Himself a countryman, he sometimes sighs for a breath of his native health. But it is not for himself primarily that he desires a farm. Most of us possess comfortable homes for the winter, and when the weather gets too warm we retire to the beautiful country that surrounds Philadelphia, or go to the sea or the mountains. But to a great many of our people this is not possible. They have not money enough to undertake a long journey, or to put up at an expensive summer hotel. They must stay at home and console themselves by talking about the weather, or reading in the newspaper that "this is the hottest July we have had since seventy-three." This is particularly hard on children and on invalids, and it is these two classes of persons which we have at present more particularly in mind.

St. Stephen's Farm, as it exists at present in imagination, would be primarily a summer home for children. Other churches, even newspapers, have such homes. Why should not we have one? We have the children. We have also competent persons to accompany them to take care of them. What we want is a pleasant country-place within easy access of Philadelphia to take them to. But this farm need not be for children only, nor would it be useful only in the summer season. There is that large and growing class of self-supporting young women who are working in Philadelphia far from home and their friends. What a boon it would be to them at any time of the year when compelled to rest awhile, in convalescence after sickness, or when merely worn out and unable to work, to have a quiet place of rest to which they can retire for a little while to gain fresh strength and courage for the battle of life. Lastly for many families who have no country places of their own. St. Stephen's Farm would be their country place where they could spend a pleasant day out of doors with their children.

This project is thoroughly practical, nor would it be expensive if we only had the farm. We are spending a good deal of money now in sending children into the country and in providing temporary homes for worthy young women, all which could be done more satisfactorily and economically on our own farm. We do not require a very large piece of ground. What we want is a small farm not too far from the city, pleasantly situated, with a substantial house and a barn. The Rector knows now a suitable man and woman to take charge of it. We should have a couple of horses, a few cows, poultry, and a few good dogs; who are often better company than men. (It was Lord Byron, we believe, who said "The more I see of men the better I like dogs.") We should raise our vegetables, a little fruit, and hay for our beasts. That would be the extent of our ambition as farmers of the soil. The rest of our time we should spend in cultivating human happiness.

Among the property holders of our congregation it is possible there may be some man or woman in possession of such a small farm, not a very good investment as it stands, but which might be made an excellent investment for life eternal. Perhaps that is too selfish a view to take of it. Let us say—that might yield a splendid crop of happy shouts and laughter, of red cheeks and sturdy arms and legs. At any rate we shall refuse no fair offer, either as a gift or as a lease. You give us the farm and we will do the rest. One thing, however, is certain, St. Stephen's must have a farm."

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY has sent out eight Missionary Boxes for the season of 1896-7. Domestic, five boxes; Indian Hope, one box, Freedmen, two boxes; total value, $571.15. In addition there will be sent, as usual, a box to Mrs. Buford, for her hospital.

JOSEPHINE LEWIS, Cor. Sec.

Box to Rev. J. N. Thompson, Mobile, Ala., December 20th, 1896, value $105.74. Overcoat to Rev. Mr. Tunnell, for student at King Hall, Washington, D. C., value $8.00, December 12th, 1896. Box of new underwear to students at King Hall, January 15th, 1897, value $40.00. Box to Rev. R. N. Avery, Palatka, Fla., April 12th, 1897, value $91.46. Box to Rev. B. E. Habersham, Portland, Oregon, April 12th, 1897, value $41.00. Box to Mrs. Pattie Buford, Lawrenceville, Va., April 20th, 1897, value $94.73.

Report of the Treasurer of St. Stephen's Aid Society, April 29th, 1897.

Cash balance, November, 1896, $240.02; cash received since that date, $541.68; total, $781.70. By cash expended for Missionary Boxes, $681.12; Balance on hand, $100.58.

MARY I. LEWIS, Treas.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH of the Girls' Friendly Society has at the present time 86 members, 8 probationers and 10 candidates. The meetings are held Monday and Thursday evenings. This winter, classes in dressmaking, cooking and singing were held on Thursday evenings, with Mrs. Johnson in charge. Monday evenings the interests are varied, as each associate instructs or amuses her band of girls as she deems wisest. One holds a current event class, another one in history, another reads and talks to her girls, while others teach embroidery. Occasionally the members are all brought together to enjoy a common interest. This winter Sister Elizabeth gave a course on nursing, on simple, practical lines, which we hope was helpful, as the girls were eager and interested. Sister Elizabeth also gives a short talk just before closing on Monday evenings. Not the least of our pleasures and helps are the talks Dr. Worcester occasionally gives the girls. The literature hour, from seven to eight, is in charge of our Literature Associate, and is one of the most successful features of our work. The members arranged an entertainment during the winter for the benefit of the Cape May Holiday House, the proceeds of which amounted to $52.50. They hope to make it $60.00 before we close. The mothers of the members were invited at Christmas to spend an evening with them, and were entertained with music, a living library of books, and ice cream and cake were served. They passed a bright and happy evening. An admission service was held February 22nd, admitting one associate and ten members.

Balance in Treasury, Nov. 6th, 1896, $61.85. Received: Dues from Associates, $7.60; donations, 50c.; from Dr Worcester, $50.00; Miss Sidford, $1.00; Mrs. Richardson, $5.00; members dues, $12.24; probationers dues, 20c.; dues from classes, $7.80; sale of books and badge 55c. Total, $146.74.

Expended: Mission House, N. Y., $4.00;

badges, $3.00; Diocesan Treasurer, $10.35; classes, $61.00; Christmas and Easter Entertainments, $20.75; tuning of piano, $2.50; Candidates' class, $1.00; keys to kitchen closet, $2.50; cooking materials and utensils, $16.40. Total, $121.60. Balance, $25.14.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY reports for the Year 1897: Donations and money received, $210.75; donation, (through Mr. Miller) $11.00; from Church Fund, (through Dr. Worcester) $25.00; contributing members, $15.00; active members, $4.50; total, $266.25; expenses, $235.50; balance, $30.75.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in April: Miss Garrett $5.00, Mrs. James P. Hillman $5.00, Miss Elizabeth Stevenson $5.00, Mrs. Moody $1.00, Miss H. F. Martin $1.00, Mr. Stephen Green $20.00, Mrs. M. E. Love $1.00.

Contributing members: Mrs. Moody $1.00, Mrs. W. H. Sinn $1.00.

Clothing from Mrs. Wetherley, 300 Easter cards from Miss Stevenson.

The children had a very happy Easter in the Sunday School room, April 20th. Mr. Illidge had been engaged to show them some of his beautiful stereopticon pictures, commencing with the Moon and Stars, Mount Vesuvius in eruption, etc. When a company of soldiers were approaching we could hear, on the phonograph, the drum and fife, or if a train of cars was shown a whistle could be heard. Another surprise was in store: 300 children were presented with bright metal Easter eggs, filled with sugar eggs. All went home happy, and felt grateful to those who helped to make it a happy Easter for them.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet May 5th and 19th, in Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock. Donation: Miss Sidford $1.00. Dues for Shoe Fund: Miss Dutilh 25 cents, Miss Gass 25 cents, Mrs. Wilder 25 cents. One pair of shoes from Miss Annie Denny. Received for tickets, since last report, from entertainment, $4.75. Received from the Lenten Sewing Society 36 garments, to be given to the poor.

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle, report: Money received during the year, $44.65; dues from members, $15.75; money received from entertainment, March 24th, $30.25; total, $90.65; expenses, $65.58; balance, $25.07. Received for Shoe Fund, $9.50; expenses, $5.25; balance, $4.25.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE, King's Daughters, reports forty-five flannel garments made. Ten were given to the Home of the Holy Child, thirty-five to the Garment Society of this Church.

The Circle regrets that its charity work is so much less than usual, owing to the long illness of the President.

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REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

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FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

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Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Seabrook, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

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Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.

Young Ladies' Bible Class, 4 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

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Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

June 6th—Whitsun-Day.
" 7th—Monday in Whitsun-Week.
" 8th—Tuesday in Whitsun-Week.
" 11th—St. Barnabas, (Friday).
" 13th—Trinity Sunday.
" 20th—First Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—Nativity St. John Baptist (Thursday).
" 27th—Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Peter, (Tuesday).

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

May 12th—Thomas Albert McCoy.
" 16th—Harry Clabaugh Hewson.

BURIED.

May 5th—Joseph Ball Van Dusen.
" 29th—Charles G. Artzt.

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

Indian Missions,	$94 36
Deaconesses' Retiring Fund,	41 36
General Charities,	257 20
Through Sister Elizabeth,	45 00
Special,	70 00
Total,	$507 92

BY A CLERICAL error in our general financial statement of last month, no mention was made of one hundred dollars given to the Rev'd J. E. Johnson for the Theatre Services conducted by him last winter at the "Trocadero," 10th and Arch streets.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

It is a profitless task to follow the proceedings of the Diocesan Convention in the daily papers. Churchmen, however, generally want to know what the Convention actually did.

First of all it was decided to raise $16,000 for Diocesan missions by apportionment among the parishes, and $10,000 by direct appeal. This is the same as last year.

The principal subject before the Convention was the proposed canon on New Places of Public Worship. As the law stood prior to the Convention, whenever a new church was to be erected at any point, the Rectors of the three churches nearest to that point were required to give their consent. If they refused, an appeal lay to the Bishop and Standing Committee, whose decision was final. The new canon adopted by the Convention provides for a petition to the Bishop in the first instance; notice is then to be given to the three nearest Rectors and to the Vestries, and they are given an opportunity to object. The arguments pro and con are then heard by the Bishop and Standing Committee. The latter then advises the Bishop, but the Bishop is not bound by this advice—he is to decide the question himself. The canon is not intended to exploit any theory of churchmanship, but rather to concentrate responsibility. The trend of modern legislation is in this direction, and better results seem likely to ensue from a concentrated rather than a divided responsibility.

The only other matter of importance was the subject of "Missionary Boundaries. It has long been felt that some plan should be devised by

which the whole diocese should be districted for missionary purposes, or, in other words, that every parish should have a definite portion of territory allotted to it, and then be held responsible for the missionary and charitable work within that territory. It was not possible all at once to put into operation any system and make it compulsory. The Convention, however, adopted a canon permitting the convocations to divide up territory in this way. This, it seems to us, is a step in the right direction. Probably at first some convocations will take advantage of the canon, while others will not. If it shall prove a success, it will no doubt be universally adopted, and our missionary work be carried on more intelligently and systematically.

These are the most important acts of the Convention. The proceedings were characterized by very earnest debate, but the best of feeling prevailed at all times.

ON THE MORNING of Ascension Day Miss Jane Hall, who for several years has rendered important services to St. Stephen's, was "set apart" for the office and work of a deaconess. The service was very interesting, and the chancel was beautifully adorned with white flowers. The Rev. Dr. Perry preached the sermon, and the Bishop of the diocese ordained. Miss Hall will carry with her to her new work the best wishes of her many friends and her scholars in St. Stephen's.

In the afternoon of Ascension Day a goodly number of our congregation assisted in the commemoration of Founder's Day, at the Burd Asylum. The day was perfect, and our beautiful Asylum, embowered in green, never appeared to better advantage. The chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity when the procession, headed by sweet little girls in white, carrying banners, filed in, singing a hymn composed by the organist, Mr. Squires. In the chancel were Dr. Snively, Mr. Miller, Archdeacon Brady, Rev's Henry Hoyt and S. C. Hill. Dr. Worcester made the address, speaking on Woman's place in Nature and in the Kingdom of God. After the service the visitors inspected the different parts of the institution, and found them all in a most satisfactory condition. A fine collation was served in the refectory, and all returned to their homes well pleased. If the dead have knowledge of the events of this world, MRS. BURD'S generous spirit must rejoice to see how this great work of hers is flourishing.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER has been received from Bishop Thompson, whose visit to St. Stephen's during Lent will long be remembered by those who heard his fine sermons and addresses:

JACKSON, MISS., May 13th, 1897.

MY DEAR DR. WORCESTER:

The "Robes" have arrived, and are greatly admired by the ladies of the household.

Will you kindly convey to the ladies who gave them, my warmest thanks for this beautiful and timely gift? I shall feel quite as well dressed as any Bishop has any right to be.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Worcester, and pleasant memories,

I am, my dear Dr.,

Very sincerely yours,

HUGH MILLER THOMPSON.

THE EVENING SERVICE on Whitsunday will be held on Sunday, June 6th, in the Church, at quarter before eight o'clock. The Rector will preach the annual bacalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the University of Pennsylvania. The front pews in the middle aisle will be reserved for the students. All the congregation are invited to be present and to take part in this service.

THE RECTOR, on the afternoon of June 6th, will preach the annual sermon for the graduating class of the Boys' School at Bustleton.

ON WEDNESDAY, June 23rd, the Rector will deliver the Phi Beta Kappa Oration before the professors and undergraduates of Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

THE MANAGERS of the Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church present to the congregation its thirty-second annual report. During the season of 1896–97 the money received and expended has been as follows: Balance from last year, $163.91; offertory, $144.53; from sales, $561.25; subscriptions, $37.50: total, $907.19. Paid for dry goods, etc., $441.45; paid sewing women, $366.76; for pensioners, $54.50: total, $862.71. Balance, $44.48. Fifty women have been employed and 2,005 garments made by them. The Managers are greatly indebted to the members of the congregation who purchased these articles, and also to the Ladies' Aid Society for having bought from them seventy-five dollars' worth of clothing, etc., to send to Mrs. Buford.

L. C. WHITLOCK, Secretary.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in May:

From a Friend,	$4 00
Contributing members:	
Mrs. John Heyl,	1 00
Rev. Charles E. Milnor,	1 00
Mrs. Charles E. Milnor,	1 00
Mrs Samuel Hopper,	1 00

Received from the Lenten Society 12 pieces of clothing.

The Excursions will commence the latter part of June if the weather should be favorable.

When you are away this summer please do not forget the little ones in the crowded streets in the city.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet, June 2nd and 16th, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

Received for Shoe Fund: Miss Stevenson, 25 cents; Mrs. H. P. Taylor, 25 cents; Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 25 cents.

From Mrs. Joseph Clayton, two pairs of shoes.

This Circle has given out this month clothing to two families, and one pair of shoes Bibs are being made for the Day Nursery.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

A very happy birthday party took place on the fifth of May, given by one of St. Stephen's little members.

Grace Putman, being through illness unable to keep her own birthday in the usual way, asked that some other children might be made happy, and celebrate the day instead.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, if you had peeped into the Parish House, you would have seen a pretty sight. On the table stood a splendid cake, brilliantly lighted with eleven candles, telling the age of the sick child. Standing round were smiling boys and girls, looking very interested in a number of packages and boxes. The smiles increased when it was found that the packages, boxes of candy, cake and flowers were all to be carried home. Before the cutting of the cake each child held a lighted candle, and sent messages of thanks and best wishes for restored health to the "little Sister." At a given signal the candles were blown out, the cake cut, and little fingers began tugging at the string and paper that hid from sight boots, dress, suit of clothes, etc. Beside the *children* being made happy, three families received large parcels of groceries. I feel sure that "little Sister" never received so many thanks and good wishes before on her birthday as were sent her this year.

Visits paid from May to June 1st:

Ordinary visits,	126	Classes taken,	5
Sick,	8	Meetings,	2
Total,	134		

Best thanks to: Miss M. Lewis, for clothes; Lenten Sewing Society, for petticoats and pinafores; Mrs. Newlin, for magazines and pictures; Mrs. Hillman, for a very nice parcel of clothes; Miss Eisenbrey, for old linen and magazines; Mrs. Craven, for three pairs of boots and stockings; Mrs. E. Putman, for a quantity of flowers; Miss Grace Putman, for flowers, several times; Mrs. Borie, for men's clothes.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$1 09	Boots,	$2 25
Miss Grace Putman,	20 00	Milk,	1 00
Mrs. Scovell,	25 00	"Birthday party,"	25 00
		Groceries,	3 35
	$46 09	Clothes,	1 00
			27 60
		On hand	18 49
			$46 09

THE ANNUAL EXCURSION of the Boys' Guild of St. Stephen's Church was on Saturday, May 29th, Decoration Day. The Guild went to Burlington, N. J., and were then taken in two wagons to the farm of Miss Ellen L. Parrish, which

was offered to them for the day's sports. The boys and young men were accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Miller and the honorary members Miss H. W. Sanders and Miss Stratton. The day was a delightful May day. The time was spent in playing base-ball and in athletic contests. Handsome silver prizes, with the Guild colors and date, were presented to the winners. All returned safely home, declaring it was the best excursion of the Guild so far.

100 Yards Dash, won by Charles Moore, second Geo. Pfeiffer; 220 Yards Dash, won by Charles Moore, second Alfred Hart; 440 Yards Dash, won by Charles Moore, second H. P. Christensen; one-half Mile run, won by Charles Moore, second Harry P. Christensen; 1 Mile run, won by Geo. Pfeiffer, second Charles Moore; 16lb Shot-put, won by Alfred Hart, second Geo. Pfeiffer; Running Broad Jump, won by Harry P. Christensen, second A. Hart; High Jump, won by A. Hart, second Alfred Keys.

SELECTED.

Opportunity.

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's banner
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.
A craven hung along the battle's edge,
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel,
That blue blade that the king's son bears—but this
Blunt thing—!" he snapt and flung it from his hand,
And, lowering, crept away and left the field,
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore, beset,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout
Lifted afresh he hewed the enemy down,
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St. Stephen's Church.

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No. 1318 Locust Street.

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No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

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SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Seabrook, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.

Young Ladies' Bible Class, 4 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

July 4th—Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 11th—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 25th —Sixth Sunday after Trinity and St. James.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

June 13th—Armando Manuel Gomez.
" 13th—Mary Elizabeth McKnight.

MARRIED.

June 1st—George Burk Goudy and Laura Nicholson.
" 16th—Stephen Rush Ketcham, M. D., and Margaret Hance Waln.
" 21st—Charles John Faulstich and Mattie Ball.

BURIED.

June 9th—Adelaide Virginia Brunner.
" 30th—Thomas Albert McCoy.

OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

General Charitable and Benevolent Work.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

General Charities,	$133 64
Fresh Air Fund,	51 47
Through Sister Elizabeth,	57 00
Through Mrs. Vanderslice,	56 00
Total,	$298 11

AMIABILITY.

Amiability is the first and the chief of Christian virtues. An unamiable Christian is a very bad Christian indeed. He who has not learned amiability from Christ has surely studied Him amiss, for Jesus must have been divinely amiable to be loved as He was loved.

It is one of the strangest contradictions that Christianity should make so many persons unamiable on principle, and yet amiability is at least one half its message. We deceive ourselves finely on this point. Our surliness toward our brother, our contempt for him, is zeal for the truth. Suppose it is. Do such truths as Jesus taught need to be enforced by surliness in order to make them accepted? Does not unamiability rob them of almost all their charm? But this man you say is such an awful heretic. We must throw a little mud on him to let people see what he is. If he is an amiable heretic, he is nearer the truth than you are. Most of the Saints have traversed this earth their garments defiled by the mire of intolerance, their faces shining with the light of God.

That is a lesson little minds will never learn. It seems to them a mere betrayal of truth, a strange indifference to principles dearer than life. And so it would be if Christianity were a mere set of ready-made opinions. But, thank God, it is not that. Christianity is Spirit and Life. Even if your dogma were so luminous and so comprehensive as to include and to shed light upon all things human and divine, it need not make you unamiable. To be in possession of such a truth as this ought to bring a man much peace. He should be careful not to mar its beauty in order that other men may love it too. Even if they will not love it, he should still love them.

Jesus, it is true, had few dogmas. He had beliefs—beliefs the most vast, the most positive that have ever taken possession of the soul of man. It was his lot to see those beliefs rejected

by the majority, accepted by very few; but that did not embitter him. It did not destroy his faith either in himself or in human nature. He loved men at least as much as he loved the truth. For this reason all hearts that are susceptible to love are well disposed toward the truth as it is in Jesus. It does not follow however that men will be equally well disposed to the truth as it is in you or in me, if we are fretful, peevish persons. "Though I speak with the tongue of men and of angels and have not charity I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." Benevolence, sweetness, and good manners disarm opposition. They throw a charm about a creed behind which few persons care to penetrate. "Religion," as St. Frances said, "consists in doing our work singing, in praising God from morning till night by gaiety, resignation and good humor." There is a philosophy in those words a thousand times profounder than the philosophy of those systems over which we grow so heated and angry. If Christians would seriously cultivate the amiability of Jesus for one year it is probable that at the end of that time we should not have a conscientious unbeliever in our midst.

At the recent Commencement of Hobart College, the Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered by Dr. McConnell. Needless to say, it was very much admired. To Dr. McConnell's other distinctions must now be added the degree of Doctor of Civil Law (D. C. L.) which was conferred upon him by the new President of Hobart, the Rev. Robert E. Jones.

At the same Commencement the Rector of St. Stephen's was honoured with the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. He was also gratified by the gift of a very beautiful hood in scarlet and gray. It seems to him, however, that academic distinctions of this sort are scarcely in keeping in the usual services of the House of God. There we all appear as sinners in great need of mercy, not as birds of paradise desirous to display our bright plumage. He will therefore excuse himself to the kind donors for not wearing his hood, which he values very highly, on ordinary occasions.

During the month of June Mr. Miller has been enjoying, we trust, a well earned holiday. When Mr. Miller is absent the amount he contributes to the smooth movement of our parochial machinery becomes very apparent.

The Rector wishes that all members of the congregation who occasionally think they would like to have a boy choir in order to be in the fashion, could have attended the service held for the graduating students of the University of Pennsylvania on the evening of Whit-Sunday. On that occasion, owing to an engagement of long standing, Mr. Wood was unable to be present. He was also obliged to take our usual choir to sing at the Commencement Service at Ogontz School, and we had a boy choir. For this choir and its organist we have nothing but praise, especially as they were good enough to come to our assistance at short notice, and to help us out of a serious difficulty. But we at St. Stephen's are accustomed to the singing of a choir of artists who have imbibed the ideas of a man of genius. If that makes us critical, it should also make us appreciative. While we have the light let us rejoice in the light.

Like most clergymen in charge of large churches the Rector receives a great many anonymous letters. Some of these are so interesting and so kind that he wishes he might know the writers and thank them for their generous appreciation. Some few are neither kind nor generous. It is this class of communication that usually finds its way to the public press. To write an anonymous letter of a derogatory nature betrays an illiberal mind. It argues that the author is ashamed of his own production, and judges it unworthy of his name. Such words are best left unwritten, but, if they are written, honourable persons know how to let them pass with the silent contempt they deserve.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

June is the month for Commencements and St. Stephen's Parish School was not behind the times. June the 18th proved a bright warm day, and by three o'clock a happy procession of children set out from the Parish House with smiling faces and cheerful voices. Soon a nearly empty car appeared in sight and was quickly filled and on its way to Fairmount Park; arriving there another car was found waiting, and the beautiful ride to Chamounix completed the journey. A scramble up the grassy hill to a long flat shady spot induced the elder members of the party to rest on seats under the trees and watch the children as they wandered off in little groups to gather flowers, chatter, roll on the grass, shout and sing to their hearts' content. Supper was served at 5 o'clock, followed by ice cream and cake; games were played, last bunches of daisies gathered for mothers and friends left behind in the city, and the all too short day came quickly to an end. Nine o'clock saw everyone safely at home.

Saturday afternoon another picnic party started from the 8th Ward Settlement House, chiefly composed of little coloured children, some not more than four years of age. The capacity for walking which these small tots showed was quite wonderful, and they kept well up with their elder sisters until the car at Market street was reached. East Park was their destination and much the same programme was gone through: games, races and prizes; then followed supper on the grass, sandwiches, strawberries, cake, candy, and plenty of sweet fresh milk. It is difficult for us to realize what such outings are to these children. One girl of fourteen said she had never been "on a picnic" before nor had she even seen the Park.

How fully repaid those kind friends would be who so generously gave the money for these fresh air excursions could they have *seen* the faces and *heard* the shouts of delight that I have seen and heard from nearly 100 children during the last three weeks! Two other parties are being arranged for, one for the mothers, (who need the little change and rest as much as their bairnes,) and the other for children. My best thanks to my kind helpers. Miss Malery, Miss Kate Lewis, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Crom and Miss Anna Bartley.

Visits paid from June 1st to July 1st:

Ordinary visits,	130
Sick Visits,	5
Total,	135

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$18 49	Groceries,	$ 8 03
Miss Wilkins,	20 00	Butcher,	2 75
Mrs. Richardson,	20 00	Car fares,	12 28
Miss Sidford,	2 00	Ice Cream,	5 00
Miss McCullough,	2 00	Cake,	2 65
Mrs. Newlin,	1 00	Candy,	1 00
Miss Buckwater,	2 00	Druggist,	1 20
Thro' Dr. Worcester,	25 00	Rents,	4 50
In Memory of Charlemagne Tower Putnam,	10 00	Milk,	2 80
		Shoes,	6 25
		Provisions for Picnic,	4 90
		Fruit for Sick,	50
		Bread,	1 55
		Washing clothes, etc.,	50
		Clothes,	2 00
		For work,	5 00
		Shoes, (omitted by error in last report)	7 00
			67 91
		On hand,	32 58
	$100 49		$100 49

Most grateful thanks to: Mrs. John Smith, for two white wrappers; Mrs. Sinn, six glasses of jelly; Miss Fannie Keim, two pairs boots, one pair rubbers and two garments; Miss Davison, a basket of lovely roses; Miss Eisenbrey, toys and air cushion; Miss Ruth Snyder, roses.

Sister Elizabeth leaves the city July 10th for her own Fresh Air Outing.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY the Children's Friend Society in June:

Miss Elizabeth Stevenson,	$ 5 00
Miss Garrett,	10 00
Miss Laura Bell,	5 00
From Glenwood Singing Society,	24 00
Mrs. H. F. Martin,	1 00
Mrs. Anna M. Kelly,	2 00
Mrs. W. Williamson,	5 00
Through Dr. Worcester,	50 00
Contributing members:	
Mrs. H. F. Martin,	1 00
Miss L. L. Williamson,	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Rumpp,	1 00
Miss Mary Rumpp,	1 00
Total,	$106 00

The first and one of the most enjoyable excursions the children have had was on June 26th.

Punctually at half past one o'clock you could see two cars at Tenth and Arch streets ready to take a party of 94 to George's Hill. Their bright little faces show what one of the children said after their fun was over expressing her pleasure, "A day of days."

Everything was in their favor as the weather was all that could be desired and everything was on time and all were happy.

On reaching George's Hill, hats were taken off and they were ready for a game of ball, London bridge, Chickens have Feathers, and many other games that children delight in, until it was time for ice cream and cake. There was yet another surprise for them, and that was a ride on the new Trolley road starting from George's Hill across the bridge to Dauphin street and back to Elm avenue. The ride was enjoyed much by all and the children were very much interested in the changing of the colors at the signal stations, and in going under the bridges shouting to hear the echo.

The members of this society feel very much indebted to the Glenwood Singing Society for this excursion, as the money they so kindly donated from their Concert paid entirely for this outing and made the little ones very happy.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE Whatsoever Circle meet July 7th and 21st, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock. The members of this Circle wish to continue a little work all summer and to help those in want.

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" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
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Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.

Young Ladies' Bible Class, 4 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

September 5th—Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.
" 12th—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 19th—Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 21st—St. Matthew, (Tuesday.)
" 26th—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Michael and All Angels, (Wed.)

OFFERINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST.

General Charities, . . .	$63 69
Children's Friend Society, . .	62 00
Total, ...	$125 69

OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

For General Charities.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

July 18th—Annie Webb Johnstone.
" 18th—Lucy de Worrall Minor.

BURIED.

July 4th—Margaret Fox.
" 9th—Lelia Roberta Mosby.
" 13th—Sarah Jane Little.
" 27th—Norris S. Swain.
" 28th—Jane Redmond Hale Goodwin.
Aug. 10th—Lydia Phillips.

THE PARISH DAY SCHOOL will open on Wednesday morning, September 8th, at 9 o'clock, in the School building.

THE REV. DR. WORCESTER started in July for his summer vacation. He will be absent from the parish until about the middle of September. A letter, lately received from him, states that he and his family are at Digby, Nova Scotia. He enjoys the climate and is getting neeeded rest after the earnest labors of the past year.

THE CHOIR WAS off on its vacation during the month of August. The regular services of the Church were held on Sundays at 11 o'clock. On the Festival of the Transfiguration, Friday, August 6th, the Holy Communion was celebrated. On Sunday, September 5th, the Choir will return, and once more the services will be all the more attractive by the inspiring music that the people of the parish have learned to love so well.

ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY of August, in the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Miller was invited to the House of Refuge at Glen Mills to preach to the boys at their regular Sunday Service. There were 800 boys of all ages present, and with the many visitors the large hall was greatly crowded. It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to preach to the boys there. They are so well behaved, and give such earnest attention to all that is said. The possibilities for good are infinite.

ONCE MORE THE CALL is for teachers for the Sunday School. Year after year the call is given, and has been responded to in past years by many faithful and earnest people. We open the school on the first Sunday in October. We shall need teachers for new classes to be formed and to take

charge of classes whose teachers have moved away from the city. We want them to be communicants who can give their time and ability, and who will endeavor to be earnest, regular and punctual in their attendance. This is one of the most important departments of Church work. In a congregation so large as ours we can rightly expect to find many who will be glad to respond to this appeal. Let these offer their services to the Clergy early in the season that the School may be well organized at the opening sessions.

SISTER ELIZABETH IS AT present away from the parish enjoying it is hoped a well earned vacation. During the past year she has been actively engaged visiting the needy and sick, teaching in the Sunday School, having charge of a large and growing classs of young women. Though but a short time in the parish her influence for good has been greatly felt. She has endeared herself to all with whom she has come into contact by her helpful sympathy and Christian benevolence.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

In the June Report I spoke of "Outings" yet to be—now I am glad to be able to tell of fine bright weather for all three. The Mothers' Picnic to Fairmount Park was a great success; they were not at all above playing games, and after Tea the old English game of Johnny Nimble was thoroughly enjoyed. Johnny succeeded in capturing all the sheep, and the poor shepherd after some hard work in attempting to rescue them had to give up his flock quietly. One mother (I am not quite sure she is not a *grandmother*) said she felt *ten* years younger at the end of that day.

A few days after a number of little folks had a very happy time at the Zoological Gardens; they saw the lions and tigers feed, treated the elephants to peanuts, and with great delight watched the monkeys, seals, etc.; later on they went to the beautiful grassy slope by the ravine and played games. Ice cream and cake stopped play for a little space, but games were quickly renewed when the good things disappeared. Heavy clouds and thunder sent the little people home earlier than usual, but fortunately the storm did not break until all were safely housed. A modest request was made next day by one little fellow, "Please may I have one of the big cats out of Sister's yard?" The desired *cat* was a tiger, and my "yard," the Zoological gardens.

Visits made from July 1st to 10th:

Ordinary visits,	70
Sick visits,	4
Total,	74

Best thanks to: Mrs. Taylor, for jelly; Mrs. Rittenhouse, for Infant's sacque.

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A Friend,	45	Car fares,	14 30
Thro'Dr. Worcester,	15 00	Entrance to Zoo,	3 05
		Fruit for sick,	65
		Boat,	35
		Butcher,	1 60
		Ice Cream,	7 60
		Cake,	2 25
		Milk,	3 00
		Eggs,	18
		Groceries,	5 58
		Railway tickets,	6 00
		For work,	2 00
			47 06
		On hand,	52
	$47 58		$47 58

I wish all my readers could see the beautiful view before me as I write, the old Lake Seneca, blue and clear, with the tiniest of ripples playing in the sunshine, sloping fields golden with grain ripened to harvest, trees drooping their branches to kiss the smiling waters, and overhead a blue and cloudless sky.

MISS KATE LEWIS received a beautiful cake on the Fourth of July from the Mothers, to whom she sends her best thanks.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in July:

From Mrs. H. M. Crombarger,	$2 00
From L. B. C. (Through Mr. Miller)	10 00

Donations received in August:

Miss Elizabeth Stevenson,	5 00
Mrs. Charles H. Hillman,	5 00
Mrs. A. F. Martin,	1 00
Mrs. Samuel J. Culbertson,	10 00
Mrs. R. L. Pancoast,	10 00
From S. M. C.,	5 00
Miss Cleemann,	1 00
Through Rev. J. L. Miller,	10 00

Contributing members July and August:

Mrs. James Arrison,	1 00
Mrs. A. F. Martin,	1 00
Mrs. J. R. Smith,	1 00
Total,	$62 00

Donation of forty tickets for the Zoological Gardens, Mrs. Charles G. Artz.

Clothing that has been given (a great help) from Miss Stevenson.

In 1887, two or three ladies, members of St. Stephen's Church, who were in the city most of the summer months, invited about a half dozen poor children to go with them to the Park for a ride. A lunch was provided them, and the children were all so happy and had such a good time that the ladies concluded to repeat the same thing the following Saturday, increasing the number.

Friends were asked for five cents to take a poor child a ride. So encouraged and interested were the ladies in the little ones that they kept on all summer. Others became interested and finally it was called the Children's Friend Society of St. Stephen's Church. It grew from a half dozen children's names to about four hundred.

Much good has been done, and the children have had many a good time, but the excursions enjoyed most of all and of most benefit were those to the Sea Shore. It is regretted very much that the large number of bathing suits presented by the members of the Church could not be put to good use before the naughty moth had a chance to devour them. It is hoped, however, that he will kindly leave them for the little ones to have a bath in next summer. However, kind friends have remembered the children, and nearly three hundred have had an outing so far this summer.

August 9th forty were taken to the Zoological Gardens. They very much enjoyed seeing the large elephants bathe; they asked many questions and were much interested in the animals.

Invitations are being given for another excursion to the Zoological Gardens this week.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet September 1st and 15th, in the Parish House, at half-past seven o'clock.

Work has continued in this Circle all summer. Two dozen bibs were made and given to the Day Nursery, 4th and Pine Streets. Three dozen bean bags were made for the Children's Friend Society. Jelly was sent to the sick; clothing and three pairs of shoes were given to poor children, and an entire infant's outfit to a poor little baby.

Received for Shoe Fund from Mrs. H. H. Higham, one pair of new shoes.

CHURCH MUSIC.

There are two ideas of Church Music prevailing among musicians, one is to make it as elaborate as possible. They emphasize purely the musical side of the performance. They aim at musical display. They purposely exclude everything from the service that a moderately cultured congregation could take part in. Even the plain chants and hymn tunes are often of such a nature that the average person would find it almost impossible to sing. The other view taken by some musicians is to make the music extremely simple; so much so that they rule out everything which modern musical art has created in the way of expression. Some people hold that Church music should be entirely stripped of all emotion and sentiment. These people would take us back to the mediæval period when all music was a sort of rude chant, depending for its accent and rhythm on language and utterly devoid of the finer expression which is recognized as belonging to a later period. They would hear nothing in the Church but the old Gregorian tones. This seems to be in place and keeping with the character of the Roman Church but with the ideas brought in at the Reformation there is called forth a corresponding change in the music of the Church.

All music such as we know it is contemporaneous with Christianity. From all that we can gather the music of the ancient Jewish temple service would be to our ears a mere jargon, a confusion of sounds. Music was the last of all the fine arts that developed to any high degree. It was impossible for it to advance materially until man had reached a high state of moral and religious development. As we develope spiritually the masters of musical art give additional expres-

sion to the inner spiritual life. Between these two ideas, the elaborate and the simple,—the two extremes of musical art—there is a happy medium and here lies the proper course to pursue.

There is no lack of good sacred music from the pens of the best English, German and American composers sufficient to satisfy all diversities of tastes. There is abundant opportunity for the best choirs to display their skill in the rendering of these works, notably in the anthems and set canticles. Thanks to the conscientiousness of the musicians, the music is of such an order as to give no offense to any unbiased person. There is also scope for good congregational singing in the plain chants and hymns of the Church. No congregation should be deprived of its right to take part in the service simply because it may be the will or the whim of some pretentious director. There need be no clashing between the choir and congregation as is often the case. That each should receive due consideration at the proper time and place is a fair rule which certainly ought to be acceptable to all. In that part of the service which would seem to belong more especially to the congregation, the hymns, plain chants, etc., the choir masters would do well to consider the rights and feelings of the people taking part in the worship. It often happens a good congregational tune is utterly misused by the choir insisting on taking the movement too rapidly. Large bodies move slowly and this is as true in music as in the other things.

Any piece of music when sung by a large number of voices should be taken much slower than when rendered by a few. This principle is observed by the very best musical directors. Handel's Hallelujah Chorus when sung by a chorus of four or five thousand could not with any degree of musical propriety be taken with the same spirited tempo as when performed by a chorus of some twenty-five voices. The truth is in congregational singing it matters little whether the choir takes part or not, except perhaps for the matter of giving the people a start at the beginning where they naturally look for some one to prompt them. When the people are perfectly familiar with a tune they should be allowed to sing it pretty much in their own way. At all events any marked interference on the part of a choir is likely to result in confusion and often proves most disasterous.

Some years ago the writer was present at a large enthusiastic missionary meeting at the Academy of Music in this city where a grand opportunity was given for stirring congregational singing. The hymns chosen were all familiar and in perfect keeping with the occasion, and the tunes selected were equally familiar. The choir engaged to lead the singing started off at a break-neck speed which it maintained throughout the entire performance. The congregation after vainly struggling through the first verse or two gave up in despair and quietly allowed the ambitious singers to finish in their own way, and so the effect of the singing was spoiled and the meeting otherwise so inspiring was musically speaking a miserable failure.

In our own parish the congregational singing is deserving of the highest praise. Strangers attending the service in speaking of the worship express their delight and astonishment at the manner in which this part of the service is given. This is no doubt due to the fact that proper regard is always paid to the musical capabilities of the average church goer. He is a worshipper and though perhaps not a trained musician yet he is asked to take part in the singing and it is thought but courteous to give him a fair chance to do it if he is so disposed.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.
Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 4 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

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It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

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FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

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CALENDAR.

October 3rd—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 10th—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 17th—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 18th—St. Luke. (Monday.)
" 24th—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 28th—SS. Simon and Jude.
" 31st—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

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PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

September 14th—Helen Stoddard Trehde.

MARRIED.

September 11th—Samuel O. Paul and Harriet Carpenter.
September 13th—Lee Sparks and Bertha Arline Williams.
September 20th—William Franklin Echard and Anna Frances Graff.
September 29th—Robert Ritchie and Elizabeth H. Charlton.

BURIED.

September 4th—Mrs. Mary J. Guion.
" 5th—Mrs. Louisa Drew.
" 13th—Mrs. Jane Rebecca Henderson.
" 18th—Mrs. Mary A. Goheen.
" 27th—Robert H. Ball.

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY in October the regular hours of Church services will be resumed. Service in the morning at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4 o'clock.

THE REV. DR. WORCESTER has returned from his vacation and will preach on Sunday, October 3rd.

ON THE THIRD SUNDAY in October, the annual offering will be taken for Domestic Missions. This is the offering asked for by the General Board of Missions. This Board carries forward the missionary work in nineteen missionary jurisdictions, and thirty-five dioceses; also among the Indians, and among the Colored people in our land. In its appeal the Missionary Society of the Church states that it needs money to pay the salaries of twenty-one Bishops, and stipends to 1368 missionary workers, and to support schools, hospitals and orphanages. $650,000 are asked this year. The Church relies upon the generous offerings of men, women and children in all parts of the Church. Our parish is asked to do its share.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS will open on Sunday, October 3rd, at a quarter before ten o'clock. The sessions last an hour, closing at a quarter before eleven o'clock, in time for the Church service at eleven o'clock. The former scholars and teachers

will be gladly welcomed back after the summer vacation. We shall need several new teachers to fill vacancies and also to take charge of new classes that we hope to form. There is always need of teachers, but the chief thing is to have earnest Communicants of the Church who are capable of teaching and who will be regular and punctual in their attendance. It always is easy to keep a large and successful school if the classes are in charge of faithful and painstaking teachers.

The sure way to impair the usefulness of a school is to have the teachers irregular in their attendance. The scholars become indifferent. They go home with a sad tale of idle time spent, and the complaint is the cause of breaking up the class, and very soon scholars as well as teachers are lost to the school. We make our appeal for good teachers. Men and women who love children, who want to help the Church in giving solid religious instruction, are asked to aid in the Sunday School. Surely we have every right to believe that many such can be found in a congregation as large as St. Stephen's.

VERY SOON THE many active Societies for Church work in our parish will begin their work for the coming season. The Female Benevolent Society, The Altar Society, The St. Stephen's Aid Society, The Garment Committee, The Girl's Friendly Society, The Boys' Guild, The King's Daughters, The Children's Friend Society, these are the agencies for Church work in our parish. They all will make their appeal for helpers. Many of the earnest women of our parish have been actively associated with these Societies. Others are asked to look over the list and to select for themselves such departments of work where they can most profitably assist. If any feel ready to do so they can send in their names to the heads of the various Societies or speak to the Clergy and they will be gladly welcomed into the ranks of our Church workers.

THE BIBLE CLASS will meet next Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, at three o'clock, in the Guild Room, when we shall hope to see all the old members and be glad to welcome new ones.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE will resume its work every Monday at the usual place and time.

Monday, Oct. 4th—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 11th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 18th—Sister Elizabeth, Miss Sanders.
" " 25th—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

BEST THANKS TO Mrs. Williamson for a very useful parcel of clothes, also to Mrs. Lineaweaver, whose gift was received some weeks ago, but through an oversight was not acknowledged in last month's NEWS as it ought to have been.

THE SUMMER WORK of the Children's Friend Society ended September 4th. Fifty Children were taken to the Zoological Gardens. They were much interested in seeing the animals fed and in visiting them. On their way home they were taken to Sedgely where they had Ice Cream and Cake and biscuits, afterwards they had a good play and got home about seven o'clock.

The question is now what shall we do for them this winter?

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet October 6th and 20th in the Parish House half past seven o'clock.

The meeting September 15th was very much enjoyed, as a great many of the Members had returned from their summer vacation. All were busy sewing or cutting out, and each one had so much to talk about that half-past nine o'clock came too quickly.

THE BOYS' GUILD will begin its winter's work on the first Thursday in October, at 8 P. M. The membership includes young men and boys over thirteen years of age who have accepted the rules of the Guild and have been voted in by the organization. Any boy can become a member. Initiation ten cents, and dues five cents a month. The Guild has been in existence many years and has reached a great many boys, some of whom have now grown up into manhood and still keep their connection and interest in it. Literary entertainments are given, and there are Athletic Sports during the winter. Last year a Professor of Athletics was engaged by Dr. Worcester and his teachings proved of much benefit to very many members of the Guild.

BISHOP RULISON.

The Rt. Rev. Nelson Somerville Rulison, D. D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, who died at Bad Nauheim, Germany, on September 1st, was buried last Friday, September 17th, from the Church of the Nativity, South Bethlehem, Pa.

Church dignitaries from all parts of the country, nearly every clergyman in the diocese, and relatives and friends of the dead prelate crowded the spacious edifice in the afternoon, where the impressive services which the Church holds over its dead were solemnized. From the arrival of the remains on Thursday morning, the body had been lying in state within the chancel rail of the Church. The body reposed in a handsome black casket, over which was draped a purple pall. Palms and wreaths of flowers were placed on the the casket, and the Bishop's throne in the church was draped in purple.

Sixteen members of the Bible class of the church, in relays of four, had watched over the body as a guard of honor from the time of its arrival in the church, and hundreds visited the church during the two days. At eleven o'clock on Friday the Holy Communion was celebrated in the church, the rector, the Rev. Gilbert H. Sterling, officiating.

At 2 o'clock the funeral ceremonies were held. The clergy and active and honorary pall-bearers assembled at the parish house half an hour earlier. The clergy, vested in their robes, moved to the main entrance of the church in double rank and then opened ranks while the choir, officiating clergy, bishops and pall-bearers passed between them into the church.

The Opening Sentences of the Burial Office were read by Bishop Scarborough, of New Jersey; the Psalms were chanted impressively, and Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, read the Lesson. After the singing of a hymn, Bishop Whitehead read the Creed and Collects and pronounced the blessing. The other bishops present in the chancel were Bishop Littlejohn and Bishop Walker.

After the singing of the first verse of the Recessional the body was carried by the active pall-bearers to the hearse. The bishops, officiating clergy, pall-bearers, and clergymen followed the body to the cemetery. At the grave Bishop Coleman read the anthem and the committal services. The Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester, of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, son-in-law to the dead prelate, recited the closing prayers and Bishop Coleman pronounced the benediction. The singing of the funeral hymn brought the sad ceremonies to a close at the grave of a bishop whom clergy and laity had learned to love, honor and esteem.

In the same church, on the following Sunday morning, Bishop Whitehead preached a sermon commemorative of the late Bishop Rulison, taking for his text a portion of the Epistle, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," etc. (Gal. v: 22), as outlining the character of the late lamented Bishop. He said as follows:

"As our minds go back over Bishop Rulison's career, and particularly over the too few years of his truly successful episcopate—years made shorter by this very quality of which we speak—how conspicuous all along is the first fruit of the Spirit—love. The clergy and people of this diocese can bear witness, who have noted with admiration, sometimes with amazement, latterly with dread, the unwearied activity which carried him over and over again through the ceaseless round of visitations, every year increasing, leaving his home for the greater part of the year that he might minister to others. What but the love of God and His Church could prompt so diligent and and persistant service? What but love to man could maintain a life so crowded with unselfish effort? You who have seen him so frequently arrive and depart, have been able to appreciate more perhaps than others who live elsewhere, how untiring and self-sacrificing that life has been, and can the better testify to its eminent devotion to a high ideal of service to both God and man. Nor was this devotion limited even by the wide confines of this great diocese. Far beyond your borders were the dear Bishop's face and voice familiar, as he stood forth to proclaim the words of eternal life, or to plead most ardently and eloquently for the missions of our Church in far-off portions of the United States. He was a

preacher honored among our best, and an advocate for onward advance which few, if any, could surpass. Difficult as it will be to fill his seat as bishop of this diocese, more difficult still will it be to find anyone to take his place as leader and counsellor in the General Board of Missions. His knowledge of the field, his fervent interest in the work, his hopeful outlook for the future of our missionary enterprises—made his influence and power pre-eminent among our leaders. I venture to think that his impassioned and overwhelming appeal in behalf of Alaska, made with utmost rapidity of utterance and with clear ringing voice at the last General Convention, will long live as an example of almost unequalled eloquence in the history of our American Church. And you who have been blessed by so often hearing him preach, know full well how deep lay the source of that unction which characterized his words. He was a man of the Holy Ghost. In him the Spirit dwelt with power. The fruit of the Spirit in him was Love.—*Church Standard.*

SELECTIONS.

The Daily Chronicle announces that on Sunday, at a chapel in a squalid district of East London, Prince Max of Saxony, second son of the heir-presumptive to the Kingdom of Saxony, made his first appearance in the character of a Roman priest. In the afternoon a number of gentlemen waited on the prince, and offered him a hearty welcome on behalf of the large German colony in London After the evening service, Prince Max attended a meeting of one of the guilds connected with the church, and in the course of his address assured his hearers that he came into their midst, not as a prince, but as a priest. "I am a worker," he said, "and to my mind no honor is so great as that of labor." In response to a call from the prince, the assembly gave three cheers for the German Emperor.

Be patient a little longer. By and by in our hushed and waiting chambers, each in his turn, we shall hear the sunset gun.—*Roswell D. Hitchcock, D. D.*

That much ridiculed instinct which leads a crowd to collect without a clear idea of the reason for gathering, worked an unusual good at Tacoma, Wash., the other day. Somebody saw, early in the morning, a grief-stricken man walking toward the river with a small coffin. With him were his wife and a stranger, who bore the coffin box. Without knowing just why, a man fell in behind them, another and another followed until there was a goodly company. At the riverside strangers put the coffin into the box and placed it aboard the boat. A flower boy, who had just landed and joined the crowd, laid a wreath on the casket. All was done silently, and the father, as he embarked, turned and, in tears, returned thanks for having found friends in a city of strangers. —*New York Sun.*

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Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.
Men's Bible Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Glidden.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

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President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

. *pew.*

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

November 1st—All Saints'. (Monday.)
" 7th—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 14th—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 21st—Sunday next before Advent.
" 28th—First Sunday in Advent.
" 30th—St. Andrew's Day. (Tuesday.)

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

October 15th—Robert O'Donnell.
" 24th—Anna Bell Brassell.

MARRIED.

October 13th—A. D. Whiting, M. D. and Laetitia P. Perot.
" 20th—Joseph Warren Jayne and Alma Clarke.

BURIED.

October 5th—John Blakeley.
" 7th—William Waterhouse.
" 7th—Thomas Richardson Kirkland.
October 13th—William J. Good.
" 20th—Robert O'Donnell.
" 25th—Benjamin Franklin Harris.
" 28th—Mrs. John W. Forney.
" 28th—Walter S. Atkins.

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

Domestic Missions, (Including $100 sent by Mrs. Russell for a Christ Church, Glencoe, Minn.)	$236 38
General Charities,	327 21
Total,	$563 59

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday—Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

THE RECTOR DESIRES to call the attention of the charitably disposed to the Sale in the Guild Room, No. 9 S. Tenth Street, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11, 12 and 13.

"WHAT CAN I GET OUT OF IT."

One day the mother of James and John came to the Master with a singular request. She said to Jesus, "Grant that these, my two Sons, may sit, the one on thy right hand and the other on thy left in thy kingdom." Evidently a family conference had preceded this audacious demand. Mother and Sons loved Jesus, they believed in the future of his religion, and they wanted their share in it. No back places for them. They almost wished to divide the Lord between them. "Lord, that these my two Sons may sit, the one on thy right hand and the other on thy left in thy kingdom."

Our Lord's answer to this demand was very remarkable, and the more so because the request came to him as a complete surprise. "Woman," said he, "you know not what you ask." And then turning to the Sons, he in his turn, asked them a question. "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptised with the baptism that I shall be baptised with?" They said unto him, "we are able." He saith unto them, "Ye shall indeed drink of my cup

and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with, but to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but it shall be given them for whom it is prepared of my Father."

The meaning of this saying is plain enough. The high places of the Kingdom of God go not by favor but by desert and achievement. We get out of the Kingdom of Heaven what we put into it, and those who covet distinguished positions on Christ's battle-field little imagine what a life they are laying up for themselves. The Apostles James and John gained at last what they wanted, at all events a place very near their Master in Heaven and in His Church on earth, but only by drinking of His cup of agony and being baptised with His baptism of martyrdom.

There are many Christians to-day who share the aspirations of the two Apostles, though not their generous willingness to earn their privileges. They enter the kingdom of God for the most part for what they hope to get out of it. In selecting a church to attend, they choose one of the highest social standing and respectability. They want the best music. They must have a pew in the middle aisle. The sermons must be uniformly interesting. The ritual, precisely that which commends itself to their aesthetical judgment.

Now there is in all this a great deal with which no reasonable person can find fault. But if this is all they want, if they do not interest themselves in the real purpose for which the church exists, which is not enjoyment but work, if they do not unite themselves with any of that church's organized efforts to extend the Kingdom of God and to do good, if they are stingy and mean in giving to the objects proposed to them from Sunday to Sunday, if they take no pains to beautify the service of the Church, at least by taking an earnest part in the responses and hymns, they not only make themselves an unmitigated nuisance, but they are sure to be bitterly disappointed.

As a place of amusement the Church is one of the poorest Institutions I know. The theatre or opera, or any good club is really very much better. That is what these people find out in a short time and then they become discontented. The congregation, after all, is not what their fancy painted it. There is hardly a well dressed woman or a man under forty in it. The baritone is losing his voice. As for some of the other singers, they never had any voices to lose. If the congregations are only moderately large, the Church is as empty as a barn, and I had better sell my pew before the price goes down to nothing. But if the congregations are large and overflowing it is really scandalous the way strangers are forced upon one. Even in ones own pew one has no privacy. Poor Mr. Blank's powers are certainly shattered. He bellows like a bull and makes my head ache; or else, he is losing his voice, and his mind, and had better retire. I have long since given up trying to guess what he is driving at. As for the ritual—it is either Romish or Methodistical, or else ours is one of those colourless churches, devoid of all principle, that stand for nothing. But I hear that St. A's has a new Rector who is making quite a sensation, or that St. B's is now the fashionable church *par excellence*, and I think I had better move on.

Fortunately St. Stephen's has had few of these wandering stars, or if we have had them they have made us little trouble. After all, we pity these persons more than we blame them, for they have not discovered the first law of happiness in the Christian life. The people we love always seem beautiful to us. The objects we earnestly work for always interest us. The Church to which we give ourselves becomes our home, and, therefore, a place unlike any other place whatever. The more we put into this Church, of love and devotion, of talent and wealth, the more the Church represents, the more she has to give to each one.

We are now at the beginning of a new year—a year that seems at present full of hope and promise. Whether that promise is to be fulfilled, and this year is to take its place among the grand years of concerted effort this old parish has lived through, depends largely on the response of the people on whose eyes these words may fall. At the present time there are several important places to be filled, and several improvements the Rector desires to see carried into effect this year, most important of which are the following;—

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED.

1. One or two Lady Associates for the Girls' Friendly Society, meeting Monday evenings.

2. A live man of ideas and ingenuity, to help instruct and amuse a fine body of boys in our Boys' Guild.

IMPROVEMENTS.

1. The Sunday offerings raised from ten cents per worshipper (our present rate), to fifteen cents. This would involve but a trifling sacrifice on the part of each one, while it would increase our financial efficiency fifty per cent.

2. A heartier service. Many of us found an inspiration and uplift in our Noon-day Lenten Services which we do not find in our far more beautiful and elaborate Sunday worship. What is the reason? The Noon-day worshippers were in earnest. They had come to worship God, and they did it heartily. Those services were enough to stir the dullest heart. But there is no reason why our Sunday services should not be equally stirring. It is true there are parts of the musical program in which the congregation cannot join. But the Hymns are almost always chosen with the wish and intention that they should be sung by the congregation, not by the choir alone. The Psalms and Responses are open to all who can read. Nothing attracts like a hearty congregational service, and few things are more chilling than a service in which men and women are afraid to lift their voices above a well-bred whisper.

3. A beautiful Chancel Window worthy of the Saint after whom this Church is named, and a perpetual delight to look upon.

After all, depend upon it, you will "get out of it" no more than you put into it.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON LECTURES.

On the first Sunday in Advent, the twenty-eighth of November, these Lectures will begin, taking the place of the afternoon sermons. The Rector was much pleased with the interest taken in these Lectures last year, shown by the large and attentive congregations which filled the Church in the afternoon during the winter months, and by many encouraging letters. This proves that the Bible is still the most interesting of all books, and that wherever it is simply and reasonably explained people are glad to come and listen to it.

Last year our course was largely on the Old Testament. The Rector prepared, and actually read aloud from the pulpit literal translations of the entire Book of Job, Solomon's Song, Ecclesiastes, Jonah, and the Book of Revelations, explaining these wonderful writings almost verse by verse. He confesses now to misgivings as to whether he was not taxing too severely the patience of his auditors. If they derived half the pleasure and profit in listening to these Lectures that he felt in preparing and delivering them, he is more than content.

This year the task he proposes will be a simpler one. The Lectures will be less literary, and, he hopes, more practical and personally helpful. Our subject might be called "The Founding of the Kingdom of God." We shall take up the history of the early Church soon after the point where the Acts of the Apostles takes it up, and pursue it (D. V.) to the death of the first generation of believers (about the year 68), that is to say, from the time when the Apostles returned with great joy to Jerusalem, to the deaths of St. Peter and St. Paul. Within this period of little more than thirty years, the Church as we understand it was created. Not one important feature was added after that date that was not either a natural development of an organism already in existence, or a deformity, that is to say, a radical change in the original programme. By a happy and providential order, these thirty years stand out in a perfect blaze of light. Comparing them with the thirty years that went before, or with the thirty years that follow, we are embarrassed by the wealth of our materials. We shall see pass in review the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles of Paul, Jude, Peter and James, many curious and interesting writings of the Jewish Apocrypha, the allusions of the Roman historians and Josephus, the writings of Philo the Jew and the lurid pictures of the Book of Revelation. But to make a proper use of these magnificent sources, to reduce them to order, assigning to each part its place, to paint a series of clear and consistent pictures of this great edifice as it arose, to determine what Christianity meant to those who derived their views of it directly from Jesus, "*Hic Labor, Hoc Opus Est.*"

It is only recently, following the immense sifting process of a hundred years, that the materials are at hand for such a work as this. Other men have labored, and we enter into their labors. And

right here the Rector would repeat that he claims very little originality for the facts and ideas enunciated in these Lectures. Such a claim would be most presumptuous. There are in the United States possibly half a dozen men capable of doing such work as this strictly at first hand. Of these the Rector certainly is not one. His only claim is a careful putting together of the results obtained by great scholars, and a translation of the language of the learned into a language understood by the people. If you have the books, and know how to use them, you have almost all the means to knowledge at hand to which he can pretend. But the great majority of people do not possess these books, and would not know how to use them if they had them. Such books presuppose among other things some knowledge of French, German, Hebrew, Greek and Latin, besides that sixth sense which it was reserved for the Nineteenth Century to develop—the critical faculty.

There are probably few purer pleasures accessible to man than to make the past live again, to unroll the scroll of humanity. But how much that pleasure is heightened when that past is the past of our own religion, at the all-important hour of its birth. In movements of this kind the beginning is everything. Religions, like human beings, have their antenatal periods of intense activity, on which all that follows depends. The grown man, even the growing child, has ceased to put forth organs. The time for that has passed. If we would witness creation in the very act, we must descend to those subterranean chambers of Nature where God works amid the solitude in silence. But this descent is very fruitful; embryology is the mother of every science that has to do with life. It is not otherwise in the study of Religion. Religions, too, pass through their embryonic period, during which they manifest strange phenomena, seldom observed after they have emerged into the clear light of day. This is the time when miracles take place, and books are really inspired, and men speak with tongues. To judge this period by the cold canons of reason would be to apply to the unborn child the standard of conduct we exact of the grown man. Judged by this standard, this period may seem to be a mere tissue of absurdities, but for the future of the religion it is everything.

This is a truth that has not long been known. It has been the custom of Church historians of the old school to pass over this period very lightly, because it is so difficult, they not possessing the key to the door of that underground world. But to this one problem much of the best thought of our century has devoted its entire strength. In the grand temple of the Mind, which all nations have helped to rear, there is, perhaps, no stone cut with more care, or reflecting more traits of individual genius, than that which bears upon its face the name of Biblical Criticism.

THE LADIES will hold the Annual Sale at the Parish House of St. Stephen's Church, Tenth above Chestnut Street, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11th, 12th and 13th, from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

The articles on sale will be, as heretofore, the handiwork of gentlewomen of restricted means, and will include fancy articles, needle work, preserves, jellies, etc. All expense is borne by the Committee, so that the full amount received is realized by the depositors.

The ladies in charge beg the hearty co-operation of the congregation and their friends in the carrying on this good work.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Edward Rowland, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. McAllister, Miss Sanders.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

Visits paid from October 1st to November 1st.

Ordinary visits,	162	Classes taken,	8
Sick Visits,	13	Meetings attended,	2
	175		

The Women's Preparation Class for Holy Communion meets in the Guild Room every month at 8 o'clock, on the last Friday evening before the First Sunday.

Best thanks to: Mrs. Williamson, for bag of clothes; Mrs. Taylor, for jelly; Mrs. Parmalee, for jacket; Mrs. Worcester, for beef tea; Miss Stratton, for a pair of boots; Miss Chase, for three hats; Miss Cleemann, for a bonnet; and for a beautiful box of baby clothes from an unknown donor.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$ .52	Milk,	$3.00
Dr. Worcester,	20.00	Groceries,	2.10
	——	Boots,	1.25
	$20.52	Outing Flannel,	1.17
		Butcher,	.58
			8.10
		Balance,	12.42
			$20.52

DURING OCTOBER THE Garment Committee distributed 49 garments and received 34.

Grateful acknowledgments are due to Mrs. Chandler, Miss E. Magee, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Miss Williamson and the Lenten Sewing Committee.

Monday, Nov. 1st—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 8th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 15th—Miss Sanders, Sister Elizabeth.
" " 22nd—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 29th—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

TWO RED STOLES, handsomely embroidered by the ladies of the Altar Society of St. Stephen's Church, were presented this summer for use in the chancel of the Church House.

A white and a green embroidered stole were given to Dr. Miel, Rector of the French congregation of St. Sauveur. Dr. Miel has many friends in our congregation who are much interested in his work and in the delightful little paper of which he is the editor.

IN VISITING THE people of the parish it is often found that families have removed. The Rector will be very grateful to all persons changing their residences if they will inform him of the fact as soon as possible, as it will save him many steps and frequent disappointments.

DONATIONS received by the Children's Friend Society in October:

From a Friend, $5 00; from Miss Louise Betts Edwards, $1.00.

The summer fun for the little ones ended the latter part of September. For fear they should be forgotten, many have inquired if it would not soon be time for Concerts or Entertainments, at the same time begging that they might not be forgotten with an invitation.

The ladies of this Society are very anxious to keep up the work, for they have seen the influence and what good comes from keeping a watchful eye on these poor children.

Will you not help us to make them have a bright Thanksgiving and a Happy Christmas?

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet November 3rd and 17th, in the Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Donation received: Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, $1.00.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, October 6th, in the Guild Room, by most of the members of this Circle, for it had been decided that they would all meet together, inviting Sister Elizabeth to join them, and have a real good time, instead of their Annual Excursion.

Games of all sorts were played, all had a good time and enjoyed the ice cream and cake very much.

But with all this they did not forget their poor people. They donated some rags and partly paid for the weaving of a carpet for their invalid man, and did not forget Lizzie Weikle, of whom you have all heard.

The winter is coming, and our shoe bag is empty and funds very low, but the poor little feet come to us with their little toes out, with a bit of leather on top, a heel at the back. It is impossible to describe these shoes.

Will you not add your name to the list—25 cents a year—or send us old shoes or overshoes; anything will be acceptable and be made good use of?

THE ATTENTION of lovers of good music in St. Stephen's Church is called to the Seventh Oratorio Concert of "The Chorus of the Temple," by the production of Mendelssohn's Oratorio "Elijah." on Thursday evening, November 11th, 1897, at The Temple, Broad and Berks Streets.

On this occasion, the Chorus of one hundred

and eighty voices will be assisted by an orchestra, fifty instruments; David D. Wood at the Grand Organ; and the following soloists:

Madam Emma Suelke, Soprano; Mrs. Maud Wilson Grove, Contralto; Mr. Leonard E. Auty (New York City), Tenor, and Mr. Charles J. Graf, Basso.

Second Quartette: Miss Alice M. Burdette, Soprano; Miss Alice Barnard, Contralto; Mr. Joseph Smith, Tenor, and Mr. M. Harmer Brooks, Basso; Prof. W. W. Gilchrist, Conductor.

No effort will be spared to make it as great a musical success as were the former concerts.

Tickets can be had at the door.

SAYINGS ATTRIBUTED TO BUDDHA.

A good action done in this world will be rewarded in the next, just as water poured at the root of a tree will be seen aloft in its fruits and branches.

A man who covers up his evil deeds by good deeds is like the moon rising out of the clouds on a stormy night.

If a man foolishly does me wrong, I will return to him the protection of my ungrudging love; the more evil comes from him, the more good shall go from me.

To feed one good man is better than to dispute about all things in heaven and earth, spirits and demons. All these things are not to be compared with the sacred duty we owe our parents. Our parents are *very divine*.

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GAMBLING has an inherent baseness about it which not to feel shows a base soul. To carry in your pocket money which has come there by no use of your manly powers, which has ceased to be another man's by no willing acceptance on his part of its equivalent—that is a degrading thing. Will it not burn the purse in which you hold it? Will it not blight the luxury for which you spend it? Will you dare to buy the gift of true love with it? Will you offer it in charity? Will you pay it out for the support of your innocent children? Will it not be a Judas treasure, which you must not put into the treasury, because it is the price of blood?—*Phillips Brooks.*

SMALL COLLECTION.

Not long ago a London preacher indulged in a little bit of sarcasm over a small collection. He did it very neatly in a preface to his sermon on the following Sunday "Brethren," he said, "our collection last Sunday was a very small one. When I look at this congregation I say to myself: 'Where are the poor? But as I looked at the collection when we counted it I exclaimed: 'Where are the rich'"

NATURE has written a letter of credit upon some men's faces, which is honored almost whenever presented.—*Thackeray.*

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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
DAILY SERVICES at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Boyd, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Farrar Smith, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President—
Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Carver.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Josephine Lewis.
Recording Secretary—Miss Maria G. Mitchell.
Treasurer— Miss Mary J. Lewis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Mary J. Lewis, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Breuil, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Arrison.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretary—William Bishop.
Librarians:—E. W. Spackman, Harry P. Christensen.

Teachers.

Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Miss Boyd, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss Snyder, Miss Hansell, Miss MacRae.

Infant Class—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.
Men's Bible Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Glidden.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Miss Heim.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—George Pfeifer.
Vice-President—F. L. Baeuerle.
Secretary—Roy Morrison.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—

LITERATURE ASSOCIATE—Mrs. Elwood Worcester, 1318 Locust Street.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

ASSOCIATES.

Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Worcester, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Cornish, Miss Neidhard, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES—Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Hansell, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Sidford.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.

Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11 o'clock. Church open daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

December 5th—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 12th—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 19th—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 21st—St. Thomas, (Tuesday).
" 25th—Christmas Day, (Saturday).
" 26th—St. Stephen's Day. First Sunday after Christmas.
" 27th—St. John, (Monday).
" 28th—The Innocents, (Tuesday).

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

November 11th—Minnie Elizabeth Webb.

MARRIED.

November 3rd—William T. Manning and Elizabeth Bloomfield Hewson.
" 3rd—Charles P. Searl and Mary Eugenia Baumann.
" 4th—George A. Guion and Helen A. Graham.
" 30th—Frederick Schmalzriedt and Mary Emma Slowe.

BURIED.

November 17th—Harrison Allen, M. D.
" 29th—Helen T. Miller.
" 30th—Mary Mills.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

General Charitable and Benevolent,		$253 41
St. John's Church, Dresden,		159 82
Episcopal Hospital,		315 00
Miss Jane Jamison, (In Memoriam),		100 00
Miss Elizabeth Lathrop's Legacy for Female Benevolent Society,		206 00
Through Sister Elizabeth,		18 00
Special Church Work Fund, 1897:		
Miss Everly,	$50 00	
Mr. Crawford Arnold,	50 00	
Miss Thorn,	10 00	
Mr. S. H. Austin,	50 00	
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	50 00	
Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	50 00	
Miss Julia Garrett,	50 00	
Mr. George L. Crawford,	50 00	
The Misses Holman,	50 00	
Mr. J. A. McDowell,	50 00	
The Misses Magee,	50 00	
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00	
Mrs. Hine,	5 00	
Miss M. J. Lewis,	25 00	
Mrs. S. Wylie Mitchell,	25 00	
Mr. Albert Pancoast,	25 00	
Miss Stevenson,	25 00	
Mr. John Thompson Spencer,	25 00	
Miss Walton,	25 00	
Miss Bell,	10 00	
Mr. Edward F. Beale,	10 00	
Mr. T. P. Chandler,	10 00	
Mr. L. C. Cleemann,	20 00	
Miss Laura Bell,	10 00	
Miss Wilkins,	25 00	
Mr. Samuel H. Lewis,	10 00	
Mr. Joseph M. Wilson,	25 00	
Mr. Francis A. Lewis,	25 00	
Mrs. Edith Allen,	5 00	
Mr. James Riley,	10 00	
Miss Dickson,	10 00	
Mr. R. M. Janney,	25 00	
A Friend,	25 00	
Mrs. Joseph B. Van Dusen,	25 00	
Mrs. J. W. Williams,	10 00	
Mrs. H. W. Dunne,	10 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis,	10 00	
Mr. Paul Elsasser,	10 00	
Mr. Edward Rowland,	10 00	
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell,	50 00	
Dr. Worcester,	25 00	
Dr. Drysdale,	10 00	
Mr. F. T. S. Darley,	50 00	
Miss Simpson,	25 00	
Mr. Hunter Brooke,	10 00	
Mr. E. B. Putnam,	25 00	
A Friend,	25 00	
Mr. William B. Campbell,	10 00	
Dr. William Thomson,	50 00	
Mr. Robert E. Atmore,	50 00	
Mrs. Russell,	50 00	
Mr. Thomas Alex. Reily,	10 00	
Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver,	10 00	
Mr. William H. Hollar,	25 00	
Mr. Thomas McKean,	50 00	
		1485 00
Total,		$2537 23

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

Second Sunday—Sunday School Christmas Festival.
Third Sunday—St. Stephen's Aid Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Christmas Day--Aged and Infirm Clergy.

THE ANNUAL SALE held by the ladies of the Parish on November 11th, 12th and 13th, in the Guild Room, realized $448.28. This amount is given to the depositors; all expense incidental to the sale was borne by the Committee having the sale in charge.

THE SPECIAL CHURCH WORK FUND.

The Special Church Work Fund has now, for the most part, been gathered in. A few more contributions will probably be received from those who were written to late in the month. It was a question whether the publication of the PARISH NEWS should not be postponed a few days in order to make all our acknowledgments at the same time, but the Fund has already assumed such goodly proportions that this was not considered necessary. Hardly anything since he has been in the Parish has gratified the Rector so much as the responses he has received to his appeal in aid of this fund. These responses, without one exception, have been willing and kind. Several persons have been good enough to thank the Rector for giving them an opportunity to cooperate in this good work. Many of the letters have been so delightful that now it is all over he can echo the words of Victor Hugo, spoken of his work, "I take it up with dread, I lay it down with regret."

All this means a great deal to us. It means that persons of wealth, on whom the bulk of the work naturally falls, are willing to assume it; that persons who do not call themselves rich, but are in possession of comfortable incomes, are willing to do all that can reasonably be expected of them, and that all are interested in the Church and proud of its charitable and educational work and wish it to continue.

That, in the eyes of the Rector, is what constitutes the chief value of this fund. He cannot help believing that the blessing of generosity and good will lingers on this money. The sum itself is a generous one, and with economy it will enable us to carry on all our good institutions for another year. But he would not exchange it for five times the amount given grudgingly or in an ungenerous spirit. After the death of Mr. Anthony Drexel, the remark was made by a friend of his, "So and so many millions, and all *clean money.*" Of our little church fund we can say, "So many hundreds, and all willing money." It is this thought which causes the Rector to regard with affection these cheques which bear so many honored names, and makes him all the more anxious that every cent shall be spent in work of which the kind donors would approve. It is said by those of little faith, only vices unite men, interests separate them. In this case, it is the interest that unites not only each one to the Church, but also each one to all the others.

OUR AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Probably the most striking feature of St. Stephen's Church is our Sunday afternoon service. At least it is that which most impresses the imagination of intelligent visitors. Our morning congregation is large, devout, attentive and composed unmistakably of people who represent much of the best life and thought of the city of Philadelphia. So far as the personnel of this congregation is concerned, its willingness to hear and its ability to appreciate *the best* one has to give, no man need ask more. And yet in this respect we are not alone. Other such congregations are to be found in a few favored churches both in this city and in other cities. But the afternoon congregation during the winter months is unique, at least, we do not know any other exactly like it. It is not merely that it is usually very large, though that in itself means a great deal in days when most people think one service a day quite sufficient. This congregation comes hoping to learn something. It would be an affectation of modesty on the part of the Rector to ignore or deny this. It is announced that on a certain Sunday the afternoon Lectures will begin. On that day the congregation is nearly doubled. On another Sunday the Lectures close. Two or three weeks later the congregation has shrunk to one-third of its former size. The Rector does not dream of claiming the credit of gathering this remarkable congregation. It was gathered by a remarkable man—his predecessor.

This congregation, as has been said, comes with the hope of learning something. Of course it comes to worship, too, and without our beautiful and affecting service we should not have it. Still it comes to hear Religion and the Bible reasonably explained, not to listen merely to ordinary sermons. For when we have the ordinary sermons it does not come. That in itself is a great responsibility to impose upon any man. These people have faith in his word. They believe at least he will tell them the truth, as he sees it, on matters of extreme importance. But that is not all. The Rector has had this duty and responsibility imposed on him before in lecturing to students in college. But in college, classes are carefully graded. There is, of course, a difference in ability, in preparation and in quickness of apprehension, but that difference does not depart widely from an easily ascertained average.

In the afternoon congregation, however, no such average exists. Here, literally, are all sorts and conditions of men, and that constitutes much of its charm. Scattered through the church are a number of prominent professional men—men of maturity of thought and ripe culture; physicians, barristers, professors and clergymen, and also not a few women, in point of culture and intelligence quite their equals. Here is a group of students from the University or from one of our professional schools, and beside them a number of clerks and young business men, whose bright faces and natty appearance are not to be mistaken. Look a little farther and you will see a large number of honest workingmen and their families, always our most welcome visitors. Then the experienced eye can discover quite a different group, which we can never see without gratitude to God—men and women won to Christ and a better life by the heroic efforts of a pure soul, a true minister of Jesus Christ, through the Theatre Services. Lastly, there is a large contingent of beloved faces who come simply because St. Stephen's is open for worship, and who would hesitate to leave the church if the Temple of the New Jerusalem were opened across the street.

Never can the Rector's eye range over this assembly without emotion, and yet never does he ascend that pulpit without a curious sinking of heart. Let me drop the third person for a moment, and speak as to friends. If you could stand beside me and look into that sea of upturned faces, each with its need, each hoping to receive something, you would know what I experience every Sunday. We have reached a point in our studies where it is necessary to elucidate some interesting problem of criticism, to determine the authenticity and authorship of some book, or to make an exact translation of some difficult passage. Some are evidently intensely interested. Others, hearing an old fact stated in new language, which probably they have not understood, look puzzled and possibly disturbed, while others still, not knowing or caring anything about such matters, look simply bored. Do you blame me for cutting these discussions short, and telling some little anecdote or making some practical application of the thought to the life of to-day, or telling a Bible story in new language, as simply and as graphically as my choice of words will allow, in order that no one, if I can help it, should go home unfed, unhelped?

Surely if any man deserves clemency and not criticism, it is a man placed in this position. If any man's words may claim a large, fair, generous interpretation, they are words spoken under these circumstances, frequently on the spur of the moment, to chain some attention, to answer some question as it arises on the face into which I am looking. I never prepare a lecture that I am not forced to leave out much that I have prepared with great labor and pains. I never deliver one without being compelled to say much that I had not thought of saying before I began to speak, and I may add, I never descend from the pulpit without the bitter consciousness that I have failed to do what I most desired to do.

Such lectures as these must be judged leniently. They do not represent pure truth sifted and refined for minds thoroughly prepared to receive it. They are only affectionate and earnest efforts to suggest truth to souls the most diverse, in forms in which they will recognize it and love it. Goethe once said, "If you give a piece, give it in pieces. Then everyone will find something to carry home." That is profoundly true. I cannot reiterate too often that, just as no two of us have the same duties to perform, so there are no two to whom truth reveals itself in the same manner. Thoughts full of blessedness for one may be dangerous and disagreeable to another. That

is the doctrine of the Apostles, milk for babes, strong meat for men. But happily God preserves us evermore even from those truths which our souls are not ready to receive, and, even more happily, that which it is really important to know is always most easily understood.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

Visits paid from November 1st to 30th:

Ordinary visits,	178	Classes taken,	12
Sick Visits,	14	Meetings attended,	2
Total,	192		

Most grateful acknowledgments are due to Mrs. VanDusen for box of men's clothing, Mrs. Sinn for under garments, Miss Ruth Snyder for flowers, Miss Sharp for coats, Miss Elizabeth Moore for basket of fruit, vegetables, etc., for Thanksgiving Day, Miss Christopher for garments, and Miss Anna Bartley for coat and underskirt.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$12.42	Milk,	$2.10
Miss Wilkins,	5.00	Flannel Underwear,	2.50
Mrs. Reed,	5.00	Groceries,	2.10
Miss J. Jamison,	100.00	Rubbers,	1.10
Mrs. Mitchell for Special Case,	5.00	Shoes,	2.25
Miss Sidford,	2.00	Rent,	1.50
Mrs. Wigfall,	1.00	Mending Boots,	.75
		Butcher,	2.10
		Special Gift,	3.00
		Shoes, (2 pairs),	3.50
		Thanksgiving Dinners,	13.00
		Miscellaneous,	1.25
			35.15
		Balance,	95.27
	$130.42		$130.42

May I add a word or two to my Report and say how grateful I shall be for any Coal Tickets that can be given me, and also if any of our kind friends are thinking of sending any provisions for Christmas Dinners will they kindly let them be at the Parish House by 12 o'clock Thursday, December 23rd.

THIS IS THE TIME of year when the ladies of the Garment Committee like to have on hand a goodly supply of clothing to give as occasion demands, and as warm underclothing is much needed, such as stockings and articles made of canton flannel and merino, will contributors who have not already done so kindly send these things to the Garment Committee?

Garments received during November,		55
" distributed "	"	41

Monday, Dec. 6th—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 13th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 20th—Miss Sanders, Sister Elizabeth.
" " 27th—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

Contributions are gratefully acknowledged from Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Miss Magee, King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle, Mrs. M. M. Parmalee, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Miss Sidford, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Emily Bell and Miss E. Sharp.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

November 8th, a Service was held by the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church.

The girls marched in procession carrying their banner and singing "The Son of God goes forth to War" and took their places in the Church. After a short prayer by Dr. Worcester and responses by the girls, the Misses Sharp were admitted as Associates.

Then all those girls who had been members of the Society for five years and over, of good standing, were advanced to Senior Membership by the ceremony of presenting the Senior Pin. Dr. Worcester gave a short address on the responsibilities of the Senior Members, and the service closed with the G. F. S. Prayer. The girls marched out singing "Brightly gleams our Banner." During the service Miss Matchin kindly assisted by playing the organ, and the young men of the Guild filled the place of the Choir.

A SENIOR MEMBER.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in November:

From Mrs. A. F. Martin, $1.00; from a Friend, $1.00.

As will be noticed from the Report, the amount received was insufficient to give the children our usual Thanksgiving Entertainment, much to their and our regret.

"INASMUCH AS YE DID IT NOT."

As Christmas draws near many small hearts are anxious. The entertainments given throughout the year by the Children's Friend Society, and which the children classify under the one general head of "concerts," have for seven years provided cheer at Christmas, as well as at other seasons, for little ones whose stockings Santa Claus, that somewhat hypocritical respecter of persons, would otherwise pass by.

To these children of the poor the Society seems a miracle-working organization. To some of its old friends it must appear in the same light, since questions have been asked by others as well as the disappointed children: "Oh, why did you not have a Thanksgiving entertainment?"

The reason is a short, painful, but specific one: We had no money to give our little children their Thanksgiving entertainment. This Society is not a gold mine, as the children in their simple faith imagine, but an organization supported by voluntary donations. Of late the donations have come in more and more slowly, till just at Thanksgiving time they stopped. Unless some of our friends come to the rescue, Christmas time will find us in the same predicament. Nothing from the Children's Friend Society at Christmas time means nothing at all for most of these children; for we try to find only the destitute, who are all too easily found. Will not our friends, in their Christmas planning, remember some of "these little ones"?

A FRIEND OF THE SOCIETY.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet December 1st and 15th, in the Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Donations received: Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 10 yards of muslin, 20 yards of outing flannel and 10 yards seersucker; Mrs. N. G. Savage, 12 yards of outing flannel.

For Shoe Fund: Two pairs of overshoes from Friends; one pair from Miss E. Bell.

From Mrs. Savage,	$2 75
Miss Elizabeth Stevenson,	1 00
Mrs. H. F. Martin,	25
Miss Cleemann,	25
From a Friend,	1 00
Mrs. Joseph Clayton,	25
Miss Bessie Clayton,	25
Mrs. E. L. Bunker,	1 00
Miss M. J. Sidford,	1 00
Total,	$7 75

The King's Daughters did not forget to send their poor families Thanksgiving baskets. Tuesday evening they invited the young men of the Guild to join them in contributing some good things, and to come and help pack the baskets. Many thanks to those who helped. Four large baskets were well filled and carried to the houses of the poor, who were very much pleased and made very happy on Thanksgiving Day.

DR. S. WEIR MITCHELL'S EXPERIMENTS WITH THE MESCAL BUTTON.

Dr. Weir Mitchell has written so many beautiful things both in verse and in prose that it seems almost impertinent to call attention to a particular passage. We believe that many of his admirers, however, will thank us for printing the following paragraphs, which, having attracted attention all over the world at the time of their publication, now rest in the annals of the *British Medical Journal*. These pictures, probably unparalleled in beauty in scientific literature, were seen only by the inward eye of the great physician while he was experiencing the effects of the Mescal Button, taken, it is needless to say, for the purpose of scientific observation. They introduce us into a strange internal world of form and color, purely physiological, and yet all the more interesting as showing what beauty, what capacity of enjoyment lies concealed in the depths of the human soul. The Mescal Button, we may add, yields a strong intoxicating spirit, used by the Indians of Mexico and New Mexico.

"My eyes being closed, I began to see tiny points of light, like stars or fire-flies, which came and went in a moment. The star points became many, and then I began to observe something like fragments of stained glass windows. The glass was not very brilliant, but the setting, which was irregular in form, seemed to be made of incessantly flowing sparkles of pale silver, now going here, now there, to and fro, like, as I thought, the inexplicable rush and stay and reflux of the circulation seen through a lens. These window patterns were like fragments coming into view and fading."

"My first vivid show of mescal colour effects came quickly. I saw the stars, and then, of a sudden, here and there, delicate floating films of colour—usually delightful neutral purples and pinks. These came and went—now here, now there. Then an abrupt rush of countless points of white light swept across the field of view, as if the unseen millions of the Milky Way were to flow, a sparkling river, before the eye. In a minute this was over and the field was dark. Then I began to see zigzag lines of very bright colours, like those seen in some megrims. I tried to fix the place and relation of these tints, but the changes were such as to baffle me. One was an arch of angled lines of red and green, but of what else I could not determine. It was in rapid, what I may call minute, motion."

"When I opened my eyes all was gone at once. Closing them, I began after a long interval to see for the first time definite objects associated with colours. The stars sparkled and passed away. A white spear of grey stone grew up to huge height, and became a tall, richly finished Gothic tower of very elaborate and definite design, with many rather worn statues standing in the doorways or on stone brackets. As I gazed, every projecting angle, cornice, and even the face of the stones at their joinings were by degrees covered or hung with clusters of what seemed to be huge precious stones, but uncut, some being more like masses of transparent fruit. These were green, purple, red and orange; never clear yellow and never blue. All seemed to possess an interior light, and to give the faintest idea of the perfectly satisfying intensity and purity of these gorgeous colour-fruits is quite beyond my power. All the colours I have ever beheld are dull as compared to these.

"As I looked, and it lasted long, the tower became of a fine mouse hue, and everywhere the vast pendent masses of emerald green, ruby reds, and orange began to drip a slow rain of colours. All this while nothing was at rest a moment. The balls of colour moved tremulously. The tints became dull, and then, at once, past belief vivid; the architectural lines were all active with shifting tints. The figures moving shook the long, hanging lines of living light, and then, in an instant, all was dark."

"After an endless display of less beautiful marvels I saw that which deeply impressed me. An edge of a huge cliff seemed to project over a gulf of unseen depth. My viewless enchanter set on the brink a huge bird-claw of stone. Above, from the stem or leg, hung a fragment of some stuff. This began to unroll and float out to a distance which seemed to me to represent Time as well as immensity of Space. Here were miles of rippled purples, half transparent, and of ineffable beauty. Now and then soft golden clouds floated from these folds, or a great shimmer went over the whole of the rolling purples, and things, like green birds, fell from it, fluttering down into the gulf below. Next, I saw clusters of stones hanging in masses from the claw toes, as it seemed to me miles of them, down far below into the underworld of the black gulf.

"On the left wall was pinned by the tail a brown worm of perhaps a hundred feet long. It was slowly rotating, like a catherine wheel, nor did it seem loathly. As it turned, long green and red tentacles fell this way and that. On a bench near by two little dwarfs, made, it seemed, of leather, were blowing through long glass pipes of green tint, which seemed to me to be alive, so intensely, vitally green were they. But it were vain to find in words what will describe these colours. Either they seemed strangely solid, or to possess vitality. They still linger visibly in my memory, and left the feeling that I had seen among them colours unknown to my experience. * * * I was almost asleep, and then wide awake. In one of these magic moments I saw my last vision and the strangest. I heard what appeared to be approaching rythmical sounds, and then saw a beach, which I knew to be that of Newport. On this, with a great noise, which lasted but a moment, rolled in out of darkness wave on wave. These as they came were liquid splendours huge and threatening, of wonderfully pure green, or red or deep purple, once only deep orange, and with no trace of foam. These water hills of colour broke on the beach with myriads of lights of the same tint as the wave. This lasted some time, and while it did so I got back to more distinct consciousness, and wished the beautiful terror of these huge mounds of colour would continue.

"A knock at my door caused me to open my eyes, and I lost whatever of wonder might have come after."

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St. Stephen's Church.

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REV. ELWOOD WORCESTER, PH. D., S. T. D., *Rector.*
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MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. Joseph M. Wilson.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, first Sunday of the month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
DAILY SERVICES at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Worcester.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
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Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Baird.

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Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

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Sister Elizabeth, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
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FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
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Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

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Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Moore, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

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PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretaries—William Bishop, Harry P. Christensen.
Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Maria G. Mitchell, Miss Boyd, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss Snyder, Miss Hansell, Miss MacRae, Mrs. Tucker.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.
Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Sister Elizabeth.
Young Ladies' Bible Class, 3 p.m.—Mr. Wm. H. Hollar.
Men's Bible Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Glidden.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. James O. G. Duffy.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Alfred J. Hart.
Vice-President—Alfred Keys.
Secretary—Wm. K. Bellows.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

LITERATURE ASSOCIATE—Sister Elizabeth.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

ASSOCIATES.

Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Worcester, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Cornish, Miss Neidhard, Miss M. S. Wilkins, The Misses Sharp, Miss Clarkson.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES—Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Hansell, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Sidford.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11.30 o'clock. Church open daily, from 10 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

January 1st—Circumcision, (Saturday).
" 2nd—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6th—The Epiphany.
" 9th—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 16th—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 23rd—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25th—Conversion of St. Paul, (Tuesday).
" 30th—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

December 5th—William Thomas Goodman.
" 5th—Lillian Archer Goodman.
" 5th—Edward Richard Sithens.
" 5th—Edna Green Mitchell.
" 24th—John Cecil Reed.
" 24th—Emma Bertha Bains.
" 26th—Gottfried Phillips Schmeid.

BURIED.

December 1st—Mrs. Barbara Steinle.
" 9th—William A. Holman.
" 11th—Horace Rowland.
" 15th—George R. Crump.
" 15th—Joseph G. Moore.
" 28th—Crawford Arnold.

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Third Sunday—Foreign Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

Special Church Work Fund:		
Mr. W. A. Holman,	$10 00	
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	50 00	
Mr. J. E. Caldwell,	25 00	
Mrs. Clarkson,	25 00	
Mr. John T. Lewis,	25 00	
Mrs. Brunner,	10 00	
Miss Kinsey,	5 00	
Dr. Harlan,	10 00	
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	10 00	
Miss Tower,	10 00	
Total,		$180 00
Mite Boxes,		60 00
General Charitable and Benevolent,		336 85
Female Benevolent Society, (November)		110 74
St. Stephen's Aid Society,		115 88
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,		219 95
For Children's Friend Society,		87 50
Through Sister Elizabeth,		59 63
Miss L. K. Holman, (Special)		5 00
S. S. Christmas Festival,		113 43
Total,		$1288 98

IN MEMORIAM.

CRAWFORD ARNOLD,

Vestryman, 1879–1897.

Rector's Warden, 1886–1897.

Died, Christmas Day, 1897.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VESTRY of St. Stephen's Church, held December 27th, 1897, the following preamble and resolution were adopted

by common consent:

In the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Crawford Arnold, for eighteen years Vestryman, and for eleven years Rector's Warden of St. Stephen's Church, we are conscious that we have sustained a double loss.

Of Mr. Arnold's general relations with the Church, it would be difficult to speak too highly. A sincere Christian, deeply attached to the Church in which he had worshipped for more than thirty years, he manifested his attachment by an unwearied interest in all that concerned the welfare of St. Stephen's parish, and the Burd Orphan Asylum. His relations with the two Rectors, whom he so ably served as Warden, were affectionate and intimate. Wise in counsel, conciliatory in spirit, a worthy example of the Christian virtues, he possessed the love and confidence of the entire congregation by whom his services will long be held in grateful remembrance.

Apart from our deep sense of the loss St. Stephen's Church has suffered, in Mr. Arnold's death, we desire to express our feeling of personal sorrow and bereavement. Mr. Arnold's relations with his fellow Vestrymen were characterised by the utmost cordiality, and the esteem in which he was held by them is attested by the frequency with which he was selected to serve on the most important committees.

Mr. Arnold was in every respect a noble example of Christian manhood. Of great personal charm and attractiveness, the soul of honour, cultured in mind, distinguished in person, he possessed even greater advantages in the treasure of a good heart. His character was simple and without guile. His childlike and unquestioning faith enabled him to bear with touching resignation many and heavy sorrows. His death was as sudden as it was painless. Having spent Christmas Day in Church and with his friends, he returned to his house in the evening, apparently in perfect health, and seated himself in his library to read. Thence, without a struggle, his spirit took its flight.

Contemplating his blameless and eminently humane and useful life, we can but express our gratitude to God for his long and faithful services to humanity, to religion, and to the Church whose doctrine he adorned, even while we lament the loss of our good friend and valued colleague.

Resolved, therefore, that this expression of sincere sorrow and affection be inscribed in the minutes of the Vestry. Further, that it be printed in the *Public Ledger*, *The Churchman*, and *The Church Standard*, and that a copy of the same be sent to Mr. Arnold's nearest relatives.

Mr. Crawford Arnold was born in Providence, R. I., in 1829, and was the son of George Ralph Arnold. For many years he was a member of the firm of Baker, Arnold & Co., but retired from business in 1877.

On the second of February, 1865, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage in St. Stephen's Church, by Dr. Rudder, to Miss Fanny Hollingsworth, a woman of great charm and ability, daughter of the late Thomas Hollingsworth. In 1893 Mrs. Arnold died. Two children had preceded her to the grave, and from this time Mr. Arnold lived much alone. He divided the year into two equal parts, spending six months in his town house at Thirteenth and Locust Streets, and six months in his beautiful place at Haverford.

Mr. Arnold spent most of his time, of late years in working for others. He was trustee of several estates, manager of the House of Refuge, which he frequently visited, trustee, as a Vestryman and Warden of St. Stephen's Church, of the Burd Orphan Asylum, in which he was deeply interested, manager of the Historical Society, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Museum, etc.

In announcing his sudden death at the morning service at St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday after Christmas, Dr. Worcester said:

"I will break this morning the silence with which the good taste of the Church surrounds death, by telling you that St. Stephen's has lost one of its most valuable members in the death of Mr. Crawford Arnold.

"This is not the time to speak of Mr. Arnold's many virtues, his goodness of heart or his great services to this Church, with which he had been connected as Vestryman and Warden for more than eighteen years.

"But his death was so beautiful that I cannot withhold it from you. He had spent a happy Christmas. Yesterday at this time he was here with us apparently in perfect health. He received the sacrament. In the afternoon he was with friends; later he took dinner and spent the evening with members of his family. He returned home apparently well at 10 o'clock. He spoke pleasantly to the person who admitted him, saying, 'Well Katie, Christmas is over.' Those were his last words.

"Entirely unsuspicious of the change that was so near, he went up stairs to his study, sat down in his chair and began to read. Suddenly death stood before him in his most beautiful form. There was not a struggle; there was not even a sigh. The composure of his face was not ruffled. He died as he had lived—quietly and serenely. He also died as he had lived during the last few years—alone.

"For myself, for the Church I mourn. For him I do not mourn. He had lost those dearer than life. He lived in the anticipation of joining his noble wife and his children.

"At last the separation was ended. On Christmas night the glad release was given. The angel who was sent to bring him home did his work so well that our friend did not even hear the flutter of his wings. Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Do not fear, dear friends, that death breaks the bond that unites us. Death only breaks the bond that separates us."

ST. STEPHEN'S, WALBROOK.

Apropos of St. Stephen, it would be well worth the while of some of the members of our congregation, when next they visit London, to take a 'bus from Charing Cross to the city, and enter the Church of that name, when thousands of miles of water prevent their going to the more familiar building on Tenth Street in Philadelphia.

The Church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, a street still called after the unseen stream beneath, is situated near the Mansion House, and is considered one of Wren's masterpieces, ranking next to St. Paul's. Although small in size and shut in by offices and public buildings close up to it, as is the case with so many of these City Churches, yet the dimensions are so well proportioned that a view of the interior charms at once, and the eye rests with pleasure on the Corinthian columns, and graceful dome, rising from an octagonal base to a height of about sixty feet. The light from the lantern above and from the small elliptical windows, around the sides of the Church, produces the dim, religious haze almost always found in the atmosphere of London buildings, and renders it difficult to see in detail the dark picture of the martyrdom of the Saint, painted by Benjamin West, which hangs on the north wall. A modern mosaic pavement with a representation of the head of St. Stephen, in a large medallion, and some stained glass in the east window, showing the death of the Saint, constantly keep in mind the fact that this is the Church of St. Stephen.

It must be disheartening sometimes to the rectors of these city parishes to realize that they have not one parishioner, for business has crowded them out, and relentless taxes are so exorbitant that no one can afford to live within these parishes. The congregations are mainly made up of the few faithful who can always be depended upon in every country, despite distance or weather, a handful of tourists in the season, and the choristers and care-takers.

A pilgrimage of several days to these interesting old city Churches is heartily recommended by one who has recently made it, and been amply repaid by the wealth of historical data acquired, as well as by the development of that spirit of veneration which steals o'er one when surrounded by the relics of the past.

LAURA BELL.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL of the Sunday School was held in the School Building on Tuesday evening, Holy Innocents Day, at 8 o'clock. The tree was a large and shapely one very handsomely decorated by the committee of teachers, and was greatly admired by the scholars and all present. Mr. Wood led the children in the Carol service. The children sang sweetly. The address was made by the Rev. Mr. Miller. Miss Maud Taylor entertained the school with selected recitations. Boxes of candy, oranges and cake were distributed to the scholars.

THE RECTOR WOULD be glad to receive copies of the PARISH NEWS for November, 1890, and January, 1896, to complete file. Send to No. 9 S. 10th St.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

Visits paid from December 1st to 31st:

Ordinary visits,	162	Classes taken,	12
Sick visits,	5	Meetings attended,	3
Total,	167		

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED	
On hand,	$95.37	Fruit for sick,	$1.00
Mrs. Merritt,	1.00	For work,	7.35
Miss Snyder for Special Cases,	5.00	Groceries,	4.48
Miss Bentley,	2.00	Baker,	1.20
Mrs. Hollar,	5.00	Special Cases,	5.00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	1.00	Dress Materials,	3.05
Miss Emily Bell,	5.00	Railway fare,	5.00
Mrs. Richardson,	10.00	Butcher,	2.35
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	5.00	Confectioner,	2.50
Miss M. J. Sidford,	2.00	Messengers,	3.00
For Children's Entertainment,	5.00	Coal,	4.25
Mr. H. S. Jeans for same,	10.00	Christmas Dinners,	20.00
Miss Wilkins,	2.00	Shoes,	2.25
Miss Magee,	1.00	Grocer,	6.59
Mrs. Newlin,	1.00	Postage,	.50
Miss M. G. Mitchell,	5.00	Cards, etc.,	1.30
Dr. Worcester for Xmas Dinners,	20.00	Christmas Dinners,	35.00
		Miscellaneous expenses,	1.50
	$175.37		$106.32
		On hand,	69.05
			$175.37

As I look at the long list of people, who so generously helped towards making Christmas a bright and happy day for others, I wish with all my heart they could realize as fully as I do the pleasure, comfort and joy that came by their gifts, of money, food, clothes and toys. Our fifty dinners were distributed, every one receiving a chicken or turkey, fruit, vegetables, etc., and where there were known to be children, toys.

One old lady met me to-day and declared she had never in all her life "had such a good Christmas dinner." If this be true her former Christmas dinners must indeed have been scanty.

In each one of our gifts, however small, made to a sad, or needy brother or sister, the Father sees an offering presented to the Christ Child, more precious than the gold, frankincense and myrrh that were brought nearly nineteen hundred years ago to the infant Saviour, and as we listen we seem to hear the very voice of the Master Himself saying to each, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

On New Year's Day a Tea will be given to fifty little children, between the ages of four and twelve, followed by a Christmas tree. In my next report I will speak of this more in detail. Several kind friends have generously provided for this treat, and a member of St. Stephen's, who is a very busy woman, (being a doctor), has offered to give up her time to dressing the tree in the old German fashion, which shall be fully described in the next number of the PARISH NEWS.

Before ending I should like to mention especially the great pleasure that was given to twelve children by the stockings filled with toys, etc., by Miss Van Dusen and Mrs. Lucas.

Most grateful thanks to: Miss Millie Jahn, Miss Ruth Snyder, Mrs. S. H. Hillman, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Emily Bell, Mrs. Theophilus P. Chandler, Mrs. H. C. Atkinson, Miss M. J. Sidford, Mrs. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Williamson, Miss Wilkins, Miss Sanders, Mrs. T. A. Reilly, Mrs. C. Billings, "A Friend," Miss Mink, Mrs. McMichael, Miss McDowell, Mrs. E. C. Hine, Mrs. A. G. Brunner, Mrs. Brunner, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Rowland, "From the Stratford Hotel."

DURING THE MONTH of December the Garment Committee received only 39 articles, and as they distributed 49, it will readily be seen that at this rate, their stock of clothing will be so diminished that it will not be possible to supply the demands made upon them. Will you who read this kindly send two garments of warm underclothing and the acknowledgement will duly be made in the next number of the PARISH NEWS.

Contributions are gratefully acknowledged this month from Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Judson, Miss Livingstone, No Name, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Williams and Miss Van Dusen.

Monday, Jan. 3rd—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 10th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 17th—Miss Sanders, Sister Elizabeth.
" " 24th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 31st—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS made of a box of dolls and picture books kindly sent for the Crippled Children in the Home of the Merciful Saviour by Miss Louise K. Holman, also a parcel of Home Journals for distribution in hospitals by Miss Goss.

THE PARISH SCHOOL held its closing exercises for the Christmas Holidays in the Parish Building, at half-past ten o'clock on Wednesday, December 22nd.

The carols were beautifully sung by the school, and a number of the scholars in turn recited the Sermon on the Mount, which Dr. Worcester in his address explained to them. Several recitations were given, and when the toys were distributed the school was dismissed for the Holidays.

Mr. Herbert Drew kindly played the organ, accompanying the children in their carols.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY the Children's Friend Society in December:

From Mrs. Edward F. Moody, $10.00; from Church Fund (through Dr. Worcester) $50.00; from Mrs. Parmalee, $1.00; from Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, $5.00; from Mrs. A. F. Martin, $1.00; from Mr. Beauveau Borie, $30.00; from a Friend, $5.00; from Mrs. W. S. Russell, $1.00; from Mrs. Samuel Sausser, $1.00; from Miss May Miller, 50c.; from Mrs. Joseph Rowe Smith, $1.00; from Mrs. William Cochran, $2.00; from Miss Anna Sinclair, $1.00; from Mrs. C. P. Stratton, $1.50; from Miss Cleemann, $1.00; from Mrs. Joseph B. Van Dusen, $2.00; from Miss Garrett, $10.00; from Mrs. Albert Pancoast, $5.00; from Mrs. M. E. Sinn, $1.00; from Mrs. H. P. Hillman, $3.50; from Miss M. J. Sidford, $1.00; from Mrs. Williamson, $1.00; from Miss L. L. Williamson, $1.00; from Miss E. Ford, $1.00; from Miss E. Kalbfleish (Brooklyn,) $1.00. Total, $137.50.

Cards from Miss Stevenson. Toys from Miss Cleemann and other friends whose names have not been handed in yet.

On Wednesday, December 29th, the Children's Christmas Party was held. Miss Sally Grancell, Elocutionist, entertained them, and several other friends kindly assisted to make the evening a bright and happy one. Mr. Clegg made the evening most enjoyable for the children by exhibiting his Phonograph. An orchestra placed in the gallery was a pleasant feature of the evening.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet January 5th and 19th, in Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Donations received: Miss M. J. Sidford, $1.00; Mrs. H. P. Hillman, $1.50; Dues from Miss M. J. Sidford, $1.00. For Shoe Fund: Mrs. A. F. Martin, 25c.; Mrs. Wigfall, 25c.; Mrs. Joseph Rowe Smith, 25c. Received from Mrs. Sidney Hoopes Evans a large box of new warm clothing for the King's Daughters to give to their poor.

The King's Daughters did not forget their poor families on Christmas. A committee was appointed, and met at the President's house on the evening of the 23rd to pack the baskets. Four families were well supplied with all sorts of good things.

Clothing and toys were given to the children, and a very pretty and warm comfortable was made and given to their invalid man, Mr. Steel, who lived just to enjoy it over Christmas and died very happy on the 26th.

THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE, KING'S DAUGHTERS, held their annual fair the evening of Dec. 5th.

The Circle wish to express their thanks to Miss Stevenson, for the very generous contribution, which she again made to their fair.

The 15th day of December, the Mothers' Meeting observed the 11th year of the organization. They were given cake and flowers. Their work is to make aprons, when they are sold, all above the price of the gingham, is deposited in the Saving Fund, so that in case of sickness they will have a fund to draw upon.

The Mothers who have been quite regular in attendance were given a bountiful Christmas dinner.

WE ARE GLAD TO learn that in the midst of the many demands for money for charitable, benevolent and parish purposes, the ladies have

not lost sight of the Missionary Society.

The amount received from the Mite Boxes for the united offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions is sixty dollars.

THE CHILDHOOD OF GENIUS.

[*Andrew Lang in the North American Review.*]

As far as I have studied the childhood of genius, it commonly shows itself less in performance than in character, and, alas, not agreeably! The future genius is often violent, ferocious, fond of solitude, disagreeable in society.

The great Du Guesclin, the scourge of the English invaders of France, was a most odious boy. His parents had to make him dine at a table apart. He was rude, furious, a bully; he beat every boy he could lay hands on; he ran away from home; he led companies of peasant children against other companies; he was the terror of the neighborhood, and the ugliest page, as he became "the ugliest knight in France." This was the boyhood of a great military genius; the boyhood it was of a little savage.

Scott's childhood was noisy. He yelled old poems at the top of his voice. He loved the lonely hills. He read forever, when he was not wandering alone, and he remembered anything that he read. He was a dreamer, a teller of romances to himself. He delighted in fighting, as did Keats. He studied everything except his books. His enthusiasm for poetry made a lady recognize him for a genius at the age of six, but his father thought he would end as a strolling fiddler.

Napoleon, again, was sullen, lonely, a dreamer, and always "spoiling for a fight," like Du Guesclin.

Unluckily, sullen, dreamy, pugnacious boys are not at all uncommon. They do not become Scotts (not that he was sullen), nor Du Guesclins, nor Napoleons, nor Byrons—for Byron, too, was a passionate, lonely, morbid kind of boy, with terrible fits of temper. His early poems were trash.

Shelley's early poems were trash; Scott's were as almost any cleverish schoolboy can write, and there is no promise at all in the Tennysons' "Poems by Two Brothers."

BUILT BY ONE MAN.

Dedication of a Unique Presbyterian Church at Hepburnville, Pa.

There was dedicated recently as unique a Presbyterian Church as exists anywhere in Pennsylvania. It is a beautiful stone structure, and the walls were not only built by one man, but he also hewed out the stones from great boulders on Brobat mountain. He labored more than six years, never drawing pay for his work, and when he died recently he bequeathed his unpaid wages to the Church. This heroic stone mason was named George Taylor. In the Church he reared, is a pretty memorial window erected by a grateful congregation for the aged and untiring builder. About a year ago, when he had just about finished the tower and his long labor seemed about to end, Taylor grew ill. His hammer and chisel were laid aside and they were never again taken up by him. He was about 70 years old and died of cancer.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell.

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

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GARMENT COMMITTEE.

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DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
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ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Moore, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

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Mrs. Watson.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
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YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m.
Sister Elizabeth.

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3 p. m.
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m.
Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

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Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Teachers.

Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss Snyder, Miss MacRae.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.
Women's Bible Class, 3 p. m.—Miss Stoddard.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

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(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11.30 o'clock. Church open daily, from 10 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

February 2nd—Purification of the V. M., (Wednesday)
" 6th—Septuagesima.
" 13th—Sexagesima.
" 20th—Quinquagesima.
" 23rd—Ash-Wednesday.
" 24th—St. Matthias, (Thursday).
" 27th—First Sunday in Lent.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

January 2nd—Caroline Lockhart Barnard.
" 7th—Meredith Steward Swartz.
" 14th—Laura Pauline Pancoast.
" 25th—Ann Grasett Thomas.
" 25th—John Dover Thomas.
" 27th—Alice Payne Miller.

MARRIED.

January 12th—Thomas Rundle Neilson M. D. and Louise Fotterall.
" 14th—Walter L. Hopkins and Helen D. Lofland.

BURIED.

January 1st—Edward John Prew.
" 17th—Edward F. Moody Jr.
" 18th—John D. Thomas.
" 21st—Robt. P. McKnight.
" 25th—Maria G. Mitchell.
" 25th—Mrs. Emma Thornley
" 30th—Joseph W. Rhinehart.

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

First Sunday—Sunday School.
Third Sunday—Diocesan Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Wed. Mornings in Lent } Missionary Box Committee
Friday Afternoons " }

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

General Charitable and Benevolent,		$382 72
Foreign Missions,		372 22
Bishop Cheshire (N. Carolina),		148 00
Through Sister Elizabeth,		8 00
Special Church Work Fund :		
Mrs. Wood,	$10 00	
Dr. D. J. Milton Miller,	10 00	
Miss Maulsby,	10 00	
Miss Virginia Henderson,	5 00	
A Friend,	25 00	
		60 00
In memoriam, H. P. Taylor,		5 52
Total,		$922 46

IN MEMORIAM.

MARIA GOUVERNEUR MITCHELL.

Born, March 21st, 1876.

Died, January 24th, 1898.

IT IS PROBABLE that this great city was never so profoundly moved by the death of so young a person as when we learned of the fatal termination of Miss Mitchell's short illness. Thousands of hearts went out in unaffected sympathy to her bereaved parents and family, and it would not be too much to say that into hundreds of homes her death brought personal grief. If this is extraordinary, Miss Mitchell was not an ordinary person. It is true the setting of her life was worthy of the gem. She was the child of gifted and distinguished parents, her mind and manners

were formed by the noblest traditions, by travel, by that which is best in art, in literature, and in society. Yet it is conceivable that in many young girls these very exceptional advantages might have produced pride, vanity and frivolity. In Miss Mitchell, they only added the last charm to a naturally pure and humble mind.

It is difficult for one who knew Miss Mitchell to speak of her as she was without incurring the suspicion of extravagance; but some, at least, will read these words who will feel only their inadequacy. Of her it is hard to tell the truth without appearing to tell more than the truth. It is not merely that her short life was immaculate, pure as a lily, sweet, gentle, and absolutely unselfish, that she was almost without pride, and, according to the testimony of those who knew her best, almost without sin. Such natures are rare at all times. But when to this are added the positive characteristics of a devout and ardent Christian, a faith living enough to make others believe, solicitude and tender consideration for all with whom she came in contact, wisdom beyond her years—it is plain we are in the presence of a remarkable personality, which affects us all the more because Miss Mitchell was unconscious of the least superiority.

That it is possible in this Nineteenth Century for one surrounded by wealth, luxury, and the temptations of the world, to reproduce with so much fidelity the life of Jesus Christ is certainly one of the greatest triumphs of our Religion. This young girl grew up like one of Christ's own lilies. Once (the tradition is preserved in her family) she lost her temper over a game of croquet with her governess. During her last illness, when the agony was too sharp to be entirely concealed, she was heard to whisper to herself, "Maria Mitchell, not another complaint."

The cutting short of a life of such promise, the severing of ties so sacred, the extinction of so pure a light, cannot but give birth even in the most religious minds to certain terrible misgivings in regard to the Providence of God. I believe that only one rational explanation can be offered of such a spectacle as this. Death, which appears to strike with such utter recklessness is after all but a little thing. The date of our second birth, is not a matter of so much consequence as we think. Our life, our perfect life, and the nature of the soul that lives, that is the all important thing. This thought I know does not mitigate one pang of the agony of parting. It is impossible for human words to dissipate the darkness that surrounds death, nothing but the light of Eternity can do that. But the pangs of birth are short; even the night of bereavement is not long, measured against the length of a day without a morrow.

And yet there are one or two things that may be said even here. Although Miss Mitchell's friends may well have anticipated for her a life of splendid usefulness, of reciprocated love, although they may well have looked forward to the brilliant fulfillment of the promise of her youth, let no one imagine that such a life as hers is without enduring fruit. The greatest lives are seldom long. Only those serve God perfectly who die young. Can anyone imagine that Jesus would have impressed himself more ineffaceably upon the memory of humanity if he had lived to be seventy years of age? Might not the awful burden of a divine vocation have been too heavy for even Him to sustain with failing human powers? To go up and down for a few years upon this Earth, to make a sweet and profound impression, to be loved infinitely, and to die very young; that was the whole life of the Son of God.

Of our friend's sufferings it is not easy to speak with resignation, and yet we should be false to the grandest principle of our religion, if we refuse to recognise that suffering born with sweetness and patience, not only reveals the soul but makes it absolutely sublime. It was His death, even more than His life that gave our Saviour forever the love of all good and tender hearts. Suffering added something even to the soul of Jesus Christ. We read that the Captain of our Salvation in bringing many sons to glory, learned obedience by the things that he suffered. Every sacrifice, every righteous act, brings us a little nearer the divine far off goal of perfection. Every battle won, is one less battle to fight. Every suffering worthily endured strengthens the soul and gives it just that much greater capacity for happiness. The mystery of pain remains a mystery, and yet its darkness is traversed by one ray of light that shines on it from the Cross of Christ.

Perhaps we can even echo the words of the good Shunamite when Elisha asked her of her dead son, "Is it well with the child?" And she said, "It is well." Alas, her prompt relief is not at hand. The grave has become inexorable. And yet if we could, should we wish to expose our friend again to the uncertainties of life, and compel her to descend a second time into the dark waters she has crossed? Who for sake of a few more days of this sad life would wish to break her sweet and profound repose? Nothing but her presence is lost to us. She lives in God a life a thousand times more real than ours, and she has left us a memory, an example of unworldliness, of purity and love that will bear its own bright blossoms and fruit ages after her name is forgotten.

A WORD FROM THE VESTRY.

The Vestry of St. Stephen's agree with the Rector in wishing to erect a simple memorial tablet to Mr. Crawford Arnold in the Church he served so faithfully and loved so much. Such a tablet will cost in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty dollars. We feel that it would be almost a discourtesy to the congregation not to allow them to assist in this work, and to testify to their appreciation of Mr. Arnold's character and services by raising this little monument to his memory. The Rector will therefore receive and acknowledge contributions for this purpose until the amount necessary for a tasteful metal tablet is on hand. These contributions need not be large, as we would like as many of the congregation as possible to take part in this very appropriate tribute to a good man.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the Altar on Sunday morning, February 20th. This annual offering has come to be a well known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's. For the sake of those who have come to the Parish within the year, we will explain again, this year, the way it is done.

On Sunday morning, February 13th, from the pulpit, will be told more in detail the work of Diocesan Missions. During the week which follows, every family will be waited upon by a representative of the Parish, to receive the contribution. He *simply calls to receive offerings* of those who give. He will make no argument or appeal of any kind. The Rector will do all that publicly. Of course he will be courteously received by all our people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is equal to $5 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling handful of people are much the better off.

Of course there are many in the Parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given far more than the amount, so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the collector will be placed in the alms-basins, Sunday, February 20th.

The Rector asks that the members of the Congregation have their offering ready, so that the agent of the Parish may be able to receive it when he calls, without waiting and without being compelled to call several times.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTIONS will be given at the 5 o'clock services Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. A Confirmation class will also meet in the Vestry room on Wednesday evenings, at 7.45 o'clock. We have spoken so often about the nature and obligation of Confirmation, that there seems little more to be said. In fact there is nothing more to be said. There is, however, something to be done. Any one who has come to mature age, and who wishes goodness rather than badness for himself and for the world in which he lives, is certainly called upon to join that society—the Church—which is the only organization in the world which exists for the sake of building up goodness. The requirements are very simple, as simple, indeed, as they could possibly be made. The door of Church membership is open to any one who can say that he believes the Apostle's Creed, and can further say that he wishes and intends, by the help of God, to lead a sober, righteous and godly life. If there be any such person who has not been con-

firmed, the question for him to ask himself is not "Why should I do this thing?" but "What possible ground of exemption have I from this duty?"

ON WEDNESDAY, February 23rd, Lent will begin. There will be services on Ash Wednesday at 11 o'clock, with sermon, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock. During Lent, beside the mid-day service at 12.30 o'clock, there will be said every day at 5 o'clock the Evening Prayer, with addresses on Wednesdays and Fridays. More will be said about the observance of Lent in the next issue of our Parish Paper.

Last Lent a daily service and address was held in the Church, beginning at 12.30 and ending promptly at five minutes before one o'clock. Those services were under the management and direction of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood of the Diocese. Those who attended them will remember both the numbers, and the interest which marked them last year. Thousands of people attended them last Lent. It is expected to repeat the same services this coming Lent. The arrangement of preachers and topics will be given later.

AT A MEETING of the St. Stephen's Aid Society and the Missionary Box Committee, held in the Parish House January 14th, it was voted to dissolve the connection that has existed for the past year between the two Societies, and to go back to the original status of two independent organizations.

St. Stephen's Aid Society will henceforth meet only during Lent, continuing their work of making garments for the poor, especially those in the hospitals in Philadelphia.

THE MANAGERS OF THE Benevolent Society will hold, on Friday, February 11th at ten o'clock A. M., in the Guild room of the Parish House, a sale of garments made under their direction by the poor women to whom they give sewing. These garments are especially suitable to be given to the poor and the charitable institutions of the city. It is to be hoped that the ladies of the congregation will assist by purchasing the articles the Society offers for sale.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY are ready to receive contributions of money and materials for Lenten Sewing.

AT A MEETING held in the Parish Building, on Thursday, February 3rd, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester, the Missionary Box Committee was re-organized, and the following officers elected:

President, Miss Magee; Vice-President, Mrs. Fell; Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis; Treasurer, Mrs. Austen; Board of Managers, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Sanders, Miss Stevenson, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Van Dusen.

IN CONSIDERATION OF the fact that it required more than "the thirty-nine articles" of faith to clothe the poor, those interested in the Garment Committee and their work have responded most generously to the appeal made last month, so that 120 articles have been received during January, and 46 have been distributed.

Acknowledgments are due with grateful thanks to Mrs. Baird, Miss Baird, Mrs. J. F. Barclay, Mrs. B. Borie, Miss Cleemann, Miss M. Dickson, Mrs. Edward Fell, Mrs. C. F. Fenton, Mrs. Greer, A King's Daughter, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Koons, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Muirheid, Mrs. Maulsby, Mother's Loyal Circle, No Name, Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Miss Sanders, the Misses Stevenson, Miss Sidford, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Mrs. Vanderslice and the Whatsoever Circle.

Monday, Feb. 7th—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 14th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 21st—Miss Sanders, Sister Elizabeth.
" " 28th—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

A QUIET DAY FOR CHURCHWOMEN, to be conducted by the Rev. Richard H. Nelson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, will be held in the Memorial Church of the Advocate, Diamond and Eighteenth Streets, on Thursday, March 3rd, 1898, services beginning with Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M., and at 3 P. M.

The Walnut Street cars marked N. 19th Street pass within one block of the Church.

The offerings of the day wil be devoted to the "United Offering" of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

The Conference of Churchwomen will be held in Holy Trinity Parish House, Twentieth Street below Walnut, on Friday, March 4th, at 10.30 A. M. and at 3 P. M. Papers will be read and discussion invited on the topics "The right use of Money," "What is a Churchwoman's duty to her Country?" "How may we amuse ourselves?" "What can busy women do for missions?" Mrs. Twing will give an account of the Churchwomen's Conference held in London last summer.

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY the Children's Friend Society in January.

From Mrs. G. L. Crawford, $2.00; Mrs. E. F. Moody, $1.00.

Contributing Members: Mrs. A. F. Martin, $1.00; Mrs. J. K. Barclay, $1.00.

Toys received for Christmas, Ten dolls, from Mrs. G. L. Crawford; Box of toys from Mrs. Savage; Dolls, Miss Balbirnie; Mrs. H. C. Kerbaugh; Miss Betts; Mrs. Reinboth; Mrs. L. L. Smith; Mrs. E. E. Holman; Mrs. Green. Toys from Miss Lockhart, Mrs. J. D. Sawyer, Mrs. S. Sausser, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Hillman.

The Members of the Society wish to thank those who helped to give the Children a Happy Christmas.

On Tuesday evening, February 22nd, there will be given in the Sunday School Room, a Musical and Literary Entertainment, by the Glenwood Singing Society. Tickets 25 cents. Proceeds to be divided with Children's Friend Society of St. Stephen's Church.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE Whatsoever Circle meet February 2nd and 16th, in Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Received for Shoe Fund, from Mrs. James Arrison, 25c.; Mrs. E. L. Bunker, clothing and two pairs of shoes; Mrs. H. F. Martin, 25c.; Mrs. E. S. V., 25c.; Miss Nellie Airey, clothing.

This Circle has given out in January to the poor, clothing, three pairs of shoes and three pairs of overshoes and nourishment to the sick.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$69.05	Children's New Year Dinner	$13.85
Mrs. Heed,	5.00	Confectioner,	1.75
Miss McCullough	3.00	Butcher,	5.60
		Coal,	5.50
		Grocer,	7.75
		Shoes,	8.25
		Washing,	1.00
		Flowers for sick,	.50
		Milk,	.45
		Hire of Crockery,	4.00
		Baker,	1.00
		For work,	8.50
		New Year Dinners,	4.80
		Miscellaneous,	2.00
			$64.95
		On hand	12.10
	$77.05		$77.05

May I once more ask for coal tickets? This cold weather is causing much suffering among our poorer sisters and brothers.

Most grateful thanks to Dr. Marie B. Werner, Mrs. Drysdale, Mr. Dunlap, Mrs. L. E. French, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. A. F. Martin, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Sanders, Miss M. Robbins, Miss Ida French and Mrs. Joseph Van Dusen.

Several of the ladies above mentioned should have received acknowledgement of their gifts last month, we are sorry their names were accidentally omitted.

Visits paid from January 1st to February 1st:

Ordinary visits, 159
Sick visits. 12

Total, 171

Classes taken, 12. Meetings attended, 4.

Will you step back just one month with me, and peep into the Guild Room of St. Stephen's Parish House? It is New Year's Eve. How hard Kris Kringle's deputies are at work on that beautiful tree! Look at those soft, white, shining, snow-like wreaths, that hang from branch to branch. Surely they will melt and fall away in this warm room. Yes! they are indeed melting; for see the long, bright icicles glisten, now reflecting a thousand colors from those restless little lanterns that are chattering to each other in Japanese. Ah! the snow has fallen in two soft, white balls up there, and since you last looked the frost has gilded all those twigs. Was there ever such a wonderful tree?

If you listen you will hear what those whispering little lanterns are saying; evidently one of them has never been in such a position before. "What? do you not know what you are hanging up there for? then why did you come?" But before the little stranger can answer, they all shout at once, "*We* came because our master, Kris Kringle, says every one ought to *do* or *give* something at Christmas and New Year to make other people happy; and, as we have nothing to give, we come and hang ourselves up, and let those big people stick candles in us, and we try and hold them up, and give light for the little children to see the toys and good things other kind folks have sent. Sometimes we get burnt *dreadfully*, but are glad if it is at the *end* of the good time, as then we do not mind so much, for we have helped to make it."

So they talked on to each other through the long night, until the great clock struck 1898, and the New Year was ushered in. Soon the day wore on, and by and bye more deputies from King Christmas arrived. These bore Oranges and Apples, which quickly ran and hid under the tree. Then more messengers followed; these carried parcels of all shapes and sizes. Lastly a number of little boxes like beings walked in, all as sweet as sugar, dressed in white, with colored sashes. When they had all settled themselves, suddenly they received a great shock—a door seemed to fall from the ceiling, and they were all shut in! But some of the older Lanterns looked very wise, and began talking about "Surprise parties."

Now through the door they heard sounds of little feet, and a voice saying "You are such a little one, I must get you a cushion to sit on."

Then a sudden silence fell, broken only by questions such as these: "Will you have some more turkey?" or "Another cup of cocoa?" and presently an indignant little voice, "Why *didn't* you tell me there was ice cream, and then I wouldn't have had three times of turkey?"

The Lanterns all at once began settling their crinolines, and stopped talking, Whrr!!! Whrr!!! Whrr!!! up flew the door to the ceiling again, and what did those gossipy little lanterns see? At first they *thought* they saw over eighty beautiful shining stars, but no, they must be children's eyes: (a good man once said that the eyes of Children were like the Star in East, as they often led men to Jesus). But soon the little *hands* came to the front, and were quickly filled with the parcels, little box-like beings, and the Apples, and Oranges that had hidden themselves under the Tree for fear of being eaten, when they saw the bright eyes of the little ones, gladly yielded themselves up; with joyful hurrahs, the little feet ran home to tell of Kris Kringles beautiful Tree, of the big Turkeys, Ice Cream, cakes etc., and soon to bed to dream that the New Year that had begun so brightly must have many good things in store for them.

May their dream be realised.

Nothing but gladness came to those little ones that day, but since then tears have been shed from many eyes, and hearts are sad for one of their brightest "Messengers" who so lovingly cared for God's little ones here, has been called home to serve Him where "Their angels do always behold the face of the Father which is in Heaven."

No New Year's Day can come to many of us without her presence being with us, and helping and strengthening us in our work here below.

Very many thanks to all the ladies who so kindly gave their time, in preparing and assisting at the dinner; also most grateful thanks to, Miss Eisenbrey for the beautiful flowers, and holly that added so greatly to the decoration of the tables, and to Mr. Kelly for his most generous donation of milk, much enjoyed by the children.

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No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION: Wed. & Frid'y, 5 o'clock
" CLASS: Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

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GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford, Mrs. Molloy.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Moore, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss F. Wood, Miss A. Wood, Miss Holman.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

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Mrs. Watson.

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Meets Fridays.

PARISH SCHOOL.

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Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Sister Elizabeth.

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3 p. m. Mr. Wm. H. Hollar.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Miss Stoddard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss Snyder, Miss MacRae.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. James O. G. Duffy.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

(For young men.)

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Alfred J. Hart.
Vice-President—Alfred Keys.
Secretary—Wm. K. Bellows.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.

Meets every Thursday, at 8 p. m.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
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LITERATURE ASSOCIATE—Sister Elizabeth.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

ASSOCIATES.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
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Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11.30 o'clock. Church open daily, from 10 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

March 6th—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 13th—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 20th—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 25th—Annunciation of Virgin Mary, (Friday).
" 27th—Fifth Sunday in Lent.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

February 13th—Esther Sargent Smith.

MARRIED.

February 8th—Frederic Newell Watriss and Sarah D. Thomson.
" 18th—Thomas F. McGlynn and Elizabeth A. Dillon.
" 23rd—Charles Hinkson and Martie Braman Lowrey.

BURIED.

February 1st—Henry P. Taylor.
" 2nd—James T. Thorn.

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

Third Sunday of the month—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Wednesday A. M., Missionary Box Committee.
Friday P. M., " " "

OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY.

Sunday School,	$124 99
Charitable and Benevolent,	297 25
Diocesan Missions,	1412 04
Missionary Box Committee,	119 49
Mr. Arnold's Tablet,	150 00
Miss Maulsby,	5 00
Special Gift,	20 00
Mrs. McKean, (Special:)	
For Altar Society,	10 00
" Parish School,	10 00
" Missionary Box Committee,	25 00
Miss Jane Comfort,	5 00
Total,	$2178 77

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

About a year ago, an article appeared in THE PARISH NEWS on the advantages that would accrue to the parish from the possession of a suitable farm property near Philadelphia. A good many persons were interested in this scheme at the time, and have spoken very encouragingly about it since. After waiting a year for the plan to mature, and believing in it more than ever, the Rector thinks the time has come to bring it practically before the congregation.

As an initial step, the purchase of a suitable piece of property was laid before the Vestry at our last meeting. With its unfailing kindness, and interest in all that pretains to the usefulness of our work, the Vestry promptly approved of the plan, and consented to devote the Easter offering this year to this purpose. It may be said in passing, that the Endowment Fund will not suffer, as, by the will of Mr. Arnold, a thousand dollars will be added to it this year. A committee, consisting of Mr. Cleeman, Mr. Borie and Mr. Francis A. Lewis was appointed to report on available property and to assist in its purchase when the time comes.

So far, so good. The Rector now turns to the Congregation, feeling sure of its interest and support. Such a farm as we need will not cost less than ten thousand dollars. St. Stephen's has a reputation of doing what it does, well. We do not want a place in a malarial, mosquito-bitten neighborhood, nor an old ramshackle

house ; but a substantial and commodious building in a pleasant and accessible location. We want shade trees and fruit trees, an athletic field for our boys, croquet and tennis for the girls, plenty of room for the children to play in and, if possible, a pond or stream to wade in. It is probable that we should have to make considerable alterations in any house we are likely to get to adapt it to our needs. Therefore we are looking for a farm to cost in the neighborhood of eight thousand dollars, expecting to spend about two thousand in putting it in order and in getting the work under way.

The amount we propose to raise, therefore, is about ten thousand dollars. Can we do this this year? Unquestionably we can if we want to. There are more than ten persons in our church who could give a thousand dollars apiece to such a purpose as this. We do not demand this, but we do ask the wealthy members of our church to give liberally. Here is an opportunity to give untold happiness to generations of children and young people at a very moderate expense. The last large sum of money this congregation was asked to give was for the Parish House, which has justified itself a hundred times over. The Farm will justify itself just as much. We have hundreds of children and young people to whom such a summer home, with the influence we should throw around it, would mean happiness and health, and some to whom it would mean life. We have experienced women on whom we can count for the wise and efficient management of this work, and we have a generous congregation accustomed to give, and to give largely.

All our large offerings have now been gathered in and the season will soon be drawing to a close. Thank God, it has been a happy and prosperous year. Judged either by the congregations that have filled the church, or by the offerings, it is a year worthy to rank with all the years that have gone before. Many of our people will soon be leaving town for the summer, but we hope no one will go away in search of rest and pleasure without leaving a substantial gift behind to give rest and pleasure to those who will stay right here all through the hot summer.

Before the next PARISH NEWS appears we shall probably have found the place we are looking for. We shall then describe more particularly the work we intend to do. The Rector now, sure of the response of the people, will open a fund to be called "The St. Stephen's Farm Fund," with a donation of one hundred dollars, in the hope that other gifts will follow. This Fund will be classified as follows.

First class : Gifts of one hundred dollars and over.

Second class : Gifts of fifty dollars.

Third class : Gifts of twenty-five dollars.

Fourth class : Gifts of less than twenty-five dollars.

In this way we hope that before Easter, enough money will be collected, with the help of the Easter offering, to make the purchase of St. Stephen's Farm an accomplished fact. The Farm, of course, will be vested in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, and like the Burd Asylum and the Parish House, will be part of the property of the corporation.

THE RECTOR CANNOT HELP alluding with pleasure to the fine offering for Diocesan Missions just received, which is larger than he asked for. In raising this fund, year by year, we feel the pulse of the parish. From all indications, it would appear that the heart is beating strong and full.

WE ARE SO ACCUSTOMED TO OUR beautiful liturgy that we seldom think of the effect it can produce on minds who read it for the first time. A touching example of this was recently brought to the Rector's notice. A very able physician of this city was suffering profound grief. He had just lost the wife he idolized, to whom he had been married by the Rector, but seven months ago. At a time when human words and human sympathy were unavailing, a Prayer Book was placed in his hand. He read for the first time, those divine words of consolation contained in the Office for the Visitation of the sick and the Burial of the Dead. It was as if Christ himself had touched him and whispered Peace, be still. When nothing else could calm him, he could walk up and down and read those prayers. As one result, he will soon become a member of the Church which possesses that incomparable book.

THE RECTOR ASKS THE prayers of those who believe in intercessory prayer for a young man, who, last Saturday night, on his way, as he supposed, to suicide, paid us the compliment of stopping at the Rectory to talk the matter over. He thought he had reached the point in a downward existence, where the next logical step is death. We trust he is convinced that he is mistaken, and we pray that a happy life, and not a shameful death, is in store for him. But the Rector cannot help wishing that many other young men who are beginning to tread, with a light heart, the path this young man has trod to the bitter end, could have heard that honest confession. Such words rob vice of its last illusion. And yet, so long as the heart can repent and turn with sorrow from the sin it has committed, so long can God forgive, and though Cain, in his agony cry out, "My punishment is greater than I can bear," St. Augustine answers him, "Cain, thou liest, God's mercy is greater than thy sin." Some persons think it is not necessary to preach on the dark fears and agony that sometimes attack the soul. They are very much mistaken. I have the great happiness of believing that a certain sermon preached in St. Stephen's this winter has helped to save two men from suicide.

CAN ANYTHING FURTHER be said on the subject of confirmation that has not yet been said? If so, we wish God would inspire us to say it and you to believe it. He who lives without once experiencing the joy of communion with Christ in the Sacrament does not know what it is to be a Christian.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S many friends will be glad to know that she has almost recovered from the severe attack of grippe, from which she has suffered so much. Sister Elizabeth has been very much missed by her classes, the Girls' Friendly and especially by the poor. At present Sister Elizabeth is in Geneva, New York, her former home, where we trust she will not be killed by kindness, and that she will soon return to us in good health.

MID-DAY SERVICES.

Under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Lenten Services for business people will be held at St. Stephen's Church, commencing at 12.30, closing at 12.55, punctually.

Addresses may be expected as follows :

Ash Wednesday, February 23, Bishop Whitaker.
February 24, 25, Rev. W. B. Bodine, D. D.
February 26, Rev. S. R. Colladay.
February 28—March 4th, Rev. Charles S. Olmsted, D. D. Subject: "Spiritual Growth."
March 5, Rev. William Henry Bown.
March 7-12, Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, of Rochester, N. Y. Subject: "The Six Mysteries of Godliness."
March 14-18, Rev. H. Richard Harris, D. D. Subject: "Spiritual Power."
March 19, Rev. Llewellyn Caley.
March 21-25, Rev. Elwood Worcester, Ph. D. Subject: "Faith and Life."
March 26, Rev. Willis H. Hazard.
March 28—April 1, Rev. R. H. Nelson. Subject: "The Image of Christ."
April 2, Rev. Louis S. Osborne, of Newark, N. J.

Speakers for Holy Week will be announced later.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Sundays, 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.
Holy Communion, Sundays and Holy Days.
Daily, 12.30 o'clock, with short address.
Daily, 5 o'clock, with address Wednesdays and Fridays.
Confirmation Class, Rector's Room, Wednesday Evening, 7.45.
Confirmation, Tuesday in Holy Week, at 11 a.m.

LENTEN SEWING.

The Committee has prepared work for the members of the Congregation, and hopes that all will be willing to help on the work, as there is always a great demand for the garments among the numerous charities.

Donations in money or goods will be gratefully accepted. There have always been over 750 garments distributed during Easter week.

It would be a lovely Lenten work if the number could be increased to 1000 this season. This could be readily done with the aid of our good friends, in work, money and materials.

A Lent well spent brings a true appreciation of the joy and hope of Easter Day.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE has distributed ninety-four garments during February, and has received fifty-two only. During March the demands are apt to be many, as the clothing supplied in the early part of the winter has by that time been well worn.

Contributions are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Bunker, Miss C. E. Hutchinson, Miss Jamison, King's Daughters, Miss E. J. Magee, no name, Miss Florence Pancoast, Miss Rynard, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Miss Sanders, Miss S. Stevenson, and Miss Stratton.

Monday, Mar. 7th—Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Cleemann.
" " 14th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 21st—Sister Elizabeth, Miss Sanders.
" " 28th—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

AT A MEETING held in the Parish House on Friday, February 11th, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Worcester, the St. Stephen's Aid Society was re-organized, and the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. Carver; Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil; Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker, Recording Secretary, Miss Sharp; Executive Board, Mrs. Austen, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil; Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Knorr, Miss Janie Campbell.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society:

From a friend, $5.00, to buy clothing; from Benevolent Society for the Poor Children; from H. M. Kelly, $1.00.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle will meet in Parish House every Wednesday evening during Lent, half-past seven o'clock.

Dues received: Miss M. Wilkins, $1.00; Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $1.00. Clothing from Mrs. Savage; one coat for poor man from Miss Bessie Wilder.

DR. FRANCES G. CROUCH
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Received for Shoe Fund in February:

From Mrs. Parmalee,	$ 25
Mrs. H. M. Kelly,	25
Miss Sanders,	25
Mrs. Taylor,	25
Miss Laura Bell,	1 00
Mrs. Vanderslice,	50
From Church Fund; through Dr. Worcester,	25
	25 00
Total,	$27 50

This is a work the Rector wishes to enlarge. He has said, and we all know it, that the poor can manage to get some clothing and patch them together. But shoes are necessary for health, and are expensive and very hard to get. His idea is to help the poor to help themselves. Shoes for men, women and children have been bought, and *every Monday morning*, from *11 until 12 o'clock*, Mrs. Vanderslice and one of the King's Daughters will be at the Parish House to give shoes to those in need, making them feel more independent by paying a small sum, say 25 cents. This was started Monday, 28th, and when asked if they would pay 25 cents, the reply was Yes mam, and also saying, It feels so good to get a new pair of shoes on.

Another woman said, I can't buy a pair for Georgie, if I buy for myself. She paid for her own, but Georgie's were given, as she had only 25 cents left to buy something to eat.

The King's Daughters will be glad to call for such old shoes as have a future before them and have them repaired. Send a postal to the Parish House.

Three pairs of shoes and two pairs of overshoes have been given out this month.

The Rector wishes to obtain a situation as salesman or clerk for a bright honest young man who has had experience in the drug trade and as a drummer.

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St. Stephen's Church.

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REV. ELWOOD WORCESTER, PH. D., S. T. D., *Rector.*
No. 1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

SISTER ELIZABETH, *Deaconess,*
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

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Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

LENTEN SERVICES.

WEEK-DAYS, Morning Prayer, daily, 12.30 o'clock.
" Evening " " " 5.00 "
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock
HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday during Lent, on all Festivals and Saints' Days and Maundy-Thursday evening
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10 30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Worcester.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Mrs. Whitlock.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Wilkins, Miss Stevenson, Miss Baird, Mrs. Bright.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Moore, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss F. Wood, Miss A. Wood, Miss Holman.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. Austen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Sanders, Miss Stevenson, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Van Dusen.

Meets Fridays.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Miss Sharp.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs Lovejoy, Mrs. Knorr, Miss Janie Campbell.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Carter.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Sister Elizabeth.

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3 p. m. Mr. Wm. H. Hollar.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Miss Stoddard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretaries—William Bishop, Harry P. Christensen.
Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss Snyder, Miss MacRae.
Infant Class. 9.45 a. m.—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. James O. G. Duffy.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

(For young men.)

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Alfred J. Hart.
Vice-President—Alfred Keys.
Secretary—Wm. K. Bellows.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.
Meets every Thursday, at 8 p. m.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Mrs J. Edgar Johnson, 301 S. 8th St.
LITERATURE ASSOCIATE—Mrs. Elwood Worcester.
CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

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Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Cornish, The Misses Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss S. Eisenbrey, Miss MacAlister, Miss Alice Wood, Mrs. Crane.

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Mrs. Hansell, Miss Hansell, Mrs Richardson, Miss Sidford, Miss Dutilh, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. E. L. Stanton, Mrs. Beauveau Borie.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Dora Friedel.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11.30 o'clock. Church open daily, from 10 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

April 3rd—Sunday before Easter.
" 4th—Monday before Easter.
" 5th—Tuesday before Easter.
" 6th—Wednesday before Easter.
" 7th—Thursday before Easter.
" 8th—Good Friday.
" 9th—Easter Even.
" 10th—Easter Day.
" 11th—Monday in Easter Week.
" 12th—Tuesday in Easter Week.
" 17th—First Sunday after Easter.
" 24th—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 25th—St. Mark's Day, (Monday).

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

March 16th—Clayton Fotterall McMichael.
" 16th—Elisabeth McMichael.
" 20th—Florence Margaret Linda Paul.
" 25th—John R. White.
" 27th—Idaho Virginia Lovick.
" 27th—Florence Cathrine Lovick.
" 27th—Edwin Rogers Soder.

MARRIED.

March 2nd—Henry Claus and Elizabeth M. Artzt.

BURIED.

March 9th—Mrs. Louisa Ellmaker White.
" 19th—Thomas McKean.

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

Palm Sunday—Female Benevolent Society.
Good Friday—City Missions.
Easter Day—St. Stephen's Farm.
Third Sunday of the Month—Theological Education.
Last Sunday of the Month—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

General Charitable and Benevolent,		$366 94
Domestic Missions,		223 13
Missionary Box Committee,		218 01
Noonday collection for Mr. Crapsey,		114 13
Alms Box,		8 12
(Special) Diocesan Missions,		5 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy,		5 00
Charity,		5 00
Contributions for Farm:		
King's Daughters,	$ 1 00	
Dr. Worcester,	100 00	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	100 00	
Miss C. T. Rynard,	50 00	
Miss Emma Klahr,	25 00	
Mrs. Heed,	50 00	
Miss A. Tilghman,	50 00	
Mr. Samuel Lewis,	25 00	
Mr. Wm. B. Campbell,	10 00	
Mrs. Thorn,	50 00	
Mr. Edward P. Beale,	50 00	511 00
Through Sister Elizabeth,		2 00
Total,		$1458 33

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

During the past month the Farm Project has been moving quietly forward. The Rector, assisted by his good friend, Mr. Johnson, has investigated the merits of between forty and fifty pieces of property offered for sale in various parts of this State and in the State of New Jersey. Among all these farms, which it is not now necessary to describe, the farm of which we publish several photographs, is the one that seems on all accounts best adapted to our purpose.

This farm is known as The Emlin Institute Farm. It was once used for very much the same work as that which we propose to carry on. That in itself is a great point in its favor, since the house is large and commodious, and contains a large number of sunny and pleasant rooms; the ceilings are high, and there is a bath-room, advantages seldom found in a farm house. We will now give a description of this property.

Location: The Emlin Institute Farm is situated in Warminster Township, Bucks County, rest in a high state of cultivation.

Buildings: Main dwelling house of stone, with slate roof, twenty-one rooms, (thirteen bedrooms), bay-windows and porches, cemented cellar, nice lawn in front.

Other Buildings: One large wagon-house, three stories, one corn crib, one ice house, (full of ice), one spring house for milk and cream, large barn, seventy-five feet square, stable, straw shed, chicken house, etc.

There are several other advantages in this

Pennsylvania, on what is known as the Street Road, between the old "York" and Easton Turnpikes. The railway station, Johnsville, is on the North East Pennsylvania line of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, one mile and a half from the farm. The town of Hatboro is about two miles distant from the farm, and eighteen miles from the Reading Terminal.

Farm: The Farm, which is rectangular, consists of one hundred acres, eight of which are woods, eight orchard, one acre of vineyard, the property to which we would like to call attention.

(1.) A never failing stream runs through the farm. This stream can be dammed with little expense, which would give us a fish pond in summer, and a skating pond in winter.

(2.) Just beside the house lies a large level meadow, which, with a little work on the part of our boys could be converted into an ideal athletic field, suitable for base-ball, foot-ball, and lacrosse, surrounded by a running track.

(3.) There is an abundance of fruit on the

farm, apples, pears, peaches, grapes and berries.

(4.) The location is high and wholesome, and the view very picturesque. From the house one can look off over a peaceful and charming country, without seeing anything that offends the eye. The neighbouring properties are either large farms or gentlemen's estates, and there are no objectionable features, no saloons, no malaria, and it is said no mosquitoes.

(5.) The farm is in perfect condition. The soil is rich and has been well fertilized. The

fences are new. The important buildings are either new or in a state of excellent repair. Beyond running a piazza around the corner of the house, the place requires no improvements. The house, as it stands is admirably adapted to our purpose.

Price: The price at which this place is offered to us is thirteen thousand dollars ($13.000), or one hundred and thirty dollars an acre. Considering that the buildings could not be replaced for less than eight or nine thousand dollars, this can hardly be regarded as excessive. Moreover, situated as this property is, in a district already largely occupied by gentlemen's country seats, it is practically certain to increase in value in the next twenty years. If at any time it should be found that we have more land than we need, which we do not believe, it is highly probable, that we could dispose of part of it to advantage.

What we propose to do.

Although we have sketched the general plan of this undertaking twice in these columns, the Rector would like now to describe it a little more particularly. Such a farm as this offers a great many possibilities. It will be best, however, to keep the two sides of our work entirely distinct.

First. Charitable and Humanitarian.

The sole object we have in undertaking this large work is to benefit our people and make them well and happy. Most of us feel the necessity of leaving the city, at least for a few weeks, during the hot summer. The country not only refreshes us, it calms us, it teaches us many les-

sons that we knew once, but have forgotten, and we go back to our work with new strength and courage. The poor need this quite as much as we do, but they are not often able to satisfy their needs. We have in mind several classes of persons to whom our farm will be a great boon. At one time we shall have the little children of Mrs. Vanderslice's Society, the Sunday School and the Parish School. At another, the older girls of the Girls' Friendly, King's Daughters and many others belonging to the congregation. At another time, the boys of the Guild can go out for a week, and perhaps camp out in the woods. At any time they can go out for the day to play athletic games. We believe that the Farm will also prove a very attractive place to many of the older members of the Church. We shall enjoy a day spent out of doors in our beautiful country place, and it will do us good to see the children so happy.

Secondly. Farming.

All this will, however, cost money, and right here the advantage of the Farm comes in.

In view of the skepticism that prevails on the subject of farming, it seems wise not to be too enthusiastic. But it can be shown from the earnings of this property in past years that enough can be raised on it to pay at the lowest estimate most of the expenses of the work. We propose to place this part of the work under the charge of a practical farmer. The statement of the farm's products for the past year show a net profit of over three thousand dollars. It is true that though figures cannot lie, liars can figure, (we mean no disrespect to anyone). Yet with eighteen acres of wheat, forty acres of grass, seventeen of potatoes, seventy-five barrels of apples, not to speak of poultry, eggs and milk, in which we place much confidence, it will be hard if we cannot pay our way. We can either dispose of our products in the usual way to a commission merchant, or it is possible that there may be enough persons in the congregation who appreciate eggs more than "moderately" fresh, chickens, ducks and turkeys, still in the prime of life, and milk for whose purity the cow alone is responsible, to warrant us in setting up some young man in business.

The main point at present is whether we can raise the necessary funds to put this fine plan into operation. As we have said, the price of the Farm is $13,000. It will probably cost $2,000 to stock it, to provide necessary implements, and to furnish the house. We shall therefore have to raise about $15,000. Can we do this this year? That depends on you. At a special meeting of the vestry, held in Mr. Borie's office, on Wednesday, March thirtieth, at which the project was fully discussed, the vestry made the following proposition to the congregation: If the congregation will give one-half of the sum required (about seven thousand dollars) the Vestry will assume a mortgage for the balance until such time as the congregation is able to pay it off. That is certainly a fair offer, and it is on the strength of that offer and happy in the support and confidence of the Vestry that the Rector now appeals to his people. On Easter Sunday the offering will be taken for the purchase of the Farm. The only hope of success lies in making an extraordinary effort. Nothing of this magnitude has been asked of this congregation for years, and probably nothing will be asked for years to come. If we fail now we should hardly have the courage to take up the task again. It would be a confession to the community that St. Stephen's is no longer able to undertake large works. This we do not for a moment believe. If all will give liberally according to their means, and if the rich will give as our rich men and women alone know how to give, if we receive two or three donations of five hundred or a thousand dollars, the success of our undertaking will be assured.

We are not taking this step in the dark. Every feature of this plan has been carefully considered. We believe that within a year the Farm will be one of the branches of our great work of which we shall be proudest and that it will be the means of drawing many young people into the Church. Everyone who has had any experience in "doing good" knows that it is one of the hardest matters in the world to help people so as not to do them more harm than good. But in this work it is hard to see how any evil can ensue. "God Almighty planted the first garden, and indeed it is the purest of all pleasures."

To all this it is only right to add that at present we assume no obligation either to the owner of the Emlin Farm or to the congregation to purchase that property. It is on the whole the most available that has been submitted to us. But, should a better opportunity offer, or should our funds prove insufficient to warrant us in purchasing so fine a property, the Vestry reserves the right to negotiate for another farm at its discretion. We wish here to express our sincere thanks to Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott for the promise of several of his fine Jersey cows as the nucleus of our dairy.

MID-DAY SERVICES.

Under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Lenten Services for business people will be held at St. Stephen's Church, commencing at 12.30, closing at 12.55, punctually.

Addresses may be expected as follows:

HOLY WEEK, April 4-9.

Monday. Rev. G. H. Moffett, St. Clement's.
Tuesday. Rev. Jos. N. Blanchard, D. D., St. James.
Wednesday. Rev. Henry Anstice, D. D., St. Matthias.
Thursday. Rev. Sam'l Upjohn, D. D., St. Luke's, Germantown.
Good Friday. Rev. Elwood Worcester, Ph. D., St. Stephen's.
Easter Even. Rev. Herman L. Duhring, City Mission.

Services will be also held in the Church daily at 11 o'clock, at which time the Ante-Communion Service will be read. The Story of the Passion of our Lord is thus presented throughout the week in the Gospels.

Evening Service daily at 5 o'clock.

CONFIRMATION will be on Tuesday in Holy Week, April 5th, at 11 o'clock.

THERE WILL BE a celebration of the Holy Communion on Maundy-Thursday, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

THERE WILL BE Morning Prayer and Litany, with Sermon, and Offertory for the City Mission on Good Friday, at 10.45 o'clock.

ON EASTER DAY THERE WILL BE two celebrations of the Holy Communion, one at 8 o'clock, and later at 11 o'clock.

THE OFFERINGS ON EASTER DAY will be for St. Stephen's Farm.

Collections will be taken at all the services—8 and 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

IT IS THE LAW AS WELL AS THE CUSTOM OF THE CHURCH that everyone who has been confirmed shall actually partake of the Holy Communion "at least three times a year, one of which shall be Easter Day." Of course it is a law without any penalty attached. It is a custom which any one has the power to disregard if he chooses to. It is a rule, however, which ought to be as binding as any which the art of man could devise. To disregard it is to do one's self an injury, and is also to do a wrong to the society with which one has identified himself, and, above all, it is discourteous to the Master.

ON EASTER DAY THE SERVICES will be at *eight* o'clock, *eleven* o'clock, and *four* o'clock. At the two latter services the pew-holders and regular members of the Congregation will be admitted as usual through the north transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the hour of the service itself, and the visitors will be provided with seats to the full capacity of the Church.

It seems rather an inhospitable mode of action, but upon reflection it will commend itself to all reasonable people. It is but right and fair that those who attend the services all the other days of the year should have an opportunity to occupy their own seats on the great high festival, and that those who only visit the Church upon such occasions should be asked to wait upon the convenience of the regular attendants.

THE EASTER CAROL SERVICE of the Sunday Schools, Parish Day School and Burd Orphan Asylum, will be held in the Church on the first Sunday after Easter, April 17th, at four o'clock. The offertory will be for the Home of the Merciful Saviour for crippled children, and also at that time will be presented the children's Lenten Offerings for Domestic Missions.

AS THE WHITE ALTAR CLOTH nears completion, and it is hoped will be used on Easter Sunday for the first time, the Altar Society feels that a few words about the work may prove of interest.

In 1890 several members started a fund for a white altar cloth, and the effort met with such success, that in 1892 the sum amounted to $227. In 1896 the Misses Magee presented the Society with handsome white silk, manufactured at Spitallsfield, in England, solely for altar use, and work was soon begun. The designs finally accepted for the Frontal were made by the Sisters, All Saints' Church, Baltimore, and those for the Super Frontal, Pulpit Fall and Litany Desk Fall by Miss Ross, who has instructed the class in its work. The Embroidery Class has worked faithfully and skillfully, and, though outside workers have been employed, the greater part of the Embroidery has been done by the class. We are sure all feel grateful for the devotion, time, skill and money that has given us so beautiful an altar cloth to adorn God's Sanctuary.

MARIA S. WILKINS, Secretary.

THE LENTEN WORK taken out by the ladies of the congregation is to be returned by Easter Monday morning. The Committee will then assort the garments made and prepare them for distribution where most needed.

MR. WILLIAM K. HOLMAN has presented to the Church a large Bible, handsomely bound in red morocco and gold to match the Prayer Books and Hymnals used in the Chancel. This large volume was made in the publishing house of A. J. Holman & Co. It has been given by Mr. Holman to St. Stephen's Church as a memorial of his father, Mr. William A. Holman, who died on December 6th, 1897. It was placed on the lecturn on Sunday afternoon, March 27th.

MANY THANKS are extended to the Misses Magee for the four cloth money bags they have made for the collections of the Parish.

THE LADIES OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will hold a sale in the Guild Room of the Parish House on Wednesday, the 6th of April, from 11 o'clock until 1, for the sale of household articles and garments suitable to be given to poor people, also to hospitals. These articles have been made by poor women, for whose work this Society pays, and in this way contributes to their support through the winter months.

It is earnestly asked that not only the working members of the Society aid by buying, but also that those who do not assist with the work come to buy as liberally as they can, and so help in that way. Please notify your friends of the sale.

This winter the Society has had unusual expenses, owing to pensions that are now paid to women who have worked for the Society for many years, and now are unable to serve by reason of age and infirmities. They ought not to be neglected in their helplessness.

THE DONORS TO THE GARMENT COMMITTEE during March are Mrs. and Miss Atmore, Mrs. B. Borie, King's Daughters, Mrs. Albert Pancoast and Mrs. W. C. Richardson. Twenty-four articles were received and forty were distributed.

Monday, April 4th—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 11th—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 18th—Miss Sanders, Sister Elizabeth.
" " 25th—Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

FEBRUARY.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$12 10	Groceries	$2 10
		Coal	5 00
		Washing	25
		Shoes	2 25
			11 00
		On hand	1 10
			$12 10

MARCH.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$ 1 10	Coal	$2 00
Dr. Worcester	20 00	Rent	3 00
Miss Stevenson	2 00	Books	1 50
Mrs. Weir Mitchell (In memory of Miss Maria G. Mitchell)	25 00	Messenger	25
		For work	2 00
		Yarn	20
		Flowers for the Sick	25
	$48 10		9 20
		On hand	38 90
			$48 10

Most grateful thanks to: Mr. John R. White, Mrs. VanDusen, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Grace VanDusen, Mrs. S. Clarkson, Dr. Snively, Dr. Marie B. Werner.

DONATIONS RECEIVED by the Children's Friend Society in March:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00; Mrs. Edward F. Moody, $1.00; from the Glenwood Singing Society, for the children's Easter, $19.25, part of the proceeds of their Concert.

The children will have their Easter Entertainment on Wednesday, April 13th. Messrs. Morphet and Stevenson have been engaged for the evening. They will entertain with some magic tricks and musical novelties.

The friends who have kindly remembered the little ones from time to time are invited to come and see the children's happy time.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle will meet in Parish House April 6th and 20th, half-past seven o'clock. This Circle has made up for the Lenten Society fifty articles of clothing; given to the Home of the Merciful Saviour 3½ dozen bibs, clothing, scrap albums, candy, toys and pictures, and half a dozen wash rags, made by Lizzie Weikle, their invalid King's Daughter. They have also contributed clothing to several poor families and to the Garment Society.

Received for Shoe Fund in March:

From Mrs. Stratton,	$ 25
Mrs. H. F. Martin,	25
Mrs. Samuel Middleton,	50
Mrs. Crombarger,	25
Mrs. Quinn,	25
Mrs. E. F. Moody,	1 00
Mrs. E. L. Williamson,	50
Total,	$3 00

Shoes donated: Mrs. E. E. Holman, four pairs of shoes; Miss Laura Bell, one pair of shoes and one pair of slippers; from a friend, one pair; Mrs. Williamson, overshoes and slippers.

Bought in March, for men, women and children, twenty-four pairs of shoes, six pairs of overshoes, and had mended one pair.

Expended $22.06.

Gave out eleven pairs of shoes; received 25 cents a pair for five pairs, $1.25.

Some have promised to bring the money when they get it.

This is a great help to the poor, and the little they are asked is to make them feel more independent, and to show them how to help themselves.

It is hoped that the members of the Church will not forget to send their 25 cents along to help this good work, in which the Rector is so much interested.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD composed of the young men of our parish, will give an Athletic and Musical Entertainment, on Thursday, April 14th, at 8 P. M. Tickets 15 cents, for sale by the Verger or any member of the Guild.

SELECTIONS.

You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. Do not think of your faults, still less others' faults. In every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong, honor that, rejoice in it, as you try to imitate it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes.—*Ruskin.*

I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ.—*David Livingstone.*

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REV. ELWOOD WORCESTER, PH. D., S. T. D., *Rector.*
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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

SISTER ELIZABETH, *Deaconess,*
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

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Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10 30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Worcester.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Mrs. Whitlock.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Wilkins, Miss Stevenson, Miss Baird, Mrs. Bright.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Baird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss M. S. Klahr, Miss Thomas, Miss Moore, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Crane, Miss Helen L. Sanders, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss F. Wood, Miss A. Wood, Miss Holman.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. Austen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Sanders, Miss Stevenson, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Margaret Van Dusen.

Meets Fridays.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Miss Sharp.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Knorr, Miss Janie Campbell.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Laura Bell.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Sister Elizabeth.

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3 p. m. Mr. Wm. H. Hollar.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Miss Stoddard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretaries—William Bishop, Harry P. Christensen.
Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss MacRae, Miss Johns, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Comly.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. James O. G. Duffy.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

(For young men.)

Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Alfred J. Hart.
Vice-President—Alfred Keys.
Secretary—Wm. K. Bellows.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.

Meets every Thursday, at 8 p. m.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Mrs J. Edgar Johnson, 301 S. 8th St.
LITERATURE ASSOCIATE—Mrs. Elwood Worcester.
CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Cornish, The Misses Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss S. Eisenbrey, Miss MacAlister, Miss Alice Wood, Mrs. Crane.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Hansell, Miss Hansell, Mrs Richardson, Miss Sidford, Miss Dutilh, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. E. L. Stanton. Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Geo. S. Fullerton, Miss Cash.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11.30 o'clock. Church open daily, from 10 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

June 5th—Trinity Sunday.
" 11th—St. Barnabas, (Saturday).
" 12th—First Sunday after Trinity.
" 19th—Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—Nativity St. John Baptist, (Friday).
" 26th—Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 29th—St. Peter, (Wednesday).

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

May 26th—Robert Francis Breuil.
" 29th—Sydney John Needs.
" 29th—William Albert Jewell Guscott, Jr.

MARRIED.

May 3—Green G. L. Bingham and Amelia W. Kaltstein.
" 31—John Hadley Clark and Elizabeth May Holt.
June 1—Winfield Scott Crawford and Evie Charlotte Garber.

BURIED.

May 6th—Olive Blanche Chapman.
June 1st—Mrs. Theresa Schamel.

OFFERINGS IN MAY.

General Charities,	$285 07
Mrs. Hollar for Bishop Cheshire's School,	50 00
Alms Box,	3 09
Special,	200 00
St. Stephen's Farm,	586 89
Indian Missions,	58 31
Total,	$1183 36

OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

General Charities.

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1898.

BAPTISMS: Adults,	6		
Infants,	35		
		—	41
CONFIRMED,			37
COMMUNICANTS: Added by transfer,			21
Removed,			9
MARRIAGES,			25
BURIALS,			46
SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES:			
Officers and Teachers,	25		
Scholars,	300		
Total Membership,		—	325
OTHER SCHOOLS: Parish Day School:			
Teachers,			1
Scholars,			30

EXPENDITURES.

For Parish Expenses,	$16,654 26
" Memorial Tablet,	150 00
" Support of Sunday Schools,	282 44
" " Parish Schools,	708 51
" the Poor,	1,035 50
" Parish Work,	2,729 91
" Endowment,	783 17
" Burd Orphan Asylum (Trust),	19,800 00
" St. Stephen's Farm,	6,000 00
" Parish Societies:	
Female Benevolent Society,	789 83
Altar Society,	649 37
St. Stephen's Aid Society,	115 88
Girls' Friendly Society,	167 56
Children's Friend Society,	273 83
King's Daughters,	31 23
Shoe Fund,	52 20
Boys' Guild,	74 92
" Episcopal & Convention Fund,	331 64
" Sustentation Fund,	130 00
" Missions, Diocesan,	1,172 25
City,	195 89
Deaf,	25 00
Italian,	120 00
French,	100 00

For Episcopal Hospital,	315 00
" Other "	25 00
" Christmas Fund (for Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen),	225 00
" Memorial Fund,	592 00
" Home of Merciful Saviour (Sunday School),	75 00
" Homes,	45 00
" Fresh Air Fund,	130 00
" Missions, Foreign,	754 02
Domestic,	1,137 51
"Sunday School,	110 23
Indian,	94 36
Colored People,	130 00
" Christian or Theological Education,	164 52
" Cuban Relief,	100 00
" Missionary Box Committee,	416 66
" Woman's Auxiliary,	281 50
" Miscellaneous,	188 60
Total for all objects,	$57,157 79

RECEIPTS.

From Pew Rents,	$13,387 30
From Offerings for all Parish Purposes:	
General Charities	2,809 19
Mr. Crawford Arnold's Tablet,	150 00
Special Church Work,	1,730 00
Special,	205 52
Through Sister Elizabeth,	347 45
For Sunday School,	238 42
Parish School,	10 00
St. Stephen's Farm,	7,334 74
Endowment,	783 17
Altar Society,	240 16
From Offerings for purposes outside the Parish:	
City Missions,	121 86
Domestic Missions,	507 51
" for Christ Ch. Glencoe,	200 00
Foreign Missions,	646 17
Diocesan "	1,417 04
Indian "	94 36
Aged and Infirm Clergy,	224 95
Episcopal Hospital	315 00
Theological Education,	97 19
Brotherhood of St. Andrew,	482 85
Deaconess' Retiring Fund,	41 36
Missionary Box Committee,	416 66
Fresh Air Fund,	51 47
From Donations,	5 00
" Investments,	3,885 83
" Burd Orphan Asylum (Trust),	19,000 00
" Sunday School,	185 23
" Woman's Auxiliary,	71 50
" Other Societies,	1,205 89
Total,	$56,205 82

Boxes sent, No. 7; estimated value, $580 20

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

May has been a very busy month on the Farm. So much work was necessary to get our farm into running order, and our house ready for occupancy, that as the days passed, we seemed to be accomplishing little. But now, in looking back over the month, we see that a good deal has been done. A good farmer, with his wife and two assistants, have been installed in their quarters, the vegetable garden has been laid out and planted and a fine field of twelve acres has been planted with potatoes. We regretted that we were so late in getting our principal spring crops into the ground, but the season has been so excessively wet that many farmers who planted their potatoes earlier, have been obliged to plant them over again, while our potato field is in a very encouraging condition. By the end of this week we shall have another large field planted with corn. Every inch of the farm will then be under cultivation except the meadows that are reserved for pasture. We have at present six horses and eight cows, about a hundred fowls, a flock of ducks, some beautiful bronze turkeys, three Toulouse geese, and a great many pigeons and the poodle, General Tilly.

The house we believed to be in excellent condition, but the ideas of farmers as to what makes a house comfortable do not altogether tally with our own. A few alterations and improvements were found to be necessary. These are not yet completed, but we have improved the drainage, provided the kitchen range with a forty gallon boiler, introduced hot water into several rooms, and, most important of all, we have placed a fine porcelain tub in the bath-room. It will be remembered that the house was practically without furniture a month ago, but thanks to the great generosity of our people, furniture has come in at such a rate that in a short time the house will be comfortably and appropriately furnished throughout. We thought at first that we should be able to carry all furniture out on our own wagons, and we sent the largest hay wagon to town twice and took it back so full that the youth who drove it was obliged to spend the night on the road. Since then we have decided to make use of the excellent facilities of the Reading Railroad, and for the last two weeks the little freight depot at Hatboro has been little else than a receptacle for our goods, and one of the amusements of the town is to see what new property has come for the Farm. We now have all our floors neatly covered with carpet, matting or linoleum. The bedrooms are nicely furnished with white enameled iron beds, while several of the larger rooms, thanks to the gifts we have received, are equipped in a very superior manner. So many donations have been sent directly to the Farm that we are almost afraid to enumerate our gifts lest some should be overlooked. We feel, however, that we must acknowledge the following articles and if any are omitted, we trust it will be understood that it is only through inadvertence: Miss Wilkins, complete set of furniture for large bedroom, matting, bedding, rugs, lamp, china, etc. Mrs. Austin, two fine bedsteads, washing stand and china, table, rocking-chair and linen. Mrs. Stratton, complete new service of blue china. Mrs. F. A. Lewis, dinner service, finger-bowls, glasses, etc. Mr. Joseph Van Dusen, complete set of wicker furniture for parlor, carpet, curtains, wall-paper, etc. Mrs. Parmalee, bed, chairs, and other furniture. Mrs. H. P. Taylor, medicine cabinet, fitted with every requisite for illness and emergency cases. Miss Stevenson, a quantity of agate ware, candlesticks, several hundred dolls, toys, games, croquet-set, a swing, books, towels, etc. Miss Snyder, an extension table, twelve dining chairs, rockers, porch seat, etc. Miss Sanders, writing desk, vases, candlesticks, etc. Mr. Harmon Robinson, wall paper for four rooms. Mrs. Taggart, large parlor table. Mr. and Mrs. Pancoast, complete set of parlor furniture. Mrs. Firmin, beds, chairs, table, etc. Mrs. Thropp, large chairs, table, etc. Miss Josephine Lewis, sewing machine, carpet, etc. Mrs. Crowell, rattan couch and mattress. Mrs. Lovejoy, child's bed. Miss Clarkson and Miss Walker, a quantity of books. Sister Elizabeth, complete set of bedroom furniture, curtains, etc. King's Daughters, complete furniture for one bedroom. Girls' Friendly Society, complete furniture for one bedroom. Besides these gifts, more than five hundred dollars have been received for the Farm Fund during the month.

Wants. After so many splendid donations, it seems ungrateful to want anything. Still, if there are persons contemplating further donations, the following articles will be very acceptable:

A plain substantial writing table, with drawers. Writing materials. A few porch chairs. Pictures of all kinds would be very welcome, as we have very few. Linen, especially towels, and china and glass are always useful. Last, but not least, we have not given up hope of a piano, which will enable us to have music at our religious services and will add greatly to the pleasure of our guests at all times, especially on rainy days and in the evening. Mrs. Bunker has placed ten dollars in the hands of the Rector toward the purchase of a piano, and if a few other persons will contribute, we can easily buy one.

The regular opening of our country home will take place on Wednesday, the fifteenth of June, at four o'clock. On that afternoon we shall raise our flag in front of the house, and if the piano is on hand, we shall try to persuade Mr. Wood and several of the choir to lead us in singing patriotic songs. We hope that a good many of our congregation who may be in the city at that time, will accompany us and give us the pleasure of showing them what we have accomplished. By the liberality of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, the fare to Hatboro and return has been reduced to thirty cents for adults, fifteen cents for children. It will help us in providing conveyances if those persons who can be with us on the fifteenth will communicate their intention to the Verger. If there is a sufficient number, the Railroad Company will give us a car to ourselves. The first detachment of visitors, consisting of the Boys' Guild, spent Decoration Day on the Farm, and though the arrangements for athletic games were deficient, the boys seemed to have a very pleasant day.

During the summer, our regular guests will be girls and women, although we hope to make special arrangements for giving the boys a week in camp. Application blanks and a set of simple and wholesome house rules will be printed, and may be had from the Verger. From present indications the house will probably be filled most of the summer, hence it is advisable for those wishing to go to the Farm to make application soon. Guests will be received for two weeks or a shorter time, and we also expect to take a great many children out for the day.

In conclusion, the Rector thanks the congregation from his heart for their prompt and generous co-operation in this work, and he congratulates them on the possession of a property which is second to none for the purpose for which it is designed.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY desires to add to the annual report, that a set of Communion linen for private use was given to Dr. Worcester for use in parish visitation and administration of the Sacrament.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICANTS of the Girls' Friendly Society have kindly consented to take charge of the chancel during the summer months: Miss Emma Bartley, Miss Anna Bartley, Miss Eloise Charlton, Miss Jennie Tayman, Miss Minnie Wilder, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Lilla Wilder, Miss Amelia Whitaker and Mrs. Frederick Schmalzriedt.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

Visits paid from May 1st to May 30th.

Ordinary visits,	56	Classes taken,	5
Sick visits,	12	Meetings attended,	2
Total,	68		

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$21 45	Groceries,	$10 25
Miss Depuy,	1 00	Butcher,	49
Miss Magee,	1 00	Flowers for Sick,	75
A Thank Offering,	5 00	Eggs and Milk,	58
Grace Tower Putnam,	12 00	Shoes,	2 25
		Fruit for Sick,	94
		Coal,	3 00
		For work,	2 00
		Meat Extracts,	1 66
		Special Sick Case,	6 00
		Postals,	25
	$40 45		28 17
		On hand,	12 28
			$40 45

Many of my readers will remember the "Birthday Party" given last year to *eleven* little children by Grace Putnam, who was then slowly recovering from a long illness. This year we are glad to say finds her well, and again she has provided for her Anniversary to be celebrated by *twelve* children going out to St. Stephen's Farm for a happy day. They are very grateful to her, and wish her "many happy returns of the day."

Last year many generous gifts were given me by those leaving the city, to provide for the less fortunate ones who were left behind, to go into the country on the hot summer days. This year St. Stephen's Farm is ready to open her gates to all such, and they will find a warm welcome awaiting them under the cool shade of the orchard. Will those good last year friends that have helped to *buy* the Farm, and *furnish* it for their benefit, now help to carry them out to its wide open gates?

Most grateful thanks to Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Stratton.

ANNUAL REPORT.

From October, 1897, to February, 1898, Sister Elizabeth took charge of Bible Classes both morning and afternoon each Sunday, but was obliged to discontinue the afternoon class (much to her regret) on account of illness. Both classes were very steadily and satisfactorily attended. Miss Carryl most kindly took charge of the morning class while Sister Elizabeth was away.

The Communicant-Preparation Class has met regularly the last Friday evening in each month, in the Guild Room. We believe these short meetings have been helpful and appreciated. Every member of the class is now a regular communicant.

The members of the morning Bible Class met each Tuesday evening until Christmas, when the result of these meetings was shown in a number of most useful garments which were given to Miss Hall for distribution among the poor.

During the winter Sister Elizabeth has given a course on Botany to the girls in her G. F. S. Branch. An examination on Monday, the 23rd of May, showed that the girls had done good work and understood what they had been taught. A prize was awarded to Emma Bartley for the best paper.

Through the St. Stephen's Aid Society thirty-two little babies have been supplied with warm, comfortable and pretty outfits since last July. Every one of these little ones has kind and respectable parents; hard times only, and fathers being out of work, making these gifts necessary.

Visits paid from May, 1897, to May, 1898.

Ordinary visits,	1616	Classes taken,	40
Sick visits,	87	Meetings attended,	26
Total,	1703		

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
	$447 45		$426 00
		On hand,	21 45
			$447 45

About $1.00 of this money was spent last summer on our "Fresh Air Excursions," that sum having been given for this special purpose.

In no single case has money been given or help rendered without the family being visited and the real needs known. This year fewer impostors have appealed to us for aid, only three giving false addresses, and having been searched for in vain.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Report of St. Stephen's Parish Branch, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for the Missionary year 1898:

Boxes sent to Rev. Thomas J. Crosby (Dom.), Belton, Bell Co., Texas, value $50, November 27th, 1897; to Rev. James Cheal (Dom.), 801 N. L Street, Tacoma, Wash., value $87.49, February 26th, 1898; to Mr. Frank R. Jones (Dom.), Gambier, Ohio, value $64.31, March 10th, 1898; to Mr. Smith Robinson (Indian Hope), Rosebud, So. Dakota, value $79, March 3rd, 1898; to Rev. John Albert Williams (Freedmen), 1124 N. 20th Street, Omaha, Neb., value $120.43, February 1st, 1898; to Mrs. Patty Buford (Freedmen), Lawrenceville, Va., value $78.97, May 5th, 1898; to Rev. Mr. Rockwell (Dom.), Central Penna., value $50, April 7th, 1898; to Nova Scotia (Foreign), value $50, May, 1898.

Money given through Domestic Committee, $28.00; through Freedmen's Committee, $187.00; through Indian Hope Committee, $60.00; through Foreign Committee, $6.50.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the Diocese was held at the Church of St. Luke's and Epiphany, on May 10th, 11th and 12th. The address of the Bishop showed gratifying progress in all branches of Diocesan work. His remarks on the war were singularly appropriate and eloquent.

A new Canon was adopted upon the requisition of communicants, and a new form of charter was discussed, but no definite action was taken upon it. The convention declined to reduce the number of city convocations.

Much of the time of the convention was consumed in balloting for Clerical Deputies to the General Convention, which meets in Washington in October. The following were elected: Rev. John Fulton, D. D., Editor of the *Church Standard;* Rev. Dr. Perry, Rector of Calvary Church, Germantown; Rev. Dr. Bodine, Rector of the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Harris, Rector of Grace Church. The Lay Deputies were elected unanimously: James S. Biddle, Esq., of All Saints, Torresdale, who serves for the sixth time, one of the best debaters in the General Convention; J. Vaughan Merrick, Esq., of St. Timothy's, Roxborough, who serves for the fifth time, while not prominent as a speaker, he wields a large influence because of his remarkably good judgment; George C. Thomas, Esq., of the Church of the Holy Apostles, serving for the fifth time, whose name is known all over the country, as the Treasurer of the General Missionary Board and a great Sunday School Superintendent, and Francis A. Lewis, Esq., of St. Stephen's, serving for the second time.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY report donations during May from Mrs. A. P. Martin, $1; Miss M. J. Sidford, $1.

Contributing members: Mrs. John Heyle, $1; Mrs. D. L. Hopper, $1; Rev. Charles Milnor, $1; Mrs. Charles Milnor, $1.

The children, in spite of the rainy weather, have been inquiring if we are going to have any excursions this summer. The answer has been, we hoped so; but to take them to the Farm, which is a very lovely spot, takes money, and it also takes money to give them something to eat.

It is quite a ride from the Station to the Farm, and, judging from their appetites at the Park and other places, they certainly will require as much feeding at the Farm. The trips to the Park cost at the rate of twenty-five cents apiece.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS, of the Whatsover Circle, will meet in Parish House June 1st and June 15th, half-past seven o'clock.

The proceeds of Entertainment given May 11th:

Sale of tickets,	$30 90
Expenses,	7 50
Balance,	$23 40

Half for Farm, $11.70.

Donations towards fund for furnishing room at Farm:

Mrs. H. Hollar,	$5 00
Mrs. Russell,	1 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	1 00
From a friend,	5 00
For Charitable Work of the King's Daughters,	11 70
Total for Farm,	$23 70

Donations received in May for Charitable Work from Miss M. J. Sidford, $2.00; from Miss Stevenson, one dozen shirt waists, to be given to the poor.

The Whatsoever Circle wanted to do their part towards the new Home of St. Stephen's, so concluded they would furnish a room at the Farm, not *for themselves*, but to help and to feel they had done their part.

The $23.70 has bought the furniture, and in a very short time we hope it will be all in order, with new curtains and all its fixings.

The Circle feels very much indebted to the kind friends who aided in making the Entertainment such a success. It was enjoyed very much by all, thanks to Miss Julia C. Plantholz, Mrs. Angus Wade, Miss Anna S. Hair, Mrs. James O. G. Duffy, Mrs. Berrings, and, last but not least, Mr. Dibble.

And to Miss Louise Betts Edwards, for writing the Play for the King's Daughters.

The latter part of April, Mrs. Crombarger very kindly invited a number of the King's Daughters to go with her to the Church of the Epiphany, to

see Munkacsy's Paintings—Christ before Pilate, and Christ on Calvary. All were very much impressed and interested in the sad but beautiful paintings.

Money received in May for Shoe Fund: Miss Lilly Wilder 25 cents, Mrs. H. P. Martin 25 cents, Miss Emily Dutilh 25 cents, Mrs. Jones, 25 cents, Miss Rynard, 50 cents.

Money expended, $4.

Shoes given out this month, fourteen pairs, to men, women and children.

Although closed for the summer, we have demands and are glad for second-hand shoes, or 25 cents to put in treasury towards winter work.

THE HOLIDAY HOUSE of the Girls' Friendly Society, at Cape May, will be opened on June 18th. During June and September the number of members who can leave the city is so small that the Society would be glad to receive a limited number of those who are not self-supporting at a very low rate of board, and can assure all desiring a short visit at the seashore, a most delightful home.

For further particulars address

Mrs. Hansell,
2040 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Lawrenceville, Va., May 17th.

My Dear Miss Lewis:

The most excellent and valuable box sent me by the ladies of St. Stephen's Church has reached me safely. Its generous contents will help me very much in clothing my poor negroes, and most gratefully I thank you all, for remembering, pitying, and helping them and me also. It comes at a time of sore and great need—my Hospital is crowded with sick and dying people, and my means for taking care of them almost exhausted.

Praying God's blessing may rest on St. Stephen's Church, its Rector and people, for all they have done to help me, believe me, dear Miss Lewis,

Most sincerely yours,
PAINE BUFORD.

MRS. F. E. BUFORD.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD has been in active operation during the past year. The membership has increased to forty-four. These are mostly young men over seventeen years of age. During the winter months, Dr. Worcester kindly secured the assistance of Mr. James M. Bryans, who taught the members light gymnastics and many athletic sports. The honorary members, Miss Sanders and Miss Stratton have done much to keep the interest of the young men in their meetings. Basket Ball seems to be the favorite pastime. Reading matter is on hand, magazines, papers, etc., are sent by kind friends, games are played and debates on timely subjects are held.

Every Decoration Day the members of the Guild go for the day to the country for a picnic. This year they went by invitation of the rector, to St. Stephen's Farm. There they played football, base ball and engaged in athletic contests. They have their dinner in the open air protected from the sun by the roof of the wagon shed. They were taken over to the farm in large wagons sent for them to Hatboro Station.

Cash received during the year from dues of members and entertainments,		$31.90
Cash paid for Mail,	$ .16	
Medals,	22.00	
St. Stephen's Farm,	5.00	27.16
Balance,		4.74

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

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Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

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Meets Fridays.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

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Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
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YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Sister Elizabeth.

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3 p. m. Mr. Wm. H. Hollar.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Miss Stoddard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretaries—William Bishop, Harry P. Christensen.
Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss MacRae, Miss Johns, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Comly.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. James O. G. Duffy.

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(For young men.)
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Vice-President—Alfred Keys.
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Meets every Thursday, at 8 p. m.

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Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.
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(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)
President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, 10th St., above Chestnut, every day during the week, at 11.30 o'clock. Church open daily, from 10 to 1 o'clock.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

July 3rd—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 10th—Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 17th—Sixth Sunday after Trinity.
" 24th—Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
" 25th—St. James (Monday).
" 31st—Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

June 26th—Walter Warren Clausen.

MARRIED.

June 1st—Dugald S. Paterson and Edna D. Sellers.
" 15th—Frank B. Rutherford and Helen E. L. Milligan.

BURIED.

June 4th—Robert Francis Breuil.
" 13th—Edwin Bottom.
" 16th—Sara S. Lesley.
" 28th—Louise Marfilius.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE.

General Charities,	$146 91
For Piano,	150 00
For Flag Staff,	25 00
Through Sister Elizabeth,	77 00
Total,	$398 91

OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

General Charities.

ONE OF THE CLERGY of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. Tenth St., at 11.30 o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

The Farm, as will be seen by Sister Elizabeth's interesting report, is justifying its existence, and flourishing beyond our highest expectation. Thanks to the great generosity of our people, the house is now handsomely furnished throughout. Everything is running smoothly and har-

moniously, and the house will be filled with guests during the entire summer.

The principal gifts we have received during the month are the following:

Mrs. John R. White—Towels and Linen.

Miss Pendleton—Kitchen Utensils, two Refrigerators, Tables, etc.

Mrs. Fell—Pictures.

Miss Sinclair—Pictures and Clock.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor—Hardware, etc.

Miss H. Subers—Pictures.

Miss Clarkson—Pictures.

Mrs. Walker—Pictures.

Mrs. A. Cooper—Stationery and writing material.

The money for the piano, desired so much, was promptly given by four or five kind friends. (As all gifts of money to the Farm have been anonymous, we withhold these.) Thanks to their alacrity, however, the piano was in place on the Fifteenth, and added greatly to the ceremony of the Flag Raising.

The day was perfect, neither too warm nor too cool. About one hundred and fifteen persons assisted in the formal opening of the house, and it was probably the nearest approach to a picnic that St. Stephen's has known for some time.

The journey to Hatboro was made without difficulty on two special cars provided by the railroad company, but there the fun began. In a small community, boasting of but few public conveyances, transportation for even one hundred and fifteen persons presents certain difficulties, and the assemblage of vehicles which greeted the eyes of "the spoiled children of civilization" on reaching the ancient borough must have convinced that they were indeed "in the country." The rolling stock of the Farm was out in full force, and several other farmers came to our assistance with spring carts, market wagons, buckboards, coaches, and other fashionable vehicles, seldom seen the Park, into which all managed to crowd with great good humor. The house, embowered in green, set off by the flag staff, and by long white tables spread under the trees on the lawn, looked very inviting as we drove up the long lane.

The programme was very simple. With Mr. Wood at the piano, and with Madam Suelke's sweet and powerful voice, the national songs went well as a matter of course. During the singing of "My Country, 'tis of Thee," a fine specimen of the most beautiful flag in the world slowly ascended the long and snowy staff, directed by the hand of Miss Bessie Clayton. Bessie's father had hidden away about a hundred tiny flags in the ample folds of the large flag in such a way that when "Old Glory" floated out on the breeze they were released, and fluttered down on our heads. Then followed a general scramble for a souvenir. After the songs, chairs were brought out, and supper was served on the lawn. Then those who were obliged to take the early train were reluctantly allowed to depart, while the others spent another hour in inspecting the house, which was found to be in "apple pie" order, and in wandering over the Farm, not even sparing the wheat field. Then we all returned home, well pleased.

The Rector is glad to see that a good many persons have begun to go out to the Farm for the day, and he hopes that a good many more who for one reason or another remain in the city will follow their example. He wishes the people of St. Stephen's Church to feel that this property belongs to them. They paid for it, and it is theirs. The officers of the Parish manage it only as trustees, and it is their wish to make it as useful as possible and that it may give the greatest amount of happiness to the greatest number. By writing to Sister Elizabeth, at Warminster, Bucks County, Penn., a day or two beforehand, our people will be met at the station and driven out. Those who care to take their own provisions can do so. Others will be served at the rate of twenty-five cents a meal.

HOT WEATHER RELIGION.

There is no doubt that our religious emotions, like our other feelings, are sensitive to the variations of the thermometer. The Church, recognizing this fact, celebrates most of her important festivals in cool weather. Fancy keeping Lent with devotion at the temperature at which I am now writing, which happens to be just ninety-five degrees in the shade. At such times the physical discomfort of Church going is apt to offset its spiritual advantages in the eyes of most persons. But is that any reason why we should cease to be religious, and lay aside our calm and steadfast purposes, our benevolent interest in each other, and become weak, petulant and irritable persons? Certainly that will not make us any cooler.

With most of us religion is far too closely associated with certain physical acts, such as going to Church, reading certain books, listening to sermons, etc. And so our religion has something artificial about it. It is not yet wholly our own, and when these external supports are withdrawn, we rapidly degenerate. Let us not forget that the final religion, the religion of Heaven as described by St. John in his wonderful Apocalypse, is to be a religion without a book, without a temple, without an altar. It is the religion of the soul which they shall enjoy who under the strange apparitions of this universe have succeeded in finding God, and who live continually in His presence. St. John says of the New Jerusalem, "And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." It may be to prepare us for this, to fit us for the hour when "Neither in Jerusalem nor on this mountain" we shall behold God and adore Him that God gives us these seasons of rest, and allows us to lay aside the tasks we have grown weary of, and to find Him anew in Nature. Certainly the religious life has many sides, and of these, contemplation, drawing near to God in thought, losing ourselves in His immensity, is not the least. Poor and sad indeed are those lives that are all effort, all struggle. Shallow and barren are those souls that know not the pleasure of yielding themselves to the Infinite, of calming themselves in the starry spaces and of letting God carry them where and how He will. This will readily be mistaken for laziness by superficial minds, but it is not laziness that prompts us to employ forces higher than our own. The Romans were at vast pains to lay their long aqueducts level but they never would have taken so much trouble had they been aware of the fact that water rises as high as its source.

A cheerful face is nearly as good for an invalid as healthy weather.

THE WAR.

During the last few weeks we have been making history rapidly, more rapidly indeed than most of us realize. Such efforts and sacrifices as we have been making since the present war was declared never leave a people exactly as they were before. Already certain definite results are plainly visible. In the first place we recognize with joy that the old American spirit which sustained our forefathers, gave majesty to Washington, and animated Lincoln's grim and marvelous countenance, is as alert and dauntless as ever. Thirty-three years of profound peace and of almost constant prosperity have not robbed us of our virility. The old sword released from its scabbard is seen to be as bright and sharp as ever. These thirty-three years have also healed the wounds of the South, and if any sense of alienation remained, it has vanised in the presence of the common responsibility and at the sound of the common call. But this is not all. The presence of enemies enables us to discover the disposition of our friends. The drawing together of the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race, the cordial recognition of our common heritage and common ideals, of which during the last ten years we have heard so much, is now an accomplished fact. At no time in our history have our relations with England been so cordial as they are at this moment, and though we do not expect to put England's friendship to any practical test, yet in the face of so much unjust foreign suspicion and hostility, it gives us a comfortable feeling to believe that we have one staunch and powerful friend abroad.

Certainly the ways of Providence are strange. The nation that needs and covets foreign possessions and dependencies less than any other is to have some of the richest and most valuable colonial possessions in the world thrust upon her. That is probably in accordance with the principal "To him that hath shall be given." In the course of the next few months we shall probably find ourselves in possession of Porto Rica and of the vast archipelago of the Philippines, with possibly the Canaries thrown in, and with "Free Cuba" at our gates almost in the position of an adopted child, her inexhaustible fields ready to blossom again at the magic touch of American capital and energy, and the liberty, she has

struggled so hard to attain, protected by institutions modeled after our own. Little wonder that poor, overcrowded Germany, eager to find some outlet for her teeming population, and to check the steady stream of emigration to the United States, should view all this with jealousy, and should even be tempted to filch some of the chestnuts we have taken out of the fire.

All this is naturally gratifying to us in the highest degree—the more so because we at least are aware—it was not for extension of territory, or for the hope of conquest that we entered into this war. But at the same time we must not close our eyes to the fact that if these important foreign possessions are added to our domain, the old regime which has proved so enormously fruitful, and with it many of our old ideals of government will come to an end. We shall have to abandon our admirable policy of "fuge, tace, late." We can no longer avoid the entangling complications of European politics. We shall be drawn from our safe isolation, from our contented obscurity. We shall have to pay the penalty of having become one of the great powers of the earth. Having acquired great foreign possessions, we shall be obliged to defend them and to develop them. We shall be forced to maintain an army and a navy in some proportion to our importance. We shall again dispute with England the peaceful supremacy of the seas.

Is there, however, any reason why we should shrink from all this? Not if we have faith in ourselves. The foundations of our free institutions, laid in virtue, are strong enough to bear this vast superstructure provided we build as honestly in our day as our fathers built in theirs. We may hand down to our children the Republic, greatly increased, and yet as firm as iron. After all, society the world over is unifying so rapidly that we could not long resist the universal tendency of our times. Can we hope to take a hand in the world's game at a more auspicious moment? As a rule men's virtue increases with their responsibilities. The same is true of governments. Of all the fair and brilliant prospects now opening before us, the best would be that bad public servants having become too dangerous to be tolerated, we should insist on having good ones.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM RULES.

Station, Hatboro, Phila. & Reading R. R. Post Office, Warminster, Bucks Co.

Special round trip tickets may be had on application; prices 30 cents for adults, 15 cents for children.

Rates for the Parish—Adults, $2.00 per week; Children under 12 years, $1.00 per week.

From other Parishes—Adults, $3.00 per week; Children under 12 years, $1.50 per week.

1—No one admitted suffering from contagious disease.

2—Time of stay limited to three weeks without a special arrangement.

3—Each guest will be responsible for her own washing, no Laundry work is done at the Farm.

4—No children admitted under ten years of age without a responsible Guardian.

Fill out application and enclose to SISTER ELIZABETH, ST. STEPHEN'S FARM, WARMINSTER, BUCKS CO.

Name,.....

Address,.....

Age,.....

What Church do you attend?.....

Date at which admission is desired,.....

How long do you wish to stay?.....

Signature of Rector or Teacher,.....

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$12.38	Railway Tickets to Hatboro,	$10.25
For St. Stephen's Farm Fresh Air Fund,		For room at Farm,	5.00
Miss Sidford	5.00	Board for Girls, at Farm,	25.50
Mrs. H. Heed,	25.00	Provisions for picnic,	2.75
Mrs. Boyd,	10.00	For work,	3.00
Mrs. Russel,	10.00	Garments,	4.20
Mr. Wood,	20.00	Fruit for sick,	1.10
"A Friend"	1.00	Groceries,	3.50
Mrs. Arrison,	5.00	Shoes,	.50
Mrs. J. Newlin,	1.00		55.80
	$89.38	On hand,	33.58
			$89.38

Most grateful thanks to: Miss E. Stevenson, The "Children's Aid Society," Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Snyder, Mrs. Drysdale, Mrs. Edward Fell, Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. James Snydam, Miss Clarkson.

The "Crops" that the Rector was so anxious to see at St. Stephen's Farm have been planted since June 15th, and seem to be in a fair way of bringing forth the rosy cheeks, and sturdy brown limbs so much desired.

There are at present twelve guests at the Farm, old, and young. All agree that it is a "very good place to be in," and have no desire to leave it. The House Mother is quite sad when the time comes to say good-by to her children, but is ready to welcome each new brood as they come out. A favourite amusement of the family, is to get up early in the morning and go to the station with the milk cans; another, to go out with "Nellie Bly" who is so obliging as to allow all to drive her in turn, and to stand still, and patiently wait while wild flowers are gathered. Cherries are getting ripe, and very large birds are sometimes seen in the trees, and are even heard to remark "How pleasant it is up here."

The ducks and chickens were overheard talking to-day, the ducks started the conversation, they said, there were two things which they *did* object to, the first was, being called "Geese," and the second was, being driven into the stream, and made to stand on their heads on Sunday afternoon when they did not feel like it, but those new visitors at the Farm *made* them do it, and *they* should be glad when the time came for them to go away. The chickens symphathized deeply, and said with a sigh, "no chance for us to lay our eggs peacefully in the hayfields now without being discovered." The Geese too felt rather small when called "Ducks" but they only sneered, and walked on with their necks a little longer than usual. Strange to say, the cows are more contented and only stare sleepily as they see the visitors scurry past as far as possible from them.

The Warminster Post Office is a great attraction, and some one is always ready to "go and see if there are any letters." Another and perhaps a greater attraction is the piano, which sends forth its melody from about 6 A. M. until 9 P. M. One other continual joy is the swing, which like the piano is put in motion early in the morning and swings its pendulum steadily till night falls and all the earth is still.

Monday evening the moon rose clear and bright and the stars peeped out and invited "those who felt like it" to take a "straw ride," eight o'clock saw fifteen cosily packed into the large hay wagon, and with horns and shouts, songs and candy, they started gaily along the way to Willow Grove, here they stopped and bought peanuts (thinking nothing of the morrow): Eleven-thirty found everyone safely home again, cheers were given for St. Stephen's Farm, Dr. Worcester, the Driver, the Farmer, the good Cook, and many others. Crackers and strawberry jam were next on the programme; these quickly disappeared, the straw was shaken out of boots and other strange places, and good nights were said.

Only one sad thing has happened since our arrival at the Farm, and that is the tragical death of our pet rabbit. General Tilly, fancying, in a wild moment, that our little friend was a rat, quickly sent him to the rabbits' better land; the funeral was well attended and the grave is daily decorated with flowers. This Bunny was a very special pet, and so, much lamented; he would take crackers from his friends hands, nibble the Rector's shoes, and was most thoroughly at home.

The Parish School this year held its commencement at the Farm. Miss Lewis and twenty-four children came out on the twenty-fourth. Lunch was served under the trees. Games played, trees climbed, every corner and crannie of the Farm, stables, etc. visited, and at five o'clock the "Carry All" came to the door, and our friends said good-by to us, and offered to come again, which offer we warmly accepted.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in June by the Children's Friend Society:

From Mrs. C. P. Stratton $1, from Mrs. H. F. Martin $1, from a friend (through Dr. Worcester) $5, from Mrs. W. Williamson $2, Miss E. L. Williamson $1, from Mr. W. H. Hollar $5.

From Mr. Jackson Blank, for Excursion, ten dozen biscuits.

Saturday, June 25th, 100 children were invited to go to Sedgeley, Fairmount Park, for an outing. All were on hand promptly at one o'clock, and looked as happy as they could be, with balls, bean bags, etc., and were quite proud when they reached Eighth and Market streets to be the owners of the cars for the afternoon. The heat was intense, but in spite of it all they had a good time, and enjoyed their good biscuits which Mr. Blank so kindly donated. The cake and ice cream did not last very long.

The members of the Children's Friend Society, after consulting with others, decided, as it was nearly five years since they had taken any children to Atlantic City, and might never be able to take them again, the best thing to do was to present the bathing suits to some one where they would do good. Fifty suits were packed up, and the following letter received will show how much they were appreciated:

DEAR MRS. VANDERSLICE:

I promptly received your favor of June 20th, and since its receipt the box of bathing suits has arrived.

Will you please accept for yourself and the Children's Friend Society of St. Stephen's Church, our hearty thanks for this very generous donation. The suits will be of great service to our children. We were so short of them that it was with difficulty that we could make any provision for the children who came into our little cottages with their mothers. This donation will make it possible for all to bathe.

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. BENNETT,
Physician in charge.

Children's Seashore House,
Atlantic City.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsover Circle meet in Parish House July 6th and 20th, at half-past seven o'clock, as it was voted at last meeting they would continue.

Donations received from Miss Ella Kalbfleisch, Brooklyn, who is a member of the Circle, $10; from Mrs. McClennan, a rug for King's Daughters' room at the Farm; two pictures from Miss Stevenson; bows of ribbons for curtains, Mrs. Crombarger; Miss Dora Friedel, china pin tray; Miss Alice Kelly, china match safe; from May Jeffries (Parish School, twelve years old), a picture. She made dusters and gingham aprons, and sold them, took the money and bought a water color, she wanting to do her part, and it was appreciated very much by all the members of the Circle. Six towels from the Children's Friend Society, for the room.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

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Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Worcester.
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2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
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Secretary.—Mrs. Whitlock.

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Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Wilkins, Miss Stevenson, Miss Baird, Mrs. Bright.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Baird.

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DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

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Mrs. Watson.

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Meets Fridays.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

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Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Miss Sharp.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Knorr, Miss Janie Campbell.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Laura Bell.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Sister Elizabeth.

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3 p. m. Mr. Wm. H. Hollar.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Miss Stoddard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretaries—William Bishop, Harry P. Christensen.
Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Mr. Miller, Miss H. W. Sanders, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Miss Graff, Miss Ingalls, Miss MacRae, Miss Johns, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Comly.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Mrs. Molloy, Miss Mary Christensen, Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

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PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

July 11th—Margaret Lowther Christ.
" 31st—August Ulbricht Krapf.
Aug. 13th—Albert Pancoast.

MARRIED.

July 14th—David D. Wood and Alice M. Burdette.
August 1st—Henry Spencer Spackman and Jennie Fryer Spencer.

BURIED.

July 18th—Margaret L. Christ.
" 21st—Samuel R. Russell.
" 24th—W. Ellwood Brown.
" 28th—H. Spencer Lucas, Jr.
Aug. 6th—James Banes.
" 11th—Harrison King.
" 11th—Sallie L. Bradley.
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OFFERINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST.

General Charities,	$84.82
St. Stephen's Farm Outing,	25.00
Special,	1.00
Through Sister Elizabeth,	24.00
Through Children's Friend Society,	64.00
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OFFERTORIES FOR SEPTEMBER.

General Charities.

IN SEPTEMBER the Church Services will be held on Sundays at 11 o'clock, Morning Prayer and Sermon, and at 5 o'clock, Evening Prayer, without sermon.

THE REV. DR. WORCESTER and family have been spending the summer vacation in a cottage at Watch Hill, R. I.

THE CHOIR after a pleasant vacation during the month of August, will render the musical portion of the service on Sunday, September 4th, at both services. The services during August were held without music. The Choir will be heartily welcomed back.

THE SUMMER has about ended. It will not be long before the people are back to the city. Familiar faces will be seen in the pews again. Summer makes a most tremendous falling away of the congregation. It seems nearly everybody goes away and St. Stephen's Church is nearly empty. In winter we are accustomed to large congregations, and it will not be many weeks before the people will have returned to their accustomed places and duties.

IT IS TIME for the clergy then to direct the

attention of the people of the parish to the work that is expected to be done by the congregation if this parish of St. Stephen's is to be of real use to the community in which it is placed.

The time has gone by for mere worship alone. It is of course our bounden duty that in God's House and before Him, "we should assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul." "With humble, lowly, penitent and obedient hearts" we should confess our sins before Him, but our conception of duty and service is more extended. We have come to feel that worship is not enough. Work is required. Service to God is to be rendered by doing service to our fellow men. So it is that side by side with the Church the Parish House is standing. It is a place for work. It is a witness of the obligation that rests on all the congregation to do some work of some good sort for the community about us.

THE CHURCH has many societies and agencies of work. To these societies the people are invited as active workers, or as money contributors, so that work by those able to give the time can be more efficiently done. Let us name some of these societies:

The Benevolent Society is one of the most venerable of our Parish. It does the work of what in many places was formerly called the Dorcas Society. It employs sewing women and gives them garments to make, and so extends a helping hand to many a poor creature who finds it so hard to keep shelter and find food. It helps the poor by assisting them to help themselves. It needs money for goods. It needs women to cut out garments, to distribute them and to see that they are collected and paid for by the society. There is room here for many good workers.

THEN THE Altar Society calls for young women to take charge of the Chancel, to keep the Altar linen and vestments of the clergy in good condition. It decorates the Chancel. It distributes the flowers of the Altar to the sick and bereaved. It makes the surplices and stoles, and helps feeble parishes to obtain fitting decorations for their services.

THE MISSIONARY Box Committee, the St. Stephen's Aid Society, the Garment Committee, the Girls' Friendly Society, the King's Daughters, the Children's Friend Society, all these have work to do and will gladly welcome to their membership those who will give their names to the Rector, and who intend to do what they can in the *work* as well as the worship of the Church.

IN THE BOYS' department a work most promising and encouraging has been done in St. Stephen's Guild. There are about forty-five members between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five. Some of these have grown up in the Church and some are communicants. Many more can be had and the influence of the Guild greatly extended. For this work we need men who can give their time in entertaining, in teaching, or in simply becoming friends and helpers to these young men. The Guild meets on Thursdays, each week, and has business meetings, drills, debates athletics, games, etc.

IN OCTOBER THE Sunday School will begin its winter work. The sessions are at 9.45 a. m. Teachers of the right sort are needed. Those who care for the young, who are capable of teaching, of interesting the class and who are willing to come regularly and punctually. It is useless for a person to give time to take charge of a class unless attentive and faithful. We have many of these faithful ones, but the school can be greatly increased in size and attendance if more such earnest teachers can be had. We put the need before the men and women, communicants of the congregation; we ask them to think the matter over and if they can come for work in this department please state the fact to the Rector or to the Assistant Minister.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM, so generously started by the congregation, under the leadership of the Rector, has been a place of rest and happiness for many the past summer. Sister Elizabeth has been in charge, and by her faithful and able administration the house has been successfully maintained. It has been filled with girls and young women during the summer months. Many have stayed one, two and three weeks, and have returned to the city rested and ready for their active duties. There have been many visitors from time to time, and excursions

by the Guild, the Girls' Friendly Society, and some classes of the Sunday School have been made, and all have come back from the Farm happy to have had such good and pleasant times.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

The summer days are fast drawing to an end, and with them many of us will have to shake hands with St. Stephen's Farm and say "Auf-wiedersehen," for Schools are reopening, busy times at stores coming, holidays ending, and winter work beginning.

We shall part with our last guests on the 10th of September, and the first Summer Season at the Farm will end on the 15th.

We have been singularly blessed with bright, fair weather. During the whole three months we have not had one wet Sunday, and so have been able to attend the little Episcopal Mission Church at Hatboro very regularly, and enjoyed its bright services. Each warm Sunday evening we have all gathered on the piazza and sung our hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving with only the music of young voices, which I think must be the sweetest music of all to the Father's ear.

Since we opened the Farm, on June 15th, one hundred and fifteen women and children have rested and enjoyed real Farm life (this number does not include picnic parties or visitors out for day). Their stay has been varied from a brief Saturday to Monday next, to one, two or three weeks, or, in exceptional cases, several weeks. The ages of our visitors, too, have varied from a little boy of two years to the dearest, I hardly feel like saying "old lady" (for she was as lively as many of the young folks) of seventy-five years.

As to amusements, we had feared possibly some of our city girls might find Farm life dull, but we have heard no complaints on that score. What with tennis, driving, croquet, straw rides, picnics, charades, book parties, night parades, concerts, the piano, swinging, singing, wax works, sewing, sleeping, reading, writing for the "Farm News," etc., etc., the days pass quickly, and when the week or two weeks is up we hear only sighs of "Oh! what a good time I have had, I don't want to go, do you?" and the invariable answer, "No, indeed."

We have had *many* kind friends, whose help and sympathy have strengthened our hands and hearts in the work this summer. Two specially have thought and worked for us in a most practical way. It will not be the first time that Miss Elizabeth Stevenson and Mrs. H. P. Taylor's names have been connected with good works. The numberless useful and generous gifts that have come through them it is impossible for me to recount here. I can only say that our gratitude is most sincere, and we count them true friends of St. Stephen's Farm.

If space would allow, I should like to give several of the letters received from the children after leaving the Farm, but must content myself with the following. It was written by a little child, eight years old.

"Dear Sister:

"I just thought I would write you a few lines and tell you I got home safe. I feel very lonesome without you and the little girls. Grandmamma and mamma do not know how to reward you for all your kindness. They say I look so well. When can I come again? A big girl I know would like to come too. We can only pray for you. Nobody made this up for me. I wrote it all myself.

"Your dear little friend,

"A—— ——."

Others write sending their love to all the horses, General Tilly, chickens, ducks, etc. Certainly the children have had a "good time" this summer.

The Rector, who has the welfare of the Farm very near his heart, paid us a visit in the middle of his vacation to see for himself that everything was going well with us, before leaving he made one or two alterations for our comfort. We hope he is having as good a holiday at Watch Hill as we are at the Farm.

JULY AND AUGUST.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$33.58	For Childrens' Board at Farm,	$37.00
Miss Snyder,	10.00	Special Cases,	10.00
Miss Stoddard,	2.00	Tickets,	14.50
A Friend,	1.00	Board at Seaside for Child,	3.50
Miss Baird,	9.00	Provisions for Picnic,	3.00
Miss McCullough,	2.00		68.00
Through Rev. J.L. Miller, for childrens' board at Farm,	13.00	On hand,	2.58
	$70.58		$70.58

Most grateful thanks to: Miss Snyder, Miss E. Stevenson, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Mrs. E. E. Holman, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. Vanderslice, Dr. Snively.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE acknowledge with thanks, a child's dress, from Miss Christopher.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in July and August by the Children's Friend Society.

From S. M. C., $5, Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1, Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, $10, Mrs. Anna Kelly, $2, Mr. Beauveau Borie, $25, Mrs. M. E. Sinn, $2, C. $10, Mrs. Edward Moody, $3, Mrs. J. P. Hillman, $3. Total, $61.00.

From Contributing Members, Miss Cleemann, $1, Miss Ford, $1, Miss H. F. Martin, $1.

Forty tickets for the Zoological Gardens, Mrs. Artzt. Box of clothing from Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Jr.

August 8th, the little folks had their Excursion to the Farm.

Their kind friend, Mr. Beauveau Borie, had donated $25 for this purpose, which paid for the tickets, biscuit, ice cream and cake, not only for the children, but all the guests at the Farm. Sister Elizabeth as her part of the party donated sandwiches, milk and tea. The ride on the train was enjoyed by all, but not as much as the ride to the house in St. Stephen's coach and hay wagon, as both were well filled with a very happy crowd. On reaching the house Sister Elizabeth and a number of young ladies met them at the door, who at once felt it their duty to give the little ones a good time. They were shown all the curiosities of the place, and as one little girl cried and wanted to go home when she saw a cow, you may imagine that many things were both new and interesting to them. Swings, hammocks, balls and games of all sorts were in use, one cannot say enough of the kindness shown the little ones by Sister Elizabeth and her guests, not forgeting the waitresses and the cook.

It was very nearly time to leave, which came too soon for many, when Sister Elizabeth brought out her camera and took their pictures, then each little girl had a doll baby given her, and the boys a wheelbarrow. Three cheers were then given for Sister Elizabeth, good-bye was said and thus ended a very happy day for the children.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle meet in the Parish House September 7th and 21st, at half-past seven o'clock.

Owing to the extreme heat, this Circle did not meet in August as was voted, but for all that they did not forget their poor people. Ice was sent to their invalid girl for a number of weeks, Board was paid for three at the Farm for a week, fare was paid for a number to go to Atlantic City, and several outings given to those who were much in need of it.

Donation of clothing for the poor from Miss Alice Kelly.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

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Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

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Teachers.

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" 23rd—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 28th—SS. Simon and Jude, (Friday).
" 30th—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

PARISH REGISTER.

MARRIED.

Sept. 21st—Frank Winfield Falbey and Bessie C. Rhinehardt.
Sept. 21st—John A. Dexter and Elizabeth P. Broom.

BURIED.

Sept. 10th—Catherine W. Thorn.
" 29th—Sutherland Law.
Oct. 1st—Maria D. Sanders.

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday of Month—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

General Charities, - - - - - -	$73.26
Children's Friend Society, - - - -	6.00
Total,	79.26

AFTER THE WAR.

We should be an ungrateful people did we not thankfully acknowledge the successes with which a kind Heaven has blessed our efforts during the past year. Six months ago we were rapidly nearing the outbreak of a great foreign war—a war which military authorities, both at home and abroad, anticipated might be protracted for years. That war, after a series of crushing Spanish defeats, was concluded in four months, with the good fortune which up to this time has constantly attended American arms. If the King of Spain had a beard, that beard would be singed. Had England, any time during the past ten years, shown as much spirit in insisting on the cessation of the Armenian atrocities as we have shown in this matter, the end of this century would see the only two persecuting nations remaining as harmless as kittens.

While it would be shockingly pharisaical of us to pretend because we have won this war that God is on our side and against our enemies, yet if we may not see the hand of Providence in the rise and fall of nations, in events that determine the course of the world for ages, it would be difficult to say where we are to look for that hand here below. Voltaire said "God is always on the side of the heaviest battalions," but we have learned that purely moral qualities are sometimes of more avail in the day of battle than mere weight of metal.

However all this may be, and whatever be the final disposition of the territory now under debate, we have accomplished the real purpose for which we took up arms. The barbarities practiced on the island of Cuba have come to a perpetual end; henceforth the inhabitants of the Spanish West Indies and the Philippines shall be free. If we were sincere in the purpose for which

we professed to declare war, we shall be satisfied. Whatever be the outcome of the Peace Commission, we shall go back to our customary tasks with a glad mind, grateful for what the Lord has wrought.

And yet it would be a mistake to suppose that we can be again exactly what we were before. Through all these months we believe God has been leading us. He has brought us face to face with the great realities of things. - Danger, suffering, the sacrifice of earthly ties and blessings, the stern willingness to die, all these things bring us nearer to God, who alone is real. War shortens life, but it deepens it. Our country, too, means more to us than it meant a year ago. The splendid victories of Manilla and Santiago, give us new faith in the destiny of our institutions. The superb qualities exhibited by almost every soldier and sailor to whom the opportunity was granted gives a new and higher meaning to the word American. Good and solid people, firm in its grasp of this world and the next, prudent and scheming Yankee, romantic and chivalrous at heart, but never absurd, laughing at everything to conceal his natural seriousness, generous and great spirit, that incarnated itself once in Washington, and again, perhaps, more perfectly in Abraham Lincoln—we love you more than ever before.

The Farm ended its first season of usefulness on the twelfth of September. During the three months of this unusually hot summer more than five hundred persons enjoyed its privileges, of whom about one hundred and twenty were regular boarders; judged by the amount of happiness it has given and health it has restored, the Farm must be regarded as one of the most successful enterprises in which our Church has engaged, and the Rector feels sure that it will endear itself more and more to the people as the seasons roll by. To him it is a source of great pleasure to see the marked signs of physical improvement and vigor in those girls and women who were with us long enough to be benefitted by a wholesome country life. Sometimes people are not grateful for the most well intentioned efforts to do them good, but we have been overwhelmed with grateful letters, many of them charmingly naïf, and we have learned to love many of our little wards very much. In no single instance have we had reason to complain of anything worse in the conduct of our visitors than those little naughtinesses which are part of the imperfection of human nature. While we have naturally considered the claims of our own people first, we have freely admitted the members of other parishes as we could. The history of the summer's work has been preserved in the "Farm News," published by Messrs. Cow and Calf, and in a number of delightful photographs, taken by Sister Elizabeth, some of which we hope to reproduce in the PARISH NEWS during the winter. The Rector feels that the thanks of the parish are due to Sister Elizabeth for her untiring efforts and inexhaustible inventiveness in the management of the Farm, during the entire summer, and to Miss M. N. Potter, for her assistance, during the month of August. As a proof of the attention our work is receiving, even outside of the United States, we publish the following clipping from the journal de Genive (Suisse) of September third:

"L'Eglise épiscopale de St-Etienne à Philadelphie vient d'acheter à 35 kilomètres environ de cette ville un *home* d'été consistant en une centaine d'acres (l'acre représente 40 ares) de terre, sur lesquels s'élève une maison. Ce sera un lieu de séjour pour les mères et les bébés, ainsi que pour les jeunes garcons et jeunes filles de la paroisse en vacances. Pendant leur séjour les garcons aideront aux travaux de la ferme, et les jeunes filles s'initieront à ceux du ménage. Les promoteurs de cette entreprise espèrent arriver à lui faire couvrir ses frais.

Cette évolution des Eglises du coté du christianisme pratique est une des caractéristiques les plus réjouissantes de l'époque actuelle en Amérique."

This summer, as usual, we have been called on to mourn the loss of several old and beloved members of St. Stephen's Church. On the 1st of August occurred the death of Mrs. John Sanders, on the 17th of August, Mr. Albert Pancoast died, and Miss Catherine W. Thorn, whose legacy of one thousand dollars to the Endowment Fund of the Church we gratefully acknowledge, died on the seventh of September. While our hearts go out in earnest sympathy to the families of all our departed friends, we can only pray God to raise up hearts as true to take their places in the Church they loved and adorned.

"If thou givest a cup of cold water to a disciple in the name of a disciple, thou shalt by no means lose thy reward. But if thou givest that disciple a cup of water in despite, when thou perceivest him rather to need wine or a cordial, thy reward shall be to want that water to cool thy tongue."

BP. JEREMY TAYLOR.

AMONG RECENT GIFTS to the Farm, we acknowledge with thanks several valuable and useful pieces of furniture, kindly presented by Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Putnam.

To the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church:

GENTLEMEN:

I regret to announce the resignation of Mr. Geo. Roden, who for twenty-four years has filled the position of Solo Bass in the Choir of St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Roden's resignation has been tendered me several times during the past few years, and it is with the greatest reluctance that I now feel obliged to accept it. His worth as a singer, his faithfulness in the discharge of every duty, and his gentlemanly deportment, are qualities which combine to make him one of the most efficient members of our Choir.

I shall endeavor to fill his place at an early date.

Respectfully yours,

D. D. WOOD.

The above communication was received with regret by the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Suitable action will be taken by the Vestry, at their regular meeting on the first Monday in November.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL was opened for the season on Sunday, October 2nd, at 9.45 A. M. There were a very good number of scholars in their accustomed places. Unfortunately some of the teachers have not as yet returned to the city. The appeal of Dr. Worcester for a few new teachers, has been promptly responded to. We gladly welcome these to our Sunday School for they are needed.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in September by the Children's Friend Society:

From Mr. W. H. Hollar, $5.00; from Mrs. W. S. Russell, $1.00.

The little ones have not had as many outings as usual this year, but it is hoped that they may not be forgotten and may have many pleasant evenings this winter.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle, have their meetings October 5th and October 19th, in Parish House, half past seven o'clock. King's Daughters say, don't forget the Shoe Fund, we are told that this is to be a cold Winter, if so, there will be many little feet that will need looking after, help us to have a good store in our closet before the work commences in November. You can be a member for 25 cents. Shoes or overshoes are very acceptable.

Please send to Parish House marked for King's Daughter's Shoe Fund, with your name, that they may be acknowledged.

Donation of clothing for poor family, from Miss Bessie Kehl.

YOUR ATTENTION IS called to the eighth Oratorio Concert of the Chorus of the Temple, Thursday evening, November 10th, 1898, on which occasion the program will consist of two numbers, viz: Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," and Schubert's "Miriam's Song of Triumph." The Chorus will be assisted by eminent soloists and accompanied by a full orchestra, with Professor David D. Wood at the Grand Organ. Soloists: Madame Emma Suelke, soprano; Mrs. Alice Burdette Wood, second soprano: Mr. J. Henry McKinley, (of New York City), Tenor.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Where is now St. Stephen's Farm House
I remember with delight
Sitting on the front piazza
Charming was the view in sight.
It has gone with summer sunshine,
Longer there we might not stay;
It has passed into the memory,
Fairer than the fairest day;
It has passed into the memory,
Fairer than the fairest day.

Where is now that old milk wagon
And our dear friend Nellie Bly?
Who so early in the morning
Told us not in bed to lie,
But to rise with her and carry
Milk to depot sure and slow;
Ah! she waits at Johnsville Station,
Nothing now can make her go;
Ah! she waits at Johnsville Station,
Nothing now can make her go.

Where are now those golden Cookies
Made by Crommies' clever hand;
Where those pies and tarts and puddings
Never equalled in this land;
Where those biscuits, cakes and muffins,
Where that best of home made bread?
All have gone from us forever,
Now we're not by Crommie fed;
All are gone from us forever,
Now we're not by Crommie fed.

Where is now our Bunny Rabbit,
That so soft and shy and sweet,
Came to us on Easter morning
In a box to Locust Street?
Ready was he for the country
And most gladly did he eat
Hay and grass, and pretty flowers,
Rather than the Rector's feet;
Hay and grass and pretty flowers,
Rather than the Rector's feet.

He has gone to a great distance
And with Bunnies made his home,
In that paradise for rabbits
Where no naughty doggies come;
But his grave we cherish duly
And we think with saddened heart
Of the hour when Tilly caught him,
And from us he had to part;
Of the hour when Tilly caught him,
And from us he had to part.

Where is now the big hay wagon
And the horses drappled grey?
That upon the first bright Moon night
Carried us for miles away;
In the barn the wagon silent
Waits for June to come again,
And the horses eat their heads off
Sighing for that time in vain;
And the horses eat their heads off
Sighing for that time in vain.

Where is now our faithful Bow wow?
Gyp we called him for a name.
Oh! we loved him deeply truly
And to part us was a shame.
He has gone away to strangers
And with others made a home,
But we advertise him daily
And we trust that he will come.
But we advertise him daily,
And we trust that he will come.

Where is now the Station wagon?
And that fine large Carry-All?
That the Hatboro station haunted,
Always ready at a call.
It is dusty, sad and lonely,
Only chickens in it stay,
Thinking what a *heaven* the Farm is
When the guests are gone away;
Thinking what a *heaven* the Farm is
When the guests are gone away.

Where is now the clear spring water
And those water cresses green?
Where the old tin cup we drank from
When beside the running stream?
Tad poles live within its shelter
And with chickens do agree
That St. Stephen's Farm's a fine place
When the guests are gone to sea;
That St. Stephen's Farm's a fine place
When the guests are gone to sea.

Where is now the old House-Mother?
That was ever day and night
Giving doses, pills and potions
From the cupboard on the right.
She has gone to Timbuctoo,
Longer here she could not stay,
For her limbs were growing shaky
And her hair was turning grey;
For her limbs were growing shaky
And her hair was turning grey.

So Fare-well she breathed one morning
And with very smiling face
Said, "she guessed her day was over,
Some one else could fill her place."
And she crossed the threshold gently
And a whisper from her came;
Oh! I'm glad my reign is over,
Sure as Lizbeth is my name;
Oh! I'm glad my reign is over,
Sure as Lizbeth is my name!!

There are still some folks remaining,
Greenshields is their proper name,
And they till the land and make it
Ready for the next year's fame.
They will have a little peace now,
And with live stock will exclaim:
Yes! we're glad you came to see us,
But don't come *too* soon again;
Yes! we're glad you came to see us,
But don't come *too* soon again!!

—*The Farm News.*

PENNA. WOMEN'S EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER 4TH, 1898.

To the Clergy and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's P. E. Church, of Philadelphia:

DEAR SIRS:

In behalf of the Pennsylvania Women's Emergency Relief Association, I return thanks for the use of your Guild room, during this past summer. Said room was a wonderful help for us in cutting out Pajama's for our country's sick soldiers. Your kindness enabled us to help many a soldier, (in his hour of suffering) and will ever be remembered by the members of our organization.

Respectfully,

MRS. H. CLAY HUNTER,
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St. Stephen's Church.

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REV. ELWOOD WORCESTER, PH. D., S. T. D., *Rector.*
No. 1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

SISTER ELIZABETH, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr., Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. Edward Rowland, Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. J. A. Caldwell, Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. Charles H. Mellon. Mr. Joseph M. Wilson.
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott. Mr. John A. McDowell.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICE.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory, Mrs. Clarkson.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen, Miss Bright.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
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Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss Thomas, Miss Moore, Mrs. Crane, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss F. Wood, Miss A. Wood.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

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Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Sanders, Miss Stevenson, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Margaret Van Dusen.

Meets Fridays.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Miss Sharp.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Knorr, Miss Janie Campbell.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Laura Bell.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Miss Stoddard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretaries—William Bishop, Harry P. Christensen.
Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss Bright, Miss Ida French, Miss Shreve, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Helen Hamer, Miss Groves, Miss Maule, Mr. G. A. Jones, Miss Jones, Mrs. Radford.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Mary Christensen and Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
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(For young men.)
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Alfred J. Hart.
Vice-President—Alfred Keys.
Secretary—Wm. K. Bellows.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.
Meets every Thursday, at 8 p. m.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
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KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

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President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)
President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 11.30 o'clock, Daily. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Nov. 1st—All Saints' Day, (Tuesday).
" 6th—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 13th—Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity.
" 20th—Sunday next before Advent.
" 27th—First Sunday in Advent.
" 30th—St. Andrew, (Wednesday).

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

October 9th—Richard Conrad Guscott.
" 16th—Harry William Eckard.
" 17th—Katharine Putnam.
" 30th—Frances Bunting Wood.

MARRIED.

Oct. 5th—Dr. M. P. Ravenal and Jennie Carlisle Boyd.
Oct. 9th—Thomas Slye and Margaret Winslow.
Oct. 17th—Henry Martin Paist and Edith Sharp.
Oct. 31st—James George Campbell and Mary Jane Wynne.

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday of month—Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Thanksgiving Day—Episcopal Hospital,

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

Domestic Missions,	$169.37
Mite Boxes,	74.00
General Charities,	342.46
Sunday School Library, Mr. William E. Haydock,	10.00
Total,	595.83

WITH THE FIRST of November the winter's work begins in earnest. On the whole the congregations, during October, have been excellent, but now we shall hope to see the Church well filled except on rainy Sundays. The various societies and organizations will enter upon another year of useful activity, and soon the old parish will be as full of life as ever.

To a stranger there is something alarming in the way everything seems to come to an end as summer draws near. For many weeks the Church stands bare as a tree stripped of its leaves and the stranger wonders if it will ever again be clothed in its former beauty and dignity. But those who have had experience, know that the old Church is as reliable in its periodic changes as the seasons themselves. Only while nature chooses winter for her long sleep, Grace takes her nap in the summer. No sooner are the trees of the forest bare than our beloved leaves come fluttering back to us from all directions, complicating our figure a little it is true, but attaching themselves firmly to their old places, all the better and more interesting for their temporary absence. Every season also brings us new leaves, and alas, every season reveals bare branches whose leaves will never return.

That is the saddest outlook for St. Stephen's at the present time. Already an old parish it necessarily contains many persons past middle age, who, by a law that seems to us cruel, cannot remain with us forever. In the nature of the case when these persons are removed by death, it is impossible to replace them with persons of the same sort, because the number of such persons in

the community is strictly limited and they have long since found other church connections. This however, melancholy as it is to contemplate, is not necessarily a sign of weakness. To tell the truth the whole city is undergoing a precisely similar change. The old Philadelphia is passing away slowly year by year and a new city composed of different elements and actuated by different ideals of life is taking its place. For reasons not difficult to discover, remembering the Rectors with which St. Stephen's has been blessed, in its formative period the Church attracted to itself some of the gentlest, noblest people to be found in any community. Other congregations in this city are certainly wealthier than ours, some may be larger, but none is more generous or more intelligent. It is a well known principle that like draws like, and in looking foward to the future the Rector places far more reliance on the attractive energy of the congregation we still have than on his own efforts. At the same time the Church, taken in its *ensemble* presents certain features which we cannot help hoping will appeal to minds of the better class in the future as they have appealed in the past. Our service, while free from affectation or singularity, is dignified, reverent and always the same. Those who love music and who understand it, find at St. Stephen's, music of the highest order, that is to say, the music of the great Masters, interpreted by one who is himself a Master. In doctrine the Church has always claimed and still claims the liberty of the children of God, liberty that is not used as a cloak of maliciousness, but that joyfully recognizes all that is good in modern thought and life. Lastly on the side of its charities St. Stephen's stands almost alone. There is no other church with which we are acquainted that gives *all* its offerings away. While, then, we lament the losses of the past we are thankful for the blessings of the present, and we look forward with quiet confidence to the future.

The time will soon be at hand for the Rector to send his personal requests to certain good men and women for contributions to the special Church Work Fund. In spite of the great kindness with which these requests have been met, the Rector feels this to be the hardest duty he is called upon to discharge. On the other hand our many admirable Societies depend on this money for the means of continuing their useful work. And every year, as the work increases, they need more money. On looking over THE PARISH NEWS of last December, the Rector discovers with sorrow that four of our largest contributors have died since that time. He, therefore, trusts that the remaining friends, who have faithfully stood by him during his rectorship will continue their kind assistance. If it is found necessary to appeal to new members for subscriptions, they will understand the situation and no doubt will respond in the spirit with which reasonable appeals are met at S. Stephen's. Nobody need feel left out in not receiving a letter as unsolicited gifts are always doubly welcome.

The parish and many outside the parish are under great obligation to Mr. Wood and to the Choir for the delightful musical services we have been enjoying during October. There has always been a gap in our afternoon services before the lectures begin, which Mr. Wood has enabled us to fill most happily, and we hope that these October musical services will become one of the traditions of the parish. In spite of the fact that absolutely no effort was made to advertise these services the church has been filled with reverent worshippers every Sunday since they began. Good wine needs no bush.

The Afternoon Lectures will begin a little earlier than usual about the middle of November. The subject for this winter will be "The Book of Genesis in the Light of Modern Knowledge." There is probably no portion of the Bible on which more light has been thrown by recent discoveries and research than on this ancient and perennially charming book. The truths with which Genesis deals are truths of the first order. The traditions preserved in its pages are among the most venerable that have come down to us. Its narratives are forever fresh and interesting and we hope that these studies, which are undertaken in a most serious spirit will be of benefit to many persons.

SPECIMENS OF ARABIC WISDOM.

The following sayings, some of which perhaps for the first time appear in English, are ascribed to Lokman, a famous Arabian sage, of whom all we can say with certainty is that he lived before Mohammed, since he is mentioned in the Koran. Lokman is one of those characters, the despair of historians, of whom the most contradictory things are related. He has been identified with Balaam on account of the similarity of the meaning of their names (he who swallows). We are told that he was the son of Terah, the father of Abraham, though he is also represented as the nephew of Job, and a Judge of Israel. According to one tradition he was king of Nubia, according to another, a black slave with thick lips. Mohammed is said to have related that God gave him the choice of becoming either a prophet or a sage, but that Lokman, dreading the hardships of a prophet's life, chose wisdom, and the Lord thereupon bestowed the gift of prophecy on David, and made Lokman a composer of proverbs. It is possible that none of these little sayings is his, and yet, whoever wrote them, they are worth reading. They reflect the conscience of an enlightened Arab who, though without the Law or the Gospel, was certainly a monotheist. Some of them are wise, some, beautiful, and some, merely shrewd.

My Son, if the Good be but of the weight of a mustard seed, if it be hidden in the rock, or in the earth, or in Heaven, God will make it manifest; for He is subtle and experienced.

I have left behind me the painful "Oh! if I might," "Oh! if I had."

My Son, the world is a deep sea, and many are drowned in it. Thy ship is the fear of God, thy cargo faith in God, and thy sails are trust in God.

My Son, be trusty and you will be rich, but do not act before men as if you feared God if your heart is wicked.

My Son, sit with the learned so near that your knees touch theirs, but do not strive with them or they will turn you out. Learn from them when they give instruction, but be tender in asking them questions or you will make yourself disagreeable to them.

My Son, if you are well educated in your youth you will be valued in your old age.

My Son, do not assume a disguise, for by day it will make you peculiar, and by night, suspicious.

My Son, do not exhort men to piety while yourself neglect it, or you will be like a lamp which in giving light to others destroys itself.

(With this we may compare Buddha's saying—"He who teaches the law to others but does not practice it himself is like a cowherd counting another man's cattle").

My Son, do not hold small things in contempt; tomorrow they will be great.

My Son, do not sink your soul in care, and fill not your heart with anxiety for the fulfilment of desire; but be content with your fate, and satisfy yourself with what God has given you, so will your walk be pure, your life happy, and your disposition cheerful. But if you desire to be independent, root out the longing for what men possess, since what prophets and righteous men have attained they attained by eradicating the desire of that which men possess.

(Compare with this Carlyle's "Make thy claim to wages naught, and thou hast the world beneath thy feet.")

My Son, Time is short, and of it thy life is but a small fragment, and little from little leaves little.

My Son, the envious person is recognized by three characteristics—he belittles the absent, he flatters those present, and he rejoices in misfortune.

My Son, when you hear an evil report, bury it in hour heart, and do not bring it to the light; otherwise it will become a brand and burn thy tongue.

My Son, do not remain in a house where there is much scolding—scolding brings hatred and enmity in its train.

My Son, do not tell your friends the state of your circumstances. If you are rich they will envy you, and if you are poor they will forsake you.

My Son, never act as match-maker for a woman. If she is good her husband will not thank you, and if she is bad he will curse you.

My Son, the half of wisdom consists in doing what is necessary in a noble manner, half of intelligence consists in ability to deal with men, but the better part of prosperity consists in freely giving.

Send a wise messenger, but give him no instructions; and, if you cannot find a wise messenger, go yourself.

My Son, be not angry when men knock at your

door, but thank God that you are not forced to knock at the door of strangers.

My Son, sell the world to buy eternity, and you will gain both, but if you sell eternity to buy the world, you will lose both.

(Cf. Thomas a Kempis' "Purchase not length of life temporal at the cost of life eternal.")

HERE IS AN EXCELLENT opportunity to do a little work for Foreign Missions at our very door. The Rector has under his wing at present, a young Persian Christian, who is a member of the old Nestorian Church. This young man, who is highly recommended, came to this country to obtain a medical education with a view to serving in Persia as a medical missionary, where medical science is practically unknown. He is without resources but he is very intelligent and speaks the English language perfectly. Believing that there are kind hearts in Philadelphia, willing to encourage so good an undertaking, the Rector advised this young man to go ahead. At present he is studying in the Jefferson Medical College, but he will not be able to remain there long, unless he receives some substantial assistance. Two hundred dollars would enable him to live and keep at his books for a year. Does any one care to help this young man into a useful ministry?

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The General Convention adjourned October 25th, to meet at San Francisco in 1901.

By general consent the meeting at Washington was in every way a success.

Party spirit seems happily pretty much to have died out, and the House of Deputies contained about four hundred intelligent men, having no personal ends to serve, but gathered together to serve the Church.

The principal work done was the adoption of a new constitution, which must be finally ratified in 1901 before it can become operative. The new constitution contains provision for three new and much needed things: 1. Courts of Appeal. 2. Provinces. 3. The taking under the spiritual oversight of our Bishops of congregations not yet prepared to become Episcopalians.

Propositions looking toward the change of name of this Church were received with scant courtesy. A feeling seemed to prevail that it would be unwise to change our name until the proposition commended itself to our people with practical unanimity.

The Divorce question was left *in statu quo*. No extreme legislation could be carried in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies would have been snowed under. The truth is that this Church is not yet ready to legislate on the Divorce question. Three years more discussion will clarify the atmosphere, and the Committee of Thirteen, appointed to report at San Francisco, may succeed in reporting something that will prove acceptable.

Four new missionary Bishops were elected for Sacramento, Boise, North Dakota and Asheville, all excellent men.

Upon the whole we have every reason to be satisfied with the General Convention of 1898.

F. A. LEWIS.

ONE OF THE MOST interesting events of the Triennial Convention of the Church was the service at which the United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was presented.

Every Diocese in the United States was represented. The amount received was $81,000.

Of this sum nearly $14,000 was given by Pennsylvania, almost twice the amount given by any other State.

The amount received from St. Stephen's Parish was $295.19.

So great has been the increase during the past three years, that it is confidently believed that at at the next Triennial Convention the contributions will reach the sum of $100,000.

The Treasurer of the Mite Box Committee desires to say that the same boxes can be used for the next three years, and that she hopes that many more will be distributed among the congregation this year. The boxes can be obtained from the Verger or Miss E. J. Magee, Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL SALE of articles which have been made during the year by gentlewomen of reduced means will be held at the Parish House, Thursday and Friday, November 17th and 18th.

These articles are made by those who are trying to eke out a livelihood, and who are not strong enough to compete in the struggle for employment with younger and more vigorous women. They are the most helpless people on the face of the earth. They can make dainty and useful things, but they cannot find a market for them.

The Managers of the Sale gather their work and annually expose it for sale, giving the makers every penny of the proceeds. They are worth buying, being in taste and quality far above that of corresponding articles to be bought in shops.

Managers—Mrs. R. E. Griffith, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Edward Rowland, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Eliza Magee, Miss McAllister.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$2 58	Shoes	$1 25
		Groceries	1 30
			$2 55
		On hand	3
	$2 58		$2 58

Classes taken	5
Meetings attended	2
Visits paid	38

There is little to report so early in the season, but what little there is, is good.

The Bible Class has commenced with an increase of three new members, and with a good attendance of the old and faithful ones that have been in the class since its beginning. One evening each week they have decided to meet and sew. The garments that are made are to be given to some poor family at Christmas. The members of this Bible Class, last winter, besides making garments, etc., on several occasions visited and relieved the sick and sorrowful, under Sister Elizabeth's direction, and their visits are remembered with pleasure. Outing flannel and warm dress material for children would be most useful, and help us very nicely in starting our winter sewing. If any of our numerous friends will send us a few yards, kindly address to Sister Elizabeth, 251 S. 8th street.

A glance at the financial report above will show that the exchequer at present is not equal to large demands!

Though early in the season, several sad cases have been brought to notice, which will need more or less help during the winter.

Tuesday evening, October 25th, the first Farm Reunion was given by Mrs. H. P. Taylor in the Guild Room.

Thirty-two guests were invited, and only one refusal was received.

The room was very prettily decorated with flags, bunting and flowers.

Supper was spread on several small tables as well as on one long table. All were most daintily arranged, and beside each place was a little bouquet of chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Whitney, Miss Anna Russel and Sister Elizabeth received. Supper was served at 7.30, and justice done to all the good things.

Music and dancing followed, and was kept up most energetically until 10.30. The violin solos by Mrs. Worcester, accompanied by Mrs. Carryl, were greatly appreciated, and all were most grateful to Miss Carryl for her kindness in playing for the dances.

Most grateful thanks to Miss M. Wilkins and Miss M. Swift.

Sister Elizabeth will be most grateful for coal tickets.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE quietly resumed work in October and now wish to remind those interested in its well-doing that the gift of two new articles of clothing from every one who may read this notice, will be gratefully acknowledged in the next number of THE PARISH NEWS, and before that is even printed, the clothing will probably have been distributed where it is known to have been needed at the time of writing.

If any mothers do not know what to do with the outgrown clothes of their ten year old boys please send a package of them to the Garment Committee of St. Stephen's Church, and good use will be made of them at once. Clothing for women and children, suitable for cool weather, will also be most appreciated.

Contributions received since last account, from Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Heed, Mrs. T. P. Chandler,

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CLERGY.

REV. ELWOOD WORCESTER, PH. D., S. T. D., *Rector.*
No. 1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

SISTER ELIZABETH, *Deaconess*,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr., Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. Edward Rowland, Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. J. A. Caldwell, Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. Charles H. Mellon. Mr. Joseph M. Wilson.
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott. Mr. John A. McDowell.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

Sexton and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month, and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Worcester.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Stratton.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Crane.
Treasurer.—Miss Magee.
Secretary.—Miss Lucy H. Baird.

MANAGERS.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Neidhard, Mrs. Arrison, Miss M. J. Lewis, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Wilkins, Miss Stevenson, Miss Baird, Mrs. Bright.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Lundy, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. S. Caldwell, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Rogers, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Durang, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Campbell, Miss Janie Campbell, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Hollar.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Smith, Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Miss Klahr, Miss Washington, Mrs. Zeigler, Miss Emory, Mrs. Clarkson.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss VanDusen, Miss Bright.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Mary L. Koons, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Stratton.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Miss Sidford.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Cleemann, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Reinboth, Miss Stoddard, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Lammot, Miss Sidford.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss M. Maulsby.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Miss Lundy.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Lammot, Miss Thomas, Miss Moore, Mrs. Crane, Miss Mary T. MacAlister, Miss Shoemaker, Miss Emily K. Sharp, Miss Grace P. Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss F. Wood, Miss A. Wood.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Mrs. Crane, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ingalls, Miss Montgomery, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Hendulon.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. Austen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Sanders, Miss Stevenson, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Margaret Van Dusen.

Meets Fridays.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Miss Sharp.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Knorr, Miss Janie Campbell.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—Miss Laura Bell.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Mrs. Alfred Tucker.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 a. m. Sister Elizabeth.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

3 p. m. Miss Stoddard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Secretaries—William Bishop, Harry P. Christensen.
Librarian:—George Pfeifer.

Teachers.

Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss Bright, Miss Ida French, Miss Shreve, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Helen Hamer, Miss Groves, Miss Maule, Mr. G. A. Jones, Miss Jones, Mrs. Radford.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Mary Christensen and Miss Goldy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
WEDNESDAYS, 2 to 4 P. M., Miss Stoddard, Teacher.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Meets first Friday in month, at 5 P. M.
President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser, Mrs. James O. G. Duffy.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

(For young men.)
Chaplain—Rev. J. L. Miller.
President—Alfred J. Hart.
Vice-President—Alfred Keys.
Secretary—Wm. K. Bellows.
Treasurer—Herbert Bowers.
Meets every Thursday, at 8 p. m.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson, 301 S. 8th St.
LITERATURE ASSOCIATE—Mrs. Elwood Worcester.
CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. Cornish, The Misses Sharp, Miss Clarkson, Miss S. Eisenbrey, Miss MacAlister, Miss Alice Wood, Mrs. Crane.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Hansell, Miss Hansell, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Sidford, Miss Dutilh, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. E. L. Stanton, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Geo. S. Fullerton, Miss Cash.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)
President and Secretary—Miss Stoddard.
Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 11.30 o'clock, Daily. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Dec. 4th—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 11th—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 18th—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 21st—St. Thomas, (Wednesday).
" 25th—Christmas Day.
" 26th—St. Stephen, (Monday).
" 27th—St. John the Evangelist, (Tuesday).
" 28th—The Innocents, (Wednesday).

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTIZED.

Nov. 19th—Clement John Restein.
" 20th—Mabel Marie Hibbert.
" 27th—Jeffrey Miller Cogley.

MARRIED.

Nov. 2nd—John M. Campbell and Evalyn M. Kooker.
Nov. 19th—William George Harding and Ellen Bicking Brisbane.

BURIED.

Nov. 10th—Charles A. Lemley.
" 25th—Emily M. Foote.

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

1st Sunday—General Charities.
2nd Sunday—Sunday School Christmas Festival.
3rd Sunday—Missionary Box Committee.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

Church Work Fund:

Mrs. Dunne,	$5 00
Mrs. Pancoast,	25 00
Mrs. Stovell,	25 00
Miss Bell,	10 00
Miss Laura Bell,	10 00
Mr. Wm. B. Campbell,	10 00
Mr. Paul M. Elsasser,	10 00
Mrs. Lineaweaver,	10 00
Dr. Drysdale,	10 00
Miss Dickson,	10 00
Mr. Samuel N. Lewis,	10 00
Dr. George C. Harlan,	10 00

Mr. Edward F. Beale,	10 00
Mrs. J. W. Williams,	10 00
Miss Josephine Lewis,	10 00
Mr. Thomas A. Reilly,	10 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	15 00
Mr. John T. Spencer,	20 00
Mr. L. C. Cleemann,	20 00
Miss H. C. Wilkins,	25 00
Miss J. D. Walton,	25 00
Miss Elizabeth W. Stevenson,	25 00
Miss Magee,	25 00
Mr. Francis A. Lewis,	25 00
Mr. C. Howard Colket,	25 00
Mrs. Heed,	25 00
Miss Eliza Magee,	25 00
Mr. Joseph M. Wilson,	25 00
Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,	25 00
Mrs. Clarkson,	25 00
Mrs. Van Dusen,	25 00
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar,	25 00
Mr. Earl B. Putnam,	25 00
Mrs. McKean,	200 00
($150 for special purposes)	
Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr.,	50 00
Miss Elizabeth Garrett,	50 00
Miss Julia Garrett,	50 00
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	50 00
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell,	50 00
Mr. J. A. McDowell,	50 00
Mr. Samuel H. Austin, Jr.,	50 00
Mr. George L. Crawford,	50 00
Mrs. Hine,	5 00
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,	25 00
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	50 00
The Misses Holman,	50 00
Mrs. Edith Allen,	5 00
Mrs. Brunner,	10 00
Miss Rynard,	25 00
Dr. George McClellan,	10 00
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00
Mr. Edward Rowland,	10 00
Miss Elizabeth Snyder,	25 00
Mr. James Riley,	10 00
Miss Jane Jamison,	10 00
A Friend,	5 00
Dr. Worcester,	25 00
Mrs. Russell,	50 00
	$1555 00
General Charities and Benevolent Work,	237 37
Bishop Brewer,	171 67
Female Benevolent,	106 09
Episcopal Hospital,	324 86
Sister Elizabeth,	84 75
For Sunday School Library, (Mrs. Russell)	5 00
Total,	$2484 74
Annual Sale,	382.18

THE SPECIAL Church Work Fund again has been gathered in. To our great satisfaction we find it is about as large as ever. On taking up this work the Rector was saddened and rather discouraged to find how many of our most generous contributors in the past, have been taken from us since this time last year. He could not help fearing that this important Fund, which represents so much in our church life, would suffer, and that the work would have to be planned on a smaller scale in consequence. But not only have the old friends who are still with us, responded with the greatest kindness, but several new friends have come to our assistance. This means, we believe, not only that our work is going to be sustained, and that instead of falling off it will gather strength from year to year, but also that God has heard our prayer and is raising up true and devoted hearts to take the places of the noble men and women we have lost.

If the ordinary offerings are not as large as usual for the month of November, it can safely be charged to the weather. Last year we were singularly lucky as far as Sundays are concerned. During the entire season we had only two or three really bad days. This year, however, promises to restore the balance and leave something over on the wrong side. During November we have not had a single fair Sunday morning. Thanksgiving Day was intensely disagreeable, which is the more to be regretted, as judging from the excellent offering for the Episcopal Hospital given by the few persons in church, the Hospital would have received an old time Thanksgiving gift had the day been fair. On Sunday the twenty-seventh, (after the great storm) walking was difficult and dangerous, and last Sunday, December the fourth, rain fell in torrents off and on all day, in consequence of which we were surprised and gratified to see so many persons out at both services. In the morning 155 persons received the Holy Communion. In the afternoon the storm had become so severe that the Rector thought it would be unadvisable to give his lecture, but on seeing how many persons had come, some from a distance, he decided to give it, and was well repaid by the interest displayed.

The Rector would like to call the attention of those interested in Biblical studies, to these afternoon lectures on Genesis. He has prepared them with a good deal of care, and after months, or he might say years of study, he believes that he has read and digested the best that has been written in English, French, German and Dutch, on this wonderful book. The length of time at our disposal will enable him to make this a very comprehensive and thorough course. It is his wish to present this great subject so plainly and sincerely that it will produce a lasting effect on the minds who do him the honor of following him. The book itself, with all its antiquity, is still as fresh and mysterious as are all God's beginnings. In studying this book of Origins, we come face to face with all those problems in which our age is most interested. Such a study can never be without religious fruit. The world of effects, of nature, of orderly progress has its charm and its value, but the world of causes and of origins is the peculiar domain of God and of those great intellects who endeavor to penetrate the secrets of God.

The season of the year for anonymous letter-writing has come again. In this connection the Rector would like to say, that while he is intensely interested in many of the letters he receives, and not seldom derives important hints from them, yet he does not approve of the habit of writing anonymous letters, and he would appreciate all such communications much more if an honest and reputable name were affixed to them. If a man is praised, it makes some difference who praises him, and if he is blamed he would like to know who blames him.

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES on Sunday, December 25th, will be as follows: Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a. m., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4 o'clock.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL Service of the Sunday School will be held on Holy Innocents' night, Wednesday, December 28th, in the Sunday School building, at 7.30 o'clock.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand,	$ 03	Groceries,	$ 7 05
Mrs. Heed,	5 00	For work,	1 50
Miss Wilkins,	5 00	Shoes,	1 25
Miss Baird,	16 00	Coal,	5 00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	4 00	Special gift,	2 00
Miss M. Sidford,	2 00	Meals,	50
For Thanksgiving Dinners.		Thanksgiving dinners,	55 50
MissKatherinePutnam,	50 00		$72 80
Mrs. H. Heed,	2 25	On hand,	11 98
Miss Sanders,	50		
	$84 78		$84 78

The gifts received for Christmas dinners, etc., will be acknowledged in the next month's report.

Visits paid from November 1st to 28th.

Sick visits,	8
Ordinary visits,	78
Total,	86
Meetings attended,	4
Classes taken,	8

It is a matter for thankfulness that this year we were able to send out almost twice as many dinners as last year.

Those who will look at the list of names above will find a new one among them, one that has never appeared before in our PARISH NEWS, Miss Katherine Putnam. This maiden is but four months old, and the generous offering of $50.00 given in her name was the means of increasing our list of dinners so largely.

As each turkey, basket of vegetables, fruit, and in some cases groceries, were packed, her tiny card was attached and sent off to a family where there were children, and in many cases babies. How little our smiling, rosy baby Katherine knew of the thanks and good wishes that were showered upon her on Thansgiving morning, or of the real and practical help her little life has already been to many other children. Cer-

tainly she has begun her days with good works, and we feel sure as she grows older, and is able to understand what was done in her name, she will realize the true blessedness and joy of giving to those who need, and be one of St. Stephen's most willing helpers.

Gifts of coal tickets will be most thankfully received.

A good Christmas dinner can be given to a poor family for $2.

Most grateful thanks are due to Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, Mrs. Dunne, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Sinn, Miss Lewis, Miss Olden, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Bright, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Heed and Miss Van Dusen.

Special thanks from the members of the Bible Class for outing flannel and cambric to Miss Stevenson, Miss Olden and Mrs. Sinn.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE made his regular visitation to the Burd Orphan Asylum, Sunday, November 27th, and confirmed a class of fifteen. Notwithstanding the very inclement weather a large congregation was in attendance.

IT IS ALWAYS a surprise in making up the monthly account of the Garment Committee, to see how many articles have been kindly donated, and sometimes it is a surprise to find that the regular contributors, on whom the Committee relies, have not responded to the appeal for clothing.

Now is the time when contributions are most welcome, as the cold weather has begun so early, and it may be as well to mention just here, that a number of our Parish school children have been absent from their lessons from lack of sufficient outside clothing for inclement weather, and the inability of the Garment Committee to supply their needs. Warm underclothing and jackets may be sent any day to No. 9 South Tenth Street, marked for the Garment Committee, St. Stephen's Church.

During November seventy-seven articles were received and fifty-five distributed. Grateful thanks are due to Miss Christopher, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Cooper, Miss S. Eisenbrey, Mrs. Heed, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. D. E. Mutchler, No Name, Mrs. Parmalee, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Sidford, Miss Wilkins, Miss Maria Wilkins and Miss M. J. Lewis.

Monday, Dec. 5—Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Reinboth.
" " 12—Mrs. Lammot, Miss Stoddard.
" " 19—Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Heed.

MEMBERS OF THE Mothers' Loyal Circle, King's Daughters and Miss Stoddard's Bible Class will hold a sale on Tuesday evening, December 13th, in the Parish House. Tickets, 10 cents.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY Society desire to express their sincere regret upon the resignation of the Secretary, Miss M. S. Wilkins, who by her thoughtful ministrations greatly endeared herself to all of the members. Miss Wilkins will be absent from the city during the winter.

THE AMOUNT received from the Annual Sale of articles at the Parish House, November 17th and 18th, is $382.18.

THE ATTENTION of the congregation is called to the series of services now being held in several churches in the city, under the auspices of the Divinity School.

The Expansion of the English-speaking Peoples and the Special Fitness of the Anglican Churches for the Evangelization of the World.

Service at the Church of the Saviour, Thirty-eight Street above Chestnut, on Sunday, December 18, at 8 p. m.

Sermon by Bishop Gailor, of Tennessee

Church Unity in the United States.

Service at St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, on Sunday, January 15, at 8 p. m.

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington, of New York.

The Church in Its Relation to the Social Problems of Our Country.

Service at St. James' Church, Twenty-second and Walnut Streets, on Sunday, February 12, at 8 p. m.

Sermon by Bishop Potter, of New York.

DONATIONS RECEIVED in November by the Children's Friend Society: Mrs. H. F. Martin $1.00, Miss Elizabeth Stevenson $5.00.

The members of this Society hope that Santa Claus will find an entertainment of some kind that will give the little ones plenty of fun this coming Christmas, as they did not have any treat on Thanksgiving Day. Even grown people like to be amused occasionally. So it is with the little ones. They miss our monthly entertainments.

In the midst of our plenty let it be remembered, many of the children in whom this Society is interested, have but little. These entertainments mean so much. Joy and gladness of heart ought to be shared in by all. Make this Christmas a merry one.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings December 7th and December 21st, in Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Donations received, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $1.00; Miss M. S. Wilkins, $1.00.

A number of the King's Daughters met Thanksgiving Eve in Parish House, to bring their gifts for the Thanksgiving baskets.

A committee of eight started down town with all sorts of good things in their arms for the sick and poor.

The first house they visited there were five little motherless children. Grandmother takes care of them. So that they would not go to bed early, they were told we were coming, which made the children very curious. They said: "Grandma did you ever see a King's Daughter? Will she have diamonds in her ears and on her fingers?" We fear had it not been for the bountiful supply of all sorts of good things, they would have been disappointed.

The oldest child said afterwards: "We had such a nice Thanksgiving; it was just like when mother was alive."

Lizzie Weikle, who is an invalid, and one in whom the King's Daughters have been interested for a number of years, was very much pleased with her good things, but especially with the white grapes which Mr. Clayton had given the King's Daughters towards their baskets from the Church decorations.

SHOE FUND: Dues received in November, Mrs. James Arrison 25 cents, Mrs. H. P. Taylor 50 cents, Mrs. H. F. Martin 25 cents, Mrs. H. Heed 50 cents, from a Friend 25 cents. Money expended for shoes and mending $1.50. Three pairs of shoes and one pair of over shoes given out this month.

Will you not look in your closets and see if you have not some second-hand shoes that will aid us in our work. We do not object to new ones, over shoes or money.

Now that the cold weather has set in, the Rector is anxious for us to begin our work, during this month, for the winter.

SELECTION.

"What the man is, determines largely what his intellect thinks about God. When the heart is narrow, harsh and rigorous, its theology is narrow, despotic and cruel. When the heart grows kindly, sympathetic and of autumnal richness, its emphasizes the sympathy and love of God. The man paints his own picture of God. The heart lends the pigments. Souls full of sweetness and of light, fill the Divine portrait with the lineaments of love. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness. Happy, indeed, our age, in that the heart is now beginning to color our civilization. Vast, indeed, the influence of library and lecture hall, of gallery and store and market-place, but the most significant fact of our day is, that sympathy is baptizing our industries and institutions with new effort."
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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, May to October, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.
" October to May, 11 " " 4 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

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President.—Miss Sanders.
1st Directress.—Miss VanDusen.
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. S. W. Mitchell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Bright.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, at 11.30 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Miss Clara Farrar Smith.

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Mrs. Stratton, Miss Wood.

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Miss Sidford, Mrs. Taggart.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Sidford, Miss Starr, Miss L. Bell, Mrs. Randolph Wood.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

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DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.
Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.
Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Lundy, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Neall, Mrs. Henderson, Sister Ellen, Miss Gertrude Caster, Miss Florence Sloane, Miss Arce.

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Mrs. Watson.

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Meets first Thursday of the month.

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Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Miss Janie Campbell.

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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

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Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
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Treasurer—Miss Laura Bell.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
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Infant Class. 9.45 a. m.—Miss Mary Christensen and Miss Gouldey.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Mrs. Alfred Tucker, Teacher. Miss Farrar Smith, Assistant Teacher. Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m. Sister Elizabeth, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Sister Elizabeth.
Vice-President—Mrs. Glendinning.
Secretary—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Assistant—Miss Wood.

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Meets on Fridays at 8 o'clock.

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THE TUESDAY EVENING CLASS.

(For Girls.)

Meets every Tuesday evening at quarter before eight o'clock in the Parish Building.

In charge of Mrs. Glendinning and Mr. McMichael.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays and Thursdays, at 6.30-9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
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Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

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Meets Wednesdays at 2 P. M.

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It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

December 2—First Sunday in Advent.
" 9—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 16—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 21—St. Thomas. (Friday).
" 23—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25—Christmas Day (Tuesday).
" 26—St. Stephen's Day (Wednesday).
" 27—St. John, Evangelist. (Thursday).
" 28—The Innocents. (Friday).
" 30—Sunday after Christmas.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

Female Benevolent Society,		$126 22
Domestic Missions,		20 00
SPECIAL CHURCH WORK FUND.		
Mrs. S. Wylie Mitchell,	$ 25 00	
Mrs. Russell,	50 00	
Church Offering,	110 93	
Mr. W. H. Hollar,	25 00	
Miss Eliza Magee,	25 00	
Miss Fannie Magee,	25 00	
Mr. S. H. Austin,	50 00	
Mr. Beauveau Borie,	50 00	
Mr. Francis A. Lewis,	25 00	
Mr. William B. Campbell,	50 00	
Miss Dickson,	5 00	
Dr. Worcester,	25 00	
Mr. George L. Crawford,	50 00	
Miss Jane Jamison,	10 00	
Mr. Samuel N. Lewis,	15 00	

Mr. R. E. Atmore,	50 00	
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell,	50 00	
Miss Wilkins,	25 00	
Miss Mary J. Lewis,	25 00	
Mrs. Stovell,	25 00	
Mr. J. A. Caldwell,	25 00	
Mr. J. A. McDowell,	50 00	
Miss Laura Bell,	10 00	
Dr. Harlan,	10 00	
Mr. Edward F. Beale,	10 00	
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,	15 00	
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	15 00	
Miss Emily Bell,	10 00	
Mr. Cleemann,	20 00	
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,	50 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis,	10 00	
Miss Elizabeth Stevenson,	25 00	
Miss Catherine T. Rynard,	25 00	
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00	
Miss Jane Comfort,	7 00	
Miss Elizabeth K. Snyder,	25 00	
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., -	25 00	
Mr. Samuel J. Culbertson,	10 00	
Miss Julia Garrett,	50 00	
Mrs. Edward S. Willing,	25 00	
Mr. Samuel Moore, -	50 00	
		1232 93
Special (from Mrs. Russell) - -		3 00
General Charities, - - -		285 59
A Friend, (for the poor), - - -		75 00
A good act, - - - -		117 00
Through Sister Elizabeth, - -		31 00
King's Daughters, - - -		17 63
Shoe Fund, - - - -		2 75
Children's Friend Society, - -		13 50
Mr. Hollar for Theatre Services - -		100 00
Total, - - - -		$2024 62

OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

First Sunday of Month—Episcopal Hospital.
Second Sunday of Month—General Charities.
Third Sunday of Month—Missionary Box Committee.
Fourth Sunday of Month—Sunday School Festival.
Fifth Sunday of Month—General Charities.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy.

PARISH RECORD.

MARRIED.

November 3—Horace J. Cobbold and Mamie Wallace Bowen.

November 5—Rev. Wm. Curtis White and Catherine Richardson Hansell.

November 14—James F. Armstrong and Hannah Grace Ruhl.

November 21—Frank Bobb Henrich and Edna Le-VanWay Miller.

November 26—Randolph Sailer and Mary Sharswood Fairman.

November 28—George W. Ryder and Annie E. Wise.

BURIED.

November 3—Sarah A. Price.
" 22—Isaiah Jackson.
" 26—Bessie Heron.

The season of church activity has opened this year very slowly. For this we believe the weather has been largely responsible. The powers of the air seem to have entered into a conspiracy to keep people from going to church. The unusual mildness of the season has tempted many of our friends to remain in the country longer than usual. Besides that a kind of fatal cycle seems to have been established in the atmosphere which causes it to rain every Sunday. These conditions have had a depressing effect on our congregations, and speaking for myself, I may add, on the clergy. Only a clergyman knows how discouraging it is, having worked hard to prepare himself for the duties of the day, to look out Sunday morning on a steady drizzle or a pouring rain. (Query: Why is it that rain on Sunday is so much more dangerous to the constitution than on week days?) As so many of our congregation come from a distance we imagine that we feel the effects of stormy Sundays more than other churches. We have however our "regulars" who are superior to weather, and we console ourselves with the thought of the general equilibrium of nature which in the long run produces a kind of average everywhere. After many misfortunes it is time to look for a little happiness. After the flood came the rainbow, and after the gloomy days of this melancholy autumn we may have a fine winter.

For the past two years many departments of our Church work have felt the inspiring presence of Mrs. Glendinning who came to us to do us good. One of Mrs. Glendinning's last benefactions has been the complete renovation of our large Guild room, which after years of constant service had begun to look rather dingy. The varied uses to which this room is put, which range all the way from à market garden to a ball room, forbid elaborate furniture. But the pleasant tones of the walls, the charming pictures, and the pretty curtains have transformed our hall, in which perhaps as much work is done as in any similar room in the city, and all our societies will appreciate Mrs. Glendinning's kind thought for them.

On account of the backwardness of the season the Rector postponed his appeal for the Special Church Work Fund. The prompt and most kind response his request has met with has given him again the deepest pleasure. When all our friends have been heard from we hope that the Fund will be about as large as ever. One of the most difficult aspects of any large work is to keep it up year after year to a high standard. It is in human nature to begin good works with enthusiasm, and it is also in human nature that enthusiasm flags. The obligation begins to grow heavy and we begin to look around for some one on whose shoulders we may deposit our burden. Death also, alas, does not spare the most useful, the most beloved. And yet the work must go on. We are pledged not only by our allegiance to the Master, but by our obligation to our faithful friends, living and departed, not to let it decline. Every permanent work is done under these conditions. Hence the necessity arises of making new friends and especially of interesting the young.

The congregation will learn with sincere satisfaction that at the last stated meeting of the Vestry Mr. Clayton F. McMichael was elected a vestryman of St. Stephen's Church in the place of our lamented friend, Mr. Seth Caldwell, Jr. Although this is not the place to eulogize the living, Mr. McMichael's long connection with the parish, the ability he has displayed in all his undertakings, and his innumerable good works render him peculiarly worthy of this honor.

THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES.

A slight change has been introduced into our Sunday afternoon services which we hope will meet the approval of the congregation. For the past two years, before the afternoon Lectures began we have had a series of musical services. That these services have been appreciated goes without saying. Although no attempt was made to advertise them the Church at times was scarcely able to contain the persons who thronged to listen to our great organist and his delightful choir. This year, however, Mr. Wood felt hardly able to undertake the enormous labor that so many consecutive musical services imposed on him. When we recall the character of these services, and remember that the music in the morning was never allowed to suffer, and also that Mr. Wood has another elaborate service in the Temple at night, it will be evident that the task was too great for any man. We have therefore decided to try the experiment of having one musical service a month. On that Sunday (the Second) there will be no lecture or sermon.

The winter course of lectures will begin as usual on the First Sunday in Advent, December Second. We believe that these lectures have justified themselves, and we should be sorry to see them interfered with. In these days when it is becoming constantly harder to induce people to go to church more than once a day it is something to gather so many persons together at a second service for the serious study of the Bible and the things of God. Some persons may think that our time might be better employed in what they regard as "practical preaching." We do not agree with them. In the first place we manage to gather in a great many men, young and old, who for some reason do not come to church when regular sermons are preached, but who will come to hear lectures. Among these is a considerable body of newspaper men some of whom are among our most regular attendants. Secondly, we believe it to be above the power of any ordinary man to prepare two original and effective sermons a week. In the third place, it is our opinion that

in a free and enlightened church like ours, serious study of the Bible, of God, and of the higher life of man is as important as preaching. This is above all a reading, critical, thoughtful age, in which, to say the least, not all the best and most admired books are written for the purpose of strengthening faith. Whatever one's ability to deal with great questions, it is something, especially to the young, to hear those questions discussed reverently and sympathetically from the side of Christian belief. Let us remember that in the Jewish Church the expository lecture was the father of our modern sermons. "Give heed to teaching" was the advice of the chief Apostle. The sermon has its great uses, and also its limitations, and we believe that the value of the lecture as a supplement to the sermon will be recognized more and more.

The general subject of our lectures this year might be called the Fundamental Beliefs of the Christian Religion. Of these, the first and most fundamental is belief in God, and to this subject we shall devote a good deal of time. In this connection we may say, to those interested, that our lectures on the Book of Genesis will appear in book form with illustrations about Christmas time. The lectures on the Book of Revelation have also found a publisher and will appear as time can be found to put them in order.

THE Services on Christmas Day will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. The offerings will be for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.

THE Sunday School will hold its Christmas Festival on Friday, December 28, Holy Innocents Day, at 8 o'clock. The doors will be open at half past seven o'clock. The Tree will be handsomely decorated and the Carols, under the direction of Mr. Wood, will be sung by the children. Mr. McMichael is making arrangements for a happy bright evening, so that the Festival may be enjoyed by all present.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
Mrs. Russell,	$1 00	Groceries,	$1 00
For Thanksgiving Dinners		Thanksgiving Gifts	30 00
			$31 00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	10 00	On hand,	00 00
Mrs. Glendinning,	10 00		$31 00
Miss E.W. Stevenson	2 00		
Miss Tilghman,	2 50		
Miss VanDusen,	1 00		
Miss Laura Bell,	2 00		
Miss Dutilh,	1 00		
Mrs. Clemens,	50		
Miss M. J. Sidford,	1 00		
	$31 00		

Those of my friends who will take the trouble to read the above financial statement and compare it with the same time last year will see how far short we come this season in donations for Thanksgiving. My Rector tells me it is my own fault because I made no request in the November PARISH NEWS. As I usually find he is right, I accept the accusation and at once determine to correct my fault by making known my *present* and Christmas "Wants:"

For the present day needs—I shall be most grateful for money to meet the requests for groceries, coal, warm clothing and shoes that so frequently come to me.

For Christmas—Warm shawls for women, Christmas Dinners, Coal Tickets, Toys for the Children, especially dressed dolls.

The members of the Young Ladies' Bible Class met last Friday evening for the first time this winter. It has been their kindly custom now for several years to devote one evening a week to sewing for some poor family. The garments made on these evenings are given at Christmas with a good dinner. This year a most worthy old lady well known to us is to be the recipient.

The Mothers' Meeting Society has now ninety members on the roll. And an average attendance of sixty-five each week. When we consider this Society has only been running a little over a year, as a separate society from the Mothers' Loyal Circle we may be thankful and take heart.

For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the workings of the M. M. S. I may say none but respectable married women are received as members, and no one belonging to any other Mothers' Meeting. We urge all who have similar societies in their own church to join them, but none are refused on account of difference of creed. Connected with the M. M. S. are Coal Clubs, Provident and Saving Funds. The meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7.30 p. m. until 9.30 p. m.

THE Mothers' Meeting Society will hold their Annual Sale of Fancy Articles, Toys, Garments, Cake and Candy, in the Guild Room, December 6th, from 3 o'clock until 10 p. m. The proceeds of the sale to be for the "Mission of the Good Shepherd," Morganton, North Carolina.

Most grateful thanks to Mrs. Beale, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. George Fullerton, Miss Cornelia Parker, Miss Boos and Mrs. Kehl, for gifts of clothing all most acceptable.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE report that 53 articles were received during November and 29 were distributed. There is particular need of children's dresses to be given to little girls who would like to look neat and clean *every* day at school, an impossibility when owning only one dress; also there are several babies whose parents would probably have them christened if suitable clothing could be provided. Will you who read this kindly further godliness and cleanliness by sending a package containing such things as are requisite and address it to the Garment Committee of St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 South 10th Street. All articles so sent will be acknowledged in the next number of the PARISH NEWS, and it is earnestly hoped that a good many readers will feel like contributing two articles of any kind of clothing for all sorts and conditions of men, women and children.

Grateful thanks are due to Miss L. Bell, Mrs. T. P Chandler, Miss Christopher, Mrs. George S. Fullerton, Mrs. A. M. Kelly, Miss Magee, No Name, Mrs. M. M. Parmalee, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Sidford.

Monday, Dec.	3.	Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. M. Lewis.
" "	10.	Mrs. Lammot, Miss Starr.
" "	17.	Sister Elizabeth. Mrs. Randolph Wood.
" "	24.	Mrs. Reinboth, Mrs. M. Lewis.
" "	31.	Miss Sidford, Miss L. Bell.

THE Embroidery Class of the Altar Society is about being re-organized. A teacher has been engaged, Miss F. C. Davis. Any members of the congregation who would like to be taught to do silk embroidery, or white work on linen, or who would be willing to do plain work, as lining and finishing altar cloths, stoles, mending altar linen, surplices, &c., will please hand in their names to the Rector, or meet the Committee on any Friday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 o'clock.

THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY began its work for the winter season on the first Tuesday in November. The Officers and Managers were elected for the year.

MRS. EFFINGHAM PEROT gave a most interesting talk to the G. F. S. on Monday, November 19th. Her subject was "Personal Influence." Christian life gives both by its external activities and by its quiet influence, usefulness to others.

THE Theatre Service will be held this winter at the Star Theatre on Eighth street below Vine street, under the direction of the Rev. J. Edgar Johnson. Several young men of our parish have kindly offered their services as ushers.

SISTER ELIZABETH will be at the Parish House on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 to 12 o'clock.

THE Christian Social Union will, by the consent of the Rector, hold meetings in the Sunday School Building, during the winter season on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the

month, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be under the direction of the Rev. Kemper Bocock. Young men of the Parish and neighborhood are most cordially invited to be present. The first meeting was held on November 27th.

DONATIONS received by the Children's Friend Society in November:

Mrs. H. F. Martin,	$1.00
Miss M. J. Sidford,	.50
Kind Friends,	10.00
Miss Elizabeth Stevenson,	2.00
Total,	$13.50

Sixty children had a good old fashion Thanksgiving Party, Wednesday, Nov. 28th, in the Sunday School Room. Games of all sorts were played, recitations, music and singing, but best of all was the cake, fruit and candy.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings Dec. 5th, and Dec. 19th in the Guild Room of Parish House, half-past seven o'clock.

Nov. 21st, a Poverty Party was given by this Circle, the proceeds to be used for their charitable work among the poor and sick in hospitals.

Proceeds from Party	$14 63
Donation Mrs. Hillman	1 00
Dues Miss M. J. Sidford	1 00
Dues Miss Marie Wilkinson	1 00
Total,	$17 63
Expenses,	3 97
Balance,	$13 66

The evening was a very enjoyable one, as Miss Guillmine, Miss Plantholz and Mrs. McGill, had very kindly consented to sing several of their very sweet, pretty songs.

Mr. McGill also gave them a recitation.

Mr. John Simpson aided in singing, and Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Lilly Wilder and Miss Bertha Walshe gave some recitations.

The "fining" made quite a good deal of fun, as you were fined if you came too early, too late or on time, but the guests were not much alarmed, as the fines were only one and two cents, unless they came in full dress or wore a great deal of jewelry. In that case there were twenty-five and ten cent fines.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in November:

Mrs. Russell,	$1 00
Mrs. H. F. Martin,	25
Mrs. William J. Galbraith,	1 00
Miss M. J. Sidford,	50
Total,	$2 75
Expenses in November for shoes,	2 15
Balance,	60

Three pairs of shoes were given out during the month of November.

A LARGE BOX, containing 1200 garments, has been prepared and sent to Bishop Kinsolving of Texas, for the benefit of the Galveston sufferers.

THE program of the Musical Service held on Sunday, November 11th, was as follows:

1. Chorus. (Last Judgment), "Praise His Awful Name" *Spohr*
2. Alto Air, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," *Buck*
3. Organ, Andante from Symphony in E flat, *Mozart*
4. Duet and Chorus, "Shew us Thy Mercy," *Silas*
5. Air for Bass, "Safe Fixed on High," *Faure*
6. Quartet, 23rd Psalm, *Schubert*

The next Musical Service will be on the second Sunday in December at 4 o'clock.

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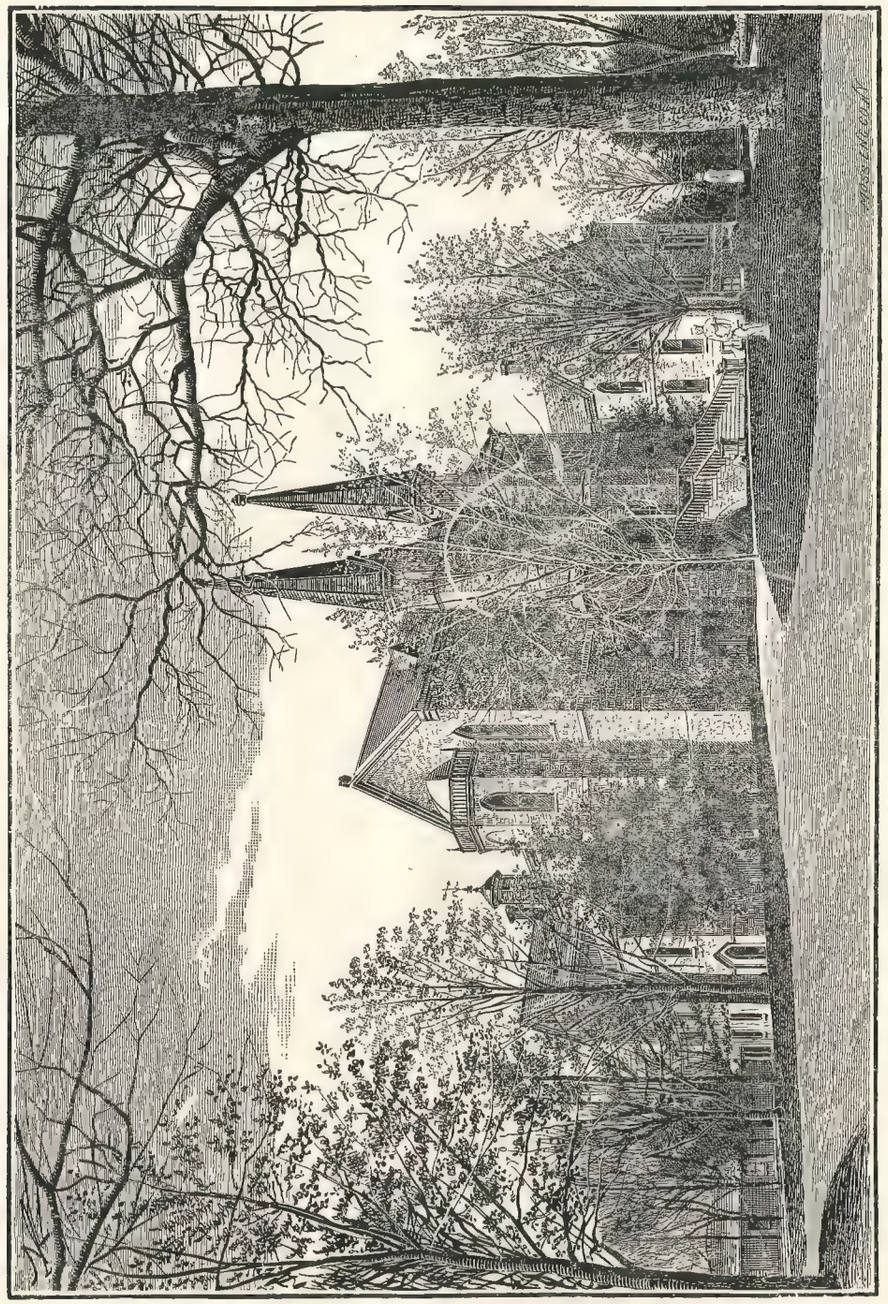

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St. Stephen's Church.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
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SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and . 00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

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(All meetings at Parish House.)

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Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

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" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Davison, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. Lillian P. Fredericks, Miss Lulu H. Boyd, Miss Mary Palmer, Miss Laura Callaway, Miss Harriet F. Forest, Miss E. H. Headman.

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Meets first Thursday of the month.

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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

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Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
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Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9. 5 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Associate Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
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Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Mary Christensen and Miss Gouldey.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Mrs. Alfred Tucker, Teacher. Miss Farrar Smith, Assistant Teacher. Sunday, 9.5 a. m.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m. Sister Elizabeth, Teacher.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Sister Elizabeth, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

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Secretary—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Assistant—Miss Wood.

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Meets on Fridays at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. L. Miller, in charge.

THE TUESDAY EVENING CLASS.

(For Girls.)

Meets every Tuesday evening at quarter before eight o'clock in the Parish Building.

In charge of Mrs. Glendinning and Mr. McMichael.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

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Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

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THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Meets first Thursday at 3 P. M.

Director—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Miss Theodora Starr Butcher.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

The Parish News.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., daily at 12 o'clock. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

October 5—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 12—Twentieth " " "
" 18—St. Luke (Saturday).
" 19—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 26—Twenty-second " " "
" 28—St. Simon and St. Jude (Tuesday).
November 1—All Saints Day (Saturday).
" 2—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER

Third Sunday of the month—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—For General Charities.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

June 1—Geneva Helen Keeler.
July 20—Victoria Florence Gray.
" 23—Marian Harper.
September 7—Gilbert Frank Herr.
" 7—Daniel Charles Leopold Herr.

MARRIED.

June 4—Henry Whipple Farnum and Anna Scott Bickley.
June 26—Fred C. Jewett and Dorothea D. Rose.
June 29—William Berry and Josephine Merges.
July 8—Donald C. McClelland and Lilian D. Fitch.
August 27—John Healy Buxton, Jr., and Clara G. Beall.
August 28—Charles Bauers and Anna Betts.
September 3—Marshall Dutton Garrigues and Hannah May Gamble.
September 8—David Trimble Huston and Althea Katherine Strapp.
September 17—Sandy Lee Hurst and Jeanne M. Jones.
September 19—John E. Kreitz and Ena A. Hoats.

BURIED.

June 6—Caroline J. Smith.
" 7—Susan Brown.
" 16—Florence Livingston.
July 5—Eliza Graham McDowell.
" 12—Frances A. Wilson.
" 14—Nellie Lola Connor.
" 19—Josias Henderson Brown.
" 25—Lily Virginia Harper.
August 8—Fayette Rumsey Plumb, 3d.
" 20—May Ann Klahr.
September 1—Margaret Teter Cooper.
" 9—Mary James Sidford.
" 17—Mary Porter Kirkpatrick.
" 19—Roxana O'Donnel.
" 25—Willing F. Lewis.

Died Sunday Sept. 1st 1902.

OFFERINGS IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

General Charities,	$264 07
Special from Mrs. Russel,	5 00
Special from Mrs. Russel,	50 00
Special from Miss Stoddard,	10 00
Prison Society,	10 00
University of Pennsylvania,	125 00
Children's Friend Society,	67 00
Shoe Fund,	1 60

St. Stephen's Farm:

June 5—L. C. Cleemann, St. Stephen's Church,	$22 87
June 6—J. Austin McDowell,	100 00
" 10—A Friend	500 00
" 10—Miss Hattie McIlvain,	25 00
" 24—Mrs. Edward S. Willing,	100 00
" 24—Miss Fannie S. Magee,	25 00
" 24—Miss Eliza J. Magee,	25 00
" 24—Cash,	5 00
" 30—C. H. Hillman,	7 76
July 1—H. Spencer Lucas,	19 51
" 9—Mrs. S. E. Russell,	25 00
" 10—Cash,	5 00
" 22—Cash (through Sister Elizabeth),	50 00
July 25—St. James' Church (Board), C. B. Dubell.	25 50
Aug. 20—Cash (through Sister Elizabeth),	50 00
Aug. 22—Cash (through Sister Elizabeth),	50 00
Aug. 22—Jones & Paxson (wheat)	136 11
Sep. 25—Mrs. John Kennedy, Jr.,	25 20
Total,	$1,196 95

A gift from Mrs. S. E. Russel of ten shares of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company Preferred Stock valued at $730 to the Rudder Memorial Fund . . . . . $ 730 00

Grand Total, ... $2,459 62

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

One of the advantages of vacation with its cessation of duties, its rest and change of scene, is the ability it gives us to judge of the trend of our lives. To some persons these long weeks of comparative idleness seem a sad waste of time, but men whose professions demand thought, mental toil, the production of ideas, judge otherwise. The mind like a spring whose waters are constantly drawn from it, becomes depleted. It is necessary at times to cease giving out, and to receive inspiration and consolation from other minds. Wandering amid strange scenes often enables us to see our own life in a new light. It is especially useful to the clergyman for a time to become a layman and to appreciate the trials of the laity of which he is often the unconscious cause.

As I look over our common work from this distance, my deepest desire is that our Church life with its rich opportunities and privileges may enter more deeply into our thoughts and affections, and play a larger part in our daily lives. Toward those who are without the Church and the religion of Jesus, we have but one duty; to exhibit that religion in so attractive a light that they may be drawn to it. But to my fellow-Christians and beloved parishioners I may surely suggest that in such a church as ours there are opportunities of realizing the divine life, of revealing Jesus Christ in this world, and of blessing and helping our fellow men for which we shall some day be called to account. The real value and effectiveness of any church is determined—I will not say by the number of persons who love it and believe in it—but by the depth of love and devotion it is able to command. We speak of "church workers" as if they were a peculiar kind of people, freed from the ordinary demands and distractions of this world. But every Christian believer is pledged by his belief to hand on the light he has received, to do something to spread abroad the name and the influence of Jesus, and to make this world a better dwelling-place for the children of men by his having lived in it.

On the eastern shore of this beautiful lake (Seneca) there lives a woman whom I have known for many years. She lives where she was born, on a poor little farm wrested from the primeval forest by her grandfather more than a hundred years ago. About twenty-five years ago she conceived the idea of converting to the church the whole neglected and irreligious countryside in which she had grown up. The greatness of such a task must be measured by its difficulty. For a quarter of a century her mind has been filled with this one thought. During all these years her enthusiasm has never flagged for an instant. Coming back to her from time to time, I have found her always the same, as much on fire with zeal for Christ as was St. Paul on the day after his conversion. She has worn out one old horse after another, driving thousands of miles from farm to farm, and from town to town. She has nursed the sick, instructed the young, consoled the dying, entertained strangers and fed the hungry. A poor woman, she has built three churches and at the present time her God-children number three hundred and seventy, almost all of whom were brought to baptism by her instrumentality. There is not a house within a radius of twenty miles in which she is not known and loved, not a prison or an almshouse where her name is not blessed even by the wicked. Her own home is an asylum for those whom friends and even almshouses will not receive. And in that strange society, surrounded by the former companions and clients of Jesus, she is happy as He was happy in beholding the manifestations of the grace of God.

I mention this woman with gratitude because she has taught me what a Christian life may be, how beautiful, how wholly given to the noblest of all ideals. I feel more keenly every year that one of the great objects of the religion of Christ is the alleviation of the sorrow and misery of this world, and that another object is the welding together of society by inducing the happy, the intelligent and prosperous to labor for the unhappy, the ignorant and the miserable. Acting upon this belief, and depending, as always, on your sympathy and support, I am thinking of adding a new department to our church work. I hope to have a comfortable house on a respectable street near the church, presided over by religious women, where all members of our congregation may feel themselves at home. I cannot set forth here all the purposes for which this house will be used, but here are a few of them: If we have ladies who are willing to devote their time to good works we must have a quiet and pleasant home for them to live in. We have now a large number of persons in modest circumstances who look to the church for a large part of the pleasure of their lives. I want to increase the number of those persons and to make their ties to the church closer. Owing to our rather cramped quarters it is difficult to make our parish house home-like and attractive, This new house (which will be called St. Stephen's House) will largely remove the difficulties under which we have been working. Here we can meet

on Sunday evenings and at other times for a fraternal meal. Here we can talk, sing, have lectures and social gatherings. The chief difficulty in the way of this excellent plan has been obviated in advance by the offer of a lady of our congregation to furnish such a house completely, and to provide for most of its running expenses. The only burden that will devolve upon the parish will be to provide the rent of the house with its heating and lighting, which, if the price of coal ever goes down, will not be more than a thousand dollars a year. I may add that I expect to have more voluntary assistants to Sister Elizabeth this year, and I fully believe that this work will take an honorable place among the charitable enterprises of this great city.

I have written a long letter, but there is one other matter I should like to touch upon. If I meet with any encouragement I should like to begin an informal morning class this year for the study of the Bible. There are probably few churches in this country in which the Bible receives more serious study than in ours. But there are certain advantages in an informal class which a lecture from the pulpit lacks. The chief reason however why I wish to have a week-day class is that I have made a study of the Gospel of St. John in the course of which I have made certain discoveries which I believe are not generally known or recognized. If such a class can be formed my purpose is to devote this season to the study of this noble Gospel.

Affectionately yours,

ELWOOD WORCESTER.

Geneva, N. Y., September 25, 1902.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

It is with much thankfulness that I can again report a most successful summer at St. Stephen's Farm.

The house opened as usual, the middle of June, and was filled (and often over-filled) through the whole season. Five new bedsteads were bought and even with these additions sleeping was very tight at times.

Our numbers so far have increased each year, this year reaching two hundred and eighty-five (in the house) and five hundred and eighty-three altogether, counting the picnic parties from the city, which with only one exception came every Thursday while the Farm was open. Miss Lewis first brought out the parish school children. Mrs. H. P. Taylor, a party from the Home for Aged Couples, the deaconess from the Church of the Crucifixion, came with two parties of colored children; Mrs. Colesburry, from St. Martha's House, with twenty; Mrs. Price, from the Eighth Ward Settlement House, brought two happy parties of little Hebrew and colored children. All the members of the Mothers' Meeting Society, were united, and the majority eagerly availed themselves of the pleasure of a day in the country. It would have done your heart good to see the way both children and women enjoyed these days in "God's out of doors." Free from care they wandered everywhere through the woods, barns, house, carrying off at night many strange souvenirs, among them birds' nests, stones, sticks, frogs, turtles, flowers, ferns, corncobs, a little rabbit, but decidedly not least, apples. These latter were carried anywhere and everywhere in paper bags, flour bags, newspapers, handkerchiefs, but the favorite and most secure place from robbery, in shirt-waists.

We had many things to be thankful for this season. The new bath-room greatly added to our comfort. The house was acknowledged by all to be much improved by the pretty new papers and paint, and the telephone made life much easier for the House Mother.

No serious illness or accident of any kind occurred to sadden us. Those who came from the hot city pale, thin and tired out, I believe without one exception, returned to it in better health and spirits. Mother Nature has a wonderful power of restoring her children when they come to her for help.

About the way we amuse ourselves at the Farm there is need for me to say little, as I think it is pretty generally known that long rides in the country, picnics, "parties" of all and every description, croquet, swings, tether-ball, have been the order of the day ever since we first opened the house five summers ago.

One most delightful and never to be forgotten picnic to Willow Grove must be specially mentioned, when thirty-four of us tucked into the carryall, and hay wagon early one warm morning in August (carrying plenty of provisions with us) and spent the livelong day in doing exactly as he liked, shooting the shoots, riding on the scenic railway, listening to the band, etc., etc. The friend who gave us this happy day is such a good and constant friend of the Farm that we have many things to thank him for, as indeed we do most sincerely.

The Fourth of July was a gala day, one of the brightest and happiest we have ever spent. Dr. Worcester was with us, which added not a little to our pleasure. Through the kindness of another of our special friends fine fireworks were sent off in the evening, a splendid cake, ice cream and souvenirs provided for all the guests. The piazza was decorated with lanterns and flags; the evening was an ideal one for the Fourth, warm and still, and when the lanterns were all lighted it would have been difficult to find a prettier scene than was presented at St Stephen's Farm.

Miss E. W. Stevenson, though far from well herself this summer, has been just as thoughtful for the comfort and happiness of others, several times sending (beside other gifts) money and car tickets for the use of those who could not leave the city long enough to visit the Farm.

Many thoughtful and useful gifts were given us from friends new and old—gifts of clothes, money, ice cream, candy, toys, games, tents, croquet, pictures, books and a very nice sewing machine. For all gifts and kindness shown to me personally, and to my "large family" I ask you to accept most grateful thanks.

SISTER ELIZABETH,
Deaconess.

The regular services of the parish during the coming season, beginning on the first Sunday of October will be on Sunday at 11 o'clock, Morning prayer, Ante-Communion and sermon, and at 4 o'clock, evening prayer and sermon.

Dr. Worcester returned from his vacation on Wednesday, October 1st, and will preach on next Sunday, October 5th.

The Sunday school will begin on Sunday, October 5th, at 9.45 a. m., when the teachers and scholars will be greeted with a hearty welcome.

POTATOES FROM THE FARM.

St. Stephen's Farm will have a plentiful crop of excellent potatoes this Fall which may be ordered at once by members of the Parish. The fine quality of the Farm potatoes will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to secure them last season. The prices this year will be as follows:

Four or less bushels,	per bushel,	85c
Over four bushels,	"	75c
Second quality,	"	50c

Orders may be sent through Mr. Joseph Clayton, St. Stephen's Church, or direct to St. Stephen's Farm, Warminster, Bucks County, Pa. Potatoes will be delivered to any address in Philadelphia.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations latter part of June.

Mr. W. H. Hollar	$5.00
Miss M. J. Sidford	2.00
From a Friend	10.00
Mrs. Anna M. Kelly	2.00

JULY.

F. M. C.	5.00
A. F. Martin	2.00
Miss Emily Dutilh	1.00
Mrs. W. Williamson	2.00
Miss E. L. Williamson	1.00
Miss M. J. Garrett	10.00
Mrs. Pabst	1.00
Miss Ella Kalbfleish	1.00
Cash	10.00
Mrs. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. Samuel Hopper	1.00
Rev. Charles E. Milnor	1.00
Mrs. Charles E. Milnor	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. Rebecca Pancoast	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Martin	1.00
Total	$67.00

About 150 children have enjoyed the outings at

the Park this summer. Thanks to their kind friends.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the Whatsoever Circle have their first meeting October 8th and October 22nd in the Guild Room of the Parish House half-past seven o'clock. It is hoped there will be a large attendance after such a long holiday.

The meetings after this month will be the first and third Wednesdays of each month as in years past.

Donation of clothing for the poor from F. G. G.

SHOE FUND.

Donations in July, August and September.

Miss Ella Kalbfleish	85 cents
Mrs. A. F. Martin	75 "
Total	$1.60

HOW SISTER BELL'S DUES WERE PAID.

After a long prayer by Brother Berry, the "Pisgah Church evenin' meetin'" was declared ready for business, and Sister Scott, who was Secretary and Treasurer of the "Daughters of Harmony," rose to "explain to the meetin' the condition of the Treasury and 'nounce to the Brethren and Sisters present and those kept away by illness and other dispensations of Providence that the sum total of de possessions of the 'ciety was a balance of two dollars—back dues—owed by Sister Bell, now lyin' at the point of death, thereby *onable* to taken washin' which was her regular business and revenue for dues."

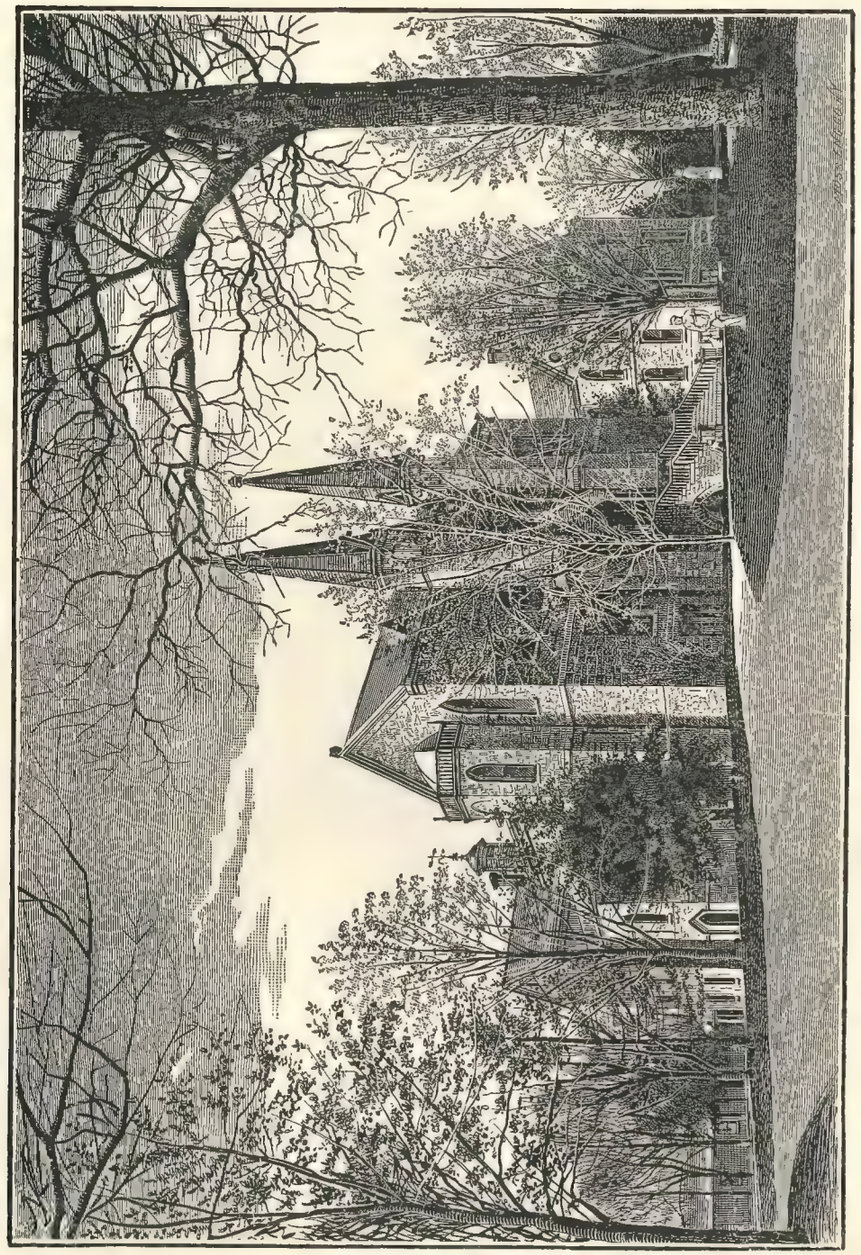
For over 20 years Sister Bell had been an active paying member of "The Daughters of Harmony," active in "monstrating" with the blacksliders and those who had never experienced religion, active in her shouts for those who "jined meetin'." Now, "Sister Bell was laid low by frequent attacks of rheumatis, caused by the want of carbogen in her system," said Dr. Green. "Doctor" because he had dispensed to the Pisgah members. "Herbs and docterin" at a much lower charge than the regular out and out white doctor who kept a buggy and of course must charge each patient a little more for that style, but his medicines did not kill or cure any more persons than "Doctor Green's",—they had all decided that at Pisgah long ago. A deep silence reigned after Sister Scott's speech, when Sister Juna, a near neighbor of Sister Bell's, said, "I would like to rise to my feet and to perpose to the *dear* members a Christian way to despose of Sister Bell's dues, and thereby render the last days of our 'linquent member, not worritin, as the debt certainly is pressin' sore on her spirit. All those in favor of *contributin'* a potion of Sister Bell's dues, please explain how much they will give, *right here to-night*. *Contrairy* minded will not leave this buildin' 'till the remnant of the 'mount is collected from them by the Secretary and Treasurer."

Proud of this "matter" which she had laid before the society, Sister Juna began to adjust herself to the wide space now made for her, on the front bench, not unmindful of the many eyes resting upon her—expressing different degrees of envy and all uncharitableness. Without a word further the motion was declared carried by Brother Berry, who passed round the hat, and after a laborious count of the collection, said, "Owin' to Sister Juna's far-sightedness, "The Daughters of Harmony" is out of debt, and Sister Bell's dues is paid, with a lef-over of eighty cents to be carried to the sufferin' member."

MARY S. BUTCHER.

JOSEPH CLAYTON
UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER
225 S. ELEVENTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA

TELEPHONE CONNECTION



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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

REV. ELWOOD WORCESTER, PH. D., D. D., *Rector.*
No. 1318 Locust Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

SISTER ELIZABETH, *Deaconess,*
No. 327 S. Twelfth Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Ada Quint.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Elsie Bentz,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Pennybaker.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Robt. J. Campbell, Jr.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. W. J. Hassinger.
Mr. G. Frank Shindel

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 45, 48, D.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on all Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)
TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.
WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President.—Miss Cleemann.
1st Directress.—Miss VanDusen.
2nd Directress.—Mrs. Hepburn.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary.—Miss Sanders.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Wiegand, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Worcester.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. White.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Miss Bright, Mrs. Crane, Sister Elizabeth.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Miss Clara Farrar Smith, Mrs. Petry, Miss Sanders.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Wood, Miss Van Dusen.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Lammot, Mrs. Randolph Wood, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Atmore, Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. T. Morris Knight.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Lundy, 245 S. 18th St.

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St. Miss Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St.

INDIAN—Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, 249 S. 13th St. Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Mrs. Lorenz, Miss Moore, Mrs. Crane, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Tyson, Miss Atmore, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Maule, Miss Hartranft, Miss Heilner.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Sanders, Miss Josephine Lockhart.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Sanders, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Lineaweaver Mrs. Knight.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

Managers—President—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Mrs. Edward Rowland.
Treasurer—
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Rev. J. L. Miller.
Associate Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian:—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Mr. Miller, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Culbertson, Miss Franz, Mrs. Roland S. Morris, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Phillips, Miss Forwood, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Ramsay, Miss Austin, Miss Bessie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Mary Christensen and Miss Gouldey.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith ; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m. Sister Elizabeth, Teacher.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Sister Elizabeth, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Sister Elizabeth.
Vice-President--
Secretary—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Assistants—Miss Wood, Mrs. Nolan.

COMMITTEE—Mrs. Guscott, Mrs. Benniston, Mrs. Murr.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GLEE CLUB OF ST. STEPHEN'S

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

President—John Seed.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer--John M. Simpson.

BOYS' GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Meets on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. L. Miller, Miss Culbertson, Mrs. Harry Lambert—in charge

President, Wm. D. Loughead.
Secretary, George O. Reed.
Treasurer, Wm. W. Taylor.

THE TUESDAY EVENING CLASS.

(For Girls.)

Meets every Tuesday evening at quarter before eight o'clock in the Parish Building.

In charge of Mrs. Glendinning and Mr. McMichael.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Mrs. Elwood Worcester.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson, 1223 S. 58th St.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Sister Elizabeth, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Mrs. Kirkbride, Mrs. Nolan, Miss Dana.

Literature Associate, Mrs. Lambert.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. E. L. Stanton, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Geo. S. Fullerton, Miss Cash, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge.

Miss Sarah Eisenbrey, Miss Ella Williamson, Miss Agnes McAlister, Miss Julia McAlister, Mrs. Nolan, Miss Elizabeth Elliott, *Associates*.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Mrs. Ankins.

THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Meets first Thursday at 3 P. M.

Director—Mrs. Worcester.
Secretary—Miss Theodora Starr Butcher.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

The Parish News.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 12 o'clock, daily Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CALENDAR.

Oct. 4.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinty.
11.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
18—Nineteenth " " " and St. Luke's Day.
25—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
28—St. Simon and St. Jude (Wednesday).

OFFERINGS FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

St. Stephen's Farm	$1000 00
For Dr. Shimoon	160 61
General Charities	198 01
For Rev. Mr. Wilkinson	25 00
Special	10 00
For poor, from Miss Stoddard	10 00
Children's Friend Society	31 50
King's Daughters	1 00
Shoe Fund	1 00
Total	$1437 12

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday of the month, Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays, General Charities.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTISED

June 3—Jeanette May Butz.
" 7—Samuel Kahn Douglass.
" 7—James Madison Douglass.
" 14—Thomas Washington Schmeid
" 14—Fannie Wedding Schmeid.
" 14—John Edward Knox.
" 21—Lawrence Meredith Clemson Smith.
" 28—Paul Hansell Ogden.
" 28—Emma Willard Ogden.
July 26—Howard Herman Soder.
Sept. 6—Mabel Riehl.
" 20—James Fisher Armstrong.
" 20—Grace Armstrong.
" 20—Herbert Waldo Kurtz.
" 23—Frances Madeline Mitchell.
" 27—Francis Bobb Wenrich, Jr.

MARRIED.

June 23—Edward C. Drake and Hetty S. Johnston.
" 24—John Carrier and Catherine M. Schmitt.
" 26—William S. Lybrand and Bessie Stevenson Laughlin.
July 25—Henry J. Nicholls and Nellie Becket O'Neil.
September 16 –Charles Hodgson Moore and Lillian A. Wilder.

BURIED.

June 12—Jeanette May Butz.
" 14—Selina Blomer.
" 15—Francis F. Goodwin.
" 23—Ellen E. Glendinning.
July 25—M. Augusta Garrettson.
Aug. 1—Emma Veazey Wills.
" 5—John J. Kyle.
Sept. 16—John Nelson Glass.
" 19—Mary C. Henry.
" 22—Henrietta C. Wilkins.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

I take up my work this year with a deep sense of bereavement. We have again met with irreparable losses. In June, Mrs. Glendinning was taken from us, and in September we gathered around the coffin of Miss Wilkins, in Atlantic City. Of neither of these noble women do I feel myself worthy to speak. Mrs. Glendinning's connection with St. Stephen's Church had not been of long duration, but during the four or five years we were blessed with her presence. her Christian character and her boundless charity were felt in every department of our Church life. Devoting herself principally to the young and the poor, no effort was too great, no sacrifice too costly for our dear friend to make in carrying out her wise plans. Mrs. Glendinning not only gave constantly and cheerfully to all our undertakings, but she also, in the fullest sense, gave herself, her time, her labor, her love. Remembering all she has been to us, and all she has done, I cannot realize that she is dead, or imagine how our work will go on without her.

Miss Wilkins was one of the old and stable members of the Church, and one of those lovely characters on which St. Stephen's name and fame have rested, and which it is its chief glory to have helped to form. Noble-minded, aristocratic in the best sense, tender, compassionate, absolutely unselfish, she accomplished more, especially in her later years, by what she was than by what she did. The influence of such a woman in her family, among a large circle of friends and connections, and in the Church in which she regularly worshipped, can hardly be estimated. With a mind singularly well informed, her kind and just judgments charmed those whom she admitted to her intimacy. On only one subject was she habitually and proudly silent—herself and her sufferings. The news of her death was, therefore, a more painful surprise.

Recalling all that I owe to these two saintly women, I thank God for the benefits I have derived from their friendship. As remorseless Death thins our little band, we who survive should be drawn nearer and nearer together, and far from despairing we should take courage from the examples of those whose good lives we have been permitted to share.

Affectionately yours,
ELWOOD WORCESTER.

A SUMMER'S DAY.

The long night of deep and delicious sleep was drawing to a close. For several minutes I had been dimly conscious of sounds—the leap of a salmon, subdued voices, the crackling of fire; then the door of my tent was opened and a kind face appeared. "Sorr," said Mike, "it's four o'clock and a fine day, and your breakfast's nigh ready." A few moments later I stepped out into the cold pearly morning. The sun was beginning to dispel the mist. A compact fire was blazing cheerily, and a most comfortable aroma of coffee and bacon was diffusing itself on the air. Mattie, the great Micmac Indian, as happy as a child at the prospect of a day of adventure, was bestowing our lunch, axe, kettle and rifle, in the canoe. Breakfast eaten and pipes lighted we embarked, and were soon rapidly shooting down the swift river. Mattie, apparently seeing nothing, yet unerringly choosing the safe water, and avoiding every jagged rock in the dangerous rapids, having settled himself comfortably to his paddle, opened the great unending, unwritten book of Indian tradition. "Dere was old Injun man, and when de people say dey see de bear here, and plenty trout, dere he go self and shoot de bear and catch de trout. Den he say, 'Now I b'lieve, 'cause I see for myself.' You see dat mountain, 'bout twenty miles 'way, hanging over de sea, dat's where de whale's bones is at. I see um self plenty times, and he big whale, too. Dey lie dere in woods, on top of de mountain 'bout half mile high. How he get dere? I doan know, but he's dere all right. Old people say big flood once. All de mountains covered. I 'blieve dat's de time de whale get dere, and de waters go down an' he can't get off again." [I may say that the object of our journey was a sight of these very bones. I had heard the story so often of a gigantic skeleton lodged in the woods on top of a lofty mountain, that I determined to go and see for myself, and although I was unfortunate in not reaching the spot, I firmly believe in the existence of those bones, which I hope yet to see. On such subjects, Indian tradition is seldom at fault.]

After a few minutes silence, as we slipt through a particularly bad piece of water, Mattie began again. "See dat piece sandy beach dere, front of de big pines? Long, long time 'go, when I was little boy, I came 'long here wid me fadder. Plenty Red Injuns [the aborigines, now totally extinct] here den, an' dey make war on our people. We been huntin' beaver and have big pack skins hid in de bushes, and we come out here to make canoe an' go home. We come out on dis beach an' make little fire dry sticks, an' bile de kettle. Bum bye, me fadder he look down the river an' he see two Red Injuns comin' up. He got big rifle loaded, an' he cocked de gun an' lay her down in de sand. I want to pick her up an' say, 'Fadder, we take de gun an' shoot de Injuns' He say: 'No boy, you leave de gun be, an' Injun, shoot selves.' So we wen' an' hid in de bushes. Pretty soon Injun come up an' dey see de fire, an' dey run behind tree an' dey look roun' every way [acting it all in pantomine] As dey doan see notin', so dey come on. Big men and fine lookin' men, too, an' dey painted all over, an' notin' but skin apron on, an' bow an' arrow an' de tomahawk by dere side. An' dey come 'long side de fire, an' take piece of beaver tail off de coals an' eat him, an' dey drink de tea out of de kettle. An' bum bye, dey see de rifle. An' first dey 'fraid; den dey pick him up, an' dey jabber one to 'nudder, an' one man he put his eye to de muzzle an' he look down, and while he lookin' de udder he pulls de trigger, an' blew de head off de chief. An' he gin a bawl an' drop de gun an' run. Den we come back an' eat our dinner, an' me fadder say; 'Dat's best way, boy, to let Injun kill his self.'"

"What kind of people were the old Red Indians, Mattie?"

"Dey fine, big people, an' dey warn't bad people nudder. But dey warn't Injuns at all. Dey white people painted red wid ochre. Least ways, dat's what all de old people say. [I mention this tradition for what it is worth. It is certainly a curious one.] De head place for dem was Red Indian Pond, near where we go de first time you come here. Dere dey fought big battle in old times, an' lots bones an' skulls an' arrows lying 'round yet. Leastways dey were de las' time I go by."

Thus pleasantly chatting, we glided over six or eight miles of swift, clear water, scattering innumerable salmon from their pools. Having reached the trail to the mountains, we ran our canoe into the bushes, and loading ourselves only with absolute necessities, we began our long march. By this time the sun was high and the day promised to be a hot one. Before us for the space of about two miles, lay a typical Newfoundland barren. Imagine a low, swampy plain of thick black mud, covered with coarse grass, dotted here and there with pools of dark water of unknown depth. At nearly every step we sank to the

ankle, and as the soil was soft and clinging, it was no easy matter to extricate our feet. Sometimes the whole bottom quaked so alarmingly as to threaten to give way altogether, and for an inexperienced traveler the risk of a peculiarly disagreeable death would be considerable. Mattie, however, cautious and agile as a deer made his way swiftly from one safe hillock to another, and I being fresh, had no difficulty in following him. It was a different matter on our return ; but in going the chief inconvenience was the intense heat

Right glad was I then to reach the firm, rocky bottom of the foot hills, and to plunge into the cool forest. Immediately I found myself on one of the most beautiful paths I have ever followed. Above, the great spruces and birches arched over our heads. Beneath our feet was a superb carpet of ferns and mosses. Around us, the cool, shadowy mystery of the deep forest. It was a path where one would like to sit for hours watching the forest folk, as it was one of their silent thoroughfares from the sweet lake pastures to the safe haunts of the mountains. Every few steps we would encounter a little rill or a spring of water clear as crystal, cold as melted snow, bubbling up from its deep, black cavern. Resting beside one of these pleasant oases, we witnessed a forest tragedy. A fat brown rabbit was playing a few score yards away in a quiet glade. Suddenly he began to tremble as if in mortal fear, but made no effort to escape. Then a swift tawny something glided by as silent as a breath. Was it the shadow of a drifting cloud, or a substantial form? We knew the next instant, for with a pounce and a fierce snarl, the great grey lynx had thrown himself on Master Bunny. One shrill scream, the flash of a pair of big green eyes, as the lynx turned an angry face on us, then he apparently melted into thin air, leaving me wondering whether I was waking or sleeping.

So for several hours we pressed on, always ascending, but for the most part by an easy slope, that permitted us to breathe. At last we reached the edge of the timber line, and the real struggle began. The rise now was steep, the ground rocky, and on emerging from the woods we were assaulted by swarms of stinging insects, that made resting impossible. So there was nothing to do but to struggle onward and upward. The day was intensely hot. Not a breath of air reached us. I was suffering from breathlessness and from intense heat, and began to be sorry I had come. Sinking to the ground, I was instantly covered with mosquitoes, black flies, and other stinging scoundrels which God in His goodness allows to dwell in the finest places. So up I got, and dragged my tired legs on, not daring to look up to see how much farther we had to go, and content to lift one foot wearily above another. Mattie in the meantime, taking the mountain with the easy stride of a moose, had disappered. At last, when it seemed to me that I could hold out no longer, I felt a steady, delicious cold breeze blowing in my face. No more fear of mosquitoes. They could not withstand that wholesome blast. Throwing myself on the ground I experienced a moment of pure physical happiness and well-being worth coming a thousand miles to enjoy. When I got up again I was strong, well, equal to any effort. A big snow ball fell beside me, and looking up I saw Mattie's dark figure outlined on a great field of snow half a thousand feet above my head. In a few minutes I was beside him, or rather as near the snow as I dared to go in my heated condition. I looked around me and saw one of those marvellous panoramas which live forever in memory. Lifted so high, we seemed no longer of this world. I could imagine the pleasures of birds, of superior beings who look down on us from heavenly heights. Far below were the deep blue waters of the sea, smiling in the golden sunlight, dotted here and there with white sails and glistening ice-bergs. For many miles the eye could follow the winding coast in either direction, distinguishing the mouths of rivers, harbors and villages. Plainly visible across the straits were the rough broken crags of Labrador, white with snow and ice. In the other direction rose peak on peak ; while beneath were dark shaggy forests ; lonely, unknown, nameless lakes, from which flowed long silver ribbons of water. And over all rested the sense of absolute solitude, the stillness, the silence that is so full of the voices of God.

For a long time I sat on the heather, living only through the eye. When an acute sense of thirst recalled me, I walked over to the great snow field, twenty or thirty feet deep in July and more than two miles long. It was a rare opportunity

to experience the heat of summer and the cold of winter side by side. When the breeze failed or the sun's rays became too warm, a few steps transported us to the chilly air of February. I was old enough to know better, but the temptation was too strong to be resisted, and I ate a piece of snow. Having eaten once, my thirst of course increased and I ate again and again, my thirst steadily increasing. The result was I was sick for several days and I hope learned a lesson. Snow water is more dangerous than whiskey.

We had now reached the top of the mountain and the hard climb was over. We had however a distance of more than eight miles to traverse in order to reach the place where the famous bones are said to repose. Feeling somewhat spent, we kindled a fire, boiled our kettle and ate our dinner. It was nearly noon when we set out again. For several miles we walked over a most singular formation. The rocky peak of the mountain, under the action of frost, had been broken into countless cubes of granite very regular in shape and from six inches to a foot square. These blocks had been packed against one another for so many ages that they had assumed at last permanent positions, a fact which when discoverd, greatly aided our progress. We could leap without fear from one stone to another as the stones never moved under our feet. As I looked around me, I realized how largely the problem of civilization is a problem of transportation. Here were millions of tons of superb blocks of granite, cut by nature's hand and admirably adapted for building purposes, on the top of a mountain where they had lain for ages and where they will lie for ages to come unless some enterprising builder inspired by these words goes and gets them. As we quietly wended our way along these solitudes, from time to time we encountered little herds of shy graceful caribou, a mother with her fawns, a noble stag, his horns still encased in their summer velvet. Unless our scent happened to reach them they appeared to be quite fearless and indifferent to our presence. The most charming sight we saw that day was a mother ptarmigan with a brood of nine chicks. She was lying outstretched on a sunny bank of heather, her little ones playing around her, and we nearly stept on the lovely gray and white bird before we saw her. Instantly she set up the most violent protest against our intrusion, displaying the pugnacity and fearlessness of a game hen, flying in our faces pecking at us, striking us with her wing, clucking angrily, then pretending to be lame, very much hurt, limping and slowly dragging herself away in hopes of leading us from the sacred place. At her first word of warning, the little striped chickens flew for cover and remained concealed. I stooped down and carefully picked up one of the fluffy little fellows to look at him. At that the mother's anger knew no bounds and she flew right in my face. I put the chick down again but that did not satisfy her and she followed us scolding and declaiming for nearly half a mile, when judging her flock to be safe she took wing and swiftly rejoined them.

So we walked on mile after mile exhilarated by the keen stimulating air, and enjoying every minute some sublime or interesting sight. At about three o'clock I called a halt. The better part of the day was gone, and we still had the long, long walk to camp. Regretfully I gave up all hope of seeing the bones that day, and we turned our faces homeward. Mattie, whose marvellous instinct for direction causes him to scorn paths, proposed that instead of retracing our steps we should strike directly to the spot where we had left the canoe. To this I assented, knowing that he was well able to find his way, but I soon regretted that I had not consulted my own physical limitations. When the walking was good I was fairly able to hold my own, but when it came to leaping from rock to rock, sliding down steep places and landing feet first, forcing my way through impenetrable jungles, crossing ravines, on a single slippery log, I was no match for the Indian, and the two hours we spent in scrambling down the mountain in this agreeable manner exhausted me more than the whole previous day's work had done. At last I stopt, fairly used up intending to remonstrate with Mattie for having brought me by so bad a way. The Indian merely indulged in one of his silent laughs, and looking around I saw that I had stopt on the very edge of the good path up which we had passed in the morning. This fact encouraged me so much that for the next two hours I fairly flew down the easy descent, giving Mattie all he could do to keep up with me. Alas! I had forgotten the cruel ordeal

still in store for me. In consequence of my efforts I arrived at the e ge ot the marsh nearly exhausted, and quite unfit for another severe exertion. And yet there was nothing else to do. It was nearly seven o'clock and we still had the long paddle up the river which could not well be done after dark. Having eaten but a mouthful since early morning we were famishing, and the mosquitos were more savage than ever. So, setting my teeth, I began the terrible march across the swamp. For about a mile I held out, though it seemed that each step I took must be the last. Then I began to reel, my ears sang, my sight was dim. The next thing I knew I found myself lying on my back in a pool of water. A few moment's rest and the effect of my involuntary bath brought me to my senses, and I looked around for Mattie, nor was I wholly sorry to see that he too had fallen. That however was the last difficulty. A short spurt brought us to the river and the canoe. How soft were the cushions and how good it felt to be sitting down! The paddles seemed like little feathers and paddling and poling in silence we shot swiftly up the river, thinking only of the supper in store for us, and wondering what Mike had prepared. Pretty soon the tidy camp, with its white tents, its cheerful fire and its piles of logs shone out of the darkness. Faithful Mike was on hand full of solicitude, with my slippers and a comfortable change of garments. And as the good fellow pulled off my wet heavy boots, my nose informed me that of all woodland dishes he had prepared my favorite, which in a modified form the patriarch Isaac loved almost as much as his life—namely a succulent and satisfying caribou stew—of which for the benefit of housekeepers I here give the recipe: First: get your caribou. Cut the meat into cubes of moderate size. Chop up good marrow bones, put in potatoes, onions and carrots and plenty of water. Hang your pot over a slow fire early in the morning and let it simmer gently all day, having taken the precaution to season it well with butter, pepper and salt. Toward evening you will find in the pot a thick delicious mass which will give off such a charming mell that if you are a man you will be tempted to eat it all yourself. On this noble dish, flanked with boiled salmon and birds we feasted and forgot our sorrows. My only regret was that before I had had nearly enough I was overcome with sleep, with such sleep as comes to many of us poor mortals only a few times a year, and as I lay down in my good bed I thanked God for a day of innocent and pure happiness, a day to compensate one for many of the sorrows of life. We had been on our feet and in the canoe for seventeen hours and had traversed at least forty-five miles of difficult land and water, and we had earned our repose.

MORNING AND NIGHT.

Of all we see and forget, it is strange with what photographic exactness some impressions persist in memory. Among the interesting objects I have witnessed this summer I most distinctly recall the emotions inspired by these two scenes which I may call Night and Morning.

Morning: After a rather anxious night at sea off the most northern point of New Foundland, the day dawned calm and still. A dry, milk-white haze hung over the water. The swell of the sea gently heaving under the impulse of a vanished wind, shone in the morning light with the soft fires of the opal and the pearl. As the mist moved and shifted, the forms of huge icebergs appeared and disappeared, now fearfully looming apparently thousands of feet into the air, then vanishing as if the depths had swallowed them, groaning, sighing, uttering strange voices as their bases rocked in the flood. As an effect of the strange atmospheric conditions—above the mastheads of neighboring vessels could be seen the inverted sails of ships apparently sailing upside down with their hulls in the clouds. Suddenly out of the shadows came the sound of a terrible groaning, then a report like the explosion of a park of artillery, then a swift wave swept over us that threatened to engulf us. An iceberg had foundered.

Night: We were sailing up a deep, and to us, unknown bay. All day we had drifted idly in a dead calm. At sunset a steady breeze had sprung up, producing a change of conditions which on a sailing vessel may be likened to the change from death to life. Hour after hour we slipt swiftly on our way. The afterlight of sunset had disappeared from the water, the dim young moon had set and we were lighted only by the glorious heaven of stars, so brilliant as almost to dissolve the milky way. The water in our wake blazed with phosphorescent animalculae. The dark, heavily-wooded shores drew nearer and nearer together threatening to cut us off on either side. Anxiously we listened for the sound of the rapids that marked the entrance of a river off which we meant to anchor. Through the silence of the night we heard the solemn heavy war of waters apparently just off our bow. Apprehensive and perplexed, we sought to make out the shore, but it constantly retreated as we advanced. Then we correctly conjectured that the noise we heard was the thunder of a cataract many miles up the river. We sailed on and heard at last the tinkle of the rapids where the river entered the bay. As we cast anchor, the rattle of the chains awoke a great flock of wild geese asleep on the water which flew all around us uttering weird discordant cries.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S REPORT.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I am again permitted to work in the Church, and with the people I have learned so sincerely to love.

It would be impossible to express adequately my appreciation of the many and great kindnesses shown during my illness, but believe me not one of them is forgotten, or ever will be. I am sorry it has not been in my power to acknowledge and thank all individually, but that I *do* thank them from my heart I trust no one will doubt.

The Mothers' Meeting Society will D. V. hold its first meeting Thursday, November the Fifth, in the Parish House at the usual time.

The Women's Bible Class will meet Sunday, November the First, at 3 o'clock in the Guild Room.

The girls in my G. F. S. Branch will continue their study in the History of Philadelphia this winter.

The Young Women's Bible Class meets every Sunday morning at 9.45 in the Sunday School building, and is continuing the study of the life of S. Paul. New members will be welcome.

The sixth summer of the Farm is past and again we can speak with thankfulness of the blessing it has been to many. Those who found rest and peace in "God's out of doors," returned strengthened to take up life's battle once more with a braver heart, stronger in body and mind. "Can we come again next summer" (the little children's last words as they wait for the wagon to take them to the station) testify beyond a doubt what they think of the Farm, as well as the brown fat little faces testify what the Farm as done for them.

The house was filled all the summer, the number of Picnics not so large as in some years, but as the season was unusually cool the necessity was not so great.

Miss Thompson took charge this summer, and was ably assisted by Miss Emma Bartley, all went smoothly and well. I received many letters while I was away speaking of the good times that the girls were having and the kindness shown them.

I cannot close this brief report without thanking most sincerely the many friends who remembered the Farm guests and sent generous gifts to add to their comfort and enjoyment. Two of our truest friends have been taken from us this summer, whose loving interest will be sorely missed. From the first year of the Farm's existence they helped us with unremitting kindness, and generosity, and it is hard to imagine the work going on without them, but their memory will always live in our hearts.

SISTER ELIZABETH,
Deaconess.

POTATOES.

The Farmer of St. Stephen's Farm wishes us to announce that he has about twelve hundred bushels of excellent potatoes and a good supply of apples ready for delivery after October Twentieth. Prices for October: Potatoes, eighty cents a bushel, and apples two dollars a barrel, delivered. Orders should be sent to Thomas Greenfields, St. Stephen's Farm, Warminster, Penna.

We desire to make acknowledgment of the two large and handsome Brass Vases that have been given to the Church and placed on the Altar. They have been presented by Mrs. N. G. Savage in loving memory of her sister, Miss Nellie E. Grant, who entered into rest February 8th, 1889.

We also express the thanks of our Parish for the bronze hand rails that have been placed on the front steps of the Church, by the kindness of Mr. Edward Shippen.

Thanks are given to Miss Sarah Stroup, Miss Christopher and Miss Jamison for packages of clothing that have been sent to the Parish House.

The Sunday School opens on Sunday, October 4th, at 9.45 A. M. The regular scholars and teachers will be gladly welcomed back. There has been a long vacation and from the many questions asked as to the time and date of opening for the season we have reason to feel that the school will be attended by all those who have grown to love it and that many new scholars will be added to our roll. Last year was a happy and prosperous one. The School room, since the repairs of a year ago, has greatly helped to brighten up the school. The attendance increased notwithstanding the rainy and bad weather. The missionary offerings both at Easter and during the Advent season were liberal and greater in amount than for several years. Our children are not immediately around the neighborhood. The rush and drive of business have taken both the large and small streets for stores, offices and workshops so that there is no room or place for family habitations. Notwithstanding this St. Stephen's has been able to gather a fair sized school and to maintain a good and regular attendance. Some of the scholars come from great distances showing that the school has found a warm place in their affections. All will be most gladly welcomed to the School on Sunday, October 4th, at 9.45 o'clock.

If there are teachers of last year who do not expect to take up this work of the Parish this season it is asked that they inform Dr. Worcester or Mr. Miller, so that their vacant classes may be supplied with teachers.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS of the the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings October 7th and October 21st in the Guild room of Parish House at quarter of 8 o'clock.

It is hoped that after such a long vacation that all will report and be ready to do whatever their hands find to do, "In His name."

Dues received from Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $1.00.

Clothing received for poor families from kind friends.

This Circle during the summer has given out about 35 articles of clothing.

SHOE FUND.

Donations :
From Mrs. A. F. Martin, $1.00.
Kind friends two pairs of second hand shoes.
From M. J. V. two pairs of shoes.
Three pairs of shoes were given out in June.
Bought for poor little girl to go in country pair of shoes in July.

REPORT OF CHILDRENS' FRIEND SOCIETY for June, July, August and September.

Mrs. A. F. Martin	$ 4 00
Mrs. Samuel Hopper	1 00
Mrs. Charles Milnor	1 00
Rev. Charles Milnor	1 00
Miss Emily Dutilh	1 00
Miss Julia Garrett	10 00
S. M. C.	5 00
Miss B. T. W.	1 00
Miss Pabst	1 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	3 50
Miss Cleemann	1 00
Miss Elinore Kalbfleish	2 00
Total	$31 50

It has got to be an old story, the children's outing to the Park, but they are always ready and keep asking about the excursions as soon as the weather is warm.

Owing to the want of funds we were not able to give quite as many an outing as in other years, but those who were fortunate enough to go, had a good time and it was made more enjoyable by a number of kind friends, who joined the ladies on each excursion in helping to entertain the children and in playing their games. The bean bags that were so kindly made by the King's Daughters, were put to good use and enjoyed very much by the children. Strange to say, instead of being lost as in other years, with one or two exceptions they are still ready for use. The members of the Society take this opportunity to thank those who so kindly helped in any way for the little ones' outing this summer.

JOSEPH CLAYTON
UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER
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The Sunday School.

We had a happy Christmas in the Sunday School. The Christmas Story, as a lesson, being illustrated with beautiful lantern slides, on both the Sunday before and after Christmas. Our Christmas Festival, which we feared, owing to the sailors' occupancy of our building, might have to be side-tracked, was held on the evening of December 27th, being probably as good as ever, in spite of our few rehearsals.

The room was so crowded that our good friends the marines and sailors, were not able to get in to any large extent. One fine fellow of the Navy, Samuel LePan, of Quebec, came heartily to our rescue and helped us trim the tree and arrange our stage, besides taking the character of Kris Kingle's big monkey. We are indebted to him and to the Sailor and Marine who posed with our Nich. Schulgen as "Uncle Sam and His Armed Forces." The children's singing of the carols, the Rector's address, the motion pictures and the thoughtful gifts of mits from a friend for all the scholars, were all most happily received.

Miss Nodine's musical numbers, with the tableaux of Belgium and the Allies, represented by scholars, not forgetting the Burd School fairies, all met with hearty approval. Santa Clause came as usual with his Esquimaux and wonderful acrobatic toy, and the candies—Oh, how delicious!

We are all very grateful to our kind friends of the Church who by their generous donations made possible again our Christmas merrymaking. We have entered the New Year with new hope, studying the Life of Christ (in the third quarter of the Blakeslee system), and will appreciate any one, young or older who will visit us, study with us or assist in our work. We miss many of our young men and older boys who are in the Navy and Army. Our united prayers go up for them and may God help us all to be good true and faithful, both at home and abroad, in camp or on the sea.

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan.	6.—Mrs. Colket.
	13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
	20.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	27.—Mrs. Harper.
Feb.	3.—Mrs. Noblit.
	10.—Mrs. Gebhart.
	17.—Mrs. Crawford.
	24.—Mrs. Gebhart.
March	3.—Mrs. M. Wallace.
	10.—Mrs. Clemens.
	17.—Mrs. Brunner.
	24.—Palm Sunday.
	28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	31.—Easter.
April	7.—Mrs. Atmore.
	7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	14.—Dr. Grammer.
	21.—Mrs. Campbell.
	28.—Mrs. H. R. Taylor.
May	5.—Miss Dutilh.
	9.—Miss Williamson.
	12.—Miss Townsend.
	19.—Mrs. Colket.
	26.—Mrs. Hollar.
June	2.—Miss Dutilh.
	9.—Mrs. Tourison.
	16.—Mrs. Gebhart.
	23.—Mrs. Bright.
	30.—Mrs. Colket.
July	7.—Mrs. Nicholson.
	14.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	21.—Mrs. J. E. Grammer and Miss Lindenmayer.
	28.—Mrs. Clayton.
Aug.	4.—Mrs. Heberton.
	11.—Miss Wallace.
	18.—Miss Shellenberger.
	25.—Miss Laura Bell.
Sept.	1.—Mrs. Lane.
	8.—Miss Mary Kirkpatrick.
	15.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	22.—Mr. Keable.
	29.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct.	6.—Miss Laura Bell.
	13.—Miss Maulsby.
	20.—Mrs. Sheble.
	27.—Girls' Friendly.
Nov.	1.—Mrs. Arrison.
	3.—Mrs. N. Rice Taylor.
	10.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	17.—Miss Townsend.
	24.—Miss Eisenbrey.
	30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Dec.	1.—Mrs. Atmore.
	8.—Misses Davis.
	15.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
	22.—Mrs. Petry.
	25.—Christmas.
	26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	29.—Miss Emily Bell.

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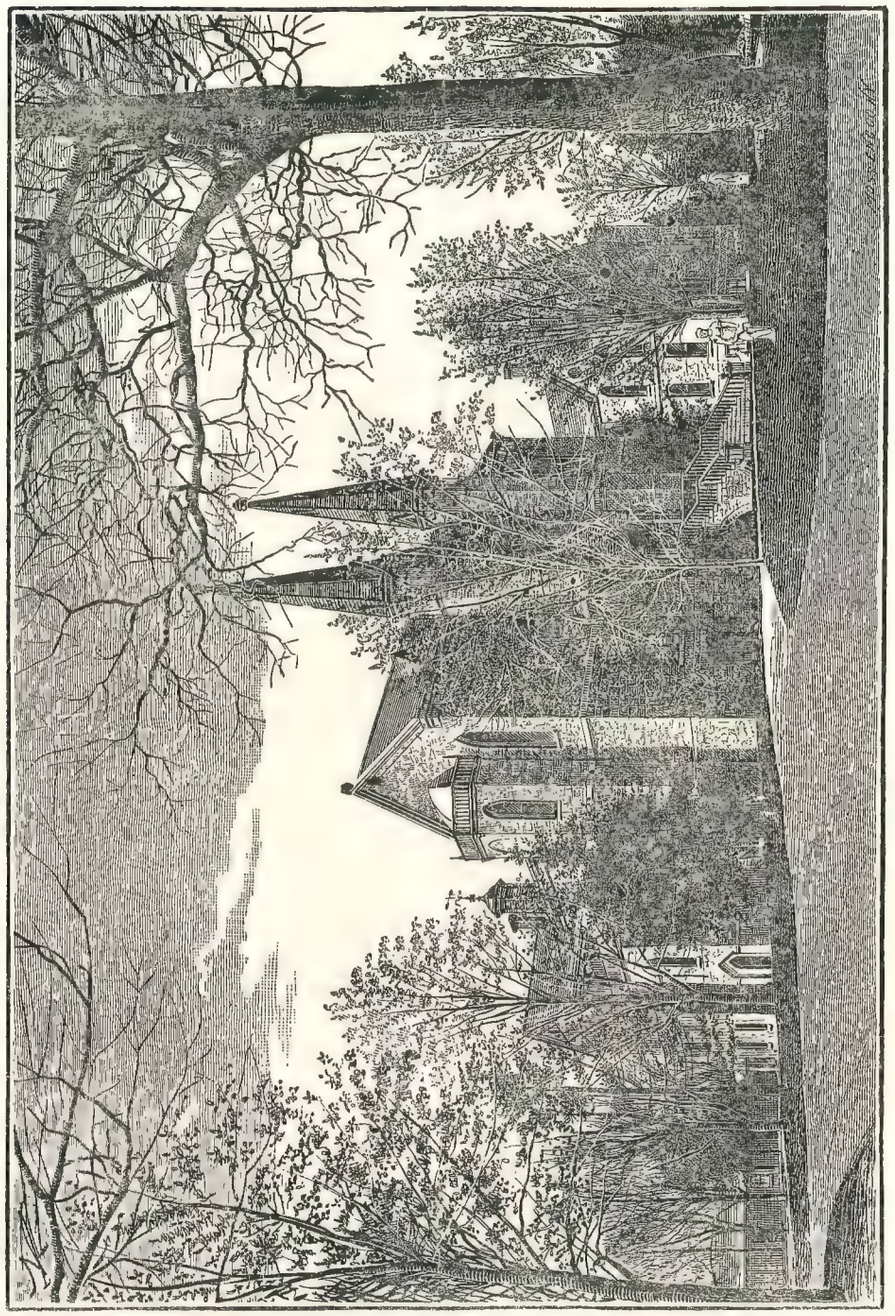

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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

REV. BEVERLEY WARNER D.D., *Rector-Elect.*

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER, *Minister-in-Charge*,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS NEIDHARD, *Parish Worker.*
1721 Rittenhouse Street.

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MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
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DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
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(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

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1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
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Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
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[illegible]rs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. [illegible]oyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, [illegible]s Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. [illegible]hington, Mrs. George L. Crawford.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. T. Morris Knight.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.) .08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d Street.

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.

INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Tyson, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hepburn, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Miss W. R. Royce, Miss A. Anthony, Miss H. A. Netter.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hollar, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian:—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Mis F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

RECEPTION COMMITTE.

Mrs. Jeffreys, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. R. Lemley, Mrs. Ida Smith.

TEA COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Delp, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Miss Sadie Evans.

SICK COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Loughead, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Benniston, Mrs. Mary Smith.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GLEE CLUB OF ST. STEPHEN'S

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

President—John Seed.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—John M. Simpson.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

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HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Mrs. Ankins.

THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Meets Thursdays at 3 P. M.

Director—
Secretary—Miss Ellen Hewson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

The Parish News.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 12 o'clock, daily. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

January 1st—Circumcision.
" 6th—Epiphany.
" 8th—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 15th—Second " " "
" 22nd—Third " " "
" 25th—Conversion of St. Paul.
" 29th—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
February 2nd—Purification of the Virgin Mary.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

December 5th—Sarah Arndt Morris.
" 15th—Edward Albert Hibbert.

MARRIED.

December 17th—
Edwin S. Wadsworth and Jennie G. Fisher.

BURIED.

December 5th—Sarah Ball.
" 14th—Anne N. Sanders.
" " —Charles W. Estes.
" 22nd—Elizabeth Neely.

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Third Sunday of Month for Foreigh Missions.
Other Sundays for General Charities.

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER.

For Endowment Fund (From Miss Elizabeth Wistar Stevenson's Estate)		$1,000.00
Missionary Box Committee		83.36
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund		280.27
Christmas Diuners		243.25
Specials		15.00
General Charities		64.08
Christmas Festival of Sunday School		93.64
Sunday School, Advent offesing, Missions		40.00
Female Benevolent Society		5.00
Church Work Fund:		
From Mr. T. P. Chandler	$25 00	
" Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	50 00	
" Mrs. J. L. Adams	10.00	
(Previously acknowledged, $1537.43)		85.00
Children's Friend Society		12.00
King's Daughters		5.50
Shoe Fund		4.50
Through Miss Neidhard		87.60
St. Martha's House, from Mothers' Meeting		56 33
Total		$2,075.53

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The Vestry is rejoiced to announce that Dr. Warner has accepted the invitation to become the Rector of this Parish. It seems fitting to say that the Vestry believes it would have been difficult to have found another so amply qualified as Dr. Warner to conduct the administration of this noble Parish, to maintain its best traditions, and to broaden its scope and influence. Dr. Warner is a churchman of notable distinction: an author, a scholar, and a preacher of established reputation. But more than all of these, Dr. Warner is a noble, Christian gentleman. He is beloved by his people in New Orleans, where he has labored devotedly for eleven years. When the invitation came to him from your Vestry, the people of New Orleans appointed a committee of twenty representative citizens, who made an urgent appeal for him to remain. This was an extraordinary testimony of popular esteem. That Dr. Warner has finally decided to come to St. Stephen's Church must be accepted as a high tribute to St. Stephen's Church. Dr. Warner's recent visit as the guest of your Vestry, was for the purpose of better acquaintance. The splendid loyalty of this Parish was never better attested than by the magnificent congregations which welcomed him. He was deeply impressed, and carried with him back to New Orleans the assurance of a devoted, faithful people—and to such only has he been accustomed. It is expected that Dr. Warner will occupy the pulpit for the first time as Rector of St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday morning, February 19.

DR. BEVERLEY WARNER.

Something About the New Rector of St. Stephen's Church.

Dr. Warner is married and has three children—a daughter and two sons. The eldest boy is in business in New Orleans and will not come to Philadelphia at this time. Dr. Warner went to New Orleans from Bridgeport, Conn. He was born in Connecticut. He was a classmate in the Divinity School of Dr. Snively, now Warden of the Burd Orphan Asylum. He is an intimate friend of Dr. McConnell. Both Dr. McConnell and Dr. Worcester wrote very strong letters to Dr. Warner, urging him to accept the rectorship of St. Stephen's. In New Orleans Dr. Warner is a member of the Board of Administration of Taulane University, President of the Kingsley House Association, originator of the Trinity Woodyard and Lodging House, a member of the Standing Committee of that Diocese, and is connected actively with almost every charity known in that city. He has been rector of Trinity Church for eleven years. Trinity is one of the largest and most fashionable Parishes in New Orleans. The Church has more than once supplied the Bishop's chair. Dr. Warner is chaplain of the Orphan's Home in New Orleans.

He is an author of national reputation. He has written several novels and many works on religious subjects. One of his novels, "Troubled Waters," was published in 1885, and is out of print. There is also a notable contribution to classic and historical literature in his "English History in Shakespeare's Plays," and an excellent book, "The Facts and the Faith Contained in the Rationalism of the Apostle's Creed." Two of Dr. Warner's books, "The Young Man in Modern Life," and "The Young Woman in Modern Life," have been published within the past two years. Dr. Warner has delivered addresses on all sorts of public occasions, the two most recent having been before the New Orleans Parish Medical Society on "Some Problems of a Great City," which was reproduced in at least one Northern medical journal, and an address before the New Orleans College of Pharmacy commencement on "Conflicts of Civilization With Its Own Waste," which deals with the housing problems of the poor. He has delivered numerous baccalaureate sermons and commencement addresses in every Southern city, and he has just been appointed special preacher at the University of Chicago next June for three weeks. He has frequently lectured on Shakespearian subjects, on which he is an authority.

ALL ABOUT THE PARISH.

The new heating plant is now complete, and so far its operation is most satisfactory. An intensely cold wave will afford a good test, as a temperature of 70° is guaranteed in zero weather.

The Embroidery Class held its first meetiug on Friday, January 13. A teacher has been secured and the Class will meet regularly every Friday morning at ten o'clock, to continue work on the pall and to make stolls and surplices for the Church. Members of the congregation are earnestly invited to join this Class.

The Church Work Fund has reached a larger total than last year. Christmas Dinners were given to about one hundred and sixty families —more than ever before. The "New Year's Dinner"—a beautiful custom inaugurated by Miss Maria Mitchell, and continued in loving memory of her—supplied nearly seventy little ones with a substantial meal. "The Infant School" celebration was the brightest and best in its history. The whole spirit of Christmas good cheer has never been more enthusiastic in the Parish. And in another month Dr. Warner will be the Rector of St. Stephen's Church!

Dr. Warner spoke to the Sunday School on January 1st: "I am very glad to meet you all," he said, "and I am very glad to be introduced to your Parish in this way—through the children. Yesterday I saw your Infant Class celebration. To-day I meet the Sunday School, and presently I shall be standing before your congregation, so I feel as though I was almost growing up with you! New Orleans is seventeen hundred miles from Philadelphia, but the difference in time seems to me about the only difference, because you have made me feel so much at home. You have opened your arms to me, and I feel it very deeply, and appreciate it very truly. If it should come to pass that I should come to live among you, and work among you, I hope you will open your arms to me still wider."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

December 28th was "red letter night." The Sunday School never seemed more happy. Scholars and teachers turned out in force to make the occasion gay and cheerful. It is doubtful whether we ever had a larger gathering at a Festival. The programme was arranged on familiar lines. There were the opening exercises, the prayer and the lesson, the singing of the carols, and a magic lantern entertainment, showing many pictures of the dear old Farm. An interesting feature was a series of scenes and pictures of the celebrated Mask and Wig Club, of the University of Pennsylvania. The School enjoyed them immensely. There were a great many funny pictures, too. Mr. Miller delivered an address, and Mr. McMichael gave the School a "Message from Santa Claus." He said that Santa Claus had been very busy this year, and instead of giving each member of the School a little remembrance, he (Santa Clans) had asked him (Mr. McMichael) to invite the School to attend a little play that was soon to be given at the Mask and Wig Club. And it really seemed as though the School liked that "Message from Santa Claus" very much. There was the usual distribution of cakes, candy and oranges, under the skilful care of Mrs. Vanderslice, and the evening was in every way a merry one. But even in the midst of our joy, old friends were not forgotten, and Dr. and Mrs. Worcester, and Sister Elizabeth were constantly in our thoughts. It seemed so very strange without them.

The Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, Bishop of Pennsylvania, has sent word that he will visit St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday in Holy week for the purpose of administering the Rite of Comfirmation. This service will be in the morning at 10.30 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Snedeker will preach in St. Stephen's at both the morning and afternoon services during the month of January.

Most grateful thanks are given to the many generous givers of money, turkeys, etc., for the Christmas Dinners and also for the baskets sent containing bountiful provisions for special dinners. Many words of gratitude and earnest letters of acknowledgment for the good things received have been sent to the Parish House. Many homes were made happy on Christmas Day by this good custom of our people. Among the contributions of money sent in for these dinners there was a most generous sum from one who a few years ago herself gladly received a dinner at Christmas time. Now in her prosperity she has freely taken a share in giving and has helped us greatly in this Christian deed.

On Monday, December 12th, Miss Anne N. Sanders entered into rest. Her death came suddenly and is a great bereavement to those who were associated with her in the various activities of St. Stephen's Church with which she has been connected for the most part of her life, for that life was quietly and faithfully passed within this Parish. Her influence was exerted for good and attracted many earnest and warm friends. Ever attentive to her home cares and demands she yet found time and opportunity to do what she could in her Church's work. For many years she was actively interested in the Female Benevolent Society and Missionary Box Committee and her place was seldom vacant in the services of the Church which she dearly loved. She was ever kindly, sympathetic and helpful.

Because of her quiet, unobtrusive temperament she was not known to many of those who worshipped with her within the Parish, but those who were associated with her knew well her worth and felt the influence of her fine Christian spirit and the sweetness and beauty of her character. Such women are not only helpful to those with whom they come into relationship but give a power and uplift to any Parish with which they may be connected. St. Stephen's has been blessed with many such noble women and not least of these was our friend for whom we mourn. We shall miss her and earnestly give our sympathy and prayers for those near to her in the home circle and in the Parish with which she was connected and which she so dearly loved and for which she so faithfully worked.

MISS NEIDHARD'S REPORT.

FOR DECEMBER.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$32.56	Groceries	$ 4.53
Miss Jamison	2.00	Provisions	7 22
Miss Van Dusen	3.00	Toys	3.25
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	25.00	Stamps, Cards, etc	1.29
Miss N.	3.00	Knives and Forks	5.00
Mrs J. P. Chandler	10.00	Dishes	6.93
Miss Maulsby	2.00	Christmas Dinners	9.00
Mrs. W.	1.09	New Years "	5.00
Miss F. Smith (special).	5.00	Turkeys	12.60
Miss Cleemann	1.00	Special Case	10.00
Mrs. Newlin	2.00	Garments	1 60
Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr	10 00	Special Case	5.00
Through Mr. Miller	5.30		$71.42
Mrs. Joseph R. Smith	1 00	On hand	60.97
Miss Barnes	2 00		$132.39
Miss Wilkins	5 00		
Mrs. Mitchell (special)	10 00		
Through Mr. Miller	6.93		
Mrs. C.	.60		
Mrs. S. W. Mitchell	5.00		
	$132.39		

In response to the appeal made for garments, we gratefully acknowledge those sent us by Mrs. and Miss Lowrey, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Crombarger, Miss Maulsby, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. O. Judson, Mrs. Parmalee, Miss Ella Williamson, Mrs. Geo. Crawford, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Austin, Miss Burgin, Miss Wilkins, Mr. McMichael and Mr. L. C. Cleemann. Also the five cases of shoes and overshoes sent by a kind friend, as well as the toys, dolls, candy and milk sent by Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. Staley, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield, Miss Williamson, Master Tristam Coffin Colket, Miss Corrigan, Mrs. Burley, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Robert Boyd.

Through the kindness of Rev. J. E. Johnson, the "Mother's Meeting" again had the pleasure of listening to the colored quartet at their Christmas entertainment on January 5th. The attendance, including the outside guests, was a large one. Mr. Miller was present and Miss Plantholz sang.

The Young Women's Bible Class which met on Saturday evenings during Advent to sew, finished a number of little garments, which they presented to the Children's Ward of the Women's Hospital as their Christmas offering. The receipt of same has been gratefully acknowledged by Dr. Alice Seabrooke.

On New Year's eve the Infant Class of the Sunday School and the Little Girls' Friendly had their Christmas entertainment together. There were about one hundred children present, who were much entertained by a performance of Mme. Jarley's Wax Works, gotten up by Miss Graham. The latter impersonated Mme. Jarley in an admirable manner, while the small children of the Infant Class made capital wax figures. This was a notable occasion, as it furnished an unexpected opportunity for meeting our new Rector. Rev. Dr. Beverley Warner said a few words to the children, and we were pleased to have so distinguished a guest.

Once again this New Year's Day "The Maria Mitchell Memorial Dinner" brought joy to many little ones. At noon about seventy children were making their way into the Guild Room of the Parish House, and quickly filled up the seats of the long table, which was decorated from top to bottom with green plants and scarlet flowers. After a carol had been sung and the little heads were bowed for a moment's silence, Dr. Beverley Warner pronounced the blessing. When the children refused to eat any more turkey or ice cream and cake, the presents and boxes of candy from under the tree were distributed, and with many exchanges of good wishes for the New Year, the little ones were taken off to their homes.

I hesitate to insert a discordant note into this report of our festivities and thanksgiving, but I cannot close without a plea for my suffering families who are out of employment, and often for no fault of their own. Some coal or coal tickets would be thankfully received, and warm dress skirts are much needed.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANNE N. SANDERS.

At a meeting of the Benevolent and Missionary Societies of St. Stephen's Church, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas—it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from her earthly labors, our faithful associate and much loved friend, Anne N. Sanders.

Resolved—we desire to second our sincere appreciation of the beauty of her Christian character.

Gentle, benevolent and pure of heart and life, she exemplified to her friends the beauty of holiness.

Singularly unobtrusive, amiable and loving, she inspired affection by the beauty of her life.

Years of constant intercourse with her in the performance of her many Church duties, endeared her to all and now that God has taken her to Himself, our hearts are filled with sadness for our great loss, but with thankfulness for the bright example she has left us.

Committee of Missionary Box Com.

FANNIE S. MAGEE,
JOSEPHINE LEWIS,
EMMA L. CRAWFORD,
A. MARION KNIGHT.

Committee of Benevolent Society.

L. B. HEPBURN,
EMILIE M. CRANE,
ELLENORA V. D. BOYD,
ESTHER VANDUSEN PETRY.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

These meetings have been held weekly during the winter, and have been unusually well attended. The Mothers held their Annual Sale in the Guild Room on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, December 8th, and, although receiving very little outside help, were able to present to Miss Colesberry, of St. Martin's House, a check for $56.33. Miss Colesberry was present on the 15th and explained to the Mothers the work done by the Mission, after which the members suggested that their contributions should be used to purchase books for the Library. The officers will be glad to

receive any second-hand clothing, to dispose of among the Mothers. Any clothing sent, please address to the care of the Mothers' Meeting.

MRS. TAYLOR.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received in December:

From Mrs. Austin	$ 1.00
" Church Work Fund	50.00
" Mrs. Hand	1.00
" Mr. Samuel Moore	10.00
Total,	$62.00

January 11th the little children had their New Year's party. So much had been going on in the different societies that it was thought best to wait until later for their fun, and they would enjoy it more—which they certainly did.

Thanks for your kind help to give them a bright time.

THE KINGS DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their meeting January 4th and January 18th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock.

Donation received from Miss Maria Wilkins . . $ 1.00

Donations received from members for Christmas baskets:

Mrs. Crombargar	$ .25
Miss Alice Kelly	1.00
Miss Taggart	.25
Miss Mabel Crom	.25
Miss Cora Reeves	1.00
Miss Ella Wagner	.25
Miss Bessie Wilder	.50
Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	1.00
Total,	$5.50
Expended for Christmas baskets	4.00
Balance,	$1.50

Groceries for baskets; Miss Walshe, Miss Goss, Miss Jeffries, Miss Bessie Kehl, Miss Moore and Mrs. Vanderslice.

Two families, about ten persons in all, had a very bright and happy Christmas.

In the Guild Room on February 17th, the King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have a Sale of Aprons and other small fancy articles, also candy and cake. The proceeds are for their *charitable work*. It is hoped that kind friends will come and see what pretty things they have made, and how industriously they have worked so as to be able to *help those in need*.

There will be music off and on during the evening, and it is hoped that it may prove a very social evening, as well as a financial success.

By that time we hope Dr. Warner, our new Rector, may be in the city and be with us. He certainly will have a cordial welcome.

SHOE FUND.

Balance, December 1st	$11.25
Donations received in December.	
Mrs. A. F. Martin	.25
Mrs. H. Crombargar	.25
Mrs. E. Hand	2.00
Mrs. Savage	.50
From those receiving Shoes	1.50
Total	$15.75
Expended for Shoes in December	7.27
Balance	$ 8.48

Santa Claus is a very good old gentleman and very thoughtful, for he did not forget the little children's cold feet. We received through Miss Neidhard a large box of Children's Shoes and two boxes of overshoes. Very many thanks to all kind friends. Perhaps in looking over your closets you may find some large size shoes for women, which if sent to the Parish House for the SHOE FUND will be very acceptable.

Given out in December to Women and Children 14 pairs of shoes and 18 pairs of over shoes.

JOSEPH CLAYTON
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225 S. Eleventh Street
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REV. BEVERLEY WARNER, D. D.

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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

REV. BEVERLEY WARNER D.D., *Rector.*

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS NEIDHARD, *Parish Worker.*
1721 Rittenhouse Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane.

Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Ada Quint.

CONTRALTO

Miss Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Elsie Bentz,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Pennybaker.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.
Mr. Fred. S. Caperoon.

Verger and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Miss Sanders.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit,

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. T. Morris Knight.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday aud Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11 45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.) .08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d Street.

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.

INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Tyson, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Jean W. Tatler, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian:—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham; Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

RECEPTION COMMITTE.

Mrs. Jeffreys, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. R. Lemley, Mrs. Ida Smith.

TEA COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Delp, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Miss Sadie Evans.

SICK COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Loughead, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Benniston, Mrs. Mary Smith.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GLEE CLUB OF ST. STEPHEN'S

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

President—John Seed.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—John M. Simpson.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss Julia MacAlister.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Ella Williamson, Miss Elsie Lowrey Miss Curtis and Miss S. Eisenbrey, *Associates*.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Mrs. Aukins.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

The Parish News.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 12 o'clock, daily. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

February 2nd—Purification of the Virgin Mary.
" 5th—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
" 12th—Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.
" 19th—Septuagesima Sunday.
" 24th—St. Matthias (Friday).
" 26th—Sexagesima Sunday.
March 5th—Quinquagesima Sunday.
" 8th—Ash Wednesday.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

January 14—Louise Butterworth.
February 1—Archibald Mitchell.

MARRIED.

January 30—
James Foster Riter and Nellie Mae Luman.

BURIED.

January 17—Hugh Kirkpatrick.
" 20—Henry W. Brewer.
" 28—Elizabeth DeCamp Peak.
February 1—William H. Clark.
" 4—George H. Perkins.
" 6—Frank M. Ruhl.

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday— " "
Third Sunday—Diocesan Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Sunday School Expenses.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

Foreign Missions	$128.79
Women's Auxiliary (Foreign)	10 00
General Charities	377 03
From Louise Butterworth (For Poor)	5.00
Through Miss Neidhard	26.85
King's Daughters	5 00
Children's Friend Society	3.00
Shoe Fund	6.50
Total	$562.17

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The history of Trinity Parish in New Orleans during the ten years of Dr. Warner's association there, is a record of noble progress in the widest scope of charitable undertaking. The reputation which Dr. Warner will leave behind him in the South is one of which the highest ambition might be justly proud. His people have loved him, have earnestly supported him, and have received the news of his going away with manifestations of keenest sorrow. In a private letter to a member of your Vestry, Dr. Warner has expressed himself as being more humbled than elated by the extraordinary testimonies of esteem which have come to him with spontaneous enthusiasm from those among whom he has lived, since his decision was made known to accept the rectorship of St. Stephen's Church.

The fidelity of St. Stephen's Parish is proverbial, and it is pleasant to think that this fidelity is prompted by a high spirit of loyal devotion. The past of St. Stephen's is eloquent of noble traditions. The present is pregnant with peace, and harmony, and good will: and the future is radiant with pure and lofty promise. St. Stephen's Church is on the threshold of a mission of blessed usefulness, the ultimate good of which can be scarcely estimated. Dr. Warner is coming to us full of hope, and strength, and confidence. The best years of his life are before him, and his constant purpose will be to make them helpful, fruitful years for St. Stephen's. In the consummation of that forward effort, so devoutly to be wished, your Vestry has pledged to Dr. Warner the devoted loyalty of a loving Parish. Nothing more is necessary; nothing less will suffice. Thus, with abundant faith in the new Rector of St. Stephen's Church, let us put our whole trust and confidence in him.

TWO LETTERS.

Published in "The Parish News" by Resolution of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church.

235 Gowen Avenue,
Mount Airy, Phila.

To the Warders and Vestry
St. Stephen's Church,

Gentlemen:—In severing my connection with your parish after a period covering so many years, I want to thank you for the kindness and consideration that I have at all times received from you and from the members of the congregation, as I have passed in and out among them in their joys and sorrows. Entering upon my work in St. Stephen's Church on the first Sunday in October, 1885, I can scarcely realize that over nineteen years have passed away, and yet many have been the changes. Of the twelve Vestrymen that extended me a cordial welcome but three are now upon your board, Mr. Cleemann, Mr. Borie and Mr. Caldwell. I need not to say I dearly love St. Stephen's Church, where so many active and pleasant years have been passed. In saying goodbye it is with the earnest wish and sincere prayer that God may ever bless the Parish, and so make it ever in the coming years, as in the years that have gone, a power in the community for good, and in building up his kingdom. My connection with the Church will end at the close of the month. Dr. Warner has asked me to be with him till then, that some details may be clearly placed before him.

Thanking you again for the aid you have at all times given me, I am, ever,

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) JOSEPH LYONS MILLER.

Feb. 6th, 1905.

February 6, 1905.

Rev. JOS. L. MILLER,
Minister in Charge
St. Stephen's Church,

Dear Mr. Miller:—As the time approaches for your voluntary withdrawal from the service of St. Stephen's Church, we become deeply conscious of the loss which this Parish is about to sustain. Your determination to retire from the work here, announced at the time Dr. Worcester accepted the invitation to become Rector of Emmanuel Church Boston, would, if then carried into effect, have caused serious embarrassment to the Vestry, and at the unanimous consent of the Vestry, you agreed to remain in charge of the Parish until a successor to Dr. Worcester had been chosen. For that generous consideration we thank you, and for all your loyal, loving service during a period of nearly twenty years we thank you, in the name of the Church you have honored so long and loved so well. To attempt to convey to you in conventional phrase an adequate expression of gratitude would seem as unnecessary as it would be impossible. But for your fealty and devotion, for your unfailing gentleness and discretion, for your noble self sacrifice and unselfish interest, and for your honourable example at all times, which has maintained in the conduct of our beloved Parish the highest standard of christian character and christian teaching, we thank you. And in the separation which you have voluntarily deemed it well to make, the fondest hope we may cherish for St. Stephen's Parish is that it may be constantly inspired by the noble spirit of loyal devotion which has illumined your every service as our friend, counsellor and guide. With admiration and respect, we affectionately subscribe ourselves:—

(Signed) L. C. CLEEMANN,
BEAUVEAU BORIE,
J. AUSTIN MCDOWELL,
J. DUNDAS LIPPINCOTT,
J. ALBERT CALDWELL,
FRANCIS A. LEWIS,
JOHN T. LEWIS, JR.,
GEORGE L. CRAWFORD,
RUSSELL DUANE,
ROLAND S. MORRIS,
CLAYTON FOTTERALL MCMICHAEL,
Vestry of St. Stephen's Church.

At the urgent request of Dr. Beverley Warner, Mr. Miller will remain in the service of the Church until the last Sunday in February.

CLAYTON F. MCMICHAEL,
Secretary to the Vestry.

TO THE CONGREGATION.

In severing my connection with St. Stephen's Church after a period covering so many years I want to thank the people of the Parish for all the kindness and consideration that I have so greatly received as I have endeavored to work among them and as I have passed in and out in times of joy and sorrow. Entering upon my work October, 1885, at the invitation of Dr. McConnell, and continued at the request of Dr. Worcester, during his rectorship, I can scarcely realize that nineteen years have passed away and yet many have been the changes. Of the twelve vestrymen who extended me a cordial welcome but three are now in the Parish. The people have come and gone. Many have entered into rest. The children have grown up. Sunday School scholars have married and their children have taken their places and teachers have retired and scholars have graduated and some of them, we are proud to say, have now classes of their own. I need not say I dearly love St. Stephen's Church where so many active and pleasant years have been passed. In saying goodbye it is with the earnest hope and sincere prayer that God may ever be pleased to bless and prosper the Parish and that it may ever continue to be not only prosperous but uplifting and helpful to the people who look and may look to it for inspiration in their daily living. My connection with the Parish will end at the close of February, for Dr. Warner has asked me to be with him till then that some details may be clearly placed before him. He will find a loyal people ready to respond to his leadership. May his rectorship be blessed and may it prosper in the Parish.

Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH LYONS MILLER.

The Rev. Dr. Beverley Warner will enter upon his duties as Rector of St. Stephen's Church on February 15th and will preach on Sunday the 19th at both morning and afternoon services. Dr. Warner will be the sixth Rector of the Parish. The first Rector was Rev. Dr. James Montgomery, from 1823 to 1834. Then came the Rev. Dr. H. W. Ducachel, from 1834 to 1865. He was followed

by Rev. Dr. Wm. Rudder, from 1865 to 1880. After him came Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, in 1881, who left to accept the rectorship of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, in 1896. After this, Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester became Rector in 1896 and resigned in 1904. The first three Rectors continued in charge until death. The last two resigned to accept duty in other places. The Church is ready heartily to welcome Dr. Warner and to wish him a useful and happy rectorship. The people are loyal and will gladly co-operate with him in his work.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the altar on Sunday morning, February 19th. This annual offering has come to be a well known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's. For the sake of those who have come to the Parish within the year, we will explain the way it is done.

On Sunday morning, February 12th, from the pulpit, will be told more in detail the work of Diocesan Missions. During the week which follows, every family will be waited upon by a representative of the Parish, to receive the contribution. He *simply calls to receive offerings* of those who give. He will make no argument or appeal of any kind. Of course he will be courteously received by all our people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is equal to $5 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling handful of people are much the better off.

Of course there are many in the Parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given far more than the amount, so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the collector will be placed in the alms basins, Sunday, February 19th. This will be the first offering received by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Warner, in this Parish. It is earnestly asked, that the members of the Congregation have their offering ready, so that the agent of the Parish may be able to receive it when he calls, without waiting and without being compelled to call several times.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There is something about the Sunday School of St. Stephen's Church that imparts a stirring vitality to all of its work and the "something" is a healthy, loyal "Spirit." The Sunday School is growing—not a spasmodic, rushing growth, but a steady determined growth—the kind that lives and endures. There are more scholars and more teachers than at any time for several years, but there is always room for more: room, opportunity and welcome. Instead of three hundred in the School it would be pleasant to see six hundred, and if that happy period ever comes, we shall be prepared to provide accommodation for them all. Meanwhile the Sunday School is content in the assurance of a sentiment of universal helpfulness. Not many nights ago the entire School enjoyed a most pleasurable entertainment as guests of the Mask and Wig Club. A delightful little play, "The Arabian Nights," was delightfully given in the quaint little home of the University of Pennsylvania Dramatic Organization on Quince Street. The occasion was one of the "Preliminary Performances" of the Mask and Wig Club and the members of St. Stephen's Sunday School exclusively comprised the audience. It was a real treat and the School is very grateful to the young gentlemen who so generously volunteered such a pleasure. If it depended upon the vote of the Sunday School no doubt every student of the University who took part in the "Arabian Nights" would be selected for the regular Mask and Wig Entertainment in Easter Week.

MISS NEIDHARD'S REPORT.

FOR JANUARY.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$60.67	Groceries	$ 4.18
Mr. Miller (special)	2.00	Coal	9.45
Miss Williamson	1.00	Provisions	7 74
Miss N.	2.00	Coal	3.15
Miss Tilghman	5.00	Special Case	7.00
Through Mr. Miller	5.00	Garments	1 00
Mr. G.	5.00	Special Case	5.00
Mrs. Ley	2.50	Sundries	1.11
Dr. P.	5.00		
Through Mr. Miller	20.00	Total,	$38.63
Mrs. D.	5.00	On hand,	75.89
Cash	1.35		
	$114.52		$114.52

In answer to the appeal for coal, we are glad to acknowledge the orders sent us through Miss Henrietta Sanders, as well as the funds received for that purpose. We are also grateful to those who have given us the privilege of getting coal at reduced rates.

We here gratefully acknowledge garments sent by Miss Laura Bell, Miss Fernley, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Miss Maulsby, Miss Emily Bell, Mrs. Kelley, Miss Cleemann, and a friend.

The newly fitted up rooms in the Parish House are now ready for use. They were dedicated January 13th, when a small party was given there in honor of Sister Elizabeth. Mr. McMichael and the members of the Girls' Bible Class were also present. All seemed pleased with the rooms and found them cozy and comfortable.

It is rather an unfortunate coincident that the dullest season should also be the coldest time of the year. Fuel and food are hard to procure, but it is even harder to find employment. In talking with a fine young man the other day, I found he was employed in a ship-yard, in order to reach which he had to start off at five o'clock in the morning. He received $12.00 a week when times were good, but being often laid off, his earnings amounted to but $6.00 a week the year round. With this small sum he was struggling to support a family of eight. Two of the children (his step-sons) were consumptives. The house was neat and clean and the people brave. They asked for nothing, but the man kept telling me how he had searched and tried in vain to find a steady job, and I wished with all my heart I could have given him one. This is only one of many pathetic cases.

We wish to thank Mrs. Louis E. French for toys and children's furniture for distribution among the children of the poor.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received in January:

Mrs. Charles Hillman	$1.00
Mrs. Anna M. Kelly	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Martin	1.00
Total,	$3.00

THE KINGS DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their next meeting February 15th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock.

Donations received from:

Mrs. Charles Hillman	$2.00
Dues, Mrs. H. P. Taylor	1.00
Dues, Mrs. Charles Hillman	1.00
Dues, Miss Alice Kelly	1.00
Total,	$5.00

Friday evening, February 17th, the Kings Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle have their sale of aprons and other articles, candy and cake.

Donations of cake for this purpose would be very acceptable.

The proceeds of this Sale are to be used for Charitable Work. Music from 9 until 10 o'clock. Mrs. David Wood and others have very kindly consented to furnish the music for the evening.

SHOE FUND.

Balance, January 1st	$ 8.48
Donations received from:	
Mrs. Charles H. Hillman	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Martin	.25
Mrs. Anna Kelly	1.00
From Shoes sold	4.25
Total	$14.98
Expended for Shoes	12.75
Balance	$ 2 23

Gave out in January, 33 pairs of shoes and 15 pairs of overshoes.

The Church Women's Conference, preceded by a quiet hour at 10 A. M., conducted by Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D.D., will be held in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Twentieth Street below Walnut, on Thursday, March 16th. The Conference will be held at 11 A. M. until 3 P. M. At the morning session the following papers will be read: "Tactfulness in Our Work," by Mrs. George F. Knorr; "The Importance of a High Ideal," by Mrs. Philip N. Nicholas, of Geneva, New York. In the afternoon Mrs. Thomas Neilson will read a paper on "Some Dangers of the Present Day," followed by Mrs. E. C. Grice, on "How to Make our Lives More Restful."

A sale of useful articles for housekeepers use will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, from 10 to 12 o'clock. The sale will be in the Guild Room of the Parish House. It is hoped that members of the congregation will encourage the Society by liberal purchases, for the money is needed for the work.

A LETTER FROM SHANGHAI.

When Dr. Pott was at St. Stephen's some time ago and told of the work increasing so at St. John's College, Shanghai, that a new building was needed and had come to America to raise funds for its erection, I little thought that I should some day in the near future, have the pleasure of visiting the College and seeing that new building nearly completed and having a glimpse of the fine work so splendidly carried on in this prosperous mission field. The College and adjoining buildings stand within a large enclosure like a beautiful private park at Jessfield, five miles out from Shanghai, overlooking the Soochow Creek, along which curious craft, distinctively Chinese in construction, constantly pass, a slow procession of junks and house-boats, patiently poled along by the natives, who in many cases have no other home than in these cramped and dingy quarters.

Within the College grounds however, all is modern and attractive, the black and red brick buildings, the Church already twice enlarged and still too small, the school for two hundred and fifty boys, the one for eighty girls and that for the forty wee orphans walled off in accordance with oriental custom, the museum and drill ground all bespeak the care bestowed upon the enlightenment of the younger generation of that yellow race which is so often regarded as a peril and menace to Western civilization.

The Chinaman is imitative and quick to learn, and in business, as an accountant, is unexcelled, but the working of his brain is inscrutable to the mind of the white man; his patience and industry never abate, yet the poverty, disease and dirt in the walled cities appall one

Despite the many efforts of missionaries and other philanthropic people to have the practice of binding the women's feet abolished, it is not a popular innovation, and it is surprising to see the number of young girls and even children painfully hobbling along the streets; the older women totter on a three or four inch basis only, leaning on the arm of a servant and also having the support of a substantial cane. As Chinese men admire these pitifully deformed feet and will not marry women with large ones, therefore, the women continue to suffer by bandaging the offending members, and the higher the rank of the woman, the smaller her feet and naturally she rarely walks in public, but she has the choice of the following modes of transportation. The wheel-barrow is the cheapest conveyance, whilst a riksha drawn by an active coolie has the pleasantest motion and is most reliable, for a closed chair borne on the shoulders of two or three men who do not always keep in step is a trifle shaky, and the light carriages are very often broken to pieces by the vicious kicks of the unbroken ponies.

Driving out to Jessfield however, recently, with a comparatively good-tempered little animal, it was most interesting to attend a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at St. John's, where there was a goodly assemblage of Chinese women, who made their reports and listened attentively to the addresses made in their tongue by the Bishop and Dr. Pott and afterwards were served with tea on the lawn, an unique group of well dressed people, in all shades of blue silk, real "China blue." I say well dressed doubtfully, for it takes a good while to get accustomed to seeing women always wearing wide trousers and long shapeless coats; in some provinces, however, they wear a gauze skirt in addition, their hair is oiled to a shiny smoothness and ornamented with jade pins and combs, and a covering for the head is never worn.

After watching them sip their national beverage, seated at tables on one portion of the lawn, we stroll to another quarter to see the boys at dress parade, marching to the music of the College band, with colors flying, the Chinese flag, blue dragon on yellow ground and the College one with motto, "Learning without understanding is dangerous." And then we bid farewell to this pleasant spot in far-away China, grateful to those conscientious Christians who are trying to ennoble the lives of their brethren by setting them an example of such qualities that it would be good for all to emulate and praying that their work may continue to bear fruit for many years to come, and also that more young men and women may feel impelled to turn their faces toward China to assist the handful of active workers at our missions not only in Shanghai, but at Hankow and Wuchang as well.

LAURA BELL.

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ST. STEPHEN'S FARM HOUSE

BURD MONUMENT

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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

REV. BEVERLEY WARNER D.D., *Rector.*
The "Colonial," 11th and Spruce Streets.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D., *Assistant.*
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS NEIDHARD, *Parish Worker.*
710 Spruce Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane.

Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Ada Quint.
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Miss Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Elsie Bentz,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Emma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Warner.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.).08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.

INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Tyson, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Jean W. Tatler, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

RECEPTION COMMITTE.

Mrs. Jeffreys, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. R. Lemley, Mrs. Ida Smith.

TEA COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Delp, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Miss Sadie Evans.

SICK COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Loughead, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Benniston, Mrs. Mary Smith.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GLEE CLUB OF ST. STEPHEN'S

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

President—John Seed.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—John M. Simpson.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss Julia MacAlister.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Elsie Lowrey and Miss Curtis, *Associates*.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Mrs. Ankins.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

The Parish News.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 12 o'clock, daily. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

March 5th—Quinquagesima.
" 8th—**Ash Wednesday.**
" 12th—First Sunday in Lent.
" 15th—Ember Day.
" 17th— " "
" 18th— " "
" 19th—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 25th—**Annunciation B. V. M.**
" 26th—Third Sunday in Lent.
April 2d—Fourth " " "
" 9th—Fifth " " "

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

February 1st—Archibald Mitchell.
" 28th—Frances Josephine Snyder.

BURIED.

February 11th—Debora Jamieson.
" 16th—Ellen Keene Mitchell.
" 21st—Peter G. Yocum.
" 26th—Virginia A. Freno.

OFFERINGS AND GIFTS IN FEBRUARY.

Diocesan Missions	$1030.84
General Charities	134.24
For Sunday School	83.34
Coal Fund	5.00
Poor Box	1.15
Through Miss Neidhard	9.60
" King's Daughters	11.05
" Children's Friend Society	1.00
" Shoe Fund	.75
Total	$1376.97

CHURCH OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

Third Sunday (March 19th)—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Wednesdays (during Lent)—Missionary Box. Com.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

GREETING:

In addressing you for the first time through the columns of THE PARISH NEWS, as your Rector, I desire to respond as warmly as words may to the exceeding kindness and friendliness of your welcome. I feel that in coming to St. Stephen's I am coming among friends whose chief desire is to be friendly. The novelty of strange surroundings and the difficulty of at once adjusting oneself to new conditions, are lightened by the cordial goodwill of the people.

My first effort will be to get about through the congregation and to know its members in their own homes. But this cannot be done until the Parish List is corrected and brought down to date. We are working upon this now, and again ask the co-operation of those of the congregation who have changed their residence within the year to send a card with their new address to the vestry room.

It is too early to set forth plans of working. There is much to be done, but much is being done of a practical value, which is a hopeful augury for the future. There are some things I would like to put before you relating to the efficiency of the parish machinery as it now exists, and to the extension of work beyond the present limits. These will keep, however, until I have a knowledge of the people and conditions better than a fortnight's residence can well afford.

Lent, which is now upon us, will give me this opportunity, and I hope that by Easter Day we will have a fair acquaintance with each other. Meanwhile, in order that I may know the parish by at least a bird's-eye view, as well as to secure the necessary data for any effective and systematic work, I will send out very soon to the head of every family connected with the parish a *Family Blank*, the form of which will explain itself. It will have spaces for the names of all in the family, whether baptized, confirmed or communicants, and when filled out according to the simple directions which will be printed on each blank, will provide the Rector with a complete census of the parish. With this in hand he will be able to systematize and intelligently undertake the pastoral work which must, in his judgment, be the basis of all other work and the source of its efficiency.

The problem of getting settled in a Rectory has yet to be dealt with, and is in process of solution. There does not seem much prospect of such a settlement until after the summer holidays, however. Meanwhile, the Rector and his family are located at the "Colonial," 11th and Spruce streets, where they will be very happy to see and welcome the people of St. Stephen's.

Until Easter the Rector will be at his room in the Parish Building (9 South 10th street) between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. daily (except Saturdays).

It would be ungracious to pass over the invaluable service and faithful help received from Mr. Miller in the first fortnight of my residence. His long term of ministration in St. Stephen's, his intimate knowledge of all that pertains to its work and worship, added to his exceeding kindness in the answering of many questions and throwing light upon many problems, has made the way much easier for the new Rector, and placed him under a heavy debt of gratitude.

In conclusion I beg to ask my friends and parishioners to bear with the inevitable awkwardness of a stranger, and to give the necessary time for adjustment with an indulgence of which I feel quite assured. I should in no sense attempt to fill the place of my immediate predecessors, Dr. McConnell and Dr. Worcester. I shall try to make my own place among you, doing the work after my own fashion; preserving, I hope, the splendid traditions of St. Stephen's, and not disturbing the old foundations.

Your well-known and well-tried loyalty will support me in this, and I enter upon the privilege of ministering among you with hope.

Faithfully yours,

BEVERLEY WARNER.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. MILLER.

The Sunday School Presents the Retiring Minister with a Golden "Loving Cup."

Mr. Miller has been associated so long and so intimately with the Sunday School that it seemed only natural for a spontaneous demonstration of affection to come from the Sunday School to Mr. Miller at the time when he was retiring from a life-long, loving service. On the morning of February 26th, the entire school—Infant Class, Bible Classes and all—assembled in the schoolroom, for it was known that Mr. Miller would come that day to say good-bye. At the request of the school, Mr. McMichael presented to Mr. Miller the "loving cup" toward which every scholar, every teacher and every officer of the school had made some contribution. Mr. McMichael said that the gift was intended as a token to Mr. Miller of the Sunday School's love and loyalty to him "for the golden deeds he had done, and for the golden seed he had sown, and for the golden harvest which had rewarded him in the strength and growth and united heart of the school today." Mr. Miller was much affected. He spoke feelingly of the tribute from the school and of his high appreciation. He dwelled a little upon the history of the school, referred enthusiastically to its splendid condition, and wished scholars and teachers every blessing and happiness in the future. Then Mr. Miller pronounced the benediction, and then the Sunday School having adjourned, they all gave three hearty cheers for Mr. Miller, and then everybody laughed and cried, and cried and laughed, and Mr. Miller passed out of active service in the Sunday School of St. Stephen's Church—but not out of a single heart. The inscription upon the loving cup was as follows:

Presented to
JOSEPH LYONS MILLER
In Loving Testimony of
Affection and Esteem
from the
Scholars, Teachers and Officers
of
The Sunday School
of
St. Stephen's Church.
February 26, 1905.

THE LENT SCHEDULE.

ASH WEDNESDAY there will be the Litany, Ante-Communion and address by the Rector at 10.30 A. M. First St. Andrew's Brotherhood Service at 12.30 P. M. Address by Bishop Whittaker. Evening Prayer at 5 P. M.

ALL OTHER WEEK DAYS in Lent the Noon Service of the Brotherhood at 12.30, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector on Fridays.

CONFIRMATION will be administered on Tuesday in Holy Week at 10.30 A. M.

Sunday Afternoon Lectures.

The Rector will deliver a course of practical lectures on the Lord's Prayer at the Sunday afternoon services (4 o'clock), continuing until Easter.

Confirmation Instruction.

Instructions to the Confirmation class will be given at the Vestry Room on Wednesday evenings (beginning Ash Wednesday) at 8 o'clock. Those who are ready and desirous to be confirmed are earnestly invited to be present.

The Rector being new to the parish, with no knowledge of the unconfirmed and unacquainted

with the conditions that obtain, must trust to the spontaneous coming forward of young and old without personal seeking on his part.

Perhaps it might be a good opportunity for god-fathers and god-mothers to assume a responsibility, or undertake a privilege and bring their god-children, as they promised to do, that they may receive the proper instruction.

There are probably men and women, as well as children, of the age of discretion who, for one reason or another, have put off their confirmation. Why?

At all events the Rector will welcome any one to the weekly instruction, whether proceeding to confirmation or not.

NOON-DAY SERVICES.
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

12.30 P. M. Sharp.

Under Auspices of St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Addresses may be expected as follows:

Ash Wed., March 8—The Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Thurs. to Sat., March 9-11—Rev. J. O. S. Huntington, O. H. C., West Park, N. Y.

Mon. to Fri., March 13 17—The Bishop of Long Island.

Saturday, March 18—Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, Nativity, Phila.

Mon. to Fri., March 20-24—Rev. C. Ernest Smith, D. D., St. Thomas, Washington, D. C.

Saturday, March 25—Rev. Edgar Cope, St. Simeon's, Phila.

Mon. to Fri., March 27-31—Rev. Stewart P. Keeling, St. Peter's, Germantown.

Saturday, April 1—Rev. J. Henning Nelms, St. Matthew's, Phila.

Monday, April 3—Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis, Incarnation, Phila.

Tues. to Sat., April 4-8—Rev. Jas. S. Stone, D.D., St. James', Chicago.

Mon. to St., April 10-15—Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, S. T. D., Holy Trinity, Phila.

Mon. to Sat., April 17-22—Rev. Beverley Warner, D. D., St. Stephen's, Phila.

PARISH NOTES.

The Rector announces that he has appointed Miss Neidhard to continue her services as Parish Worker until further notice.

The members of St. Stephen's congregation will remember that the Vestry, with the Rector's approval, have given the use of the Church for the mid day services during Lent to the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. The Clergy of St. Stephen's will have charge of the service each day, but the preachers will be appointments of the Brotherhood. According to custom and courtesy certain portions of the Church will be reserved for the business men and women who can only arrive at the last minute before 12.30.

During Lent the Holy Communion will be administered immediately after the 11 o'clock service on Sundays. In accordance with the Prayer Book directions, the morning service will be shortened so as not to unduly prolong the services.

Any one having knowledge of corrections to be made in the list of names attached to parish organizations will kindly send the same to the vestry room.

MISS NEIDHARD'S REPORT.

FOR FEBRUARY.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$75.89	Groceries	$ 3.63
Mrs. Smith	3.15	Provisions	1 02
Mrs. L.	1.00	Garments	2.00
Cash	.45	Provisions	2.73
Miss Deitilh	5.00	Plates	.45
		Garments	.75
		Cards	.25
		Special Case	5.00
		Provisions	1.07
Total,	$85 49	Total,	$16.90
		On hand,	68.59
			$85.49

We gratefully acknowledge the garments sent to us by Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Miss Christopher, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Atmore and a friend.

A number of tons of coal have been distributed, and, I am glad to say, in most cases have been paid for by our people at the reduced rates at which we were able to sell it.

Also we have been enabled to give the sick from time to time much needed delicacies through the kindness of a generous friend.

The ladies of the Garment Committee report that its shelves need replenishing. We hope that all those who have pledged themselves to contribute two articles to this society during the Winter will remember their pledges. There has been a constant demand made this month for clothes on account of so many working people being out of employment. Any half-worn clothing or undergarments would be thankfully received.

I beg to call your attention to the following notice:

No clothes will be given out in future without a printed card is presented signed by a responsible person.

The ladies in attendance for the following month will be

1st Monday—Mrs. Crombargar and Miss Atmore.
2nd Monday—Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Wood.
3rd Monday—Miss Lammot.
4th Monday—Mrs. Howard Butcher.

The St. Stephen's Aid Society will have its first meeting for Lenten sewing on Friday, March 10th, at 10 o'clock, at the Parish House. All who are interested in this work are requested to be regular in their attendance.

Two or more sewing teachers are very much needed in the Saturday morning candidates' class of the G. F. S. We have thirty-five children, all under fourteen years of age. They are taught the Drexel Institute sewing system under a trained teacher, so that our helpers have an opportunity of learning the method while lending us a helping hand.

The King's Daughters had a very successful sale on Friday evening, February 17th. Also the "Conundrum Tea," on February 27th, given by the G. F. S., and gotten up entirely by the girls themselves, was a grand success. Nearly two hundred persons were present. Every hole and corner of the Parish House was filled. About $50 was raised, $30 of which goes to the support of Fatima, a little orphan girl living in India whom we have helped for a number of years.

A HALF-PRICE SALE,

The housekeeper's articles in the closets of the Benevolent Society will be reduced to half price after March 15th on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

PARISH REPORTS.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received in Febuary:

Mrs. A. F. Martin	$1.00

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their next meeting March 15th in the Guild Room, quarter of eight o'clock.

Donations received for Sale given Feb. 17th:

Miss Kalbfleish	$1.00
Miss Dutith	1.55
A Friend	.50
Mrs. Parmalee	.50
Mrs. J. R. Smith	1.00
Miss Cleemann	2.00
Miss Jones	1.00
Miss Wagner	.50
Miss Alice Kelly	1.00
Mrs. Vanderslice	2.00
Total,	$11.05

Donations of cake and candy towards the Sale were also received from Miss Stratton, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Hayes, Miss Holt, Miss Corrigan, Mrs. Farr, Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Wunder, Miss Louise Wilder and Finley Acker. If any one has been omitted, it is not intentional. Thanks to one and all.

Proceeds of Sale Feb. 17th:

Donations received	$11.05
Fancy Articles	24.20
Sale of Chocolate	2.00
Candy Table	13.67
Lemonade and cake	7.50
Total,	$58.42
Expended,	17.19
Balance,	$41 23

The Sale was a success both financially and socially. Mr Miller remarked, on entering the room: "It is like Fairy Land."

The electrical display of colored lights, with the King's Daughters Cross and the word Welcome to greet Dr. Warner and family, was considered very fine. It was put up by Mr. Charles Moore and his brother, Mr. William Moore, who worked the greater part of the day to help make the Sale a success.

We are also indebted, through Mr. Charles Moore, to a friend of his for the printing of the tickets. We return thanks, not having had the opportunity before.

At nine o'clock, Miss Bessie Miller, 11 years old, started the music by playing very beautifully on the piano. Mrs. David Wood then sang four very pretty and taking songs, "Who'll be my Lavender?" "Japanes Love Song," "If no One Ever Marries Me" and "The Maybells." Mr. Wood accompanied her. Miss Tillie Steine was also one of the soloists. Miss Bessie Wilder, pianist. The music was enjoyed very much by all.

SHOE FUND.

Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	$ .50
Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
Received for shoes given out	1.75
Total,	$ 2.50
Expended for Shoes	1.70
Balance,	.80

Received from Miss Graham, 4 pairs of shoes.

Have given out during February, 16 pairs of shoes and 18 pairs of overshoes.

It might be well to state here that owing to the hard Winter, much sickness may have been saved by the warm shoes given out. Many children came who had what one would call a sham of a shoe actually on the ground.

Infant School, Sunday School and Parish School have all been looked after, and many women, but for the past week or so we have not had any women's shoes to give out, and have only a few children's. March is a hard month; will not some one help that we may yet be able to keep up the work just a little longer and keep La Grippe away.

JOSEPH CLAYTON
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225 S. Eleventh Street
Philadelphia

Telephone Connection

For the first time in several years, the Board of Missions has recently been obliged to borrow money in order that the appropriations may be paid promptly, and the missions saved from serious setback. On the other hand, the work in the field at home and abroad grows apace. Each month opens up new opportunities, shows new depths of human need, makes new calls upon the Church's faith and love. The income, while it increases steadily, does not keep pace with the growth in the field. Under such circumstances, what is to be done? Shall the Board of Missions say that the new work must be delayed or abandoned entirely? Or shall it venture to assume new obligations as the growing needs unfold? The people of the Church have money enough and to spare for all the enterprises now on foot or projected. Of that, there can be no doubt. To call a halt would be to do great damage to the mission everywhere. To tell young men and women, ready to go to the field and qualified for missionary service, that they cannot go because there is no money, would be one of the surest ways of killing the missionary spirit. That would mean untold harm to the life of the Church.

Dr. Warner's Books.

The following list of Dr. Warner's more recent publications may be found at Geo. W. Jacob's & Co.'s Book Store:

The Facts and the Faith:
A study on the rationalism of the Apostle's Creed.

English History in Shakespeare's Plays.

The Young Man in Modern Life.

The Young Woman in Modern Life.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM HOUSE

BURD MONUMENT

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CLERGY.

REV. JOSEPH LYONS MILLER, *Minister-in-charge.*
9 So. 10th Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS NEIDHARD, *Parish Worker.*
710 Spruce Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Ada Quint.
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Miss Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Elsie Bentz, Miss Emma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 " "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.) .08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.

INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Tyson, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Jean W. Tatler, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Miss Shoemaker.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

RECEPTION COMMITTE.

Mrs. Jeffreys, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. R. Lemley, Mrs. Ida Smith.

TEA COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Delp, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Miss Sadie Evans.

SICK COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Loughead, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Benniston, Mrs. Mary Smith.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GLEE CLUB OF ST. STEPHEN'S

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

President—John Seed.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—John M. Simpson.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss Julia MacAlister.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Elsie Lowrey and Miss Curtis, *Associates.*

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Mrs. Ankins.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

The Parish News.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 12 o'clock, daily. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

April 2—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 9—Fifth " " "
" 16—Sunday before Easter.
" 17—Monday " "
" 18—Tuesday " "
" 19—Wednesday before Easter.
" 20—Thursday. " "
" 21—**Good Friday.**
" 22—Easter-Even.
" 23—**Easter Day.**
" 24—Monday in Easter week.
" 25—Tuesday in Easter week (St. Mark).
" 30—First Sunday after Easter.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

March 26—Adeline L. Scherzer.

MARRIED.

March 7—Edwin C. Lee and Frances R. Omerly.

BURIED.

March 1—Ida M. Cave.
" 1—Alma M. Garfield McMillan.
" 1—George Clayton.
" 2—Jane Christopher.
" 9—J. Dundas Lippincott.
" 11—Charles Warnock.
" 15—Frances Janney Cattell.
" 16—Mary E. Ellis.
April 1—Adeline L. Scherzer.

OFFERTORIES FOR APRIL.

First and Second Sunday of month—General Charities.
Third Sunday of month—Easter Decorations.
Easter Day—St. Stephen's Farm.
Sunday after Easter— Theological Education.
Good Friday—City Missions.
Wednesday Morning in Lent—
Missionary Box Committee.

CHURCH OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

General Charities	$258.60
Missionary Box Committee	228.73
Domestic Missions	129.55
Through Miss Neidhard	20.15
Children's Friend Society	2.00
King's Daughters	2.88
Shoe Fund	2.50
Total	$644.41

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, We, the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, have heard with profound regret of the sudden decease of our late member, J. DUNDAS LIPPINCOTT, ESQ.;

AND WHEREAS, for a long period of time the deceased was an active and valued member both of St. Stephen's Church and of this Vestry;

RESOLVED, that we wish to place on record this expression of the high esteem in which all the members of our Vestry held Mr. Lippincott, and of our unanimous feeling that his untimely removal has left a vacancy in our ranks which can never be filled, and that we hereby express to the members of his family our sincere sympathy with them in their sudden bereavement.

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this vestry be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of Mr. Lippincott.

TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The Vestry having asked me to take charge of the Parish during the present vacancy in the rectorship, I have again come to the Church, and will endeavor to do all that I can to fulfill the duties and meet the responsibilities that may be required of me. I want every one of the congregation to help me by loyal co-operation and by earnest prayers. I have not forgotten the help of past years, nor can I ever fail to lose sight of the kind words and loving tokens of friendship given me, when a few weeks ago I went out from you, thus closing, as I thought, a service of nearly twenty years.

The Bishop of the Diocese will visit the Parish for the purpose of administering Confirmation on Tuesday in Holy Week. I am now busy getting a class prepared for this service. The time is short. The Instruction is given on Friday evenings at eight o'clock in the Vestry Room. You can help me by placing this matter before those of your friends who have not as yet been confirmed. Parents can speak to their children. Teachers can lay the subject before their scholars.

On Easter Day the Vestry have asked that the offerings shall be devoted to St. Stephen's Farm. There is needed to keep the Farm open this Summer Fifteen Hundred Dollars at least, and I am sure the good done by this charity is more than worth while.

The notices of Holy Week services and arrangements for Easter Day can be found in this number of THE PARISH NEWS.

JOSEPH LYONS MILLER.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The abrupt termination of Dr. Warner's Rectorship has naturally thrown the Parish into some bewilderment; but with the fealty and devotion for which it is noted, the congregation has rallied to its support, and having recovered from its first shock of pained surprise, the Church remains steadfast and resolute. It seems unnecessary to make any comment on Dr. Warner's resignation, other than to assure the Parish that it was most unexpected, and that it must have been prompted by motives wholly personal and entirely outside of the Parish. Dr. Warner had made a good impression here, his preaching was much liked, and it seemed to the Vestry that he would presently become very popular. His resignation found the Church totally unprepared. The Vestry unanimously requested the Rev. Jos. L. Miller to return and assume temporary charge of the Parish, and Mr. Miller, with the best good of the Church always at heart, agreed to accept the trust. With no further delay than is consistent with the grave responsibility of such an action, the Vestry will proceed to the selection of another Rector. Meanwhile every effort will be made to have the pulpit occupied from Sunday to Sunday by preachers of ability and note.

The necessity of carrying on the work of the Parish was never so urgent as it is to-day. In every respect the Church is abundantly prepared to go forward, and for most of the charitable and benevolent purposes of the Parish ample funds are in hand. The Farm, however, is one department of Parish effort which must make its appeal for support at this time, and that support must be considerable. The Easter Sunday collections will, as usual, be for this purpose, but the collections alone will not be sufficient. The Farm is in good financial standing. It has no important indebtedness, but it has no surplus. Its treasury is empty. It contemplates another season of usefulness with the certainty of several essential repairs. The Farm is unique in Church charitable work. There is nothing quite like it anywhere else. It is a living monument to the greatheartedness of St. Stephen's congregation. The Farm was Dr. Worcester's pride, and the child of his benevolent enterprise. It occupies one hundred acres in the valleys of Bucks County. It is far enough away from the railroad to seem sequestered and remote. It is near enough to be accessible.

In Summer the Farm is a garden spot for our Parish, and for others who are not of the Parish. It is open from June 15th to September 15th. It gives health, recreation and life to many who are desolate and distressed. Last season, Miss Lyon, with her gentle kindness, brought happiness into many hearts where happiness does not always dwell. Miss Lyon has again agreed to take charge. Last Summer four hundred persons altogether—or more, perhaps, were benefited. During the coming Summer the number could be raised to six hundred. The Farm needs funds. It will require twenty-five hundred dollars to make the repairs and keep this mighty charity in commission for another year. The congregation is appealed to very earnestly to supply the means. Let the offering on Easter Day be an Easter gift commensurate with the spirit of the season, and the loving loyalty of the Parish. Checks may be drawn to Clayton F. McMichael, Treasurer, and mailed to the Church.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry on April 3, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing was elected a member of the Vestry to succeed the late J. Dundas Lippincott. Mr. Ewing has accepted the election.

During Lent services are held daily in the Church. Short service and address at 12.30 o'clock, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock.

Confirmation will be as usual on Tuesday in Holy Week, April 18th, at 10.30 in the morning, by Bishop Whitaker.

On Thursday Before Easter Holy Communion will be celebrated at the evening Service at 5 o'clock.

On Good Friday there will be Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 10.30. Mid-day service at 12.30 and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock. Offerings for City Missions.

During Holy Week there will be a service at 11.30 A. M., when the story of our Lord's Passion as contained in the Gospels of the week will be read.

On Easter Day Holy Communion will be administered at 8 A. M. Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4 o'clock. Offerings for St. Stepen's Farm.

The Easter Carol Service of the Sunday School, Parish School and Burd Orphan Asylum will be held on Sunday after Easter, at 4 o'clock. The offerings of the year will be received for Missions and placed on the Altar.

On Easter Day the services will be at *eight* o'clock, *eleven* o'clock and *four* o'clock. At the two latter services the pew-holders and regular members of the Congregation will be admitted as usual through the transept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the hour of the service itself, and the visitors will be provided with seats to the full capacity of the Church.

It seems rather an inhospitable mode of action, but upon reflection it will commend itself to all reasonable people. It is but right and fair that those who attend the service all the other days of the year, should have an opportunity to occupy their own seats on the great high festival, and that those who only visit the Church upon such occasions should be asked to wait upon the convenience of the regular attendants.

NOONDAY SERVICES.
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

12.30 P. M. Sharp.

Under Auspices of St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Addresses may be expected as follows:

Monday to Saturday, April 10-15—Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, S. T. D., Phila.

Monday before Easter—Rev. Robert W. Forsyth, Camden, N. J.

Tuesday before Easter—Rev. L. N. Caley, Phila.

Wednesday " " —Rev. S. C. Hill, Mount Airy.

Thursday " " —Rev. William R. Scott, Ph.D., Media, Pa.

Good Friday—Rev. John H. Nelms, Phila.

Easter-Even—Rev. Joseph Lyons Miller, Phila.

MISS NEIDHARD'S REPORT.

FOR MARCH.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$68.59	Garments	1.75
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	1.00	Provisions	5.29
Mrs. Petry	.50	Stamps, Cards, etc	.85
Through Dr. Warner	10.00	Garment Society	10.00
Cash	1.15	Rent	1.00
Miss Fernley	2.00	Entertainments	3.82
Dr. Warner	5.00	Aid Society	5.00
Mrs. Clemens	.50	Toys	1.14
		Special Case	5.00
		Doctor	1.00
		For the sick	.92
		A loan	2.00
Total,	$88.74	Total,	$37.77
		On hand,	50.97
			$88.74

We here gratefully acknowledge the garments sent us by Miss Cleemann, The King's Daughter's, Miss Magee, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Miss Graham, and a friend. The appeal made in behalf of St. Stephen's Aid Society received a warm response. On Friday mornings with our increased membership, large pieces of goods are being rapidly turned into attractive little garments for infants.

The "Little Girls' Friendly" is to have an exhibition of its work on Saturday, April 15th, at eleven o'clock. All who are interested are cordially invited to be present.

On the 21st of March the Women's Bible Class met in the Parish Club Rooms for a social evening. We had some music, and Mr. Hall told a number of very funny stories.

Some of the young people belonging to the other Bible Classes are having rehearsals in the Club Room on Wednesday evenings for the purpose of getting up Charades, to be given on Wenesday of Easter week.

I am very anxious to secure work for a willing errand boy, should any person in the Parish be in need of one. Also we would like to find employment for women who can clean, launder and sew, or help with the waiting at entertainments. Last week we succeeded in getting employment for a woman in a small shop, and thereby saved her from being turned out of house and home. Also secured a position for a most worthy woman in great distress, at one of our large department stores. We also got a job for a "line man" out of the city at $2.50 a day. The family, consisting of six young children, were being supported by the eldest child, a girl of fourteen, who was doing errands at a dressmaker's establishment. This kind of relief is often most difficult to give, but it is the only kind that is real and lasting.

The officers of the various Societies of the Parish will please send to the Rev. J. L. Miller, Minister-in-charge, the annual reports of money received and expended, and also account of work done from May 1st, 1904, to May 1st, 1905. Please have these reports sent in not later than May 1st, for publication in next copy of Parish News.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received in March:

Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	$1.00
Mrs. A. F. Martin	1.00
Total,	$ 2.00

This Society is still alive, but is keeping all donations for the Children's outing in the Summer.

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle have their meetings on April 5th and April 19th, in the Guild Room, quarter of eight o'clock.

Money handed in from Sale, Feb. 17th, since last report	$ 2.88
Balance Feb. 17th	41.23
Total from Sale,	$44.11
Expended in March	4.11
Balance,	$40 00

The Circle is busy with its Lenten sewing.

Shoe Fund.

Received from Church Fund, through Dr. Warner	$ 8.00
From those receiving Shoes	2.50
Total,	$10.50
Expended for shoes	9.90
Balance,	.60

We kindly return thanks for a box of shoes marked "L," which was overlooked.

Shoes given out in March, 12 pairs.

A LENTEN MEDITATION.

The earliest believers in the Christ beyond the boundaries of Judea found themselves entangled at every step in peril of betraying their faith. Society was penetrated by pagan beliefs which had become personal and public customs. The old poetic religion, which had inspired poets and sculptors and filled the little classic world of the time with beautiful images of gods and men, had become a mass of forms, and those forms confronted the Roman Christian at every turn. He could not marry, christen his children, bury his dead, observe the festivals of the State, without making himself accessory to an idolatry which was not the less offensive because, unlike the idolatry of the East, it was saturated with beauty and expressed in terms of art. The Christian be-

came, first of all, a protestor against the religious order in which he was involved; at every step he was compelled to place himself in antagonism to the beliefs and customs of the society in which he lived. That society had become shamelessly corrupt: the ancient sanctions of the Olympian religion and the old-time authority of noble moral ideas had lost their power. Nameless crimes against nature were practiced without reproof; marriage had become the subject of satire and ridicule; personal purity, in great and influential groups of people, was a rustic superstition outgrown by all who knew the world and had learned its wisdom. In such a society a man who believed in Christ could not escape contamination unless he set himself boldly against the whole movement of his time, or escaped to the desert or to lonely places and became on anchorite. The long and honorable roll of the martyrs registered the decision and fidelity of those who had seen the vision of the Christ and set their hearts to do His bidding. And a little later, when the evil in the world became intolerable to many of the pure in heart, tens of thousands turned their backs on the world and lived in prayer and meditation in the valley of the Nile, in lonely places among the hills, in the solitude of deserts. Believing the world hopelessly corrupt and lost, they saved their souls by escaping from it into the pure air of remote and solitary places uncontaminated by the vileness of man's corruption. They were filled with so great a horror of sin that they fled from it as from a plague. They did not find the perfect peace for which they longed, because there was evil in their own natures as well as in the world about them; but they chose, in a spirit of true self-sacrifice, to keep their purity and their faith at the cost of all intercourse with their fellows. It was the evil penetrating society and defiling all its relations and functions which crowded the arenas with men and women who were not afraid to die for the truth, and sent a host into voluntary exile. This was the first revolt of believers in Christ against the evil in the world; the first struggle between sin and holiness in the history of the non-Jewish church.—*The Outlook.*

CROWDED OUT.

As the years go by, most of us are increasingly conscious that many things are being crowded out of our lives. At the close of the day we look over what we have done and find that, compared with the plans of the morning, it is far from complete. The end of the year rolls around and we see that, somehow, things that seemed important have been crowded out.

Why is this so? Why do some things find a place while others do not? Is it a mere matter of accident that some things were left undone rather than others? This may seem to be true, but I am persuaded that it is seldom the case. Sometimes we say of one, "There is method in his madness," so I believe that there is method in what we are sometimes disposed to look upon as merely accidental. Perhaps, at the beginning of this present year of your life, you said, "I am determined that before another year is added to my life, I will read a certain number of good books, or master this or that branch of study." You are telling the truth when you say that the reading and study are crowded out. You simply could not have put more into your days than you did put into them. The question is, did it "just happen" that this was crowded out and that was not? There were moments—yes, hours—not occupied by the regular routine of duty; why did you give these to fancy work or visiting or playing baseball? Because these latter things seemed to be more desirable than intellectual exercises. In other words, the things that were crowded out of your life were first crowded out of your interest and affections.

Some people tell us they are not active in the Church, or are not religious at all, because their time is wholly taken up with other things. They probably state the case correctly, but it might be interesting to know *why* it is the service of God, rather than some other things which are crowded out?

A young woman had been arranging her books in the case. Her friend, who had been watching her, noted that several of the books, instead of being put into the case, were being piled on the floor. "There was no room for them," she explained.

"Why no room for these rather than for some of those which went in?"

"Oh, well," was the reply, "when there is only so much room, one has to make a choice, and I suppose I left out the ones I thought least of."

So one might reason concerning many things. We leave out tenderness and courtesy and consecration, because there isn't room for everything, and down in our hearts we esteem these as least important.—*Selected from the Parish Visitor.*

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9 So. 10th Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

MISS NEIDHARD, *Parish Worker.*
710 Spruce Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Ada Quint.
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Elsie Bentz,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Emma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Joseph R. Smith, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.).08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Mrs. J. P. Lundy.

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.

INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Tyson, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Jean W. Tatler, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Miss Neidhard, Teacher.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

RECEPTION COMMITTE.

Mrs. Jeffreys, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. R. Lemley, Mrs. Ida Smith.

TEA COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Delp, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Miss Sadie Evans.

SICK COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Loughead, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Benniston, Mrs. Mary Smith.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GLEE CLUB OF ST. STEPHEN'S

Meets on Fridays at 8 P. M.

President—John Seed.
Vice-President—Winfield S. Brown.
Secretary—Charles H. Moore.
Treasurer—John M. Simpson.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss Julia MacAlister, Miss Graham.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Elsie Lowrey and Miss Curtis.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

(THE MOTHERS' LOYAL CIRCLE.)

President and Secretary—Mrs. Ankins.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

The Parish News.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 12 o'clock, daily. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

May 1st—St. Philip and St. James (Monday).
" 7th—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 14th—Third " " "
" 21st—Fourth " " "
" 28th—Fifth " " "
June 1st—Ascension Day.

OFFERTORIES FOR MAY.

Third Sunday of month—For Indian Missions.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

April 7—Catherine Anna McLennon.
" 9—Frederick Riehl.
" 9—Frederick Riehl, Jr.
" 14—Adelaide Virginia Brunner.
" 16—Harry Rainey Stevenson, 3d.
" 16—Estella Anna Boyle.

CONFIRMED.

APRIL 18TH—TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Florence E. Barclay,
Adelaide V. Brunner,
Anne Rapp Daley,
Emma Daley,
Miriam Irene Daley,
Mary E. Eastwood,
Frances Fisher,
Augusta Grimm,
Clara Grimm,
Mary Sadie Guscott,
Edith Harris,
Gertrude Helé,
Carrie Anna Hodgson,
Beulah Hudson,
William Henry Jones,
Hedwig Louise Kauffman,
Cathryn Kelly,
Jay Myres Kyle,
Eliza H. Lee,
Clara W. McClatchey,
Hester McConnell,
Anna E. Mellinger,
Maude Nowland,
Edw. Warncke.

MARRIED.

April 26—
Campbell Wilfred Powers and Sarah Jane Glass.

BURIED.

April 12—Emily Pierpont Burgwyn.
" 19—Jabez Butterfield.
" 20—John McCully.
" 29—Annie C. Maclay.

CHURCH OFFERINGS IN APRIL.

St. Stephen's Farm	$2,046.98
Endowment Fund	200.00
Missionary Box Committee	106.29
General Charities	135.14
Special for Poor	10.00
Alms Boxes	12.11
Special from Mrs. Russell	10.00
Special from Mrs. A. G. Brunner	20.00
City Missions	82.44
Society for Increase of Ministry	57.45
Dr. Woodward's Work in China	32.95
Easter Decorations	86.92
Diocesan Missions	10.00
For Sunday School from Mrs. Hand	2.00
St. Andrew's Brotherhood	740.96
From Sunday School (Missions)	220.12
From Sunday School (for the Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children)	40.00
Through Miss Neidhard	16.00
Children's Friend Society	6.00
Shoe Fund	3.75
United Offering Woman's Auxiliary	75.00
Total,	$3,914.11

TO THE CONGREGATION.

It is with great pleasure we announce to the congregation of St. Stephen's Church that the Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell will be the Special Preacher during the month of May. He will preach at the Eleven o'clock service each Sunday. This will give his many friends in the parish an opportunity to give him a hearty welcome. It has been a long time since he preached here.

This copy of THE PARISH NEWS is important to the variour Societies of the parish for it contains the report of the work done through the year, from May, 1904, to May, 1905. It is gratifying to find that although the rectorship has been vacant, yet the work has gone on, and that it has been done faithfully and well and has also been sustained by the generous aid of the congregation.

It must be most gratifying to the friends of St. Stephen's Farm to learn that the offerings on Easter have been so generous. The work for the coming summer can now be begun with the sure confidence that it will be entirely sustained. We already have received $2,046.98, and feel confident that before the farm is opened for the Summer we shall have the full amount needed, $2,500.00 thus, enabling the vestry to pay the necessary expenses and to make the repairs required.

The services on Sundays will be (from May to October) at eleven in the morning and five in the afternoon.

JOSEPH LYONS MILLER.

The Easter Carol Service of the Sunday School, in conjunction with the Burd Orphan Asylum, was held on Sunday, April 30th in the Church. Addresses were made by Dr. Snively and Mr. Miller. The carols were sung with great spirit, and the service was impressive and beautiful. The presence of the goodly "family" from the splendid institution at Sixty-third and Market streets was an inspiration to all, and the large congregation which completely filled the Church, followed every moment of the service with interest and attention. This annual re-union of the children of St. Stephen's—the Sunday School and the Burd Asylum—is one of the most delightful ceremonies in the life of the Parish.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

May 1st, 1904, to May 1st, 1905:

Balance May 1st, 1904		$ 25.00
Received from subscriptions		50.00
" "	Church Work Fund	100.00
" "	Miss Wilkins (Bequest)	138.75
" "	Church Offertory	71.82
" "	Income from Miss Wilkin's legacy	67.50
" "	Sales	238.57
		$691.64
Paid for goods purchased	$394.60	
" " Sewing by women employed	267.09	
		$661.69
May 1st, 1905. Balance		$29.95

EMILIE M. CRANE, *Treasurer.*

THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE of St. Stephen's Church, reports the sending of six boxes during the season of 1905, as follows:

To South Dakota,	valued	at	$30.50
" Oregon,	"	"	30.50
" "	"	"	102.00
" Indiana,	"	"	80.00
" Texas,	"	"	101.86
" Virginia	"	"	50.00
			$394.86

JOSEPHINE LEWIS, *Secretary.*

Report of The Missionary Box Society, St. Stephen's Church, year 1905:

Receipts	$464.21
Expenditures	323.14
Balance	$141.07

Boxes sent to
Rev. C. E. Brandt, Bristol, Indiana.
Rev. R. W. Anderson, Eagle Pass, Texas.
Rev. Clarence H. Lakes, Roseburg, Oregon.
Mrs. Buford's Hospital, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
Amount of Lenten Collections, $335.02.

MRS. SAMUEL H. AUSTIN, *Treasurer.*

April 27th, 1905.

We wish to acknowledge articles sent to Parish House for the Missionary Box Committee, from Mrs. Atmore and from Mrs. Chas. Howard Colket, and also for games and toys for children from Mrs. Colket.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY presents its twenty-first Annual Report. The Chancel Committee has performed regular duties throughout the year. An Altar book and four prayer books and four hymnals for the Chancel were presented to the Church as a memorial to Miss Maule. The Altar Society presented Mr. Miller with two Surplices and three Stoles. The members of the Embroidery Class are working on the Pall, Stole, etc.

MARY AMES SHOEMAKER, *Secretary.*

ALTAR SOCIETY—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1904		$ 15.52
Received from Dr. Worcester		47.00
" "	Mr. Miller	100.00
" "	Mr. Michael, for flowers	5.00
" "	Dr. Warner	50.00
Collection for Easter decorations		86.92
		$304.44

BILLS PAID.

Flowers	$ 87.75
Embroidery Lessons	63.10
Materials, stamping, embroidering	39.44
Church calendar	.65
Fruit	3.50
Palms and Freight	6.82
Easter Decorations	86 00
	$287.26
Balance on hand, May 2d, 1905	$ 17.18

AGNES M. F. NOBLIT, *Treasurer.*

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY, which provides clothing for destitute infants, held its usual Lenten meetings at the Parish House. These were unusually well attended and much work was accomplished. Thanks are due to Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Hillman and Mr. Miller for contributions in money and material. Also to Mrs. Erenil for cutting out the garments, and to Mrs. Hall for her aid by the machine.

We are leaving an ample supply of slips, skirts, wrappers, and sacques, which will be distributed among the new born strangers coming into St. Stephen's Parish.

We much regretted the loss of Miss Shoemaker as Treasurer and thank Mrs. Austin for taking her place.

MISS NEIDHARD'S REPORT.

FOR APRIL.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$50.97	For Coal	$ 6.31
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	10.00	For the sick	1.35
A Friend	5.00	Provisions	.72
Mrs. Anderson	1.00	Plants	.78
		Special Case	4.00
		Cards and Stamps	1.81
		Provisions	5 95
		Entertainment	6.80
Total,	$66.97	Total,	$27.72
		On hand,	39.25
			$66.97

ANNUAL REPORT.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
	$241.88		$202.63
		On hand	39.25
		Total,	$241.88

We here gratefully acknowledge garments sent us by Mrs. E. V. Burton, Mrs. James Newlin, Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Joseph Clayton and Mrs. C. H. Colket.

REPORT OF THE "LITTLE GIRLS' FRIENDLY."

FOR 1904-1905.

RECEIVED.		EXPENDED.	
On hand	$ 5.39	Muslin	$ 1.31
From G. F. S. Fund	10.00	Cotton, Scissors, Thimbles, etc	1.22
" " "	10.00	Sewing Materials	1.17
		Sample Books	.72
		Candy	1 44
		Entertainment	3.64
		Lessons	13.41
		Sundries	.45
			$23.36
		Hn hand,	2.03
Total,	$25.39	Total,	$25.39

The "Little Girls' Friendly" Sewing Class has met every Saturday morning since October 1st. The membership includes some 40 children. They have been regular in attendance and attentive and interested in their work.

With our competent pupil teacher from the Drexel we have been able to accomplish much. We are also grateful to Miss Lowrey for her capable assistance, and also to Miss Hewson and the others who have helped us from time to time.

On the closing day the children had an exhibition of their finished work, of which they were justly proud. The neatly finished sample books and the practical application of the principles in some useful article of clothing spoke well for the method adopted.

Of the two prizes awarded for the best finished work, the 1st was given to Frances Reese and the 2d to Maggie Furman. After singing some Easter carols the children had luncheon and then we "broke up" for the long vacation.

As usual this Easter season, our invitation to the breakfast was warmly responded to. The table, which extended almost the entire length of the Guild Room, was prettily decorated with Easter lilies, but even these were not one whit more attractive than the happy young faces of our smiling guests. We were about 40 in all, and Mr. Miller and Dr. Snively were also present.

On Wednesday evening of Easter week, Miss Farrar Smith's Bible Class and my own had a very delightful reunion. We received our friends in the "Parish Club" room, of which we all have grown fond. Then retiring to the Guild room we had music and some recitations. Mr. Martin's character sketches were most amusing. Also Miss Marian Wood was charming in some darky stories, and the dialogue between Anna Allen and Lulu Wilder was very well done. The boys initiated us into the mysteries of "The Full Moon Society" by a most excellent performance. Supper was served in the Club room, and with more music and a little dancing we ended up a very enjoyable evening.

By this issue of the PARISH NEWS I will be some thousand miles away from Philadelphia, and my good friends of St. Stephen's Parish, but from the many promises of letters which I have had, I shall still hope to keep in touch with them.

I take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy summer at the "Farm," as I am not able to do so individually.

PAULINE L. NEIDHARD.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Membership—No. Working Associates		9
" Honorary "		11
" Members		78
" Probationers		15
" Candidates		35
	Total,	148

The interest of the members has been maintained during the winter, and the Senior Members have been active. They arranged and carried through a Conundrum Tea, for the mission work, which netted $50.00, and sick Members have been visited. Three Members with an Associate visited The Sheltering Arms, one evening a week, taking charge of the music and games. With few exceptions, a religious service has been held the first Monday of each month, Rev. Joseph L. Miller and Rev. J. E. Johnson officiating. Stimulating and interesting talks have been given by Miss Susan Wilson and Mrs. Butcher, and a delightful lecture on Raphael was given by Miss Winslow. Classes in literature, current events, reading, cooking and embroidery have been carried on by the Associates. The Christmas entertainment was successful. The Members brought a number of very poor children to the festival, contributing money towards presents for them, which were distributed by Santa Claus. Music, recitations, ice cream and cake completed the entertainment and a happy group of children said good-night. During Lent, the Associates and Members have made over fifty garments for the G. F. S. Diocesan Missionary Box.

The Candidates meet Saturday mornings, and have been taught plain sewing and at their last meeting made a creditable exhibit of their work.

Thirty-seven endowment cards have been taken by the members.

The Treasurer reports:

Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1904 to May 1st, 1905.		
From Mr. Miller		$50.00
" A Friend		10 00
" A Member		5.00
" Member's Entertainment		50.00
" Dues		39.42
	Total,	$154 42
Expenditures.		
For Branch Expenses		$98.58
For Missions		38.70
For Philanthropic Objects		28.00
	Total,	$165.28

MARIA S. WILKINS, *Branch Secretary.*

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Report for month of April:

From Kind Friend		$5.00
Mrs. A. F. Martin		1.00
	Total,	$ 6.00

SHOE FUND.

Received in April from:		
Mrs. H. F. Martin		$ .25
Miss Elinor Kalbfleish		.25
From Church Fund (through Mrs. Miller)		3.00
From those securing shoes		3.25
	Total,	$6.75
Expended in April		5.50
	Balance,	$1.20

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received during the years 1904-1905:

Donations received		$45.50
From Church Fund		50.00
	Total,	$95.50
Expended for Excursions and one Entertainment		58.25
	Balance,	$37.25

Have entertained and taken on excursions 196 during the year.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

Report of year 1904-1905:

Donations received from Members and Friends for Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets		$9.75
Proceeds of Sale		45.11
Dues from Members		15.05
	Total,	$69.91
Expended		38.20
	Balance,	$31.71

This Circle finds many little ways of helping others, some of which are too small to mention.

Clothing has been given to a number of families. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets have been bountifully filled. Little Annie had a new pair of shoes for Easter.

Home for aged couples a Lenten Offering of two dozen towels. Parish school 2½ dozen Easter eggs.

A number of packages have been donated for the Mother's Sale. A number of garments not quite finished for another donation where in need.

This Circle will have its next meetings May 10th and May 24th in the Guild room quarter of eight o'clock.

This change has been made from regular time to accomodate members who wish to attend Girls' Friendly meeting.

REPORT OF SHOE FUND FOR 1904 AND 1905.

Donations received		$ 8.25
Church Fund (through Mr. Miller)		25.00
April 17th, Church Fund (through Mr. Miller)		3.00
Through Dr. Warner		8.00
From those receiving shoes		12.90
	Total,	$57.15
Expended for shoes		55.90
	Balance,	$ 1.25

Have given out during the year 175 pairs of shoes and 100 over-shoes.

HANKOW, CHINA.
American Church Mission.

My Dear Miss Bell:

We have heard from a number of friends that you have spoken of various features of our work in China, such as our great need of additional workers. I am glad you remember us, and our difficult but encouraging mission work and glad that you have mentioned it to persons who have not been able to see it with their own eyes. We recall your visit with real pleasure, and wish that you could have seen still more of the mission activities. Such visits as yours cheer us up greatly, and carry back to America first hand impressions of mission work.

I am sure that your words have helped arouse interest in the China mission (for Philadelphia friends of yours and ours have written saying so) and therefore I feel that I may write to you about a particular feature of the work, and a pressing need in connection with it.

One of the *seven* places I am in charge of is the capital of the next Province Huron, the enormous city of Changsha. It is as far from Hankow, as Albany is from Philadelphia. (Imagine the Rector of St. Stephen's having charge of a church in Albany, and that church the only Episcopal one in the city!) But such are the exigencies of our work, that if I were not in charge at this distance, some one still farther off would have to be. Fortunately there is an able Chinese assistant on the spot, and, by his efforts, the work is growing splendidly. We are sending a catechist to help him, annd a school teacher, this month, so that we are making a decided step forward. But our difficulty is to find a place large enough to hold all the work. We have been renting heretofore, but our landlord wants his house now and we cannot find-a suitable house, without paying an exorbitant rent. This is due to the great boom Changsha has taken. It has just been made a Treaty Port, like Hankow, and foreign business firms are rushing in to open trade, and are gobbling up land and houses. Besides it is the chief city on the line of the new Hankow-Canton railroad (now happily in American hands again.) For these reasons, prices are leaping up. If we are ever to become firmly settled there, and secure on Mission property, now is the time; a little later we may have to pay double prices.

It is the part of wisdom to take opportunities as they come, and I am face to face with an opportunity to buy a substantial, large house with land, for future growth, at a reasonable price. The chance may not last a month, as the offer is limited in time. After long consideration and consultation, I am borrowing, on my own responsibility, the whole of the necessary $2,000, in order not to let this chance go. I have seen so many great opportunities slip through our fingers here because we lacked everything needed for seizing them, that I cannot bear to sit still and see this one go unused. The Board in New York has not any funds for securing equipment for our new work, so I must rely on friends of the mission to help us out. Changsha is a key to a great section of Southern China. Our work there is the only station we have in a province of twenty-five millions of souls. It is our first, but not our last, for we shall yet claim that vast district for Christ and His Church, only we must put our work there on a permanent footing. We cannot afford to throw money away in high rents—nor can we afford to wait several years and pay double or treble the present price. Therefore, I have gone ahead, having faith to belive that the Church at home will not fail to show interest, and to give help at this time. (Did you see the pictures of Changsha I took, in the November number of "The Spirit of Missions"?)

As soon as I decided that it was right to secure the place I speak of in Changsha, I thought of you, and of your interest in our work, and wondered if you would be able to find any individuals or organizations in St. Stephens which could be enlisted in interest and help in this undertaking. I thought of you *because you have been here*, and know the conditions and achievements of our work better than others can know who have not been, and can tell them.

In case anyone, or any society, should like to make an offering, the same should be sent to the Treasurer, Church Mission House, New York, marked for me, "*Special for Changsha.*"

Believe me,
Very sincely yours,
S. HARRINGTON LITTELL.

JOSEPH CLAYTON
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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Ada Quint,
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Elsie Bentz, Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.) .08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. J. P. Lundy.

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.

INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Jean W. Tatler, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m.,

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss Julia MacAlister, Miss Graham.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Elsie Lowrey and Miss Curtis.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., at 12 o'clock, daily Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

October 1—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 8—Sixteenth " " "
" 15—Seventeenth " " "
" 18—St. Luke (Wednesday)
" 22—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 28—St. Simon and St. Jude (Saturday).
" 29—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
November 1—All Saints' Day (Wednesday).

OFFERINGS IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

General Charities		$164.71
Miss Josephine Fernley (for poor)		1.00
Children's Friend Society		37.00
Shoe Fund		1.00
St. Stephen's Farm:		
Miss Pauline Neidhard	$10.00	
Mrs. Laura Bell	10.00	
Mrs. F. Magee	25.00	
Mrs. E. Magee	25.00	
"Cash"	500.00	
		570.00
Total		$773.71

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

June 11—Marie Rosanna Zurfluh.
September 10—James Lewis Armstrong.
" 10—Risdon Keeler Wenrich.
" 17—Fayette Rumsey Plumb, Jr.
" 24—Elizabeth Caldwell Lucas.

MARRIED.

June 28—Leonard Weston Little and Ella May Wagner.
September 5—William Franklin Lawson and Florence Myers.

BURIED.

June 27—John William Shackford.
" 30—Sarah C. McClay.
July 21—Louis E. French.
" 25—Kate H. Flood.
August 26—Matilda Burkholder.
September 19—Mary Paul.
" 25—Claramond Colquhoun Smith.

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

Third Sunday of month—Domestic Missions.
Other Sundays--Charitable and Benevolent Work.

DURING THE MONTH of August St. Stephen's Church was closed for necessary repairs and cleaning. The Church is now in readiness for the fall work. The outer walls of the building have been repainted and so also have the front doors, windows and railing. The interior has been thoroughly cleaned, and the ceiling, where necessary, has been repaired and recolored, and the floor tiling where loose has been reset. The wear and tear of a year of constant use made it necessary to do this work. The large congregations of the Lenten season alone would require this, not to speak of the daily and Sunday services throughout the year.

THE PARISH DAY School was opened for the season on Monday, September 11th, the same day that the Public Schools of the city began their work. The School is under the direction of Miss Kate Lewis, who has faithfully taught the scholars for many years.

SOON THE PEOPLE will be back to their accustomed places. Business will then revive and the schools for the youth of the land will be in active operation. Familiar faces will once more be seen in Church. Ministers and congregations will be again united. Then the work of the Church calls for those who with a will and heart can help to meet the demand. Money will be needed, as always, to defray expenses, but money always is offered when interest is aroused and the claim is just and worthy. But the work is calculated to do more than nourish, cheer, educate or uplift those for whom the effort is made. It helps the worker. He himself is nourished, cheered, educated and uplifted. There are those who come to our Churches as strangers, and they find the Church so cold and forbidding. They know no one and nobody manifests a particle of interest in them. There is a tremendous truth in the saying that he who would have friends must show himself friendly. So also is it true that when we try to help the Church in her various departments of work, the Church itself becomes more real and alive to us. If one feels that in the Church he is left too severely alone, let him look quietly around to find where he can be of help, and he will find an interest not only aroused within himself but others will begin to care for him. Be this, however, as it may, the Church calls for workers. The response to that call may require sacrifice of some sort, but if it is a right call our sacrifice will be amply rewarded.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, the winter hours for the services will begin. Morning Service at 11 o'clock and Evening Service with Sermon at 4 o'clock.

The Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 1st at 9.45 A. M. All the scholars and teachers are asked to be on hand at that time. A cordial welcome awaits them. The School last year was in a splendid condition, and with its band of earnest and faithful teachers, we have every reason to look forward to a happy and prosperous season this year.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The Vestry has elected Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., the Rector of this Parish. Dr. Grammer has accepted and will enter upon his service at St. Stephen's almost immediately. He will occupy the pulpit on Sunday, October 8.

Dr. Grammer comes directly from Christ Church, Norfolk, Va., where he has been Rector for seven years. He will bring to St. Stephen's Church the fruits of a noble experience in the Church of God. Dr. Grammer has been in the ministry for nearly twenty years.

He is married and has three daughters, all comparatively young. The Vestry has secured No. 1024 Spruce Street, and Dr. and Mrs. Grammer will presently take possession of the new Rectory.

Dr. Grammer visited the Parish as a guest of the Vestry early in September. Mrs. Grammer accompanied him. He made a thorough study of the records of the Church, and a careful inspection of the whole "plant." A day was spent at the Burd Orphan Asylum, and another day at St. Stephen's Farm. Dr. Grammer was noticeably impressed by the scope of St. Stephen's work, and by the many useful activities of the Parish.

The Vestry has searched with diligent care for a Rector to succeed Dr. Worcester. It was necessary to proceed without haste, as the responsibilities involved were grave. Nevertheless the Vestry did not countenance delay, and informal conferences have been held almost every week since the pulpit became vacant. Many names were suggested and several volunteer candidates appeared. The vote which elected Dr. Grammer was unanimous, with every member of the Vestry accounted for, excepting Mr. Caldwell, who was in Europe. The Vestry has assured Dr. Grammer of a devoted, united Parish—and the Vestry feels satisfied that Dr. Grammer will eloquently fulfill the highest aspirations of this noble Church.

THE REV. DR. CARL E. GRAMMER.

Dr. Grammer is the son of the Rev. Julius E. Grammer, D. D., and Elizabeth Sparrow, the daughter of the Rev. William Sparrow, D. D., for many years dean of the Theological Seminary of Virginia. After taking his B. A. at the Johns Hopkins University and a course at the Law School of the University of Maryland, he entered the Theological Seminary of Virginia. On his graduation in 1884 he took a charge at Hancock, Maryland, and later one in Cincinnati.

In 1887 he became the professor of church history and canon law at the Virginia Seminary, and continued in this chair till he accepted a call to his present charge, Christ Church, Norfolk, in 1898.

The degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology was conferred on him by Trinity College, Connecticut, in 1894, and he has been a delegate to three general conventions.

WE WISH TO thank Mr. W. L. Ramson for the clothing so kindly sent last June to the Parish House for distribution to the needy.

MR. MILLER'S SUCCESSOR.

It has been of course known to the Vestry and to the congregation that Mr. Miller, who returned to the Church when it was without spiritual guidance, at the earnest request of the Vestry, would relinquish his charge as soon as a new Rector had been appointed. Dr. Grammer has asked Mr. Miller to remain with him for a little while—in order "to unite the rectorates through him"—and it is hoped that the spirit which has always been so unselfish in its devoted service to St. Stephen's may prompt him, at some personal sacrifice, no doubt, to accept Dr. Grammer's invitation. In any event, however, the association will be briefly temporary, and the Vestry is glad at this time to make further acknowledgment of its grateful obligation to Mr. Miller for his faithful, loving service to the Church and Parish.

It is pleasant to be able to add the announcement of a successor to Mr. Miller, so that the Church will be prepared to resume her sphere of active usefulness with renewed zest and vigor. Under date of September 22, Dr. Grammer writes: "You will be gratified to know that I have secured the Rev. Mr. Ewell as Assistant: single, between twenty-five and thirty, at least two years in the ministry, athletic, of fine presence, and a good reader. His present charge is Hancock, Md., and he will come to us by November 1." So the future spreads out before dear old young St. Stephen's, full of strength and hope and promise.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

At this time it is only possible to state briefly that the Farm has just concluded the most successful season in its history. The Summer has been a happy and helpful one, and about five hundred persons—mostly of this Parish—have been benefited by the noble charity of which St. Stephen's may be justly proud. There were times when the "family" at the Farm reached sixty, and very few times when it was below forty. To keep this big household in good health and good spirits, and to minister to their comfort and welfare, was the task discharged with unfailing credit by Miss M. Argyle Lyon. Miss Lyon has been "House-Mother" now for two seasons, and visitors at the Farm have learned to deeply appreciate her tender kindness and her gentle tact. This Summer Miss Lyon has had the assistance of Miss Katherine Fetzer, whose gracious co-operation contributed largely to the general happiness. So the curtain descends for another year, upon the Farm's blessed usefulness, with the comforting realization of "a good work: well done."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School will enter upon a new era with vigor and hopefulness. The coming of a new Rector will give renewed zest to the efforts of scholars and teachers alike—and before the year is very old it may be expected to record a further steady increase in the membership of the School. This may be best brought about by the active interest of those already in our family. The Sunday School aims to maintain a warm personal relation among its members, and it is this sentiment which has given to the School such a spirit of "good-fellowship" in its best sense.

VERY SOON THE many active Societies for Church work in our parish will begin their work for the coming season. The Female Benevolent Society, The Altar Society, The St. Stephen's Aid Society, The Garment Committee, The Girls' Friendly Society, The Mothers' Meeting, The King's Daughters, The Children's Friend Society, these are the agencies for Church work in our parish. They will make their appeal for helpers. Many of the earnest women of our parish have been actively associated with these Societies. Others are asked to look over the list and to select for themselves such departments of work where they can most profitably assist. If any feel ready to do so, they can send in their names to the heads of the various Societies or speak to the Clergy and they will be gladly welcomed into the ranks of our Church workers.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received in June, July, August and September:

The Misses Maulsby	$10.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	4.00
S. M. C.	5.00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	2.00
Kind Friends	10.00
Miss Cleemann	1.00
Mrs. Samuel Hopper	1.00
Rev. Charles E. Milnor	1.00
Mrs. Charles E. Milnor	1.00
Miss Eleanor Kalbfleish	2.00
	$37.00

Summer has gone, and many little hearts have been made happy by the kind help of their friends of St. Stephen's Church, for which the members of the Children's Friend Society wish to thank you all.

Last Saturday was the last excursion, the whole Parish School was invited, and many poor little tots in the small streets in the city. Half-past one they started for the trolley car, all eager to reach the Park. Then bean-bags and balls were unpacked and the fun commenced.

But the empty tables in the Park had a tendency for many to sit around them, in expectation of something coming. Sure enough, a shout, and Mr. Jackson Blank's wagon is seen; all sit waiting until each in turn is served with ice cream, cake, buns and candy.

After that they were ready for all kinds of fun, story telling and singing, and just before leaving for home every one had a ride on the caroussel, which delighted them very much, "saying it was nice and thank you." So ends the Summer's work. The members thank the King's Daughters and a Kind Friend who have done so much on all excursions to help make the children have a good time.

KINGS' DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE will have their first meetings on October 4th and 18th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House at quarter of eight o'clock.

Very glad to have new members who wish to work *In His Name*.

SHOE FUND.

Donation from Mrs. H. F. Martin . . . $1.00

This work will not start in until November, but any shoes sent in to stock the closet will be very acceptable.

FROM SEPTEMBER'S SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.

This issue goes to press before the treasurer's books have been closed for the fiscal year ending August 31st. It is impossible, therefore, to give final and accurate figures for the year's offering. We can say, however, that the increase in gifts over last year has been well maintained, amounting on August 15th to $81,000. This means that the offerings from congregations and individuals for the year September 1st, 1904, to August 31st, 1905, far surpass the offerings for any previous year in the history of the American Church. It means, too, that the offerings from congregations and individuals during the last fiscal year, are just about double the offerings from the same sources four years ago. A gain of one hundred per cent. in four years from living donors is a fact so significant as to reqire no comment. It is full of promise for the years to come. It is no rash statement to predict that within the next five years the congregations and individuals in the Church will be giving at the rate of a round million dollars a year, and thus providing in full, with the offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Sunday-school Auxiliary, for what are likely to be the necessary appropriations at that period; while legacies may be set free for use in extending and improving the mission plant. It is satisfactory to note, by the way, that the income from legacies applicable at the discretion of the Board, is likely to amount to $40,000, or more than twice as much as the income from the same for the previous year. The Sunday-school Auxiliary has again outdone itself by giving, at the last report, $119,612.02, from 3,508 schools. It seems certain that more than $120,000 will be given, since 100 schools are still to be heard from in order to bring the contributing number up to last year's record.

So much for some of the notable features of the year's giving. When so good a record has been made it is a pity to be obliged to say that even with these increases, the income will hardly be sufficient to meet the year's appropriations, so

that a further deficit, the amount of which it is impossible to state accurately now, must be added to the existing deficiency. While this is undeniably disappointing, it should cause no discouragement. Marked as has been the gain in offerings, the increase in appropriations as compared with the preceding fiscal year has necessarily been even greater, amounting in all to $130,000.

SELECTIONS.

THE OBJECT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Remember that the Sunday School is not, in any respect, to take the place of the Church. It is simply one of the means or instrumentalities used by the Church for the purpose of teaching the young the principles of Christian Faith and Duty. It must never be regarded or employed as an institution separate from and independent of the Church. It properly exists solely as a help to the ministers of the parish in discharge of their duty in feeding the Lambs of the Flock.

Therefore as soon as your children are old enough to understand and take part in public worship, see to it that they attend and do so. If they are permitted to set aside this duty, one great object of their instruction in the Sunday School will be defeated. You know that the time will soon come when your children will leave the Sunday School, and if now, the exercises there are permitted, as I fear they often are, to take the place of the appointed service in the Lord's house, they will have formed a habit of neglect that will bring to naught our best endeavors.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*

MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.

Prof. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Avenue.

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Mme. Emma Suelke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Ada Quint,
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Elsie Bentz, Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.

Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Hine, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—
Treasurer—
Secretary—Miss Graham.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.).08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. J. P. Lundy.

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.

FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St.

INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Jean W. Tatler, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss Julia MacAlister, Miss Graham.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Elsie Lowrey and Miss Curtis.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 11.30 to 12.30 daily, except Monday, when the hour will be 10 30 to 11.30. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time. The Rector's days will be Tuesday and Friday.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

November 1—All Saints' Day (Wednesday).
" 5—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 12—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 19—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 26—Sunday before Advent.
" 30—St. Andrew (Thursday).

OFFERINGS IN OCTOBER.

General Charities	$295.61
Domestic Missions	106.63
Total, . . .	$402.24

OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

Third Sunday—Female Benevolent Society.
Other Sundays—General Charities.
Thanksgiving Day—Episcopal Hospital.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

October 9—Jeanette Julia Carrier.
" 29—Edmund Grindel Rawson Lloyd.

MARRIED.

October 4—William F. Kehl and May V. Gilfoy.
"7 —Paul G. Dachler and Ella L. Stengel.

BURIED.

October 11—Elizabeth G. Thomas.
" 26—J. Edward VanSant.

A SALUTATORY.

There was, in my time, a metaphysician at college, a post-graduate student, who was currently reported to have spent a whole year considering the two subjects of time and space. Certainly there is nothing more difficult to comprehend. Take, for example, time, who can estimate the swiftness of its flight? Here I am seated at my desk writing a salutatory for the PARISH NEWS, which will come out in a few days, and will bear the date of November, and it seems only the other day that I walked for the first time into the Church past the Burd monument and knelt at the prayer desk by the lecturn. By the time that this is in your hands, I shall have been Rector of St. Stephen's a month! It is inconceivable; a month, a twelth of a year. A month, and there are only nine months, perhaps hardly that many, in which the work is conducted with full energy. It is clear that our first duty is to begin to work with all our might. It may be that in time new methods, and new organizations will suggest themselves, but just now the first duty is to "seize the moments as they fly." We must not let the Winter find us still preparing to work. The Sunday School scholars ought to be looked up at once, the members of the various societies and guilds ought to make a point of attending the opening meetings, and like a well trained orchestra, the full energy of our force ought to be at command at once. What a sign of harmony and energy, of loyalty and leadership, it would be if our guilds could open in that cheering way. Perhaps, however, my words are wasted, and this is the fashion in St. Stephen's. There have been many pleasant discoveries connected with the parish, but there could be few pleasanter than this.

Let me remind the secretaries of the various organizations that I shall be much obliged to them if they will notify me of their opening meetings, as I desire to attend them all.

This first month has necessarily been much occupied with dometic and personal matters, but I hope to make a real beginning in visiting the parish in November. Of course this will take time, and I shall be much aided in my efforts to be a pastor, if the friends of those who are sick will let me know of such cases. Joseph rebuked his brethren for doubting his knowledge of the cup in the sack, saying: "Know ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?" But whatever claim the prime minister of Pharoah might jocularly make to secret sources of knowledge, the rector of a parish is far from possessing any such power. Unlike Joseph, it is his difficulty often that people suppose him to know by inspiration of their illness and troubles. In many cases they fail to tell him for fear of making undue demands upon him. But that is a mistake. By this mistimed modesty, they make it difficult for him to exercise his pastoral functions. Under these circumstances we must look to friends to relieve the situation, and inform the rector of those who need his services. It is well to remember that there are reciprocal obligations. No minister can be a true pastor without the co-operation of the flock, and a people who call upon their minister in time of trouble will find that they are not really detering him from his studies, but are in fact helping him to deliver a living message to real needs.

I hear on all sides that the Rector of St. Stephen's is supposed to fill a special place in this community *ex officio*, but this first Winter my great aim must be to become acquainted with the congregation.

The music of our Church is widely famed. It is one of our sources of power. It is a great comfort to find in our Organist, an accomplished musician, who has so true an ideal, and aims to develop a congregational singing of the hymns. The Processional and Recessional are intended for the congregation as well as for the choir, and all ought to join in them. There is a story that is widely told about Bishop Temple, when he was in the See of London, which has always seemed to me far-fetched. The story runs that the Bishop dropped in at an evening service at a down-town parish-church and was so delighted with the hearty, congregational singing that he ventured to join in with his great, rough voice. Whereupon the next man in the pew, who had not, of course, recognized the visitor, thrust his elbow into the Bishop's side, and exclaimed, "I say, Governor, you spoil it all." The story has been widely told, but has every sign of being an invention. Any one would know an English bishop by his dress; a true Englishman would discern him "by instinct." Besides it is very improbable that a singer, even if defective in ear, would so miss the note, if there were a great volume of sound. Hearty singing, if it be not strained, is apt to create true singing. The clearly sounded notes control the wavering voices. The story was clearly invented to discourage congregational singing. The most serious danger to church music lies in another direction. I hope that St. Stephen's will be famous for the hearty manner in which the congregation sings the hymns, as well as for the exquisite harmony and sweetness of its chants and offertory anthems.

In the morning it is well to remember that there are non-musical as well as musical people in a large congregation, but in the afternoon I shall give the choir a larger scope. Is there anything more uplifting than the sound of "sweet and warbling voices out of tuneful choirs" in the twilight hours of a holy day of rest? The afternoon service will be followed by a sermon, and will be a time for teaching as well as for prayer, but it will also be a season when religion will be helped by the melodious art that Luther thought ranked next to theology in dignity.

But I must not say too much in my first editorial. I must not, however, omit to say that I shall value this little paper as a means of communication with the congregation. I hope that it will be widely read, and be a real power. The chief work in connection with it will fall upon the assistant, but I shall always have an article in it.

I trust that the Vestry in calling me, and that I in accepting the call, were both alike under Divine guidance, and that this association that means so much to both the parish and myself has been formed according to the will of God. Our only means of discovering His will in such matters is through a careful, conscientious use of our reason, and after we have done our best to find the course that leads to the largest usefulness, it is our duty to cast behind all fears and to move forward. Such must be the temper of the congregation and the rector. I shall, I doubt not, discover many things that need to be done in this great city, and it is probable shall find that even in loyal St. Stephen's there are difficulties to be overcome, and problems to be solved. And the congregation will find, as I doubt not they have already found, many limitations in their rector, and frailties that call for their charity and sympathy. You must be patient with him. It may be that he will learn. It is absolutely certain that it is only by mutual forbearance and large charity that any church can be kept together. It is a great aid to this end to keep steadily in mind the goal that we have in view in our association. If we are really in earnest, all will turn out for the best. "Seek ye first the

kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you'' is eternally true. If we are really trying to lead Christian lives, seeking to be conformed to the spirit of Christ, and asking for aid from the Father of spirits, we will assuredly grow in grace together, and in this city, that has been shown to be so dreadfully cankered by corruption, be enabled to lift up a standard, to bear a witness and to extend the Kingdom of God. May God grant it. Amen.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

OUR NEW ASSISTANT.

Before this paper will come out, the Rev. John E. Ewell, who has accepted the call to be the Rector's Assistant, will have officiated in St. Stephen's. St. Thomas, Hancock, his present charge, is undergoing repairs, and as he could hold no further services in it, he anticipated the date of his connection with St. Stephen's in response to the urgent appeals of the Rector, and came to Philadelphia on Saturday, October 28th. Mr. Ewell is a Baltimorean, like Dr. Grammer, and their careers have some striking points of similarity. Each graduated from the Johns Hopkins University, and the Theological Seminary in Virginia, and had St. Thomas, Hancock, for a first care. Mr. Ewell is under thirty, and was ordained to the deaconate in 1903, and advanced to the priesthood in May, 1904. He has declined some inviting calls to be Assistant in some of the leading churches of Baltimore. We have a good hope that he will prove the man for the place. The impression that he made in his first parish can be gathered from the following extract from a notice of his departure in the Hancock *Advocate*:

''The Rev. John Edward Ewell, rector of Saint Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church, of Hancock, after due deliberation, has accepted the call extended him over a month ago, by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, and will leave for his new field of labor about November 1.

''Mr. Ewell came here by appointment of Bishop Paret, on July 26, 1903, when yet a member of the Order of Deacons. For a man so young in years as well as experience, Mr. Ewell has not only accomplished a great work here, but has laid the foundation for still greater achievements. During his rectorship, which has covered the brief period of two years and three months, some twenty new members have been added to the church. The Sunday School has been vitalized by a spirit of progressiveness, while the kindergarten department, a new feature inaugurated by this young clergyman, is doing a noble work, and is a source which will undoubtedly prove fruitful to the church in years to come. The choir has been augmented and greatly stimulated by his untiring efforts and a handsome pipe organ adorns the choir-loft as a result of his labors. But this is not all, as one of his greatest undertakings is the work of thoroughly renovating the church, which is now going on and will be completed before his departure.

''He graced the pulpit with dignity and tranquility, and his sermons and addresses denoted careful preparation, at all times furnishing food for thought.

''Mr. Ewell has not only endeared himself to the members of St. Thomas parish, but his civility among men has made him popular with the people in general, and especially is this true among our young folks. His labors for good were not restricted to the confines of his own parish, but much has been done through his efforts to improve the moral standing of all classes of men. His presence will be missed in the wholesome pastimes indulged in by our young people as well as in the pulpit, and by his departure the social world of Hancock will lose a young man who had become a favorite, admired by all.

THE congregation of St. Stephen's ought to feel an interest in Christ Church, Norfolk, from

which they have taken two rectors, Rev. Dr. Ducachet and the present rector. They will, therefore, be gratified to know that the Vestry of Christ Church has already found a successor to Dr. Grammer. He is the Rev. James W. Morris, D.D., of Leesburg, Va. Dr. Morris was one of the founders of the Mission in Brazil, where he labored for seven fruitful years. The ill health of his child compelled him to return to this country about three years ago. He is a man of unusual consecration and literary gifts. There is every reason for believing that the work in Christ Church will prosper under his zealous and sympathetic ministry. He visited Norfolk November 1st, and the people of Christ Church are hopeful that he will accept

A SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

A library for the Infant School has been inaugurated by Miss Graham. Any contributions of suitable juvenile books would be much appreciated. Magazines will also be acceptable. A small library was collected last year, and it was found so useful that it is desirable to enlarge it.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE.

It appears that this Committee is without a President and needs reorganization. For the present those who are accustomed to send clothing to it for distribution are requested to send their garments to the Parish House, as usual. Miss Bessie Graham will be in the Sunday School building every Tuesday at 11.30 A. M. to give out the clothing.

POTATOES FROM THE FARM.

Potatoes from St. Stephen's Farm will be delivered to members of the Parish during the month of November for 90 cents a bushel. The potatoes are the very best in the market. Apples will be sold for 60 cents a basket—good, eating apples. Orders may be sent through Mr. Joseph Clayton, Verger, or direct to Mr. Greenshields, St. Stephen's Farm, Warminster, Bucks Co., Pa.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The excursions are now over, and the little tots will be looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is hoped they will not be disappointed.

THE KINGS' DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their next meetings November 1st and November 15th, in the Parish House, at quarter of eight o'clock.

It was a great disappointment to many, at the last meeting, to be absent when Dr. Grammer made his first visit to the Circle. Several were sick and others had special engagements, but it is hoped when he next visits the Circle that all will be there.

Work was started but little done, as Dr. Grammer's stories were more interesting than sewing. This week a friend and Sunday School scholar was sick, and was visited in the Jefferson Hospital by several members, and flowers were sent by the Circle.

SHOE FUND.

Received through Dr. Grammer from

Church Fund	$30.00
Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	.50
Mrs. Hand	1.00
Total	$31.50

This work will open on Monday, November 6th. Mrs. Vanderslice will be at the Parish House every Monday morning, from 11 until 12 o'clock.

Any shoes sent to the Parish House in care of Kings Daughters will be very acceptable.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

On Monday evening, October 30th, the Rector and Assistant visited the Society and spent part of a very social evening with the girls. Dr. Grammer made an address, pointing out that the religious part of the Society should not be overlooked, and continuing in a very happy vein, he spoke of his interest in his hearers, wishing them a most prosperous year, and promised his hearty co-operation and help in all the Society's undertakings. Mr. Ewell was then introduced, and spoke briefly of his coming relation and work with the Society.

THE MISSIONARY THANK OFFERING.

There was a meeting of the Church Club at the Church House on the evening of October 30th, in the interest of the "Men's Missionary Thank Offering of 1907."

Mr. Frank Lewis, of this parish, who is President of the Club, presided. The Assembly Room was crowded and great enthusiasm was manifested.

Bishop Whittaker's address was earnest and inspiring, and cannot help but arouse the men in their duty to this cause.

George Wharton Pepper, Esq., followed the Bishop in a clear, business-like and vigorous talk. Altogether the meeting impressed one as a missionary rally among the churchmen of the Diocese.

St. Stephen's has its part to do in this offering, and may it, as of old, arise and do its duty magnificently.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1022 Clinton Street.

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Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Ada Quint,
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Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss M. J. Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingstone, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .	.50
Glass Towels . .	.15 and .25	Crash Towels.	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

DELEGATES TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
INDIAN—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblt.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Fisher.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss McDowell, Miss Julia MacAlister.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Hewson, Miss Holler.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S LITERARY CLUB.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club mests Thursdays, 8.30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.
President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 11.30 to 12.30 daily, except Monday, when the hour will be 10 30 to 11.30. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time. The Rector's days will be Tuesday and Friday.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

December.

3. 1st Sunday in Advent.
10. 2d Sunday in Advent.
17. 3d Sunday in Advent.
20. Ember Day (Wednesday).
21. St. Thomas (Thursday).
22. Ember Day (Friday).
23. Ember Day (Saturday).
24. 4th. Sunday in Advent.
25. CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday).
26. St. Stephen (Tuesday).
27. St. John the Evangelist (Wednesday).
28. The Innocents (Thursday).
31. 1st Sunday after Christmas.

OFFERTORIES IN DECEMBER.

First and second Sundays of month—General Charities.

Third Sunday—Missionary Box Society.

4th Sunday—Sunday School Festival.

Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese.

Fifth Sunday—General Charities.

OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER.

Endowment Fund,	
From Miss Anna J. Magee . .	$3,000.00
General Charities	254.97
Female Benevolent Society . .	94.53
Episcopal Hospital	269.00
For Tokio, Japan, Special . .	55.00
Children's Friend Society, from Mrs. Martin	1.00
King's Daughters	3.75
Shoe Fund	12.50
	$3,690.75

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Nov. 26—William Henry Hardwick Ainsworth.

MARRIED.

Nov. 15—

Frederick J Von Rapp and Sara C. Munshower.

BURIED.

Nov. 29th—Catherine M. Schaeffer.

ADVENT.

In the first centuries, before we find any trace of the observance of Christmas Day, the great festal season of the year was the fifty days between Easter and Whitsunday, when all fasting was interdicted and the attitude in prayer was standing. But in our land and age the great festive season is undoubtedly the fifty days that follow Thanksgiving, or to speak more ecclesiastically, the days between Thanksgiving and Epiphany, the ancient Twelfth Night. With the National day of thanksgiving and feasting, the football season comes to an end and parents experience the relief from anxiety that comes to the family of the soldier when peace is declared. The joys of the Thanksgiving feast and holiday are all enhanced by the sense that the greater pleasures of Christmas are yet to come, and the whole period is dominated by the anticipations or the memories of that happy season. For the greater part of December the children will rise every morning with the joyous assurance that Christmas is one day nearer, and will go to bed every night with imaginations filled with the starry light of the Christmas candles. Those who have been taught that the true joys of Christmas can only be experienced by those who are givers as well as receivers, are carefully saving their weekly allowance and diligently scrutinizing the bargains in the stores. In happy homes there are many presents being fashioned in secret corners by industrious little hands. The volume of shopping is so great that thoughtful people begin early in the month in order that the clerks and delivery boys may be saved as much as possible from the excessive burdens of the closing days of the month. Entertainments are planning for visitors and friends, and sociability and friendliness are demanding that the activities of the world be either suspended for a season or devoted to their manifestation. Who does not rejoice in all this, or who could wish it otherwise?

Yet some one may ask: "How is all this in conformity with the idea of Advent as a penitential season, a kind of lesser Lent?" We may be reminded, too, of the Bishop of our Church who advised his clergy to discourage marriages during the Advent season—a piece of advice, by the way, which must greatly lessen his influence with the President, if our chief executive should ever learn of the Episcopal admonition. The Ecclesiastical New Year is at our doors and demanding a change of colors in our hangings, and giving us new themes for our sermons and the thrilling chapters in Isaiah for our lessons. How are we to establish harmonious relations between the observances of

Sundays and of the week-days? The housewives are doing all they can to inhibit fasting. Are we to understand that the Church expects it? For my part I do not so understand the duty of the season. There is no lesson that religion teaches more universally or insistantly than the duty of moderation, and of carrying our consciences with us everywhere and into everything. Whether we eat or drink we are to do all to the glory of God. That is a lesson that is especially needed at this season, and that lesson the solemn truths of Advent may well bring home to us. But there is also a great deal in the Scriptures about rejoicing. This is a joyful and not a penitential season. It is only a penitential season so far as penitence is necessary to any real and deep joy. No one can really rejoice while his conscience is weighted with guilt, while he is living in sin, or drugging his nature so that its higher aspirations may not call out and disturb his peace. Advent calls to such sleepers to awake. It arouses them in order that they may really live and know the joys as well as the duties of life. Its key-note is energy, wakefulness, preparation, and above all the thought that in God's wonderful love we may look forward to meeting Him whose first coming at Christmas was the beginning of one era and whose second coming is always spoken of as the opening of a still greater epoch, when the splendors of eternity shall be unrolled before our eyes. The part of the Advent message in this festal time is to raise our thoughts from lower joys to higher joys, to carry us up the shallow streams to the deep fountain-head and to remind us that a season of peace and happiness among men should also be a time for rendering glory to God in the highest. The real joys of this season can not be tasted by the mere secularist, the kind of man who sends for a Christmas card, a picture of a table heavily laden with good things, roast beef, puddings, pies, wines and fruit, with the motto: "Christmas comes but once a year." No man can observe Christmas in this spirit. His feast is simply the old pagan feast of the winter solstice, the Saxon Yule. The true Chistmas is a day of holy joy, a day when we think of God's love in sending Jesus Christ into the world, and the true happiness of all this festive season must be grounded upon our harmony with the great duties and principles of religion and morality. This season calls, "Come, be happy," and Advent chimes in like the bell upon St. Stephen's tower, among the bells of the time-pieces around it, "To be truly happy, you must walk in the way of the Lord." C. E. G.

THE CHURCH WORK FUND.

It has been the custom of the Rectors of St. Stephen's for a number of years to send out an appeal about this time, usually in November, asking their parishioners to contribute a fund to enable the Rector to conduct successfully the philanthropic and charitable work of the parish. Out of this fund the salary of the deaconess is paid, and by its aid our various enterprises are equipped and maintained. It meets the necessary expenses of administration which are incurred in our charitable and other work, and which extend beyond the engagements of the Vestry. The treasurer and distributor is the Rector of the Parish. The amount contributed last year for this purpose was about $1600.

The Rector sends out this week a note to those who have hithero subscribed to this fund, informing them that the work is being done on the lines laid down in the past, and needs the money that was given in the past. Eighty dollars have already been placed in his hands for this purpose, and he doubts not that former contributors will continue their gifts.

It would be a mistake, however, to limit this appeal either to those who have already given, or to those who can give largely. The Church of Christ can never fulfil its functions and unite men in a fellowship of service if some do all of the giving and others all of the receiving. Every member of the Church ought to

aid according to his ability in every good work. This makes him a full member. In the New England churches they had a custom at one time of bringing people in under what was called "the half-way covenant," and so making them half-way members. There are a great many half-way members in every church. There are even quarter members and hemi-demi members. It is just as important to round these fractional members into full-orbed brightness, as it it is to bring in new recruits. Indeed the waning lustre of some of these "lights of the world" keeps back recruits by making them distrust the power and permanence of religious impressions, or rather convictions. The best way of gaining recruits is to kindle the zeal of our present members. Now no one can be greatly interested in a work in which he has no active part. If, therefore, there are people in St. Stephen's who find it cold, and are uninterested in its activities, here is their remedy. Bear a hand, take part in the work, and make a beginning by contributing to the Church Work Fund. The Rector will feel that this fund fails of part of its efficacy if it is made up by only a score of people. The contributors ought to run up into the hundreds, and it ought to represent the interest and generosity of the whole congregation in support of the common work. He begs the congregation to regard it in this light, and try to unite in giving, that they may unite in praise, and in the joy of the season.

"This I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."—2 Cor. 9: 6, 7. CARL E. GRAMMER.

THE only contribution of Juvenile Books for the Sunday School library, made in answer to the appeal in last month's PARISH NEWS was some books from Miss Fitz Gerald. It is hoped that further contributions will be made.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

It has been the custom for a number of years in St. Stephen's Church for the congregation to provide the poor of the Parish with dinners at Christmas time. In this way nearly one thousand persons have been taken care of and relieved of want at a period when our thoughts turn naturally to joy and good cheer. Although it is not easy to exactly determine the pro rata cost, it can be safely asserted that a good dinner can be supplied to a family of four or six for two or three dollars. The season of rejoicing is at hand. The country is prosperous. The nation is at peace. The love of men for their neighbors is constantly expressing itself. The poor we have with us always. Let us remember them this year with generous hearts and generous hands. Contributions for the Christmas Dinner Fund may be handed or sent to the Rector, Mr. Ewell or Mr. Clavton. The system of distribution is well organized. There is no waste and nothing goes where it is not deserved. We can feed fifteen hundred persons, two thousand persons this Christmas time, if you provide us with the means. Care is taken that the gifts go to the deserving poor. All contributions should be received no later than December 22d.

ON Christmas Day the services in the Church will be at eight o'clock, celebration of the Holy Communion; at eleven o'clock, Service and Holy Communion, with Sermon by Bishop Mackay-Smith.

The offerings at these services will be for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese.

THE Sunday School Christmas Festival will be held on Holy Innocents' Day (Thursday), at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Infant Class will have its festival on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock in the Sunday School Building.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations in November:

Received through Dr. Grammer from Church Fund	$50.00
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	1.00
Total,	$51.00

The children will have their treat some time the beginning of December; the time has not been decided yet.

THE KINGS' DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their next meetings on December 5th and December 20th, in the Parish House, at quarter of 8 o'clock.

Donations received towards the Thanksgiving baskets:

Mrs. M. M. Parmalee	.75
Miss Josephine Lindenmayer	.50
Miss Alice Kelly	1.00
Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	.50
Mrs. Charles Moore	.50
Miss Lizzie Haas	.50
Total	$3.75

Groceries received from Miss Minnie Wilder, Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss Crom, Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Miss Jefferies, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmayer and Mrs. Vanderslice. This Circle expects to help three or four families and put all sorts of good things in their basket for Thanksgiving.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in November:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
Mrs. M. M. Parmalee	.25
Miss Bessie Graham	5.00
From those receiving shoes	7.00
Total	$12.50

This work was started November 6th. $30.60 has been expended and over forty pairs of shoes given out to the poor of the Parish, Infant School and Parish School and a few others.

Donations of shoes partly worn have also been received from Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. E. L. Williamson, Mrs. E. L. Stovell, Miss. M. J. Vanderslice, Miss M. S. Wilkins, Kind Friends and Miss M. C. and Miss M. Jeffries.

One can hardly realize what it is to many of these poor people, both small and large, to have a new pair of shoes. Some weeks ago, on trying on a pair, the foot was turned first one side and then the other. After waiting a few minutes she was asked, "Why don't you put the other on?" "Oh! I was so happy that I forgot; it has been so long since I had a new pair." The work is increasing more and more in our own Parish.

Miss Fetzer very kindly offered to assist. Any donations in shoes or money (especially shoes for small children, as they are particularly high this year) sent to the Parish House in care of Miss Fetzer or Mrs. Vanderslice marked for Shoe Fund will be very acceptable and will be put to good use.

The Garment Committee acknowledges with thanks donations of clothing from Miss Christopher, Mrs. Parmalee, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Cleemann, Miss Goss, Miss Woodward, a basket of toys from Miss Fitz Gerald, $1.00 from Miss Cromparger, also 41 garments from the Needle-work Guild.

WILLING WORKERS

There are tremendous possibilities of work to be done in this Parish. When a need presents itself it would be a splendid advantage to the clergy to know on whom to call. How helpful it would be for members of the Church to volunteer to be on a list of "Willing Workers." This would greatly expedite efforts made to bring the right worker and the proper place together. This is what now is being done, and every one who is not engaged at present in any Parish activity is urged to volunteer, and the need and supply can soon be brought together. Such an enthusiasm would add tremendously to our usefulness and more of a needed warmth felt in the work

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CLERGY.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1022 Clinton Street.

MISS KATHERINE FETZER,
Parish Worker.
9 S. 10th Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maud Beath,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Received girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S. E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. K. Bullock.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .	.50
Glass Towels . .	.15 and .25	Crash Towels.	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Miss Fannie Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Julia MacAlister.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place; Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Headman, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.

SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. Robert M. Griffith.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Fisher.

Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.

Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss McDowell, Miss Julia MacAlister.

Literature Associate,

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams.

CANDIDATES' CLASS—Miss Neidhard, in charge. Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Hewson, Miss Hollar.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S LITERARY CLUB.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club mests Thursdays, 8.30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.

President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 11.30 to 12.30 daily, except Monday, when the hour will be 10 30 to 11.30. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time. The Rector's days will be Tuesday and Friday.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardns and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

January.

1. Circumcision.
6. Epiphany.
7. First Sunday after Epiphany.
14. Second Sunday after Epiphany.
21. Third Sunday after Epiphany.
25. Conversion of St. Paul (Thursday).
28. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

Second Sunday—Work among Colored People.
Third Sunday in month—Foreign Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER.

General Charities	$230.47
Missionary Box Committee	85.92
Sunday School Festival	151.09
Christmas Day Disabled Clergy Fund	230.94
Episcopal Hospital (extra)	5.00
Christmas Dinners	220.00
Special Church Work Fund	1,476.50
Children's Friend Society	3.00
King's Daughters	7.25
Shoe Fund	5.40
	$2,415.64

CHURCH WORK FUND.

Miss Tilghman	$30.00
Mr. W. B. Campbell	50.00
Miss Maria Wilkins	25.00
Mr. John Graff	10.00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	25.00
Miss Ida Maulsby	25.00
Miss Laura Bell	10.00
Mr. William B. Haydock	15.00
Cash	15.00
Mrs. S. E. Russell	60.00
Miss Mary J. Lewis	25.00
Rev. Dr. Grammer	10.00
Mrs. Rebecca Pancoast	20.00
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael	20.00
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd	5.00
Mrs. Nicolas A. Petry	2.50
Miss Mary J. Lewis	25.00
Miss Julia Garrett	50.00
Mr. L. C. Cleemann	20.00
Mr. Charles E. Dana	5.00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	15.00
Mr. James M. Arrison	12.00
Mrs. Catherine Richardson	50.00
Mrs. Gerald DeCoursey	5.00
Mr. Samuel Moore	50.00
Miss Schaefer	2.00
Mr. E. J. Moore	50.00
Mr. Frank A. Lewis	20.00
Mr. John W. Trinkle	150.00
Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester	25.00
Miss Neidhard	5.00
Mrs. A. G. Brunner	15.00
A Friend	2.00
Mothers' Meeting	10.00
Miss Ernst	15.00
T. P. Farrall	5.00
Dr. E. R. Fell	5.00
Mrs. Robert M. Janney	25.00
Mrs. C. T. Rynard	25.00
Miss Emily Dutilh	5.00
Mrs. H. W. Dunne	5.00
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	25.00
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	25.00
Mrs. Samuel Clarkson	25.00
Mr. J. A. McDowell	50.00
Miss Jane Jamison	10.00
Cash	5.00
Mrs Randolph Wood	10.00
Miss Emily Bell	15.00
Miss Josephine Lewis	10.00
Mr. C. Howard Colket	25.00
Mr. Clement Restein	25.00
Mr. O. B Judson	5.00
Mr. George L. Crawford	50.00
Miss Josephine Fernley	5.00
Mr. Robert E. Atmore	50.00
Mrs. Alfred Tucker	15.00
Miss Susan Stevenson	10.00
Mr. W. H. Hollar	25.00
Mrs. Fred. Stovell	25.00
The Misses Magee	50.00
Mr. John T. Lewis	10.00
Mrs. O. A. Judson	10.00
Mrs. E. H. Jonnson	10.00
Mrs. James P. Young	5.00
Cash	1.00
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Miss Clara Farrar Smith	5.00
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	50.00

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Dec. 1—Norman Wesley Van Sant.
" 1—Dolly Sprowles.
" 13—Clarence Earle Crabell.
" 22—Francis William Lippincott.
" 22—Charles Lippincott.

BURIED.

Dec. —Joseph Behrens, M.D.

A Happy New Year to All.

THE THREE ARTS CLUB.

On the last Saturday of the old year Deaconess Hall, who was at one time connected with St. Stephen's, explained to the Rector and some of the women of the congregation the nature of this club, and expressed the hope that such work might be undertaken by St. Stephen's Church. The Deaconess spoke with all the weight that comes from a successful experience. She is the founder and adminstrative head of such a club in New York City, and has seen her work grow until it promises to become the starting point of a movement that will eventually reach all our chief cities. The Three Arts Club is an Association, under the fostering care of our church, of young women studying to equip themselves as professional musicians, painters, or actresses. Students of these three great arts of expression have common interests, common perils, and all alike, though in various degrees, lead a somewhat Bohemian life in their student days. The first successful effort to gather these classes into an organization where they are sheltered to some extent from the perils of social Bohemia, was in Paris in the well-known American Girls' Club, which was founded by an American woman of wealth, and affords a residence for about 30 young women. This Parisian Club has become a social center for hundreds, and a meeting place for American traveling women. The daily 5 o'clock tea is now a celebrated institution.

The Three Arts Club, of New York, is patterned upon this successful Club. It began in connection with "St. Mark's Church in the Bowery," but speedily out-grew the accommodations of its Parish House, and has now taken a seven-room apartment at 325 West 56th Street, conveniently near the Art Students' League, Carnegie Hall and other haunts of art and music students. There have been in residence 72 different members and the outside membership numbers 157. A second house has also been rented at 8 Lexington Avenue. All of its rooms also are taken, and there is a large waiting list. The honorary President is Bishop Greer, and the acting President Mrs. John H. Hammond.

By reason of its location and its traditions, St. Stephen's is peculiarly qualified and equipped to undertake this work in Philadelphia. Although there may not be many students in this city preparing themselves for the stage, there are many actresses who would be glad to become non-resident members in such an organization and who would welcome the social relaxation of its afternoon teas. The members of the Three Arts Club, of New York, would avail themselves of the courtesies of the sister organization on their visits to this city. There are, moreover, numbers of girls from the country, members of the Episcopal Church, who come to this city and never attach themselves to any church or form any Christian friendship outside of their own wandering tribe of art students. The plan is to begin by having an afternoon tea for students of the Three Arts in a suitably furnished room in the third story of the Parish House. Some form of social entertainment will also be provided for Sunday night from 8 to 10, particularly lonely hours for girls, especially when they have gone to afternoon service and feel the need for society and friendship rather than devotion at the close of the day. A committee of five ladies, with Miss Cleeman and Mrs. Carver at their head, has been appointed by the rector to consider the feasibility of this scheme. It is hoped that they will make a favorable report and that the first Three Arts Club in Philadelphia may be established under the auspices of our church.

There are two classes that make a special and peculiar appeal to Christian benevolence. The first class includes those whose perils arise from their deficiency of equipment or their lack of opportunity. The poor, the maim, the halt, the blind, the imbecile, the leper, and the unfortunate are peculiarly dear to the church of Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save that which was lost. But there is another class whose perils arise from an entirely different direction that must not be overlooked. When the rich young ruler came to Christ with his splendid equipment of character and wealth, we read that Christ loved him. The beloved disciple was the gifted John. The Apostles were picked men, and for the sake of the world Christ felt it necessary to restrict his ministrations to the highly gifted Jews. The highly gifted and the richly endowed have their special peril and their peculiar claim upon the love and the care of the church. It is well to provide for the poor lepers, and it is also well to save, if we can, highly endowed natures who are endangered by the very abundance of their gifts and the emotional wealth of their endowment. The Three Arts Club is designed especially for this latter class.

The congregation will be informed of the decision of this committee, whether they decide to undertake the work and of the measures proposed.

AN IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION.

St. Stephen's Branch of The Woman's Auxiliary.

In response to the call from the Rector

between twenty and thirty of the women of the Congregation gathered in the assembly room of parish house on a Tuesday in December. After some brief opening remarks by the Rector and a short service of prayer, Mrs. Perot explained the value of a parochial branch of The Woman's Auxiliary and gave some helpful advice and suggestions. It was generally realized that such an organization could give unity to the missionary work of St. Stephens. The delegates who go to the Diocesan meetings would go as representatives of the parochial branch and the impetus and information of the Diocesan meeting could be extended by reports rendered to this parochial society. It was agreed that all the delegates and Missionary Box Committees should be considered as commissioned by this Parochial Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Fanny Magee, was elected president, Mr. Howard Butcher and Miss Julia MacAlister, secretaries. Mrs. Boyd was elected treasurer, but declined and that important office is as yet unfilled. It was determined that there should be four meetings in a year, to be summoned at the call of the president, at some convenient date in Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter-tide. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 18th, at 11 a. m. It is hoped that every woman in the Congregation who can possibly connect herself with it, will join this organization.

These gatherings will be for conference, information, prayer and an increase of missionary zeal. Collections will not be taken, although it was the general sense of the first session that it would be wise to have some annual pledges from the members. The amount of the pledge would be left entirely to the individual and would be known only to the collector or the treasurer. The primary object is to secure attendance and interest. It is thought that a small pledge will add toward this end.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School reflects the gladness of Christmas in its best sense every year, and this year was no exception. The growth of the Primary Department has been so pronounced, that it was necessary for the first time in St. Stephen's history to hold the Primary Festival in the large room, and there, on Wednesday evening, December 27th, did all the little scholars and their friends assemble in gleeful anticipation. Dr. Grammer was present, and Mr. Ewell and Mr. McMichael. Miss Graham made a very happy opening address, in which she referred to the gratifying increase in numbers, saying that there were more than one hundred names now on the list of the Primary School. After the usual exercises were concluded, Miss Graham introduced the surprise of the evening, the tea table scene from "Alice in Wonderland," cleverly acted by four little pupils, who played Alice, the Dormouse, the March Hare, and The Hatter. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Goss accompanied the children at the piano. The only drawback from the full pleasure of the evening was Mr. McMichael's failure to sing his third song.

On Thursday evening, December 28th, the Main Sunday School celebrated its Festival, and it was voted an emphatic success. The presence of Dr. Grammer, Dr. Snively, Mr. Ewell and Mr. Wood added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion, and when our dear friend, Mr. Miller, was escorted to the platform by Mr. McMichael, the School burst into enthusiastic applause. Mr. Miller came by special invitation, and his welcome must have convinced him that the affection of St. Stephen's Sunday School for him is as earnest and as genuine as ever. Dr. Grammer, Dr. Snively, Mr. Ewell and Mr. Miller all spoke briefly, Dr. Grammer being peculiarly happy in his address. The carols were sung with good spirit, and the pictures shown were much enjoyed. But the most delightful feature of the entertainment was a little "interlude" in which half a dozen attractive young girls and two boys very skillfully impersonated

"animated dolls," which were supposed to arrive from Kriss in a great, mysterious packing box. This box was carried on to the platform and opened with hammer and hatchet in front of the audience, and the "dolls" were then lifted out by Mr. Clayton and Mr. Michael. Mr. McMichael read a letter from Kriss, and then the "dolls" were wound up and became very original and entertaining. They talked and sang and danced, and everybody was delighted. Mrs. Vanderslice had charge of the distribution of cakes and candies, and the evening closed with the beautiful carol: "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The Entertainment of the Girls' Friendly was held on Friday, December 29th in the Sunday School room. Miss Wilkins and the girls gave a very pleasant evening to the members and their friends. The shadow pictures with their romantic stories were much enjoyed, but the hit of the evening was the scene between the two girls who discussed the witless but wealthy young man in whom they thought they possessed a victim of their bright eyes. With the distribution of presents and the invariably popular ice cream and cake the evening came to a joyous close.

The Epiphany Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held in the large hall of the Witherspoon Building on January 24th, at 8 P. M.

Mr. Talcott Williams will preside and speak, also the Rev. Mr. Sherman, of Hankow. The Rev. J. Thompson Cole will make an address, illustrated by stereopticon views, on our Mission Work in China and Japan.

The colletion will be for Foreign Missions.

There were one hundred and thirty-eight dinners distributed on Saturday before Christmas. On thet morning the scene in the Parish House was a very animated one, with the "empties" coming in and the baskets well supplied going out. The efficient way the affair was handled did away with all confusion. The spirit of Christmas was truly there amid all the good cheer.

Sixty little ones were made very happy on New Year's Day at the "Maria Mitchell Memorial Dinner." They marched two by two into the feasting room, singing one of the processional hymns. After a blessing had been pronounced by Dr. Grammer, there was not a moment's delay in the scene of disappearing turkey and other good things. It was a strange sight to see the children, after a while, refuse more ice cream and cake. Joyously and content they departed with a box of candy under one arm and a present under the other.

AN APPEAL FROM THE LITTLE GIRLS' FRIENDLY.

The Little Girls' Friendly, or Candidates Class, meets in the Parish House every Saturday morning for an hour and a half sewing instruction. There are forty names on the list, and every week new pupils are being added to the Class. With the new year we are planning a system of work modelled on that taught at the Drexel Institute, and especially important for the smaller children and beginners.

In order to carry this out successfully, there should be a teacher for every six or eight girls. We are badly in need of assistance.

ELSIE LOWRY.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations in December:

Received from Mrs. A. F. Martin . .	$1.00
Miss Cleemann . . .	1.00
In memory of Mrs. J. R. Smith . . .	1.00
Total . .	$3.00

On December 19th about 250 children had their Thanksgiving and Christmas entertainment in the Sunday School room. It was an exhibition of Cloward's New Moving Pictures. The Chicken Thief amused them very much; also a picture which was called "Wanted, a Dog." A lady had advertised for a dog, and had forgoteen to state what kind. Imagine dogs of all sizes and kinds, until the poor lady was nearly frantic and started to run, and all the dogs after her. The children got quite excited, and roars of laughter filled the room. The poor lady ran and ran until she reached the Insane Asy-

lum gate, when the keeper, supposing she was crazy, took her in, but she was soon let go again, much to the children's delight. The life of the Miners and the Cow Boys and the Indians interested them very much.

Mr. Reynolds, seeing the children's delight, kept the pictures moving until ten o'clock, instead of half-past nine, and many have said since, "that they dld not want to go home at all."

THE KINGS' DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their next meetings January 3d and January 17th, in the Guild Room of Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock.

Donations received towards the Christmas baskets.

Mrs. Reeves	$1.00
Miss Cora Reeves	1.50
Miss Nellie Miller	.50
Miss Josephine Lindenmayer	1.00
Mrs. Savage	1.00
Mrs. A. M. Crombargar	1.00
Miss Alice Kelly	1.00
Kind Friend	.25
Total	$7.25
Expended	7.00
Balance	.24

Groceries for baskets received from Miss Crom, Miss Walshe, Miss Kehl, Miss Lindenmyer, Miss Goss, Miss Taggart, Miss Wilder and Mrs. Vanderslice.

Four families were made happy Christmas by this Circle.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in December:

Miss M. J. Galbraith	$1.00
Mrs. A. F. Martin	.25
From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	5.00
From those receiving snoes	4.40
Total	$10.65

From a very kind gentleman, two large bokes of shoes and one box of overshoes.

From Mrs. Robert Boyd, two pairs of shoes.

Have sxpended for shoes in December, $13.95, and have given out eigteen pairs of shoes and eight pairs of overshoes.

The Garment Committee acknowledges gifts of clothing from Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Judson, Mrs. A. D. Kelly.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Miss Emily Bell for her generous gift of books to the Sunday School Library, and also to Miss Headman and Mrs. John Graham. The books were well chosen.

Many thanks to Mrs. C. H. Colket and to Miss Neidhard for toys.

Received $1.00 from Miss B. L. Graham for entertainment.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Advent tells us "Christ is near."
Christmas tells us "Christ is here."
In Epiphany we trace
All the glory of His grace.
Sundays three that preface Lent
Will prepare us to repent,
That in Lent we may begin
Earnestly to mourn for sin.
Holy week and Easter then
Tell Who died and rose again;
On that happy Easter Day
"Christ is risen again," we say.
Yes; and Christ ascended, too,
To prepare a place for you;
So we give Him special praise
After those great forty days.
Then He sent His Holy Ghost
On the day of Pentecost,
With us ever to abide;
Well may we keep Whitsuntide.
Last of all we humbly sing,
Glory to our God and King—
Glory to the One in Three
On the feast of Trinity.

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ST. STEPHEN'S FARM HOUSE

A MEMORIAL Window has been placed in the transept by Miss Maria Wilkins in loving memory of her Aunt, Miss Henrietta C. Wilkins, who was identified for many years with the parish. The subject of the window is an Angel presenting the scroll of a faithful witness. Its bright colors lighten as well as beautify that portion of the Church, and the memorial speaks of one who gave the Church her affection and her time and energy. The memory of the just is blessed.

The Parish Day School will have its closing and Christmas Festival exercises on Thursday morning before Christmas, at 10.30 o'clock.

THE Accounting Warden, Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann, reports that Miss Anna J. Magee has given $3,000 towards the Endowment Fund of the Church. It is hoped that this important fund will be borne in mind by the members of the congregation. The income of these gifts will be added to principal, and is not available for the expenses of the Church until a specified amount has been raised.

POTATOES FROM THE FARM.

Potatoes from St. Stephen's Farm will be delivered to members of the Parish during the month of December for 90 cents a bushel. The potatoes are the very best in the market. Apples will be sold for 60 cents a basket—good, eating apples. Orders may be sent through Mr. Joseph Clayton, Verger, or direct to Mr. Greenshields, St. Stephen's Farm, Warminster, Bucks Co., Pa.

THE members of the Mother' Meeting would be very glad to have donations of second hand clothing. Black skirts and women's coats always desirable. Direct all packages to Parish House, care Mrs. Taylor, Mother's Meeting.

Annual Sale by the members of the Mothers' Meeting, at St. Stephen's Parish House, on Thursday, December 7, 1905, from 3 o'clock to 9.30 o'clock, for a special donation to St. Stephen's Farm. Useful and fancy articles, ice cream, home-made cake and candy, tea and rolls. Tickets, 10 cents.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1022 Clinton Street.

MISS KATHERINE FETZER,
Parish Worker.
9 S. 10th Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

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Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Irene Merritt.

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Miss Maud Beath,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4 00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S. E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. K. Bullock.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAVING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.
Meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.
Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham, Miss Josephine Fernley.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .	.50
Glass Towels . .	.15 and .25	Crash Towels.	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Miss Fannie Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Julia MacAlister.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.
FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place; Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss F. S. Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:
Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Francis Lewis.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.
SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.
Teachers.
Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss McDowell.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

LITTLE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

SEWING CLASS.
President—Miss Elsie Lowry.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hollar.
Associates—Miss Hewson, Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.
Meets every Saturday at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S LITERARY CLUB.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club mests Thursdays, 8 30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.
President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society,
MISS CLEEMANN.

[In the Annual Report of this Society for 1905, St. Stephens is credited with a contribution of $43 through Miss Cleemann.]

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 11.30 to 12.30 daily, except Monday, when the hour will be 10 30 to 11.30. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time. The Rector's days will be Tuesday and Friday.

It is well for those making arrangements fo baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

February.

2. Purification of the V. M. (Friday)
4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
11. Septuagesima.
18. Sexagesima.
24. St. Matthias (Saturday).
25. Quinquagesima.
28. ASH-WEDNESDAY.

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—Sunday School.
Third Sunday—Diocesan Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.
Ash Wednesday (Feb. 28) Missionary Box Society.

OFFERINGS IN JANUARY.

Church Work Fund	$ 57.00
Cash for Charity	5.50
General Charities	83.02
Church Work Among Colored People	92 51
Foreign Missions	162.37
Parish Maintenance	85.00
Shoe Fund	10.90
Children's Friend Society	1.00
Total,	$502.30

CHURCH WORK FUND.

Acknowledgements.

Mrs. Anna M. Kelley	$ 20.00
Mrs. T. P. Chandler	25.00
Miss M. F. Bloodgood	5.00
Miss Hettie Olden	2.00
Mrs. John Graham (Chestnut Hill)	5.00

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Jan. 24—Elizabeth Shields.
" 25—Dorothy Irma Paul.

MARRIED.

Jan. 6—James Donald Martin and Anna C. Bringhurst.
" 26—Enos H. Hawk and Lizzie Dotter.

BURIED.

Jan. 11—Marianne Moxom.
" 13—James Gale.
" 27—Joseph Wiener.

TO MY SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS.

The Sunday's task is over, and I find myself thinking to-night of the members of St. Stephen's who could not come to church to-day. Some of them, it may be, have not been able to occuy their seats for many a day. With some, it may be, this can now be only an infrequent privilege, on bright, sunny days, in mild weather, when the spring-time is awaking the flowers and birds to life, or in the grateful freshness of the early Fall. Some, it may be, are confined to beds of feebleness and pain, and never expect to hear

"The storm the high-built organs make,
Or thunder-music rolling shake
The prophets blazoned on the panes."

I wonder how the time passes with you these Sundays—this past Sunday. Those who were regular and conscientious worshipers in health, have, I doubt not, to-day turned to our invaluable hand book of devotion. At eleven o'clock they began the Morning Prayer, and read the chants, psalter, lessons and prayers, while the sweet associations of the past blessed and sweetened their devotion with a sense of unity with the great congregations all over our land, and especially with the people of St. Stephen's who were hearing the same words. It may be, that they have added to this a sermon by Phillips Brooks, F. W. Robertson, Lidden, or Geo. Hodges, or it may be, if they love the English classics by "the younger lips or mimes, Taylor, the Shakespeare of divines," as Emerson calls him.

A sermon, in print, loses half of its power, so it is well to get the best. As a rule, the best sermons are not found in the newspapers. It is well to have on hand a good book of sermons for such days. It may be that you keep some good biography for Sunday reading. The lives of such men as Coleridge Pattison, John G. Paton, Norman McLeod, Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Thomas Arnold, Charles Kingsley, Phillips Brooks, David Livingstone, Lord Lawrence, Sir Henry Lawrence, Joseph Hardy Neesima, and Lord Shaftesbury are all full of moral and spiritual uplift.

But it may be, that some have not had strength for such books, and have turned to the pleasant Sunday fiction of their youth. What a peculiar pleasure there is in reading over again a book that one has not opened since one's early youth. The tender grace of a day that is dead, seems to come back as we open the pages. We recall the days when we poured over the simple story; the scenes as we first conceived them in all our childish simplicity of imagination come before us, and we feel as if we had been revisiting some playground of our childhood.

Then, too, if we have been fortunate enough to have had some supervision in our reading, we realize as never before, how deep and true those simple lessons were, and how much better we shoul be, if we had been guided by them.

As you read, you think, doubtless, of those who were beside you when you last read that story, the brother or sister who sat by you, and with arm over our neck, read off the same page. The old home, the familiar voices—the loved voices all come back. Or you may think of your children once treading on your dress, or sitting on your knee and placing their sharp little elbows on your chest, and now far away, in other homes, or scenes, or it may be on another sphere of existence, and you cannot read long. Your thoughts wander, and your eyes fill with tears. It may be that you feel especially lonely to-day. Yet this is the day for thinking of the great Friend, who knows all the secrets of our hearts, realizes all the needs of our nature, and will never leave or forsake us. Sunday's best name is the Lord's day, the day above all others for thinking of God.

It may be, that as you see the throngs pouring along the street, you feel especially to-day the chains of weakness or sickness that confine you to your room. It may help, if you think of yourselves as on the Mount of Intercession like Moses, Aaron and Hur, while Joshua fought with Amalek in the valley beneath. You may be shut in to prayer. May I ask you to remember the people of St. Stephen's and your new Rector. Ask that we may have earnestness of spirit. If religion is to have any reality, it must be earnest. Ask for us the spirit of courageous service. To be followers of Christ we must serve and must be brave.

Who can measure the power of prayer? The Apostles turned away even from helpful ministrations to the poor, that they might have time for prayer and the ministration of the Word. God has appointed our shut-in members to a special ministry of prayer and intercession.

It would be hard to magnify too highly the importance of your office. Who can point out the sources of spiritual power in a congregation? Many a hymn, or sermon, or chapter in the Bible may gain all its weight for some listener through the interpretation, the reality that is given to it, by the patient suffering of some christian invalid, some aged saint, in whom as the outer man wasteth, the inner man is renewed day by day. The minister is only the interpreter, rendering into common speech the higher language of such lives.

On visiting the home, the other day, of a lady whose children have all married and left her, I noticed that she had hung up, in a conspicuous place, some lines from Tennyson, which are filled with high resolution and a dauntless purpose to make the most of life. They run as follows:

Though much is taken, much abides: and though
We are not now, that strength which in old days
Moved heaven and earth: that which we are, we are,
One equal temper of heroic hearts
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

That is surely the right spirit in which to meet the gathering infirmities of years, and it is made more attainable if we keep close by faith and prayer to the source of all power and cour-

age, and remember that the testimony of the closing years is essential to the full power of Christian witness and example.

I hope, in time, to know my shut-in members, although my progress in making visits is slower than I had anticipated. I send you this as a message to-night to show you that I have not forgotten you, and am not unmindful of the help of your prayers, nor the power of your lives.

Sincerely your Rector,
CARL E. GRAMMER.

THE LENT SCHEDULE.

ASH WEDNESDAY there will be the Litany, Ante-Communion and address by the Rector at 10.30 A. M. First St. Andrew's Brotherhood Service at 12.30 P. M. Address by Bishop Whittaker. Evening Prayer at 5 P. M.

ALL OTHER WEEK DAYS in Lent the Noon Service of the Brotherhood at 12.30, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock (except Saturday), with an address by the Rector on Fridays.

CONFIRMATION will be administered on Tuesday in Holy Week at 10.30 A. M.

Confirmation Instruction.

Instructions to the Confirmation class will be given at the Vestry Room on Wednesday evenings (beginning Ash Wednesday) at 8 o'clock. Those who are ready and desirous to be confirmed are earnestly invited to be present.

The Rector being new to the parish, with no knowledge of the unconfirmed and unacquainted with the conditions that obtain, must trust to the spontaneous coming forward of young and old without personal seeking on his part.

Perhaps it might be a good opportunity for god-fathers and god-mothers to assume a responsibility, or undertake a privilege and bring their god-children, as they promised to do, that they may receive the proper instruction.

There are probably men and women, as well as children, of the age of discretion who, for one reason or another, have put off their confirmation. Why ?

At all events the Rector will welcome any one to the weekly instruction, whether proceeding to confirmation or not.

LENTEN SERVICES

The Mid-Day Services will be held as usual this Lent under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Speaking more accurately, though, these services are under the joint-auspices of the Rector and the Brotherhood, as the speakers are jointly chosen and invited by both parties. The services open at 12.30 and last precisely twenty-five minutes. They will be conducted by the Rector or Mr. Ewell.

The preachers will be as follows :

February 28, Ash-Wednesday, Bishop Whitaker.
March 1, Thursday, Bishop-Coadjutor Mackay-Smith.
March 2, Friday, Bishop Coleman, of Delaware.
March 3, Saturday, Rev. Norman VanPelt Levis, Church of the Incarnation.
March 5–10, Monday-Saturday, Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, S. T. D., Holy Trinity Church.
March 12–16, Monday-Friday, Rev. Frank DuMoulin, St. Peters, Chicago, Ill.
March 17, Saturday, Rev. Edgar Cope, St. Simeon's Church.
March 19–23, Monday-Friday, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's Church.
March 24, Saturday, Rev. Arnold H. Hord, St. Michael's, Germantown.
March 26–28, Monday-Wednesday, Rev. David M. Steele, St. Luke's--Epiphany.
March 29-30, Thursday-Friday, Rev. Wm. T. Manning, D. D., Trinity Church, New York.
March 31, Saturday, Rev. Geo. Gunnell, Jr., St. Andrew's Church.
April 2–6, Monday-Friday, Rev. Edmund S. Rousmaniere, Grace Church, Providence, R. I.
April 7, Saturday, Rev. John E. Ewell, St. Stephen's Church.
April 9, Monday, Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, Church of the Nativity.
April 10, Tuesday, Rev. A. G. Mortimer, D. D., St. Mark's Church.
April 11, Wednesday, Rev. Stewart P. Keeling, St. Peter's, Germantown.
April 12, Thursday, Rev. J. Henning Nelms, St. Matthews' Church.
April 13, Good Friday, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's Church.
April 14, Saturday, Rev. Reese Scott, Christ Church, Media, Pa.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received in January from Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their next meetings February 7th and 21st in the Guild room of the Parish House at quarter of 8 o'clock.

Dues received from Mrs. H. P. Taylor, $1.00.

Will be glad for new members who wish to work for others *In His Name*.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in January :

Mrs. H. P. Taylor	$1.00
Mrs H. F. Martin	.25
From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	15.00
From those receiving shoes	8.65
Total	$25.90

Donation of a pair of shoes from Miss Christopher, and several other pairs from donors whose names were lost. Many thanks.

Amount expended in January for shoes, $18.85.

Have given out 44 pairs of shoes and 25 pairs of overshoes.

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

A most sociable evening wast spent on the 29th of January by the Girls' Friendly Society. An enjoyable program was rendered, with songs and recitations by the Misses Comstock, Miss Smith, Mr. Fox and Mr. Ewell.

BISHOP-COADJUTOR MACKAY-SMITH, of Pennsylvania, has sent word that he will visit St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday in Holy Week for the purpose of administering the rite of Confirmation. This service will be in the morning at 10 30 o'clock.

WEEKLY MISSIONARY BOX COLLECTION.

At the noonday services during Lent the usual Wednesday collection will be taken for the Missionary Box Committee of the Parish.

The Garment Committee ackowledges, with thanks, the receipt of garments from Miss Dutilh and Mrs. A. Pancoast.

MISS FETZER'S REPORT.

Visits paid from January 1st to 31st, 1906:

Ordinary visits	128
Sick "	7
Classes taught	5
Meetings attended	9

Working member of Garment Committe and Shoe Committee.

Grateful acknowledgments are due to Mrs. H. P. Taylor, for clothing and jelly ; Miss Wilkins, for magazines ; Miss Van Dusen, for hats ; Mrs. Clayton, for clothing, shoes and apples ; Mrs. Vanderslice, for underwear ; Miss Lammott, for a good, warm shawl ; and to two kind, personal friends for shoes, stockings and clothing.

RECEIVED		EXPENDED	
On Hand	$31.00	New Year's Dinner	$22.66
Mrs. Mitchell, for New Years Dinner	25 00	Coal	12 40
Miss Wilkins	3.00	Rent	8.00
Miss Van Dusen	1.00	Loan	4.00
Mrs. Mitchell, for special case	2 00	Presents for S. S. scholars (Christmas)	4.10
		Medicine	1 00
		Groceries	1.51
		Rug	.98
		Skirt	3.40
		Boy's suit	2.50
		Meat	.31
Total,	$62.00	Total,	$60 86
		Balance,	1.14
			$62.00

MOTHERS' MEETING JUBILEE

On the evening of Thursday, January 4th, the Mothers had their holiday treat and entertainment. The Parish House Hall was most tastefully decorated with flags and flowers. A good word was spoken by both the Rector and Assistant. Miss Plantholtz and Miss Graham sang beautifully, and Miss Fetzer's recitations quite delighted the audience. Alice and her friends, the March Hare, the Door Mouse and the Hatter, appeared again in Wonderland and had anew their tea party. Their keen conversation caused much merriment.

The evening ended auspiciously with cream and cake. The Mothers' Society is a most important organization, and Mrs. H. P. Taylor and her assistant are to be heartily felicitated on their splendid work.

"THE PARISH NEWS."

It is hoped that the parishioners will make it a point to carry home THE PARISH NEWS, and read it carefully, and keep it for reference at least for a month.

THE NEW ORGANIZATION.

On Thursday, January 18th, according to the notice in the last number of the PARISH NEWS, the Woman's Auxiliary met in the Parish House. The President, Miss Magee, and the Vice-President, Mrs. Butcher, were in their places. Miss Julia McAlister, the Secretary, read the minutes, and Miss Headman was elected Treasurer. The brief preliminary service of song and prayer was conducted by the Rector. The principal business of the meeting was hearing the reports from the different delegations to the diocesan society. Miss Laura Bell made the report for Foreign Missions and explained the pledges made by it. Miss Wilkins spoke for the Colored Work. The contributions to Domestic Missions were explained by Miss Magee, and Miss Margaret Miller told of the work of the Box Committee. It was the general feeling that it was pleasant for each delegation to know what the others were doing, and for the members to learn in this way of the work of all the delegations. The meeting closed with an admirable and inspiring address by Miss Clara Neely, of Japan. Miss Neely has been in the interior in Japan, and the interest of her valuable work was deepened incalculably by the intensity of her earnestness and the heroism of her life. All felt that it was good to feel the powers that controlled such a life. Promptly at 12 o'clock the meeting closed. While the attendance was not quite thirty, and fell short of anticipations, there is a confident hope that the Lenten meeting will be much larger. The ladies of the congregation are asked to remember these meetings as the great meetings of the Parish for women. There will be only two more this year, one in Lenten, in March, and the other in Easter tide, on some Thursday in May.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the altar on Sunday morning, February 18th. This annual offering has come to be a well known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's. For the sake of those who have come to the Parish within the year, we will explain the method in use.

On Sunday morning, February 11th, from the pulpit, the work of Diocesan Missions will be presented. During the week which follows every family will be waited upon by a representative of the Parish to receive their contribution. He *simply calls to receive offerings* of those who give. He will make no argument or appeal of any kind. Of course he will be courteously received by all our people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is $5 from each person. This is what we have done heretofore, and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling congregation or mission are much better off.

Of course there are many in the Parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given far more than the amount, so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again. The whole amount gathered by the collector will be placed in the alms basin Sunday, February 18th. This will be the first offering for this purpose received by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Grammer, in this Parish. It is earnestly asked that the members of the Congregation have their offering ready, so that the agent of the Parish may be able to receive it when he calls, without waiting and without being compelled to call several times.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1022 Clinton Street.

MISS KATHERINE FETZER,
Parish Worker.
9 S. 10th Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beath, Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S, E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. K. Bullock. Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.
Meets every Tuesday in the month, from 11.30 to 12.30 o'clock.
President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.
Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham, Miss Josephine Fernley, Miss Fetzer.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday aud Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Julia MacAlister.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.
FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place; Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Miss Eliza Magee, 1720 Walnut Street.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:
Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Francis Lewis.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.
SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.
Teachers.
Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss McDowell.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

LITTLE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

SEWING CLASS.
President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hollar.
Associates—Miss Hewson, Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.
Meets every Saturday at 10.00 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S LITERARY CLUB.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club mests Thursdays, 8.30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.
President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society,
MISS CLEEMANN.
[In the Annual Report of this Society for 1905, St. Stephens is credited with a contribution of $73 through Miss Cleemann.]

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of Managers of the Bishop White Parish Library Association
MISS EMILY BELL
[In the annual report for 1905, this Society acknowledges $17 from St. Stephen's through Miss Bell. This is less than we should give to this useful agency for spreading good literature among our poorer clergy.]

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 11.30 to 12.30 daily, except Monday, when the hour will be 10 30 to 11.30. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time. The Rector's days will be Tuesday and Friday.

It is well for those making arrangements fo baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the enaowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

March.

4. 1st Sunday in Lent.
7. Ember Day (Wednesday).
9. Ember Day (Friday).
10. Ember Day (Saturday).
11. 2d Sunday in Lent.
18. 3d Sunday in Lent.
25 Annunciation of the V. M. and 4th Sunday in Lent.

OFFERTORIES IN FEBRUARY.

General Charities	$96.93
Sunday School	91.32
Diocesan Missions	984.47
Parochial Maintenance	57.70
Missionary Box Society	75.29
Foreign Missions	5.00
Deaf Mute Mission	52.28
Shoe Fund	3.50
Children's Friend Society	1.00
Total	$1,368.09

CHURCH OFFERINGS IN MARCH.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second " — " "
Third " —Domestic Missions.
Fourth " —Parish Maintenance.
Wednesday mornings in Lent—Missionary Box Com.

PARISH RECORD.

BAPTIZED.

Feb. 3—Harvey Wise Ryder.
—George Wm. Dodge.
—Arthur Ray Dodge.
—John Henry Dodge.

MARRIED.

Feb. 15—Gifford Alexander Cochran and Mabel Heyward Taylor.

BURIED.

Feb. 8—Antoinette Lorenz.
" 27—Joseph P. Bolton, M. D.

LENT AT ST. STEPHENS.

According to the usage of former years, the Rector has entered into a partnership with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for the maintenance of the Noonday services. It is hoped that at these services the Church will be filled with men, and that they may be as useful and largely attended as they have been in the past. But it is worth noting that there is also a special provision made for people who prefer a quiet service, where the pressure of life is less in evidence than in the sharp brevity of the devotions and addresses at the Noonday service. At five o'clock on every afternoon, except Saturday, there will be evening prayer, which will be followed by a brief address on Friday by Dr. Grammer, and on Wednesday by Mr. Ewell.

It is hoped that this service may be generally attended. It is true that many of the congregation live at a distance from St. Stephens, but if they are business men, they may be able to drop in for this service one or two afternoons of the week on their way home. It is probable that the great work of shopping will not be suspended even for Lent, and here is a service waiting for the shoppers at the close of their worries and strivings. They will go back home strengthened and refreshed by a half hour of devotional thought and prayer. Then, there are a great many St. Stephen's people who live within pleasant walking distance; many within sound of its bells. If they would make a point of attending some of these five o'clock services, we should find that we had quite a band of worshippers. Friday afternoon is the time when the young school children have an opportunity to come. The keynote of these services is struck in a sonnet by Archbishop Trench:

Lord, what a change within us one short hour,
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make,
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower?

We kneel and all around us seems to lower,
We rise, and all, the distant and the near
Stands forth in sunny outline brave and clear,
We kneel how weak, we rise how full of power!

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong
Or others—that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

We must not in our great, crowded services with addresses by popular preachers, lose this ideal of a Lenten service as a time for stealing away from every 'cumbering care, and communing with God in prayer and meditation.

These lines of Archbishop Trench remind me that the fame of Trench as a learned scholar, equally at home in the uses and charges in the meaning of English words and in the synonyms of the Greek Testament has obscured to some extent his merits as a religious poet. We are so apt to think of learning and genius as dissociated, that the average lover of poetry would hardly care to open a book of poems by a writer, who had won his fame by philological or historical studies. Yet if we should overlook Trench's poems, we should miss a real treasury of devotional literature. Let me give another specimen. It will come home to some who have either faced or gone through a great bereavement:

Who that a watcher doth remain
Beside a couch of mortal pain
Deems he can ever smile again?

Or, who that weeps beside a bier
Counts he has any more to fear,
From the world's flatteries, false and leer?

And yet anon and he must start
At the light toys, in which his heart
Can now already claim its part.

O heart of ours! so weak and poor
That nothing there can long endure
And so their hurts find shameful cure.

While every sadder, wiser thought
Each holier aim which sorrow brought
Fades quite away and comes to nought.

Oh Thou, who dost our weakness know,
Watch for us, that the strong hours so
Not even us from our wholesome woe.

Grant Thou, that we may long retain
The wholesome memories of pain
Nor wish to lose them soon again.

Trench's poems have been published in two volumes, and the gifted F. W. H. Myers has reviewed them with especial commendation of their classical culture. This quality is best seen in some of his more ambitious poems, but his real sincerity of feeling is seen in these verses. It may be that these quotations may find a place in some scrap or note-book, or send some lovers of poetry to the library for the complete collection.

I will close with one more selection:

Lord, many times and oft I aweary quite
Of mine ownself, my sin, my vanity,
Yet be not Thou, or I am lost outright,
Weary of me.

And hate against myself I often bear
And enter with myself in fierce debate,
Take Thou my part against myself nor share
In that just hate.

Best friends might loathe us if what thoughts perverse
We know of our ownselves, they also knew.
Lord, Holy One, if Thou who knowest worse
Should'st loathe us too!

C. E. G.

THE LENT SCHEDULE.

ASH WEDNESDAY there will be the Litany, Ante-Communion and address by the Rector at 10.30 A. M. First St. Andrew's Brotherhood Service at 12.30 P. M. Address by Bishop Whittaker. Evening Prayer at 5 P. M.

☞ ALL OTHER WEEK DAYS in Lent the Noon Service of the Brotherhood at 12.30, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock (except Saturday), with an address by the Rector on Fridays, and Mr. Ewell on Wednesdays.

CONFIRMATION will be administered on Tuesday in Holy Week at 10.30 A. M.

Confirmation Instruction.

Instructions to the Confirmation class will be given at the Vestry Room on Wednesday evenings (beginning Ash Wednesday) at 8 o'clock, by Dr. Grammer. Those who are ready and desirous to be confirmed are earnestly invited to be present.

The Rector being new to the parish, with no knowledge of the unconfirmed and unacquainted with the conditions that obtain, must trust to the spontaneous coming forward of young and old without personal seeking on his part.

Perhaps it might be a good opportunity for god-fathers and god-mothers to assume a responsibility, or undertake a privilege and bring their god-children, as they promised to do, that they may receive the proper instruction.

There are probably men and women, as well as children, of the age of discretion who, for one reason or another, have put off their confirmation. Why?

At all events the Rector will welcome any one to the weekly instruction, whether proceeding to confirmation or not.

LENTEN SERVICES.

The Mid-Day Services will be held as usual this Lent under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Speaking more accurately, though, these services are under the joint auspices of the Rector and the Brotherhood, as the speakers are jointly chosen and invited by both parties. The services open at 12.30 and last precisely twenty-five minutes. They will be conducted by the Rector or Mr. Ewell.

The preachers will be as follows:

February 28, Ash-Wednesday, Bishop Whitaker.
March 1, Thursday, Bishop-Coadjutor Mackay-Smith.
March 2, Friday, Bishop Coleman, of Delaware.
March 3, Saturday, Rev. Norman VanPelt Levis, Church of the Incarnation.
March 5–10, Monday-Saturday, Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, S. T. D., Holy Trinity Church.
March 12–16, Monday-Friday, Rev. Frank DuMoulin, St. Peter's, Chicago, Ill.
March 17, Saturday, Rev. Edgar Cope, St. Simeon's Church.
March 19 23, Monday-Friday, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's Church.
March 24, Saturday, Rev. Arnold H. Hord. St. Michael's, Germantown.
March 26–28, Monday-Wednesday, Rev. David M. Steele, St. Luke's—Epiphany.
March 29–30, Thursday-Friday, Rev. Wm. T. Manning, D. D., Trinity Church, New York.
March 31, Saturday, Rev. Geo. Gunnell, Jr., St. Andrew's Church.
April 2–6, Monday-Friday, Rev. Edmund S. Rousmaniere, Grace Church, Providence, R. I.
April 7, Saturday, Rev. John E. Ewell, St. Stephen's Church.
April 9, Monday, Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, Church of the Nativity.
April 10, Tuesday, Rev. A. G. Mortimer, D.D., St. Mark's Church.
April 11, Wednesday, Rev. Stewart P. Keeling, St. Peter's, Germantown.
April 12, Thursday, Rev. J. Henning Nelms, St. Matthew's Church.
April 13, Good Friday, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's Church.
April, Saturday, Rev. Reese Scott, Christ Church, Media, Pa.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

This important Society, which, it is hoped, will eventually contain all the women of the congregation, will have its third meeting on Thursday, March 22d, at 3.30 P. M., in the Parish House. The different Committees will make their reports, and a brief address will be delivered by an invited speaker. There are only four of these meetings in the year. If every one who has promised to come, fulfils her promise, and all who were present last time will bring a friend, this next meeting will be so large that we shall move into the Church. Let us unite to make this Society a comprehensive gathering of our women to learn about the work being done by our Church for the cause of God.

C. E. G.

The Garment Committee held a most profitable Rummage Sale on Tuesday, February 27th, at which was netted $26.65. Grateful acknowledgment is made to Miss Dutilh, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Grammer, Miss Fernley, Miss Bell, and Miss Maury, for garments sent to this Sale. The Committee reports itself in a most prosperous condition and acknowledges its indebtedness to Miss Fetzer for her very active assistance.

DR. FRANKLIN'S TESTIMONY.

The following familiar remarks by Dr. Franklin ought to be known by every child in our Parish. They are worth cutting out and pasting in the fly leaves of our Bibles or Prayer Books. Our whole country is commemorating just now in this Centennial year of Franklin's birth, the talents, philanthropy, patriotism, and wisdom of this great American sage. He lived in a century of much coldness in religion, and was thrown, both in England and France, much into the company of the so-called "free thinkers." Yet it is clear from this address that he was a firm believer in a Providential government of the universe and in the power of prayer. This testimony found utterance in the deliberations of the Convention for the formation of the Constitution of the United States, which met in Philadelphia in the Spring of 1787. The Convention had made little progress in its important work on account of disagreements on essential points when Franklin introduced a motion for daily prayers with the following words:

"In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard; and they were graciously answered. All of us, who were engaged in the struggle, must have observed frequent iustances of a superintending Providence in our favor. To that kind of Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? or do we imagine we no longer need his assistance? I have lived, Sir, a long time; and, the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, *that God governs in the affairs of men.* And, if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe, that, without his concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little, partial, local interests, our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by-word down to future ages. And, what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, and conquest. I therefore beg leave to move, that henceforth prayers, imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business; and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service."—(*Spark's Life of Franklin.*)

TEACHERS' CLASS.

Mr. Ewell will conduct an instruction class for the Sunday School teachers and others who wish to attend every Friday evening at eight o'clock. The first meeting will be on March the second. It is hoped that such a class will be a stimulus to the Sunday School work.

A meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Cuban Guild, the Clerical Brotherhood, and the Church Club, will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, on Tuesday evening, March 20th, at 8 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, D.D., will address the meeting and give an account of his recent trip to Cuba. Just now all that concerns Cuba is full of interest to the American people. Members of our Parish are cordially invited to be present.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The members of St. Stephen's Aid Society meet in the Parish House every Friday morning at 10.30 during Lent. The Society is in great need of more workers, and here is a splendid opportunity to volunteer for some positive work during the Lenten season. This is the society that provides clothing for infants. Any ladies who would be willing to work at home could secure materials at the first meeting on Friday, the second of March.

"THE PARISH NEWS."

It is hoped that the parishioners will make it a point to carry home the PARISH NEWS, and read it carefully, and keep it for reference at least for a month

MISS FETZER'S REPORT.

Visits paid from February 1st to 28th, 1906:

Ordinary visits	85
Sick "	14
Number seen at Parish House	25
Total	124
Classes taught	3
Meetings attended	4

Sincere and grateful thanks are given to Miss Sanders for coal tickets; Miss Van Dusen for shoes and nice, black skirt; Mrs. H. P. Taylor for blanket; Mrs. R. T. Boyd for clothing; Miss Neidhard for coal ticket; Mrs. Crombarger for clothing; Mrs. Vanderslice for donation for sick child; a kind, personal friend for large bundle of clothing, and to "A Friend" for permission to purchase and have charged to his account at Blank's, delicacies for the sick, whenever and in whatever quantity needed.

I should like to add further that "cast-off" articles of either clothing or household effects are most useful to me in my work and would be most gratefully received. An article must be dilapidated, indeed, if I cannot make *some* use of it. At present a carpet-sweeper is the thing "greatly to be desired." A crippled lady, a "shut-in" who finds it impossible to use a broom, can push a "sweeper" easily and derive both benefit and pleasure from the exercise. If you have an old sweeper and wish to get it out of the way, I shall be most glad to relieve you of it, and more than pleased to help this heavily handicapped woman to "help herself."

RECEIVED		EXPENDED	
On Hand	$ 1.14	Rent	3.25
General Charities	10.50	Medicine	3.00
Miss Van Dusen	1.00	Groceries	2.00
For Special Case	4.00	Coal	6.50
Total,	$16.64	Total,	$14.75
		Balance,	1.89
			$16.64

SPECIAL SALE.

The attention of the ladies of the congregation is called to a Sale that the managers of the Benevolent Society will hold in the Guild Room on March 8th and 9th from 11 to 1 o'clock. The articles are those used in every household, such as towels, aprons, etc., and also garments suitable for the Needlework Guilds. Everything will be sold at greatly *reduced* prices.

It is hoped that there will be a full attendance, because the stock on hand is large, and at the end of the season's work money is needed to pay off all accounts.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donation received in February:

From Miss Elinor Kalbfleish $1.00

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE have their next meetings March 7th and March 21st in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock. This Circle is busy sewing up material to be given to the Farm. Glad for more workers.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in February:

Miss Emily Dutilh	$1.00
Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	.50
Received from those receiving shoes	2.00
Total	$3.50

Have expended in Febuary for shoes, $2.50 and have given out eighteen pairs of shoes and six pairs of overshoes.

Glad for partly worn shoes for children. Please send to Parish House marked for Shoe Fund.

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REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1022 Clinton Street.

MISS KATHERINE FETZER,
Parish Worker.
9 S. 10th Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. A. Caldwell,
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Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
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Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

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Mrs. D. D. Wood,
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Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maud Beath,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

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Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S, E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. K. Bullock. Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.
Meets every Tuesday in the month, from 11.30 to 12.30 o'clock.
President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.
Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham, Miss Josephine Fernley, Miss Fetzer.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Miss Julia MacAlister.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.
FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d St.
FREEDMEN—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place; Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Miss Eliza Magee, 1720 Walnut Street.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:
Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.
SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS
Meets every Friday evening, 8 P.M., in Parish House.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham,

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Dana, Mrs. Hall, Miss McDowell.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

LITTLE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

SEWING CLASS.
President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hollar.
Associates—Miss Hewson, Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.

Meets every Saturday at 10.00 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S LITERARY CLUB.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club mests Thursdays, 8.30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.
President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher, Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society,
MISS CLEEMANN.

[In the Annual Report of this Society for 1905, St. Stephens is credited with a contribution of $73 through Miss Cleemann.]

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of Managers of the Bishop White Parish Library Association
MISS EMILY BELL

[In the annual report for 1905, this Society acknowledges $17 from St. Stephen's through Miss Bell. This is less than we should give to this useful agency for spreading good literature among our poorer clergy.]

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 11.30 to 12.30 daily, except Monday, when the hour will be 10 30 to 11.30. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time. The Rector's days will be Tuesday and Friday.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the

pew.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

April

1. 5th Sunday in Lent.
8. Sunday before Easter.
9. Monday before Easter.
10. Tuesday before Easter.
11. Wednesday before Easter.
12. Thursday before Easter.
13. Good Friday.
14. Easter Even.
15. Easter Day.
22. 1st Sunday after Easter.
25. St. Mark (Wednesday).
29. 2d Sunday after Easter.

OFFERTORIES IN MARCH

General Charities	177.50
Retired Clergy Fund (Special)	10.00
Domestic Missions	140.65
Parish Maintenance	104.54
Missionary Box Society	134.90
Church Work Fund from Mr. J. A. Caldwell	25.00
Diocesan Missions (Extra)	10.00
Shoe Fund	2.90
Children's Friend Society	2.00
Total	$507.49

CHURCH OFFERINGS IN APRIL

First Sunday of Month—General Charities.
Second " " " —Easter Decorations.
Easter Day—St. Stephens Farm.
Sunday after Easter—Parochial Maintenance.
Good Friday—City Missions.
Fifth Sunday of Month—Theological Education.
Wednesday during Lent—Missionary Box Society.

PARISH RECORD

BAPTIZED

March 12—Charles Christian Breuer.
" 12—Jennie Breuer.
" 15—Margaret Marie Hays.

MARRIED

March 7—William Claiborne Hicks and Helen McMechen.

BURIED

March 5—Lena Weichert.
Joseph P. Bolton, M. D.

LENT AT ST. STEPHENS.

During Lent services are held daily in the Church. Short service and address at 12.30 o'clock, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock, except Saturday.

Confirmation will be as usual on Tuesday in Holy Week, April 18th, at 10.30 in the morning, by Bishop Coadjuter Mackay-Smith.

On Thursday before Easter Holy Communion will be celebrated at the evening Service at 5 o'clock.

On Good Friday there will be Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 10.30. Mid-day Service at 12.30 and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock. Offerings for City Missions.

During Holy Week there will be a Service at 11.30 A M., when the story of our Lord's Passion as contained in the Gospels of the week will be read.

On Easter Day Holy Communion will be administered at 8 A.M. Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4 o'clock. Offerings for for Stephens Farm.

The Easter Carol Service of the Sunday School, Parish School and Burd Orphan Asylum will be held on Sunday after Easter, at 4 o'clock. The offerings of the year will be received for Missions and placed on the altar.

On Easter Day the Services will be at 8 o'clock, 11 o'clock and 4 o'clock. At the two latter Services the pew-holders and regular members of the congregation will be admitted as usual through the transcept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the hour of the Service itself, and the visitors will be provided with seats to the full capacity of the Church.

It seems rather an inhospitable mode of action, but upon reflection it will commend itself to all reasonable people. It is but right and fair that those who attend the Service all the other days of the year, should have an opportunity to occupy their own seats on the great high festival, and that those who only visit the church upon such occasions should be asked to wait upon the convenience of the regular attendants.

THE GARMENT COMMITTEE

Acknowledges with thanks the receipt of garments from Miss Maulsby and Miss Magee.

Kings Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle have their next meetings April 4th and April 21st in the Guild room of Parish House at 7.45 o'clock.

At the meeting on Wednesday, March 21st, three new members were elected, Miss Josephine Lindenmayer, Miss Mutcheler and Miss Mansfield.

Dues received from Miss Maria Wilkins $1.00

SHOE FUND

Money received in March from those receiving Shoes $1.90

Have expended in March for Shoes . 2.00

Have given out eleven pairs of shoes and nine pairs of over-shoes.

As the season is nearly over we ask you to look your closets over and see if you can't send us a few partly worn shoes or we would not object to new ones to help us through the remaining cold weeks.

Send to Parish House marked "Shoe Fund."

THE THREE ARTS CLUB

In the January number of THE PARISH NEWS, the Rector presented to the congregation of St. Stephen's Church a proposition to establish a Club to be known as "The Three Arts." The object of this Club, as well as the sketch of the origin and growth of the parent Clubs in Paris and New York, he explained at length, and the result was the appointment of the Committee to consider the feasability of such an enterprise.

This Committee, being ultimately reduced to four members, harmoniously elected themselves to the following four offices:

Mrs. Charles Carver, *President*
Miss Emily Bell, *Vice-President*
Mrs. Edward R. Fell, *Treasurer*
Miss Bessis Graham, *Secretary*

Miss Graham and Miss Bell went to New York to confer further with Deaconess Hall, who is in charge of the Club House at 803 Lexington Avenue, and their visit having inspired them with the belief that a modest beginning of a similar enterprise might be undertaken in Philadelphia, a favorable report was made to the members of the Committee. A circular was prepared, copies of which were placed in the various Art and Music schools through the city, as well as at the one Dramatic school, and in some cases a personal explanation was given to the students. The immediate purpose of the circular, as may be seen from the one posted in the Parish House, was the opening of the Tea Rooms in the third story of that building on Friday, March 16th.

About a hundred young women, students and lovers of the Three Arts, responded to the invitation, and after a few words of welcome from Miss Bell, followed by a short explanation of the object of the Club, she entrusted its success to the interest shown it by the young women students of the arts specified. Mrs. Edward H. Coates gave some original and other recitations, and tea table talks with a musical accompaniment completed the opening of the Three Arts Club.

During the past two weeks fifty-six names have been enrolled as members and ten have been secured from four until six o'clock. A musical entertainment, interspersed with dramatic recitations, was given on Friday afternoon, March 30th, at 4.30 o'clock, and on Sunday evening, April 1st, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael gave an illustrated talk on Tissot's "Life of Christ," to which each member was allowed the privilege of bringing a friend.

At a later date, when the stability of the Club is sufficiently assured, it is proposed that the dues of the student members shall be $1 annually.

In submitting this report, one thing remains to be said—the Committee of Four who have launched this new enterprise wish to have it clearly understood that they have done so at the request of the Rector, that they are not a close corporation, and that they desire to depend upon the co-operation of all the congregation.

The officers of the various societies of the Parish will please send to the Rev. John E. Ewell, No. 9 S. Tenth Street, the Annual Reports of money received and expended, and also account of work done from May 1, 1905, to May 1, 1906.

Please have these reports sent in not later than May 1st, for publication in the next copy of THE PARISH NEWS.

MID-DAY SERVICES

The services are being well attended, and the remaining services will have the following speakers:

April 2–6, Monday-Friday, Rev. Edmund S. Rousmaniere, Grace Church, Providence, R. I.

April 7, Saturday, Rev. John E. Ewell, St. Stephen's Church.

April 9, Monday, Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, Church of the Nativity.

April 10, Tuesday, Rev. A. G. Mortimer, D.D., St. Mark's Church.

April 11, Wednesday, Rev. Stewart P. Keeling, St. Peter's, Germantown.

April 12, Thursday, Rev. J. Henning Nelms, St. Matthew's Church.

April 13, Good Friday, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's Church.

April, Saturday, Rev. Reese Scott, Christ Church, Media, Pa.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Lenten Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church was held in the Parish House on Thursday afternoon, March 22d, at 3.30 o'clock. There were about thirty members present.

Dr. Grammer opened the meeting with a short Service. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and the Treasurer reported $8 in the treasury. The delegates to the Diocesan Auxiliary told of the proceedings of the Diocesan meeting, and gave reports of the money given or pledged by these since the last meeting. The Committees were represented by

Mrs. Grammer—Foreign
Miss Wilkins—The Colored People.
Miss Josehine Lewis—Indian
Miss Magee—Domestic

Miss Magee also read a report of the United Offering, telling of its growth and its objects.

Mrs. Grammer made a special plea for the work in Mexico, and also asked for donations of dolls, gingham aprons for children, and Easter cards for Miss Neely, who wants such things for her work in Japan.

Dr. Grammer introduced Mr. Honda, of Japan, who is a Professor in the Higher Normal School of Tokio. Mr. Honda read a very interesting paper on Japanese customs and the education of the women, dwelling particularly on the great need for more schools for the higher education of girls and women.

In closing, Dr. Grammer spoke to the Society of the need of voluntary pledges of money, to be paid yearly or quarterly, and asked all the ladies present to enroll themselves as members of the Society by giving their names to the treasurer and stating the amount of their pledges.

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

A very successful entertainment was given by the members of the Girls Friendly Society, assisted by the St. Stephen's Literary Club, on Monday evening, February 26th, for the benefit of "Fatima," the little girl in India, who has been supported by the Society for several years past. A letter from Fatima, telling of her progress, was read by the Rev. John E. Ewell. Mr. Landreth organized for the occasion a Glee Club of eight men, mostly members of the Orpheus Club, who rendered two very pleasing numbers. "The Cool Collegians" was very cleverly performed by the Misses Roberts, May Elliott, Maud Johns, and Messrs. Harry H. Bush, Charles H. Moore, D'Arcy Davis and William Kuhn. "His First Case," which was executed by Miss Maud Johns and Mr. Roy Morrison, was very bright and amusing. Some of the members, dressed to represent nations, sold lemonade and cake for a very small amount during the evening. A table with some fancy articles also added to the proceeds; and the candy, which was all made by the girls, judging from its quick sale, was very much appreciated. The amount cleared was $57.80.

The Girls Friendly Society wish to take advantake of this opportunity to thank each one who assisted them in making the evening a success.

TEACHERS' CLASS

Mr. Ewell will conduct an instruction class for the Sunday School teachers and others who wish to attend every Friday evening at eight o'clock. It is hoped that such a class will be a stimulus to the Sunday School work.

MISS FETZER'S REPORT

Visits paid from March 1st to 27th, 1906:

Ordinary visits	114
Sick "	15
Number seen at Parish House	10
Total	193
Classes taught	3
Meetings attended	12

Sincere and grateful thanks to Mrs. Clarkson for a number of new and most useful garments; Miss Sanders for coal tickets; Miss Wilkins for good black skirt and other useful articles; Mrs. Vanderslice for clothing; Mrs. Weir Mitchell for clothing; Mrs. Clayton for shoes and clothing.

I wish to make special mention of two good carpet sweepers sent in response to my request of last month. One of the sweepers is a source of satisfaction to the cripple for whom it was intended; the other will shortly serve an equally worthy purpose. The kind thouhgtfulness of the ladies who sent these sweepers is fully appreciated.

RECEIVED		EXPENDED	
On Hand	$ 1.89	Medicine	3.50
General Charities	10.50	Coal	8.90
Loan Returned	3.00	Groceries	1.00
A Friend	.50	Rent	1.00
Total,	$15.89	Total,	$14.40
		Balance,	1.49
			$15.89

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

Donation received:

Mrs. H. F. Martin $2.00

SHOE FUND

Donations received:

Mrs. H. F. Martin . . . . . $.50

DR. WOOD'S 42d ANNIVERSARY. AND THE NEW ORGAN.

On Sunday, March 25th, Dr. David D. Wood completed forty-two years of service at the organ of St. Stephen's. When he took his seat at the organ-bench for the first time Dr. Rudder was the rector, and was drawing by his eloquence a large congregation. Dr. Wood has lived through two rectorships since that day, and has both welcomed and said farewell to Dr. McConnell and Dr. Worcester. It is impossible for a new comer to tell all that his playing must mean to the olde[r]

members of St. Stephen's. He has made their hearts beat high with the thrilling strains of the wedding-march as the blooming bride's-maids have trooped up the aisle before the blushing bride, and he has given voice to the majesty of grief in the solemn requiem at the funeral.

Sunday after Snday he has caught them up on the wings of music and carried them up to some high mountain of feeling to make them realize, that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the round world and they that dwell therein, and called on them to sing "Te Deum Laudamus." A hymn would hardly sound properly played in St. Stephen's without his graceful opening chords, his transitions, his enrichment of the accompaniment, the swing that he gives to the congregational singing.

It is a source of pride to us that he is a composer as well as a conductor and skilful performer. When the music seems to be peculiarly close to the words of the psalm, and the waves of sound seem to well up and intermingle from some deep central fount, crossing and re-crossing one another until all the air thrills, like the surface of a pool in which the waves from the center meet the waves coming back from the shore, so that the whole surface is tessilated with the dancing, flashing, charging wavelets, when the fugue-movement is especially rich, then, we say to ourselves, "Dr. Wood is giving us one of his own compositions to-day." Just now his music can be heard nowhere but at St. Stephen's, and it doubtless draws many to our services, but we hope that the time will not be long before he will publish some of these chants, that they may be the possession of a wider audience.

Nor should we fail to remark on the unusually sympathetic relations that exist between Dr. Wood and his choir, nor the hearty support and welcome that he has given to the new rector. Something of this was said by the rector in a few remarks that he made on Sunday, March 25th. But some members have given a more substantial proof of their appreciation of Dr. Wood, by coming forward and giving one thousand dollars as their subscription towards a new organ. It has long been felt that St. Stephen's ought to have a better organ, and they who are in a position to know tell us that no hand except one that had such seeing fingers as Dr. Wood's could get music out of our old instrument. If we had a new organist (and may that day be long distant), we would undoubtedly be obliged to get a new organ.

The Misses Magee, however, feel that this movement ought to begin at once, and have offered to give one thousand dollars towards it. Others have so warmly seconded this suggestion, that a new organ for St. Stephen's clearly appeals to the congregation. After Easter the matter will be taken up more definitely, and probably a committee will be appointed. If the Latin motto, *Bene inceptum, dimidium facti*, holds good, and "Well begun is half done," then we may look to see the organ builders at work in our choir-loft this summer.

It would undoubtedly be a great addition to our equipment, and a valuable aid in our work next winter. Let us see if we cannot secure the money this spring.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

Palms will be distributed at the doors of the Church to the congregation at both services on Palm Sunday.

JOSEPH CLAYTON
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225 S. Eleventh Street
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ST. STEPHEN'S FARM HOUSE

BURD MONUMENT

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St. Stephen's Church.

CLERGY.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1022 Clinton Street.

MISS KATHERINE FETZER,
Parish Worker.
9 S. 10th Street.

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. E. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beath, Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4 00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs Petry.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S. E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. K. Bullock. Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.
Meets every Tuesday in the month, from 11.30 to 12.30 o'clock.
President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.
Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham, Miss Josephine Fernley, Miss Fetzer.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .	.50
Glass Towels . .	.15 and .25	Crash Towels.	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Miss Julia MacAlister.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.
FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d St.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place; Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Miss Eliza Magee, 1720 Walnut Street.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:
Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.
SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.
Teachers.
Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class, 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS
Meets every Friday evening, 8 P.M., in Parish House.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Miss Farrar Smith; Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m., Miss Neidhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOURS.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Raynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrie.

LITTLE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

SEWING CLASS
President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hollar.
Associates—Miss Hewson, Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.
Meets every Saturday at 10.00 A. M.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S LITERARY CLUB.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club mests Thursdays, 8.30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.
President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society,

MISS CLEEMANN.

[In the Annual Report of this Society for 1905, St. Stephens is credited with a contribution of $73 through Miss Cleemann.]

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 10.30 to 11.30 daily, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Baptisms	31	Burials	25
Confirmed	15	Added by transfer	13
Marriages	11	Transferred to other Parishes	8

EXPENDITURES

Parochial:		
Current Expenses	14,419.27	
Burd Orphan Asylum (Trust)	19,900.00	
Support of Sunday School	189.91	
" " Parish School	590.00	
For the Poor	2,141.79	
St. Stephen's Farm	6,050.00	
Special	3,009.25	
Church Work	1,720 82	
Parish Societies:		
Female Benevolent Society	669.82	
Altar Society	372.78	
St. Stephen's Aid Society	20.00	
Garment Committee	66.63	
Girls' Friendly Society	321.92	
Children's Friend Society	109.75	
King's Daughters	57.26	
Shoe Fund	87.52	
Mother's Meeting	36.30	
Three Arts	50.00	
Total Parochial		49,812.92
Diocesan:		
Episcopal and Convention Fund	488.93	
Sustenation Fund	106.02	
Missions—Diocesan	500.00	
City	98.71	
Deaf	52.28	
Italian	100.00	
Episcopal Hospital	274.00	
Christmas Fund (Clergy)	240.00	
Church Home (Angora)	50.00	
Home of the Merciful Saviour for Crippled Children (S. S.)	40.00	
Total Diocesan		1,951.88
Extra Diocesan:		
Missions—Foreign	323.39	
Domestic	255.65	
Indian	158.57	
Missionary Box Committee	358.83	
Colored	117.51	
Theological Education	210.00	
Clergymen's Retiring Fund	10.00	
St. Andrew's Brotherhood	698.65	
Sunday School for Missions	271.88	
Women's Auxiliary (Foreign)	50.00	
California Sufferers	1,530.43	
Total Extra Diocesan		3,009.91
Total for all objects		54,774 71

RECEIPTS

Pew Rents		9,906.09
Burd Orphan Asylnm (Trust)		19,900.00
Offerings for all Parish Purposes		6,026.56
St. Stephen's Farm,		
May to Easter	1,237.44	
Easter Offering	1,265.80	
	3,198 24	
Church Work Fund	1,720.82	
Sunday School Support	239.91	
General Charities	1,624.21	
Through Miss Fetzer	38.25	
Christmas Dinners	220.00	
Female Benevolent Society	542.05	
Missionary Box Committee	587.86	
Altar Society	17.18	
Easter Decorations	110.00	
Children's Friend Society	82 85	
King's Daughters	27.80	
Shoe Fund	38.95	
Girl's Friendly Society	298.15	
Garment Committee	45.45	
Mother's Meeting for Farm	77.32	
Woman's Auxiliary	77.75	
		8,123.45
Offerings for Purposes Outside the Parish:		
Diocesan Missions	984.47	
Episcopal Hospital	274.00	
Society for Increase of Ministry	210.00	
Indian Missions	108.57	
Domestic Missions	333.20	
Foreign Missions	222.37	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	240.94	
City Missions	99.71	
St. Andrew's Brotherhood	698.65	
Total		3,171.91
Donations		4,200.00
Investments		3,716.26
Sunday School		311.88
Woman's Auxiliary (United Offering)		50.00
		8,278.14
Total		56,777.11

Grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Edward R. Fell for donation of blankets and lamps for the farm.

A Bell telephone has been installed in the Parish House, its number is Filbert 38-07.

A MEMORIAL TO MISS ELIZA J. MAGEE.

On April 20th, one of the most devoted and faithful members of St. Stephen's Church, Miss Eliza J. Magee, was taken from us. She was at the service on Good Friday morning, but was taken ill that afternoon, and after a brief and severe sickness, died early on the following Friday morning,

When the sun in all his state
Illumed the eastern skies,
She passed through glory's morning gate,
And walked in Paradise.

The last service that this loyal member of St. Stephen's rendered the Church of her constant love was a contribution toward the new organ.

And now her brothers and sisters have come forward and asked to have the privilege of presenting the organ to the Church as a memorial to their sister. The Vestry has gratefully accepted their offer. The Church has many memorials to this loyal family, and now the rich strains of the organ will ever call to the mind of those who knew Miss Magee, the qualities that made them love her, and the undying affection of those she left behind.

"I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors."

AN ENDOWMENT FOR THE MUSIC.

It was generally agreed on the 42d anniversary of our organist, Dr. Wood that an effort should be made to raise the money for a new organ. As it is mentioned in a former paragraph, the Misses Magee began the movement with the gift of $1,000. Other contributions came in and the Vestry were contemplating a canvas of the congregation when the entire cost of the organ was given as a memorial. It would be a great pity if all this energy and liberality should be lost to the cause. The rector therefore ventures to suggest that the money which would have been given to the new organ be devoted to the endowment of the music. St. Stephen's has always been famous for its music, and provision ought to be made that for all time it should be able to provide an uplifting service. Such a fund would be a real aid towards the maintenance of the Church, and would enable the lovers of music to show their appreciation of this side of our worship. Every one to whom the rector has mentioned this plan has cordially acquiesced in it, and Miss Garrett has started the new fund with a contribution of $1,000. It is hoped that those who have contributed or made pledges to the Organ will authorize the treasurer to transfer their subscriptions to this fund, and that the whole congregation will bear a part in raising $15,000, the amount that the organ will probably cost, as a fund to maintain our music. It would be a great mistake to raise this endowment from a part of the congregation. It ought to be built up by offerings from all our members, small offerings as well as large ones, and be a common fund for the maintenance of our common praise.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The last meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary for this season was held in the Parish House on Thursday morning, May 10th, at eleven o'clock. In the absence of the President, Miss Magee, Mrs. Howard Batcher, the Vice-President took the chair.

Dr. Grammer opened the meeting with a short service. This was followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report. The following delegates gave reports of the work of their Committees:

Miss Laura Bell and Mrs. Grammer—Foreign
Mrs. Arrison—Colored People
Mrs. Butcher—Domestic
Mrs. Lewis—Diocesan

Miss Lewis being adsent, the report of the Committee on Indian Missions was read by the Secretary. Miss Wilkins made a special appeal for money for a clergyman in Arkansas whose son is unable to complete his course at the State University without assistance. A motion to take $20 from the treasury for this boy's support, was carried. It was also decided to divide the balance in the treasury between the Domestic and Foreign Committees. Mrs. Grammer's motion that the Society should hold its next meeting the first week in November, the day to be decided on later, was carried.

Dr. Grammer made a few closing remarks and announced that the Church is to have a new organ through the generosity of the brothers and

sisters of Miss Eliza Magee, who have given it in her memory.

Miss Bell made the motion that a resolution of sympathy be sent to Miss Magee from the Society. Dr. Grammer also read a report of the expenditures of the Church during the year.

Some new members were enrolled, and the auxiliary closed an interesting meeting with high hopes for its success next autumn.

THE OFFERING FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO SUFFERERS

On April 29th, the second Sunday after Easter, an offering was taken up in St. Stephen's, at the morning service for the relief of the sufferers at San Francisco and the vicinity. A notice that the offering would be devoted to that purpose had been printed and sent out to the congregation with a brief appeal to use the Church as a channel for the distribution of relief.

The Treasurer sends in the following report:

"The names of the persons who contributed for the San Francisco sufferers and the amounts contributed were as follows:

Mrs. S. W. Middleton	$25.00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	100.00
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	100.00
Miss Josephine Lewis	25.00
Mrs. A. G. Brunner	25.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25.00
Mrs. Wm. Ernst	50.00
Miss Garrett	50.00
Miss Magee	100.00
Mrs. Susan R. Taylor	10.00
Mrs. Louisa L. Stovell	50.00
Miss Tilghman	200.00
Clement Restein	25.00
Mrs. G. J. Firmin	20.00
Beauveau Borie	25.00
Stanford B. Lewis	25.00
Mrs. Dunne	10.00
Mrs. O. A. Judson	10.00
Various Contributors	655.43
	$1530.43

Very sincerely yours,
L. C. CLEEMANN.
Treasurer.

This money was duly forwarded through the channel designated by our Bishop, viz.: through Mr. Geo. C. Thomas to the Bishops of California and Sacramento, with especial designation of $200 to be placed at the disposal of the Rev. Dr. F. W. Clampett of Trinity, San Francisco, the Rector's personal friend, for distribution to cases coming under his immediate observation.

During all that week the Parish House was kept open and gifts of useful articles and clothing was received, and promptly forwarded by Mr. Clayton with his usual zeal and efficiency. The total number of garments forwarded was over a thousand. A number of useful cots and aids for invalids were also forwarded.

Among those who contributed in the way of clothing, etc., are the following:

Mr. Evan Randolph
Mr. Craig Atmore
Mr. Bailey
Mrs. Hepburn
Miss Baxter
Miss Brooks
Mrs. Hand
Mrs. Lineweaver
Mrs. Arrison
Mrs. Vanderslice
King's Daughters
Miss Van Dusen
Mrs. C. H. Coalkit
Mrs. M. Gibson
Mrs. Lewis
Mrs. H. P. Taylor

and a great many other unmarked packages.

THE THREE ARTS CLUB.

During the past month thirty five more names have been enrolled and with a present membership of ninety-one girls the Three Arts Club seems to have answered a need, and to have assured its own success.

The club room has been open every day from four to six with a hostess to welcome the girls. On some days the girls themselves have volunteered to act as hostesses, and pour tea, but usually one of the ladies of the congregation has presided.

The Club has been most delightfully entertained at different times by Miss Helen Ferguson, Miss Dwight, Miss Margaretha Jones, Miss McCormick, Miss Clayton, Mr. Crowell, Miss Fetzer, and Miss Clara Hutchin, who have given their various talents.

The Club will have its closing meeting on Friday May eleventh.

The Garment Committee acknowledge with thanks the receipt of garments from Mrs. Perkins, Miss Goss, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Christopher.

MOTHER'S MEETING.

The Mother's Meetings have been held every Thursday since the first of November, and have been very well attended, considering the amount of sickness among the members and their families. Miss Fetzer has been very helpful in visiting them, and attending to their wants. Miss Van Dusen and Mrs. Farmer have faithfully assisted in the conduct of the meetings, and helped encourage the work of their departments, the Saving and the Provident Funds. It has been customary on Thursday evening of Holy Week to hold a service in the Church; the administration of the Holy Communion, and an address by Dr. Snively. The service was unusually well attended this season. Dr. Grammer and Mr. Ewell visited the meeting on several occasions, and talked with the workers. The Annual Sale was held on the first Thursday in December, the proceeds to be used for St. Stephen's Farm, to put wire screens in doors and windows, and to furnish certain household articles. They realized $77.32, which will be expended before the opening of the Farm. The St. Stephen's Coal Fund had 74 depositors; 138 tons of coal was delivered by the Fuel Savings Society of the City and the Liberties of Philadelphia at a cost of $663.00.

The Girls' Friendly Society donated to the Mothers' $5.00, to purchase some prizes to be distributed at the Farm.

Dr. Grammer contributed $25.00 for the work of the meetings. There was a balance from last season of $14.25. Expended for Gospel Hymns, Printing Saving Fund Cards, Blank Book, Sugar, Tea, Milk, Cakes, and Ice Cream for closing night, $33.60, leaving a balance of $5.65.

MISS H. P. TAYLOR.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The St. Stephen's Aid Society held its usual meetings during the Fridays in Lent. The meetings were well attended, and much work accomplished for the babies, who are supplied by this Society with the clothing necessary upon their arrival in the world. A number of small garments, amounting to one hundred slips, flannel skirts, wrappers, etc., were left in the Parish building for distribution, according to the discretion of Miss Fetzer. Thanks are due to many members for contributions of flannel, money and work.

MISS FETZER'S REPORT.

Visits from April 1 to May 1:

Ordinary visits	124
Sick visits	5
Number seen at Parish House	12
Total	141

If there is any member of the congregation who desires the services of a reliable and energetic elderly woman as care-taker of his house during the summer months he could probably be suited by applying to me as I know a good woman whom I should like to recommend.

In these days of "house-cleaning" and general rearrangement for the summer season there may be old furniture to be discarded. It would be most useful to me, and I should be so glad to have it as, just at this time, it would answer a special need.

The amount of use that can be gotten from cast-off things that are supposedly of no further account whatever is astonishing. Some of the people I visit are past-masters in the art of "turning and twisting," and making something out of nothing! Every article given me has been used with satisfactory results. This is especially gratifying, because in many cases the articles were sent to me with apologies for their worthlessness.

RECEIVED.

General charities	$42.00
Mrs. Mitchell	4.00
Miss Fernley	1.00
Total	$47.00

EXPENDED.

Wheel chair	$15.00
Rent	5.00
Coal	4.85
Food	1.58
Shoes	2.50
Medicine	2.00
Groceries	.58
Miscellaneous	14.65
Total	$46.16
Balance	.84
	$47.00

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

No. Working Associates	8
" Honorary Associates	19
" Members	84
" Probationers	15
" Candidates	15
" Married Branch Helpers	9
Total	150

The meetings during the winter have been well attended and the members have entered into the duties and recreations with interest. A number of evenings religious services have been conducted by Rev. John E. Ewell. An associate, with a member, has visited the Sheltering Arms one evening a week. The Senior members have assisted the Secretary in visiting, and have been efficient housekeepers. They also arranged the Christmas entertainment to which the mothers of the members were invited. We were ably assisted by St. Stephen's Literary Club and members of the Orpheus Club in the entertainment given for our Mission Work, which netted $58.75. Our social evening was made a very pleasant one, with music, recitations and simple refreshments. An interesting lecture on The Passion Play was given by Miss Emily Bell, and an instructive and helpful lecture on Emergencies by Dr. Rahtes. The Admission Service was held on April 23. Two Associates were admitted as Working Associates, three members as Seniors, and fifteen Probationers as Members. Dr. Grammer officiated and made the address. The Branch has sent 89 garments to the G. F. S. Diocesan Missionary Box Committee. The Candidates meet Saturday mornings, and have been instructed in plain sewing, and will make an exhibit of their work May 12. The Physical Culture Class has been most successful under Miss Fetzer's direction. The Millinery Class has been of practical value to its members. The work carried on by the Associates has been in literature, travel study, the library, embroidery, and reading.

The Treasurer reports

Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1905	$ 16.55
From Dr. Grammer	75.00
From Entertainment	58.25
From dues and sales	77.60
For Endowment Fund (G. F. S.)	50.00
For Christmas Fund	7.25
For teas for members	40.00
Donation for lecture	43.00
Donation	5.00
Total	$373.15

Expenditures:

For Branch expenses, including G.F.S. objects	$227.42
Missions	45.00
Parochial objects	43 50
Philanthropic objects	1.00
St. Stephen's farm	5.00
	$321.92
Balance	51.23

MARIA S. WILKINS,
Branch Secretary.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Donations received in April:

From Mr. Samuel Moore	$10.00
" Miss Anna Kelly	1.00
Total	$11.00

Year's report for 1906:

May 1, 1905, Balance	$ 37.25
Donations received during the year	45 00
(Through Dr. Grammer) from Church Fund	50.00
Total	$132.25

Expended during the year:

For excursion and entertainment	$109.75
Balance, May 1, 1906	$ 22.50

Year's report King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle:

May 1, 1905, Balance	$31.71
Dues from members during the year	15.25
Donations for Thanksgiving baskets	5.30
Donations for Christmas baskets	7.25
Total	$59 51
Expended during the year	$57.26
Balance May 1, 1906	$2.25

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings May 2, and May 16, in the Guild Room, quarter of eight.

During the Lenten season this Circle has been sewing for the Farm and Hospitals, but when Dr. Grammer asked for clothing for the San Francisco sufferers, a bundle of garments was donated and others will be made for the hospitals.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in April:

Miss Anna Kelly	$1.00
Miss Laura Bell	.50
Total	$1.50

Report for 1906:

May 1, 1905, Balance	$ .50
Donations received during the year	13.25
(Through Dr. Grammer) Church Fund	45.00
(Through Mr. Ewell) Church Fund	5.00
From those receiving shoes	25.20
Total	$88.95
Expended during the year	87.52
Balance, May 6, 1906	$1.43

The following list of books have been lost from the Girls' Friendly Library, members of the congregation might have copies they would like to send. If so, kindly send to Miss Dana, Librarian of the Girls' Friendly, 9 South 10th Street.

The Abbot	In the Golden Days
The Arundel Motto	Little Women
The Chapel of Pearls	Nicholas Nickleby
The Mill on the Floss	Old Curiosity Shop
Middle March	Ivanhoe
The First Violin	Laddie
The Hardy Norseman	Not Like Other Girls
Hyperion	In Memoriam

CHURCH CALENDAR

May

1. St. Philip and St. James (Tuesday).
6. 3d Sunday after Easter.
13. 4th Sunday after Easter.
20. 5th Sunday after Easter.
21. Rogation Monday.
22. Rogation Tuesday.
23. Rogation Wednesday.
24. Ascension Day (Thursday).
27. Sunday after Ascension.

OFFERTORIES IN APRIL

General Charities		$130.66
Missionary Box		90.62
Easter Decorations		110.00
City Missions		99.71
Easter Day:		
For Farm	$1265.80	
Endowment	200.00	
Christ Church, Glencoe	50.00	
Organ	1000.00	
		2515.80
Parochial Maintenance		63.11
Sunday School and Mite Box Collections		311.88
Special for Poor		16.67
Children's Friend Society		11.60
Shoe Fund		1.50
Total		$3,341.55

OFFERTORIES FOR MAY

Third Sunday of Month—Indian Missions.
Fourth Sunday Month—Parochial Maintenance.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

PARISH RECORD

Confirmed

Mary Allen	Francis A. Lewis, 3d
Katie Brown	Catherine Miesse
Emma Baer	Theresa Reed
Sarah A. Best	Rosie A. Ruos
Elizabeth M. Grammer	Alice Regar
Margaret Guscott	Clarissa Emma Smith
Lillie M. McGuirman	Harley Stamp

Nettie Yeager

Married

April 18—Frank Largo and Anna Mae Otto

Baptized

April 6—Mary Julia Allen
" 7—Florence Adele Park
" 24—William Mason Fogg

Buried

April 13—Edward Shippen Willing
" 20—Clayton McMichael
" 23—Eliza J. Magee
" 26—A. Marion Knight
" 30—Edward S. Mishaw

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL,
316 S. Eleventh Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807

VESTRY.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. E. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choir Master.
Prof. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maud Beath,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

BURD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4 00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S FARM.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday each of month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs Petry.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S. E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Hartranft, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. K. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Beale,

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington

GARMENT COMMITTEE.
Meets every Tuesday in the month, from 11.30 to 12.30 o'clock.
President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Neidhard.

WORKING MEMBERS.
Mrs. Crombargar, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. T. Morris Knight and Miss Graham, Miss Josephine Fernley, Miss Fetzer.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters 08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.) .08
Gingham Aprons . . .20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .50
Glass Towels . .15 and .25	Crash Towels. 15
Roller Towels 30	

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Miss Julia MacAlister.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.
FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d St.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place; Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Miss Eliza Magee, 1720 Walnut Street.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee, Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*,—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee,—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A.M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Magee.
Vice-President, Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary, Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:
Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock

PARISH SCHOOL.

IN REAR OF CHURCH.
SESSIONS— 9 to 12—1.30 to 3.30 daily.
Teacher—Miss Kate H. Lewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.
Teachers.
Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl and Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
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Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

PARISH HOURS.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.
Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton.

CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00–9.30 P. M.
Secretary—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Charles Carver, Mrs Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Raynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrie.

LITTLE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

SEWING CLASS
President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hollar.
Associates—Miss Hewson, Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.
Meets every Saturday at 10.00 A. M.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

ST. STEPHEN'S LITERARY CLUB.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club mests Thursdays, 8.30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.
President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastic and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society,

MISS CLEEMANN.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th St., from 11.00 to 12.00 daily, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. 11th St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the endowment of a pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

June

3. Whitsun-Day.
6. Ember Day (Wednesday).
8. Ember Day (Friday).
9. Ember Day (Saturday).
10. Trinity Sunday.
11. St. Barnabas (Monday).
17. 1st Sunday after Trinity.
24. Nativity of St. John Baptist and 2d Sunday after Trinity.
29. St. Peter (Friday).

OFFERTORIES IN MAY

Indian Mission	$47.80
General Charities	137.56
Parochial Maintenance	24.78
For Farm from Mr Charles Stovell	25.00
" " " Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	300.00
" " " Miss Laura Bell	10.00
" " " Miss Emily Bell	10.00
Children's Fund Society	6 50
Total	$561.64

Grateful thanks to Mrs. M. A. Jones for Clothing.

OFFERTORIES IN JUNE

Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

PARISH RECORD

Baptized

May 4—Katherine Elizabeth Herr.

SUMMER READING

One of the problems on leaving home for the summer is to determine what books are to be taken along unless some books are carried, the traveler may be dependent entirely upon magazines and local libraries.

Huxley confesses in one of his controversies that he was shut up during his stay in the Alps, to the novels in the hotel library. This seems a poor way of securing mental refreshment. A judicious person who selects with care his associates, his hotel, and the material comforts of life ought to provide with some forethought for the demands of his mind. Every one agrees with Dr. Quincey that the youth who learnt to play on the violin, because he inherited a fine instrument had a most inadequate reason. Life conducted in such a fashion must indeed be a hap-hazard affair. And reading controlled by the mere accident of finding certain books. accessible is similarly choatic and fruitless. Most travlers will aggree that some books ought to be carried along. The debatable and difficult question is what books should be selected.

On this point our first suggestion is that they should be few. It is preposterous to carry many books. They are too heavy and the railroads are growing stricter and stricter about "excess weight" in baggage. They will not be read. I had a friend who used to carry immense loads of books and carefully unpack them and place them on his table, and that was usually the end of the whole matter. Indeed they ought not to be read. Summer is not the time for reading. Its bright hours should be devoted to rest, to nature, to sport, to adventure, and to friendship. The first rule is clearly that the books should be few. But those few books should be worth the reading. There are so many great books that it is a pity to waste time in ephemeral literature. The trouble especially with our younger people is that they are anxious to read the last books instead of the books that last. It is possible while one is seeking to keep up with the age to fall behind the ages. Let us then carry along some standard literature. Our third suggestion is that some good reading for Sunday be taken.

The poorest part of a summer's outing is usually Sunday. Where all the days are given up to pleasure, the first day loses much of its value as a time of rest, and most people look upon it as simply the most colorless day of the vacation. The religious privileges are often meagre, and the day is one of comparative vacuity. This can be avoided by carrying along books suited to the day, especially good biographies, the lives of earnest men and women by whom the world was made better, and in whom shined something of the glory of God. We ought to bring back from our holidays not only bodies refreshed but also minds cooled of the fever of our materialistic civilization. Much as the grandeur of nature helps to rid us of our excitement, we are persuaded that the seers, sages and saints are still more powerful. It is true what Wordsworth sang:

> "One impulse from a vernal wood
> Can teach us more of man
> Of moral evil and of good
> Than all the sages can."

But it is only in the case of a great seer like Wordsworth that his verse is true.

It is the limitation of most of us, as Browning points out with his rare discrimination in the meditation of the dissolute painter Fra Lippi, that we only realize the full beauty of nature when it is revealed to us by the art of a master. We need some human mediator to manifest to us the divine. It is a mistake to attempt to dispense with the aid of the great priests of the temple of Nature. Carry along then some poets, and take some biographies of men who have been lights in the world. Let them be your special Sunday reading and by their aid our vacation-Sundays will be times of devotion and spiritual refreshment.

C. E. G,

MISS FETZER

On the first of June Miss Fetzer's resignation of her position of Church Worker in St. Stephen's took effect according to her own wish. Miss Fetzer came to us last Fall, and although she had had no special training for the position, displayed unusual energy, thoroughness, and efficiency. Her gifts as an elocutionist, and physical trainer were of much service in the Mothers Meetings and the Girl's Friendly, and as a visitor among the poor she showed tact, judgment and assiduity. She has resigned to accept an important position in one of Philadelphia's large and famous schools and carries with her the good wishes of many friends in St. Stephen's. It is a pleasure to think that she will still worship with us and will not let the friendships formed in these last months pass out of her life.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

On Decoration Day the annual excursion of the Sunday School was made to the grounds of the Burd Orphan Asylum. The weather was propitious, the attendance was fair, and the children were in the best of spirits. A regular programme was made out by Mr. Streaker, and the sports were heartily entered into by the boys and girls. A former celebration and an episode in which eggs were broken, had left upon Dr. Snively a rather unfavorable impression of the behaviour of our Sunday School, but all the past was entirely blotted out by the uniform good conduct of the boys and girls. The School established such a good name, that we are sure that it will be doubly welcome in the future.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, June 13th 1906

My dear Mr. McMichael:

Will you please give to your Sunday School, both teachers and scholars the most hearty thanks of the Executive Board of the Sunday School Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for their participation and co-operation in the last Easter and Lenten Offering of the Sunday Schools of this Diocese. You will be more than pleased to announce that the offering already amounts to over $34,000, and may almost touch $35,000. There has been nothing

like it in the history of the Diocese. The Sunday Schools, Rectors, Superintendents, Teachers, and Scholars have all worked together so harmoniously and earnestly for the attainment of this most magnificent result. Will you also inform the Sunday School that in view of the fact that $2,000 now will be worth $5,000 next December, we have decided to advance that amount of money and have done so from the Sunday Schools of the Diocese to Bishops Nichols and Moreland for work on the Pacific Coast. This advance is in the name of the next Advent Offering of this Diocese, and it has already been paid over to the Board of Missions to be forwarded to California. It is thus we give this early notice that the next Advent Offering will be for assistance to Bishops Nichols and Moreland in California.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours most truly,

HERMAN L. DUHRING.

Your offering of $271.88, makes your Sunday School, No. 26, in the list.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer the Sunday School will be kept open. There are many children who do not leave the city during the warm weather, and it is a pity that their Sundays should be left colorless and profitless. The co-operation of the teachers in this experiment is desirable, but is not essential, as the Superintendent will teach the lesson to the whole school from the desk. The Bible Study Lessons, in which work is demanded from the scholar at home, has been adopted, and the first lesson according to the new system will be given on June 17th by the Rector. The course will be on the Apostolic Leaders or Heroes of the New Testament. Children and teachers are cordially invited to co-operate.

This month Mr. Ewell is taking his vacation on the Maine coast, where so many of our congregation spend the summer. He will not return till after the first Sunday in July. After that date the Rector will leave and Mr. Ewell will be in charge until the latter part of September. It is hoped that he will come back from his outing greatly refreshed and strengthened for the summer work.

DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA

BISHOP'S CHURCH RELIEF FUNDS

Bishop's House, 2515 Webster St.

San Francisco, May 17, 1906.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

Your favor has been received, and I beg to thank you for your thought of us and for the kind gift of Medical Supplies and Clothing from St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The sympathy and help of our brethern in these days of trial are most helpful and cheering.

I am, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM F. NICHOLS,
Bishop of California.

Carmel, Montgomery Co., Cal.
May, 14, 1906

Rev. Carl E. Grammer, D.D.

My dear Brother:

Will you kindly convey to the vestry and congregation of St. Stephen's the expression of our deepest gratitude for their splendid offering in aid of the sufferers of stricken San Francisco. They will be glad to know that never was keen suffering and positive agony faced with so much patience and endurance. Not a cry of complaint was heard, even when hunger and thirst came on those awful days, between the 18th and 22d of April. Your people will be glad to know that everything that human energy, impelled by human sympathy, could do was actually done, and we are once more ready to face the normal duties of life. To those of us who have lost home and all that home includes, comes the consoling thought that the lives of our wives and children were mercifully spared. God bless St. Stephen's for the noble and prompt action.

Believe me your sincere friend,

FRED'K W. CLAMPETT.

FROM ONE OF THE REFUGEES IN CALIFORNIA

The following written on a postal card was received a few days ago by one of our congregation who had contributed to the sufferers in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7, 1906.

Your white hat bought at Stetson's April 9th, when "Sue" was along, duly turned up here and fell into the hands of a refugee. Give my best wishes to "Sue" and accept my thanks. We need about everything we can get. I will wear this "tile" in memory of you and endeavor not to get arrested, for with that brand on the hat it might prove inconvenient to you. I am roosting in a tent.

Gratefully yours,

LINCOLN E. SAVAGE.

Station H.

THE NEW ORGAN

The Music Committee and our organist, Mr. Wood, have not been idle, and we shall soon be able to announce their decision. It is probable, however, that we shall be compelled to wait many months for its erection. While this will be a disappointment, still the chief consideration is to secure a fine instrument that will last for generations.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE

Have just finished and given a nice bundle of clothing to the Children's Homœpathic Hospital, also a bundle which will be given to St. Stephen's Farm.

June 20th will be the last meeting of the season.

From Mrs. H. F. Austin for Shoe Fund, 50 cts.

THE FARM

The usual arrangements have been made for opening the farm. Miss Lyon who had charge last year will be in control this year also, under Mr. C. F. McMichael as the representative of the Vestry. From the applications that have begun to come in, it is clear that the farm means much to many people.

CHILDRENS FRIEND SOCIETY

Donations received in May and June:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	$1.50
" S. G. C.	$5.00
Total . . .	$6.50

Inquiries are being made by the children, are we going to have any Excursions this summer and it is hoped that their kind Friends wont forget them when they are away enjoying the Country or Sea Shore air whilst they are in the sultry courts and small houses and rooms where many are crowded together.

A trip to the Park of a warm afternoon is a great treat to them, and who would not feel better by helping to brighten those poorer than ourselves and who can not get away.

The Bishop of Ripon may be credited with some sense of humor, and so we read with a grain of salt the cable despatches which tell of his speech at one of the May meetings in London, advocating the establishment of a training home for engaged couples. It is said that he regretted that while immense pains were bestowed upon training for law and medicine there was no care exercised in training of those who were about to undertake far more responsible duties in life. No benevolent millionnaire has yet been induced to endow such a preparatory school of matrimony, but we read that in France they do things rather nicely, for after the civil service of marriage is performed there the official who conducts it passes to the newly-wedded pair a little book as the wedding gift of the French Government. The most important feature of this small volume is contained

in about six pages that are devoted to special instructions which the Academy of Medicine has prepared on the care, feeding and clothing of infants. Some one has suggested that the Bishop of Ripon's plan might be given a start here in America in the establishment of seminaries for the training of young women as wives of the clergy. How would it do to have in connection with our theological schools such training instutions for young women, and then by canonical regulation provide that no candidate for orders should marry any except a graduate of one of these seminaries? For the wives of the rural clergy a necessary part of the instruction, of course, would include lessons in cookery, sewing etc.

THE CHURCHMAN.

At a certain church in an English couutry town there was an aged verger, who, to save the exertion of conducting persons to their seats, used to take his stand in the center of the church, and when any incomers appeared beckoned to them. The urchins used to pop their heads inside the church door and mimic his action by beckoning to him. One Sunday morning he nearly caught one of these boys, but the boy rushed away from the church and ran into the arms of a policeman.

"What have you been up to?" said the policeman.

Thought the boy, "I'm caught," but he said, "Oh, sir, there's a disturbance at that church, and they have sent me to fetch a policeman."

"Very good" said the officer, "I'll step in and see about it."

So he opened the door, and, taking off his helmet, entered. The moment the verger saw him he beckoned to him, and motioned him to a seat next an old gentleman.

Immediately he was seated he touched the old gentleman and said "Come quiet."

The old gentleman replied, "What do you mean?"

You know what I mean, and I don't want no chat. Come quiet, or I shall have to take yer by force."

By this time the congregation was looking at the pair, and wondering what was the matter, so the old gentleman said, "Very well, I have not made any disturbance, but to save one I will go with you."

When they had passed out of the church the verger followed them, and the policeman, turning to him, said:

"Now then, you have got to make your charge."

"Charge," said the verger, "there ain't any charge; all the seats are free!"

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ST. STEPHEN'S FARM HOUSE

BURD MONUMENT

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS BESSIE GRAHAM.
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone, Filbert 3807

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. E. Caldwell,
Mr. George L. Crawford,
Mr. John T. Lewis,
Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choirmaster.
Prof. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Irene Merritt.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maud Beath,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Erma Adele Roberts.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

(All meetings at Parish House.)

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S. E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Mrs. Watson, Miss Maulsby, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. N. Petry, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Tuesday in the month, from 11.30 to 12.30 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombarger, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Miss Josephine Fernley.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Miss Julia MacAlister
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Howard Butcher. 206 S. 42d. St.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place, Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Miss Eliza Magee, 1720 Walnut St.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Shoemaker.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Graham, Misses Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Shoemaker, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Hartranft, Miss Lowry, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell, Mrs. J. Wilson Headly, Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Noblit.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Carver.
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil, Mrs. Lovejoy.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Julia C. MacAlister, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.

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Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOURS.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana. Miss Elsie Lowrie.

Little Girls' Friendly Society.

SEWING CLASS

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hollar.
Associates—Miss Hewson, Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.

Meets every Saturday at 10.00 A.M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

St. Stephen's Literary Club.

The St. Stephen's Literary Club meets Thursdays, 8.30 P. M., in the Sunday School Building.

President—Charles H. Moore.
Vice-President—Harry H. Bush.
Secretary and Treasurer—George L. Apple.

Embroidery Class.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

MISS CLEEMANN.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, from 11.00 to 12.00 daily, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

October 7—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
14—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
18—St. Luke (Thursday).
21—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
28—SS. Simeon and Jude, and Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

Summer Offerings.

General Charities,	$190 16
Parochial Maintenance,	51 72
Special for Sunday School,	25 00
Endowment Fund, from Mrs. E. K. Mitchell, deceased,	1,500 00
Children's Friend Society,	8 00
Shoe Fund,	75
Total,	$1,775 63

Offertories for October.

Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.
Other Sundays—General Charities.

Parish Record.

BAPTIZED.

June 3—Charles William Moore.
" 3—Nicholas Alfred Petry, Jr.
" 29—Edward Warren Dodge.
July 8—Margaret Elizabeth Koch.
Aug. 12—Newton Isaac Butz.
" 12—Bertram James Glazier.

MARRIED.

September 1—Thomas F. Carre and Marie E. Costa.
" 26—Herbert L. Lawrence and Clara Ruback.
" 29—James Donald and Elizabeth Moore.
" 29—Oscar H. Smith and Margaret Simon.

BURIED.

June 2—Emily Allibone Carver.
" 12—Elizabeth Wood.
July 3—Agnes Cooper Capron.
" 21—Henry M. Crane.
August 3—Sallie Irvin Gay.
" 5—Adele d' Espinniville Picot.
" 17—Edward Marbet.
September 4—Samuel Sausser.
" 14—Elizabeth Jones.

The Law of Progress.

Browning begins his masterpiece, "The Ring and the Book," with a description of the process whereby an Italian goldsmith makes the soft gold, "mere oozings from the mine," into an exquisite and highly-finished ring. According to Browning, the smith combines with the gold some harder metal, which makes an alloy that is capable of "bearing the file's tooth and the hammer's tap." After he has worked this harder substance into an artistic and beautiful form, expressive of his idea, and serviceable to the wearer, then, by a "spirt o' the proper fiery acid," he removes the foreign metal, the copper or the silver, and

"The shape remains
The rondure brave, the lilied loveliness,
Gold as it was and shall be evermore:
No carat lost—and you have gained a ring."

As I understand the processes of Church history, they are not unfairly typified by this process of the goldsmith. To the pure gold of the simple truth various metals of human philosophy have been brought, and thereby alloys have been formed which have been worked up by theologians, doctrinal artists, so to speak, into doctrinal systems which have had a beauty and use for their age, but whose union of the temporal and eternal, of the divine and human, has been dissolved in time, and the pure gold has been left, in the case of the truth (for here the analogy fails), to be employed in new combinations of a similar transiency. For example, to the simple truth of the Sermon on the Mount and the Gospels, to the essential teachings of Jesus Christ, St. Paul brought Judaism, rabbinical modes of thought and Jewish conceptions, and worked them up in his great Epistles into an artistic whole. As a necessary preliminary to this union of the Old with the New, he was obliged to separate the essential and the incidental in the Old Testament, to distinguish the letter that killeth from the spirit that giveth life and to break up the old amalgam by a destroying criticism, as the prerequisite to the new synthesis, and those larger statements which make St. Paul the second founder of the Christian Church. Hardly had the task passed out of his inspired hands, before it was taken up by the Greek Church. In the fires of those early controversies. Greek philosophy was fused with the essential truths of our faith, and the whole was worked up by

the great theologians into the Catholic theology of the early centuries—eloquent, artistic, serviceable, wonderful.

Then came the Roman, and under the influence of his passion for rule, and his crasser imagination, a new alloy was formed. A union of gold and iron, perhaps, would correctly typify it, such as existed in the iron crown of Lombardy, where the pure gold was united with an iron nail under the delusion that the iron nail had gained sanctity from piercing the hand of Christ. The great truths of the duty of service and self-sacrifice were kept, but with them were combined many materialistic, pagan and barbaric conceptions. Grace was no longer Xaris, the divine favor, but became (*gratia,*) a sacred electrical fluid transmitted (*ex opere operato.*) *Metanvia,* a change of mind, gave place to *poenitentiam agere* do penance; and in all departments in place of the freer and larger conceptions of the Greeks, there prevailed harder, cruder, firmer notions, mighty instruments, considered from one point of view, for conquering and subduing the heathen tribes of northern Europe, but instruments that also became, in course of time, engines of oppression to the awakening intellect of a differently constituted and enlightened people. The result was the Teutonic era of the Reformation, which resembled the first century and the conflict between Judaism and Christianity, in that in this era the struggle against the old was conscious, whereas the Roman and Greek seemed to have failed to appreciate that in forming their combinations they were, to a certain extent, disintegrating earlier conceptions. With the reformers, the dissolving acids of criticism were freely used, the old conceptions of the Church and the Sacraments were dissolved, and the Teutonic sense of personal responsibility and freedom were joined with Christianity's essential teachings, to give, as a result, under the manipulation of the theologians, new statements of truth in reformed articles and catechisms, and new modes of worship in Prayer Books and Directories of Worship.

Then came the nineteenth century, with its science and democracy, and in spite of our attachment to the dear old ring in its beautiful and sacred sixteenth century form of workmanship, we have been obliged to see the old process go on, perhaps have felt compelled, by an inward law, to take part in it, and have marked the destroying acids of criticism break up the old formation. Our conceptions of the Books of the Scriptures, for example, have widely changed, and we have come to understand more and more that the treasure of the eternal truth has been placed in every age in earthen vessels, and that the things that are shaken must be removed that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

But it is often asked, usually with a tremor of fear, What will be the outcome? In my judgment, the result will be the proper emphasis upon the fundamentals of the faith, in the first place, and in the second place, the formation of another synthesis. The great truths of science, philosophy and life, that have been revealed through the experience of the race, through science and new departments of study, are seeking admittance to our minds, and once admitted are bound to make with the gold of the old Gospel a new alloy, which under the laws of thought will be wrought up into a new and more splendid ring for the adornment of the Bride of Christ. This is the task upon which the Church is now engaged. At first, it seems a mere work of destruction, for every new synthesis requires a resolution of the old combination, a breaking up of the old parts, and a reduction of Christianity to its more fundamental and essential elements, a repristination of the faith. But it is also a real step forward. We have only reduced our baggage because we are going on a journey to amass new treasures. We have broken up our old statements, only that we may build larger and higher.

But what will be the final statement? Who can say? We must not expect the process to stop with our civilization, or our race. Not only the Jew, the Greek, the Roman, and the Teouton, but the metaphysical Hindoo, the ethical Chinese, the artistic and progressive Japanese, will surely combine their philosophies, so far as they contain any elements of truth, with the Christian truths, and make systems of their own, and the process will ever repeat itself—

"The cycle of a change sublime
Still sweeping through."

But it would be wrong to imagine that because in one sense we leave the old, therefore, the old is entirely lost. No history will prove to have been unmeaning, and no good thing

will be left behind. Knowledge will grow from more to more, and new truths break forth out of Nature, out of history, out of the soul of man, but the old Bible will always have its lessons, the old creeds will always have their truths and will ever gain deeper meanings. The old statements will always have their peculiar value, and while much will be changed, we shall carry all that has life and power into the new synthesis.

C. E. G.

Our New Parish Worker.

The Rector counts himself fortunate in having secured for our Parish Worker this year Miss Bessie Graham, a member of the congregation who is already active and well-known in the work of St. Stephen's. She has been unusually successful as head of the Primary Department of the Sunday-school, and has also had a helpful Bible class for women. Last year she was especially active as one of the Committee of Four who managed "The Three Arts Clubs." Besides this practical experience she has had a two years' course of study in the Training School for Deaconesses.

As the Parish Worker she will aid the rector in the care of the sick and poor, and it is particularly hoped that she may be able to secure helpers from among the women of the congregation. One of the most important functions of the Parish Worker is to find out helpful fields of work for those who would like to work in the vineyard. She will continue her activity in the Three Arts Club.

Our Summer Sunday-School.

We feel justified and take pleasure in calling it a success. It was new to St. Stephen's. It had the old habit of four months of annual summer closing to overcome, and the experiment was not plain sailing.

The attendance was left to personal choice. No teacher or scholar was urged to be present, so that the average attendance each Sunday during June, July, August and September, of about 100, was very encouraging.

It was Dr. Grammer's desire to have it tried, and it must be gratifying to him to have it succeed, with good prospects for a still larger success in future summer seasons.

The Course of Lessons—The Apostolic Leaders or New Testament Heroes—was taught until the third Sunday in July by our Rector, and the following Sundays by Mr. Ewell and the writer alternately. These lessons being explained from the Superintendent's desk to the whole school as one big class, allowed teachers and scholars to come and go as their vacation times and summer outings required. The loyalty of the large number who took short vacations and then returned to our summer school was most gratifying. We are particularly indebted to Miss Graham and Miss Goss for their constancy and excellent results in the management of the Primary Department; and to Miss E. Bertha Yocum, the faithful organist of the main school; and to Mr. Kirkpatrick, our loyal secretary.

Our studies were made, not only from books and lesson-leaves, but also by monthly, all-day Saturday visits to God's great out-of-doors, where as successfully our Master, Jesus the Christ, taught by the sea, by the river, on fields and hills, by wood and farm. And truly we found

"Tongues in the trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything!"

On May 30th, "Decoration Day," at the Burd Asylum, some 150 of the school thoroughly enjoyed the regular annual outing. Then, Saturday, June 20th, the first of the Summer-school's excursions went by steamer Lord Baltimore down the river as far as Fort Delaware, and from thence through the locks by the Chesapeake Canal to Lorewood, where we happily picniced and lunched for two of the noon hours, returning to the city by the steamer Penn. About 100 altogether, from the Primary Department, Main School and Bible Class, enjoyed this day upon the water. It had its sad note though, most keenly felt by Mr. Clayton and the faithful ones who nursed Mrs. Cooper in her illness. Later all hearts were saddened when it was learned that on Sunday, July 1st, this faithful teacher in our Sunday-school was called to her Eternal Home, and many eyes were tearful at the service held in the church by Dr. Grammer on the following Tuesday.

On Saturday, July 28th, an outing to Cape May to study God's wonder-world by the sea, was heartily enjoyed by a goodly number of our scholars and teachers. Here, after a jolly

time in the surf under Mr. Ewell's merry and athletic leadership, a visit was made to Cape May Point Lighthouse. Captain Woolson cheerfully admitted all and kindly explained its saving purpose to those who were able to climb to its towering balcony and examine its wonderful beacon light. Captain Eldridge, of the near-by life-saving station, also cheerfully entertained us with stories about the apparatus and lives of his heroic crew of coast guards. Hunting for Cape May diamonds and a look into the geology of the old cape and bay shore closed the afternoon. As we stood by the sea and realized its perils we understood why Christ selected Andrew, Peter, James and John, men of the fisherman's heroic courage, to be the founders of his church.

Photograph by Miss Bessie Kehl

Our next field study was on Saturday, September 8th, which we called "Harvest Day of St. Stephen's Sunday-school at St. Stephen's Farm."

The Primary, Main School and Bible Classes, to the number of 125, went by trolley through Willow Grove on to Neshaminy, thence by hay and farm wagons (straw-riding) over the ruts and far away to our farm, merry as bees at blossom-time. Forty more there as guests and helpers increased our numbers to the largest company the farm has ever entertained at one sitting.

We assembled on the lawn at noon and our American flag was raised while Miss Dale, of our choir, sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Of course she was jostled by the scrambling children catching at the falling little flags in the shower of flags and confetti; but her clear strong voice rose musically above the racket and the older scholars joined her in the chorus. Then little Elsie Wood, our organist's daughter—on this her fifth birthday, by the way—hoisted and unfurled to the breeze for the first time our new Sunday-School flag of blue and white and gold. (This beautifully and artistically-made flag is large-

ly the work of Miss Bessie Kehl, of our school.) All present then joined in singing our recently-composed Sunday-School hymn, to the tune of America:

St. Stephen's Sunday-school,
Teaching the Golden Rule,
For thee we sing;
Long may our school be bright
With God's pure, holy light,
Keeping Christ's truth in sight,
His praise we ring.

St. Stephen, martyr, bold,
Loved, fearless, Saint of old,
Be thou our guide;
May we teach in Christ's name,
May we add to His fame—
Loyal to death, the same,
Be this our pride.

Each teacher, scholar, all,
With hymn and prayer, we call—
God hear our cry;
Keep every heart so true,
That we may live and do,
Joyously, all for you,
Great God on high!

Of course our appetites were lusty for the dinner-hour—"then and there!"

Next came "Life on the Farm," and after "Our Infants" had painted the barn, swam the creek and hunted field and wood and orchard we had our "Farm Lesson." This was taught from the porch, in the shade of the house, and again are we indebted to Miss Lyon and those who so charmingly decorated the portico with corn, grain, vegetables and fruits, from which we drew our lesson. The subject was "Truth," and many of our little ones proved by their apt answers that we have many hopefuls among us. "False Faces" closed this part of the program, with little Elsie, John, Marion, Anna and others adding their bright young faces of Truth, behind the false faces of a Bear, Fox, Lion and other wildlings, to illustrate our lesson that St. Stephen's School is endeavoring to remove false faces and reveal the Gospel Truths.

Those who were not there after the lesson to enjoy our big-hearted cook's delicious ginger-cake and the ice cream, or to ride in Mr. Greenshields' straw-cushioned hay wagons, or go homeward in the farm wagons out to the trolley and enjoy the long September ride back to the city over the hills of Bucks and Montgomery Counties have much to regret.

And we are happy that God smiled with cheering sun-lit days on all our outings. Shall we not hope for a continuance of His blessings on our Sunday-school work? Will not more of the able men and women of St. Stephen's Church volunteer a portion of their talents and time to this large opportunity for Christian teaching through this department of our loved church?

The fall season is at hand. Our beloved Superintendent, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, will be back on the 8th of October to welcome the regular members of the school as well as new helpers, teachers and scholars to the Fall and Winter sessions. We hope for a large attendance to give him a hearty greeting.

George H. Streaker.

The Farm.

After a very successful season the farm was closed on the 15th of September. The number of applications was overwhelming during the midsummer weeks, and the full capacity of the house hardly met the demand at times.

Mr. Ewell visited the farm every week and oversaw generally what was being done. The house needs a general overhauling. Recommendations pertaining to this matter have been made.

Each Thursday Mrs. Taylor, of the Mothers' Meeting, would send parties of the mothers for the day to get a breath of the good air up in Bucks County. One hundred and twenty-five of the Sunday-school were most successfully entertained the 8th of September.

Altogether there were 405 guests.

The road has been piked to Johnsville, and in the future the friends and guests of the farm will be met at that station. Attention is called to the back of this paper to the change in the picture of the farm.

The donations were as follows:

Ice cream and cake for Sundays, Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr.

Ice cream for July 4th, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.

$5.00 for prizes, G. F. S.

Four pillow cases, two shams and towels for the King's Daughters' room, King's Daughters Society.

Odd dishes, Mrs. S. A. Jordan.

One basket sweet potatoes, Mrs. M. Martella.

Blankets, Mrs. Fell.

Fruits for preserving, medicines, bandages, etc., Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

From the Mothers' Meeting—5 linen tablecloths, 6 dozen napkins, 2 dozen long huck towels, 1 dozen tea towels, 1 dozen wash rags, 3 dozen Turkish towels, 2½ dozen short huck towels.

From George B. Evans—500 paper napkins to use for picnic parties and day excursionists.

From Lenten Sewing Society—5 pillow cases, sets blocks, 2 sets pastry boards, 4 dolls, 1 dozen balls, 4 sets blocks, 1 drawing slate, 6 plates, 6 fans, 1 Japanese fan, 1 Japanese parasol, 2 dolls, 2 pin trays, 1 drinking cup, 4 trays.

Through Mothers' Meeting—Books given as prizes

Miss Petticoat, Graustark, Gold Elsie, Won by Waiting, Cousin Maud, Darkness and Daylight, English Orphans, History of England, Swiss Family, Two Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Leopard Spot.

From Some Young Friends—A "Poverty Progressive Euchre."

Six pocket handkerchiefs, 3 sets pins, 2 tin buckets, 2 balls, 1 table.

Potatoes From the Farm.

Potatoes from St. Stephen's Farm have all been gathered and will be the same price as last year, 90 cents per bushel. Orders may be sent through Mr. Joseph Clayton, Verger, or direct to Mr. Greenshields, St. Stephen's Farm, Warminster, Bucks County, Pa.

On Sunday, October 7, the winter hours for the services will begin. Morning service at 11 o'clock, and evening service with sermon at 4 o'clock.

The winter session of the Sunday-school will begin on Sunday, October 7, at 9.50 A. M. All the scholars and teachers are asked to be on hand at that time. A cordial welcome awaits them. The school last year was in a splendid condition, and, with its band of earnest and faithful teachers, we have every reason to look forward to a happy and prosperous season this year.

A Piano Needed.

Last year a piano was rented for use in the Three Arts Club, but this is such an expensive procedure that it is hoped that the money can be saved to the Church by the gift of a piano this year. There are so many pianos that are lying unused in houses that it may be that some of their owners will be moved to present one to the church. What better use could be made of an instrument consecrated by tender associations, which sacred memories prevent the owner from selling? The piano once touched by the fingers of some departed daughter or sister can continue her ministrations to others by helping along the parochial activities. In our third story it will be useful for a Bible class, as well as for the Arts Club.

There will hardly be room for any other than an upright piano.

If there is no piano available as a gift, we would be glad to store an upright for the privilege of using it. It would be well kept and carefully tuned.

Soon the people will be back to their accustomed places. Business will then revive and the schools for the youth of the land will be in active operation. Familiar faces will once more be seen in church. Ministers and congregations will be again united. Then the work of the Church calls for those who with a will and heart can help to meet the demand. Money will be needed, as always, to defray expenses, but money always is offered when interest is aroused and the claim is just and worthy. But the work is calculated to do more than nourish, cheer, educate or uplift those for whom the effort is made. It helps the worker. He himself is nourished, cheered, educated and uplifted. There are those who come to our churches as strangers, and they find the church so cold and forbidding. They know no one and nobody manifests a particle of interest in them. There is a tremendous truth in the saying that he who would have friends must show himself friendly. So also is it true that when we try to help the Church in her various departments of work, the Church itself becomes more real and alive to us. If one feels that in the Church he is left too severely alone, let him look quietly around to find where he can be of help, and he will find an interest not only aroused within himself, but others will begin to care for him. Be this, however, as it may, the Church calls for workers. The response to that call

may require sacrifice of some sort, but if it is a right call our sacrifice will be amply rewarded.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in June

Through Dr. Grammer, Church Fund,	$25 00
Mrs. A. F, Martin,	1 00

Donations in July and August

Miss Cleemann,	1 00
Miss Ford,	1 00
Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick,	1 00
Miss Williamson,	1 00
Miss Josephine Lindenmayer,	1 00
Through Mr. Ewell, Church Fund,	10 00
Mrs. A. F. Martin,	2 00
Total,	$43 00

July 21st, 75 children were taken to Sedgeley (Fairmount Park). It was a lovely day and the children enjoyed every moment of their outing. Games of all sorts were played and the guests, Mr. Streaker and Mr. Kirkpatrick, joined in all the fun and were ready to tell the children stories or to get a bean bag off the trees. The King's Daughters also assisted in entertaining the children and helped the ladies serve the ice cream and cake to them.

An entertainment or party of some kind will be given later to make up for the loss of one excursion.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their first meeting of the season October 17th in the guild room, Parish House, at 7.45 o'clock. A good attendance is requested, so that officers may be elected for the year and work planned. New members are cordially welcomed.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in June, July and August:

Mrs. H. F. Martin.....75 cents

An Interesting Letter.

St. John's Church, No. 28 Kurofunecho,
Asakusa, Tokyo, Aug. 20, 1906.

Rev. C. E. Grammer, D. D., S. T. D.

My Dear Sir.—Please allow me to introduce myself. This was once a student at Philadelphia Divinity School, who returned to Japan to engage in the mission work. This letter is to give my thanks to you for your generous gift for my expenses, by Drs. Stanger and Heffern's appeal. My health was warned by an eminent doctor in West Philadelphia, but after all, by His merciful will and the advantages that were afforded by kind friends in America, I have been very well and could stand quite hard work. This is good reason I am so thankful.

My Dear Sir.—I am a stranger to you in flesh. This is why I am specially grateful for your interest and sympathy. Please excuse the delay of my acknowledgment. The work has always been too pressing. The first duty called me in constant running. My church is small, with a membership of about ninety communicants. The call for evangelistic work is very pressing. The opportunity at present in Japan is great. We can find anywhere any number of lost souls. They are much ready to accept the glad tiding. The work is not hard in Japan at present, but it is only busy.

The enemy of Christianity is arising among ourselves. The socialism is taking strong root among intellectual people, who are partly Christian. They are Tolstoy-worshipers. They insist on radical socialism. I am afraid some day Japan, who won in war, will be conquered by Russian socialism. Last year's anti-peace demonstration, which resulted in fatal destruction of many buildings, including churches, was backed up by such radical socialists. Unless we are steady to establish the peaceful kingdom of God Japan is in danger, not only in this phase, but also of moral corruption.

I recall my pleasant attendance at your church to hear Dr. Worcester and other eminent speakers. I hope your work will ever be blessed. Very truly yours.

P. C. Daito.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

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Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. S. E. Russell, Miss M. J. Lewis.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Miss Mink, Miss Dobbyn, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. J. Henry Williams, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

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SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Tuesday in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombarger, Miss Atmore, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Josephine Fernley.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . .	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Miss Julia MacAlister, 4031 Walnut St.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d. St.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place, Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Miss Eliza Magee, 1720 Walnut St.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Miss Moore, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Esther Florence Lineaweaver, Miss Hansell.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President,
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield, Miss M. B. Llewellyn.

Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets every Friday evening, 8 P. M., in Parish House.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Julia MacAlister.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham and Miss Fetzer.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistants—Miss Jessie R. Little.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.

Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrie.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hewson.
Associates—Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.

Meets every Saturday at 10.00 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

(WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.)

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Alice Kelly.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Roy Morrison.	*P. Q.*—W. J. Kirkpatrick.
P. C.—Darcy Davis.	*P.*—Charles H. Moore.
T.—Colonel Regar.	*A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.	

JUNIOR.

P.—Herbert Leitsch.	*T.*—George Simpson.
V. P.—James Means.	*S.*—Clarence Mearns.

Embroidery Class.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

MISS CLEEMANN.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1—All Saints (Thursday).
4—21st Sunday after Trinity.
11—22d Sunday after Trinity.
18—23d Sunday after Trinity.
25—24th Sunday after Trinity.
30—St. Andrew (Friday).

Offerings in October.

General Charities,	$128 16
Domestic Missions,	57 28
Parochial Maintenance,	76 22
Children's Friend Society,	12 00
Shoe Fund,	50
Total,	$274 16

Offeratories for November.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Female Benevolent Society.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Benevolence.

Parish Record.

MARRIED.

October 10—John C. Braun and Louise H. Wilder.
" 13—Charles F. Temple and Laura Hedley.
" 27—William H. Grout and Etta R. Leiggett.

BAPTISMS.

October 22—Henrietta Guest Scott.

The Mothers' Meetings.

The first meeting for the Mothers will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish House, on Thursday evening, November 1, at 7.30 o'clock. We hope that there will be a full attendance, and that all will keep up their interest in the work. We are glad to know that the Mothers' Bible Class will be in charge of Miss Bessie Graham, who has proven so acceptable to the members of the class. Let this be the banner year for all our work. We hope to have with us at the opening Rev. Dr. Grammer and Mr. Ewell.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

This society had its first meeting of the year on Monday, October 1. As few of the Associates were present and also the Rector and Assistant, the evening was mostly social, and later an address was made by the Rector.

The second meeting was much enlivened by Mr. Hall, who for many years has been a great friend of the girls. At the third meeting the secretary of the Branch, Miss Maria Wilkins, was accorded a most glowing welcome. In her honor the parish room was beautifully decorated with flowers and fall leaves. The enthusiasm manifested showed with what deep affection Miss Wilkins is esteemed by all the girls.

Another of the faithful workers in this society, Mrs. Johnson, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses, in honor of her wedding anniversary.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson was present to share with her the congratulations of the occasion.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Branch will be held at 11 o'clock on Thursday, the 8th, at the Parish House, when the committees will make their reports, and the plans for the year be determined upon. This society was organized last winter, and numbers 35 enrolled and contributing members. Every woman of the church ought to be on the list. It ought to be the largest society of women in the church, where all those who work and those who sympathize with the work, although they cannot take an active part in it, meet together.

Don't say that "I would attend if I could do any good." Your attendance will be a great good. Your interest will be a great help. Your friendship will be a boon to those who worship with you. There are only four stated meetings a year after this first one. They fall in Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Eastertide. No woman need be a stranger in St. Stephen's. Let her join this society. No well-known member of St. Stephen's is doing her utmost to help up the cause unless she gives us, if possible, the support of her name and presence. C. E. G.

The Sunday-School.

On Sunday, October 18, the winter session of the Sunday-school opened. A most hearty and enthusiastic welcome was given to the superintendent, Mr. McMichael. The Assembly room was tastefully decorated with flowers and autumn leaves. In his address Mr. McMichael, as it were, put forth the platform upon which the school was to be conducted this winter. First of all it was that God's Word was to be diligently studied, and then the truths there found were to be assimilated into the fibre of character.

There was a full attendance of the scholars in the main school, and an overcrowding in the primary department. That part of St. Stephen's Sunday-school has never been properly equipped and plans are being discussed to have adequate room for its increased growth and conveniences which will make it easier for the teachers to handle and control the children. The Sunday-school held during the summer took no interest from the Fall session, but seems to have lent an added zeal to the whole work.

Miss Clara Farrar Smith will be greatly missed in the Young Men's Bible Class this winter, as she will reside in Washington. It is hoped this will not be permanent, and in the meantime Mr. Ewell will take the class.

The Young Ladies' Bible Class this year will be conducted by Miss Julia McAlister. Its former teacher, Miss Neidhard, has accepted church work in New York.

If any members of the congregation having partly worn garments, especially black skirts, coats, etc., to dispose of, will kindly send them to the Parish House, directed to the Mothers' Meeting, they will be gratefully received.

The Men's Thank Offering.

This is a season of great meetings. In politics enthusiasm has been raised to a high pitch by great gatherings, addressed by fervent speakers. At some of them hymns have been sung. It was a novel and refreshing sensation to hear the band playing the familiar tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

It is foolish to be afraid of enthusiasm. The original meaning of the word is, "To be in God"—to be filled with divine spirit. No one is really pure who is not afire with some great purpose. Earnestness is the refiner's fire and the fuller's soap.

The men of our church need enthusiasm, especially on the subject of missions. To this end a monster meeting has been arranged for men only. The Academy of Music has been engaged, and Bishop Greer, of New York; Bishop Anderson, of Chicago, and Mr. George Wharton Pepper, of this city, will speak of the claims of missions and the duty of the men of our church to bear a hand. The committee rely upon the Episcopalians of Philadelphia to stand by them and make this meeting a great success. The special theme will be the "Men's Thank Offering." The plan is that, in recognition of all the benefits of which the Church and Bible have been the channels to us in the last three hundred years, the men of this church shall present a special thank offering at the General Convention in Richmond in 1907, when the landing at Jamestown will be especially celebrated. These gifts are to be over and above all our other contributions. This plan is now calling for the zealous co-operation of the men of our church. The men of St. Stephen's must bear their part. The rector has procured a number of tickets for reserved seats, and urgently invites the men who worship in this congregation, whether communicants or not, to attend this great rally. Let us not be idlers, on the outskirts of the vineyard, or critics, or faultfinders, or hangers-back, but let us co-operate and know the blessedness of union, brotherhood, and co-operation in large undertakings for the extension of God's kingdom among men.

November 8 is the day; and let every man who goes to St. Stephen's help to make the

meeting a visible proof that the Church is in earnest, believes that she has in the Gospel of God's love a good message, and is seeking to pass it on.

C. E. G.

Parish Notes.

We note in the Parish News of the Church of the Holy Apostles, New York, that Miss Pauline Neihard, who is one of its deaconesses, will be formally set apart for that office in this city on All Saints' Day. It is regretted that the service could not be at St. Stephen's, where Miss Neihard has been such a faithful and valued church worker, and where she has so many friends. No congregration could join in the prayers for her and her work more earnestly. May she be richly blessed.

The Three Arts Club.

The Three Arts Club had its opening meeting on Saturday afternoon, November 3. During the coming season the club will be open every day for the use of members, and tea will be served every Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6. On the first Saturday of every month an informal entertainment will be given of interest to students of the Three Arts.

The committee in charge is:
Miss Emily Bell, president.
Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, vice president.
Mrs. Edward R. Fell, treasurer.
Miss Bessie Graham, secretary.

An Auxiliary Board was formed to assist in the management of the club, and it is earnestly hoped that the services of other members of the congregation may be enlisted upon this Board.

Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, chairman.
Miss Josephine Lockhart.
Mrs. Miles Hillary.
Mrs. William Campbell.
Miss Florence Lineaweaver.
Miss Amy Ewing.
Miss Emily Austin.

The Garment Society.

Last winter was one of the most successful seasons in the history of the society, over 300 garments being sold at a nominal price to the poor. The closets are almost empty now, and it is hoped that members of the congregation will respond promptly to this appeal which we now make for second-hand clothing of all descriptions, for worn linen, and any cast-off house furnishings, that we may meet the immediate demands upon us, and that we may make this winter's work even more successful than the last.

The committee acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of garments from
Mrs. T. P. Chandler.
Miss Clara Farrar-Smith.
Miss Lammot.
Miss Goss.

The New Organ.

Building of an organ of any kind is a large undertaking, but especially an organ of the size that is being built by Mr. Haskell for St. Stephen's. It will have four manuals and 64 speaking-stops. These are the actual sound-producing stops, which Dr. Wood will have to handle, besides there will be a great number of mechanical stops, 11 pedal stops, and four swells.

Those of the congregation who have worshipped in the church this Fall have undoubtedly noticed over the chancel an opening in the ceiling which looks like a large, divided window frame. This is to allow the tones from the echo organ which is being built in the loft to be heard in the church. It will be connected with the main organ by means of electricity, and may be played separately or in conjunction with any or all of the manuals of the principal organ. In this echo organ will be found the Vox Humana, Vox Celeste and several other very effective stops, besides foundation stops will not be wanting.

An interesting feature of the present work is the voicing of the pipes in the church. The voicing is very rarely done outside of the factory rooms, owing to the difficulty of securing the church for this purpose. The advantage of voicing in the church is that the stops are made to conform to the acoustic properties of the building, and the relative strength and quality can be determined with greater accuracy.

On the south side of the organ the voicing machine has been installed with a motor in the tower to supply the wind pressure.

The voicing is going on under the direct supervision of Dr. Wood, and when the organ is completed from the artistic standpoint it will be largely his own creation, while the builder will be responsible for its mechanical effectiveness.

Any necessary modification of the stops can be easily made after they are placed in the organ. No one can tell exactly about this, but factory-voiced organs are often wide of the mark, and it is sometimes next to impossible to make it exactly right when built in the church.

Dr. Wood's aim is not to have built a concert organ but a church organ—not an instrument to produce noise, but one that will satisfy the hearer from a musical standpoint.

The contract calls for the completion of the organ before Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 13. We trust that nothing will happen to interfere with its fulfilment.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

A meeting of the young men of the parish was called for Friday evening, October 12. There was an encouraging response on that evening, and the Rector outlined the plans of an organization. St. Stephen's has always seemed to do everything for its women and girls, and now the men and boys must have a chance.

On the second Friday evening a Greek Letter Fraternity was instituted, and this will be the underlying basis of the work. About forty young men are charter members, and since the proceedings were secret little naturally can be reported.

However, it can be said that outside of the Fraternity's teaching and work there will be classes of different kinds, for physical culture, dramatics, debating, etc.

There will be a sociable evening every month, the first one being Friday, November 9.

The Junior Order of the Alpha Kappa Fraternity meets in the Guild room every Friday, at 7.45 o'clock, under the charge of Miss Graham. Twenty members have been enrolled at the first two meetings. The officers elected are:

Herbert Leitsch, president.
James Mearns, vice president.
George Simpson, treasurer.
Clarence Mearns, secretary.

The initiation of the members has so far filled all the time of the meetings, but the club purposes hereafter to have besides its parliamentary routine work a short address by some invited speaker, followed by some athletic exercises, and the playing of games.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in October:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	$2.00
From Mr. Samuel Moore	10.00
Total	$12.00

The children will have their Thanksgiving treat some time in November.

King's Daughters.

Donation received through Dr. Grammer from church fund to assist in their charitable work, $10.

The first meeting of the King's Daughters for the season of 1906-07 was held on Wednesday evening, October 17, 1906. There were seventeen members present.

The meeting was opened by the reading of the forty-fifth Psalm and prayers. The presi-

dent then read some old letters, etc., which had been sent to former officers of the circle.

An election of officers for the ensuing year followed, and on taking an account of the votes, it was found that the following parties were elected to hold offices:

Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, president.
Mrs. Mutchler, vice president.
Miss Minnie Wilder, treasurer.
Miss Bertha T. Walshe, secretary.

Two new members were installed—namely, Miss Anna Hartman and Miss Elsie Rotherhauser.

The remainder of the evening was given to discussing some way by which a little money could be raised to buy materials, etc., to work with, and it was suggested that a package party be given. As there were several dissenting members to this plan, another idea was suggested—that of giving each member a penny, with which to make a dollar by the next meeting. As this idea met with the approval of all the members, the treasurer gave each girl one cent, on which she was to report at the next meeting.

The meeting closed about 9.30.

BERTHA T. WALSHE,
Secretary.

The next meetings of this Circle will be November 7 and November 21, in the Guild room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

A Morning Thought.

"Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is a day made new,
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning
Here is a beautiful hope for you,
A hope for me, and hope for you."

The clergy of St. Stephen's Church are not Mind Readers. Hence notices of sicknesses are necessary that they may know of them.

Again, they are not exactly expert clairvoyants. When you change your address, kindly inform them of your new whereabouts.

Shoe Fund.

From Mrs. A. F. Martin.....50c.

The Rector is very much interested in the Shoe Fund and considers it a very good work. We therefore hope to open about the middle of November.

Donations of any kind either new or cast off shoes if wearable or money will be very acceptable for this purpose.

If sent to the Parish House mark Shoe Fund, care of Mrs. Vanderslice.

Altar Society of St. Stephen's Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand May 1, 1905	$17.18
Received from Mr. Miller	75.00
" " Dr. Grammer	150.00
" " Mr. Ewell	25.00
Collection for Easter Decorations	110.00
	377.18

Bills Paid

For flowers	$90.50
Palms and freight	10.86
Embroidery lessons	69.00
Embroidery silk, fringe, stamping etc.	21.37
Linen for surplices	22.78
Making and embroidering surplices	41.25
Fruit	4.20
Easter decorations	110.00
Sundries	2.82
	$372.78

Balance on hand, May 1st, 1906, $4.40.

AGNES M. F. NOBLIT,
Treasurer.

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Clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitors, MISS BESSIE GRAHAM.
MISS K. H. LEWIS.
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone, Filbert 3807

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. George L. Crawford, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. John A. McDowell, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing.

Organist and Choirmaster.
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO

Mme. Emma Suelke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Mrs. Emma DeBow.

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger and Undertaker.
Mr. Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION. First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Mrs. Petry.
Treasurer—Mrs. Crane.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Mrs. Petry.

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President–
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombarger, Miss Atmore, Miss Josephine Fernley.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . .	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Miss Julia MacAlister, 4031 Walnut St.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42d. St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs W. K. Lineaweaver.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.

INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place, Miss Lammot.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Graham.

Treasurer United Offering—

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Donald, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, Misses Shellenberger.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Margaret Miller.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Acting Treasurer—Miss Magee.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President,
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.

Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS

Meets every Friday evening, 8 P. M., in Parish House.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Julia MacAlister.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham and Miss Fetzer.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrie.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hewson.
Associates—Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.

Meets every Satnrday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Mrs. Mutchler.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Roy Morrison.	*P. Q.*—W. J. Kirkpatrick.
P. C.—Darcy Davis.	*P.*—Charles H. Moore.
T.—Colonel Regar.	*A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.– Dr. Grammer.	

JUNIOR.

P.—Herbert Leitsch.	*T.*—George Simpson.
V. P.—James Means.	*S.*—Clarence Mearns.

Embroidery Class.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

MISS CLEEMANN.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 2—First Sunday in Advent.
" 9—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 16—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 19—Ember Day, (Wednesday).
" 21—St. Thomas and Ember Day, (Friday).
" 22—Ember Day, (Saturday).
" 23—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25—Christmas Day, (Tuesday).
" 26—St. Stephen, (Wednesday).
" 27—St. John Evangelist, (Thursday).
" 28—The Innocents, (Friday).
" 30—First Sunday after Christmas.

Offerings in November.

General Charities,		$ 128 76
Female Benevolent Society,		79 01
For Benevolent Society from Miss Dutilh,		5 00
From Miss Wilkin's Legacy,		68 50
Parochial Maintenance,		74 21
Through Mr. Ewell for Institutional Work,		35 00
Church Work Fund:		
Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr.	$50 00	
Miss Ida Maulsby,	35 00	
Miss Matilda Maulsby,	35 00	
Miss Maria Wilkins,	30 00	
Miss Anna J. Magee,	25 00	
Miss Fannie Magee,	25 00	
Miss Emily Bell,	10 00	
Miss Julia Garrett,	100 00	
Dr. Fell,	5 00	
Mr. Wm. B. Campbell,	50 00	
Mr. C. H. Calket,	25 00	
Mr. L. C. Cleemann,	25 00	
Miss Jane Jamison,	10 00	
Mr. E. B. Judson,	10 00	
Miss C. T. Rynard,	25 00	
Miss Laura Bell,	15 00	
Mr. Wm. Haydock,	15 00	
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar,	25 00	
Mrs. Catharine Richardson,	75 00	
Mrs. J. A. McDowell,	50 00	
Miss Schaeffer,	5 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis,	10 00	
Mrs. H. W. Dunne,	5 00	
Mr. James M. Arrison,	12 00	
Mr. John W. Trinkle,	150 00	
In memory of Mrs. Trinkle.		
Mr. E. F. Linneaweaver,	10 00	
Mr. Geo. L. Crawford,	50 00	
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,	50 00	
Mr. O. B. Judson,	10 00	
Mr. E. J. Moore,	100 00	
Mr. T. P. Farrell,	5 00	
Mr. W. G. Crowell,	25 00	
Mr. Chas. E. Dana,	10 00	
Mr. and Mrs. B. Borie,	25 00	
Mrs. S. E. Russell,	55 00	
Mr. Francis A. Lewis,	15 00	
Mr. Clement A. Ristine,	25 00	
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	15 00	
Mothers' Mite Box,	5 62	
Mrs. Charles Stovell,	25 00	
Mrs. Alfred Tucker,	15 00	
Mr. R. E. Atmore,	50 00	
Mr. C. F. McMichael,	20 00	
Mrs. R. E. Pancoast,	25 00	
Mr. T. P. Chandler,	25 00	
Dr. Grammer,	20 00	
Miss Adelaide V. Brunner,	25 00	
Mrs. R. M. Boyd,	5 00	
Mr. Russell Duane,	25 00	
		1,457 62
Bishop Whitaker's Memorial Fund,		71 00
For Miss Graham's Work,		45 00
For Dr. Shimoon's Work:		
Rev. Dr. Grammer,	25 00	
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,	100 00	
Miss C. L. Ewing, Jr.	25 00	
Miss Fannie S. Magee,	25 00	
Major T. Morris Knight,	5 00	
Mr. H. Spencer Lucas,	10 00	
Mrs. Dr. Fell,	5 00	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,	20 00	
Miss M. S. Wilkins,	5 00	
Miss Emily Bell,	5 00	
		225 00
Children's Friend Society,		1 00
King's Daughters,		17 43
Shoe Fund,		3 00
		$2,210 53

Offertories for December.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Missionary Box Society.
Fourth Sunday—Sunday School Festival.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese.
Fifth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

November 6—Bessie Isabel Winslow Slye.
" 11—John William Meeker.
" 18—Emily Ree Denney.
" 18—Russell Hansen Nissen.

MARRIED.

Nov. 21—George W. Ketcham and Mary Kennerdell.

The Memorial to Bishop Whitaker.

The letter printed below from the Bishop-Coadjutor makes its appeal in such clear, strong terms that it is unnecessary for the Rector to add anything to it. We are enjoying the benefit of the Deaconess House in the services of our Parish Visitor, Miss Graham, who was equipped for her work by a course at that school. Miss Pauline Neidhart, a member of this parish, who was set apart as a deaconess last All Saints Day, and is now connected with a church in New York, is a graduate of the same institution. We believe in the training of women for special service in the ministration of the Church. No one doubts the wisdom of endowing educational institutions. There could not be a more worthy object. The immediate occasion is most appropriate. Bishop Whitaker's interest in the school and his faithful services of twenty-five years are recognized in one gift. The Rector hopes that this generous parish will see the propriety of some grateful gift in thankfulness for the Bishop's care, and recognize the duty of providing for this excellent school. He especially commends the letter to those confirmed by Bishop Whitaker.

C. E. G.

Oct. 31, 1906.

To the Church People of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

My Dear Friends:—

This autumn completes a period of twenty years since our beloved Bishop Whitaker began his memorable work in this diocese. A very strong and general desire is everywhere expressed that this date should be marked by some gift to the Bishop expressive of the universal love and gratitude felt by his people. The Bishop, however, on being approached, modestly, yet positively, forbade any such personal gift, but on being urged, has said at last that he had always been particularly anxious that the Church Training and Deaconess House, which he had founded, should be endowed, and should his people be willing to do this, it would afford him the most profound satisfaction. This method of marking their Bishop's work in the diocese has commended general approval, and a strong committee has been appointed to carry it out. It is desired to raise a sum of $50,000 to do this, and the committee hope that towards this sum every member of each parish will contribute as liberally as possible. In pursuance of this object this circular note may be considered by every rector or other clergyman as addressed to himself personally, and additional copies are sent to each one to be distributed among the laity of the various parishes. Speaking to every rector individually, we urge each one of you to appeal to your people in advance and to take up a collection for this purpose before the close of the year. We ask each one of you to go out into your parish and to address personally those who have been especially blessed with means. We request you also to appeal to every communicant who has been confirmed by the Bishop in your parish during the past twenty years. Appeals from the chancel, or even personal letters alone, will not be sufficient. We consider that this appeal of ours takes precedence over every other in the diocese during the year now before us, not only on account of the vital importance which the work of training women shows with increasing power everywhere in the Church, but also because, should this effort fail, a most unfortunate effect will be produced. No diocese in the land is more devoted to its Bishop or holds him in greater love than that of Pennsylvania, and nowhere is there a more important work than that which centers in the Deaconess House. There is, however, a real danger, lest this present effort fail through over-confidence, and the feeling on the part of some rectors, that whatever funds they fail to raise will be easily provided by others. We therefore most affectionately, but still most emphatically, ask each rector to at once take such steps as will place his parish in this Roll of Honor. We ask you to accept the date of December 31st as that before which the account of every parish must be handed in to the Treasurer of this Fund, Mr. George C. Thomas, 206 West Washington Square, Philadelphia. In view of the immense amount of unselfish work already accomplished in the Training School (in which no instructor is paid for his services) and of the Bishop's expressed wish that whatever is done should be for the benefit of the diocese, rather than for himself, we make this appeal to you with the greater confidence. We need hardly add that the Bishop knows nothing whatever of our letter. Will you not kindly go to work at once and see what you can accomplish in your parish and neighborhood as the result of your loving heart and willing hand?

On behalf of the committee.

Faithfully yours,
ALEX. MACKAY-SMITH,
Bishop-Coadjutor, Diocese of Pennsylvania.

On Christmas Day the services in the church will be at eight o'clock, celebration of the Holy Communion; at eleven o'clock, Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

The offerings at these services will be for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese.

Woman's Auxiliary.

On Thursday morning, November 8th, at 11 o'clock, in the Parish House, there was a preliminary meeting for the purpose of electing officers and planning for the year's work. Forty-five ladies of the congregation were present. Mrs. Howard Butcher presided in the absence of Miss Magee.

Miss Julia McAlister's resignation as secretary was accepted. Mrs. David Wood was elected to the office. The other officers of last year were re-elected. Next followed the reports of committees.

For the Foreign Committee Mrs. Grammer read a letter from Miss Emery, the General Secretary. It outlined the Auxiliary plan for the coming year, telling of the needs of the field and laying special emphasis on the necessity for workers, forty in all being needed. The co-operation was asked of all members to bring their influence and prayers to bear upon any one who may be available for the field.

A letter was read by Dr. Grammer from Mr. Ishii, of Tokio. His appeal was for a new building, having been compelled to sell the old buildings of his orphanage on account of the erection of a powder mill in the neighborhood. The Rector highly commended this devoted and self-denying Japanese, whom he knows so well personally.

Mrs. Arrison made a splendid report as chairman of the Colored Committee.

The general committee of this branch meets the first Monday of each month at the Church House, with an attendance of about seventy. It maintains by pledges scholarships at the church schools in Lawrenceville, Va., and Raleigh, N. C. Many boxes are also sent to appeals. In cash and box valuations over $6500 was spent last year by the Pennsylvania committee.

A motion was made to enlarge all the St. Stephen's committees by alternate delegates. It was carried, and Mrs. Albert Pancoast and Miss Headman, the secretary, were elected to the Foreign Committee.

To fill regular vacancies on the Domestic Committee Mrs. Dwight Lowry and Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver were elected. It was decided to have the Advent meeting on Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock, December 13.

Every one considered this preliminary meeting of the Auxiliary as auspicious of a successful year.

Christmas Dinners.

The poor of the parish will be provided this year with Christmas dinners, according to our custom. A good dinner for a family of four to six can be purchased for two or three dollars. The system of distribution is well organized. Please send all contributions for the Christmas Dinner Fund to Mr. Clayton, who has had charge of this benevolence for so many years. Care is taken that the gifts go to the deserving poor, who are so much in danger of being overlooked. Contributions should be received not later than December 22.

Memorabilia.

Don't forget to do your Christmas shopping before December 15th, and so save the clerks from undue pressure.

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Don't forget the Advent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary December 13th, at 11 A. M., in the Parish House. The delegates will make their reports, and we hope to have an address from a worker in the field. We had 45 present at our last meeting. Let us try to have 55 this time.

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Don't forget that Advent is the beginning of the Christian year, and make some good resolution. If you are neglecting church-going this is a good time for resolving to start afresh and do better.

Altar Society.

The Misses Maulsby have resigned from the Chancel Committee, greatly to the regret of the Rector and the whole Committee. Miss Ida Maulsby was one of the original members of the society and has done long and faithful service. We are glad to have received in some new members.

The Sunday School Christmas Festival will be held on Holy Innocents' Day (Friday), at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Infant Class will have its festival on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday School Building.

The New Organ.

At the factory they are only waiting to take down a small organ before they will set up the echo-division of our organ. In about ten days they will be placing it in the church.

In the complete organ there will be two saxophone stops. One will be a sixteen-foot C of the pedal saxophone. This will probably take the place of the trombone stop pedal.

Also an interesting feature of the Echo-organ will be a saxophone, which is added to the original scheme: This is a present from the builder, Mr. Haskell. It will be an exact imitation of the instrument used in large orchestras and will be the first sixteen-foot saxophone in the city.

Another departure from the original plan is the placing of a Vox Angelica instead of a Vox Celeste in the swell of the main organ. This stop is more subdued than the Celeste and has a most delicate, vibrant tone.

A decision has been reached in regard to the case, and for better harmony with the general tone of the church decorations a dark, rich walnut will be used.

Altogether much progress has been made. The majority of the middle stops have been voiced and most of the mechanical parts are completed. Dr. Wood is very much pleased with the results thus far.

A. K. Notes.

One of the most enjoyable and successful entertainments ever given in St. Stephen's Sunday School Building took place Friday evening, November 9th, under the auspices of the recently-organized "Alpha Kappa Fraternity," which was instituted by the young men of St. Stephen's Parish. The Rev. John E. Ewell opened the first monthly entertainment of the "Alpha Kappas" with an address. Colonel Regar followed with a song, which was succeeded by a very interesting debate, the subject of which was: "Resolved, That the Government should own the railroads." Henry George Fester spoke for the affirmative side of the question and Charles H. Howe for the negative. Too much credit cannot be given these young men for the capable manner in which they debated this important question of government. The fifth number consisted of an improvised quartette, whose "execution" was much relished by an enthusiastic audience. One of the distinct "hits" of the night was a solo, with violin obligato, by Miss Clayton and Miss Graham. The seventh and final number, was a travesty on the arena scene from "Quo Vadis," by Roy E. Morrison and Herman Berdon. The audience was kept in a continuous roar of laughter at the humorous quips, sallies and situations of the Hebrew character in the sketch. The entertainment was followed by refreshments and dancing, after which the audience dispersed, voting the entertainment "a delightful treat." The "Alpha Kappa" is to be congratulated on a most auspicious commencement. The patronesses were our very kind friends, Miss Sanders and Miss Wilkins.

W. C.—Royd E. Morrison.
P. C.—D'Arcy Davis.
N. T.—Colonel Regar.
P.—Charles H. Moore.
C.—William H. Kuhn.
Q.—Rev. Dr. Grammer.
P. Q.—Mr. Kirkpatrick.
A.—Rev. John E. Ewell.

The standards of the society have been planted on the heights of success and there is exultation in the camp of the Kappaites. To see the happy, eager, excited faces of the boys as they "shoot" for the "goal" in their games of basketball makes one think it is really worth while.

An orchestra has been formed under the leadership of Mr. Strauss, and it will be doing remarkable things at the next entertainment.

The program for the next entertainment, December 7th, is a very fine one. Dr. Grammer is to make the opening address, which is to be followed by a debate: "Resolved, That Philadelphia does not deserve the reputation of being 'slow.'" Mr. Streaker has kindly volunteered to give an illustrated lecture on the "Glories of the Yosemite Valley." Other numbers which have not yet been decided upon will follow. They will be of equal interest.

It is the desire of the Alpha Society that every reader of the Parish News will use their endeavors to influence young men of their acquaintance to file applications for membership. The ambition of the society is high, and their scope of work extensive, and there is no reason why it should not have the hearty co-operation of the general parish.

Never in the history of dear old St. Stephen's has there been such a stirring up among the younger element. The young men desire to express their gratitude to Mr. Ewell for his enthusiastic labors in their behalf.

A Mandolin Club has been formed, under the direction of Prof. William H. Kuhn.

To see Roy E. Morrison preside is convincing evidence that for an executive position one should have more than "enthusiasm" only.

As a disciple of discipline Colonel Regar stands alone in the midst of many.

To hear Henry George Fester speak causes one's imagination to soar back to the stirring days of Demosthenes.

Henry Groh, William Kuhn, Winfield, etc., need not think that age debars them from active interest in the affairs of state.

Harry Bush, as a librarian, has an interest in books not surpassed even by the great Carnegie.

Pull, boys, and pull together,
'Twill help us weather all sorts of weather;
Whether we will—or whether we'll not—
You'l find will be the Gordian Knot.
Vale, Omnes!
R. M.

Kitchen-Garden.

Kitchen-gardening is housekeeping set to music. Some experienced old housewife will say this cannot be done, but the experiment was made twenty-five years ago in New York and the work has been carried on successfully ever since. Miss Emily Huntington, of New York, who is to the kitchen-garden what Froebel was to the kindergarten, and who has written a most comprehensive book on the subject, has recommended to us as a teacher Miss Caroline Manners, of Brooklyn, who will meet the Normal Class for the first time on Friday afternoon, November 30th, and thereafter at intervals of one month. This first lesson will be a demonstration of the work to the teachers and will cover one month of the children's work. The pianist upon whom so much depends will be Miss Clara Haines.

The class will number twelve children, all under twelve years of age. Every child will be provided with a uniform of apron and cap and a complete outfit of toys for housekeeping ing. There will be lessons in table-setting, illustrated with dolls' dishes and miniature knives and forks and napkin rings, the children giving rhyming answers to the questions as to how the forks should be laid, where the glasses should stand, etc. Subsequent lessons in dishwashing, laundering, sweeping and cooking complete the course.

It is an acknowledged fact among mill and factory employes to-day that in engaging new hands, inquiry is made, and preference always given, to the girl who has had kindergarten training in her childhood. The co-ordination of hand and brain (or as they style it in factory parlance, "the makin' of your cocoanut save your muscle"), which is one of the greatest resultant advantages of the kindergarten, is always noticeable in girls so trained in their youth and gives them a conspicuous proficiency and advantage over their untrained sisters. In fact, to this training is attributed a current distinction made between two classes of factory employes—that of the "working" girls and the "worked" girls.

It is the aim of the kitchen-garden to pair the hands and hearts of the children as well as the hands and brains, that the work, which in its monotonous necessity tends to become drudgery, may, when associated with cheer and song, be performed more proficiently because more happily. For willingness and desire are inseparable from dexterity and success. It is hoped that in time we as employers will seek our domestic help among those who manifest the superior advantages of the kitchen-garden, and that the movement now begun, besides its broader, pedagogical interests, may in conjunction arouse a local parochial interest in the need for like classes in industrial occupations. May the Sewing School and the Kitchen-Garden be the beginning of a great Industrial School in St. Stephen's!

King's Daughters.

Donation from Mrs. Parmlee for the Circle's work, 75 cents; Mrs. Joseph Clayton, $1.00. Proceeds up to date made by the members from their penny, $15.68. Total, $17.43.

Meetings in Parish House, December 5th and December 19th, quarter of 8 o'clock. Guild room.

The Benevolent Society must have cutters. Come and cut. Tuesday mornings.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation in November—From Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

November 21 was the evening selected for the poor children's Thanksgiving entertainment, which was an exhibition of Cloward's new motion pictures.

Over 200 children, some from the Sunday School and others from the different parts of the city, in which the Children's Friends Society have been interested for a number of years, were invited.

As the day had been rainy and very disagreeable it was feared a very few would be present, but by half-past eight o'clock not a seat was to be had, as both young and old enjoyed seeing Mr. Reynolds' moving pictures, which are very fine.

Shoe Fund.

Donations in November: From Mrs. Parmalee, 25 cents; Mrs. H. F. Martin, 25 cents; Mrs. James P. Lowry, $2.00; Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer), $25.00; from those receiving shoes, 50 cents. Total $28.00. Expended for shoes, $21.12. Balance, $6.88.

Gave out three pair last week, as the work did not start until November 25th. Any donations of shoes sent to the Parish House, in care of Mrs. Vanderslice or Miss Lewis (who has kindly offered to assist on Mondays), will be very acceptable.

Mothers' Meeting.

The society opened very auspiciously this year with a large and enthusiastic attendance of seventy mothers. Mrs. Taylor and Miss Van Dusen were cordially cheered. A very happy address was made by the Rector on "Home-Coming."

Mrs. Taylor told of the results of the last winter's efforts to improve the farm. The house had been screened and made so much more comfortable this summer. Linens, etc., had been supplied.

Miss Clayton was elected Treasurer and Miss Alice Regar Head of Committees.

The rest of the evening was devoted to music, Miss Graham, Miss Clayton and Miss McCormick lending their talents. Tea, which always cheers the mothers' hearts, brought the evening to a pleasant close.

Dr. Shimoon's Work.

My work in Persia is so varied that I hardly know which feature of it will be most interesting to the readers of the "Parish News." This work was chiefly among the Kurds, although a great many real Mohammedans, Jews and fire-worshipers visited my office. The origin and ancestry of the Kurds is an unsettled question among the ethnologists. They have no history, nor literature; by faith they are Mohammedans. Most of them live in the Kurdistan Mountains, as independent tribes. Neither Persia nor Turkey can subjugate them. They are the most ferocious people I know of, even more so than the North American Indians. Their chief occupation is highway robbery. The missionaries have not ventured yet to start any religious work among the Kurds. These people, however, have the greatest admiration and esteem for a physician. A Kurdish chieftan came 50 miles on horseback to meet me after I had successfully treated a large gunshot wound.

My practice was largely surgery. Because these people have no Courts and no rulers, as a consequence disputes and quarrels are settled by fighting. The resultant fractured skulls, arms, etc., were a daily sight in my office.

For five months I was family physician to the Governor of the province. He frequently entertained the titled men and landlords at his house. That gave me an opportunity to meet these men, and with many of them I formed an acquaintance and friendship.

My association with the Governor increased my influence and prestige in the State and enabled me to carry on my religious and medical work without being molested much.

On Christmas day I presented the Governor with a New Testament in his own language with the familiar inscription, "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year." Being of an inquisitive nature, he asked me what it meant. I told him in detail about the great feast of Christendom, its object and how presents were exchanged among friends. He seemed very much interested and impressed. To my great gratification and amazement he read the Testament through, and I would often hear him reading and explaining it to his sister, whose hearing was defective.

But in all my conversations with him (and they were many) I was impressed with the

one great truth, namely, that outside of our blessed religion, there is no sympathy and no brotherhood of man. During that cold winter many widows and orphans whom I had visited were in distress because they had no wood to burn and no bread to eat, while the Governor had an abundant supply of these. But in describing to him the terrible condition of these unfortunate people who were starving at his door I could not excite his sympathy, for there was none in him. I suggested that he and I call upon them, cheer them up and help them. I cited to him the Galveston catastrophe, and how the American people responded to help their fellow-countrymen, but all my efforts were unavailing. I was simply talking to a stone heart. I asked him that he, with the other titled men, start a dispensary for the poor. He replied: "If the poor have no money do not treat them. Let them die."

He was a man of considerable intelligence and education. Indeed, all the beautiful qualities—sympathy, kindness and love—found in the Western countries are not the products of universities and colleges, but of the blessed religion of Jesus Christ.

When I speak of poverty as it is in Persia, you cannot comprehend it. Spiritual and physical poverty usually go hand-in-hand.

In that province I started two missions, which I visited on alternate Sundays. Often we held our meetings under a tree. The whole village would come out. A doctor in Persia is on the same social plane as a Governor or a titled man. He can do a great many things that a mere clergyman could not do. He has access to the people, to their homes and their hearts. I wish some rich person would promise me some money, so I could send over here a few native young men to be educated as physicians and get in touch with the American Christianity and ideas, and then return to Persia. A native Christian physician can do more. simply because he has the advantage of knowing several native dialects, being used to the climate and peculiarities of the people; and they have undoubtedly more confidence in him.

My office was more a chapel than a physician's office. No patient left it without having heard at least a word about a personal Saviour.

When cholera broke out in several of the cities I was appointed by the Government of Urumia as quarantine physician, but the idea did not materialize because a Mohammedan priest had unfortunately said in a large mosque that both physicians and quarantine were useless. He suggested burning sulphur in the homes as a preventive; but in spite of the sulphur treatment cholera came to Urumia and carried off 7000 people, while in Tabriz the number of its victims reached over 25,000. While in Urumia I established four missions, each one of which will be a nucleus for a great church in the future.

There are a few thoughts which have been a source of support and comfort to me. First of these is that I am an ambassador of Jesus Christ in Persia, a representative of Christianity and its institutions, that these simple-minded people look up to me for something better and nobler than what they have, and some watch me with the critical and fault-finding eyes. Good deportment and consecrated life will enhance the influence and power of Christianity.

Secondly, I am a naturalized American citizen, a representative of American civilization and ideas. My patriotism and love for "Old Glory" were never before so great and sincere as it is now. The more of the other countries I see the greater my devotion and admiration of the United States, which to me just now, coming out of Persia, is simply a heaven. Hence my aim and duty to further the interests of my adopted country.

Thirdly, I am a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, naturally, to me, the best medical school in America; therefore, my obligation to keep up its standard and reputation.

Lastly, I am a member of St. Stephen's Church, the church that has fostered institutions, each one of which has become a power of good; the church well known for its inspiring music. To know that at least some of St. Stephen's Church remembered me and my work in their prayers, and that the sympathy of the great parish was with me in my endeavor to carry on the work of God in that far away part of His vineyard; this has been and will be a comforting and encouraging thought to me and reminds me of the hymn we often sing, "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Mrs. Alfred Tucker, a member of this church, supplied me with the newspapers, magazines, etc. St. Stephen's Church has been the means of leading

me to the higher and nobler ideals of life; without its elevating influence my life might have been quite different than what it is now.

For a period of four months the Christian historians who live in Urumia City and province were expecting momentary massacre at the hands of Mohammedans. The Jewish shops were plundered. That was the beginning of a general plan to exterminate the Christians and Jews. At that time I was in a province 60 miles, or three days' journey, from my people. I could not communicate with nor go to see them. The journey to Urumia is always attended with danger, especially at that time.

At a certain place on the road there are a dozen or more graves of persons robbed and killed. But I wanted to be with my father and mother and the rest of my people. I went to Urumia at night, traveling with 250 camels. Arriving at home, I observed that the reports had not been exaggerated at all, that in front of missionary buildings the Government had placed guards and that apprehension of a pending massacre was shared also by all the missionaries and foreigners in Urumia.

Besides all these, the Christians who lived in the villages were tormented by bands of thieves. Ten or 20 mounted and well-armed men would attack a village. During last winter 18 men and two women were killed by the thieves in the neighborhood of our village, which is 15 miles from Urumia City. The unfortunate Christians had to get up and sleep upon housetops during the early part of March. Remember that Urumia is as cold as Pennsylvania. Sleeping on the roof in the summer months is common in Oriental countries, but not in March. But these Christians were afraid to sleep in the houses, and upon the roof they had no protection from rain. So, literally, they were between the "devil and the deep sea."

In Sulduz, the province in which I labored, there are no telephones, telegraphs, post office, newspapers, schools; nothing that makes life beautiful and worth living as in Christian America. I wonder how Philadelphia would get along without the 46 hospitals. I do not think there are half a dozen hospitals in all Persia, and they belong to the missionaries; and there are 9,000,000 people in that country. You cannot fully appreciate your privileges—and conveniences of life—unless you should visit a country like Persia in its primitive state. Friends, I cannot tell you how dark is the night in Persia, the misery, superstitions, ignorance, total degredation and wretchedness; it is undescribeable. I am convinced that Persia to-day is the most backward country in the world. There are, however, some signs of awakening, as granting of a Constitution by the Shah, which to us who are familiar with the situation does not mean much. Still it is a step forward. There are indications of great possibilities in the near future.

A hospital I must have; my work need it, to treat the poor and contagious diseases. Our main object, of course, is to introduce Christianity, but we cannot do it openly. The people are too ignorant, bigoted and fanatic to accept it, so we have to use agencies and means to accomplish our purpose, and hospitals are the most effective.

Although I am grateful to St. Stephen's people for the generous way they have responded, and yet at this rate it will take me three years to raise the amount. That I could not do, as I have left a work behind. There are hundreds of people in Philadelphia, and many in St. Stephen's, well able to furnish funds for the building of a small hospital. I will get the natives to maintain and support it after once in operation. Can't I have the money and return to my work in the spring? It is a pity that I am here when I could do so much in my native country. Your contributions are with the treasurer, Mr. E. S. Johnson. When the amount is raised the trustees will make an effort to get the British Consul in Persia to act as a trustee or overseer, or have the Episcopal Church to supervise the work. But the most essential thing just now is to raise the money. I would be glad to talk with any of you on the subject, and I hope and pray that you will enable me to go back soon. Sincerely.

JOSEPH SHIMOON, M. D.

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REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. L. Wigfall.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Tuesday in the month, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—
Treasurer—Miss Lammot.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombarger, Miss Atmore, Miss Josephine Fernley.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place, Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Rowland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Donald, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, Misses Shellenberger.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Emily Bell.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Lineaweaver.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President,
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets every Friday evening, 8 P. M., in Parish House.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Julia MacAlister.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham and Miss Fetzer.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

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Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hewson.
Associates—Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.

Meets every Satnrday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Mrs. Mutchler.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alphà Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Roy Morrison. *P. Q.*—W. J. Kirkpatrick.
P. C.—Darcy Davis. *P.*—Charles H. Moore.
T.—Colonel Regar. *A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

JUNIOR.

P.—Herbert Leitsch. *T.*—George Simpson.
V. P.—James Means. *S.*—Clarence Mearns.

Kitchen Garden.

1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
2d Instructor—Miss Graham.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

Embroidery Class.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
New pupils from the Deaconess House—Miss Elizabeth Geist Newbold, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs Jennie T. C. Law, Honolulu; Miss Mary E. Laning, Cambria, O.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stsphen's of the Bishop White Library Society—Miss Emlie Bell,

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1—Circumcision (Tuesday).
" 6—Epiphany (Sunday).
" 13—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 20—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25—Conversion of St. Paul. (Friday).
" 27—Septuagesima.

Offerings in December.

Episcopal Hospital		$ 249 25
Missionary Box Society		69 05
Sunday School Festival		100 21
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund		204 05
General Charities		21 50
Parochial Maintenance		60 29
Christmas Dinners :		
Through Mr. Clayton	244 08	
Estimated value of supplies sent	64 80	
		308 88
Through Mr. Ewell for Institutional Work		27 00
California Sufferers from Miss Emily Bell		5 00
Dr. Shimoon's work :		
Mrs. Frederick Stovell	25 00	
Miss Laura Bell	5 00	
		30 00
Church work fund :		
Miss Stevenson	25 00	
Miss Tilghman	30 00	
Cash	5 00	
Mrs. S. Clarkson	25 00	
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.	15 00	
		100 00
Bishop Whitaker's Deaconess Memorial fund:		
Offertory	159 62	
Miss Magee	25 00	
Cash	1 00	
Mrs. A. G. Brunner	25 00	
Cash	10 00	
Miss Emily Bell	10 00	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	25 00	
T. P. Chandler	50 00	
Mrs. Middleton	25 00	
Miss Tilghman	15 00	
Miss Jane Jamison	10 00	
Mrs. Russell	15 00	
Mr. Campbell	20 00	
Cash	5 00	
		395 62
Through Miss Graham		27 00
King's Daughters		3 50
Shoe Fund		9 75
Children's Friend Society		13 00
Total,		$1,617 00

Offertories for January.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—Foreign Missions.
Third Sunday—Work among colored people.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record.

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December 11—Sarah K. Steel.
" 27 - John Crawshaw.

A Happy New Year to All.

"Ready for Either"

(Written especially for "The Parish News" by the Rev. William Wilberforce Newton).

Every Near Year is the opening of a new chapter in the Book of Life. What that chapter is to be we cannot tell till we come to the end of it. The old Moravian Missionary Society of Count Zinzendorf had as its motto an ox standing between an altar and a plow with the words underneath, "Ready for Either." This is the way we ought to look forward to every New Year.

Widely distributed as is our congregation, a personal acquaintance between the rector and the people can only be the result of common effort To aid the congregation to do their part, Dr. and Mrs. Grammer will be at home on Wednesday afternoons and evenings till Lent.

Christmas Dinners.

Sunday coming so close this year to Christmas gave a splendid opportunity for the congregation and some outside friends who have always helped us in this work to see just what the usual Christmas dinners meant in St. Stephen's to the poor.

The turkeys, chickens and all the good things were arranged in a most beautiful and artistic manner, and we feel sure that if some of the Terminal Market people could have seen it they would have had an object lesson in the art of displaying poultry.

The Rector announced from the chancel to the congregation on Sunday morning that if they would take the trouble to go up to the Guild room after service they would see a sight long to be remembered.

All who saw it are sure they enjoyed their own Christmas dinners so much better, knowing that they had provided joy and happiness to such a great number of poor families.

We were able this year to supply about 135 families with a good, substantial dinner, and feel sure that the usual Christmas spirit was among us.

An excellent picture was taken and appears on another page of this number.

Many expressions of gratitude and earnest letters of thanks have been received, and many homes were made bright and happy by this noble custom of St. Stephen's. The whole duty of providing and distributing these supplies was entrusted to Mr. Joseph Clayton, to whose zeal its success was chiefly due.

Mr. Miller.

On Advent Sunday the congregation was delighted to see Mr. Miller in the chancel. Mr. Miller celebrated the communion and pronounced the benediction. After the service many of his friends took the opportunity to grasp his genial hand.

Mr. Miller seemed very happy and in the best of health and spirits. We are always glad to have him with us.

The Institutional Church.

A new church greeted this century with a readjusted gospel and message. It is popularly known as the "Institutional Church." Practical Christianity is what it proclaims. The spiritual power is poured into the practical mould of the times.

More and more, men are impatient to see the fruits of their efforts and they demand the same of the church as they do of the world. When hope smiles where there had been conditions of despair; when cheerfulness and cleanliness are substituted for filth and foulness, then are men's minds more keen to grasp the spiritual causes of such results. Concrete and tangible signs of the Kingdom of God is what we all want to see. The extended hand, which is the sign of the new philanthropy must not be inert.

The church is awakening to the real needs of the age and is seeking to show its faith by its work. Activities of all kinds prevail. The different days and evenings of the week share the Parish House among the workers in the various departments and make it a busy workshop.

Monday morning starts at St. Stephen's with the distribution of shoes and rubbers by the committee who attends to this charity. The evening is spent by the Girls' Friendly Society with their classes whose purposes are practical and cultivating.

The busy Benevolent Society takes up two mornings with the cutting, parcelling, and distributing of clothing to be sewed. The Garment Committee can be found in their room on Tuesday mornings and the Young Men's Mandolin Club rehearse that evening. The King's Daughters also meet on Wednesdays.

Thursday evening witnesses the interesting proceedings of the Mothers' Meeting, where the members are entertained and the bright social aspects of life are shown to them. Often good, helpful talks take a great part of the evening. A small banking business is done for the mothers and their coal accounts are taken care of so that when the snowy days come they may be warm.

Friday morning finds the Embroidery Class bending intently over their beautiful work, and when night comes on the Guild and Parish Houses are bright with lights in every room. Young men and boys are everywhere around. From the third story comes a flare of melody, and the roll of a drum. It is the band practicing. In the second story the younger boys are so busy and interested in their Sloyd work that the instructors have difficulty in getting them to put up their employment and go home when it is time. Back in the Guild room is going on a spirited game of basket ball.

The next day the little girls are busy in the industrial school. There is first the Sew-

ing-School and after that comes Kitchen-Garden, where practical household work is taught to the tune of merry music. Besides all this every afternoon the attractive room of the Three Arts Club is open and a hostess is there to receive the visitors and to pour tea.

This is only a bird's eye view of a week at St. Stephen's, because there are other most useful societies which have their chosen tasks to perform. The first three pages of this paper mean something.

It stands this way. There is a great quantity of institutional work to be done, and are we not intended to do it? Why are we on Tenth street, so close to certain less blessed portions of the city? Let us ask ourselves the question.

Some very good people most wisely throw out a warning that there is danger of the loss of spiritual tone amidst so much material activity. The word is well spoken.

For after all we must never forget the source of all our vigorous inspiration. We must continually depend upon Jesus Christ, our Master, and bear in mind that it was He who first went about doing good, setting us the example. It is His enthusiasm for good works which is transferred to us by the Spirit, and that gives us the great desire to imitate Him.

But as to the actual danger an assuring testimony comes from New York. Dr. Peters, an eminent Baptist divine in that city, preached last Fall a most interesting sermon, which was reported throughout the country by the Associated Press.

In this sermon were given statistics which showed that while many denominations were reporting a percentage of decrease of membership and others seemed merely to be holding their own, and only a few were giving a small ratio of increase, the Episcopal Church showed in New York a remarkable percentage in growth above the rest. This development, Dr. Peters declared, came solely from the institutional character of the work done by our church. This is a convincing testimony, and should spur us on along these lines. The working church wins the people.

Another indication of this movement of the times is seen in the invasion of the book stores by volumes on the subject. Dr. George Hodges, dean of the Cambridge Seminary, for whom we are waiting with expectation as a speaker in the first week in Lent at the midday services, has contributed a book called "The Institutional Church."

It is the history of St. George's Parish in New York during Dr. Rainsford's administration. St. George's is taken as the pioneer and pattern of churches of its type.

In the introduction to the book Dean Hodges writes, that "Dr. Rainsford found a church trying to minister in the old way to fit the new conditions. He compared the old St. George's to 'a fisherman accustomed to earn his bread at catching herring; presently the run of herring goes away from that portion of the sea, and in their place comes a tremendous run of smelt. If the fisherman could change his net he would be a richer man than before, because smelt are better fish than herring, but he starves because he cannot change the size of his meshes.' The old methods have been adapted to the family, the new methods are adapted to the individual."

This is good, common, hard sense. Dr. Rainsford changed the size of St. George's meshes and behold, what a great power for good that parish is in the Metropolis of our nation.

The call comes to us to mind our meshes. There is the chance of a greater reward. One day while James and John were mending their nets in their father's boat drawn up on the shore Jesus called them to be His chosen disciples. He must have approved of their occupation.

After all an abiding enthusiasm for institutional activity must have a constant and strong source of supply. Consequently the pulpit and the service can never be made secondary or neglected. Bishop Potter said of Dr. Rainsford that with all his marvelous administrative qualities, his greatest power came forth from his pulpit utterances. The service of the church counts. The voice from the pulpit tells. Indeed, the pulpit generates the steam.

Good church work needs the best from God to make it go on permanently and well. May God give us at St. Stephen's His gifts and graces this New Year to carry on our institutional work, and be ready to broaden it out when we discover a need, or the finger of opportunity points. May ours be said truly to be the "Church at Work!" J. E. E.

The Sunday School Teachers' Meeting.

Dr. Grammer, with a desire to discuss and find a way to improve our Sunday School methods, called a meeting of the teachers at the Rectory, on Wednesday evening, December 12, 1906. Our superintendent and eleven teachers were present.

After an earnest prayer for Divine guidance, our Rector outlined some excellent plans from his experiences. The teachers were asked for opinions from their points of view. Finally it was agreed, after two hours of informal discussion, that a system of meriting for promptness in attendance and for home study of each lesson be put into practice. Also, that the present Inter-diocesan series of lesson studies be so arranged by each teacher that the series of questions thereon be answered and written out at home by the scholar for each Sunday's study. These written answers are to be marked by the teacher.

This system is to be tried until February, using our present lesson studies, with a view of continuing them or adopting those used last summer, as may then be decided upon.

Certainly it was unanimously agreed by all present, that Dr. Grammer's meeting with the teachers and the giving and getting of views for the good of our school, were most conducive to harmony and improvement. We all very much appreciate the Rector's kindly efforts.

Since the meeting our superintendent, Mr. C. F. McMichael, has kindly arranged, as below, a most excellent system, which he fully explained and put into effect the last Sunday of the old year. May we all aim for its honors in punctuality and class work.

HONOR SYSTEM.

Honor Roll for Punctuality.

Each scholar who shall be punctual in attendance for two (2) successive Sundays shall have his or her name placed upon the Honor Roll for Punctuality with a star after the name and an additional star for every two successive weeks of punctuality. But no star shall be allowed unless the scholar shall be punctual two Sundays in succession. The stars shall count in general average as follows:

10 Stars—Highest Honor.
6 Stars—Honor.

Honor for Class Work.

The scholar shall be marked for Class Work A, B, C—according to efficiency: A, High Grade; B, Medium Grade; C, Low Grade.

The grade letters shall count in general average as follows:

20 A's—Highest Honor.
12 A's—Honor.

To simplify the calculation, "A" only is used; but it shall be understood that in general average two "B's" shall count as one "A," and three "C's" shall count as one "A."

Diplomas.

At the end of the Sunday School session in 1907, every scholar who shall have received

10 Stars for Punctuality
and
20 A's for Class Work

shall receive a Diploma of Commendation with Highest Honor.

Every scholar who shall have received

6 Stars for Punctuality
and
12 A's for Class Work

shall receive a Certificate of Commendation with Honor.

Note.

22 Sundays from December 30, 1906, to May 26, 1907, both inclusive.

Commendation with Highest Honor means:
10 Stars for Punctuality (20 Sundays)
20 A's for Class Work (20 Sundays)

Commendation with Honor means:
6 Stars for Punctuality (12 Sundays)
12 A's for Class Work (12 Sundays)

For Punctuality, the figure 1 in the little square opposite the scholar's name on the Class Card.

For Class Work, the letter A, B, or C, according to the grade of work, in the little square opposite the scholar's name on the Class Card.

If a letter only appears in the square it will be evident that the scholar was present, but not punctual.

If no letter appears it will be evident that the scholar was absent.

Punctuality means that the scholar must be

present in Class before the opening hymn is finished.

Grade Letters for Class Work mean:

A—High Grade. . . .Excellent

B—Medium Grade. . . . .Good

C—Low Grade. . . . . .Poor

G. H. S.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

As one of the objects of this society is to promote friendliness we feel that to tell of our work and play may strengthen the tie that binds old friends to us and perhaps win new ones for us. We will gladly welcome our friends to any of our meetings on Monday evenings between 7 and 9. May we take you first to the Physical Training Class, where you will find over twenty-five happy girls, vigorously exercising with Indian clubs, or going through a drill, or, if we are late, a merry game of basket ball in progress. Now, let us look in on the Millinery Class, where we will see twelve girls learning the art of trimming hats, and what bright eyes we shall see under these hats at Easter! The dressmaking class, though small, is also interested in its work, the cutting out and making of shirtwaists. We may now find refreshment in the kitchen, where a dozen girls are learning how to prepare simple home dishes. At 8 all this work ends and the members gather round their respective associates and spend a pleasant hour together either in reading, talking, embroidering, or in some study. You have passed a family evening with us, but we occasionally have a social evening spent in playing games or dancing. And on four or five evenings during the winter a religious service is held. The members try not to forget others and take up missionary work in Lent and have supported a little orphan for some years.

We have just held our Christmas entertainment, our guests being the senior members of the Alpha Kappa Fraternity. All agreed the evening had been a happy one, and may our last word be, "A Happy New Year" to one and all.

The Three Arts Club.

The second monthly meeting of the Three Arts Club was held on Saturday, December 1, from 4 until 6 o'clock. About 80 young women were present and the entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music and dramatic recitations. Miss Ella D. Blair played the accompaniments for Miss Beulah Hacker, who sang delightfully a number of French and German songs. Misses Lyon and Anne McCormick, the latter a member of the club, were the pianists, and Miss Cornelia Bedford gave some Shakespearean and other recitations. By invitation of Mrs. Lineaweaver Miss Ethel Barrymore was the guest of the afternoon. As Miss Barrymore's grandmother, Mrs. John Drew, was for many years a member of St. Stephen's congregation, it was particularly pleasant to welcome the young lady upon whose shoulders the mantle of her grandmother has fallen so gracefully. She was cordially received by the students whom she greeted individually in a winning manner. Through the instrumentality of Miss Alice Murphy an excellent Steinway square grand piano has been purchased out of the appropriation made to the club by Dr. Grammer, and as it has been commended by Dr. David Wood, the lay members of the musical world can have no cause for complaint.

A number of gifts have been received for the clubroom. Two student lamps from Mrs. Edward R. Fell, some sofa cushions, a cover for the piano, and a Welsbach lamp from Mrs. Lineaweaver, and decorative poster from Miss Alice Sinclair; some art magazines from Mr. Charles E. Dana. All these gifts contribute to the comfort and attractiveness of the room, and are much appreciated. Attention is called to the work of two of the art students, which is on exhibition and for sale in the clubroom. The bas relief portraits from life, for which orders are desired, are the work of Miss Emily Clayton Bishop, a student of the Academy of Fine Arts, and the oil and water sketches are by Miss Edith Mann, a student of the School of Design. After the first of the year the clubroom will be open all day and in the afternoons from 4 until 6 o'clock Miss Kate Lewis will be there to receive the members and their friends. The third monthly meeting will take place on Saturday, January 5.

Afternoon Service.

Dr. Grammer has been giving this winter at the afternoon services short lectures on the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. So far he has confined himself to the Book of Proverbs, which has been treated critically, historically and practically. Many modern lessons are being drawn from the book. The congregations at these services have been very encouraging. It is a great opportunity for attractive and interesting Bible study. Circulars advertising these services have been printed, and from time to time are distributed to students of the Jefferson Medical College and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. See what you can do in making this a popular service. The afternoon music by the choir may be especially complimented.

Alpha Kappa Column.

"The Star of Bethlehem."

Three wise men came from out the East,
Each riding on his desert beast;
For lo! in Eastern lands afar,
High in the sky they saw a star.
The star that shone that Christmas night
  In honor of the Saviour's birth;
The sweetest, purest, brightest light
  That ever beamed upon the earth.
The Wise Men of the Orient came
  To glorify the new born King,
And guided by the heavenly flame
  They hurried on their traveling.
Beside the lowly manger bare
Three Wise Men knelt in holy prayer,
And offered precious gifts of love
And glorified their God above;
While angels robed in glorious light
  Proud vigils kept o'er Bethlehem,
And filled the primal Christmas night
  With "Peace on earth, goodwill to Men!"

—Royd Eastwood Morrison.

The name Alpha Kappa seems to be a talisman of some sort or other. Never in the history of St. Stephen's has there been such a stir amid the young poeple as there is at present, and it all has come since the advent of Alpha Kappaism. Probably the meaning of the name has inspired the young men to a higher ambition. Let us hope the good work will go on, assured that if it does the portals of success will not be closed against us. A great task and a bounden duty to the dear old Parish are before all of us, and if we are not regardless of the welfare of St. Stephen's future then we should measure up to the standard of our obligations.

The Literary Entertainment given by the "Alpha Kappaites" Friday evening, December 7, was an unqualified success, and if possible, even better than the preceding one. The program was varied and of excellent choice and immensely appreciated by the "standing room only" crowd. There is no question that the Alpha Kappa Orchestra was decidedly the "hit" of the evening, and deservedly so, as they did magnificent work that would make the heart of "the Music Master" beat faster. They are bound to have a splendid organization in a short time, and they can always know that they can have the cordial support of the society. In the name of the Alpha Kappa I thank them and heartily congratulate them on a most auspicious commencement. The Rev. Dr. Grammer, in a very happy vein, opened the "little feast" with a few remarks, which were especially apropos. Miss Clayton then sang the "Angel's Serenade," assisted by Miss Matthews at the piano and Mr. Strauss played the violin obligato. Miss Clayton has a splendid voice and sang beautifully. It is predicted that there is a great future for her in the world of music.

The third number of the program was a debate, "Resolved, That Philadelphia is not 'Slow.'" Charles H. Moore and Harry H. Bush were to have defended the affirmative side of the question, but owing to the fact that they had to undergo a dangerous operation for "cold feet" Mr. Ewell and Mr. McMichael considerately volunteered to take their places, which put them at a decided disadvantage as it was soon apparent that they (unprepared) were no match for their opponents. This is observed by the writer with no especial feeling of partiality, as the writer has a high regard for their valor in leading the "forlorn hope." Henry George Fester, for the negative side of the question, was in exceptionally good form, and his facts, logic and wit scored an instant impression. Mr. Fester's oratory was

magnificent, and must have made the shade of Cicero writhe in envy. Mr. Morrison also spoke for the negative side. The splendid charity of St. Stephen's was nobly exemplified by the judges of the debate in their decision.

Mr. George H. Streaker, the friend of the little chaps, followed the debate with a very interesting illustrated lecture on the "Wonders of the Yosemite Valley," which was one of the features of an entertainment that would do credit to a more pretentious organization than the Alpha Kappa. May the days of the Alpha Kappa be long and useful. Owing to an oversight the names of Mrs. Vanderslice and Mrs. Taylor were omitted from the programs of the preceding entertainment. We ask them to accept our sincere regrets. The "jolly fine night" was concluded with dancing and refreshments, which were the most popular events of an interesting program. The patronesses were Miss Sanders, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Vanderslice and Mrs. Taylor.

A mandolin club has been formed among the young men, under the general direction of Mr. William H. Kuhn. Professor Maschone has been secured as the instructor, and the indications are that this musical club will soon be an appreciated part of the Alpha Kappa. The members of the club are George Wilder, Albert C, Nones, William H. Kuhn, Roy Marland and Joseph M. Harper.

Notes from the Juniors.

The Guild room of the Parish House echoes and re-echoes with buoyant boy life in the lively session of the juniors on every Friday evening, when festivals or Kappa entertainments do not combine all the busy classes in the Sunday School room. Some fifteen boys, on the average, are in attendance, with Miss Graham in charge. While there have been some mischievous effervescences, yet the new industrial plan of keeping head and hand employed in "making things" is toning this down into good, useful and happy effort. We are young, some of us very young, with much to learn, but we are learning.

Detailed report of our progress and industrial work will be given in the next "News" notes.

Games of all kinds, such as checker boards, carom boards, crocinole, etc., will be much appreciated by the Fraternity.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The society met Thursday morning, December 13, at 11 o'clock. Miss Magee presided. Reports of the committees were made. Mrs. Rowland Morris was elected treasurer of the United Offering.

The Rev. Mr. Ancell was introduced by Dr. Grammer as the speaker. Mr. Ancell, who is a missionary in China and is in this country on a furlough, spoke of the remarkable change that has dawned over China in the past six years. The Boxer outbreak after all was for the good of the church. China now is trying to find out the secret and key of the greatness of Western nationality. At last her conceit is broken and she realizes that there is something she can learn. Now every one is seeking instruction. It is not a conscious religious need, but the research is broad and is seeking in every direction. The whole country is open and Mr. Ancell's personal experience is most interesting in that so many cities have sent committees to him, demanding his presence among them and for him to teach them.

The great way in China to make an impression is by education and the establishing of schools. The message takes hold of children in a marvelous way. The news that "God is Love" comes to them with the joy a Christmas gift is received by an American child.

After Mr. Ancell's address, an appeal was read from the famed Chaplain Pierce for the soldiers at the barracks. President Roosevelt seconded the appeal with a letter. An appropriation, in accordance with this appeal, was made through the Domestic Committee.

The Rector in closing the meeting referred to Mr. Ancell's address, remarking on the importance of not crediting stories in fiction like "Robert Elsmere," or comparing such products of imagination to historical facts and the testimony of friends who tell us of fields which are white for the harvest.

The Epiphany meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Walnut and Nineteenth streets, on Thursday evening, January 24, at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be made by the Rev. B. L. Ancell, of Soochow, China; Rev. James J. Chapman, of Kanazawa, Japan, and the Rt. Rev. James H. Darlington, of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

ELIZABETH S. CARRYL, Ass't. Sec.

Intelligence Bureau.

Miss Graham would be glad to open with the New Year a Domestic-Help Information Office. The piece of furniture generally known as an Intelligence Bureau too often belies its name, but there are so many applications made at the church for "help and situations wanted" that an exceptional opportunity seems to offer itself for establishing an office where parish members may advertise their abilities and "Cook touristers" seek and find. Any orders for errand boys, cooks, laundresses, house cleaners, seamstresses, nurses, or Johanneses Factotum filed with Miss Graham will receive careful attention.

Position Wanted.

A young lady, talented and refined, a member of the Three Arts Club, desires a position as companion or reader. Her elocution studies are over at 1 o'clock every day, after which she is free for engagements. She may be communicated with through Miss Bell, 1428 Spruce street.

The Garment Committee acknowledges with thanks clothing received for the following: Mr. George R. Baldwin, Mrs. B. Borie, Miss Cleemann, Miss Magee, Miss Lammot, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Judson, Miss Woodward, Mrs. M. M. Parmalee, Miss Emily Austin, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Kelly.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations in December—Mrs. Anna Kelly, $1; kind friend, $10; Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1; Miss Cleemann, $1. Total—$13.00.

As the children had their Thanksgiving party so late and there has been so much going on, they will have their Christmas party later.

Donation of toys from Mrs. Samuel Austin, Jr.

King's Daughters.

Donations received for the Christmas baskets given out by this circle: Mrs. Crombargar, 50 cents; Miss Alice Kelly, $1; Miss Cora Reeves, $1; Miss Frances Lindemyer, 50 cents; Miss Lizzie Haas, 25 cents; Miss Elsie Rotherhauser, 25 cents. Total—$3.50.

Groceries from Miss Taggart, Miss Walshe, Mrs. Vanderslice; expended for groceries, $3.25. Balance—25 cents.

Three families were given a basket of provisions for Thanksgiving and Christmas by this circle.

Meetings in Parish House January 2 and January 16, 1907, quarter of 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Donations for shoes in December: Mrs. C. H. Richardson, $5; Mrs. H. F. Martin, 25 cents; Mrs. H. Crombargar, 50 cents; Mrs. W. J. Galbraith, $1; Miss Cleemann, $1; Miss M. Schaeffer, $2. Total—$9.75.

From those receiving shoes from the society, $5.10. Total—$14.85.

Expended for shoes in December, $8.95. Balance—$5.90.

From a kind friend two boxes of shoes and two boxes of over-shoes and from Mrs. Armstrong one pair old shoes.

Have given out to women and children 31 pairs of shoes and 8 pairs of over-shoes during the month of December.

Shoes of any kind if wearable will be very acceptable and put to good use, especially wide ones, as most of our people require wide widths.

Please send to Parish House, care of Miss Lewis or Mrs. Vanderslice.

Summer Home of the Church of the Crucifixion. (Colored.)

It is situated on the West Chester Trolley Pike, near Penn Hotel, 45 minutes' delightful trolley ride from Sixty-third and Market streets.

It has about ten acres of ground, beautifully situated in Chester County; a house with seven bedrooms, a smaller house where the caretaker lives in summer, a barn, and an ice house in process of erection.

A stream flows through the grounds, and by means of a breastwork a little lake has been made. This lake is a source of endless pleasure to children.

The home was opened July 3, 1905, and 168 persons made use of it during that summer.

The largest portion of them remained for one week. Members of the Sunday School and members of the choir are allowed one week free. Others are expected to pay something towards board, if they can do so.

Last year the Home raised nearly all the vegetables it needed.

This Home has been a Godsend to colored people, because it was always so difficult to find any suitable place to send them for a breath of fresh air during the hot weather.

Children who had never seen the country before romped over nearly ten acres of ground. Health took possession of sickly ones. No one wanted to leave. Some of the smallest children cried because their time was up, and they had to go home. To some of them it seemed that a clean, single bed was an unknown luxury.

Those who know how much suffering there is among the poor in summer, in crowded lanes and alleys; those who have seen poor mothers, with sick babies, sitting on door steps trying to get a breath of fresh (?) air; those who have visited sick people in little hot rooms, devoid of every comfort, will certainly say that this Home is a great blessing, beginning to supply a long-felt need.

The good that this Home can do is only limited by its means.

Last summer a larger number of women with sick babies made use of the Home. They naturally remained longer than one week. That prevented the going out of others who were most anxious to get out for a short time into God's green fields, and feel the delight of living.

The most crying need of the Home, just now, is more sleeping rooms. Four inexpensive ones, to accommodate 16 persons, could be built for about $400.

There are certainly many kind hearts that will be delighted to know that, in this way, they can minister to the Lord Jesus by ministering to His poor children.

One organization, or one individual, might build a room, and give it a special name in memory of some loved one.

The Guild of the Holy Cross, composed of members of various churches, has for many years been working for the Endowment Fund of the Church of the Crucifixion. The Guild has decided, for the present, to work for the summer Home.

Its officers are: Rev. Henry L. Phillips, president; Mrs. Charles P. Stratton, vice-president; Miss M. E. Macgill, secretary; Miss Anna Ruth Stratton, treasurer.

HENRY S. PHILLIPS.

Female Benevolent Sale.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . . .	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

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REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitors, MISS BESSIE GRAHAM.
326 S. Fifteenth Street.
MISS K. H. LEWIS.
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone, Filbert 3807

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. F. A. Lewis,
Mr. John A. McDowell,
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson,
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
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Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Mrs. D. D. Wood,

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Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maud Beith,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Mrs. Emma DeBow.

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Mr. Albert H. Allison.

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Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

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Mr. Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
Telephone, Filbert No. 2908.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. L. Wigfall.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombarger, Miss Atmore, Miss Josephine Fernley.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place, Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Donald, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Lineaweaver.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President,
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets every Friday evening, 8 P. M., in Parish House.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Julia MacAlister.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham and Miss Fetzer.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Graham.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hewson.
Associates—Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Mrs. Mutchler.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Roy Morrison.
P. C.—Darcy Davis.
T.—Colonel Regar.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
P. Q.—W. J. Kirkpatrick.
P.—Charles H. Moore.
A.—J. E. Ewell.

Kitchen Garden.

1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
2d Instructor—Miss Graham.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

Embroidery Class.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
New pupils from the Deaconess House—Miss Elizabeth Geist Newbold, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs Jennie T. C. Law, Honolulu; Miss Mary E. Laning, Cambria, O;. Miss Ada Stephens, Columbus, O.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stsphen's of the Bishop White Library Society—Miss Emily Bell,

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2—Purification of the V. M. (Saturday).
" 3—Sexagesima.
" 10—Quinquagesima.
" 13—Ash Wednesday.
" 17—First Sunday in Lent.
" 20—Ember Day (Wednesday).
" 22—Ember Day (Friday).
" 23—Ember Day (Saturday).
" 24--Second Sunday in Lent and St. Matthias.

Offerings in January.

Foreign Missions		$117 87
Work among Colored People		71 15
General Charities		104 98
Parochial Maintenance		77 58
Church Work Fund:		
Mrs. H. Lucas	25 00	
John T. Lewis	15 00	
Miss Clara Farrar Smith	5 00	
		45 00
Rev. R. L. Ancells work, from Miss Julia Garrett		100 00
For Dr. Shimoon, from Mrs. Alfred Tucker		15 00
For the Bishop White Parish Library Society from Mrs. Stovell		2 00
Children's Friend Society		1 00
King's Daughters		2 00
Shoe Fund		10 90
Through Miss Graham		8 00
Total,		$555 48

Offertories for February.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Diocesan Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.
Ash Wednesday and Wednesday mornings during Lent for Missionary Box Society.

Parish Record.

BAPTIZED.

December 19 -Myrtle May Wilson.
January 1—Franklin Duane.

MARRIED.

January 29—Richard M. Day and Lydia Paxon Boyd.

BURIED.

January 8—Deborah E. Taws.
" 21—Marion A. Burton.

The Resignation of Mr. Joseph Clayton.

The decision of Mr. Clayton to resign the position that he has held for so many years at St. Stephen's, with so much credit to himself, and so much benefit to the Church, came as a great surprise to the Rector and Vestry.

The terms of his resignation left no course open to them except its acceptance, but the communications which follow will show how highly he is appreciated in St. Stephen's by Rector, Vestry and all the workers and people. He will always occupy a place of his own in the affections of this congregation. It is pleasant to know that this severance of the official tie does not terminate his connection with the parish. It will seem strange to see him sitting in his pew, without his black gown; but it will nevertheless be pleasant to have him among us still in any capacity.

C. E. G.

No. 225 So. Eleventh St.
Philadelphia, January 7th, 1907.

To the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church.

GENTLEMEN:—In severing my official connection with St. Stephen's Church I desire to thank you all from my heart for the kindness and consideration that I have always received at your hands.

It is needless for me to say that I dearly love St. Stephen's, where so many pleasant years have been spent. I can scarcely realize that so long a time has elapsed since I came with you, beginning with Dr. Rudder in October, 1876, and being associated with four Rectors covering a period of over thirty years.

I therefore ask you to be good enough to accept my resignation to take effect this coming Easter. I have given this matter thoughtful and prayerful consideration and have reached the conclusion that it will be for the best interest of myself and family that I devote my entire time to my professional duties.

That the dear old Church will go on with the noble work that it has been doing in the past is the sincere prayer of,

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH CLAYTON.

Extract from Minutes of Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, January 7, 1907.

The resignation of Mr. Joseph Clayton, Verger of the Church, was presented to take effect at Easter, 1907.

Whereupon it was ordered that the following minute be spread in full upon the minutes of the Vestry, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to Mr. Clayton, and that a copy be published in THE PARISH NEWS.

"The Vestry of St. Stephen's Church have received with sincere regret the resignation of Mr. Joseph Clayton, who for more than thirty years, has served the Church with conspicuous fidelity, honor and skill. In accepting this resignation—with great reluctance and entirely at his own request—the Vestry desire to render to Mr. Clayton a testimony of grateful appreciation for his many years of devoted, loyal service, and to convey to him, on behalf of the congregation, an expression of cordial and sympathetic interest in his future welfare and success."

Certified correct:

CLAYTON F. MCMICHAEL,
Secretary to the Vestry.

Dr. McConnell's Tribute.

I have been very fortunate in all my ministry in having good vergers, but I put Mr. Joseph Clayton far above them all.

He always knew when to be on hand and what so few know what to do in all emergencies.

None can know so well as the clergy how much St. Stephen's owes him for his intelligence, faithfulness and good manners. His place will be very difficult indeed to fill.

S. D. MCCONNELL.

Dr. Worcester's Estimate.

A verger is of more importance to the success of a church than most persons realize. Not only is he of great assistance to the rector in innumerable capacities, but it is from him that the majority of strangers derive their impressions of a church.

Mr. Clayton has always seemed to me a very remarkable man. I believe if he had studied for one of the learned professions, his natural intelligence, grasp of detail and strict attention to duty would have made him eminent. Among the qualities which specially endeared him to me was his great kindness to the poor. In too many churches the poor are repelled by sextons and vergers. Mr. Clayton had always as much concern for the poor members of the Church as he had for the wealthy, and in innumerable ways he performed kind services for them and made them feel that the Church was their religious home. He is also what I may call a very clever man. He knows the city of Philadelphia like a book and seldom did I appeal to him for any help or information which he did not immediately and cheerfully place at my disposal. His dignified and impressive figure has so long been associated with St. Stephen's Church that it is hard to imagine the Church going on without him. I know that his loss will be deeply deplored by all the Church members and by none more than by the Rector and ministers of St. Stephen's.

I would like to record here my gratitude for his unfailing loyalty, friendship and support during the years of my rectorship of St. Stephen's.

ELWOOD WORCESTER.

A Tribute to a Faithful Service.

I feel that St. stephen's Church loses a valuable helper in the withdrawal of her Verger, Mr. Joseph Clayton, from official connection with the Parish. He has rendered such faithful, earnest and efficient service for over thirty years in so many and various kinds of Church work, and has so long made things move in a smooth and orderly way, that he will be most seriously missed. The people have confidence in him and it is no wonder they have loved and respected him. I know that he has not severed his connection with the Church without thorough consideration of what it signifies to break ties and change habits. He has made his chosen profession of Funeral Director successful, and his time now being demanded by increasing business, he most assuredly cannot be blamed for giving his undivided attention to it. With his many friends I most earnestly wish him all success and would assure him I shall never forget his faithful co-operation and earnest loyalty to me while associated with the good old Parish of St. Stephen's Church.

JOSEPH LYONS MILLER.

January 17th, 1907.

From the Sunday School.

Sunday, January 27, 1907.

At a meeting of the Teachers and Superintendents of St. Stephen's Sunday School it was resolved, that they all hear with regret that Mr. Joseph Clayton, who for over thirty years has so faithfully served as St. Stephen's Verger, has resigned.

These many years of constant earnest work for the good of our Church and School have so endeared him to us that his parting will be like "breaking home ties," and we sincerely hope that these few words may at least convey a portion of our deep esteem, and our good wishes to him, that every success may be with him in his future work.

Attest: W. J. KIRKPATRICK,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the King's Daughters the following resolution was unanimously passed and signed by all the members, and it was ordered that a copy be published in the PARISH NEWS, and that one be sent to Mr. Clayton:

The members of the "Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters have learned with the sincerest regret of your intention to leave St. Stephen's.

The girls wish to assure you how very sorry indeed they all are; having been among us for such a number of years, and having helped us so many, many times, you have endeared yourself to all of the girls, as well as every member of St. Stephen's.

We will miss you dreadfully, and want you to be assured that even though we may not see you as often as heretofore, you still have a staunch friend in every member of the "Whatsoever" Circle, and that no one can ever take your place among us, so do not forget to visit us as often as possible.

You have all our good wishes for success in your future undertakings.

(Signed) BERTHA TUDOR WALSH,
Secretary.

January 19th, 1907.

Having been a teacher of St. Stephen's Parish School during the entire period of Mr. Clayton's connection with St. Stephen's Church, I wish to thank

him in my own behalf, as well as that of nearly four thousand pupils, that have passed through the Parish School under my tuition, for his unvarying kindness, his sympathy and tenderness towards these little ones whenever there was a demand or need of his services; and by his Christian character and high principle, has won the respect and affection of all connected with the School.

KATE H. LEWIS.

We, the undersigned, former pupils of the Parish Day School, desire to express our sincere regrets on the resignation of Mr. Clayton.

Having passed our childhood days under the influence of his kind and tender nature, recall the many thoughtful acts dear to a child's fancy; such memories can never die.

As the years have passed on, and we are now men and women, they have become engraven on the minds of one and all, endearing him to us, as a true loyal friend, one to whom any could go for advice or assistance.

Wishing him all success and prosperity in the coming years, is the prayer of

May T. Miller,	Maggie Byrne,
Bessie Kehl,	Annie Dodds,
Mabel Crom,	Bella Eagan,
May Jeffries,	Lucy Lyster,
Gertrude Lee,	Sarah Lyster,
Mamie Campbell,	Frank Hill,
Bessie Bezzell,	Israel Hill,
Mary Wollrath,	Louisa Carson,
Bertha Hoffman,	Annie Carson,
Annie Young,	Harry Carson,
Samuel Ellenger,	John Anders,
George Reed,	Carrie Anders,
Tessie Reed,	Sarah Campbell,
Fred Marion,	Annie Campbell,
Lizzie Marion,	Annie Smith,
Annie Marion,	Charles Battastine,
Rose Marion,	Sarah Battastine,
Lizzie Hartman,	Lena Battastine,
Jesse Hartman,	Maggie Ankins,
Robert Levis,	Stephen Ankins,
Annie Levis,	Maggie Burns,
Joseph Snyder,	Sarah Burns,
Catharine Snyder,	Tillie Burns,
Lillie McDonald,	Maggie Smith,
Edna Matthews,	Lizzie Smith.

The Kitchen Garden.

The success of the Kitchen Garden has more than satisfied our most sanguine expectations. The applicants have been so numerous that we have been obliged to double our membership roll. A new feature has been added to the work in the form of a light lunch for the children before the lesson. It has been frequently noted in schools that the hour from 11 to 12 (the Kitchen-Garden hour with us) finds the children less docile than any other hour of the day, the reason being that it is so near their lunch time. A kind friend has enabled us to give this lunch.

John Spargo, in his wonderful book, "The Bitter Cry of the Children," advocates most strongly the compulsory feeding of children as their twin need with compulsory education. Sweden, which has been such a pioneer in educational movements and the very cradle of all school history, is conducting the experiment to-day with marked success.

Kitchen-Gardening, even with the minimum of application which it demands on the part of the child, illustrates the futility of instruction of any kind on an empty stomach.

Mrs. Noblit has kindly volunteered to be our pianist, and her service is invaluable. The children this month have covered thoroughly all the lessons on fire-building, waiting on the door, table-setting and bed-making. We hope soon to give an exhibition of the work.

Miss Graham's Report.

The proverbial falling off in Sunday School attendance and the natural diminuendo of interest in all the church work after Christmas seems less this year than ever before. In fact the activities of the various societies is so constant that the people show themselves ready to celebrate Christmas triennially even as the Christians of old.

An unusual amount of sickness and distress is prevalent in the Parish. Several cases of direful poverty have lately been brought to my notice.

An appeal for clothing was made by a poor woman who out of the cast-off covers of old umbrellas given her by an umbrella repairer had made herself a pitifully patchwork, but presentable, black dress. One can see from this that nothing comes amiss to the Garment Society.

Another case of extreme distress is a mother who, deserted by her husband, was living in one room with her five children, all under fifteen years of age. They had sold all their furniture to buy food and were sleeping on boards laid upon barrels against the wall. It was only when all effort to get work to help herself failed that she appealed for "charity."

The victims of the Great White Plague meet one in stifling rooms at every turn, but one case of a young mother is particularly sad. When all too late to curb the disease, she resorted to the fresh air treatment, sitting in a rolling chair on her little front pavement. Her suffering from the severity of the weather was so great that she asked us for some warm clothing, promising to take the best of care of it and to leave word to have it returned to us when she should have passed away.

The immediate need of these cases has, of course, been relieved, but their distress is by no means past. If there is anyone whose generosity Christmas did not wholly cripple, and who stands ready to help them farther, I should be glad to be a means to that end.

Alpha Kappa Column.

The Alpha Kappa's banner is higher upon the mountain of achievement. It has been planted firmly upon the high places and the various breezes are proudly caressing its folds. The summit is no great distance off, and there is only a short time yet and we shall see it proudly waving in triumph from the sunlit crest. The Third Literary Evening was only a replication of the ones before—the same enthusiasm, the same success. The evening commenced, as usual, by an overture by our famous orchestra, and to say that they received applause would be putting it mildly indeed. They have the heartiest appreciation of all connected with the Parish. May their days be long in the Realms of Melody. Our mutual friend the W. C. of the Alpha Kappa, made the opening address. In life's multiplicity of events it is often found necessary to use the mantle of charity. A feature on the programme was the singing of Wilbur Crowell, the far-famed captain of the Swarthmore foot-ball team. Mr. Crowell's voice gave the needed touch to make the evening one of harmonious perfection. The subject for debate proved to be a very popular one—"Resolved, That Bachelor is the proper condition for the modern young man." Our Ciceronian friend, Mr. Fester, and our diminutive member, Mr. Wm. Schleicher, defended the negative side of the question in a splendid manner, yet they could not combat the facts of Mr. Charles H. Moore and the brilliant flow of oratory of Mr. Jurgen Kolb. The debate was the most interesting yet held by the Alpha Kappa. Merrit Bodine proved to be the real "star" of the evening in his rendering of "Just One Word of Consolation." He was forced to respond to the spontaneous applause with an encore. Mr. Merritt will find himself a very "big" quantity in the Alpha Kappa. Miss Kimball and Mr. Morrison gave a little sketch called "His First Case," which proved very interesting to all their friends. The entertainment was followed by "the merry dance," which is always an enjoyable feature of the Alpha Kappa night. The patronesses were Miss Sanders, Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Vanderslice and Mrs. H. P. Taylor. Mr. Strauss had full direction of the music and dancing. The next entertainment will be held on the evening of February 8th, in the Sunday School Hall.

R. M.

The Lent Schedule.

ASH WEDNESDAY there will be the Litany, Ante-Communion and address by the Rector at 10.30 A. M. First St. Andrew's Brotherhood Service at 12.30 P. M. Address by Bishop Whittaker. Evening Prayer at 5 P. M.

ALL OTHER WEEK DAYS in Lent the Noon Service of the Brotherhood at 12.30, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock (except Saturday), with an address by the Rector on Fridays and Mr. Ewell on Wednesdays.

CONFIRMATION will be administered on Palm Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, March 24.

COMMUNION on the third Sunday of the month at 8 A. M. First Sunday at 11, as usual.

Confirmation.

At the afternoon service on Palm Sunday, March 24th, the Bishop Coadjutor will administer the rite of Confirmation in St. Stephen's. It is matter for much congratulation that this Church has been assigned such an admirable date for the administration of this ancient rite and the ratification by our members of their baptismal vows. On the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, that is, on February 20th, at

8 P. M., the Rector will begin his Confirmation lectures in the Parish House, and continue them every Wednesday thereafter till Palm Sunday. While he will be glad to have all candidates attend these lectures, he wishes it to be clearly understood that such attendance is not a pre-requisite to Confirmation. With many adults all that he could expect would be a personal conference. He will be found at home in the mornings till eleven, but it will always be possible to arrange a conference with him by a note, if the early morning hours are inconvenient. C. E. G.

Lenten Services.

The Mid-Day Services will be held as usual this Lent under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Speaking more accurately, though, these services are under the joint auspices of the Rector and the Brotherhood, as the speakers are jointly chosen and invited by both parties. The services open at 12.30 and last precisely twenty-five minutes. They will be conducted by the Rector or Mr. Ewell. The ushering, advertising, music and all other arrangements are left to the Brotherhood.

The preachers will be as follows:

Ash Wednesday, February 13, the Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.
Thursday, February 14, the Bishop of Delaware.
Friday, February 15, the Bishop of Harrisburg.
Saturday, February 16, Rev. Wm. Reese Scott, Christ, Media.
Monday to Friday, February 18-22, Rev. George Hodges, D. D., D. G. L., Dean, Cambridge Divinity School, Boston, Mass.
Saturday, February 23, Rev. George Gunnell, St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.
Monday to Friday, February 25 to March 1, Rev. Wm. Meade Clark, St. James', Richmond, Va.
Saturday, March 2, Rev. George C. Foley, D. D., Divinity School, Philadelphia.
Monday to Saturday, March 4-9, Rev. Floyd Tomkins, S. T. D., Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.
Monday to Wednesday, March 11-13, Rev. Edward M. Jeffreys, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
Thursday and Friday, March 14-15, Rev. Charles F. Hutchinson, St. Clement's, Philadelphia.
Saturday, March 16, Rev. John E. Ewell, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Monday to Friday, March 18-22, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Saturday, March 23, Rev. I. Newton Stanger, D. D., Atonement, Philadelphia.
Monday, March 25, Rev. J. Henning Nelms, St. Matthew's, Philadelphia.
Tuesday, March 26, Rev. Stewart P. Keeling, St. Peter's, Germantown.
Wednesday, March 27, Rev. David McG. Steele, St. Luke's Epiphany, Philadelphia.
Thursday, March 28, Rev. L. N. Galey, Nativity, Philadelphia.
Good Friday, March 29, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Saturday, March 30, Rev. Simeon C. Hill, Grace, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

The Employment Bureau.

The Employment Bureau has met with great response in the Parish. Fifteen situations have been procured during the past month. If only more Help Wants were received our business could easily be doubled. Miss Graham particularly invites applications for errand boys, cooks, laundresses, house cleaners, seamstresses, nurses or help of any kind.

The Auxiliary.

It was a happy thought of the Rector last winter to gather all the Missionary Committees together and form them into one large Society, to be called the St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Since this organization all of the committees have been largely increased and greatly encouraged and stimulated by hearing each other's reports.

Heretofore the Domestic and Foreign only were well known and understood, but now the Diocesan, the Indian Hope and the United Offering also claim the interest and generosity of the congregation.

At each meeting of the Auxiliary (and there are but four) full reports are made by capable and interested women, who are delegates to the Diocesan Society.

The reports are then printed in the PARISH NEWS, through which medium they may be clearly comprehended, and new members be added to the Society.

It is our experience that those most interested in any work are those who do the work.

To the contributors, to whom we owe so much, we desire to express our sincere thanks, though believing that they lose the great reward of the workers—their interest in and knowledge of the great benefit realized in the accomplishment of the work.

May we, therefore, ask the congregation the simple question: How much work may we do or how little must we do?

With abiding faith in St. Stephen's, we know what that reply will be. As she has never failed us in the past, we feel sure that we can trust her for the future.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, January 31st, at 3.30 in the afternoon, when an address will be made by Deaconess White, of Oklahoma, and tea will be served, to which all will be invited to meet the clergy of the Parish. It is hoped that all the women of the Church will be present.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received in January:
From Mrs. N. F. Shartir..... $1.00

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Received in January:
From Mrs. N. F. Martin.....$1.00
Miss Lizzie Haas..... 1.00
$2.00

Meetings in Parish House, February 6th and February 20th, at quarter of 8 o'clock.

It is hoped that all members may be present and much work accomplished during the Lenten season.

SHOE FUND.

Donations in January:
From Mrs. A. F. Martin.....$ .25
Mrs. J. P. Young..... 2.00
From those receiving Shoes..... 8.65
Total $10.90
Expended for Shoes $4.99
Balance .....$ 5.91

Received through Mrs. Graham, 21 pairs of shoes. Two pairs from Miss Zelin.

Gave out during January, 50 pairs of shoes and 22 pairs of overshoes.

Sloyd Work.

The Junior Branch of the Alpha Kappa Fraternity has taken up a course in Manual Training. Every Friday evening from seven to nine o'clock some fifteen or twenty boys are kept busy with Sloyd cardboard work.

The name Sloyd, which may be unfamiliar to some persons, is a corruption of the Swedish "Slöjd," which is derived from an Icelandic word meaning dexterity or skill. There is in Sweden to-day a distinct class of workmen known as "Sloyders" whom we should call "Jacks-of-all-trades," as they are able to do various kinds of odd jobs about the house. In English the word "Sloyd" has come to be synonymous with manual training as distinct from technical and industrial training.

Various materials, *e. g.*, wax, clay, paper, pasteboard, wood or metal, can be used in Sloyd work, but the pasteboard seemed to us the most practicable, as it is preparatory to the wood-carving.

In taking up this work we would disclaim to the overly expectant mothers of our boys any intent to train their sons as carpenters, builders or architects. Many of us will recall Dr. Grammer's telling us from the pulpit one Sunday afternoon lately of a little experience of his at the recent Industrial Exhibit at Horticultural Hall. While watching a class of boys in manual training there one evening he commented to a stander-by upon the efficacy of such a method to train boys' hands to be the tools of their minds. The stranger remarked: "Yes, we try to introduce it into our public schools under that impression, but what we really aim at is to teach the boys to make a living." The old, old fallacy, as Henry Van Dyke once complained, "To educate boys not for living, but for making a living."

We would not introduce Sloyd into St. Stephen's under any guise or misapprehension. There are many ways in which Sloyd can be taught, with a view to economy, to utility or as a ready-made plan of corporal work, but the true way to bring about a lasting benefit is to regard it altogether as a means of education. Educational Sloyd should never be confounded with the work of the artisan, inasmuch as in the latter importance is attached to the work, while in the former to the worker.

We do not claim to make artisans of our boys. We do not teach banking in our schools with a view to all the pupils becoming bankers. We do not teach drawing because we expect to train artists or engineers. Nor do we teach boys the United States Constitution and some of the Acts of Congress because we expect them all to become Congressmen. But we do expect them to have something to do with bankers, artists and engineers, and we do expect them all to become good citizens.

The Sloyd work meets a great need at St. Stephen's. The enthusiasm of the boys best attests to that fact. The work is done now in

a very inexpensive and rudimentary way, but we hope to be enabled to extend and develop it. B. G.

Old and New.

On Sunday, January the 13th, were heard for the last time the strains of the old organ. At the morning service, instead of the customary offertory anthem, Dr. Wood played the two-movement of a Mendelssohn organ sonata. It was done in our famous organist's unapproachable classical style and the tones of the organ were so beautiful that it made one wonder why a new instrument was needed after all. But, as Dr. Grammer said, only a Dr. Wood could make the worn-out parts continue to do such noble service.

At the afternoon service the Rector said that the "Last Chord" was to be played and the "Great Amen" sung to the (tones of the) organ for the last time. Many people stayed after the service and listened to the Andante of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony played, and when the lid of the organ was put down it was the finale.

Now the organ is entirely removed, and it probably will be entirely renovated and put in the Musical Fund Hall. There is fear that the new organ will go beyond the contract time for completion, and till then a small reed organ is supplying the music, and as some one said, it sounds like Tedra playing on one string of a violin.

Diocesan Missions.

The annual offering for Diocesan Missions will be placed on the altar on Sunday morning, February 17th.

This annual offering is a well-known and well-approved institution in St. Stephen's, and for the sake of those who have come to the Parish within the year we will explain the manner in which it is raised. During the week precedng the third Sunday in the month (February 17) every family will be waited upon by a representative of the Parish to receive their contributions.

The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which has been in force for a number of years, is equal to $5.00 from every person.

This is what we have done heretofore and nobody is any poorer, while many a poor missionary and struggling handful of people are much the better off.

Of course there are many in the Parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned above, but there are many others who can, and heretofore have given far more than this amount, so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no fear but that they will do so again.

Garment Committee.

The Garment Committee gratefully acknowledges the receipt of contributions from the following:

Mrs. Borie, King's Daughters, Miss Dutihl, Mrs. Richardson.

The Garment Committee will meet hereafter on Mondays instead of Tuesdays, at the usual hour. The Society is much in need of garments of all kinds. Kindly send them to the Parish House any morning, marked in care of Miss Lammot.

The Sunday School's Christmas.

The Festival was held on "Holy Innocent's" night, Friday, December 28th. It was in every respect a happy and successful celebration. The room was crowded to the doors with the scholars and teachers, and some interested members of the congregation. The programme, in addition to several pretty carols well sung by the Sunday School, contained two delightful surprises. One was the performance of "Spotless Town" by the members of Miss Graham's Primary Department. This was immensely well done and was heartily enjoyed. The second surprise came as a decided novelty. It introduced a "Toy Orchestra" of about fifteen pieces, all children of varying ages, who played two entertaining selections with much skill. The "Toy Orchestra," while not composed of Sunday School scholars, scored a distinct success. It was directed by Miss Adele Sutor, who makes the drilling of little pupils her profession. Mr. McMichael opened the exercises of the evening and introduced Dr. Grammer, who made a very happy address. Mr. Wood was at the piano to play the carols, and at the end of the "St. Stephen's Sunday School Hymn," which was sung with great spirit, the entire school arose and gave Mr. Wood, whom they have known so long and loved so well, three rousing cheers. Cakes and candy and oranges were then distributed under the watchful supervision of Mrs. Vanderslice, and the evening came to a happy, joyful close. The "spirit" of St. Stephen's Sunday School was never more marked—the "spirit" which makes it one big, loving family, and which is the secret of its vitality and growth.

Saving Fund.

A branch of the Theodore Starr Savings Bank has been started in connection with the Sewing School and the Junior Alpha Kappa's. The children are encouraged to save all their pennies, and it is surprising how much is put in on Banking Day. Every child is given a bank book, in which is pasted a bank stamp equivalent to the amount they deposit. In 1906 the main branch of the Bank, at 906 South street, took in $31,000 in the small savings of children.

Our Parochial Services.

We hope this year to make our parochial services at 5 o'clock popular with the congregation. The mid-day services have the advantage of large congregations, which help the enthusiasm and devotion. But still there is the need for the quieter service of a later hour, and this year it is hoped that the parishioners and friends of the Church will be present often at these services.

Dr. Grammer will make short addresses every Friday Afternoon, and Mr. Ewell every Wednesday afternoon. There is no service on Saturday afternoon.

A new feature of the service will be a volunteer choir, under Mr. Seldon Miller, the distinguished musician and director, If you sing—no matter to what degree—volunteer and help this department of the worship. We want to put great heartiness into the services and ask you to help.

Admission Service.

The admission service of the Girl's Friendly Society took place Monday evening, January 21st. The service was opened by the girls marching into Church in a body singing as the processional hymn, "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow."

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Grammer. After the responsive reading and chant, the probationers formed around the chancel rail to take their pledge and receive their badges.

For our motto we have, "Bear ye one another's burdens." It is the aim of our society to help each other with kind words and deeds. For after all it is the small things that count.

A brief and uplifting address was made by Dr. Grammar, in which he spoke of the value of good fiction; books that are upliting in our paths through life.

The service was closed by the G. F. S. prayer. After which we sang the Processional Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." The following probationers were admitted:

Lena Goetz, Ada Leader, Amelia Fogg, Rosa Leitsch, Lena Hess, Mabel Cooley, Minnie Hartman, Ada Cole, Ethel Preising, Sarah Cole, Alma Leader, Irene Wilder, Mae Van Horn, Mae Elliott, Lucy Worthington, Lily Fitzgerald, Emma Wahuke.

M. V. C.

The interesting article by the Rev. Henry S. Phillips in the last number of the PARISH NEWS must have aroused sympathy for the poor little sick colored children who failed to be received into the Summer Home of the Church of the Crucifixion last Summer for want of room.

The Guild of the Holy Cross will have a Musical Tea in St. Stephen's Parish House on Friday afternoon February 8th, from three to six o'clock, in aid of this Home.

Many members of the Guild belong to St. Stephen's, and they earnestly hope that others in the congregation will by their presence and participation in a social cup of tea or chocolate make the Tea a success, and thereby assist Mr. Phillips in his endeavor to raise the money to build the additional rooms so very much needed.

There will be cake for sale. No tickets required. Donations of cake solicited. All who will be kind enough to give cakes are requested to send them to the Parish House, No. 9 So. 10th Street, on Friday morning, February 8th, 1907.

Committee: Mrs. E. Payson Carpenter, Miss Cleemann, Miss M. E. Macgill, Mrs. F. Howard Mulford, Mrs. Charles P. Stratton, Miss A. R. Stratton, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Mrs. W. Graham Tyler.

The Three Arts Club.

The third monthly meeting of the Three Arts Club was held in the Guild room of the Parish House, on January 5th. Mrs. Lineaweaver was hostess on that day and was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Frank Granger Kennedy, Jr., and Mrs. Hammond, who sang, and Mr. Dominico Bove, who played the violin. It was a most charming afternoon, the vocal numbers contributed varying from oriental songs and classical duets to little tales of nursery lore. Mr. Bove is undoubtedly a young man of genius, and in addition to making his violin fairly speak its exquisite lines attracted everyone by his artistic looks. The hall was filled with an appreciative audience and tea was served to the students by the committee in charge during the musicale. We trust that the success of the Club will continue as it has begun and grow accordingly. All the members are enthusiastic and it is to be hoped that the new ones who are joining will find it as acceptable and beneficial.

Female Benevolent Sale.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . .	.50
Glass Towels .15 and	.25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitors, MISS BESSIE GRAHAM.
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MISS K. H. LEWIS.
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

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MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. George L. Crawford, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael,
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Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

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Mr. Joseph Clayton, 225 South Eleventh Street.
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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month and on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Miss M. Argyle Lyon, *House Mother.*
Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, *Treasurer.*
Mr. Thomas Greenshields, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. L. Wigfall.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Crane, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

WORKING MEMBERS.

Mrs. Crombarger, Miss Atmore, Miss Josephine Fernley.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss Josephine Lewis, 2218 St. James' Place, Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Miss Graham.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Donald, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Lineaweaver.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President,
Vice-President, Mrs. Breuil.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Breuil.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

TEACHER'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets every Friday evening, 8 P. M., in Parish House.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Julia MacAlister.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham and Miss Fetzer.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Graham.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hewson.
Associates—Miss Clayton, Miss Grammer.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Mrs. Mutchler.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Roy Morrison.
P. C.—Darcy Davis.
T.—Colonel Regar.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
P. Q.—W. J. Kirkpatrick.
P.—Charles H. Moore.
A.—J. E. Ewell.

Kitchen Garden.

1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
2d Instructor—Miss Graham.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

Embroidery Class.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
New pupils from the Deaconess House—Miss Elizabeth Geist Newbold, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs Jennie T. C. Law, Honolulu; Miss Mary E. Laning, Cambria, O.; Miss Ada Stephens, Columbus, O.

Representative of St Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. Joseph Clayton, No. 225 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar

March 3—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 10—Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mid Lent).
" 17—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
" 24—Palm Sunday.
" 25—(Monday) Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 26—Tuesday before Easter.
" 27—Wednesday before Easter.
" 28—Maundy-Thursday.
" 29—Good Friday.
" 30—Easter Even.
" 31—Easter Day.

Offerings in February

General Charities,	$131 05
Missionary Box Committee,	177 12
Diocesan Missions,	837 34
Parochial Maintenance.	59 06
Through the Woman's Auxiliary for Deaconess White's work in Oklahoma,	200 00
Through Mr. Ewell,	24 00
Through Miss Graham,	91 00
Children's Friend Society,	1 50
Shoe Fund,	20 21
Total,	1,541 28

Offertories for March

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.
Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Easter Decorations.
Good Friday—City Missions.
Fifth Sunday, Easter Day—The Farm.
Wednesday mornings in Lent for Missionary Box Committee.

Parish Record

BAPTISED.

February 22—Harry Julius Breuer.

BURIED.

February 4—Marion Livingston.
" 25—Martin Conrad.

Early Recollections of St. Stephen's Church

By

THE REV. WM. WILBERFORCE NEWTON, D. D.

My dear young friend, Rev. John. E. Ewell, has asked me to give some recollections as a schoolboy and college youth of old St. Stephen's Church, which, for his sake and out of regard to his interest in the parish paper, I am very glad to do.

Clerical life in Philadelphia fifty years ago was as marked in its party lines as is the city's political life to-day.

"The Banner of the Cross," the high church paper, was boldly thrown out to the breeze from the office of that stalwart periodical at Eighth and Chestnut Streets, at the famous book store of Herman Hooker. Here were to be found upon any Monday morning the heroes and leaders of the stalwart and aggressive High Church party—Dr. Ducachet, Dr. Odenheimer, Dr. Dorr, Dr. Coleman, and others of this newly developed Bishop Hobart cult of churchmanship.

These were marked men, and they left their impress upon all who saw them in their daily work and conversation. Fierce was the warfare and great were the shoutings though like old Kaspar's grandchildren in the poet Southey's song of the Battle of Blenheim, I felt even then as a boy that I could say:

"Now tell us what 'twas all about!"
Young Peter Peterkin he cries—
And little Wilhelmine looks up
With wonder waiting eyes—
"Now tell us all about the war—
And what they fought each other for!"
Why, that I cannot tell," said he—
"But 'twas a famous victory!"

"The Episcopal Recorder" furnished the artillery for the Low Church school, and was published at that famous rendezvous of other days where the mules in long lines dragged sleepily along heavy freight cars from the river Delaware through Market Street to the Schuylkill, and where all the omnibuses met. From this point they started with sleepy drivers lying in the sun, and tired horses fruitlessly throwing back their mild eyes for the few remaining oats, before it was time to start off again on that mysteriously curved avenue, Dock Street.

The antagonism between these styles of rival churchmanship in Philadelphia found perhaps its fullest expression in the life of old St. Peter's and old St. Paul's.

A half-witted man of that locality used to designate these rival churches as "Peter's Church" and "Paul's Church," with various accompaniments upon the names of the rectors—the rector of St. Peter's being always known as "Ommenheimer," and the rector of St. Paul's being always called "Newty."

There was in those days an early celebration at St. Peter's and an early morning prayer meeting at St. Paul's. But early one Sunday morning a terrible thing happened at St. Peter's! There was no communion service to be had—it had been stolen by burglars in the night. Whereupon, a certain pious pilgrim, hurrying on his way to the prayer meeting at St. Paul's, brought the news of the judgment of Almighty God upon the sacramental system of the church with the tall white steeple.

I well remember as a boy when the Burd monuments were placed the church and the interest and excitement which their introduction into this house of God caused. Dear old Dr. Duchachet considered himself in a certain way the especial guardian of these exquisite monuments, and rightly to estimate them was the same thing in his mind as to attend the most elaborate service. To admire the statuary was to him more than sacrifice, and to venerate the angel in the group was better than the fat of rams.

A story is told of him that during a certain month of August in Philadelphia the rector let his assistant go away upon a vacation, promising to take his place for the daily morning and evening prayer. But after the first week of this service, in the terrible heat of August, the dear old doctor found it very trying to be twice in the chancel in one day.

It is reported of him that upon a certain afternoon in this heated term the doctor kept looking out of the vestry room to see if there were any persons coming to the service, and finding only two visiting lady teachers present, went out to them, mopping his head with his large bandanna handkerchief, and fanning himself vigorously with a huge palm leaf fan, as he whispered:

"I tell you what it is, my friend, it is too hot to have evening prayer to-day. Let us take a good pious look at the statuary and then go reverently home."

I shall never forget the impression made upon me as a boy of the reverence of Dr. Duchachet in the chancel. I remember now his black silk socks, his patent leather pumps, with their silver bukles, his peculiar style of surplice of lace and lawn, and his devout habit of adoration towards the altar when entering the channel. This act of reverence with bowed head and folded hands always impressed me as a child.

"And in the old days of the Diocesan conventions, which used to meet in St. Andrew's Church, the dear old doctor would wink at me when as a little boy I used to attend the convention and sit with my father, and beckon to me to "come over and sit on the High Church side."

I remember once sitting in his lap during the convention, and when my father came to carry me back, the dear, urbane, old gentleman, with his snowy white head and his elegant broadcloth and silk clothing, remarked:

"No! Go away Richard Newton; you can't have this boy. We're going to make a better man out of him than his father—for already he loves our High Church ways."

The power of tenderness and love, and the expression of it towards a child, are the thoughts which come into my mind whenever the name of Dr. Duchachet is mentioned—that grand old type of the French gentleman—who was the churchman every inch and gloried in the thought of his Catholic home and heritage.

Lent at St. Stephen's

During Lent services are held daily in the Church. Short services and address at 12.30 o'clock, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock, exeept Saturday. On Wednesdays and Fridays addresses are made by the Assistant and Rector.

Confirmation will be on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 4 in the afternoon, by Bishop Coadjutor Mackay-Smith.

On Thursday before Easter Holy Communion will be celebrated at the evening service at 5 o'clock.

On Good Friday there will be Morning

Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 10.30. Midday Service at 12.30 and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock. Offerings for City Missions.

During the last two weeks of Lent there will be a Service at 11.30 A. M., when the story of our Lord's Passion as contained in the Gospels will be read.

On Easter Day Holy Communion will be administered at 8 A. M. Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4 o'clock. Offerings for Stephen's Farm.

The Easter Carol Service of the Sunday School, Parish School and Burd Orphan Asylum will be held on Sunday after Easter, at 4 o'clock. The offerings of the year will be received for Missions and placed on the altar.

Easter Day the Services will be at 8 o'clock 11 o'clock and 4 o'clock. At the two latter Services the pew-holders and regular members of the congregation will be admitted as usual through the transcept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the hour of the Service itself, and the visitors will be provided with seats to the full capacity of the Church.

It seems rather an inhospitable mode of action, but upon reflection it will commend itself to all reasonable people. It is bct right and fair that those who attend the Service all the other days of the year, should have an opportunity to occupy their own seats on the great high festival, and that those who only visit the church upon such occasions should be asked to wait upon the convenience of the regular attendants.

The Mid-Day Services are being held as usual this Lent under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Speaking more occurately, though, these services are under the joint auspices of the Rector and the Brotherhood, as the speakers are jointly chosen and invited by both parties. The services open at 12.30 and last precisely twenty-five minutes. They will be conducted by the Rector, Mr. Ewell or Dr. Snively. The ushering, advertising, music and all other arrangements are left to the Brotherhood.

The preachers will be as follows:

Monday to Saturday, March 4-9, Rev. Floyd Tomkins, S. T. D., Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.

Monday to Wednesday, March 11-12, Rev. Edward M. Jeffreys, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Thursday and Friday, March 14-15, Rev. Charles F. Hutchinson, St. Clement's, Philadelphia.

Saturday, March 16, Rev.. John E. Ewell, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Monday to Friday, March 18-22, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Monday, March 25, Rev. J. Henning Nelms, St. Matthew's, Philadelphia.

The Church in the West

The writer has always felt a keener sense of sympathy for the men and women of our church who are battling under her banner in the Middle West than for those who have gone to the Orient.

Across the Pacific there are certain aspects of romance among the strange and interesting people who are becoming so active in the world's program. There is the beautiful country and the bewildering blossoms of Japan. Of course, out there our representatives have severe trials, and their life to a degree is an isolated martyrdom to the most acute form of duty.

Bnt the problem of the church in the West has special demands on our sympathy and encouragement. The country is wild and vast. There is that liberty and license a new country never fails to esgender. This has to be diplomatically curtailed because what out there is considered unnatural severity immediately alienates the people, and the servant of the Lord might just as well take a Pullman for the East.

A young clergyman in orders of estimable character and strength of will recently became unhappy in trying to hold the full allegiance of the men in his community by clever and skillful means, but the pressure was so heavy on him that he gave up in despair. He even has left the ministry.

Many of the aspects of the church' work in the West were presented before the Woman's Auxiliary by Deaconess White, of Oklahoma, at its last meeting. She first spoke of the size of the State and how seven counties were populated in one day. The work is divided into three parts, between the Indians, negroes and whites. Among these different peoples there is a very small and discouraging number of religious workers.

There is only one minister of our church and one deaconess in the city of Guthrie, which has a population of forty thousand.

The deaconess is trying to raise for her Bishop $10,000. Mr. George C. Thomas is doubling each thousand dollars of the sum the Bishop is having raised to build necessary churches in his diocese. Two ladies of the Auxiliary, in response to the appeal, gave $100 apiece to Deaconess White.

At the same meeting Mrs. Rowland Morris, the new treasurer of the United Offering, made an appeal for her fund, saying she wanted to have St. Stephen's well up in the contribution list. An account of the United Offering is given in another article of this paper.

Reports were made the different committees telling of the work of the General Committees.

The Auxiliary closed its session with a cup of tea. Mrs. Lineaweaver and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell poured. The next meeting will be on Thursday evening, March 21, at 11 o'clock.

Sunday Evening Services with Stereopticon

The first of our Illustrated Services took place in our Sunday School Room on Sunday evening, February 24th, with Mr. S. L. Schumo, a recent traveler in the Holy Land, as the lecturer.

This snow-stormy evening was against a very large attendance, but the goodly number of brave souls present were edified, instructed and delighted with Mr. Schumo's many fine picture of modern Palestine, and they were particularly pleased with his earnest, forceful Biblical stories, and his fine-voiced descriptions of the sacred scenes, as they now are. We take this opportunity to publicly thank him for his generous assistance in our work.

Dr. Grammer opened the service with prayer, then with the aid of Mr. McMichael's lantern, the lecturer was able to show us the sights of old Israel's homes, the tombs of David and Jesus, to picture Palestine as it is to-day, from Joppa to Jerusalem, and on northward to Damascus and Baalbec. Very, very realistic were the views from the Jordan, from Bethany and the Holy City—places where the decay of centuries has not dimmed the spiritual religious associations, sacred alike to Moslem, Jew and Christian.

This lecture on Modern Palestine is to be followed by the beautiful and celebrated pictures of the Life of Christ, from the paintings by the artist Tissot. Promptly at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, March 10th, and on Sunday evening, March 24th, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael will describe the Tissot pictures.

These services are intended to be informal efforts to give instruction and advance the cause of Christ. It is hoped that teachers, scholars, parents, friends and visitors will, by their presence, heartily support these efforts. All are cordially welcomed.

Three Arts Club

The fourth entertainment for the Three Arts Club was given on Saturday afternoon, February 2d, in the Parish House, to a very large audience. It differed in character from the three previous entertainments, and judging by the rapt attention wit hwhich it was received, and by the many expressions of pleasure heard afterward, was a great success. Mrs. FitzMaurice, the Philadelphia critic of the New York *Musical Courier,* and a valued member of the Three Arts Club, read parts of Ibsen's play, "Peer Gynt," and illustrated it on the piano by Grieg's music. The selections Mrs. Fitzmaurice made from the book of the play showed great discrimination, and her charming illustrations on the piano were heard with much pleasure. During an intermission tea was served by the hostesses of the afternoon, Miss Lockhart and Mrs. Hilary.

A. M. F. N.

A sale of art objects made by members of the Three Arts Club will take place in the club room in the Parish House on Saturday afternoon, March 23d, from 3 until 6 o'clock. It is hoped that advantage may be taken of this opportunity to buy artistic articles suitable for Easter gifts.

Church Periodical Club

Miss Kate Lewis has consented to act as the secretary of this club in St. Stephen's. Papers and magazines which are sent to her will be forwarded to deserving persons, or she

will furnish the names of such persons and the literature can be sent on directly.

There are few gifts more appreciated than a paper or magazine systematically forwarded in this way. It is a gift twice blessed. It blesses the conscientious giver and sweetens the life of the grateful recipient.

Alpha Kappa Column

Apart from the purely social pursuits indulged in by the Alpha Kappa, among which the orchestra, gymnasium work, basket ball, and the literary entertainment are the most prominent, there is another and far more important side of the affairs of the fraternity which must be remembered. The question of how we can make the organization of some real benefit, personally to the individual members opens up possibilities which, if fostered, will make each man better, purer and higher minded than he had been. One instance of this, and the one I wish to speak of at present, is the effect the Alpha Kappa should have on the citizenship of its members. With the perpetually unsettled state of Philadelphia politics and the important local questions to be considered, together with the ever present national issues, it seems an opportune time and subject on which to apply some of our Christian ideas. Strange as it may seem, politics and Christianity appear to most men to be widely separated subjects, subjects to be considered as though they were without connection. How many good Christian men in their business and social life will vote for a man or a principle without the slightest consideration of its merits or demerits from a Christian standpoint, but will allow themselves to be led by an article in a newspaper, or by the prejudiced argument of some professional politician? How much better it would be if we would look at all of these things from the standpoint of Jesus Christ. What would He do? That should be the question, and the right solution would naturally follow. And this is not an idealistic state of affairs; on the contrary, it is by far the most practical and the easiest road to good government. Therefore, I say that the Alpha Kappa, throcgh its discussions and debates, can make its members better citizens. A Christian influence will make anything better, and anything that we may do as members of the Alpha Kappa under the influence of St. Stephen's Church, and with the association of its rector, Dr. Grammer, must surely be better than it otherwise should have been.

For instance, I think that the members have a clearer and a deeper understanding of the subject of government ownership, which promises to be an important issue in the next Presidential campaign, than they had before the interesting debate held on that scbject by the Alpha Kappa. While we may still disagree as to whether it may be right or wrong, still we can go to the polls and vote, not as a newspaper or some other persons tell us, but as our own mind dictates, for what we honestly think is right, and thereby better fulfill our duties as good Christian citizens.

C. H. M.

The New Organ

We know this sounds like a myth, but behind the vast, white expanse of muslin at the back of the church there is now a faint attempt at activity. At last!

Ash Wednesday, the day the contract called for the completion of the organ, has come and gone, and the indications are that Easter will suffer the same fate.

We now know better, and the next organ we build there will be a forfeit attached to the contract, and being experienced, we will mentally double the promised time.

So now let us possess our souls in patience and think how delightful it will be next fall to be greeted with the tones of the magnificent instrument, the product of such long toil and ecort.

The choir is to be congratulated on their splendid opportunity to experiment so plentifully with á capello singing.

The Volunteer Choir

Besides the usual Lenten Quartette there has been organized a volunteer choir to supplement it.

Mr. Selden Miller is the organist and director, and has in a very short time brought this new choir up to a high degree of efficiency.

The members of the choir have volunteered for certain afternoons in the week by consenting to come in relays each day has a certain number of singers pledged to it.

The fresh, bright singing adds very much life and beauty to the services, and is greatly appreciated.

The different days have the following singers:

Monday—Miss Dale, Miss Clayton, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Weaver, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Grammar, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony, Miss Bessie Reynolds, Miss Minerva Reynolds, Miss Irene Patterson.

Tuesday—Miss Dale, Miss Clayton, Miss Kiehl, Miss Hewson, Miss Graham, Miss Goss, Miss Lowrey, Miss Stuart, Miss Waters, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Bulkley, Mr. Ewell, Dr. Anthony, Miss Bessie Reynolds, Miss Minerva Reynolds, Miss Irene Patterson.

Wednesday—Miss Dale, Miss Clayton, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Goss, Miss Graham, Miss Minerva Reynolds, Miss Bessie Reynolds, Miss Irene Patterson, Miss Graham, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Waters, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony, Mr. Lineawever.

Thursday—Miss Dale, Miss Clayton, Miss Kiehl, Miss Hewson, Miss Goss, Miss Graham, Mrs. Grammer, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony, Mr. Bulkley, Miss Bessie Reynolds, Miss Minerva Reynolds, Miss Irene Patterson.

Friday—Miss Dale, Miss Clayton, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Weaver, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Lowrey, Miss Stuart, Mrs. Hammond, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony, Mr. Lineaweaver, Mr. Ewell, Miss Bessie Reynolds, Miss Minerva Reynolds, Miss Irene Patterson.

Thanks to Dr. Newton

It affords us great pleasure to announce to the readers of the *Parish News* that beginning with this number there will be a series of contributions to the paper by Dr. William Wilberforce Newton on "Reminiscences of old St. Stephen's."

Dean Hodges

It has been our great privilege this Lent to have had Dean Hodges with us for a week. He has certainy a fresh genius to present old truths in new and attractive form. Everything he touches seems to have a new life and meaning.

Upon four occasions his discourses were on the character of certain of Christ's disciples.

He showed the broad-mindedness of Andrew in that did not resign from the company of the Apostles because he was less favored than Peter, James and John. Andrew served Christ for the sake of service and love, and not reward, being denied the inner circle of the affection of the Master, as were the above three disciples, whom Christ always had with Him at the different crises of His life, as on the mount of Transfiguration and in the Garden. Yet Andrew, always faithful, remained at the foot of the mountain and outside the Garden.

In Peter, the preacher explained how the Master formed a true rock of faith out of hasty speech and impetuosity of disposition, and can make out of us, in spite of our imperfections, living stones as well.

Matthew, the Publican, exhibited the broad democracy on which Christ established His church. Not a doctor of Jerusalem graced the company of twelve.

That despondent Thomas, who was not subjected to an ill-advised heresy trial and hastily expelled from the select company of Apostles, was used as an example of how much happier a solution it is for the doubter to be kept in the church by the bonds of friendship and love, and that the doubter himself, must have patience and be content to wait for more light.

The Dean made the human nature of the Apostles very plain and showed how they stumbled in making their way up to the stained-glass church windows in which they pose.

It was a most profitable week for St. Stephen's.

What a Visitor said of the Children's Entertainment

Those of our Parish who did not view the treat given 150 or more children on Tuesday evening, February 12th, by the Children's Friend Society of St. Stephen's, missed a jubilant, if not a more brilliant scene, than a grand ball at the Academy.

Its orderly success, and the happy, good time for these little ones of small opportunities reflect much credit to the managers of this

good work. Such peals of happiness as the entertainer, Professor Hartz, a magician, with his tricks, brought from his youthful audience. Our school room rang with shouts of laughter as magical eggs and silvery coin came from everywhere and nowhere at his sleight of hand bidding. Later the scene was even more jolly, where his ventriloquism made two awkward puppets say such queer, funny things. Then the closing hour of dancing for the children, when little Rosie Cæsar and Sadie Ling, the one Chinese child, and all the rest, romped merrily their two-steps and waltzes, with the "Virginia Reel" as a finish. Even the "big folks" could not resist this last cheering whirl. They, too, joined in this real "reel."

Ah! this was a true "charity ball." It made many young hearts throb with joy and hope for another such entertainment by their big-hearted friends of St. Stephen's. That so many children were ready to brave the cold of so unusually a bitter for the sake of a frolic shows that the Children's Friend Society still has a mission to serve.

Children's Friend Society

Donations received in February:

Mrs. A. F. Martin	$1.00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	.50
Total	$1.50

King's Daughters will meet in Parish House every Wednesday evening during Lent, at quarter of 8 o'clock, to sew. Any one wishing to help is gladly welcome.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in February:

Mrs. Elizabeth Hand	$1.50
Name lost	1.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
Total	$2.25
From those receiving shoes	17.96
Total	$20.21
Expended in February for shoes	19.10
Balance	$1.11

Received through Miss Graham ten pairs of shoes. From Miss Walshe, one pair of shoes. From Miss Mary Jeffries, one pair. From Mrs. E. L. V., one pair.

Have given out in February fifty-five pairs of shoes and twenty-two pairs of over-shoes.

Shoes of any sort, if wearable, very acceptable.

There will be a half-rate sale of household articles, such as tea towels, roller towels, maids' aprons, etc., on Thursday and Friday, March 7th asd 8th, from 11 to 1, in the Parish House.

The musical tea and cake sale held by the Guild of the Holy Cross for the benefit of the summer home of the Church of the Crucifixion in our Guild Room, was very enjoyable. The music was exceedingly good and the money realized amounted to $47.00, which was very gratifying to the committee.

Memorbilia

Don't neglect the Parochial Services at 5 o'clock in the afternoons. They are for you.

The Woman's Auxiliary has its next meeting Thursday morning, March 21st, at 11 o'clock, in the Parish House.

Confirmation this year will be administered on Palm Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The lectures are on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in the Rector's room of the Parish House. The Rector will gladly meet men at his home, 1024 Spruce Street, on Thursday evenings, to talk over privately the subject. We should make a personal effort to see that our friends and acquaintances consider taking this important step in Christian progress if they have not already done so.

Read in this issue, "The Story of the United Offering."

The Story of the United Offering

Every third year, on the first Wednesday in October, General Convention meets. The Bishops and chosen clergymen and laymen from every Diocese and Missionary District come together to legislate for the Church's welfare.

At the same time the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions has its triennial gathering, and representatives from every branch throughout the Church at home and abroad are called together for a Service of Thanksgiving and for a meeting in which they can learn of the progress of Christ's Kingdom.

Such a United Service of Thanksgiving was held in Chicago in 1886, when Grace Church was filled, and the Bishop of the Diocese said that he never before had administered the Holy Communion to so large a congregation of women. But when the offering which all those women had brought to their Thanksgiving Service was counted, it was found to amount to $82.71! Certainly no one then had thought of a United Offering to express something of what a United Service really means to the members of the Auxiliary.

But in 1889 the change began, when one member of a parish branch in the Diocese of Pittsburgh asked that the women might not come again so empty-handed, and it was suggested that $2,000 be given at the Service, in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, on October 3d. It was also proposed that this sum be divided, and used, one-half to build the first church in our Alaska Mission, the other to send a new Missionary to Japan.

There are many active in the Auxiliary today, who remember the disappointment that was felt when the Secretary announced at the morning session which succeeded this Service that the Offering, instead of the desired $2,000, was $400 only. But, as the meeting adjourned for luncheon, additional gifts were asked for, and these brought the Offering to $700. And when the afternoon session began with the announcement of the good news that one member present would give the $1,000 for the Church in Alaska, hope and earnestness revived, and before the day was over, the first United Offering was complete. In 1890 Miss Lovell, the Auxiliary's first United Offering Missionary, went from St. Thomas' Parish, New York, to Japan, where she still works under the Bishop of Tokyo; while in Christ Church, Anvik, on the Yukon, stands to-day a house of prayer for our Missionaries and their people, provided by this Offering.

When the Auxiliary met in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, in 1892, the $2,000 of three years before had grown to be the $20,000 of the morning's Offering. No further proof was needed to show that the idea of a United Gift at the time of their United Service was growing dear to the hearts of the members of the Auxiliary.

The offering of 1892, by vote of the Auxiliary, was added to a fund in the trust of the Missionary Fund. This fund was started, in 1883, by an enthusiastic layman, in the hope that one million of dollars for Missions might be gathered and offered at one Service by the entire Church. The idea had never been fulfilled, and such sums as had been given were lying at interest, and the offering of 1892 was added to these.

But on October 4th, 1895, in Christ Church, St. Paul, the Auxiliary gave $56,000 for the endowment of the Episcopate in a Missionary District, and later, upon making request to the Board of Missions, the $20,000 for the Enrollment Fund and this offering were put together, in order that the interest upon them both might give the full amount needed for a Bishop's salary. And year by year the Auxiliary rejoices that its gifts of 1892 and 1895 provide the salary of the Missionary Bishop of Alaska.

So year by year the Auxiliary has gathered its increased gifts till in 1904, at Boston, the United Offering was $150,000.

As a result of all this effort, in February, 1905, there were reported seventy-eight United Offering Missionaries, one student for Honolulu, one for Hankow, and one for Shanghai in the Training School, New York, and one for Hankow, two for Shanghai, and one for Kyoto in the Church Training and Deaconess' School, Philadelphia, who are receiving grants from the gift of 1904. The Missionaries are stationed: In Alaska, four; in Arizona, two; Asheville, six; Boise, one; Duluth, three; East Carolina, three; Georgia, one; Lexington, three; Los Angeles, two; Minnesota, two; Montana, one; North Carolina, six; Oklahoma and Indian Territory, one; Puerto Rico, two; Sacramento, one; Salt Lake, three; South Carolina, two; Southern Florida, two; Spokane, one; Springfield, one; Tennessee, three; The Philippines, one; West Texas, two; West Virginia, one; Domestic—fifty-two. In the Missionary Districts of Cape Palmas, three; Shanghai, four; Hankow, seven; Kyoto, one; Tokyo, nine; For-

eign—twenty-four.

And now we can hear them speak for themselves of their homes and work.

A Missionary nurse reaches her destination four days before Christmas, and writes telling of the occupations of her first Christmas Eve in an Alaska Mission—"washing dishes, preparing meals, tending fires, making a six-pointed star for the church, washing and ironing the Altar linen."

A teacher from the hill District of Asheville tells of her school children, so faithful all winter, starting at early dawn and coming miles over almost impassable roads, to begin school as the sun rises over the mountains, at nine o'clock. "They are learning to say 'Excuse me,' and 'I am sorry,' and the child in the warm corner by the stove will yield it of his own accord to some little half-frozen bit of humanity, coming in later than himself. The daily opening and closing services and the noonday catechisings are helping all to feel that religion is not a garment to be put on for Sunday, nor is it something to be 'got' when grown, but is the copying day by day of the example of our Lord and Saviour."

Far away on the other side of the world and six hundred miles up the Yang-tse River, another United Offering Missionary is studying Chinese, teaching the small boys of the choir school a little English and music, looking after mothers' meetings and two day-schools for girls, atechising the girls, and giving short Bible talks. "At noon each day the girls use the prayers of the Junior Auxiliary, which have been translated for them. There is a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary also, which works for the United Offering, and to support the girls' day-school at Hunan. Several of these women have mite-chests in which they put a little money day by day. The children, too, have boxes, and are learning to pray and give for Missions. In the two schools eight, only, of the thirty-six girls have unbound feet, but the people are beginning to rectify this evil, and it is growing less."

In the Island Mission of Japan we find our Missionary whose picture appears on the cover of this leaflet, as she sits with her two native helpers, studying the lessons that they are to give again to others. "The work of our native helpers means a great deal to the foreign Missionary," she says. "They are the connecting links between their own people and us, and it is through them we can learn their thoughts and desires and needs. Without their help how could the women and children be prepared for Baptism and Confirmation, when that means, with many, the first conception of a One Ture and Only God, and the very beginning of a sense of personal responsibility?"

Or to return to our own land, and hear the story of one child harbored by a United Offering Missionary in her Mission house home. "His love of beauty, especially natural beauty, is very keen. He has always been eager for the teacher to look with him at a beautiful cloud capping the mountain behind our Mission, to note the moon or stars, or to admire the wayside flowers. His questions are frequent as to the nature and movement of the stars, the nature of God, the *appearance of our souls,* how the soul leaves the body; 'Is God good because He *likes* to be, or because He *has* to be?' He has learned to say his daily prayers, and the other night remarked, 'Of course, I always tell God what I have done ugly, and ask Him to forgive, but to-night I tell something I never tell Tim before, I tell Him to keep me from saying bad word and to punish me if I say it, so I say it no more; I tell Him to-night I want to be *His* little boy.'"

And, for the kind of woman for this and every Mission, another Missionary has this to say: "The woman who undertakes this work must be earnest, well-balanced and practical. There is room for every tender thought and care for those to whom she shall come. There is a place for all the grace of true friendliness coupled with inflexible justice and wise firmness, but none at all for sentimental nonsense. On the other hand, she who 'out of a faithful and true heart' undertakes it, having first fitted herself, mind and body, for lonely tasks and for true Christly teaching, will find such reward in the progress of those for whom she works, in their love and respect, and in her own true happiness and contentment, that she would make no exchange with the greatest, wisest and richest of the earth."

HOW SHE BECAME TO BE A MISSIONARY.

Such training comes to some in the upbringing of their home, and the work in which they have elsewhere been engaged; to others it comes through our Church Training Schools, from which Missionaries have already gone, and from which more shall go; schools to be found at 228 East Twelfth Street, New York, and 708 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. Here is the nursing of the seed that shall spring up in fruitful lives.

As to the seed itself and its planting, our Missionaries testify what it is that has made them the United Offering Missionaries for whom it is our joy to care. One says: "To me and to my family the Church has brought the choicest blessings of our lives, and it is only right that I should, to the best of my ability, 'pass on' as much of the result of possible." Another says: "My mother wished to go, and I inherited her Missionary purpose." Another: "As a girl of seventeen, a teacher in Sunday school, I had my girls meet with me on Saturday afternoon to prepare Christmas presents for the Indians, of whose need I read in THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN SOLDIER. I knew nothing of Missions and heard less, but I *did* know that God was good and that He wanted me to train and influence the lives of those girls, that they, too, might do something for Him and for others, and so we worked, and that seed thorght just kept on growing until here I am a United Offering worker." And still another tells the story of her childhood interest: "My father and mother and maiden aunt, who always lived with us, were all deeply imbued with the spirit of Missions. The dear periodical bearing that same name was in our family from its very first issue; stories from its pages told by their dear lips were one of my earliest interests and amusements; and besides, there has ever been an impelling power within, above and beyond myself. My home in early childhood was on a plantation twelve miles from a town, and so my kindred were my constant teachers. I remember one bright, soft Sunday afternoon that my aunt and I went into the garden, an old-fashioned one with vegetables in the large squares which were bordered all around with wide bands of flower beds and a summer house at the intersection of the two principal walks all covered over with honeysuckle and other vines. We sat in the summer house, and she was telling me stories, and we were singing hymns—'I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord,' and 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains'—when suddenly the old cook, 'Mammy Agnes,' stood in the door, exclaiming, 'Here I bin lookin' all over de place fur Miss Ma'y to give out supper, and she and Miss Ha'et here in de summer house, gettin' happy!' I could not have been more than five or six years old then. Later I used to say that when I was grown I would go to Africa as a Missionary, when my mother would tell me, 'My child, you have Africa here at home.' So while still a child, eleven or twelve, I used to gather the little negroes and teach them from the 'Peep of Day' series and the Church Catechism."

We have given here glimpses into the lives of some of our Missionaries and into that which prompted the lives they lead. When the Woman's Auxiliary shall meet in Richmond, in October, 1907, what united thank-offering shall the gold almsbasin hold? It bears upon its face the blessed scene of the Wise Men from the East kneeling before the Infant Saviour with their gifts. When again that memorial of a great devotion shall be lifted up, let us pray that the gifts upon it may be rich with the gold of burning love, the incense of unfailing prayer, and the myrrh of sacrifice which shall furnish *lives* as well as *means* for our next United Offering.

Mrs. Rowland Morris is the treasurer of our United Offering and is now receiving the contributions. Her address is 2122 Spruce Street.

Female Benevolent Sale.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons . .	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons . .	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.

Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

Church Calendar

April 1—Monday in Easter.
" 2—Tuesday in Easter.
" 7—First Sunday after Easter.
" 14—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 21—Third Sunday after Easter.
" 25—St. Mark, Evangelist.
" 28—Fourth Sunday after Easter.

Offerings in March

General Charities,	$153 40
Parochial Maintenance,	34 14
Domestic Missions,	97 91
From the Misses Magee,	50 00
" Mrs. Lineaweaver,	20 00
Easter Decorations,	95 52
City Mission,	56 81
Work among Jews,	20 00
Farm,	724 20
Dr. Shimoon's Work from Mr. Cleemann	10 00
Through Miss Graham	3 00
Through Mr. Ewell,	50 00
Endownment Fund,	200 00
Missionary Box,	156 40
Total,	$1,671 48

Offertories for April

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Theological Education.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record

BAPTISED.

Lucy May Keinath,
Eliza Jane Keen Bird,
Lilias Fedora Earnest,
Josephine Augusta Marbet,
Charles Christian Seasongood,
Theodore Hein.

CONFIRMED.

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Edith Shellenberger
Helen Shellenberger
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Addinell Stevenson Hewson
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Grace Hillis
Emma Petzelt Atmore
Selina Caroline Wilder
James Emott Caldwell
Antonio Blalia
Alice E. Hart
Charles S. M. McKeehan
Evans Bartley
Robert C. McCuen

BURIED.

Annie M. Johnston.
May C. W. Rose.
Jeannette Julia Cavier.
Amanda F. Dickie.

Easter

The Easter services were marked by two special features. The first was the use of the new organ which has been donated by the sisters and brothers of Miss Eliza J. Magee as a memorial to her. The organ is not yet half completed, and only part of two manuals could be used; the small organ, echo organ and pedal organ are not yet erected; but even in its present partial condition the great instrument was a valuable addition to our services, and proved by the sweetness of its tones that the builder had succeeded in obtaining beauty of tone-color as well as power and variety. A full account of this organ will be published on its completion and formal installation, or acceptance.

The other feature of the day was brought out by the Rector in the afternoon service, when he mentioned that with this service Mr. Joseph Clayton would close his long and honorable career as Verger at St. Stephen's. He had resigned his position because of other demands upon him; but it would be difficult to think of him in any other connection. He would always be associated with the rectorships of Dr. Rudder, Dr. McConnell and Dr. Worcester by the members of this parish, whose best wishes went with him. A purse of over $600 was raised in the congregation, and presented to him through Mr. Michael.

Our New Verger.

On the first day of April our new Verger, James Carrigan, entered upon the duties of his office. He comes to us with the highest testimonials as to character and efficiency, and after an experience that has admirably qualified him for the special duties of the position. It will be necessary to give him time to learn various details; and it is unnecessary to point out that he cannot be expected to possess the knowledge of our traditions and customs which our former Verger possessed to so remarkable a degree; but he will doubtless soon master the essentials of his tasks, and the position is one of considerable responsibility and can only be filled by a man of character. We are happy to have been able to secure a man so likable and dependable for an office that has been so uniquely filled for the last thirty-two years.

C. E. E.

A Correction.

A sensational item in one of our newspapers may have fallen under the notice of our people. If they were at the Good Friday service, they will know at once that it gives a very incorrect idea of the general tenor of the address on that day, the quotation is accurate so far as it goes. As for the reported interview with the Rector in which he is quoted as saying that he expected "a storm of criticism," nothing could be more inaccurate. He had no such thought, and expected no such notice of his words.

This correction is made because it is unpleasant to have it thought that such crass sensationalism and desire for notoriety should have marked his utterances or mental attitude on that holy day.

The officers of the various societies of the parish will please send to the Rev. John E. Ewell, No. 9 S. Tenth Street, the annual reports of money received and expended, and also account of work done from May 1, 1905, to May 1, 1906.

Please have these reports sent in not later than May 1st, for publication in the next copy of THE PARISH NEWS. A convenient blank form may be obtained at the Parish House.

Organized Charity.

The case of a certain Mrs. C. which is known to many members of the parish is a very forceful illustration of the need for centralization and organization of charity work among the poor. Mrs. C. appealed by letter to Dr. Grammer for urgent help last December. Her case was investigated and her needs found to be much exaggerated and misrepresented, and help was refused. She then appealed to Mr. Ewell who gave her some assistance. In a few weeks she repeated her same pitiful story in which she was so well rehearsed now as to be line-perfect to some ladies in the Benevolent. Fortunately Mrs. B. referred the case to Miss Graham, and again assistance was refused. In nowise daunted, this wholesale and indefatigable beggar sought out Miss Lewis, who was warned against her and ignored her appeal.

It is not often that beggars shows so little guile and craft as to beg so extensively in the one parish. Usually they seek out many churches, not letting one know what the other doeth. The S. O. C. workers complain that the churches allow themselves to be easily cheated and until a secret service connection is made among parishes the beggars we shall have always with us.

If we cannot have this system among the churches we can at least in our own parochial work, and it is recommended to the members of the congregation to do their alms giving as much as possible through the authorized channels of the church, where all cases are thoroughly investigated.

The Stereopticon Services.

With good weather, an appreciative audience filled our Sunday School Room, at the closing one of these Sunday evening lectures on March 24th, "Palm Sunday."

Again are we indebted to Mr. Clayton F. McMichael for the use of his lantern, for his beautiful Tissot pictures, and still more for his generous service of instruction, in his lectures on "The Life of Christ." It is hoped that we may begin earlier next winter and have more of them.

To Miss E. Bertha Yocum are we very grateful for her kind assistance as pianist, as well as to Mr. Blaha for his exquisite violin solos, particularly that last one (of his own composition), "A Cradle Song." Then on the last evening Mr. Crowell added much to our services by his appropriate and excellent singing of "The Palms."

Miss Bessie Clayton's sweet singing of "The Holy City" was a most fitting close to Mr. McMichael's lecture. The accompanying beautiful dissolving dream-views of Old Jerusalem most touchingly assisted her in depicting the sacred thoughts of her charmingly rendered Hosanna Hymn.

Again: May we have more of these illustrated Sunday evening services.

A Play for the Summer Outing Fund.

On Friday evening, April 12, 1907, at 8 o'clock, a four-act comedy, entitled "School," will be presented in our Sunday School Room by our Alpha Kappa Society, accompanied by St. Stephen's orchestra. Admission 25 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the Summer Outing Fund. Tickets on sale at the Parish House and by members of the Sunday School and of the Society, and at the door on the evening of April 12th. G. H. S.

Children's Friendly Society donations in March:

Mrs. H. F. Martin	$1.00
Miss Fernley	2.00
Kind Friends	10.00
Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	1.00
Total	$14.00

Donations received now will be used for the outings in the summer.

King's Daughters will have their next meeting in the Parish House, Wednesday, April 3d and April 17th, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

During the Lenten season this Circle have met every evening and have made and will give away to hospitals and the worthy poor about 75 pieces, besides two scrap books to the day nursery on Pine Street.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in March:

Miss Laura Bell	$ 1.00
Church Fund (through Dr. Gramner)	15.00
Miss Townsend	2.00
Mrs. Martin	.25
Miss Dutilph	1.00
King's Daughters	1.00
	$20.25
From Rummage Sale	.70
From those receiving shoes	14.90
Total	$35.85
Expended for shoes	33.05
Balance	$2.80

DONATIONS OF SHOES.

7 pairs from Miss Magee, 2 pairs from Mrs. Townsend. Thanks for all, and special for one of which the donor's name could not be found.

There were given out in March about 49 pairs of shoes.

Three Arts Society

The fifth monthly entertainment of the Three Arts Club was given on Saturday, March 2nd, from four until six o'clock under the auspices of Mrs. Noblit. A charming musical program was rendered by the following soloists—Miss Bancher, of St. Luke's choir, soprano, Mr. Blake, tenor, Mr. Crowell, baritone, Mr. Griffith, bass, Mr. Neff, accompanist, Miss Fergusson, pianist, Mr. Philips, pianist—Mrs. Hillary and Miss Lockhart presided at the tea table.

A sale of sketches of Art objects was held in the Club Room on the afternoon of Saturday, March 23rd, but it is a matter of regret that the number of buyers was small in proportion to the amount of artistic work that was offered for sale.

Female Benevolent Sale.

The Ladies of the Benevolent Society will have for sale, during the winter on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.45 to 11.45 o'clock, the following articles.

Dusters	.08	Iron Holders (4 for 25c.)	.08
Gingham Aprons	.20	Maid's Bib Aprons	.50
Glass Towels	.15 and .25	Crash Towels	.15
Roller Towels	.30		

Muslin and flannel underwear, etc. Orders taken. The patronage of the congregation is solicited.

Early Recollections of St. Stephen's Church.

By Rev. Wm. Wilberforce Newton, D. D.

II.

THE MINISTRY OF REV. DR. RUDDER.

Elected Rector, December, 1865
Died January 29, 1880

When the Secretary of War in President Jackson's administration told the executive that he must remove the Rev. Mr. McIlvaine from the chaplaincy at West Point or he would convert that school of arms into a divinity school, the day of pulpit-power in the Episcopal Church had come.

Dr. Francis Vinton, Bishop Leonidas Polk and other well-known names were the first-fruits of Bishop McIlvaine's pulpit-power at West Point, and soon the great preachers were at work changing that colonial institution known as the Episcopal Church in the United States of America into the National Church which it is to-day.

Dr. Tyng was probably right when in his own sublime self-assurance at the new St. George's Church, in New York, he said after his first visit to Europe, "There was only one man in Europe who made me feel small, and that man was the Rev. Hugh McNeill at Liverpool." What Dr. Tyng was in his pulpit at New York the Rev. John A. Clarke and the Rev. Dr. Bedell at St. Andrew's Church were in Philadelphia.

The day of pulpit-power in Philadelphia had arrived and it was these men who helped to formulate and give expression to this growing sense of the prophetic mission of preaching.

Frail in body, weak in voice, exhausted nigh unto fainting and death after the service, and frequently compelled to sit upon a high stool in his pulpit that he might finish his discourse to the crowded and expectant audience below, Dr. Bedell kept the flame of evangelical religion bright and burning at that shrine of divine teaching, St. Andrew's pulpit, Philadelphia. The names of these great preachers were household words in those days in Philadelphia, and the little children of the different Sunday-schools had their favorite preachers as they had their favorite fire engines and hose-carriages. St. James, St. Peter and St. John were not more frequently quoted and generally known than were the pulpit orators of this day, and the church in Philadelphia—whatever we may think in these strenuous days of the somewhat turbid parochial life of the period—was a power through its pulpit and reached in a positive and commanding way the great throbbing pulsating heart of the civic consciousness.

The standards of these men were high. Their lives were pure. Luxury and wealth among the clergy were unknown. The creed of these men was simple and their faith was strong. It could not but happen, then, that the ministry of such men was attended with "demonstration of the spirit and of power."

The Rev. Wm. Suddards at Grace Church was the legitimate successor of the elder Dr. Bedell, as the Rev. Richard Newton was the successor of Dr. Tyng at old St. Paul's.

Dr. Suddards was originally a Wesleyan minister with an unction of manner and a torrent of eloquence, with a peculiarly rugged and engaging tone of voice and a warmth of expression which had such a powerful element of contagion.

The Rev. Kingston Goddard at the Church of the Atonement was another pulpit orator of the Stephen A. Douglass order. Keen, witty, brilliant, sarcastic, lithe in debate, skilful in defence, piercing in attack, he, too, had his strong following on the platform and in the arena where the trained partisan was always popular.

The Rev. Jas. H. Fowles at the Church of the Epiphany was another pulpit orator of no mean order. The ministry of this man marked the high-water line of Calvinistic Theology. A Southerner from South Carolina, believing firmly in that predestination which made the white man a master and the black man a slave, he exerted a decided influence in the ministerial world in Philadelphia and left a sweet and gentle influence behind him, the result of his holy and consistent life long after his peculiar Calvinistic tenets were forgotten.

And the ministry of Dudley Tyng, first at the Church of the Epiphany, from which he was driven out because of the early proclamation of his abolitional principles, in the early days of Fremont the Pathfinder, and his later ministry at Concert Hall with his wonderful exploitation of the Jayne's Hall prayer meeting was an influence showing the power of the Episcopal pulpit in Philadelphia which never

can be forgotten by the pen of the local historian.

And it was into this same Philadelphia, at this curious period of pulpit-power and influence, that the Rev. Wm. Rudder entered as the assistant to Dr. Ducuchet.

Dr. Rudder came to St. Stephen's from Albany, but his birthplace was in Bermuda and he had behind him the marked traditions and influence of English colonial life.

I remember on one occasion when visiting Bermuda that the house where Dr. Rudder lived as a child was pointed out to me and I distinctly call to mind the fact that the people there took a marked pride in the fact that Bermuda had produced not only the strongest onions and the sweetest lilies but had given to the Church in America the ministrations of the Rev. Wm. Rudder.

There was always about Dr. Rudder's ministry and service the unmistakable air of his English ancestry. There was an English tone of stock and strength about his manner and bearing which was always suggestive of the English ecclesiastic. His true position should have been an English deanery or bishopric. At times it was evident that he stooped to conquer and that with a very firm and high ideal before him he yet bowed himself down to the requirements of his position and accommodated himself, not without much mental and temperamental friction, to the popular requirements of his appointment as coadjutor rector at St. Stephen's.

When Coriolanus in Shakespeare's drama invites his fellow Roman citizens to inspect his wounds and investigate his bruises, he breathes forth under his lips a frowning curse about this pack of curs who demanded these physical tokens of his past valor. And it was very evident at the period of his coming to Philadelphia that Dr. Rudder's standard and methods and habits of clerical life were very different from those of the clerical preachers he found about him. But the glory of this man's ministry consisted in the fact that he could say in Shakespeare's words, "Thy nature is subdued to what it works in, like the dyer's hand." And it was not very long before it was known that another great preacher was in Philadelphia and the day of the pulpit-power of St. Stephen's Church became an established and well-known fact.

Dr. Ducachet became very fond of his new assistant and looked with delight at the crowds which flocked to hear the new preacher at St. Stephen's. It was very beautiful to see the pure and unselfish spirit of the aged rector taking pleasure in results and successes which had been denied him.

"Isn't it good," he used to say as he got off for the hundredth time his wellworn little pun, "the ship is sailing all right now: you see we've got a new rudder."

Dr. Rudder's sermons were not, strictly speaking, popular. He did not stoop to the rhetoric of the hour or curry favor with the masses by those popular methods which had become the habit of expression born out of the great revival of 1857-58 which swept over Philadelphia and made its impress felt in a popularization of the pulpit.

His sermons were thoughtful and serious discourses. Men and women of culture and of thought wended their way to St. Stephen's, and soon the church was filled morning and evening with earnest and attentive listeners. The music of the period furnished the popular element at these services, and the preacher in the pulpit gave his hearers always something to think about. The thought was always strong and dignified. The voice of the preacher was rich and full and sonorous with a suggestion in it of the voice of Bishop Alonzo Potter.

St. Stephen's Church ceased to be thought of as having merely an advanced ritual and as "High Church." A throne of power was established when Dr. Rudder became rector of the parish, and the foundations of the after pulpit-power of St. Stephen's Church were laid by this man who toiled faithfully through a long night of struggle to build this citadel of strength; and from this tribunal of influence Dr. McConnell Dr. Worcester and Dr. Grammer have been able to reach the hearts of the people of Philadelphia, especially through the midday Lenten services, where St. Stephen's pulpit has been the acknowledged power that has turned the inner wheels of many a troubled, weary, shop-worn life!

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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Miss Graham, Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.
New pupils from the Deaconess House—Miss Elizabeth Geist Newbold, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs Jennie T. C. Lam, Honolulu; Miss Mary E. Laning, Cambria, O;. Miss Ada Stephens, Columbus. O.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

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Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
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Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Lineaweaver.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Denny, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Bright, Miss Sinclair, Miss Shreve, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Mr. Colonel Regar, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Mrs. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield.
Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Bessie Graham, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Mrs. Wigfall.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Graham.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

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Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher Mrs. Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Graham.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hewson.
Associates—Miss Clayton, Miss Marie Kennedy.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Mrs. Mutchler.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Roy Morrison.
P. C.—Darcy Davis.
T.—Colonel Regar.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
P. Q.—W. J. Kirkpatrick.
P.—Charles H. Moore.
A.—J. E. Ewell.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Miss Graham.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mrs. de Callies, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
2d Instructor—Miss Graham.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Bessie Graham
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell. Mrs. Miles Hillary, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Florence Lineaweaver.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 324 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

May 1—SS. Philip and James.
" 5—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 9—Ascension Day.
" 12—Sunday after Ascension.
" 19—Whitsunday.
" 20—Whitsun Monday.
" 21—Whitsun Tuesday.
" 26—Trinity Sunday.

Offerings in April.

General Charities,	$140 01
Sunday School Festival,	23 64
Theological Education,	78 94
Children's Friend Society,	1 00
Shoe Fund,	3 90
Money to be acknowledged:	
Miss Grant	5 00
Mrs. Russell:	
Communion Alms,	5 00
Christ Church, Glencoe, Minn.,	200 00
For Farm:	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast,	25 00
Miss Stevenson,	20 00
Miss A. M.,	1 00
Cash,	500 00
Collection,	45 00
Children's Friend Society of March,	14 00
Shoe Fund of March,	5 25
Rev. C. O. Pruden for Chatham Female Institute, from members of St. Stephen's:	151 00
United Offerings,	139 50
Through Miss Graham,	5 00
Through Mr. Ewell,	50 00
St. Andrew's Society,	32 63
Total,	$1,445 60

Offertories for May.

First and Second Sundays—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Indian Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record.

BAPTISED.

John Lewis Howell.
Elizabeth Francis Calhoun.

BURIED.

Mary Ann Shannan.

Parochial Report from May 1st, 1906 to May 1st, 1907.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

Baptisms—Adults 7, Infants 17. Total 24
Confirmed—Male 9, Female 10. Total 19.
Communicants added—New 19, by transfer 9.
Removed—By death 14, by transfer 11.
Marriages—9.
Burials—21.

RECEIPTS.

Pew Rents,	$9,464 80
Burd Orphan Asylum,	19,950 00
Donations,	16,165 00
Income from Investments,	3,467 82
Sunday School,	225 00
Woman's Auxiliary.	571 50
Received for Endowment Fund,	5,149 89
Total Receipts,	$68,942 17

EXPENDITURES.

Parochial:	
Current Expenses (including all salaries, fuel, light, ordinary repairs, etc.)	$17,153 68
Burd School,	20,650 00
For the Poor and Parish Work,	8,000 00
Added to Endowment Fund,	5,149 89
All other Parochial Expenditures,	10,215 00
Total Parochial,	$61,168 57
Diocesan:	
Episcopal and Convention Fund,	$430 72
Sustentation Fund,	93 27
Missions, Convocation,	575 00
City,	178 52
Deaf,	52 88
Italian,	100 00
Episcopal Hospital,	249 25
Christmas Fund (for Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen)	204 05
Bishop's Fund,	37.67
Brotherhood of St. Andrew,	798 65
All other Diocesan objects,	670 62
Total Diocesan,	$3,390 63
Extra Diocesan:	
Missions—Sunday School Offering,	$225 00
Foreign,	285 37
Domestic,	1,116 95
Indian,	146 80
Colored People,	250 00
Christian or Theological Education,	153 94
Prayer Book Societies,	10 00
All other Extra Diocesan objects,	651 86
Total Extra Diocesan,	$2,839 92
Total Expenditures for all objects,	$67,399 12

Financial Report of Societies.

Church Work Fund,	$1,563 62
Parish Societies.:	
Female Benevolent Society,	609 87
Altar Society,	330 74
Missionary Box Committee,	611 66
St. Stephen's Aid Society,	20 00
Garment Committee,	74 60
Girls' Friendly Society,	295 90
Children's Friend Society,	47 00
King's Daughters,	86 03
Shoe Fund,	66 61
Mothers' Meeting,	170 00
Woman's Auxiliary,	571 50
United Offering,	139 50

THE PARISH NEWS this month appears later than usual because we have waited to gather up all the reports of the church year, and intend to make this issue a fairly complete account of our annual work.

No paper will be published in June, and with this number we shall close until the Fall. The Rector is hoping to publish a year book next year, and when that will be done this paper will have less the appearance of a financial account. We regret that a church paper should "serve tables" so steadily and convey so little spiritual message. We wish that we could tell something more about our Sunday School, for example, than the receipts raised; could tell of the number of children and of the devotion that they showed in coming all last summer. Our Mothers' Meeting, too, ought to be described, and our Girls' Friendly and our King's Daughters and our Alpha Kappa Chapter of young men. Do the attendants on our church know how large an institutional work is conducted in it? Of the classes, the Sewing School, the Kitchen-Garten, the Three Arts Club, the Band, the Sloyd work, the drill for boys?

If the imagination is exercised, these figures so dull and business-like can tell you all this. As you read them try to imagine what they mean—the people that are reached, the minds that are enlightened, the wills that are guided, the hearts that are sweetened, the souls that are being helped and saved by these ministrations.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Treasurer's Statement from Easter, 1906, to Easter, 1907.

NOTE:—It should be clearly understood that this memorandum does not include any of the collections for 1907, nor any of the disbursements since last Easter day. The statement thus covers a full Farm year—from one Easter time to another Easter time—but *not* a complete calendar year.

It may be said in a general way that as long as the congregation will provide the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars a year the Farm can be maintained. It has been learned beyond reasonable doubt that in addition to the revenue derived from Farm produce it will require this sum of $2500 every year properly to administer this splendid institution.

In order that the congregation may have some idea of what results are obtained from their annual investment of $2500, it may be said that during the three months last season when the Farm was open Five Hundred and Ten (510) persons were what may be called Boarding Guests—averaging perhaps two weeks each. In addition there were Two Hundred and Sixty (260) "Day Guests"—that is for the day only—on picnics and excursions. Of course all of these "Day Guests" were provided with a substantial mid-day meal.

So that in actual numbers Seven Hundred and Seventy Persons were benefitted to some extent by the Farm last summer.

In conclusion it will be welcome news to the congregation to learn that the collections for this year promise to equal those of last year—the Easter offering for 1907 was $1174.20, compared to $1267.80 a year ago, but I hope sincerely this difference may be made up And of course we are counting upon the same generous friends who helped us last year—apart from the Easter offering—to help us again this season.

It seems as if every member of the congregation who can afford to do so, before going away to enjoy the recreations of the summer, should make a contribution to The Farm, so that the very many who cannot go away may be given an opportunity for some recreation too.

CLAYTON F. MCMICHAEL,
Treasurer.

Treasurer's Statement.

From Easter, 1906, to Easter, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand at Easter, 1906....		$447.81
Easter offering, 1906	$1267.80	
J. A. McDowell.....	100.00	
June 2, Donation Mothers' Meeting	50.00	
" 2, Chas L. Stovell	25.00	
" 5, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	300.00	
" 5, P. &R. Ry. Tickets returned	19.80	
" 16, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas ...	50.00	
Miss Laura Bell	10.00	
Miss Emily Bell	10.00	
Mrs. Caroline Tucker	25.00	
July 5, Miss Dutilh	5.00	
" 5, A Friend	500.00	
" 9, Mrs. Susan Stevenson	50.00	
Aug. 6, Miss Pauline Neidhard ...	10.00	
		$2422.66
Oct. 5, St. James Church (Board at Farm)		150.25
Oct. 5, Mrs. H. P. Taylor (24 Tickets)..		6.00
Dec. 15, Thos Greenshields Potatoes	144.29	
Jan. 22, Burd Orphan Asylum, "	80 00	
" 22, Samuel Moore, Jr., "	90.00	
" 31, C. F. McMichael, "	10.80	
Mar. 8, Thos. Greenshields, Pr'd'ce	97.08	
" 8, Burd Orphan Asylum, Hay	49.66	
		471.83
		$3498.55

EXPENDITURES.

May, 1906	$246.83
June, 1906	375.79
July, 1906	423.90
August, 1906	353.20
September, 1906	259.34
October, 1906	177.85
November, 1906	
December, 1906	263.86
January, 1907	122.32
February, 1907	498.58
March, 1907	120.53
Bills Payable	187.07
Cash balance at Easter, 1907	469.28
	$3498.55

CLAYTON F. MCMICHAEL,
Treasurer.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—In addition, Miss Lyon, House Matron, received from guests at the Farm for board, etc., a total of Four Hundred and Six Dollars and Thirty Cents ($406.30). The Treasurer sent Miss Lyon checks aggregating $72.35, so that the House Matron received in all $478.65.

This amount was all expended in the payment of wages for the house maids, laundry bills, some grocery bills and all incidental petty cash charges, such as stamps. stationery, offertories at the little church, freight charges and general supplies.

The Season of 1907.

The Farm will open as usual the middle of June and will remain open until the middle of September.

The Misses Bockius will have general charge of the household.

Applications for rooms may now be made to Miss Bessie Graham. Application cards may be procured at the church. An effort will be made to provide for everybody, but it must be remembered that all cannot be accommodated at one time—during the month of August, for instance. Early application is desirable.

CLAYTON F. MCMICHAEL,
Treasurer.

Note.

Miss Elizabeth Bockius will act as House Mother at the Farm this summer, assisted by her sister, Miss Frances Bockius. Renovations and repairs are already being attended to, and it is hoped that by June 1st the house will be in running order and open to receive any members of the congregation who may care to go out to spend a few days before the summer boarders arrive on June 15. There are many things which are needed at the Farm, things big and little, but nothing so much as a buggy. Our old one is past repairing. We also need a hammock, an incubator, a bureau, screens, a sewing machine, a clock, and Mr. Greenshields has even the timidity to ask for an automobile. B. G.

Apha Kappa Column.

April has been a busy month for the Alpha Kappa. Besides their regular meetings, especially the one with the initiation, there was two entertainments, one by the fraternity as a body and the other exclusively by the orchestra. They were very successful, both as to the talent displayed and also for the financial result.

At the regular meeting of the Alpha Kappa, held in April, Jurgen Kolb was elected a member and was initiated by the officers of the fraternity, with the assistance of Mr. Streaker. This is the first time that the degrees of the Alpha Kappa have been exemplified in full. The ceremony was impressive, realistic and could not fail to be of moral benefit to both the candidate and the members present.

On April 12th a production of T. B. Robertson's "School" was given by the members of the Alpha Kappa, assisted by their friends, the Misses Edwards, Bird and Hudson and several of the young ladies of the Sunday School, who played the parts of the scholars. The play, while successful as a whole, showed a lack of careful preparation in the matter of details. As the Alpha Kappa is a progressive organization, I feel that we should show more improvement in this respect. Most all of our later plays have had this trouble. Individually, Miss Elsie Hudson and Mr. Jurgen Kolb were consistently good, especially Miss Hudson, whose portrayal of Mrs. Sutcliffe was fine.

Miss Dorothy Bird deserves special mention, as her good work was the result of only one week's preparation, she having been called upon to fill an unexpected vacancy in the cast. Mr. Harry H. Bush mars his own otherwise good playing by attempting to shoulder the responsibility of the whole play. Several times during the performance, in trying to remedy others' mistakes he was unprepared to take his own cue. Miss Edwards was slightly melodramatic. She made small comic incidents into tragic ones. Messrs. Morrison and Fester showed a lack of studious preparation, which at times proved embarrassing to the other players. Mr. Davis spoke in an indistinct tone of voice ad thereby lost some of his effectiveness. The minor parts were played very well.

Now this seems like rather a harsh criticism after mentioning that the play was a success. It is, however, merely a departure from the old method of congratulating everybody on their good work, regardless of the quality of their performance. One of the principles of the Alpha Kappa is that if a thing is worth doing it is worth doing **well,** and it is this point that I am trying to bring out. We have the talent and ability to give good plays creditably, and therefore why should we fail to do so through the carelessness of the individual member of the cast. I was requested to criticize the performance of "School" honestly, and the foregoing is the consensus of opinion of a dozen persons, some interested and others uninterested, and is printed for the sole reason of letting the members know the opinion of others than ourselves.

Let us profit by our mistakes not only in this small performance but in the more serious play of life. Let us resolve not to make the same mistake twice. We have gone on making the same mistakes over and over in the plays we have had in the last few years. Some of the results were passable, others much better. Why can't they all be excellent? The organization of the Alpha Kappa was a great step forward. Why can't the members of the Alpha Kappa take just as great a step forward in their plays? Let us first choose a good play and then perform it to the best of our ability, thereby not only entertaining but educating the audience and making ourselves better for having impersonated a good character.

Our orchestra is really getting to be quite a fine affair. A recital was given Wednesday evening, May 1st. Stirring marches, together with selections from the masters and some of the latter day popular music formed a pleasant programme, and its rendition under the direction of Mr. Roberts was very good, especially Dixie, which appealed to Mr. Ewell. Miss Helen M. Myers gave several selected soprano solos. A sketch, "Who are You?" and a comedy, "Early Vows," were then given, and most creditably rendered.

The thanks of the Alpha Kappa are extended to Miss Ada Row for the beautiful flowers used in "School" and to Miss Bessie Kehl for the decorations, which still adorn the Sunday School room.

That the Alpha Kappa is interested in good things is shown by the fact that it is one of the strongest supporters of the Summer Sunday School. To help arouse interest in the second year of that institution they have given all the proceeds of the entertainment to the fund for the outings which form a very important part of the summer school. We feel that Mr. Streaker should have all the support possible in his work to make the summer school which meets during the four months that the main school is closed a great success.

A vote of thanks in the form of a reception was given to all those who assisted us on

Friday evening, April 30th. It was a unique affair, it being the first one ever given solely by the young men. Various selections were given by several of the members who had never before appeared in public, notably Henry Groh, who unexpectedly recited. The affair ended with the serving of the refreshments which had been provided.

The Alpha Kappa in the early part of October will hold an exhibition of photographs taken by members of the Sunday School during the summer. Suitable prizes will be offered. All are invited to enter their prints. Further information will be given by Jurgen Kolb and Charles H. Moore, who have the affair in hand. C. H. M.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

The meetings of the St. Stephen's Aid Society were held the five Friday mornings during Lent, the object being, as in the past, to provide baby garments for the use of the deaconess in her work among the deserving poor of the parish. Owing to the death of our former president, Mrs. Carver, the minute book of the society, which had been left with her during the absence of the secretary, was mislaid, hence few notices could be sent out, which may account for the poor attendance at these meetings. A number of garments were made by a few faithful members, who were assisted in this work by members of the King's Daughters, to whom thanks are due. Received $15.00 from Dr. Grammer also $5.00 from Mrs. Atmore. Mrs. Calket has very kindly offered to defray the expense of having a door with lathe placed across the shelf of the closet which this society shares with the Children's Friendly.

A Tribute to Our Choir.

The following letter was received by the rector and is gladly published by him. Sydney Smith said that the wise bestowal of praise was one of the lesser duties of life. It deserves to rank higher. Like giving tribute to whom tribute, custom to whom custom, it is one of the duties which holds society together like the equality of mercy, it blesses him who gives as well as him who receives.

Our correspondent expresses the conviction of the congregation, we are convinced. Our choir has done nobly with that small instrument in the interval between our two organs, and have earned our gratitude by their cheerful acceptance of discomfort and their faithful work. It is good to realize that the harmony of their voices is equalled by the harmony in their personal relations:

My dear Dr. Grammer:

I have a great desire to see in the Parish News a card of thanks to our choir. I think they deserve a special paragraph all to themselves in appreciation of the splendid work they did in carrying us across the fearsome gulf between our beloved organ zone and the noble instrument we are now enjoying.

I think the least appreciative among us must have come to realize something of their unity of purpose, their loyal support of Mr. Wood and also something of the fine quality of their singing. V. B C.

Attention is called to the new pay station telephone which has been placed in the outer office of the Parish House. The number is Walnut—4687 A.

The Industrial School.

A most creditable exhibition was given in the Sunday School building by the scholars of the Sewing School and Kitchen Garden, on Saturday, April 20th. The samples of sewing, neatly arranged in books, showed with what systematic industry the little girls had worked under the direction of Miss Elsie Lowrey and her able assistants.

The Kitchen Garden exhibited in most spectacular and pleasing form how household work can be made cheery and the bright songs made one feel that the spring cleaning could be robbed of some of its terrors if the lessons taught in our school would be remembered in later years.

Prizes for attendance and excellence in work were distributed by the rector, after which ice cream and cake brought added pleasure to the little ones.

Garment Committee's Report.

In sending my report of the Garment Committee for the past year I wish to express regret that my report for the year previous was lost or mislaid after I had forwarded it for publication in The Parish News, so that the friends of the committee have not been informed of its work for two years.

Two years ago the committee, as an institution of the Parish, had nearly died of neglect, but through the pecuniary assistance of the rector and the very efficient work of Miss Graham and Miss Fetzer it was galvanized and brought to a state of great usefulness before the close of the year and the season just past has been even more productive of good results which were made possible largely through the very capable assistance of Miss K. H. Lewis.

The last special activity for this season was a rummage sale which brought the committee a little more than sixteen dollars and sent many people home happy with their bargains. I wish in this connection to thank Mrs. Hand, Miss E. L. Williamson, Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, Miss Clara Woodward and Mrs. Vanderslice for their donations to that enterprise.

Although the active work of the committee is over until next autumn, the distribution of clothing will continue until the first of June.

Julia de M. Lammot.

April 20, 1907.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$16.12
Received from Dr. Grammer	25.00
Received from Sale of Clothing	51.43
Received from Miss Dutilh	1.75
Received from Mrs. Richardson	5.00
Received from Rummage Sale	16.42
	$115.72

Disbursements.

To Miss Graham for Special Case	$5.00
Bought 238 new garments	81.04
Balance	29.68
	$115.72

20 April, 1907.

Julia deM. Lammot,
Treasurer.

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

Treasurer's Report, 1906 to 1907.

Dues received from Members during the year	$12.75
Proceeds made by each member (from a cent each)	20.63
From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer) for the Circle's work	10.00
Donations from Friends	2.00
For Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets from members	6.90
Income from legacy	33.75
Total	$86.03
Expended during the year	54.90
Balance	$31.09

Children's Friend Society.

Treasurer's Report, May 1st, 1906, to 1907.

Donations received during the year	$57.00
From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	25.00
From Church Fund (through Mr. Ewell)	10.00
Total	$92.00
Expended for Excursions and Entertainments	$76.65
Balance	$15.35

About two hundred children enjoyed these excursions and entertainments.

Shoe Fund.

Report for the year, 1906 to 1907.

Donations received during the year	$21.25
From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	40.00
From Church Fund (through Miss Graham)	12.00
Rummage Sale	.70
From those receiving shoes	54.66
Total	$128.61
Expended during the year for shoes	$126.86
Balance	$1.75

Gave out during the Winter about 250 pairs of shoes and 175 pairs of over shoes.

Woman's Auxiliary Report.

The Foreign Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary reports having attended seven stated meetings of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, held monthly at the Church House, and having disbursed $153.50. Sixty-two dollars were given toward Rev. Cabell Brown's work in Brazil and other special contributions were made to Mr. Littell and Mr. Ancell in China, and the rest of the money was appropriated for the annual pledges toward the support of missionaries in the field. Laura Bell.

The Missionary Box Committee has held five stated meetings and has packed and sent four boxes of clothing and other articles to missionaries in different states, the value of which boxes was $398.77. Thirty Dollars were also contributed toward the salary of a missionary bishop and one hundred dollars to the Colored Work, making a total expended of $528.77.

LAURA BELL,
Secretary.

1906-1907.

Boxes sent to—

Rev. W. T. Webster, Chester. S. C., value $71.00.

Rev. S. Mills, East Auburn, Cal., value $125.00.

Rev. L. T. Brooks, Mapleton, Iowa, value $62.32.

Rev. A. R. Berkeley, Maydon, N. C., value $55.40.

Colored Work, $100.00.

Lenten collection, $303.58.

Balance, $126.85.

Indian Hope Committee

Received from the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church, April 30, 1907	$14.00
EXPENDED.	
Catechists Houses (Bishop Hare)	$2.50
Oneida lace workers	1.50
Miss Thackeray for Hospital and Chapel, Fort Defiance, Arizona	5.00
General Fund	5.00
	$14.00

JOSEPHINE LEWIS,
Del. to Indian Hope

The delegates from St. Stephen's to the Committee on Colored Missions have received and disbursed $212.50.

MRS. JAMES M. ARRISON.

Children's Friend Society.

Monthly Report.

Donation received in April—

From Mrs. A. F. Martin $1.00

Shoe Fund.

Donations in April—

Mrs. A. F. Martin	$ .25
Through Miss Graham	1.00
From those receiving shoes	3.65
Balance April 22	1.50
Total	$6.40

Expended for shoes—

April 22	4.90
Balance	$1.50

Gave out eight pairs of shoes.

On May 15th an entertainment was given by the King's Daughters for the benefit of the Children's Friend Society's Outing Fund. The program included:

Mrs. David Wood and Mr. Charles Manypenny, vocal soloists.

Mr. Benjamin Harrison, violinist.

Miss Anna Harrison, accompanist.

Miss Mabel Aicholz and Mr. Joseph Aicholz, pianists.

Mr. E. E. Lippincott, humorous recitations.

Altar Society of St. Stephen's Church.

Treasurer's Annual Report.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1906	$4.40
Received from Dr. Grammer	250.00
Collection from Easter Flowers	95.52
	$349.92

EXPENDED

Flowers	$83.38
Embroidery lessons	82.00
Silk, Fringe, Stamping, Etc.	12.64
Thanksgiving decorations	6.35
Two Chancel Prayerbooks	7.00
Church Calendar, Blank Printing, etc.	1.22
Cassock	31.50
Palms and Freight	5.65
Easter Flowers	100.00
Mending Surplices	1.00
	$330.74
May 1st, 1907	$349.92
	330.74
Balance on hand	$19.18

AGNES M. F. NOBLIT,
Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Female Benevolent Society.

Treasurer's Report for 1906-1907.

Balance, May 1st, 1906	$23.19
Received from Church Offertory	79.01
Received from income Miss Wilkin's Legacy	135.00
Received from income Miss Lathrop's Legacy	5.00
Received from Subscriptions	26.50
Received from Dr. Grammer	100.00
Received from Sales	266.17
Repaid for advance to San Francisco Sufferers	75.00
	$709.87
Goods purchased	$373.69
Paid Women for Sewing	225.98
Paid for Printing	3.75
	603.42
Balance in Bank	$106.45

MARY L. WIGFALL,
Treasurer.

Account audited and found correct.
FANNIE S. MAGEE,
GRACE V. D. LUCAS.

Mrs. Crawford reports that 1630 articles were cut and made up by the Women Beneficiaries of the Society.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the following persons for their generous response to Dr. Grammer's appeal for second-hand books for a country library: Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. D. Taws, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. D. E. Mutchler, Miss Mansfield, Miss Laura Bell, Miss Alice Grant, Mr. Samuel Moore and two other anonymous donors.

The Bible Class Examination.

The Women's Bible Class, which numbers 28 members, had a written examination this month of their entire year's work. The questions were rather miscellaneous, covering as they did so long a period in which were studied such topics as the Lives of the Disciples, Stories of Familiar Hymns, Old Manuscripts of the Bible, Prayer Book Tables and other subjects appropriate to the current church year. We venture to publish in our PARISH NEWS this month a specimen examination paper with the prize winner's answers in the hope that such earnest, serious effort as has been put forth by the Bible class this winter cannot help but arouse the interest of the congregation.

B. G.

1. How long is Lent? Name its first and last days.
   Forty days, not counting Sundays, Ash Wednesday and Saturday before Easter.

2. How many years since the first Easter on earth?
   1874 years (ignoring revisions of the calendar).

3. How many Disciples were there?
   These are the 12 Disciples' names:
   Andrew, Peter, John and James,
   Two pairs of brothers who lived by the sea,
   Where Jesus said to them: "Follow Me."
   Next James the Less, and Jude followed too,
   And Philip and Bartholomew.
   Matthew and Thomas, who doubted the Word,
   Simon and Judas, who sold his Lord.

4. Who was the first disciple called?
   Andrew; Remember by "A" the first letter in alphabet.

5. Who was "the disciple whom Jesus loved"?
   St. John.

6. Which disciple betrayed Jesus?
   Judas Iscariot.

7. Which disciple denied Jesus??
   St. Peter.

8. Who was the author of "Lead Kindly Light"?
   John Henry Newman. Afterwards Cardinal. The Catholic church has recently forbidden it to be sung, as it was written by a Protestant.

9. Who was the author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"?
   Bishop Phillips Brooks.

10. Who were the Four Evangelists?
    Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

11. What is meant by the Dominical Letter?
The Dominical letter means the Sunday letter. The first seven letters of the alphabet are used for this purpose in the Prayer Book calendar for Lessons, a letter standing opposite every day of the month, and the same letter standing for Sunday during the whole year. The Dominical letter for the year 1907 is F.

10. What is the difference between a Disciple and an Apostle?
The disciples preached during Christ's lifetime; the Apostles after his death.

13. Why do we keep Sunday instead of Saturday as our Sabbath day?
Because Christ rose from the dead on the first day of the week.

14. What version of the Bible do we use in church?
King James version.

15. Name the three oldest manuscripts of the Bible and tell anything you can about them.
The Vatican M. S. is the oldest and belongs to the Roman church. For a long time the Pope would not let anyone study it, but now it can be seen by all. The Sinaitic M. S. was found in a waste-paper basket in a monastery on Mt. Sinai and belongs to the Czar of Russia, who bought it and gave it to the Greek church in St. Petersburg. The Alexandrian M. S. belongs to the Protestant church and is in England. These are the three oldest Bibles in the world and none of them had been discovered when the Bible was translated for King James in 1611. That is one reason why the Revised Version is so much better than the authorized.

16. Who translated and printed the first English Bible?
William Tyndale. He smuggled the Bibles into England in bales of cotton and sacks of flour and was burned at the stake for translating the Bible.

17. What is meant by the "Communion of Saints"?
The word "Saint" used to mean a dead person, just as we never say anything but good of the dead, and we believe in the Communion of the Dead, that they are all together in one place.

18. Why do we have eggs at Easter time?
Eggs are symbols of the New Life. As the chicken bursts the shell, so Christ burst the gates of the tomb.

19. In what city was Jesus born, where did he grow up, where was he crucified?
Bethlehem; Nazareth; Mt. Calvary; Jerusalem.

20. Who was the first Christian martyr?
St. Stephen.

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Rev. John E. Ewell, Editor.

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St. Stephen's Church.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 8 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

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The Misses Bockius, *House Mothers.*
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. L. Wigfall.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

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Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
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Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

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FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Miss Graham, Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Donald, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Regar, Miss Watson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.
New pupils from the Deaconess House—Miss Elizabeth Geist Newbold, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs Jennie T. C. Lam, Honolulu; Miss Mary E. Laning, Cambria, O;. Miss Ada Stephens, Columbus, O.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

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President—Miss Magee.
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Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Lineaweaver.
Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger.
Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Denny.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Goss.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 8.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer.
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Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Hewson.
Associates—Miss Clayton, Miss Marie Kennedy.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Mrs. Mutchler.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Minnie E. Wilder.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Charles H. Moore.
P. C.—Harry Bush.
T.—Jurgen Kolb.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown
P.—Harry Bush.
A.—J. E. Ewell.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Mrs. de Callies.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
2d Instructor—Miss Guernsey.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Miles Hillary, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Florence Lineaweaver.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 324 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

November 1—All Saints' Day.
" 3—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
" 10—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 17—Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 24—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30—S. Andrew, Apostle.

Offerings during the Summer.

General Charities,	$693 76
Indian Missions,	72 06
Men's Missionary Thank Offering,	549 50
Parochial Maintenance,	74 58
Money to be acknowledged:	
For a sick girl,	50 00
From J. Albert Caldwell, Church work,	25 00
J. Albert Caldwell, Chatham Institute,	25 00
Mr. Lautenback, Woman's work,	2 00
For Farm:	
Mr. McDowell,	100 00
Mr. E. G. Moore,	500 00
For Choir:	
Mrs. Weir Mitchell,	25 00
Mr. Chas. McKeehan,	25 00
Mr. Spencer Lucas,	10 00
Miss Olivia Ernst,	5 00
Miss Marie Ernst,	5 00
Miss W. E. Kennedy,	5 00
Samuel N. Lewis,	25 00
Miss Julia Garrett,	50 00
Miss Edwards,	5 00
Mr. J. Graff,	5 00
Miss Magee,	25 00
W. Ernst Kennedy,	5 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby,	20 00
Miss Margaret Clemens,	2 00
Miss Olma Ernst,	10 00
Miss Tucker, fresh air,	30 00
Miss Josephine Lewis, miscellaneous,	100 00
Mrs. J. P. Young, Outing for S. S. children,	15 00
Mr. Jno. M. Simpson, M. T. O.,	1 00
Mrs. Lautenbach, poor woman,	10 00
Special,	25 00
Total,	$2,494 90

Offertories for November.

First and Second Sundays—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Female Benevolent.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Salutatory.

With this number we begin a new volume of the Parish News. The October issue was omitted, as the rector was absent from the city, and too much engaged to send an editorial, and it did not seem proper to begin without a communication from him. It is our design to make this little paper a means of informing the members of the congregation of the work that is doing in St. Stephens, and of the opportunities for service, and the calls for generosity that arise in our Parish work. In a congregation as widely scattered as ours such a medium of intercommunication is indispensable. No one can read over the list of societies and guilds without gaining a conviction that we are performing a useful work in this part of the city. The question that this paper addresses to each reader is "What part are you taking in all this? Can you afford to miss out of your life the sense of service that is given by such participation in Church work? Don't you need the work?" The work needs you. There are always losses by death, removal and various causes, and new recruits must be constantly enlisted, if the work is to continue and prosper. This call from without must have its corresponding call from within. All we can ask, is that you should listen for the inward call, and obey it. For the still small voice must be listened for, if it is to be heard. It does not strive, nor cry, nor lift up its voice in the streets. It can be easily drowned in the gossip of society, or the eager clamor of the Exchange. If we are really anxious to "do our Maker's will," we must wait upon the Lord, and hearken for his voice. Will you read over these societies in that spirit, asking "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

The Parish News ought also to carry a message to our Church members, who cannot attend the services. The sick, aged and infirm ought to find here some comfort. It must refresh them to see that the work is going on with vigor and success, and to discover that the vines they planted are being carefully tended and are bringing forth fruit. I should like them to realize that they are often in their rector's mind. It is always a comfort to know that if they can no longer go up to the house of the Lord with those that keep holy day, they may have a little sanctuary in their rooms by the aid of our incomparable Book of Common Prayer. I would like them to know that nothing would give me or Mr. Ewell greater pleasure than to come and have the regular service for any of them in their rooms, or to administer to them the memorials of Christ's dying sufferings and undying love. Some pastoral visiting is a mere waste of time, but such pastoral service as this would be a privilege and a blessing.

It is good, too, to know that this little paper unites us with members who are journeying in strange lands, enlarging their knowledge, and serving the useful office of bringing the ends of the world closer together. We hope that they will have it forwarded to their addresses, and derive some profit from its perusal. It is well to travel, observe, and learn, but it is also well to keep an untraveled heart, and to retain one's local interests fresh so that one can return home with a sense that then all these experiences will find their proper fruition in larger service.

A letter that has reached me in these last few days shows that the loyal members of St. Stephen's, who have gone into other cities look eagerly for this little monthly. One of our Girls' Friendly girls writes me that she is "home sick for dear old St. Stephen's," and then adds "I expect to remain in New York this winter, and would like, oh so much, if some one would send me the parish paper; it would be like a letter from home. I am a stranger in a large city, **alone** and I know what it is to see a familiar face and when I finish reading the parish paper, I will send it to another one of your flock who is in Seattle, and longs for a word from home, too." Then she continues in kind words about the music and services that make such a letter a great reward to a pastor, and a proof of the rich, sweet influence that our noble church brings into many lives.

Such, then, are some of the uses of this little paper. We send it forth, hoping that it may serve these purposes more fully than it has ever done, and that it may record faithfully a work growing in depth, and broadening in sweep and volume to the blessing of man and the greater glory of God.

C. E. G.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Lectures.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 27th, the Rector announced that he intended this year to lecture on the Prophetical literature of the Old Testament. He is persuaded that the true method of teaching is to exact work of the scholar, and believes that ministers make a mistake in not asking for more co-operation on the part of their congregation. To meet this great need he will follow in his lectures the outlines laid down by the American Institute of Sacred Literature in their admirable courses of study, and will have the papers in the vestibule for distribution to those who wish to take the course. A fee of 50 cents will secure all the papers for the course. The Rector carried a class of 70 ladies in Norfolk over a five years' course of Bible study in this way, and he is persuaded such teaching can be made interesting as well as instructive and helpful.

The lectures will not be given on the afternoon of the first Sunday in the month. The first lecture will be on Sunday, October 10th, at the afternoon service. The method of study will be inductive. The class will not be taught to accept any conclusions on the authority of great names, but will be led to examine and see for themselves what the nature of these Scriptures are and how God spake in divers manners in times past to the fathers by the Prophets. The whole service will not last longer than an hour and a quarter. Those who have gone through such a course are unanimous in testifying that it deepened their insight into the meaning of these Holy Books.

C. E. G.

Clayton Fotterall McMichael.

It is difficult to express without exaggeration the loss that our Church has sustained in the death of Mr. McMichael. Our great university has in the most impressive way testified her sense of his value to her in her great work of training young men. No one who attended his funeral can ever forget that mourning congregation with its great body of young men, and its crowded galleries. In various resolutions his manifold gifts and graces have been suitably recorded. The just and beautiful tribute of the Vestry is published in this number. Still I feel that it is proper that as rector of the Church, I should say a personal word about Mr. McMichael as a church worker.

He came into the Sunday School of St. Stephen's, under Dr. Worcester, and became its superintendent without any previous training or experience in modern Sunday School methods. It was one of his charms that he realized this so fully, and made no pretense of possessing the authority of knowledge or experience. He was always ready to adopt any good suggestions. His great **forte** lay, however, not in the impersonal realm of system, but in his gift for dealing with people individually. He had a warm, human interest in people, and the teachers and scholars realized that he liked them, cared for them, and really regarded them as "his little family," as he used to call them. The children saw in him a manly, warm-hearted gentleman, and the inspiration of his brave, cheerful, loving christian life gave power to all his words. "God buries the workman, but carries on the work," and the power of his example, and character will long continue to work mightily in the Sunday School, at St. Stephens.

As the secretary of the Vestry, he was faithful and efficient, but his chief service as a vestryman was in connection with the farm of which he was the treasurer and business manager. This was a charity that lay near his heart. He had fitted up a room in memory of his wife, and he loved to think that out of his sorrows, happiness flowed in this way to others. As I look back on him, with the clearer vision that comes with loss, as it came to the disciples at Emmaus at the moment of parting, I realize that it was the deepest, and strongest purpose of his life, that his dark clouds should not cast a shadow over other lives; that his dominant note, was that it is our supreme duty to increase the happiness of the world and to bear our burdens bravely. Under that bright manner of a good comrade, Clayton McMichael bore the heart of a hero. He left his children the inestimable blessing of a name increased in honor by his loving life and brave example.

C. E. G.

At a regular meeting of the vestry of St. Stephen's Church, held the 7th day of October, 1907, the following preamble and resolutions were duly carried:

Whereas death has removed from our midst our late member, Clayton F. McMichael, Esq.

Resolved that the vestry place upon record their sense of the almost irreparable loss the Parish has thereby sustained.

As superintendent of the Sunday School, as Treasurer of the Church Farm, and as Secretary of the Vestry, he was always the same quiet, faithful, earnest, indefatigable and successful worker. His gentle ways and courteous manners endeared him to all those for whom he worked and those who labored affectionately at his side.

Resolved that the community has lost a most useful citizen, and the Vestry a dear and beloved associate.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Mr. McMichael and that they be published in the Parish News, the Churchman, and the Church Standard.

J. HUNTER EWING,
Secretary.

The Farm.

The usual season was spent at the Farm by the mothers, young women, and children, of the parish.

The last two weeks of August however had the innovation of sending out boys. When this plan was first suggested it met with a great deal of opposition, but we are glad to say that now all agree after the experiment that the fears were groundless. All the boys had a great time and the scales showed in every case a good increase in their weight. The boys were regulated by a monitor system under the control of the House mothers, assisted by Mr. Ewell, Mr. Streaker, and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

The zeal of the boys left some memorials. A splendid dam was constructed by them for swimming down in the woods and an open air chapel arranged. Instead of the usual Sunday morning hot pilgrimages to Hatboro, services were held in "God's Open" and they tell us that the singing was heard a mile away. These services were continued for the rest of the season with great success, and attended by the farmers of the neighborhood.

Altogether the season was a most successful and interesting one and too great praise cannot be given to the Misses Frances and Elizabeth Bockius, who were so efficient in the business department of the house and so kind and sympathetic with all the guests. The boys showed their appreciation of them by presenting them with a loving cup appropriately inscribed.

Mr. Greenshields, the farmer, has resigned and as yet no successor has been appointed. There is a large crop of fine potatoes which will be disposed of at the market prices. Early orders will be appreciated.

They should be sent to Mr. Ewell, at the Parish House.

Mr. Hunter Ewing has accepted the position of treasurer of the Farm, which was made vacant by the death of Mr. McMichael.

Church Renovating.

The church was thoroughly renovated this summer. Many of the carpets and hassocks were found to be in very bad condition. The ripped hassocks are a constant source of untidyness, and have been stored away subject to the order of their owners. The beauty of our artistic interior is marred by the slight tearing away of the rep on the backs of many of our pews. An upholsterer has agreed to repair them at fifty cents a pew. Pew-holders are requested to authorize the Verger to have the dilapidation in their pew repaired. The church should be exquisite in its neatness.

The color scheme of the upholstery of the church is red. Pew holders are requested to carpet their pews in this color. The Verger will willingly have it done for them, if they will authorize him.

The cleaning of our elegant reredos is a great improvement. Its brighter appearance lightens the whole church, and for the first time many have seen the beautiful angel faces carved on it in low relief. No one can fail to be calmed and uplifted by the pure lines and rich colors of our beautiful Chancel, which now stands out in its clear outlines and rich tints. It would be perfect, if it could be raised a foot and a half higher, but as it is, it is a thing of beauty.

The Consecration of the Organ.

On November 5th, at 8 P. M., the new organ, given as a memorial to Miss Eliza J. Magee, will be consecrated in a suitable devotional and musical service. The members of the congregation are invited to come and bring their friends. On Tuesday, November 12th, at the same hour, Dr. Wood will give an organ recital, in which he will be assisted by the choir, and the organ's capacity and total qualities will be more fully manifested.

The following well known singers will assist Dr. Wood as the choir on these occasions.

SOPRANO:

Mme. Emma Suelke, Mrs. D. D. Wood, Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Florence Eddishaw, Miss Abbie Whinnery, Mrs. Lottie Garrison Hickman, Miss L. Mabel Landis, Mrs. Karl C. H. Drechsel.

CONTRALTO:

Mrs. Gertrude Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard, Miss Maude Beath, Miss Jessie Allison, Miss May Walters, Mrs. N. H. Cooper, Miss Elsie Bentz.

TENOR:

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison, Mr. Joseph Smith, Mr. John R. McNeill, Mr. Nelson Chestnut.

BASS:

Dr. G. Conquest Anthony, Mr. Frank Shindel, Mr. Irvin Anthony, Mr. George Roden, Mr. Henri G. Scott, Mr. Joseph Jakob.

CONSECRATION SERVICE

November 5th at 8 P. M.

Processional Hymn, 460
Sentences
Venite . . . . . *D. D. Wood*
Psalter, 145th Psalm
Lesson
Te Deum, in B flat . . *D. D. Wood*
Creed
Prayers
Lord's Prayer and Collects
Hymn 304
Address by the Rector
Anthem—How lovely is thy dwelling place *Brahms*
Organ—Allegretto, . . *Mendelssohn*
Chorus—Hymn of Praise . . *Mendelssohn*

RECITAL PROGRAM

November 12th at 8 P. M.

1. Johann Sebastian Bach *Fantasia and Fugue in G minor*
2. Josef Rheinberger . . *"Romanza"*, (From Sonata No. 9, Opus 142)
3. George Frederick Handel *Concerto in F major*
   I. Adagio—Allegro
   II. Allegretto con moto
   III. Fuga—Allegro Moderato
4. Henry Smart . *Andante No. 2 in A major*
5. Johann Sebastian Bach . , *Choral* "Adorn Thyself Dear Soul"
6. Johannes Brahms . . . *Choral* "O World I e'en Must Leave Thee"
7. Ludwig von Beethoven *"Hallelujah Chorus"* (From the Mount of Olives)

The Annual Picnic.

The Sunday School's annual picnic was held, as usual, in the Burd Asylum, Woodland, on Decoration Day, Thursday, May 30, 1907. The weather was superb. The attendance was about 250, and it was agreed that it was the most successful picnic the school has had.

By Doctor Grammer's desire the Burd children joined in the festivities and the combination was most successful. The friendly competition in the sports was very heartily enjoyed by both the Burd children and those of our school.

Mr. McMichael was most happy in his addresses, and particularly so, in his pleasing entertainment, which closed the day's pleasures.

Our Summer Sunday School.

Our Sunday School closed its regular sessions on Sunday, May 26, 1907, amid the cheerful scenes of the awarding of diplomas for the past year's work to the successful scholars. Mr. McMichael was unusually bright and buoyant in giving out the certificates of honor.

The summer sessions were opened the following Sunday and were held every Sunday during June, July, August, and September (save one, closed for house cleaning). Dr. Grammer taught the lesson each Sunday during June, and during the other summer months Mr. Ewell and Mr. Streaker took charge. The patriarchs, kings, and prophets, of old Israel, made interesting lessons. There was a good attendance—more than enough to justify the school's existence.

Then, feeling the necessity of study out-of-doors, as well as in-doors, we had four little journeys into the scenes beneath the summer skies. The first journey was made on Wednesday, June 26, by "the up river steamers" to Burlington Island. All members of the school were given free return tickets for this excursion, which were good until used. Many could not go on this particular day but went later at their convenience, yet quite a happy party enjoyed the river ride. The profits from the Alpha Kappa Society's play of last winter, sufficed to pay all the costs, as well as to pay for the outing of the Primary Department, to the Wissahickon, on Saturday, July 14.

The illness of Miss Bessie Graham prevented her from taking charge, so some 35 of the children, accompanied by Miss Taggert, Miss Goss and Miss Kehl, with Mr. Kirkpatrick and the writer, enjoyed the midsummer scenes along this most picturesque of our streams.

The next trip was made on Saturday, the seventh of September. This was a bright and beautiful day by the sea, at Old Cape May. Here, we repeated our delightful experiences of last year; bathing from the fine strand; talking and walking by the waves; viewing from the top of the light-house; studying with the life-savers; trolleying to the Bay shore; contemplating by the Inlet tides and healthfully tired, returning safely to our homes.

As the Primary Department was not in this last excursion, they and those who had not enjoyed the privileges of the Farm were invited by Mr. Ewell to "A day at our Farm". Thursday, September 12, was selected. It proved a most beautiful one. Under the care of Miss Lewis, Miss Kehl and the writer some 28 enjoyed the ride by trolleys to Neshaminy, thence by wagons to the Farm. The House mothers, the Misses Bockius, delightfully entertained us and the dining-room was filled to overflowing. Four-thirty came too soon and we were off for home, where twilight found us safe and happy in the city.

The summer outings were over, but let us hope the lessons from God's Book and from his great wide open river, island, creek, sea beach, and farm, are not forgotten.

The closing session of the summer Sunday School, September 29th, had present Dr. Grammer and our dear friend, the Rev. Mr. Miller, and it sadly yet beautifully served as a memorial service to him whom we then learned we could see no more in this world. The tender words from Mr. Miller, and our Rector, dimmed our eyes with tears. Sorrowfully we bow to the inevitable—God has called him home. We part yet hope to meet again with our beloved superintendent, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael, who was so affectionately esteemed by us all.

G. H. S.

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The Parish News.

Rev. John E. Ewell, Editor.

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807
Outer Office, Walnut 4687 A

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. George L. Crawford, Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen, Jr.
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson, Mr. William Henry Hollar.

Organist and Choirmaster.

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Verger.

James Carrigan.
324 South Eleventh Street
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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 8 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

The Misses Bockius, *House Mothers.*
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. L. Wigfall.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Miss Livingston, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut Miss Lammot, Mrs Noblit.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Donald, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Dorothy Crawford, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Regar, Miss Watson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.

Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.

New pupils from the Deaconess House—Miss Elizabeth Geist Newbold, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs Jennie T. C. Lam, Honolulu; Miss Mary E. Laning, Cambria, O;. Miss Ada Stephens, Columbus, O.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Austin.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Lineaweaver.

Meets first Thursday of the month.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger.

Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Denny.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Goss.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street
Secretary, Mis Annie Denny,
Mrs Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer, Miss Graham.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher. Mrs. Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Secretary—Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Hewson.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Associates—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Kehl.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Charles H. Moore. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown
P. C.—Harry Bush. *P.*—Harry Bush.
T.—Jurgen Kolb. *A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Mrs. de Callies.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn, Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.

1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
2d Instructor—Miss Guernsey.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Miles Hillary, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Florence Lineaweaver.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 324 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 1—First Sunday in Advent.
" 8—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 15—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 18-20—Ember Days.
" 21—St. Thomas.
" 22—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25—Christmas Day.
" 26—St. Stephen.
" 27—St. John.
" 28—Holy Innocents.
" 29—Sunday after Christmas.

Offerings in November.

Church Work Fund:	
Mr. Colket,	$25 00
The Misses Magee,	50 00
Mrs. Mitchell,	50 00
Miss Francis,	5 00
Miss Tweedie,	2 00
Miss Jamison,	10 00
Mr. Samuel Moore,	50 00
Miss Headman,	5 00
Mr. Haydock,	15 00
Mrs. Richardson,	50 00
Mr. Dana,	10 00
Miss Wilkins,	25 00
Cash,	25 00
Mr. John Lewis,	25 00
Miss Laura Bell,	10 00
Miss DeCoursey,	5 00
Mr. Ewing,	50 00
Dr. Fell,	5 00
Mr. Borie,	25 00
Miss Emily Bell,	10 00
Mr. T. P. Chandler,	25 00
Miss Garrett,	50 00
Miss Rynard,	25 00
Mr. Cleeman,	25 00
Mr. Lucas,	25 00
Mr. Boyd,	5 00
Mr. F. N. Lewis,	15 00
Mr. Crawford,	50 00
Mrs. Pancoast,	25 00
Mrs. Waters,	10 00
Mr. Hollar,	25 00
Mrs. Stovell,	25 00
Shimoon Fund (returned)	30 00
Mr E. J. Moore,	50 00
Mrs. Middleton,	5 00
Mrs. Young,	20 00
Mr. Graff,	10 00
Mr. Jones,	10 00
Dr. C. E. Grammer,	15 00
Total,	$897 00
General Charities,	$225 26
Female Benevolent,	78 22
Parochial Maintenance,	34 05
Episcopal Hospital,	216 44
Children's Friend Society,	64 00
Through Miss Lewis,	41 00
Through Mr. Ewell,	97 00
Total,	$1,588 95

Offertories for December.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Missionary Box Society.
Fourth Sunday—Sunday School Festival.
Christmas Day—Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese.
Fifth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record.

MARRIAGES.

Elmer C. Bodie and Minnie Wilder.
Byron Moore and Lulu Burdge.
John C. Cochran and Doris Van.
William P. Wield and Ida C. Partridge.
John G. Reading and Louise C. Ball.
Julius Carl Koenig and Ida Roman Dillon.
William L. Neilson and Dorothy Crawford.
Charles K. Churchman and Catherine E. Cochran.
George C. MacFarlane and Nancy Gerstell
John Cessna Smith and Eleanor Reeside.
J. Walter Steel and Mary Hazlehurst.

BAPTISMS.

September 1—Annie Ross Soutar.
" 29—Matilda Francis Hoyer

October 6—Jessie Kathyn Wolf.
" 6—Theodore Chester Hatcher.
" 6—Caroline Ruth Brown.
" 6—Carl Philippe Andress Davis.
" 6—Eleanor Fenton Cane.
" 17—Henry Russell Tyler.

BURIALS.

June 24—Charles K. Carpenter.

July 1—Ellicott McConnell.
" 20—David Heron.
" 25—Ellen Streaker.

August 6—Wm. Thomson, M. D.
" 12—Mr. Moore.
" 19—Mrs. Nones.
" 24—Cecilia Grant.

September 12—Francis D. Bright.

October 1—Clayton Fotterall McMichael.
" 23—Wm. Westcott

November 4—Ida Thomas Maulsby.

Prayers for Advent.

Grant unto us, O Lord, the preparation of the heart, that when Thou knockest, we may with gladness rise and open. Let us cast out of our hearts all malice and uncharitableness, that so we may fitly, if not altogether worthily, receive our heavenly Guest; that, walking lowly towards God and charitably towards man, we may joyfully celebrate His coming. Amen.

GEORGE DAWSON.

Lord, do not permit my trials to be above my strength; and do Thou vouchsafe to be my strength and comfort in time of trial. Give me grace to take in good part whatever shall befall me; and let my heart acknowledge it to be the Lord's doing and to come from Thy Providence and not by chance. May I receive everything from Thy hand with patience and with joy. Amen.

THOMAS WILSON.

An Intercession.

Unto every soul that is afflicted or plunged into distress, grant Thou mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment.

Almighty God, the everlasting comforter of the sad, the strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find Thy mercy present with them in their afflictions.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, give strength to the weary, aid to the sufferers, comfort to the sad, help to those in tribulation.

Let it please Thee to look upon and relieve the miseries of the poor and of captives.

ROWLAND WILLIAMS.

The Bible Study Class has been joined by over a hundred persons, and the increased attendance at the Sunday afternoon service shows that many people are anxious to learn by inductive study what the Bible reveals of its own nature and meaning. The names and addresses of those who have taken the syllabus will be forwarded to the secretary of the American Institute of Sacred Literature. It will give additional interest to the course if the members of the class will write out their answers to the written questions and send them to the secretary. The rector learns that more copies of the syllabus, as he calls it, have been taken than in any similar class in the United States. All persons, however, who have taken the booklet, have not left their names. The names that have been given in hardly amount to 100. This is, of course, a most encouraging class, but, as 200 copies were ordered, and only about 60 remain, it is clear that many who got the booklet failed to leave their names. It is desired that every name be recorded. Everyone who is taking the course, but has not registered with the Verger, is requested to do so, after the Sunday afternoon service. An alphabetically arranged list of the names is being prepared.

The first month has been occupied in preparing the ground and bringing the class to the proper point of view, so that they can rightly understand the rude age of the Judges, and the moral and spiritual greatness of Samuel and David. To some it may seem nothing but loss to learn the later composition of the Pentateuch, and the evidences in it of the ideas of a later age, but we shall see that this view, which scholarship has now generally adopted, and defends by arguments level with the general comprehension, gives a new meaning and dignity to the office of the prophets, and a new grandeur to the later history of Israel.

In a moment of unusual buoyancy Matthew Arnold sang,

The world's great order dawns in sheen,
After long darkness rude,
Divinelier imaged, clearer seen,
With happier zeal pursued.

We are inclined to apply these words of cheer to the study of the Bible. These sacred books have too long been read through veils spread over them by the rabbis, and by the glosses of Catholic theologians. At last their true nature as supreme literature is revealing itself, and at the revelation oppositions between the records of the rocks and the teachings of Genesis, between history as revealed by tablet and as depicted in patriarchal story are taking their flight, as the owls and bats flee away at the rising of the sun. God is "divinlier imaged," His teaching "clearer seen," and His ends should be "with happier zeal pursued."

The attention of the members of the congregation is called to the appeal that is made in behalf of the storekeepers. Christmas will be no season of rejoicing to them and to their clerks, if shopping is postponed till the last week, or the last few days before Christmas. Overworked, exhausted, harassed, that great day will find them little prepared to receive its message of peace and good will. We can help them to the great gift of a true holiday of rest and refreshment if we do our shopping

at once. This is the course of wisdom, for the stock will then be full, and it is conduct that will be according to the Golden Rule. This notice has not been given from the chancel, as requested, because it is impossible to lengthen the service by giving out notices of this kind, which come in large numbers. It is hoped that its insertion here will be equally effective. C. E. G.

A Memorial Service.

A tablet in memory of our late superintendent, Mr. Clayton Fotterall McMichael, will be unveiled in the Sunday School building on Sunday morning, December 15, at 10 o'clock. The subscription to this tablet was begun by the spontaneous gift of a little girl, who brought two pennies as her contribution towards a memorial to Mr. McMichael, shortly after his death, and before anyone had suggested such a tribute. The appropriateness of such a memorial was so manifest that a committee was appointed, and through the kindness of Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, of our Vestry, an artistic tablet has been procured by ready subscriptions that came chiefly from the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School.

SOCIETY NOTES.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society is organized for the winter, and associates and members are busily engaged in their various classes, and work goes on cheerily and enthusiastically. I am sure it would have given pleasure to any of our friends if they had looked in on us one Monday evening and watched the bright, happy faces of nearly a hundred girls. The classes of last year were so successful that they have been started again this winter. The senior members, with their willing hearts and hands are a source of strength and comfort to the secretary and associates, and they are more in touch than formerly with the work of the other branches. We would especially be glad to have our Honorary Associates visit us, and see for themselves what they help us to accomplish. M. S. W.

Alpha Kappa.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity held its first meeting of this season in October, and the following officers were elected:

C.—Charles H. Moore.
P. C.—Harry H. Bush.
T.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.
Q.—Rev. Dr. Grammer.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
P.—Harry Bush.
A.—J. E. Elwell.

The Fraternity has planned quite an energetic program of work and entertainments for this winter, and, with the co-operation of the Sunday School, it is hoped that every effort on the part of the Fraternity will be successful.

The first entertainment will be held on Friday evening, December 13th, at 8 P. M., in the Sunday School building. The members of the Sunday School and their friends are cordially invited. Mr. Charles H. Moore is rehearsing a short playlet for the evening with Miss B. Wilder, Grace Hillis, Miss Smith, Mr. Harry Bush, Mr. Winfield Brown and Mr. Jurgen Kolb in the cast.

The Alpha Kappa is now over a year old, and since its birth it has grown to one of the most interesting organizations of young men.

The Junior Alpha Kappa is also progressing. Besides the Sloyd work, which is in charge of Mrs. de Callies, they have also formed themselves into a miniature United States Senate.

The writer calls to see them very often, and it is both interesting and profitable to hear them debate on the various subjects that come before them. Mr. Streaker is presiding and directing them in parliamentary law, and they have become so proficient in the same that it is a question if the Senior and Junior Alpha Kappa had a debate whether the Seniors would be the victors.

It is rumored that several of the youngsters will show their acting talent on Christmas. When asking one of the little fellows for a confirmation of the rumor, he made the Alpha Kappa secret sign; so it is to be supposed they have a surprise for the Sunday-school on Christmas week.

J. N. A. K.

Three Arts.

It has been thought advisable for the welfare of the Three Arts Club to place the entire management of the club in the hands of its members. In accordance with this decision, a meeting was held on Saturday, November 16, when the officers of last year were transferred to an honorary list, and their active successors were elected as follows:

Miss Ethel Herrick, president.
Miss Martenet, vice president.
Miss Chateauneuf, secretary.
Miss Helen Thurlow, treasurer.

A monthly report will be made of the line of work and entertainment adopted by the new management, and in the meantime the rooms are used, as heretofore, for rest and recreation.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in June, July, August, September, October and November:

From King's Daughters (proceeds of an entertainment)	$38.00
S. M. C.	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Martin	6.00
Miss Ford	1.00
Miss Cleemann	1.00
Miss Elinor Kalbfleish	3.00
From Church Fund, through Rev. Mr. Ewell	10.00
Mr. Charles Stovel	10.00
Total amount received during the summer	$74.00

About 150 children and care-takers were taken on excursions this summer.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church—Whatsoever Guild.

October 16th the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice.
Vice President, Miss Elizabeth Kehl.
Secretary, Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer, Miss Anna Taggart.

Mrs. Hillis, Miss A. B. Townsend, Miss Bessie Bezzel, Miss Helen Gurderson and Miss Grace Hillis were elected members of the Circle November 6th.

Money received by the King's Daughters in September, October and November:

From legacy	$33.75
For Thanksgiving Baskets from Mrs. Parmalee	.75
Miss Alice Kelly	.80
Miss H. B. Townsend	1.00
Total	$36.30

Groceries given for baskets—Mrs. Hillis, Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss Grace Hillis and Mrs. Vanderslice.

Before this goes to print many other members will have contributed. A donation of one dozen garments were given to Garment Society for a Thanksgiving offering.

Shoe Fund.

Money received during the summer:
From Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.50.

From Miss Louise Betts Edwards, one pair of shoes.

It is expected that this charity will start the beginning of December. Hereafter Mrs. Vanderslice will be at the Parish House Tuesdays, from 11 until 12 o'clock, closing promptly.

Any donations of shoes or money for this work will be very acceptable, sent either to the parish house or to Mrs. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth street, marked for Shoe Fund.

Garment Society.

Sincere and grateful thanks are given to Mrs. Theophilus P. Chandler, for new clothing:

Misses Magee, for hats.

Mrs. Joseph Clayton, for a quantity of clothing and curtains.

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle, twelve new garments.

Miss Graham, for a large collection of miscellaneous articles.

MISS LAMMOT, President.
MISS K. H. LEWIS, Visitor.

Church Improvement.

The church has had made to order fifty hassocks for the pews. These may be bought from the verger.

In response to the rector's appeal a number of the pews have been re-carpeted. The rep on the backs of many of the pews has not as yet been repaired. The verger will have any pews carpeted and repaired when notified. It is hoped all the pews will be put in good condition before Christmas.

Christmas Opportunities.

Our Sunday School Christmas festivals will be held as follows: The Primary Department on Thursday evening, December 26, at 8 P. M. The Main School on Friday evening, December 27, at 8 P. M.

There are opportunities for some of our church people to help in this important department of our church.

We need a large curtain in four sections to screen and decorate our platform in the main school-room for these festivals.

We also need a good electric stereopticon for illustrating our Sunday School lessons, as well as for use in lectures and entertainments.

Gifts of these much needed equipments will help the Sunday School work effectively.

Mothers' Meeting.

The mothers' meeting had its opening session on the first Thursday in November, with a large attendance. Mrs. Taylor, who had resigned in the spring, was re-elected and importuned to continue in office as president. At last Mrs. Taylor decided to take up the work again, and the society is to be congratulated upon her decision.

The Annual Fair and Sale will be held next Thursday, December 12, from 3 to 9.30 P. M., in the Sunday School building.

A Mission Study Class

will have its organization meeting in the vestry room of St. Stephen's Church on Saturday morning, December 7, at 11 o'clock, under the leadership of Miss Laura Bell and Mrs. Grammer. This class is formed in order to make the members more familiar with the field of our mission work, and will be continued on successive Saturdays for seven weeks. As the number in the class will have to be limited to twelve or fifteen only, it is requested that those who desire to join will kindly send in their names to the Rector at their early convenience.

Secretary's Report of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The first meeting of The Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Guild room, Thursday, November 21st, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Grammer conducted a brief opening service, and made an address setting forth the importance of the organization as a body, and its relation to the Diocesan Auxiliary.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Miss Magee.

Vice President, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Treasurer, Miss Ella Headman.

Secretary, Mrs. D. D. Wood.

The following delegates were also elected:

Foreign, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

Domestic, Miss F. Magee, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Russell.

Colored Mission—Mrs. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Washington.

Indian Hope—Mrs. Lautenbach, Miss Lammot, Mrs. Noblit.

Diocesan—Mrs. Lucas.

Mrs. Roland Morris was elected Treasurer of The United Offering.

Miss Magee then took the chair and proceeded with the regular business.

The roll was called, the minutes of the previous meeting read, and reports from the various committees heard.

Announcement was made that a Mission Study Class would be formed, to meet Saturdays, from 11 to 12.30; Mrs. Grammer and Miss Laura Bell kindly volunteering their services as leaders.

The treasurer reported a balance of $23.45, which it was decided to distribute equally among the committees. The meeting then adjourned.

ALICE BURDETTE WOOD,
Secretary.

JOSEPH CLAYTON

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Rev. John E. Ewell, Editor.

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Clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807
Outer Office, Walnut 4687 A

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. George L. Crawford, Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen, Jr.
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson, Mr. William Henry Hollar.

Organist and Choirmaster.

Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

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Mme. Emma Suelke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,

CONTRALTO

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Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison

TENOR

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.

BASS

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger.

James Carrigan.
324 South Eleventh Street
Telephone, Filbert 2848 D

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 8 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

The Misses Bockius, *House Mothers.*
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. L. Wigfall.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman, Mrs. Albert Pancoast.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut Miss Lammot, Mrs. Noblit.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Donald, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Waters.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Miles Hillary.
New pupils from the Deaconess House—Miss Elizabeth Geist Newbold, Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs Jennie T. C. Lam, Honolulu; Miss Mary E. Laning, Cambria, O.; Miss Ada Stephens, Columbus, O.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Miss Van Dusen.

Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger.
Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Denny.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Goss.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer, Miss Graham.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.
Secretary—Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Hewson.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Associates—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Kehl.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Charles H. Moore. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown
P. C.—Harry Bush. *P.*—Harry Bush.
T.—Jurgen Kolb. *A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Mrs. de Callies.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn, Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
2d Instructor—Miss Guernsey.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Miles Hillary, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Miss Florence Lineaweaver.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 324 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1—Circumcision.
" 5—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6—The Epiphany.
" 12—The First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 19—The Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25—Conversion of St. Paul.
" 26—The Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Offerings in December.

General Charities,		$222 67
For Bishop of Utah,		100 00
Christmas Dinners,		276 38
Missionary Box,		42 22
Aged and Infirm Clergy,		180 60
Parochial Maintenance,		95 81
For Sunday School Festival,		112 80
Through Miss Lewis,		12 00
Children's Friend Society,		6 00
King's Daughters,		1 25
Shoe Fund,		3 75
Church Work Fund:		
Mr. J. Morris Knight,	$10 00	
Miss Mary Schaeffer,	5 00	
Mr. Theodore P. Farrell,	10 00	
Mrs. Benjamin Reath,	5 00	
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell,	25 00	
Mrs. H. P. Taylor,	15 00	
Mr. John W. Trinkle, in memory of Mrs. Trinkle,	150 00	
Mrs. H. W. Dunne,	5 00	
Mrs. S. E. Russell,	50 00	
Miss Josephine Fernly,	5 00	
Mrs. A. G. Brunner,	25 00	
Mr. Joseph Clayton,	5 00	
Mrs. Alfred Tucker,	15 00	
Miss Tilghman,	30 00	
Dr. Caroline M. Purnell,	5 00	
Miss Susan Stevenson,	10 00	
Mr. O. B. Judson,	10 00	
Miss Matilda Maulsby,	25 00	
		405 00
Total,		$1458 48

Offertories for January.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—Foreign Missions.
Third Sunday—Work among Colored People.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record.

MARRIAGE.

December 11—J. Allen Boone and Annette Louise Cornish.

BAPTISMS.

December 8—Henry Russell Tyler.
" 15—Ethel Florence Fowler.

BURIAL.

December 13—J. Morris Smith.

The McMichael Memorial.

On Sunday, December 15, at 10.15, a tablet in memory of Mr. Clayton F. McMichael was unveiled in the Sunday School. The Rector, who was present and presided, after a few introductory remarks, introduced Mr. George H. Streaker, the chairman of the committee upon a suitable memorial to our late beloved superintendent. Mr. Streaker told how the idea originated with a little girl, who brought a gift of two cents for such a purpose. Her suggestion met with general commendation, and the result was this tablet, for which the committee was greatly indebted to the kindness of Mr. J. Albert Caldwell. After a few heartfelt words about Mr. McMichael, he called upon the little girl who had originated the plan to unveil the tablet, which was draped with the Sunday School flag. The memorial is a simple but artistic bronze tablet on oak. Within a wreath are the words, "In Loving Memory," and below stands simply:

"Clayton F. McMichael,

Born October 14, 1869.
Died September 28, 1907.

Superintendent
Of this Sunday School.

The Rector then read the following verses:

In Memoriam.

This tablet hangs upon our wall,
Thy name is written on each heart.
To us thou wast a man apart
From sorrows that on others fall.

Thy genial welcome made our rites
Of worship joyous like a feast;
Comrade thou wast unto the least,
Without the patronage that blights.

To thee the Church was as a ship
That carries many in her hold,
The stout, the brave, the weak, the old,
And babies with the milky lip.

Let others lay her skillful course
Between the rocks of sin and doubt,
Let steersmen keep a sharp lookout
Lest she should suffer loss or worse;

Not thine their speculative toil
Of watching star and shifting wind;
The human cargo filled thy mind,
Their weariness, the heavy coil

Of anxious cares that binds the heart:
These wouldst thou lighten by thy voice,
Thy cheerful summons to rejoice,
By thy rich gifts of mimic art.

Thy college found in thee a chief
To lead the youth who wear the mask;
Thy nature drew thee to a task
Whose glory is to banish grief.

When Duty's summons reached thine ear—
To cheer, to guide, to charm, to love,
To raise faint hearts to things above,
Thy love for children drew thee here.

Gray would the Sunday morning dawn,
Without thy smile of welcome bright,
If Doubt could prove that shades of night
Would hold forever loved ones gone.

But here, where every Sunday's call
To worship speaks of life eterne,
Our faith is lifted to the bourne,
Where life finds God, the All in All.

Thy beaming life, that turned its woes
In its heart's furnace into light
For others, in that Presence bright,
We doubt not, now with rapture glows.

Thy memory here this bronze shall keep,
O stout of heart and kind of word,
Thou faithful servant of the Lord,
Whose sowing many hands shall reap.

Prayer and the hymn, "For All Thy Saints," concluded the service.

Among those who were present, in addition to the Sunday School's scholars and teachers, were Mr. and Mrs. Emery McMichael and their children, Mr. Clayton McMichael's son and daughter and the Misses Eisenbrey.

Sunday Afternoon Services.

The attendance at the Sunday afternoon lectures has been most encouraging. The Rector hopes that those who are making it a point to attend the course regularly will take the Syllabus, and that those who have already taken the Syllabus will do the work that is there outlined, and mail their answers to the secretary of the institute. Our class has been estimated, in one sense, as much larger than it is, for 200 copies of the Syllabus have not been taken, and there are not 200 enrolled members. Our list has only a little over 100. But there are evidently about 300 people who are interested in the course. From this time on the work will be more constructive. The following books are recommended for parallel reading to those who wish to go deeper into this most profitable study:

(1)—A History of the Hebrew People. Vol. I, The United Kingdom. Vol. II, The Divided Kingdom. Scribners. By Chas. F. Kent, Ph. D., sometime Professor in Brown Univ., and at present Professor at Yale. Concise, clear, constructive. It gives in an admirable way a criticism of the sources, and also the necessary reconstruction. On the whole its tone is less antagonistic to received views than the next.

(2)—Henry Preserved Smith's Old Testament History in the International Theological Library, which is a standard work.

(3)—The Students' Old Testament. Vol. I, Beginnings of Hebrew History. Vol. II, Israel's Historical and Biographical Narratives, by Professor Kent (Scribners), is not a book that the general reader would care to own, but it would be profitable to consult it, if it is in any library to which access may be had.

(4)—Israel's Messianic Hope, Goodspeed, published by the Macmillans, keeps very close to the Syllabus and collates and comments on the extracts there referred to.

(5)—The Hebrew Prophet. Loring Batten. Macmillan.

(6)—The Book of the Twelve Prophets. 2 vols. George Adam Smith. Armstrong. A classic in which scholarship is combined with literary skill and moral and spiritual insight. A book worth possessing and reading through devotionally.

(7)—Isaiah, His Life and Times. Driver. Men of the Bible Series. Revell.

(8)—Jeremiah, His Life and Times. Cheyne. Men of the Bible Series. Revell.

Special prices may be obtained through the American Institute of Sacred Literature, Hyde Park, Chicago, by members of the class.

On Sunday morning, January 26, Dr. Worcester will tell in St. Stephen's of the work that he has been doing at Emmanuel, Boston, to reach the bodily ills of men, through the calming of souls and the reconciling of them to the Divine will.

The regular Epiphany meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church will be held on Thursday, January 16, at 11 o'clock, in the parish house. The address will be made by Bishop Horner, of Asheville, N. C.

A Parish Year Book.

The rector wishes to celebrate his third Easter at St. Stephen's by publishing at that time a Parish Year Book. The benefits of such a publication are manifold. It acquaints the members of the congregation with its various activities, and in this way brings the appeal of its charities home both to the givers and the workers. Those who are contented merely to worship in our church will be made to realize how many doors of usefulness are open to them. The mourners will see how they can cheer and comfort others. The work will be systematized by annual reports and statements, and the lists will be rectified. Most of the large churches publish such a book, and it can do nothing but good to "take stock" of our equipment in organizations and workers after their example. Circulars will be addressed to the heads of the various organizations asking their co-operation, so that the Year Book may set forth exactly the scope of their respective societies and contain correct lists of their officers and members.

The cost of the publication will be met out of the Church Work Fund.

Missionary Box Committee.

So many grateful and appreciative letters have been received by the Missionary Box Committee in acknowledgment of the boxes of clothing sent from time to time to clergymen in different States that the committee feels justified in having the subjoined letter printed in the Parish News, so that all members of the parish may be informed of the need for the work of this committee and share with them in the feeling that "it is more blessed to give than to receive:"

"Nov. 27, 1907.

"To the Missionary Box Committee of St. Stephen's Church:

"My Dear Miss Bell—The box from St. Stephen's Church came yesterday, and the contents are perfectly satisfactory in every respect. The suit could not have fitted me better had I been on the ground personally. I am especially thankful for the articles in the box unasked for in my letter. Such things are always useful in a household, but I never feel at liberty to ask for things, except for my absolute necessity. Will you please thank all who have in any way assisted in the preparation of the box? My needs for a year at least are provided for, and I am filled with gratitude for your kindness. May God bless your further efforts in this direction. Very truly."

Garment Society.

I want to speak a word to the congregation of St. Stephen's in regard to the Garment Committee. After the holidays the work for the winter really begins, and I want to ask all contributors to send their donations in as early as convenient to them—either two new garments or one dollar in cash. This latter form of donation is really more useful, for we can get just what is needful, and there are many deserving cases for which especial garments are needed. May I also ask for a suit of men's clothing in good condition? The case is a most deserving one, and a good position awaits the young man, who needs to be comfortably clothed first. Donations of money may be handed to Miss Lewis, and will be most gratefully received.

JULIA A. M. LAMMOT.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received by the Children's Friend Society in December:

From Church Fund, through Dr. Grammer	$30.00
From Kind Friend	5.00
Mrs. H. F. Master	1.00
	$36.00

Owing to the general pressure of engagements in December, and the use of the Sunday School room by all the societies, it was decided to postpone this society's entertainment of the little ones till the middle of January.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church. Whatsoever Circle.

Donations received toward a Christmas basket:

From Miss Alice Kelly	$1.00
From Miss Bessie Bizzel	.25
	$1.25

Groceries from Miss Anna Taggart and sister, Miss Walshe, Miss Goss and Miss Vanderslice.

The members of this Circle were so very busy making Brownie suits for the little boys for their Christmas play belonging to the Sunday School that even the president forgot to plan for the Christmas baskets.

Their next meeting will be January 15 in the Guild room of parish house, 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in December:

From Church Fund, through Dr. Grammer	$40.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
Miss Galbraith	1.00
From those receiving shoes	2.50
	$43.75
Expended in December	17.20
Balance	$26.55

Donation of two large boxes of shoes and one box of overshoes from a kind friend.

One pair of shoes from Miss Townsend.

Mrs. Vanderslice will be at parish house from 11 until 12 o'clock Tuesdays.

Alpha Kappa.

On Friday evening, December 13, the Alpha Kappa Fraternity gave its first entertainment of this season. The program was a very good one, and the Alpha Kappa showed improvement in its dramatic efforts. Although the performances were exceptionally good last year, yet the Alpha Kappa endeavors to put all its energy and work into the coming entertainments with the purpose of making them still better. Mr. Charles H. Moore, the president of the Fraternity, had charge of the performance on December 13, and he must certainly be congratulated on his skill in arranging so interesting a program. His production of the short play, "Left in Charge," is worthy of special mention. The play was well chosen and the cast was made up of talented young persons, who rendered the play with the best of ability. The writer was asked to criticise the

play, but the players did so well that nothing but congratulations can be given. However, I would advise that the finales of future plays and sketches be studied better than they have been done in the past, for in nearly all of the Alpha Kappa plays the endings have been rather weak. Miss Marian Smith, Miss Elizabeth Wilder, Miss Irene E. Wilder, Miss Grace Hillis, Messrs. Charles H. Moore, Harry H. Bush, Winfield S. Brown and Jurgen N. A Kolb were in the cast.

Miss Sanders and Miss Wilkins kindly supplied some properties, and Mr. Fox was the "paint and powder department," so necessary for the "make-up" of the players. Following the play Mr. Merritt Bodine rendered some vocal selections and Miss Irene E. Wilder entertained us with some interesting and laughable recitations. Mr. Charles H. Moore again appeared in the limelight with a song of his own composition, entitled "Mister Streaker." The song was liked so much that Mr. Moore had to respond to six encores. Miss Charlotte W. Nodine was the pianist for the evening, and the Progressive Orchestra of the Alpha Kappa furnished the orchestral selections and dance music.

The meetings of the Alpha Kappa, both Junior and Senior, are held on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. It is desired by the officers of the Fraternity that the membership be increased, so if persons who are acquainted with young men who would be interested in either the Junior or Senior divisions would kindly send their names to Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb, they will confer a favor upon the organization.

J. N. A. K.

Christmas Festival.

On Thursday evening, December 26, the Primary Department of St. Stephen's Sunday School and Mothers' Meeting held their annual Yuletide Festival. Credit must be given to Miss Schellenberger, Miss Goss and Miss Ethelwyn Snively for the excellent training of the children in singing the beautiful "Christmas Manger Hymn" and the carol, "Merry Christmas Bells." The singing of the latter by the chorus back of the stage, with the accompaniment of sleigh bells, was exquisite. Mr. Ewell and Mr. George H. Streaker delivered the addresses, after which the musical play, "Santa's Substitute," was given. Candy, cakes and oranges were distributed to the children and mothers at the close, who were invited.

On Friday evening the main Sunday School held its festival. The singing of the carols was led by Mr. Ewell and the address delivered by Dr. Grammer. Following the announcements made by Mr. Streaker, "Santa's Substitute" was rendered. The musical play, "Santa's Substitute," is beautiful in itself, but, with the help of all concerned, the pretty stage pictures, the solos, and choruses, created such an impression that it was unanimously declared that the Festival of 1907 was the best St. Stephen's ever had. The decorations of the Sunday School and the stage deserve special mention, and for the artistic arrangement of the Christmas greens Mr. Streaker must be commended. Mr. L. H. Hall made a jovial and jolly Santa Claus, and his amusing acting of the part brought many bursts of laughter and applause from the audience. The good singing of the fairies and brownies, showed the thorough training and coaching they received from Mr. Hall. Miss Dorothy Bird made a delightful Mrs. Santa Claus, and Miss Grace Hillis, although called upon at the last moment to take the part of the old woman who lived in a shoe, created a good impression. Mr. Clarence Barth was a lively and jolly Jack Frost, even though he made Mrs. Santa Claus, the Brownies and Fairies sneeze and cough. Mr. D'Arcy Davis rendered the part of the sleepy Sandman with good effect, and Mr. Jungen N. A. Kolb acted to the life the character of Mr. Bond, the business man. The singing and acting of Lilian Jones and Emily Henry were much appreciated and heartily encored. The fairies, of course, were the triple extract of sweetness, and the Brownies were, indeed, laughable and mischievous youngsters. Sincere thanks are tendered to Mrs. De Callis for making fairy dresses, and also to Mrs. Vanderslice and Mr. Kirkpatrick, who served on the Committee of "Good Things." Attention must be called to the King's Daughters' Society, and we are all greatly indebted to them for working both night and day making the

Brownie suits. Miss E. Bertha Yocum kindly accompanied the songs and carols on the piano. Mr. J. N. A. Kolb was in charge of the electric lighting, scenery and properties, and thanks are tendered to Messrs. Winfield Brown and Merritt Bodine for their kind assistance. All in all, the festival was a great success, and congratulations were showered upon Mr. Streaker for the splendid preparation and rendition of the entire program. He certainly deserves great credit for his able management and choice of the beautiful Christmas musical play. In fact, the musical cantata was so successful that it was again repeated on Monday evening, December 30, for the Girls' Friendly Society.—Contributed.

A Model Flat.

The Kitchen Garden Class, which was formed last year, has gone on very successfully and now many of the girls have developed beyond the miniature housekeeping utensils and methods which are used.

For such girl graduates of this class there is in contemplation the modeling of the three lower rooms of the Sunday School building into a flat to teach domestic science in a larger and more useful manner.

The rooms now are most dreary and unattractive, and improved would add greatly to the church equipment. Plans of decorating and furnishing are now under way, and it is hoped interest and aid will be aroused in the parish for the accomplishment of this design.

In the homes where children go to our Kitchen Garden can be heard grateful praise of this work and results shown. The model flat is an extension of this institutional and practical work.

A Letter from "A Stranger in the Pew."

The following letter tells its own story and is published to encourage all who have part in the afternoon services. Would that we could reach many such strangers! and that they might be no more strangers, since we are members of one household of faith and children of one Father.—C. E. G.

Dr. Carl E. Grammer,
Rector St. Stephen's Church,
Philadelphia.

Mr. Dear Doctor Grammer:

It has been said that "a friendly thought is the purest gift of mankind," and it is this simple gift I am sending you as a Christmas greeting, as a "stranger in the pew," for I wish to express my appreciation and thankfulness for your beautiful and profitable afternoon services at St. Stephen's.

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In the services at St. Stephen's Sabbath afternoons I find a retreat for meditation and mental confession of my many weaknesses. The whole spirit of the house is that of reverence and worship, inspiring one with the thought that he would like to be less selfish, more sympathetic and more helpful to others. I pity the "stranger in the pew" who cannot worship because he feels he has not been accorded proper social or pastoral recognition, for there is such peace and satisfaction in seeking only recognition of a higher power, and in being able to worship alone with God, instead of having our thoughts diverted toward man and his temporal interests. This is why I like to slip into St. Stephen's Sabbath afternoons and hear your lectures and the splendid music. I trust you may always be blessed with the courage to do the best within you, and that this Christmas-tide may be one of greatest satisfaction and joy to you and those who look to you for happiness.

This is an unusual Christmas greeting I am sure for you to receive, but I not only wanted you to know how you impress the visitor to your church, but also to do myself the pleasure of thanking you for your effort to help your fellow man.

Very sincerely,
"The Stranger in the Pew."

Christmas Eve, 1907.
Philadelphia.

JOSEPH CLAYTON

Undertaker and Embalmer

225 S. ELEVENTH ST.

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Rev. John E. Ewell, Editor.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807
Outer Office, Walnut 4687 A

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. George L. Crawford, Mr. Russell Duane,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen, Jr.
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson, Mr. William Henry Hollar.

Organist and Choirmaster.
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Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison

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BASS
Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger.
James Carrigan.
324 South Eleventh Street
Telephone, Filbert 28,8 D

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 8 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
The Misses Bockius, *House Mothers.*
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hollar, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wigfall, Mrs. A. S. Bullock, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Tuesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Beale.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Petry, Mrs. T. E. Clemens.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Wood.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Taggart, Miss Washington.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood, 1713 Park Ave.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Waters, Miss Snively.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Thomson.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Miss Van Dusen.

Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Bright, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Wood, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Mr. John W. Keller, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Minnie Wilder, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Carrigan.

Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Denny.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Goss.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer, Miss Graham, Miss Newhall, Miss Ewell.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.
Secretary—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Sewing Class.
President—Miss Hewson.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Associates—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Simons.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Kehl.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Charles H. Moore. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown
P. C.—Harry Bush. *P.*—Harry Bush.
T.—Jurgen Kolb. *A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Mrs. de Callies.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn, Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
Assistant Instructors—Miss Guernsey, Miss Simons.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:
President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:
President—Miss Herrick.
Vice-President—Miss Martenet.
Secretary—Miss DeChateauneux.
Treasurer—Miss Thurlow.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.

Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 324 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
" 9—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
" 16—Septuagesima.
" 23—Sexagesima.

Offerings in January.

General Charities,	$ 76 32
Parochial Maintenance,	61 10
Colored Work,	95 45
Missions,	325 07
Through Mr. Ewell,	10 00
Children's Friend,	34 75
Shoe Fund,	6 75
Through Miss Lewis,	14 00
Total	$623 44

Offertories for February.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday— " "
Third Sunday—Diocesan Missions
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record.

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January 2—William Glidden.

The Tuberculosis Class.

On Tuesday, February 4th, a representative of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis explained to a number of members of the congregation how they could co-operate with his society by supplying a room in the Parish House with some simple necessary paraphernalia and by looking up and visiting the victims of the white man's plague. The Pennsylvania Society will furnish the physicians, and nurses can also be procured from an association. The church's task will be to aid in finding the patients and to keep them up to the assigned regimen by visits, weekly gatherings and so forth. To this end a Tuberculosis Society was organized with the Rector as the head, and the first clinic will be held in the first story of the Sunday School building, at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, February 11. It is hoped that the members of St. Stephen's will co-operate with a society whose benefits will not be limited to the patients treated. We hav no right to look for further light before we live up to the lights which we possess.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS will be placed on the altar on Sunday Morning, Feb. 16th. This offering has become a well-known and well approved institution in St. Stephen's.

On Sunday Morning, Feb. 9th, the work of Diocesan Missions will be presented from the pulpit. During the week that follows, every family will be waited upon by a representative of the Parish to receive their contributions. He will make no appeal or argument of any kind. *He simply calls to receive the offerings of those who give to this cause.* Of course he will be courteously received by all our people, whether they can see their way to contribute or not. The amount expected, according to a tacit agreement which runs back to Dr. McConnell's time, is $5 for each person. This has been our custom in the past and nobody is to-day the poorer for his generosity, while many a poor missionary and struggling mission have been helped.

Of course there are many in the Parish who cannot afford to give so much as the sum mentioned, but there are many who can, and heretofore have given far more than this sum, so as to make up for their poorer neighbors. There is no doubt, but that they will do so again. The whole amount will be placed in the alms basin, Sunday, Feb. 16th. It is urgently hoped that all will respond to this appeal. Our Missions to the Italians, the Colored people in Philadelphia, and our Mission work in the Northern Convocation are all aided out of this fund. It is one of their chief sources of supply. Since the day when Dr. McConnell organized the Convocational work, St. Stephen's has been a main supporter of these Diocesan and Convocational Missions.

C. E. G.

Confirmation

The Bishop of the Diocese has given the regular Canonical Notice, that on the afternoon of April 12th, which is Palm Sunday, the Bishop-Coadjutor will visit St. Stephen's to administer the rite of Confirmation. The Rector will meet those who are considering this public ratification of their baptismal vows, in a class that will meet on Thursdays, after the first of March, that is, the Thursdays in Lent. This early notice is given that this evening may be reserved by those who are contemplating that step.

St. Stephen's is glad to show hospitality. It is also pleased to welcome new comers who wish to take regular sittings. As many inquiries have recently been made on this subject, we repeat here the notice that the Accounting Warden of the Church, Mr. L. C. Cleemann, 517 Chestnut Street, will be glad to see such persons, or, will himself, call and confer with them. For the convenience of such persons, a card has been printed, and will be placed in the pews. All that they will need to do is to sign their name and address, and send it to the Rector, 1024 Spruce Street. It is good for the hearer as well as for the Church, that he should have a definite seat and assume a definite share in the support of the Church.

How the Other Half Lives

A lecture on this subject, illustrated, by stereopticon views, will be delivered in the Sunday School Building, Thursday Evening, February 13th, at 8 o'clock. Admission will be free, but a Silver Offering will be collected. This lecture has been given at Holy Trinity, and is highly praised. It serves a specially useful purpose at this season, when there is so much suffering among the wage workers and poorer classes. The King's Daughters have taken charge of the arrangements. It is hoped that the attendance will be commensurate with our duty to know the conditions that surround us.

Men's Banquet.

The Alpha Kappa Society of the young men of the church and the Ushers' Association will hold a banquet in the Parish House, Wednesday evening, February 26. All the men of the parish and friends are cordially urged to be present. It is hoped by this means that the men of the church will have an opportunity to become better acquainted.

Report of Parish Visitor.

The congregation of St. Stephen's Church has been more than generous, but the need of the poor is urgent, especially this winter, when there are so many out of employment.

In making the daily visits to the homes of the poor I find the greatest suffering from the lack of fuel. In nearly every household I find some member out of work and in some cases having absolutely no support, the father being ill or having lost his employment.

One case was especially heartrending, the husband being unable to procure work, the family moved into cheaper rooms, disposing of their furniture little by little, until I finally found them occupying an attic, all their furniture gone, not even a chair, without fire, and the only piece of furniture left was a bed, on which the poor mother lay ill. For them I need EVERYTHING.

Another sad case was that of a frail, delicate woman, a widow living in a basement with four children. She is bravely doing her best to support these children by taking in washing and going out cleaning by the day. For her I would like coal, and also clothing for the children, three girls aged 4, 9 and 11, and a boy of 12.

In another house there was a family of five, the father out of work, the mother sick, the whole support being the wages of three dollars earned by one of the children. For them also I would like fuel and clothing.

These are only a few instances out of many distressing cases.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank a certain gentleman for his generosity in the matter of groceries and medicine and other material aid for my poor folks.

Through the goodness of Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas in providing a complete suit of clothing for a young man, he was able to procure a situation at a fair salary, through the efforts of a gentleman who wishes his name withheld.

The Garment Society also desires to thank Miss Cleeman for the gift of two flannel skirts.

Mrs. Judson, for two flannel skirts.
Miss Williamson for two baby caps.
Miss Armstrong, $1.00.
Mrs. Parmalee, four baby vests.
Miss Wilkins, eight new garments.
Mrs. Pancoast, $1.00
Miss Laura Bell, $1.00.
Miss Dutilh, $1.00.
Mrs. Clemens, clothing.
King's Daughters, one wrap.
Mrs. Whitlock, clothing.

MISS K. W. LEWIS.

Alpha Kappa Notes.

At a meeting of the Alpha Kappa, Miss Henrietta Sanders was elected an honorary member of the fraternity. Messrs. William Wagner, A. H. Hall and Jas. Carrigan were elected members.

The fraternity will give an entertainment on Friday evening, February 21, at 8 P. M. precisely, in the Sunday School building. The Sunday School the Parish, the various societies connected with the same, and their friends are cordially invited. There will be a voluntary offering at the door in order to defray the expenses of the Alpha Kappa work.

Junior Alpha Kappa.

Each week the meetings of the Junior Alpha Kappa are more interesting and beneficial to the boys. They are progressing wonderfully in the sloyd work under the direction of Mrs. DeCallis, Miss Kehl and Miss Goss. The meetings of the Senate are conducted in parliamentary fashion. After the various "Senators" have disposed of all business, motions, etc., stories are read and addresses, talks and short lectures are delivered. Visitors are cordially invited to attend the meetings, which are held on Friday evenings, in the Sunday School building, and the Senate would be pleased to hear any short talks from any members of the parish. Following the meeting of the Senate the boys adjourn to play basketball and other games. Although there is a large attendance at the meetings, there is still room for more young boys, and they will be cordially welcomed.

Children's Entertainment.

On Thursday evening, January 16th, Mrs. Vanderslice gave an entertainment for the children of the Children's Friend Society. The entertainment was a very delgihtful one and it was indeed a pleasing sight to see the expressions of happiness and enjoyment on the faces of the children. It is noteworthy to remark that Mrs. Vanderslice was, indeed, the "Little Mother," and her smiles and words of appreciation at the good behavior and enjoyment of the children could be noted all the evening. The program consisted of moving pictures and illustrated songs. Mr. Reynolds entertained the audience with some rare and excellent moving pictures. The pictures were beautiful and very appropriate for the occasion, and not only were they intensely interesting, but the moral of the stories illustrated on the screen were instructive.

Mr. Reynolds took us amid the snowy mountains of the Switzerland Alps, showing how a little girl and boy were lost in the snow, the parents' grief and finally the rescue of the children by the famous St. Bernard dogs of a monastery which exists in that dangerous, yet beautiful and picturesque part of the Alps. Then followed some pictures illustrating the life of a New York newsboy and how honesty brought the poor struggling boy to a good and comfortable home. There were other interesting pictures, among which may be mentioned "The Mishaps of an Airship" and "The Spy"; the latter dealing with the work, capture and finally rescue of a Union spy in the camp of General Lee, of the Confederate Army. During the intermissions between the pictures Mrs. Reynolds sang some very pretty illustrated songs, which the children heartily applauded.

The entire entertainment was a grand success and the writer, after asking some of the "grown ups" for their opinion of the enterment, found that it was the most successful and the best the children ever had.

In conclusion it must be said that Mrs. Vanderslice certainly deserves commendation and congratulation for her appreciative efforts and energy in giving such an interesting entertainment which was certainly a "chef d'oeuvre."

J. N. A. K.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

Whatsoever Circle. Money received from Mr. Patton's estate, $33.75.

This circle will have their next meetings February 5 and 19, in the guild room of the Parish House at 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Donation from Mrs. Hand	$1 00
From those receiving shoes	5 --
Total	$6 75
Expended in January	5 55
Balance	$1 20

Gave out in January, 26 pairs of shoes & 8 pairs of overshoes.

Donation of two pairs of shoes from Mrs. John S. Lewis; from Miss Betts Edward, one pair; from Mrs. Vanderslice, one pair; from Miss Mary Jeffries, one pair.

Mrs. Vanderslice and Miss May Jeffries will be at Parish House Tuesdays from 11 until 12 o'clock.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received in January—Miss Martha Culbertson, $1.00.

January 16, 250 children were invited to see the Reynolds Motion Pictures, which are always very fine, and they enjoy them so much. The entertainment was made more enjoyable this year, as Mrs. Reynolds assisted with her piano music and singing. The order and delight of the children has been spoken of by many who were present.

I have been requested to make an appeal for workers for the St. Stephen's Aid Society which holds its meetings on Friday mornings during Lent in the Parish House.

The object of this society is to provide garments for infants, to be distributed by the parish worker in her work among the deserving poor of the parish. In order that that work of the society may be thoroughly efficient, it is desirable to have as many members as possible. Those who desire to assist in this work will please intimate their intention to the Rector at an early date, that the work of the society may be properly organized and preliminary arrangements made before Lent.

E. K. CAMPBELL, President.

There will be a free illustrated lecture by Dr. Albert T. Clay, Ph. D., in Assembly Hall, Y. W. C. A., 1800 Arch street, Saturday evening, February 8, at 8 P. M., on "Assyria and New Babylonia." On Feb. 29, at Ewell, Mr. Van Dusen and Mr. Kolb are sity Museum, where the various exhibits relating to the course will be described by Dr. Clay.

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Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL.
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
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Hours, 11 to 12 o'clock A. M. daily, except Thursday.
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MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen, Jr.
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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 8 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
The Misses Bockius, *House Mothers.*
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.
President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing, Mrs. H. T. Lucas.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson, Miss E. Snively.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert Boyd.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.
Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Snively, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josepbine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Thomson.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Miss Van Dusen.

Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Ewell.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—Mr. Harry H. Bush.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Crom, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Carrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess.

Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss, Miss E. Snively.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Denney.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Miss Goss.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer, Miss Graham, Miss Newhall, Miss Ewell.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.
Secretary—Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Hewson.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Associates—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Simons.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Kehl.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Charles H. Moore. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown
P. C.—Harry Bush. *P.*—Harry Bush.
T.—Jurgen Kolb. *A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Mrs. de Callies.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn, Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
Assistant Instructors—Miss Guernsey, Miss Simons.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:
President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:
President—Miss Herrick.
Vice-President—Miss Martenet.
Secretary—Miss DeChateauneux.
Treasurer—Miss Thurlow.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman—The Rector.
Secretary—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant—Dr. E. J. G. Beardsley.
Nurse—Miss M. Jacques.
Orderly—Jacob Michealson.
Board of Visitors:—Miss Henrietta Sanders, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs William Campbell, Mrs. Robert Boyd, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Alberta Van Dusen, Miss Headman.
Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.
Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 324 S. Eleventh Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 1—Quinquagesima.
" 4—Ash-Wednesday.
" 8—First Sunday in Lent.
" 15—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 22—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 25—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 29—Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Offerings in February.

General Charities,	$67 88
Tuberculosis Class	119 87
Theological Education	27 94
Diocesan Missions	886 55
Parochial Maintenance	63 62
Through Miss Lewis	163 55
Children's Friend Society	1 00
King's Daughters	10 26
Total	$1,340 67

Offertories for March.

First Sunday—General Charities,
Second Sunday—General Charities.
Third Sunday—Domestic Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.
Fifth Sunday—Tuberculosis Class.

Parish Record.

MARRIAGES.

February 11—Colonel Regar and Olivia B. Waters.
" 12—Harlan Hall and Mary H. Elliott.
" 12—David Elliott and Magdalene Howshall.

BURIAL.

February—Mrs. Anna M. Kelley.

Lent.

Lent will be upon us a few days after March opens. A late Lent has many advantages. It is pleasant to have Easter nearer the time of the flowers. An early Lent presses the social activities into such a brief period that the rush is excessive. A longer social season tends to greater social moderation. Many people have a feeling that the church year closes after the grand climacteric of Easter. An early Easter consequently shortens the period when the various societies run at full pressure. With the Paschal moon falling so late after the Vernal Equinox, we have an unusually long year of service before us at St. Stephen's. Let us make the most of it.

In another column the list of the Lenten speakers and of the services will be given. Let me here urge upon our communicants a Lent of self-discipline. "Unless above himself he can erect himself, how mean a thing is man." The Christian life is possible amidst many perplexities of thought and sunderings of faith and form, but it disappears entirely if moral strenuousness is lost. The world loves a lukewarm Christianity, and takes as its motto, "Above all, no zeal," but our religion rejects the Laodiceans. Goethe gave a Christian message in his famous saying, "Bleiben Sie fest im Bunde des Ernstes und der Liebe: alles übrige ist ein leeres und trauriges Wesen." Without earnestness and love Christianity is assuredly a vain and sad thing.

One self-denial that I venture to suggest is that people should forego bridge-whist during Lent. This fascinating game has undoubtedly impoverished our social intercourse, and deprived many of its votaries of those larger interests that ennoble and elevate life and thought. The time it has hitherto taken might well be given to reading, to worship, to visiting the lonely and sad and to making the acquaintance of our companions. Dr. Johnson said of certain cronies that they must have grazed over all the pasturage of one another's minds. There is very little grazing over the mental pasturage of companions, however cultured or gifted, or rich in varied experience, if our intercourse is confined to bridge-whist with its long periods of necessary silence and its drill of question and answer. Since there is no greater aid to brotherly kindness than knowing our brother, I believe that it would be a good rule to give the time saved from social functions to learning to know better some of the people with whom we are thrown.

C. E. G.

The Lent Schedule.

Ash Wednesday there will be the Litany, Ante-Communion and address by the Rector at 10.30 A. M. First St. Andrew's Brotherhood Service at 12.30 P. M. Address by Bishop Mackay-Smith. Evening Prayer at 4.30 P. M.

All other week days in Lent the Noon Service of the Brotherhood at 12.30, and Evening Prayer at 4.30 o'clock (except Saturday), with an address by the Rector on Fridays, and Mr. Ewell on Wednesdays.

The Rector's Special Notices.

The Bishop-Coadjutor will visit St. Stephen's to administer confirmation on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 12th, at 4 o'clock. The rector will meet those who are considering confirmation at the Parish House on the Thursdays in March at 8 o'clock. The class is intended primarily for young people. No one commits himself to a decision by attending the meetings. The teachers in the Sunday school are asked to call this matter to the attention of their scholars. The same duty is urged upon parents. The normal age for confirmation lies between 15 and 20, and depends upon the growth toward spiritual maturity.

The rector will be glad to confer with adults either in their homes or at the rectory. An appointment can readily be made.

From April 6th to 11th the rector will deliver the noonday Lenten addresses in Calvary Church, New York. It is, therefore, necessary, since he will be out of town the week before Confirmation, to gather the class together earlier than usual. This shorter period of preparation will be an advantage if it brings home to the unconfirmed the necessity for a speedy decision. Procrastination is not only the thief of time; it is also the chief enemy of our nobler impulses. In moral questions delay is ever the precursor of concession, compromise and defeat.

Noon-Day Services.

The following speakers will address the Noon-Day Services this Lent. The services start at 12.30 and close 12.55 precisely:

March 4, Ash Wednesday—Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.

March 5, Thursday—Rev. C. S. Hutchinson, St. Clement's, Philadelphia.

March 6, Friday—Rt. Rev. James Henry Darlington, D. D., LL.D., Bishop of Harrisburg.

March 7, Saturday—Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Philadelphia.

March 9, Monday—Rev. Peregrine Wroth, The Messiah, Baltimore, Md.

March 10 to 13, Tuesday to Friday—Rt. Rev. Charles Edward Woodcock, D. D., Bishop of Kentucky.

March 14, Saturday—Rev. J. Sanders Reed, D. D., Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

March 16 to 21, Monday to Saturday—Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, S. T. D., Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.

March 23 to 27, Monday to Friday—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

March 28, Saturday—Rev. J. E. Ewell, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

March 30 and 31, Monday and Tuesday—Rev. Stewart P. Keeling, St. Peter's, Germantown.

April 1 to 3, Wednesday to Friday—Rev. W. T. Manning, S. T. D., Trinity, New York City.

April 4, Saturday—Rev. George Gunnell, Jr., St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.

April 6 to 10, Monday to Friday—Rev. Reese F. Alsop, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 11, Saturday—Rev. R. Marshall Harrison, D. D., Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, Phila.

April 13, Monday—Rev. Louis C. Washburn, D. D., Christ Church, Philadelphia.

April 14, Tuesday—Rev. Edward M. Jefferys, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

April 15, Wednesday—Rev. A. H. Bradshaw, Calvary, Conshohocken, Pa.

April 16, Thursday—Rev. H. Richard Harris, D. D., Grace Church, Philadelphia.

April 17, Good Friday—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

April 18, Saturday—Rev. F. C. Steinmetz, Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.

Diocesan Missions.

The offering for diocesan missions was about ninety dollars above the amount asked for by the rector. This generous response to the appeal made by Dr. Duhring will enable us to meet all our pledges and obligations. No one suffers more in the prevalent hard times than the diocesan missionaries, to whom most of this offering will be given. They meet additional privations in their own homes, and they bear heavier sorrows in ministering to their impoverished people. It is a great joy to be able to help on these brethren.

According to the usage of years one hundred dollars will go to the Italian Mission under the Rev. Mr. Zara, a most admirable work. The majority of his congregation consists of men, since the women are more timid about breaking away from the Roman priest and his spiritual direction. Mr. Zara has gathered around him a splendid body of men.

Sunday Afternoon Services.

The interest in the Sunday afternoon lectures on the Prophets is increasing, if attendance be taken as the test. But the full profit is not gained unless there is home study and some parallel reading. It will be a great aid to fixing the points in the mind if the listeners would make an outline of the lecture in returning home and verify the points. It will be better if they will write out the answers to the questions in the Syllabus, and mail them to the secretary, at Hyde Park, Chicago, and so get into closer touch with the Institute of Sacred Literature.

Dr. Wood.

About the middle of February Dr. Wood left with his family for a trip to California. He will be absent about five Sundays. A handsome tribute to him as a musician and composer appeared on the eve of his departure in one of the daily papers. He carried with him the admiration and affection of many friends and will come back to find that they had not been diminished by absence. We are fortunate in having Mr. Selden Miller as our organist and choirmaster during his absence. *Uno avulso non deficit alter.*

Volunteer Choir.

The same plan for a choir at the afternoon parochial services during Lent will be followed this year as was last. The singers volunteer for different afternoons when they bind themselves to come. By this arrangement the choir is kept up to a steady number and the burden falls heavily on no one. The congregation and friends of the church who can sing are urged to volunteer.

We hope this year, with the basis of last year's choir to start with, that a large choir will be organized. Besides, now we have the new organ and this is a great improvement and help over last year's melodeon. Mr. Edgar Hunt will be organist and choirmaster.

The services this Lent will be at 4.30 o'clock instead of 5, as in past years. The first service will be on Ash Wednesday, March 4.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The day after the last month's PARISH NEWS was mailed to the congregation was the Sunday the Rev. Mr. Duhring made his strong appeal for diocesan missions, and Dr. Grammer did not want the tuberculosis patients overlooked. My heart sank within me as I thought, "Oh, my poor folks! After the offerings for diocesan missions and the sick what will be left for me?" But I need not have troubled myself, for my appeal met with such a generous response that I have been able to relieve all the present pressing needs of the very poor under my care. The family who had been going into cheaper rooms until finally they had reached a garret, with no furniture, I have had moved into a furnished room on the third floor. The room was thoroughly cleaned before they were moved in. I have paid the rent with the money given to me, bought coal and have seen that they have enough to eat until the tide turns and the man secures work.

I have given money, fuel and clothing to the family of five, whose sole support was $3.00 a week earned by one of the children. The husband of the family, with tears in his eyes, exclaimed: "What I want is work! I have my two hands which are able to support my family." He was grateful for the help and without the money given to me the whole family would know the sting of hunger. A man who walked from New York to Baltimore to secure work on the oyster boats was laid off when there came a glut on the market; then he walked the streets of Philadelphia with no home, no shelter. I have given him shoes and socks and an overcoat, which has been sent to me. He is now in the Philadelphia Hospital entering upon a siege of the grip, brought on by cold and exposure. He is a well educated man.

These are but a few of the cases that the generosity of St. Stephen's Parish has enabled me to relieve.

The Garment Society acknowledges with thanks the following donations: From Mrs. Grammer, clothing of all description; Mrs. Boyd, Jaeger's underwear; Mrs. Pancoast, boy's suit and girls' frocks; Mrs. Wigfall, two hats; Miss MacAllister, a box of clothing and several packages without names of the donor, and a large basket of laundered clothes from the Enterprise Laundry.

K. H. LEWIS.

Tuberculosis Class.

The first clinic of this class was held on February 11 in the special rooms of the parish building now used only for this purpose. Brief addresses outlining the scope and method of the work were made by Dr. Hatfield, the president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis; Mr. Hatch, the secretary; Dr. Craig, the chief of clinic, and Miss Jacques, the nurse.

The Pennsylvania society provides the physicians and the Visiting Nurse Association furnishes the nurses.

The present schedule is a clinic on Mondays at 3 o'clock, with class meetings on Thursdays at the same hour. At class meetings the report books of the patients are read and discussed. The patients are trained to take daily their temperatures, make records of their diet and the amount of exercise taken. The nurse will visit the homes of the patients and see that the proper precautions are used to prevent the spread of the disease, and that the doctor's orders are carried out. The orderly will accompany the nurse and help the details as to fixing windows to let in the air and other sanitary means to health. After a while the ladies of the church who have volunteered will be given a special case, or several, to become interested in, visit and make reports on at the class meetings. Blank reports are given these visitors to fill in with certain hygienic particulars when making their calls.

The general equipment of the class is getting into good shape rapidly and this week all the paraphernalia, as Closets, literature, thermometers, paper napkins, etc., will be supplied.

There are now sixteen patients and we want to make complete cures of them all.

The Mission Study Class

Organized on December 7, under the leadership of Miss Laura Bell and Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, held eight meetings at the Parish House on successive Saturday mornings, devoting the time to the study of missions in Africa, using as text-book Naylor's Daybreak in the Dark Continent. At the last meeting Rev. Joseph Clark, from Ikoko, in the Upper Congo, addressed the class and a number of the congregation and their friends, describing the condition of affairs, and urged all interested in humanitarianism to write personal letters to the State Department at Washington requesting that the United States should stand for better treatment of the natives.

At a meeting of the Foreign Committee of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, the delegates of St. Stephen's promised to provide contents for a Christmas box to be sent to the Girls' Training School at St. Paul's River, Liberia. The mission study class has undertaken to collect articles suitable for gifts for fifty African girls, and would be glad to receive and take charge of toys, dolls, books, aprons, alphabet-blocks, bright-colored ginghams for dresses and work boxes with sewing materials. As the white ants destroy wooden boxes it is requested that the small tin boxes in which crackers and ginger are sold be utilized for work boxes. Any one wishing to contribute some of the above-mentioned articles will kindly have them sent to the rectory. The box will be packed and forwarded for shipping by May 1, so that fifty girls in Africa may be made happy by St. Stephen's gifts on next Christmas.

Church Rewired.

St. Stephen's Church was the first church lighted with electricity in Philadelphia. The dangerous condition of the wires, age having made defective the insulation, and the old methods which the law does not in this day permit, have made it necessary to rewire the entire church and parish house.

The underwriters condemned the whole system and said the church was in jeopardy from fire. The new work has been done by the firm of Walker & Kepler, under the careful supervision of Mr. Hollar, a vestryman, and his engineers.

A handsome new switchboard has been placed in the back of the church and all the wires are encased in iron pipes. On account of the heavier wiring the lights are much brighter.

New meters and a new main switchboard have been placed in the cellar. The church is now in a safe and first-class condition.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Hollar, who has given so much of his time and attention to this improvement.

Missionary Box Society.

This letter from a missionary in a distant part of the country bears testimony to the work of the Missionary Box Committee during the past weeks:

To the Secretary of the Missionary Box Committee, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Your letter of December 27, received this morning. While absent on my mission work the splendid and exceedingly acceptable box came and Mrs. Brown wrote acknowledging the fact. If "pride goeth before a fall" I am afraid I will have a hard one as that overcoat is so elegant and comfortable that I can but think of what a fine "outward and visible sign" I will present as I move to and fro among my people, and, of course, my gratitude and thanks cannot pass away clad as I will be in garments sent by those whose good works extend so far beyond the bounds of their own parish. Indeed everything was so nice and helpful that I know not how adequately to express my thanks. May God bless all of you abundantly during the year now ushered in and fill you with spiritual benediction and grace.

Sincerely yours,

January 1st, 1908.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation in February from Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

(Whatsoever Circle.)

February 13, a lecture was given in the Sunday school room by Mr. A. H. Hodge on "How the Other Half Live."

The silver offering received amounted to $8.76; from Dr. Grammer for magic lantern, $5.00; for printing tickets, donation from King's Daughters, $1.50; total, $15.26. Total from Mr. A. H. Hodge, $15.26.

February 19 was the last meeting of the King's Daughters, about 12 members being present and work was cut out for the Lenten season.

A family of nine had been provided with a large basket of groceries and several buckets of coal. Miss Townsend had donated some clothing. With this and other donations several families were helped.

Next meetings March 4th and March 18th in the Guild Room, Parish House, 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in February: From Mrs. Richardson, $5.00; Mrs. H. F. Martin, 25 cents; Miss Emily Dutilth, $1.00; from those receiving shoes, $8.25; total, $14.50. Expended in February, $12.50; balance, $2.00. Donation of three pairs of shoes from Mrs. Wigfall. Have given out during the month of February 25 pairs of shoes and 12 pairs of overshoes.

Mrs. Vanderslice and Miss May Jeffries will be at Parish House Tuesdays from 11 until 12 o'clock.

Glad for second-handed shoes, especially wide ones.

Alpha Kappa Notes.

The Alpha Kappa again demonstrated the old theory that it is easier to be funny than to be serious in their production, on Friday evening, February 21. "The Littlest Girl" and "Sunset" were played, Mr. Harry H. Bush and Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb appearing in the former. The dramatic opportunities offered in this little playlet were accepted by each of the performers and played in a first-class manner. "Sunset," however, proved a greater success with the audience, it being a comedy. It would be hard to make any distinction as to who displayed the most talent in this play, with the possible exception of Jurgen Kolb. His interpretation of the part of Azariah, the country boy, left nothing to be desired. Mr. Fox deserves great credit for the results obtained through his able coaching.

Miss Marion Smith, Miss Elsie Hudson, Miss Jennie Whitehead, Mr. Harry H. Bush, Mr. Albert Nones and Mr. Winfield S. Brown completed the cast.

The thanks of the fraternity are extended to the young ladies, together with Miss Saunders and Mr. Fox, for the assistance they rendered. At the close of the plays the Juniors presented Mr. Bush and Mr. Kolb with a large bouquet of paper roses, which were the best products yet of the boys' sloyd work.

C. M.

A Mandarin's Estimate of Confucianism and Christianity.

The Secretaries of the Board of Missions have just been informed by one of the staff in China that the authorities of a number of the new Government schools for the study of Western learning have found that the students have lost all respect for the moral teachings of Confucius. The result has been an outbreak of immorality in a number of institutions that has greatly alarmed the directors and parents. In this difficulty they have turned—as they often do in other matters—to the missionaries. At Nanking they have requested the missionaries to give religious instruction in the schools. At Tsientsin the authorities of the great military academy found a Chinese clergyman, gave him a salary and appointed him as chaplain to teach Christianity to the students. At another school in Chihili the missionaries have been asked to give regular religious instruction.

The Director General of Public Instruction at Nanking is a mandarin of high rank. He is an old man—not a Christian—but he has read the New Testament many times and is quite familiar with the doctrines of Christianity. A few days ago he said to a missionary:

"Our guides are the moral maxims of Confucius, but they no longer have any effect. They are abstract truths—no spiritual motive behind them. Buddhism has nothing to do with morality. The only religion that teaches both the spiritual wants of mankind and the principles of morality also is the Christian religion. That is why we wish you to teach it in our leading schools."

The Opening of Two Hospitals and a School.

By a singular coincidence three new Church institutions were opened for the Church's work abroad on the same day, October 23d. Information has just been received about these events. The new buildings are:

1. St. James' Hospital, Anking, the only hospital in the southern part of the province of Anhui, in the midst of a population of 5,000,000 people. The exercises were attended by the Governor of Anhui and forty other prominent Chinese officials, besides a number of American and English officers and Consuls, who showed by their presence their appreciation of the Church's work in China.

2. Ingle Hall, erected to enlarge the capacity of Boone College, Wuchang, China, as a memorial to the Right Rev. James Addison Ingle, first Bishop of Hankow. Again Chinese officialdom was largely represented. Viceroy Chang Chih-tung sent a personal representative with a message of good will. The Viceroy's nephew was recently admitted as a pupil and, like many other young men from high-class families, pays what in China are considered fees, though he could go to a Government school, where there would be no Christian teaching, free.

To both these buildings Chinese officials made liberal contributions.

3. St. Luke's Hospital, Manila. This building was opened by Secretary Taft. Most of the money for its erection was given by the students and alumni of the University of Pennsylvania. It is expected that other buildings will be erected in the future with gifts from other American universities.

The missionary hospital and the missionary doctor are two of the most effective agents in opening the way for the Gospel in non-Christian lands. Besides caring for the sick, all our hospitals train native men and women as physicians and nurses to work among their own people. It is estimated that $50 a year is sufficient to maintain a bed in any of the hospitals in China. Last year our five hospitals and three dispensaries in China treated 82,984 people.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
The Misses Bockius, *House Mothers.*
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month after Morning Service.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing, Mrs. H. T. Lucas.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson, Miss E. Snively.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 11.30 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert Boyd.

GARMENT COMMITTEE.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.
Secretary—Miss Graham.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer. Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Snively, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Thomson.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Miss Van Dusen.

Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent—Mr. Ewell.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Crom, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Carrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess.

Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss, Miss E. Snively.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Denney.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Edith Williamson, Miss Fetzer, Miss Graham, Miss Newhall, Miss Ewell.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. C. H. Hillman, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.
Secretary—Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Hewson.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Associates—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Simons.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Kehl.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Charles H. Moore. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown
P. C.—Harry Bush. *P.*—Harry Bush.
T.—Jurgen Kolb. *A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

DRAMATIC EXECUTIVE STAFF.

J. N. A. Kolb, *Manager and Press Representative.*
Chas. H. Moore, *Stage Director.*
Winfield S. Brown, *Master of Properties.*

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Mrs. de Callies.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn, Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.

1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
Assistant Instructors—Miss Guernsey, Miss Simons.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President—Miss Herrick.
Vice-President—Miss Martenet.
Secretary—Miss DeChateauneux.
Treasurer—Miss Thurlow.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman—The Rector.
Secretary—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant—Dr. E. J. G. Beardsley.
Nurse—Miss M. Jacques.
Orderly—Jacob Michealson.

Board of Visitors:—Miss Henrietta Sanders, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs William Campbell, Mrs. Robert Boyd, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Alberta Van Dusen, Miss Headman.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.
Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 5—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
" 12—Palm Sunday.
" 16—Maundy-Thursday.
" 17—Good Friday.
" 18—Easter Even.
" 19—Easter.
" 25—St. Mark.
" 26—First Sunday after Easter.

Offerings in March.

General Charities,	$366 88
Missionary Box,	347 09
Domestic Missions,	178 13
Parochial Maintenance,	60 25
Through Miss Lewis,	30 00
Shoe Fund,	16 70
Female Benevolent,	30 00
Total	$1,029 05

Offertories for April.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—Easter Decorations.
Third Sunday, Easter Day—The Farm.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.

Parish Record.

MARRIAGES.

March 2—Thomas Edward DeLancy and Phyllis Schroder.
" 14—Charles B. F. Waller and Wilhemina Seaman.
" 19—Royd Morrison and Mildred C. Lutz.
" 24—John M. Tautley and Janie E. Grove.

BAPTISMS.

March 5—Elizabeth White Lippincott.
" 15—John Wilder Braun.
" 22—Albert Wilson Loughead.
" 22—John Bartlett Mearns.
" 22—Clara Mae Mearns.
" 22—Clarence Wilson Mearns.

DEATHS.

March 4—Mrs. J. B. Shannon.
" 5—Mrs. Sallie A. Buck.
" 12—Mrs. Henrietta E. M. Leonard.

Rector's Word.

When this April number reaches our readers Lent will be nearly over. There will be one great week, when we will be carried in thought to the Temple, and hear our Saviour confute His antagonists, and speak His last parables of warning; when we will journey with Him to the summit of Olivet, and look down upon the city that sinned away its day of grace; when we will linger in the sacred upper chamber and listen to those sweetest of all farewell words; when we will go down to Gethsemane, and out to Calvary, and then we will have the greatest of all our feasts, the glorious Easter, with its triumphant words of hope, and its message of victory over death, of life abounding and everlasting, and Lent will be ended. The confirmation class will have been confirmed, and some people will act as if the Christian year had closed, and the rest of the months to Advent belonged to some pagan, rural divinity, like the Great God Pan. Let us not follow after a multitude to worship these false gods of the heaths and forests. The needs of the poor have caused the ladies of the Benevolent Society to resolve to continue their work longer than usual. The activities of the church were never more required. I do not refer merely to its charitable work. Seasons of depression call for special consolations, for the sweetest hymns, the most animating message, and the tenderest Christian sympathy. It is sad to realize how many people there are in a great city who are lonely, depressed, tempted and lost in mental and moral perplexities. They need the comfort of the religion of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the saints. They need the Church, and the Church needs them. The preponderating and excessive emphasis that has been put upon certain prudential rules of conduct in the Evangelistic services has made it somewhat difficult for some of us to sympathize with them heartily as we desire, none the less, we can recognize the power of such services over certain people, and can co-operate and help to fold the sheep that have been gathered in from the mountains. We have our responsibility of carrying on this good work to its end, and of reaping the seed that has been sown. In brief, there are still over two months of good work before us at full pressure, and we must make the most of them.

So much to do, so little done!
Ah, yester night I saw the sun
Sink beamless down the vaulted gray,
The ghastly ghost of yesterday.

So little done, so much to do!
Each morning breaks on conflicts new,
Yet eager, brave, I'll join the fray,
And fight the battle of to-day.

C. E. G.

At the last meeting of The Church League for Work Among the Colored People, Dr. Grammer was elected president, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. Mr. Moore, who was so long the head of his organization. Pennsylvania is the leading northern diocese in its work among the colored people, and brought forward in the recent General Convention a logical scheme in the reorganization of this work that met with approval in important dioceses in the South, and was largely instrumental in securing the passage of a partial measure of relief. It is incumbent on us to show that we can do something more than draw up schemes on paper. With our large negro population we ought to give the Church an object lesson of the progress that can be made among the negroes when the work is well supported and wisely planned. This League has the responsibility of creating interest and suggesting plans and measures, and, in general, is looked to for leadership in this matter. A president is of little value unless he can set a good example. When, therefore, your rector shall appeal to you for the work among the colored people, he hopes that you will remember that it is only after he has been supported by his own congregation that he can appeal with any force to his fellow members in this organization and the people of the diocese.

C. E. G.

The Men's Dinner.

The Men's Dinner on February 26th was an event to be noted in the annals of St. Stephen's, if for no other reason than because of its novelty. In making an announcement of the dinner on the previous Sunday morning, Dr. Grammer expressed the thought that the men of St. Stephen's ought to regard the church in some respects as a club. Certainly the dinner was in furtherance of his wish, as it brought together in pleasant social intercourse, some forty men of the church, who have had all too little acquaintance with each other in the past. The dinner was held at Dooner's Hotel. The Alpha Kappa Fraternity was well represented by a dozen or more of its members; the Rector and his Assistant were there; the Vestry was represented by Mr. Van Dusen and Mr. Hunter Ewing, there were also some twenty more men of the church. Towards the close of the dinner Mr. Van Dusen, who presided, called upon a few of those present for informal speeches. Mr. Charles Moore spoke for Alpha Kappa, and Mr. Ewell, to whom we are largely indebted for the success of the dinner, spoke of his efforts among the young men of the Parish, referring to the medical students as a problem he had not yet solved, but was patiently working at. Mr. Louis Hall, who has attended St. Stephen's for more than thirty-five years, reminisced about the church as he first knew it. Incidentally, he indulged in some good-natured and very appropriate criticism of the men of the church, for not taking the trouble to know each other better. Mr. Streaker spoke for the Sunday-school, and Mr. Ewing for the Vestry. Mr. McKeehan also said a few words. Dr. Grammer brought the speaking of the evening to a close with an expression of the great pleasure it gave him to see the men of the church dining together. He said that it would be a great help to him and a great benefit to St. Stephen's if the men knew each other better and recognized more deeply the common ties that bound them together. The meeting closed by adopting a resolution moved by Mr. McKeehan, "that the men of St. Stephen's uphold the Rector's hands and requesting the chairman to appoint a committee to arrange for another men's dinner before the summer vacation."

We hope that this resolution will be acted upon, and that the first men's dinner will be simply the forerunner of many more. Two such dinners annually, one in the Fall and another in the Spring, would certainly not be too many, and we think the men of the Church would attend them in increasing numbers. To begin with the dinners would be very enjoyable, and that alone makes them worth while. And they would result in benefit to St. Stephen's. There is a great deal of interest in the church among the men, but much of it has not found expression in action, partly because we do not come enough in contact with each other to understand the needs of the church or the kind of work for which each is best adapted. To start in and become thoroughly well acquainted with each other all around, would go a long way towards meeting both of these difficulties.

C. McK.

The Rector's Special Notices.

The Bishop-Coadjutor will visit St. Stephen's to administer confirmation on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 12th, at 4 o'clock. The Rector will meet those who are considering confirmation at the Parish House on the Thursdays in March at 8 o'clock. The class is intended primarily for young people. No one commits himself to a decision by attending the meetings. The teachers in the Sunday-school are asked to call this matter to the attention of their scholars. The same duty is urged upon parents. The normal age for confirmation lies between 15 and 20, and depends upon the growth toward spiritual maturity.

The Rector will be glad to confer with adults either in their homes or at the rectory. An appointment can readily be made.

From April 6th to 11th the Rector will deliver the noonday Lenten addresses in Calvary Church, New York. It is, therefore, necessary, since he will be out of town the week before Confirmation, to gather the class together earlier than usual, however he will meet the class that week on Friday evening, April 10. This shorter period of preparation will be an advantage if it brings home to the unconfirmed the necessity for a speedy decision. Procrastination is not only the thief of time; it is also the chief enemy of our nobler impulses. In moral questions delay is ever the precursor of concession, compromise and defeat.

The Women's Auxiliary.

The Lenten Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held on Thursday morning, March 12, at eleven o'clock, Miss Magee presiding.

The reports of the various committees showed greater activity this year than before, and the meeting proved to be most interesting and instructive. A gift of $25 was received from Miss Josephine Lewis.

The address was made by the Rev. Waldemar Jansen, of St. Bartholomew's Mission, in this city. Mr. Jansen told the society something about the work he is doing in the northwestern section of the city, and pointed out the great need of a more comfortable and attractive church building. The present small wooden structure, which serves as a church, Sunday-school, gymnasium and concert room, is entirely inadequate to the needs of the work. The estimated cost of a suitable building is $25,000. About $6000 of this amount has already been subscribed.

Mrs. Grammer gave an interesting talk on Educational Work in Africa, and announced that the members of the Mission Study Class are arranging to send a Christmas box to the Girls' Training School, at St. Paul's, Liberia. The ladies will be glad to receive gifts of picture books, colored pictures and cards, aprons, bright colored ginghams for dresses, especially blue and white, and pink and white checks, these being the favorite colors of the natives. Tin work boxes with sewing materials, toilet soaps, handkerchiefs, ties, belts or other articles that might be useful in a girls' school. Donations may be sent to Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, 1024 Spruce street, before May 1, as the box will be shipped on that date.

It is hoped that the good friends of St. Stephen's will support and encourage this company of earnest women in their effort to send Christmas cheer to these children in far-off Africa.

We publish the following that the congregation may see how others see us.—Editor "Parish News."

To the Editor of "The Parish News."

Sir:—I have passed St. Stephen's Church twice a day for many years, and I have often marveled at the type of mind that erected a temple of God in the guise of a jail. Recently I yielded to mere idle curiosity and passed with the noon-time throng through the iron bars and was at once moved by conflicting emotions. Your snowy memorials are beautiful! Far too beautiful to be allowed to rest in such a dingy environment. They alone save St. Stephen's from being the gloomiest church I was ever in; the blue ceiling is entirely appropriate, and induces a truly receptive state of mind. Now, Mr. Editor, I well know that my criticism is both unworthy and unwelcome, but I simply can't help recording my impression, because I have found it worth while to come again. And the remedy is so simple: two good coats of white enamel paint on walls and woodwork will clear away the clouds and give you sunshine. Is it wrong to crave a cheerful religion?

STRANGER WITHIN THE GATES.

The Unemployed.

St. Stephen's may feel that it has done at least part of its duty to the vast army of the unemployed which has suffered so keenly this winter.

Sometimes as many as twelve men have been taken on a day and allowed to work out their meals and lodgings. Tickets were given these men for the Galilee Mission, to which this church contributes considerable in its diocesan apportionment. Also arrangements were made at several nearby cafes to honor tickets stamped with our church seal.

In this way the professional loafer and drinker has been weeded out because no money is given. The men understand the church does not want to impose on them, but what it does want is a proof of their worthiness.

These men have washed down all the woodwork of the church, even to the chairs in the Sunday-school building. The Lenten crowd's debris has been more speedily gotten rid of before the afternoon service, and the Verger reports the cellar six times cleared and straightened up.

Marked proofs are continually given of some of these men's worthiness and honesty.

Money has several times been handed in which was found in the pews, and even a gold watch found by a man who was working in the Transcept Gallery by himself was handed in. It is good to report the owner called and handsomely rewarded the finder.

And still the work goes on, and will until the warm weather opens up more work.

"How the Other Half Lives."

Mr. A. A. Hodge delivered a lecture to the members of the parish on Thursday evening, February 13th, on "How the Other Half Lives." Mr. Ewell introduced the subject and the speaker.

The lecture was an exceedingly interesting one, and it depicted with intense realism the true wretched condition and suffering which exists in the slums of this city. Mr. Hodge showed with the aid of the stereopticon views, various photographs taken in the "lower" parts of Philadelphia, which told the audience better than words could the need of help for these ignorant and pauperized families of the slums. It was indeed astonishing to see the condition of the small streets and alleys which are in these parts of the city. The alleys, some of which are only a few feet wide and crowded with small tenement houses, have surface drains in which the sewage accumulates and thus endangers the health of the city by the breeding of disease microbes. In one instance there was a small macaroni factory in one of these filthy alleys, and the food stuff was hung out to dry above the surface sewer, allowing millions of these parasite germs to be deposited thereon. This macaroni is afterwards sold in all parts of Philadelphia.

The tenement houses are generally three stories high, with one room to each story, and yet on the average, twenty-five people manage to exist in each house—about eight persons to a room. The houses are wooden structures and in case of fire there is no outlet of safety whatever. The city officials, according to the statement of Mr. Hodge, seem to take no interest in the conditions, and the only hope of improving these menaces of health is for the people—the upper class—the educated class, to interest themselves in the work of the missions in the slums.

The children who are reared under such circumstances naturally are degenerates and soon develop into criminals. They have no knowledge of honesty and purity, and as soon as they are able to walk, become thieves largely on account of the lack of food. The newsboys and telegraph boys of tender years who work during the night in Chinatown and the Tenderloin make rich soil for the planting of criminal and immoral tendencies. There is a law providing that boys under 14 years of age should not work after 9 P. M., but the law is not enforced, and conditions are such as though there were no laws.

Such a deplorable state of affairs should be remedied, for it is these young children who grow up and become the American citizens of the future and, according to statistics, the ratio of poor children to the children of the better classes is increasing every year, and in twenty years hence the descendants of these immigrants and foreigners (for it is they who make up to a large extent the slums) will greatly outnumber the rest of the American people.

With these astounding facts before us, the better classes ought to interest themselves in these wretched conditions, should force the Health Department of the city of Philadelphia to improve the conditions of the wooden tenement houses and the alleys, should get together and establish missions, Sunday-schools and night schools, and give the "under dogs," as an

eminent sociologist terms the unfortunates, a chance to educate themselves, and so help to improve their own condition.

It is our duty to know the conditions that surround us, and to improve them to the best of our ability. J. N. A. K.

Alpha Kappa Notes.

The Junior Alpha Kappa held a banquet on Tuesday evening, March 3, at which thirty-eight boys enjoyed themselves, not only by making the cakes, fruits, ice cream, etc., disappear, but also in making great oratorical attempts worthy of Daniel Webster. The "Senate" showed the benefit of Mr. Streaker's training in public speaking and Parliamentary Law. The stories, jokes and addresses made the evening a most enjoyable one for the youngsters.

Mrs. De Callis prepared the "feast," and the appearance of the tables spoke well of her decorative ability.

Miss Goss, Mr. Cummins and Mr. Kolb were present at the banquet. I must also not forget to mention that Mr. Carrigan joined in at the feast and preserved order at the table by occupying the office of "Sergeant-at-Arms." Altogether this Junior Banquet was a great success and, judging from the smiles of appreciation and enjoyment that shone on the faces of the boys during the evening, it is hoped that it will be an annual affair.

The Senior Alpha Kappa intends giving its final production of the season on Thursday evening, May 7th. The performance will be given in the Sunday-school room as usual, and the charge for admission will be the same as that of last year—twenty-five cents. The play that is to be rendered an "An Unconditional Surrender," and is under the personal stage direction of Charles H. Moore and business management of Jurgen N. A. Kolb.

The proceeds of entertainment will be devoted to the repairing of the scenery and to the remodeling of stage effects which are in very bad condition. With the stage in better condition and with better equipment, the various societies of the church will be able to give more entertainments than they have been doing this year. Therefore it is hoped by the fraternity that all societies of the parish will help this good object by purchasing or selling tickets for the play.

Tickets can be procured from Mr. Streaker, who is the treasurer of this fund, or from Mr. Ewell, Mr. Kolb or the Verger.

Past Worthy C.; Mr. Royd Eastwood Morrison and Miss Mildred C. Lutz were joined in Holy Matrimony on Wednesday evening, March 18, in the Parish House. The Rev. John E. Ewell officiated. The senior members of the Fraternity were present at the ceremony.

The Alpha Kappa wishes the wedded couple great happiness. Mr. Morrison is one of the charter members of the Alpha Kappa, and it is hoped that in his new-found bliss he will remember his old playmates, who will not forget him, and will remember his diligent and energetic work in organizing the Fraternity last year.

The Tuberculosis Class and Clinic now meets on Mondays, at 3 o'clock.

If you know anyone who is suffering from this dread disease, and he cannot be taken away for the open-air treatment, urge him to come to this class.

Lenten Choir.

The choir for our afternoon services has the following singers for the different days:

MONDAYS—Miss Clayton, Miss Headman, Miss McDowell, Miss A. Megargee, Miss Shapley, Mrs. Grammer, Dr. Anthony, Mr. McNeil.

TUESDAYS—Miss Clayton, Miss Headman, Miss Ruth Simon, Miss Hewson, Miss M. Lowrey, Miss McAllister, Mrs. Noblit, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony.

WEDNESDAYS—Miss Clayton, Miss McDowell, Miss Lowrey, Miss E. Simons, Miss S. Simons, Miss Headman, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony.

THURSDAYS—Miss Clayton, Miss Megargee, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Headman, Mrs. Grammer, Miss McAllister, Miss Shapley, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony.

FRIDAYS—Miss Headman, Miss Clayton, Miss McDowell, Mrs. L. J. Hammond, Miss R. Lewis, Miss E. Simons, Miss S. Simons, Miss Lowrey, Mr. McNeill, Dr. Anthony.

The average attendance has kept up very well, and it is hoped that right up to Easter those who have volunteered will come their days. The singing is very good. This choir will sing on Maundy Thursday at the 5 o'clock Communion service.

Lent at St. Stephen's.

During Lent, services are held daily in the church. Short services and addresses at 12.30 o'clock, and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock, except Saturdays. On Wednesdays and Fridays addresses are made by the Assistant and Rector.

Confirmation will be on Palm Sunday, April 12, at 4 in the afternoon, by Bishop Coadjutor Mackay-Smith.

On Thursday before Easter Holy Communion will be celebrated at the evening service at 5 o'clock.

On Good Friday there will be Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 10.30. Midday Service at 12.30 and Evening Prayer at 5 o'clock. Offerings for City Missions.

During Holy Week of Lent there will be a Service at 11.30 A. M., when the story of our Lord's Passion as contained in the Gospels will be read.

On Easter Day Holy Communion will be administered at 8 A. M. Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4 o'clock. Offerings for Stephen's Farm.

The Easter Carol Service of the Sunday-school, Parish School and Burd Orphan Asylum will be held on Sunday after Easter, at 4 o'clock. The offerings of the year will be received for Missions and placed on the altar.

Easter Day the services will be at 8 o'clock, 11 o'clock and 4 o'clock. At the two latter services the pew-holders and regular members of the congregation will be admitted as usual through the transcept door. The front doors will be opened promptly at the hour of the service itself, and the visitors will be provided with seats to the full capacity of the Church.

It seems rather an inhospitable mode of action, but upon reflection it will commend itself to all reasonable people. It is but right and fair that those who attend the service all the other days of the year, should have an opportunity to occupy their own seats on the great high festival, and that those who only visit the church upon such occasions should be asked to wait upon the convenience of the regular attendants.

The Mid-Day Services are being held as usual this Lent under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Speaking more accurately, though, these services are under the joint auspices of the Rector and the Brotherhood, as the speakers are jointly chosen and invited by both parties. The services open at 12.30 and last precisely twenty-five minutes. They are conducted by the Rector, Mr. Ewell or Dr. Snively. The ushering, advertising, music and all other arrangements are left to the Brotherhood.

The services this year have been attended better than ever before. The preachers are as follows:

Monday to Friday, April 6-10—Rev. Reese F. Alsop, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Saturday, April 11—Rev. R. Marshall Harrison, D. D., Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, Philadelphia.

Monday, April 13—Rev. Louis C. Washburn, D. D., Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Tuesday, April 14—Rev. Edward M. Jeffrys, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Wednesday, April 15—Rev. A. H. Bradshaw, Calvary, Conshohocken, Pa.

Thursday, April 16—Rev. H. Richard Harris, D. D., Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Good Friday, April 17—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Saturday, April 18—Rev. F. C. Steinmetz, Christ Church, Ridley Park, Pa.

The following was found in one of the Brotherhood Boxes after a service:

"I find these noonday meetings an encouragement and impetus in Christian business life. God grant that the sacred influence of this place may permeate the commercial life of our city."

The Parish Visitor.

As Spring is approaching, which means a general exodus of many of the congregation to the country or seashore, I thought I would bring a few cases of my needy ones to their consideration before the warm days arrive, which promise so much pleasure for those who have means, and so much discomfort and hardship for the poor.

There are three cases which I especially want to present in this letter, three cases of need and one little instance of faith which is as the sweet perfume of a flower springing up in an arid waste, for God knows that hard grinding poverty takes not only the poetry out of life, but has the tendency to harden and

sodden the natures struggling to exist in its bleak atmosphere.

The first of the three cases referred to is that of a family of eight, almost totally dependent for support upon what I am able to take to them. Their six children are members of our Sunday-school. The father is one of the vast army of the unemployed. Typhoid fever entered their home and for eighteen weeks, first one child then another was taken sick, until their little hoard, saved in more prosperous days, has melted away. The father is sometimes able to earn a dollar or so at some odd jobs, but the real necessities I have been supplying until the money generously provided by St. Stephen's is very quickly dwindling away.

The second case is that of a poor woman who makes her living by sewing. It is impossible to do fine sewing on her old, heavy sewing machine. If someone has a lighter machine not in use and would want to donate it to a good cause, we will furnish "the good cause," or fifteen dollars will buy a new light-running machine, and would bring joy and gladness to one who wants to be self-supporting.

The third and last case of these special ones on the list is that of a woman for whom Sister Elizabeth worked to get an artificial limb some ten or twelve years ago. Now the foot has cracked, and she finds it difficult to walk. If twenty dollars were contributed to the foot a new, sound one could be fitted to the limb, and she could walk and get around these coming bright spring days.

The little flower of faith coming like the breath of violets across the chill blasts of winter was an answer to prayer when I was greeted with: "I have prayed and prayed to God to send you to us. I was ready to deny His existence. I was giving up in despair, and lo! you have come.

K. H. Lewis.

The Garment Society acknowledges with thanks the following donations:

Mrs. McKean, man's overcoat.

Mrs. J. A. Cressville, package of useful clothing.

King's Daughters, 24 new garments, beautifully made.

Miss Bell, a box of clothing.

Mr. Ewell asks for a most worthy case any articles of furniture that can be given to fit up a little home down in Jersey, so that a deserted wife may earn her living by sewing. Send furniture to Parish House.

Children s Friend Society.

Donation from Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church

(Whatsoever Circle.)

During the Lenten season the meetings have been very well attended, and, as the saying is, "Many hands make quick work." Many garments have been made and handed in to Garment Society, Day Nursery and Sheltering Arms, and clothing given to poor families. The next meetings will be April 1 and April 15, in the Guild Room of Parish House, 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in March:

From Mrs. Thomas Armstrong	$ 1.00
Miss Laura Bell	1.00
Miss Mary Schaffer	1.50
From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer	5.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
From those receiving shoes	7.35
Total	$16.10
Expended in March	10.60
Balance	$ 5.50

Gave out in March 33 pairs of shoes and 6 pairs of overshoes.

Donation from Miss Bertha Walshe, 4 pairs of shoes.

Donation of 1 pair from Miss May Jeffries.

Mrs. Vanderslice and Miss Jeffries will be at Parish House Tuesdays from 11 until 12 o'clock.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 " " 5 "
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

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ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
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All meetings at Parish House.

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DIOCESAN—Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
" " *Lenten Sewing*—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Snively, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.
Teacher—Miss F. C. Davis.
The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs John Van Miller, Mrs. Jennie J. Law, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss J. Lockhart, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.
Mrs. Watson.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Miss Magee.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent—Mr. Ewell.
Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Librarian—

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Crom, Miss Elizabeth Kehl, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Carrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Bird.

Infant Class 9.45 a. m.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss, Miss E. Snively.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 a. m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.50 a. m., Miss Denney.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny,
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary, Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Graham.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Ewell.

Candidates of the

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.
Secretary—Miss Elsie Lowrey.

Sewing Class.

President—Miss Hewson.
Treasurer—Miss Clayton.
Associates—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Simons.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President—Miss Kehl.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.
C.—Charles H. Moore. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown
P. C.—Harry Bush. *P.*—Harry Bush.
T.—Jurgen Kolb. *A.*—J. E. Ewell.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

DRAMATIC EXECUTIVE STAFF.
J. N. A. Kolb, *Manager and Press Representative.*
Chas. H. Moore, *Stage Director.*
Winfield S. Brown, *Master of Properties.*

JUNIORS.
Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Sloyd Work in charge of Mrs. de Callies.
Associates: Miss Kehl, Miss Goss, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Carter Glenn, Mr. Jurgen N. A. Kolb, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor—Miss Lineaweaver.
Assistant Instructors—Miss Guernsey, Miss Simons.
Pianist—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:
President—Miss Emily Bell
Vice President—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward R. Fell
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott
Executive Board—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:
President—Miss Herrick.
Vice-President—Miss Martenet.
Secretary—Miss DeChateauneux.
Treasurer—Miss Thurlow.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman—The Rector.
Secretary—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant—Dr. E. J. G. Beardsley.
Nurse—Miss M. Jacques.
Orderly—Jacob Michealson.
Board of Visitors:—Miss Henrietta Sanders, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs William Campbell, Mrs. Robert Boyd, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Alberta Van Dusen, Miss Headman.
Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.
Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church, to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

May 1—SS. Philip and James.
" 3—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 10—Third Sunday after Easter.
" 17—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
" 24—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 24-27—Rogation Days.
" 28—Ascension.
" 31—Sunday after Ascension.

Parochial Report from May 1st, 1907 to May 1st, 1908.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

Baptisms—Adults 9, Infants 11. Total 20.
Confirmed—Male 7, Female 24. Total 31.
Communicants added—New 31, by transfer 11.
Removed—By death 10, by transfer 6.
Marriages—19.
Burials—21.

RECEIPTS.

Pew Rents	$7,861 43
Burd Orphan Asylum	19,600 00
Donations	19,652 27
Income from Investments	3,905 41
Sunday School	361 27
Woman's Auxiliary	402 72
Received for Endowment Fund	1,057 40
Total Receipts	$52,840 50

EXPENDITURES.

Parochial:	
Current Expenses (including all salaries, fuel, light, ordinary repairs, etc.)	$19,449 09
Burd School	21,950 00
For the Poor and Parish Work	8,550 49
Added to Endowment Fund	1,057 48
All other Parochial Expenditures	1,588 54
Total Parochial	$52,595 60
Diocesan:	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	$432 58
Sustentation Fund	77 36
Missions, Convocation	550 00
City	
Deaf	35 00
Italian	100 00
Episcopal Hospital	216 44
Christmas Fund (for Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen)	180 60
Bishop's Fund	
Brotherhood of St. Andrew	838 42
All other Diocesan objects	574 36
Total Diocesan	$3,004 76
Extra Diocesan:	
Missions—Sunday School Offering	$236 07
Foreign	501 00
Domestic	214 63
Indian	132 00
Colored People	25 00
Christian or Theological Education	215 27
Prayer Book Societies	42 00
All other Extra Diocesan objects	549 50
Total Extra Diocesan	$2,019 97
Total Expenditures for all objects	$57,719 95

Offerings in April.

Missionary Box	$112 00
General Charities	199 59
Easter Decorations	97 00
Colored Missions	119 47
Diocesan Missions	45 45
For the Farm	1,309 80
Parochial Maintenance	57 01
Through Mr. Ewell	45 85
Sunday School	22 51
Through Miss Lewis	72 00
Endowment Fund	250 00
Colored Missions	25 00
Brotherhood of St. Andrew	838 42
Total	$3,194 10

Offertories for May.

First Sunday—General Charities.
Second Sunday—Theological Education.
Third Sunday—Indian Missions.
Fourth Sunday—Parochial Maintenance.
Fifth Sunday—Tuberculosis Class.

Those who have borrowed umbrellas from the Church will please return them, as there are quite a number that have not been returned.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

Vera May Henderson.
Florence Starkey Sherrard.
John Stewardson.
Cooper Shapley.

MARRIAGE.

April 22—Isaac Hampshur Jones and Emilie L. Snydam Austin.

CONFIRMED.

M. Louise Baird.
Elizabeth White Lippincott.
Mary Louise Mendenhall.
Florence N. Shapley.
Elsie Nevin Shapley.
Vera Mae Henderson.
Sarah Kinsley.
Louisa M. Hoffman.
Albert Cooper Nones.
Charles C. S. Lindenmayer.
Josephine Marbet.
Alice McCoy.
Florence Dittman.
Thekla Kauffman.
Catharine Hewitt.
Ada Mitchell.
Marguerite Louise Jordan.
Letitia Brown.
Ethel Anna Showaker.
C. Mae Mearns.
Florence Starkey Sherrard.
Mary M. Hess.
Helen D Jones.
Rosa F. Leitsch.
Emma Fowler.
Carl Powers.
Albert Loughead.
Joseph Harper.
John Mearns.
Phipard K. Kollock.
Cornelia C. Lafourcade.

Mr. Ewell is very anxious to supply a worthy old man with a suit of clothing. He is of medium height and thin.

Mr. George L. Crawford, the senior in years of our Vestrymen, and one of the oldest members in point of service, was taken from us on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 6th. He had not been in his usual health, and had been admonished to lessen his legal labors; but the habits of thoroughness and the professional enthusiasm of a lifetime could not be altered for prudential considerations however wise and salutary. Before he was aware of his danger he had overtaxed his vital powers. He was brought home sick from his office on Friday and while his family was still hopeful of his recovery suddenly slipped away from the obscurities and partialities of time to the region where we hope there is a fuller revelation of the truth and a more triumphant manifestation of justice. The Vestry will duly record its sense of loss and its appreciation of Mr. Crawford as a wise counselor and a faithful and conscientious attendant upon its meetings. We doubt not the Bar of Philadelphia will in some way record its sense of his high professional standing, for Mr. Crawford practiced his profession in no mercenary spirit. To him it was not a trade, but an applied philosophy, an art of a high character. He loved the strategy of the trial table. Resourceful, judicious, self-possessed, with a firm grasp of fundamental principles, he devoted himself to what is really the artistic side of his profession. But others can speak of that aspect of his career. As his rector, I desire to record here my sense of personal loss. Although he lived in one of our suburbs, he was one of the most regular of the attendants at the Sunday services. Without regard to the weather, if he was well, he could be counted on to be in his pew at the opening of the service. The depth of his religious feeling was manifested in many little ways, too intimate to be spoken of; but the best proof of his union with God was the beautiful simplicity of his life, his utter freedom from pose or assumption, his kindliness, his unselfish thoughtfulness for others.

C. E. G.

The PARISH NEWS appears later in the month because we have waited to gather up all the reports of the church year. While the half-promised Year Book has not been printed this spring, we hope that this issue will present to the congregation a fairly complete account of our annual work.

The paper will not be published in June, and the next issue will be in October. We hope that the figures so dull and businesslike will mean to the congregation more than mere figures, and will represent efforts of good-will and helpfulness in Christian ministrations of all kinds.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The Parish Visitor of St. Stephen's can look back upon a year of increased usefulness and successful work among the poor.

Having taught the Parish School for so many years, it has brought her in touch with numerous families, through the children, who had been her former pupils, and so the work of "Visitor" has not been a new one nor have the people been as strangers.

The past year has been an unusual one, for there was much suffering among people who have never before been obliged to apply for help, and the lack of work was the cause of much distress.

There has been a marked increase in the money raised by the members of St. Stephen's Congregation for this work since they have been made acquainted with its needs; and much gratitude is felt by the Parish Visitor for the same, as it increases her power to allay suffering, and broadens her field of service.

The average number of visits paid each month has been eighty.

Some have been visited as patients at regular intervals at the following hospitals: The Jefferson, Hahneman, Methodist, Samaritan, St. Luke's, St. Christopher's, Presbyterian and the German.

Twelve tons of coal have been distributed, eighteen families were given a half-ton each, and the remaining tons were given in extreme cases of destitution.

Thirty-nine families have had special and continuous help.

A sewing machine was bought for a woman who can earn her living by it, and a new artificial foot and boot were bought for a cripple.

About many who applied for help the Parish Visitor had her doubts, so they were taken or directed to the Organized Charity.

Much relief to sufferers is due to the sympathy and kindness of a gentleman of the congregation, who furnished groceries, delicacies and medicine for the sick and afflicted during the year.

The amount of money received and disbursed was $332.55.

K. H. LEWIS,
Parish Visitor.

The Sunday-School.

The year has been a successful one. There have been five new classes organized. The work among the boys in the clubs has added to the number in the classes which already existed, and a new class has been formed among the smaller boys.

A new departure has been instituted in the financial system of the school. The running expenses of the Sunday-school are paid by the treasurer from funds supplied by the Rector, while the school offerings are designated by the teachers and scholars for different mission and charitable purposes and voted on. The report below shows the different objects to which the money went.

The joint celebration of the Burd School and the Sunday-school was a very enthusiastic and impressive service.

The classes were called out by number and each brought up a paper on which was written their motto, an appropriate verse and amount of the Lenten Offering. This was read out by the Rector, who made appropriate comments on the different mottoes. The flowers which were brought up at the same time with the slip were inserted into the bare wood cross. When the last class had brought their flowers the cross glowed with carnations, and represented in parabolic form how crosses could be transformed and beautified.

There has always been a rivalry between the two schools in singing and with this as an added stimulus the Easter carols were sung with great spirit.

The award of diplomas for attendance and scholarship will be made on the last Sunday in May.

The annual picnic will be on Decoration Day—May 30—at the Burd School.

It is hoped that all the scholars and teachers who stay in the city will attend the Summer Sunday-school, which will open the first Sunday in June.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$139.74
Sunday School Collection	147.50
Church Collection	135.31
Lenten Boxes—Sunday School	78.46
Dr. Grammer	50.00
Total	$551.01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Within the Parish.

Sunday School Expenses	$258.32
Lenten Offering, 1908, Sunday School Auxiliary to the Board of Missions	122.57
Total	$380.89

Diocesan Purposes.

Work among the Colored People	$25.00
Home of the Merciful Saviour	25.00
St. Bartholomew's Mission	9.00
St. Nathaniel's Mission	9.00
Total	$68.00
Foreign—Soochow School, Shanghai	$10.50
Foreign Work in Japan	10.00
Domestic Work in Alaska	10.00
Domestic Work in the Philippines	10.00
Domestic Work among the Indians	5.00
Total	$45.50

W. J. KIRKPATRICK,
Treasurer.

The Female Benevolent Society.

This has the largest number of workers of any society in the Church. Twenty-five women are regularly employed to do sewing, for which they receive fifty cents a week. Orders are now taken to do work for hospitals and for individuals. The society has abandoned the making of some of the old garments for which the demand has ceased. Miss Payne, the Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Hospital, has praised the work of this society, as far above the average. The managers are desirous of securing the confidence of the congregation and so obtain orders for making gingham and black aprons, towels and sewing for some of the missionary boxes.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$106.45
Receipts for the year	692.88
Total	$799.33
Disbursements	617.20
Balance	$182.13

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Treasurer

The Woman's Auxiliary.

St. Stephen's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has held five meetings during the year—a preliminary meeting, November 21st, 1907, for the election of officers, etc., and one each in the seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter-tide.

The society has been favored from time to time with addresses from the following speakers: Rev. Mr. Wallace, of the Japanese Mission; Bishop Horner, of Asheville, North Carolina; Mrs. Thomas Neilson, President of the General Committee; Rev. Mr. Jansen, of St. Bartholomew's Mission, and Miss Marion Mitchell, of China. Whenever appeals were made the Auxiliary contributed as liberally as its funds would allow.

The formation of a Mission Study Class, under the direction of Mrs. Grammer and Miss Laura Bell, was an interesting feature of the season's work.

The various committees have been most zealous in the performance of their respective duties, as is fully shown in the reports submitted at each regular meeting. The Treasurer's report for the year shows a large increase in the amount of money expended in the cause of missions. There is a marked

improvement in the average attendance at the stated meetings, all of which have been characterized by an interest and intelligent enthusiasm which augur well for the future of St. Stephen's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. D. WOOD.
Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$ 23.45
From Members	162.50
From Dr. Grammer	360.27
From Missionary Box Committee	145.00
Total	$691.22
Expenditures	$655.50
Balance	$35.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Diocesan Purposes.

To Diocesan Committee	$ 90.50
To Rev. W. Jansen for Building Fund St. Barth.	40.00
To Civic Club for Salary Probation Officer	5.00
Total	$135.50

General Purposes.

To Printing	$ 6.25
To Miss Mitchell for work in China	25.00
To Foreign Committee	189.00
To Indian Committee	60.50
To Colored Committee	178.75
To Domestic Committee	40.50
To Bishop Horner of U. C.	20.00
Total	$520.00
Grand Total	$635.50

ELLA HEADMAN,
Treasurer.

THE FOREIGN COMMITTEE of the Woman's Auxiliary reports having attended seven stated meetings of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, held at the Church House, and has expended $143 in pledges toward the support of schools, hospitals and salaries, and special contributions as demands were made, so that aid has been disseminated to China, Japan, Cuba and Mexico through this committee, as shown in the appended report:

Expended by Foreign Committee of Woman's Auxiliary, St. Stephen's Church. Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Miss Laura Bell, Miss Ella Headman.

Mr. Ancell's School, Loochow	$11.00
Lumber fund, Cuba	1.00
St. Andrew's Seminary, Mexico	10.00
Different pledges	19.00
Irving Memorial, St. John's, Shanghai	5.00
J. W. Wood, Cuba	5.00
Nurse's Salary, Mexico	5.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai	5.00
W. Beaumont Whitney Scholarship, Cuba	5.00
Life Insurance, China	5.00
Evangelist's Salary, St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai	10.00
Bishop Stevens' Scholarship, St. John's University	10.00
Training School for Bible Women, Hankow	10.00
St. Agnes' Scholarship, Kyoto	5.00
St. Margaret's School, Tokyo	5.00
Training School, Sendai	10.00
Washing Machine	7.00
Typewriter, Africa	5.00
Mr. Wood, Wushang	10.00
	$143.00

The Secretary has furnished the following lists of contributors and dressers of dolls:

Contributors—Miss Jamison, Mrs. Colket, Miss Wilkins, Miss Washington, Miss Atmore, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Laura Bell, Miss Emily Bell, Mrs. Grammer, Miss Cleemann, Miss Virginia Shreve, the Misses Magee, Mrs. Vanderslice, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Mrs. David Wood, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Clemens, Miss Clemens, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Elsie Burdette Wood, Miss M. Shreve. **Mrs. Wm. R. Nicholson.**

Dressers of Dolls—Miss Agnes McAlister, Miss Janet McAlister, Miss Stovell, the Misses Lawry, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Miss Bright, Miss Lippincott, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Clemens, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Dale, Mrs. Meesi, Miss Simons, Miss **Maulsby**, Miss Ewing, Mrs. English, Miss Jessie Crawford, four members of the Girls' Friendly, whose names have not been given in.

The box, as the high valuation shows, was an unusually valuable one, and it was a real pleasure to see the hearty zeal with which so many contributed and worked to make it a generous assistance to the mission in the Dark Continent.

THE MISSION STUDY CLASS undertook to send a Christmas box to the Girls' School at Clay Ashland, St. Paul's River, Liberia, and acknowledges a contribution of twenty-five dollars for that purpose from the Missionary Box Committee. The members of the class and some other members of the congregation have kindly assisted in dressing dolls and sending clothing, games, sewing boxes, etc., as fifty gifts were required. The valuation of the box is estimated at $150. An exhibition of the contents was held at the rectory, 1024 Spruce street, on Tuesday, May 12, at eleven o'clock, after which the box was sent on its long journey to Africa, weighted with Christmas joy.

In order to make necessary arrangements a word just now in regard to the Mission Study Class for next autumn may be seasonable. A class on China will be started in October, if twelve or fifteen members are enrolled, to meet on Saturday mornings for eight weeks. The time will be profitably spent in the study of our missions in China, a subject about which it is eminently fitting to inform one's self, and will be found of absorbing interest.

The Missionary Box Committee.

The Missionary Box Committee has held six stated meetings, and has packed and sent six boxes of clothing and household articles to missionaries in Tennessee, Wisconsin, Virginia and Texas, the valuation of the boxes being estimated at $395.39. This includes also a box sent to colored people through Mrs. Arrison, one hundred dollars being appropriated to her for that purpose. As noted in the Treasurer's report, contributions were made to the amount of forty-five dollars to boxes for Africa and the Indians, and the balance on April 24, 1908, is $291.66. The Lenten offertories gave substantial aid to the committee.

LAURA BELL,
Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year, 11-7-'07	$126.85
Individual Contributions	26.60
2 Offertories from St. Stephen's Church	93.77
7 Offertories from St. Andrew's Brotherhood Lenten Services	407.54
Total	$654.76
April 24th, 1908, Balance, Cash on hand	$291.66
Missionary Boxes to Ministers and families	$218.10
Missionary Boxes to Colored People	100.00
Contribution to African Box	25.00
Contribution to Indian Box	20.00
Total	$363.10

ALBERTA VAN DUSEN,
Treasurer.

The Mothers' Meetings.

We have had a very pleasant, and I hope profitable winter. The faithful mothers deserve much credit for coming during all kinds of weather. There are 98 names on the roll, but many have been irregular on account of sickness. There were 20 *regular* meetings held. One evening all were invited to an entertainment at the Sunday-school room.

The Mask and Wig (in memory of Mr. McMichael) entertained them on another Thursday.

December 6th they had their annual sale, at which they realized $57.20. Of this amount they sent $20 to the "Home for Aged Couples." The balance, $37.20, will be spent for table linen, etc., for the Farm. On Thursday evening in Holy Week there was the annual service held in the church, at which Dr. Snively officiated and administered the Holy Communion. Prof. Wood took charge of the choir, with some eight or ten singers. It was a very impressive service.

The weekly mite contributions are used for sending flowers and plants to the sick members especially on Christmas and Easter. It was decided to send the mite collection during the Lenten season to Miss Rebecca Kirkorean, an Armenian Missionary. It amounted to $8.65.

Very little is known by the mothers of the church of these mothers' meetings, and their quiet and helpful work for hospitals, missions, the sick, the Farm and many other charitable works. Since the meetings started, some seven years ago, they have contributed over $600 to these objects, all from their little annual sales and special mite collections:

Balance on hand last year	$ 14.25
Received from Dr. Grammer	25.00
	$ 39.25
Expended	32.43
Balance on hand	$6.82

MRS. H. P. TAYLOR.

RECEIPTS.

Provident Fund.

On hand at opening of year	$170.77
Receipts for the year	22.90
Interest on deposits	6.51
Total	$200.18
Paid out for sick benefits	18.00
Balance	$182.18

ELIZABETH C. CLAYTON,
Treasurer.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

No. Working Associates	6
No. Honorary Associates	17
No. Members	114
No. Probationers	20
No. Candidates	5
No. Married Branch Helpers	10
Total	172

The Girls' Friendly Society presents its annual record of service, work and play.

Classes in Physical Culture, Millinery, Cooking, Music, Literature and Embroidery have been held, to the advantage and pleasure of the members. And it has also been a pleasure to the Associates and Teachers to instruct and interest girls as responsive as the members of our Branch. Services in the church the first Monday of every month have been conducted by the Rector and Mr. Ewell, and were well attended. Eight girls connected with the Branch were confirmed on Palm Sunday. During Lent the Associates and members made 198 articles for the G. F. S. Diocesan Missionary Box Committee. Seventeen probationers were admitted by Dr. Grammer at the Admission Service Easter Monday.

Miss Laura Bell kindly gave on one evening an interesting lecture on "Constantinople," which was appreciated, much to our enjoyment.

The Sunday-school repeated their Christmas play for our Christmas entertainment, and the members invited their mothers. Gifts were distributed and ice cream and cake served.

Monday, the 27th, was a social evening. Several ladies and Dr. Anthony delighted us all with their songs and playing. These are a few of our duties and pleasures, but there are many acts of kindness and friendship of which there is no record.

The Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand May 1st, 1908	$115.38
From dues and sales	113.48
From interest on legacy	67 50
From Conundrum Tea	106.50
For teas for members	40.00
For G. F. S. objects	121.00
Total	$563.86

EXPENDITURES.

For branch expenses, including G. F. S. objects	$419.31
For G. F. S. Diocesan Missionary Box Committee	27.00
For Missions	30.50
For Endowment Fund	70.00
	$546.81
Balance	17.05

MARIA S. WILKINS,
Branch Secretary.

Children's Friend Society.

Report for the year, May 1st, 1908.

Balance from 1907	$15.35
Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	30.00
Church Fund, Rev. Mr. Ewell	10.00
Entertainment given by King's Daughters	38.00
Donations received for the year	34.00
Total	$127.35
Expended for Excursions and Entertainments	112.25
Balance	$15.10

Entertained and took on Excursions during the year about 250 children.

Donations received in April from Mrs. A. F. Martin, $1.00.

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

May 1st, 1908.

Balance from 1907	$31.09
Received from Legacy Mr. W. Patton Estate	67.50
From Dr. Grammer (for Mr. Hodge)	5.00
Proceeds of Lecture	8.76
Dues from members during the year	10.89
From members for their Christmas Baskets	3.25
Total	$126.49
Expended for Charitable Work	102.27
Balance	$24.22

Dues received in April, Miss M. Wilkins, $1.00.

About 145 garments have been made and given away by this Circle during the year. Brownie suits were made for the Sunday School Entertainment, garments for the Sheltering Arms, Garment Society, Willings Day Nursery and many poor families.

Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets sent to about six families during the holidays.

And the little children had their first outing last year by the kindness of this Circle, about 75 in all.

Next meetings, May 6th and May 20th, Guild Room, Parish House, 8 o'clock.

SHOE FUND.

Year's Report, May 1st, 1908.

Balance from 1907	$1.75
Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	45.00
Donations during the year	14.75
From those receiving shoes	31.14
Total	$92.64
Expended for shoes	88.14
Balance	$4.50

Gave out, new and old, about 250 pairs of shoes and 100 pairs of overshoes.

Fifteen pairs of shoes were given out through Miss Kate Lewis.

The work this year has been very satisfactory, for it has been those in great need who have applied.

Donation in April, Mrs. A. F. Martin, 25 cents; shoes from Miss Bertha Walshe.

In submitting my financial report of the Garment Committee, I desire to say that on account of the lack of work in many directions and the consequent poverty of many to whom we have been ministering, the usefulness of this Committee has been more than ever emphasized.

Beside the attention to several special cases, we have distributed, free, 551 garments to the poor and have enough on hand to start another season.

JULIA De M. LAMMOT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF GARMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEASON OF 1907-1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$29.68
Donations—Miss Bell	1.00
Miss Dulith	1.00
Anonymous	2.00
Rector	20.00
Rummage Sales	12.10
Sale of Clothing	8.85
	$74.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchased 175 garments	$49.53
Balance on hand	25.10
	$74.63

The Garment Society acknowledges with thanks, received in April:

Mrs. McMichael, men's clothing.

Mrs. Taylor, 1 box of new garments.

Mr. G. B. Cochran, a large assortment of men's clothing.

Mrs. Weir Mitchell, men's underwear.

Miss Cleemann, men's trousers.

Mrs. Jos. Clayton, shoes.

Mrs. Whitlock, a box of clothing for men and women.

Mrs. T. B. Clemmens, two large boxes of very useful clothing.

Mrs. E. Davis, a much-needed quantity of women's clothing.

A suit case filled with clothing (without name).

Clothes basketful of all kinds of clothing (without name).

The Altar Society.

The Altar Society presents its twenty-fourth annual report.

The superintendent of the Chancel Committee reports:

A Fair Linen Cloth, embroidered by Miss Matilda Maulsby.

Three squares of Linen for the Communion Service, hemstitched by Miss Ella Headman.

Three Chalice Veils.

Cover for Credence Table.

A Green Stole.

Six Surplices.

The Chancel Committee has performed its regular duties during the past year.

ANNUAL REPORT, MAY 1st, 1908.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1907	$ 19.18
Received from Dr. Grammer	200.00
Received from Mr. Ewell	50.00
Collection for Easter decorations	72.00
Received from the Misses Magee for Easter decorations	25.00
	$366.18

BILLS PAID.

Embroidery lessons	$ 86.07
Flowers	88.50
Linen, silk, fringe and stamping	42.95
Fruit	5.40
Making and embroidering surplices and altar linens	41.25
Palms and freight	8.50
Sundries	10.22
	$282.89
Balance on hand May 1st, 1908	83.29
	$366.18

AGNES M. F. NOBLIT,
Treasurer.

THE EMBROIDERY CLASS COMMITTEE reports. Finished this year:

One green stole.
Two alms mats.
One Purificator.
Two chalice veils.

To be given to a church in Virginia, two white antependiums.

The class has been larger than usual this year. Work on the pall has progressed rapidly.

The Three Arts Club.

The Three Arts Club has completed its third winter, which may justly be described as in many respects the most active, successful, and hopeful since its foundation. Early last fall the club was entirely reorganized under the complete management of the girls themselves. A constitution was drawn up and new officers elected, the former officers being retained as an honorary staff. This plan has worked admirably and resulted in an active and enlivened organization, which more nearly fulfills the purpose for which the club was organized—namely, to provide a social home for young women art students of Philadelphia.

There are forty-eight active members enrolled. Of these, almost all are students of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. There are eight or ten who are studying music under private instruction, but no students of the drama at all, by reason of the fact that there is no consequent dramatic school in the city. It is to be observed that the club is on a more practical working basis than it has ever been before. There has been a decided increase, both in the number of members and in the interest and enthusiasm among members. Yet the increase in numbers is not as great as we had hoped it would be by this time. This, we believe, is due to the fact that, drawing almost exclusively from the students of the Academy of the Fine Arts, there seems to be no channel of approach to the students of other institutions. Thus, the School of Design and the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music and like institutions are unrepresented on the club roll. Another year we hope to be more widely known and to have thus overcome this difficulty.

The pleasure and profit which the past has brought give encouragement for the future. Our ambition is to possess a club house where art students, now scattered about the city in boarding houses, may make their homes, thus making possible a resident and non-resident membership and fulfilling the double purpose of home and club.

E. W. L.

The Farm.

The Farm last summer was open from June 15 to September 15. There were entertained three hundred and twelve guests, the average of whose stay was ten days. Besides, there were one hundred and sixty who spent the day and had dinner. The summer was a most successful one in every way.

We were fortunate in having the Misses Bockius as House Superintendents and are glad to report that they will be in charge again. With their past successful experience we believe they will be even more so this year.

The innovation of having boys last season went so well that the last two weeks in August of this coming summer will be devoted to them.

It seems a pity that they cannot be out earlier to fix up the banks of the dam they built and make the necessary repairs to the chapel they established in the woods, so that the earlier guests may enjoy these two new institutions.

The congregation is especially invited to visit the farm on the Sundays of the 16th and 23d of August, when open air services will be held with the boys as the choir among the trees and flowers.

While the treasurer's report below shows a balance of over $1000, there were several repairs necessary that will take a large part of it.

Among others, the windmill which pumps the water for the house had to be replaced by a new one. A five-year fire insurance policy came due, and new horses had to be bought—and so now the balance with the treasurer will not be as large as last year. The Easter offering this year was a little larger than last year.

The Farm will open on Saturday, June 13th.

The Misses Bockius will have charge again and will be glad to receive all who care to come.

The mothers and babies will be allowed the first two weeks.

Application cards may be had at the church, and until June 1st must be sent there. After that to St. Stephen's Farm, Warminster, Pa. It is well to make as early application as possible.

The last two weeks of August, from the 15th to the 29th, will be reserved for the boys over 12 years of age.

A friend of the Farm sent last year a box of new Edison records for the phonograph, and it would be hard to exaggerate how much pleasure was given to the guests by this thoughtful gift. They were heard so many times as to be almost learned by heart, so another supply of records would be most acceptable. A new croquet set and also a swing are very much needed.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Dr.

Receipts:		
April 1, 1907, Balance on hand ...		$608.36
Donation from Sam'l Moore, Jr.	$500.00	
Donation from E. J. Moore	500.00	
Donation from Mrs. S. Wier Mitchell	400.00	
Donation from Mrs. H. S. Lucas	50.00	
Donation from Miss Susan Stevenson	20.00	
Donation from Mrs. Albert A. Pancoast	25.00	
Donation from J. A. McDowell..	100.00	
Donation from Mrs. Frederick Stovell	18.75	
Donation from Mrs. H. P. Taylor	35.10	
Easter Collection	674.20	
Cash Contributions		2323.05
Potatoes	704.57	
Milk	345.25	
Hay	333.59	
Produce, Vegetables, etc.	218.75	
Cow, four Calves and Pork.....	130.68	
Wheat	158.03	
Sold from the Farm		1890.87
Insurance on horse that died		100.00
Coal sold		6.50
Cash returned		27.64
Interest on Bank Deposit		14.48
		$4970.90
April 1, 1908, Balance		$1050.66

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Payments:		
House Supplies, Groceries, Meat, etc.	$426.30	
Salaries	250.00	
Coal	61.28	
Plumbing	37.03	
Telephone	41.75	
Stationery and Printing	7.80	
Railway Tickets	113.00	
House Expenses		$937.16
Farm Labor	1463.46	
Bran, etc., Cattle Feed	168.13	
Blacksmith	60.00	
Lumber and Hardware, etc.	36.95	
Taxes	55.03	
Repairs	53.25	
Medical (principally at stable) ...	40.87	
Harness	8.40	
Machinery	89.26	
Toll	22.89	
2 Horses, Cow and 8 Pigs	449.00	
Fertilizers and Manure	221.68	
Seeds and Plants	35.64	
Potatoes ($75 Seed Potatoes) ...	248.02	
Insurance	30.50	
Farm Expenses		2983.08
Balance in Bank		1050.66
		$4970.90

Respectfully submitted,

J. HUNTER EWING,
Treasurer.

The Burd School.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

In response to the request made recently, I herewith send you a few items regarding the life of the girls in the Burd Orphan Asylum, or, as by authority of the Vestry, we now very much prefer calling it, The Burd School.

For several reasons I will quote here the words of others, rather than give my own, perhaps, more prejudiced opinions.

It is a great pity indeed that Mrs. Burd could not have seen the beautiful and stately home which her beneficence had secured for her foster-children, all of whom now "rise up and call her blessed," for in common with so many other large-hearted philanthropists, she "builded far better than she knew."

A friend of the school whose good taste is held in high esteem says: "The cluster of buildings in their beauty and dignity, even to the moat about their foundation walls, reminds one of some old English castle of feudal days, while the spires of the chapel standing out so prominently speak most eloquently of the Power and Spirit that rules within."

It is little wonder, then that the love of the girls for this vine-clad home, the only one many of them have ever known, grows in intensity as the years steal away. The surroundings of such a home must have a refining influence upon all who come within its sphere, and account largely, no doubt, for the excellent and honorable record of its many graduates—a record of which we all feel justly proud.

It is the earnest endeavor of all connected with the school to minimize the institutional and magnify the home life as much as possible, and the result is a set of bright, happy, wholesome, natural children, of the same general character, instincts and dispositions of children elsewhere, and not a peculiar entity by themselves, as so many people seem to consider them.

The regular and well-ordered routine of life brings practical instruction of almost every kind, so that the graduate is prepared to meet the stern realities of life and support herself by her own personal endeavor at the early and immature age of eighteen years. Of how many children (either boys or girls) of other families is such ability expected? Judged by such a standard it is readily apparent what each must have accomplished before she goes out into the world as a graduate of the School.

"In this lovely home, filled with sunshine and fresh air, the girls are fully as well, if not far better cared for, mentally, physically and spiritually, than in any similar institution either at home or abroad," is the opinion of one who has traveled extensively, and who is employed in visiting and inspecting institutions. Here, indeed, by the wish and will of Mrs. Burd, "the poor and the destitute are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," and prepared not only for the life of constant toil that awaits them in the near future, but also for that far higher and better life which lies beyond.

Sincerely yours,

S. E. Snively.

Alpha Kappa Column.

This closing year has been the most prosperous the fraternity has ever had. The A. K. Basket Ball team has gained many new members, and the club stands to-day as one of the most prominent of its kind in the city. They have played several games with the basket ball teams of other churches, and in the majority of the matches the A. K. team has been the victor. Next year the club proposes to play a series of games with other clubs, and the managers hope that those in the parish who take an interest in basket ball will view the matches. The baseball club of the Alpha Kappa has started its season, and the first game will be played at the Burd Asylum on May 30th. They will play the members of Mr. Ewell's Bible Class. The dramatic committee has done excellent work during the past season in the productions they have staged, and all the entertainments have been well attended by members of the various societies of the church. Mr. Moore had charge of the first entertainment, producing "Left in Charge." Mr. Bush had charge of the second performance, at which "Sunset" and "The Littlest Girl" were played. The annual production this season, "An Unconditional Surrender," was under the management of Mr. Kolb, with Mr. Moore as stage director. Twenty cents was charged as admission to the latter, and the proceeds were devoted to the purchasing of new scenery and footlights. The scenery was repainted and several scenic effects were added to the stage. This opportunity is taken to thank the young ladies who so kindly helped us in our productions with their appreciated artistic talent. They are: Misses Marion E. Smith, Bessie Wilder, Irene Wilder, Florence Wilder, Grace Hillis, Elsie Hudson, Jennie Whitehead, Loretto de Vine, Charlotte W. Nodine, Ethel Showaker, Lucy Keinath, Marguerite L. Jordan and Clara Feiy. Sincere thanks are also tendered to Miss Sanders and Mr. Fox for their kindness in helping us in our performances. We were favored with the services of Mr. J. Val Yarnall, Jr., of the Browning Society as leading man in our play, "An Unconditional Surrender," for which the Fraternity is sincerely grateful. Special attention must be called to the acting of Miss De Vine, whose rendition of the part, "Belle," was splendid, and the Alpha Kappa hopes that next season we will again be able to secure her appreciative services.

On account of the heavy rain on the evening of the performance, the audience was not as large as was expected. Consequently the pro-

ceeds were less than the expenses. To help to balance the deficit the Alpha Kappa will give a performance on Wednesday evening, May 20th, at which voluntary offerings will be taken at the door.

The closing meeting of the Fraternity will be held on Friday evening, May 22. The first meeting of next season will be in September, at which new officers of the Fraternity will be elected.

JURGEN N. A. KOLB,
Secretary.

A Stranger's Reply to a Stranger.

Philadelphia, April 21, 1908.

My Dear Doctor Grammer:

I have read with interest what "The Stranger within the Gates" said about "gloomy St. Stephens." I, too, may call myself a stranger, but have been differently impressed. The subdued light of this church makes it seem like a holy, solemn place, and I—as a stranger—seek it above all other places in the city because of this.

Its unobtrusive walls, to my mind, are like those required for a work of art, and are such as make the services of the church stand out as a beautiful masterpiece.

I have always felt they contributed to the deep seriousness that prevails in the devout attention given to the services. It would never occur to me to laugh, speak aloud or other than reverently in greeting friends when passing out of this church—if I knew any to greet. And yet, laughter and loud voices prevail in so many churches at close of the service that all of the seriousness of the occasion seems lost before the pews are empty. I wish all churches had the solemnity of St. Stephen's, instead of the worldly, club-like air that prevails in so many under the guise of "sociability," and that sends people out into the world heart-hungry.

When our hearts are really in the attitude of worship, when we pray, do we seek the rooms in our homes with the strongest light? Do we bare our faces to the brightest rays of the sun? Do we not, on the other hand, close our eyes to shut out the light and worldly things, and seek the room of soft light or darkness and seclusion? Is not St. Stephen's more truly a religious retreat as it is than if it had glaring walls?

Twice when death hovered over my home, and the life seemed to be going from those I loved above all others, I sought St. Stephen's as a place where I felt I would be in the presence of God, and where I might ask that those precious lives be spared. I slipped into a pew in the rear of the church at the afternoon services—the services I always attend when I go here—where, unnoticed in the absorbing solemnity of this house of worship, a heart bowed with grief could speak its sorrow in supplication. This was after weeks of watching at the bedside, and when all seemed lost. Should not a true place of worship be a haven of rest at such a time, even to those that the world thinks never worship? Do you think we need enameled walls or glaring lights?

THE STRANGER IN THE PEW.

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

REV. JOHN E. EWELL,
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Hours, 11 to 12 o'clock A. M., daily, except Thursday.
Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807.
Outer Office, Walnut 4687-A.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William Henry Hollar.
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson, Mr. William H. Hansell.
Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen, Jr.,

Organist and Choirmaster.
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.
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Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Elsie L. Baily,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.

CONTRALTO.
Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison.
Miss Nan Barbara Faulkner.

TENOR.
Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. J. Champlyn Sulger.

BASS.
Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing, Mrs. H. T. Lucas.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson, Miss E. Snively.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 P. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President,—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Secretary.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, 1720 Walnut St., Mrs. Russell, 1937 Chestnut St., Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSION.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, 1723 Arch St., Miss Wilkins, 1223 Locust St., Miss Elizabeth Washington, The Lincoln.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, 1723 Walnut St., Miss Lammot.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Laura Bell.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member.—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) first Friday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Maud Lowrey.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Hewson, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Lowrey, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Snively, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Shapley, Miss Henderson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Mrs. Jennie J. Law, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss J. Lockhart, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Ewell.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Crom, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Carrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Bird, Miss Harper.
Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss, Miss E. Snively.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M., Miss Denney.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees.—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Ewell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Secretary.—Miss Elsie Lowrey.
Sewing Class.
President.—Miss Hewson.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Simons.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb.
T.—Adam Hall.
Q.—J. E. Ewell.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.
A.—J. E. Ewell.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor.—Miss Lineaweaver.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Guernsey, Miss Simons.
Pianist.—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Herrick.
Vice-President.—Miss Martenet.
Secretary.—Miss DeChateauneux.
Treasurer.—Miss Thurlow.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. E. J. G. Beardsley.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

Board of Visitors:—Miss Henrietta Sanders, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Alberta Van Dusen, Miss Headman.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

October 4.—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 11.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 18.—St. Luke.
" 25.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 28.—SS. Simon and Jude.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

Ruth Mary Bates.
Margaret Scheyling.
Nana Amelia Weber.
Randolph Archer Goodman.
Fanny Wilding Knox.
Grace Marie Wertz.
Emily Glasse.
Fergus Reed.
Florence Dunn Parker.
Gertrude Elizabeth Parker.
Frank Edward Highly.

MARRIAGES.

Walter deCazenove Douglas, Jr., and Ellen Hewson.
David Guy Anderson and Edith Atmore.
Guy Robert Suding and Kathryn Baer.
William Buckley and Honceita Florence Dowdall.
Clement E. Dillehay and Helen E. Knapp.
Fergus Reed and Florence Newsome.
Edward Crawford Jones and Mary Sophronia Galbraith.
George H. Klingstine and Emily H. Hatton.
William H. Rigler and Agnes Carruthers.

BURIALS.

George L. Crawford.
Camellie Rogers.
J. Walter Steele.
M. Anna Treloar.
Margaret G. Mitchell.
Elizabeth G. Wilson.
Emma Talbert.
Emily Glasse.
Charles H. Miller.
Anna Loughead.
Johanna Olga Nurick.
James Blocksem.
Samuel L. Pemberton.
Elizabeth Eastwood.

Summer Offerings.

General Charity	$709 57
Through Mr. Ewell	45 00
Theological Education	47 60
Indian Missions	54 11
Parochial Maintenance	54 38
Tuberculosis Class	35 00
Summer Choir	122 00
Farm	828 45
Total	$1,896 11

While the Jewish ecclesiastical year began in the spring, with the month Abib, the opening of their civil year was dated from the beginning of the seventh month, Tisri, which about corresponds with our October. In recognizing that the fall is a true time of inauguration, the Jews showed their usual insight into realities. After the harvest the farmer makes a beginning for the next year's crop; after the holiday of summer comes the season of work; after the lassitude from the heat, come new plans and endeavors at the invigorating touch of the cold.

All the great educational agencies open their sessions in the fall. It is true that the church dates her formal calendar from Advent, but actually, in the city churches at any rate, the true opening of the ecclesiastical year begins in October, with the return to town of the congregation. Happy the minister who does not find his formal opening a moveable feast, that grows later and later. I hope that this year the first Sunday of October may find the people back in their pews.

The country is a fine place for quiet meditation, but the city is better for active service. St. Anthony of Padua is said to have preached to the fishes, but it would have been wiser in the Saint if he had proclaimed his message where it was more applicable. Divine service can nowhere be so well rendered as in the midst of sorrows, needs, temptations, sins and crimes of a great city. There prayer and praise, the preached word and the solemn rite have an added meaning. The city people go out to the country for their bodily health and it is possible that it would be well for country people to come and serve in the philanthropy and mission work of a city for their spiritual health. Certainly few things are worse than ecclesiastical vagrancy. It is well, after having chosen our church to stand by it and keep it. So I hope that our church workers will soon take their places and that the machinery may soon be working in full power.

There is much to do. Our Woman's Auxiliary ought to be enlarged, and have on its roll every woman in the congregation. It ought to raise more money by gaining more members, and securing more definite pledges.

Our Young Men's Societies need to be brought into closer touch with the church. It seems to the rector that the time has come to organize a chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew.

The Tuberculosis Class has done good work and helped over 50 persons. At present it has 13 patients. The physician in charge is encouraged, and believes that a useful work is being done. We look up the people for him, bring them to his notice, and aid the patients to a more generous diet. This additional charity has been a heavy drain on our funds, and I trust that the congregation will bear it in mind in their offerings.

The Three Arts Club, founded over two years ago, has proven to meet a real need and prospered and is now considering whether it can not flit to some larger quarters than we can provide for it in our Parish House.

Our chief need is that more people should bear a hand. A curious person reading over the reports of the numerous charitable organizations of Philadelphia, made a computation of the number of givers, and found that large as the lists appeared, when they were all added together, the numbers shrank under analysis to only three thousand names. Three thousand out of a city of a million and a half inhabitants! I do not believe that the proportion of helpers is as bad as that in our churches, but it is far too small. When I see how a faithful few struggle to maintain the feeble country churches, I sometimes feel that the city churches do not know how to give in proportion to their numbers and their wealth.

Besides the Tuberculosis Class your rector has undertaken to aid a student for the ministry. Our church needs ministers, and it needs educated ministers. Unless we aid young men to procure the necessary collegiate training, I do not see how it is possible for a young man of average abilities to get into the ministry, unless he has private means. It is an honor to a church to send a young man into the ministry.

From these remarks it will be inferred that your rector will soon be appealing for money and sending out collectors for the Church Work Fund.

With the first Sunday of October begins the fourth year of his rectorship. By this time the congregation and rector ought to be fairly well acquainted and settled down to good work together. May He who has led this church and community so many years, continue His guidance. The populations of the great cities are shifting more and more to the suburbs. In the transition, habits of church attendance are lost, and the suburban chapels of ease are unable to train in habits of service like the downtown churches. But we must not lose heart or hope or bate a jot in effort. It is good to hold a post where rich and poor meet together and worship can be closely united with service. Let us take as our motto for the year, the legend on New Haven's shield—*Qui transtulit sustinet.*

C. E. G.

A Notice for the Jefferson Students.

St. Stephen's is the nearest church to the Jefferson Medical College and Hospital. The clergy are anxious to be of any service either to the students or to the patients. They will gladly respond to any call from the hospital and cordially invite the students to attend the services and make themselves known to the clergy.

Report of Parish Visitor.

The summer is past—the harvest is over, and we are ready after our vacation, to take up our work again of visiting the sick and helping the needy to help themselves, and to do what our church commands of her children —"Bear ye one another's burdens."

The visiting and work among the poor did not altogether cease this summer as the Parish Visitor continued her visits during the heated periods of June and July and well into the torrid weather of August.

The unintermittent hot weather of the past summer was very hard on our people who were too ill to be sent to the country for even a few days; but the farm proved a blessing to the many who spent a week or two there, mothers with babies, sick or well, and the little children, to them the farm was a perfect Godsend.

One sad feature of the summer's work, was the death of a little baby belonging to a young English couple, the child was anæmic and could not stand the heat. We buried the baby and did the little that we could.

Now that our congregation are returning home, we hope for generous contributions with which to carry on our work. There will be much to do and our treasury is depleted, but

as soon as the money comes in, the winter work can begin in earnest.

K. H. Lewis.

The Farm.

A great deal of the church's activity in summer is transferred from Tenth street to the farm in Bucks county.

This season was a most active one. There were more guests entertained than ever before. Averaging the numbers there were 456 people entertained for 1 3-4 weeks, equalling 798 for one week.

Besides there were 236 extra meals provided, most of these being served on Thursdays, when members of the Mothers' Meeting spent the day at the farm.

The holidays of July Fourth and Labor Day were devoted mostly to merry house-parties of the Girls' Friendly.

The services held in the woods this year were largely attended. There are in the neighborhood two institutions where children are cared for who attended our services in a body. The Boys' Fife and Drum Corps of the Orange Home, often rendered their assistance and made the services quite spirited. Soloists from the city also came out and made the woods rich with the harmony of their voices. The good influence of the farm has thus made itself felt throughout the whole community.

The following are extracts from a letter an invalid father wrote home to his daughter while he was spending a week with the boys. From these we can get a genuine inside view of the farm and its working and thank God that so much happiness and fresh air can be distributed through the agency of St. Stephen's Church:

"As I had promised to write to you a long letter as I could, to tell you all about St. Stephen's Farm, and what I thought of it, I know how you love St. Stephen's Farm because you had told me so much about it, what a fine time you had up here with the girls, and now I am going to tell you about my week's vacation on the dear farm, with these darling boys. I arrived all right about 5 o'clock at that very handsome station of Hatboro. The railroad company must have been spending a great deal of money on that station. After I had my rolling chair, I went along the platform, where I saw the first sight of St. Stephen's Farm, written on the omnibus.

We soon started. It was nearly filled, but none of the new boys spoke a word. Everybody was quiet. You would have thought we were going to a funeral, or some sad affair like that. After a good long ride through the beautiful country, which I enjoyed very much, we all at once were surrounded by a lot of boys, shouting and cheering.

Well, I thought we must be near the farm, they were making such a noise that I thought we were out in the west where stage coaches are held up. Then we turned in a side road and there lay the dear old farm before us. There were so many smiling, happy faces to welcome us, that I felt quite at home. About five or ten minutes after our arrival the supper bell rang, (you know the sound of that bell you love so well). No one needed any coaxing. All the dear boys, large and small, were rushing in; but my goodness, what a noise they made. I thought that they were a lot of lunatics let loose on a beautiful farm. I really thought I had struck the wrong place, and I did not think these dear boys were quite so sweet as they really proved later to be.

I only admired the wonderful patience of Miss Frances Bockius and Miss Elizabeth Bockius, Mr. Ewell and Mr. Streaker. I was only wondering what these noisy boys would do next. I expected any crazy thing, but I was told that this was nothing when the girls get started, when they are up here, so I felt thankful that the girls were not here, otherwise it might have been worse. I could not go to sleep until sunrise, and that is about the time some of these darlings rise and wake everybody else up, so, of course, I had to get up too.

But now Sunday morning started in better; the boys were not half so noisy. I soon found out that the noise they made in the evening was an outbreak of happiness and joy in being so fortunate as to be out in God's lovely country. You could see nothing but happy, smiling faces everywhere.

At 9.30 A. M. there was flag raising. All the dear fellows assembled around the flag pole the smallest one, (little Fritz from Switzerland) raised the flag while every one joined heartily in singing "America," and just before the flag was raised, we had our pictures taken. These pictures, no doubt, will appear in the Parish News, as they like to have something extra pretty in it sometimes.

After this the boys were all divided in squads to do police duty, to straighten up the lawn, and pick up any waste paper. Every one of the boys did it so cheerfully. Then I went to visit Molly, the pretty calf. We soon were such good friends,

and she was stuck on me (no wonder) that the calf and I had quite a lovely time, and I spent more time there than I really had to spare, because it reminded me so much of you, (it was so handsome). After this I went to see the pigs. They also were very glad to see me, but as they were not washed yet, I did not stay quite so long. I also went to see the horses; the cows I could not see as they were away from home, so I postponed my visit for another day.

Sunday afternoon we had an open air service in the woods. The impression it made on me I shall not soon forget. There must have been about 350 people all together. There were nearly 200 children, all joining heartily in singing the hymns, followed with addresses by Mr. Streaker and Mr. Ewell. What a beautiful sight it was to see such a service in the woods. The sun was just setting, and this made it even more pretty.

There were 72 people all together at both dinner and supper on this day, but all was so well arranged that everything went off so smoothly. There was plenty of everything, and everything was so good.

These boys are playing baseball all day and

I have a boy sleeping in my room who even plays baseball in his sleep. He talks in his sleep. In the afternoon the smaller boys went for a hay ride, Mr. Streaker taking care of them. When they went, they were singing "We Won't be Home Till Morning," but they came home pretty soon as it commenced to rain shortly after they left, but they did not get very wet. After supper we were all in the parlor where we had lots of fun. In the night there came an awful storm with very heavy rain, and it was so cold in the morning that everybody was shivering with cold..

The boys played all day in the barn where they seemed to have the greatest fun, because every little while they brought in one of the wounded ones, but after they were bandaged up, they would go back to the same game. The boys who were operated on by Mr. Ewell, said that "Mr. Ewell is a good preacher, a good doctor, and he would also make a good butcher, because he could butcher out the splinters so nice."

When the girls left to make room for the boys, there was a swing in the barn for the girls, but it was a good thing the swing was taken down, otherwise half of them would have been hurt. With all the rain and cold, oh what fun they had, enjoying themselves to their hearts' content. The kind Misses Bockius had the parlor nice and warm for me. The boys had a fine fire in the laundry. These two kind ladies made it comfortable for everybody. They are real house mothers, indeed. I forgot to tell you, after the boys went on the hay ride, it was so quiet that I could hear the birds sing for the first time, but it seemed so lonely, then even the dear sunshine went away with these darlings. That evening we had lots of amusement in the parlor; everybody was there, and when we went to bed everybody covered themselves up well, as it was almost freezing

Thursday morning came, and it still rained, with no clear weather in sight, and to amuse these 40 boys, was no easy matter, but they surprised me how nice they could behave, and why, because they were treated with such love and kindnesses. If any of those boys had any little trouble, they would come and bring it before the ladies and their troubled hearts were soon soothed. If any of the little ones became a little homesick, they come and these house mothers put their arms around them, just like their own mothers, and their homesickness flies away and is soon forgotten. And so these dear ladies care for those boys with such patience, and such Christian love, that the boys cannot help but obey. I never heard a harsh word since I have been up here. I never could imagine how all these boys could be managed. But in such a Christian home, it is no wonder that these boys are so happy. I forget my pains and affliction, and am a boy again amongst such happy boys.

Friday was the day of all kinds of sports, for which prizes were given. In the afternoon there was a great baseball game, between the Hatboro boys and St. Stephen's boys. The St. Stephen's boys won. In the evening we had a farewell entertainment, when the prizes were given to those who had won the first prizes in the games. Then the housemothers and the rest of the household were presented with little tokens of gratitude, in remembrance of the boys. You should have heard the speeches by everyone, it would have touched your heart. I trust that is nothing against the boys, so they all can have the privilege to come back next year. I shall count it a privilege if I shall be able to go once more next year, because it was my happiest vacation, and I never laughed so much for many years, as I laughed with these boys."

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in June:	
S. M. C.	$5 00
Mr. W. H. Hollar	5 00
Miss Cleemann	1 00
July. From Church Fund through Dr. Grammer	25 00
August:	
Mrs. Martin	2 00
Mr. Charles L. Stovell	5 00
Total	$43 00

The excursion to Sedgeley, September 5th, was a very enjoyable one, about 86 persons in all. The children enjoyed the trolley ride out, and were ready to play their little games on reaching the park, but somehow they always enjoy themselves better after Mr. Jackson Black's wagon has arrived, and they have had some of his ice cream and good cake. Recitations and songs followed and they arrived home about 7 o'clock.

Summer work is over and it is hoped that the children's kind friends will not forget them, so that they may have some entertainments during the winter.

E. S. V.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will hold their first meeting October 21st, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, at 8 o'clock. Will be glad to see any one who would like to help do good to others *in His name.*

SHOE FUND.

Donation received, June, July and August:
Mrs. A. F. Martin ..... $ .75

Summer Services.

The evening services held in June and July were greatly handicapped by the torrid weather. Still they were fairly attended. In August our church records indicate an increased attendance over other years, and this shows the advantage people who stay home in the summer take of an open church.

Card System.

During the summer a card system of the parish has been inaugurated. The antique lists of the church have been thoroughly gone over and revised to the best of our knowledge. Now the communicants and members can help very much by consulting at convenient times our new records and tell us of errors. Also any new addresses will be much appreciated. Faithful visiting is an impossibility without correct statistics.

Potatoes.

The farm produced this year about 1,000 bushels of potatoes. This is our principal crop, and we had hoped to have reported a much larger product, but the drought in July blasted our large hopes. They are for sale now. Orders may be sent to Mr. Ewell at the Parish House. The potatoes are of the usual high grade, which makes St. Stephen's farm famous.

Our Summer Sunday School.

The rain of May 30th last, kept the annual Decoration Day Picnic indoors in the Sunday School rooms and gave us a jolly and novel time, yet interfered with all those expected merry-makings and our May Queen Festival, on our yearly visit to the Burd School Woodland. The next day, Sunday, being clear, brought a very large attendance to the closing day of the spring sessions. The yearly diplomas were awarded, and with memories of Mr. McMichael, who instituted them, the closing day was in every way a success.

At once followed a good attendance to the sessions of the Summer Sunday School. We had the advantage of Dr. Grammer's teaching of the lessons during the Sundays of June. Our lessons being Old Testament "Bible Characters," from David to Josiah. Mr. Ewell and the writer were the teachers during August and September.

The School Outings were: An afternoon in June with our Rector to the farm, and on the first of August to Sedgeley, when Miss Taggert, Miss Goss and Mr. Kirkpatrick gave the Infant School a good time in the park. And again, when on August 8th, we had our third annual excursion to Cape May. It was a delightfully spent day by the sea—not forgetting the ocean bath nor the canteloupe feast on the bay shore.

Our winter societies should remember our Summer School and plan to assist in its usefulness and help to enlarge the joys of its excursions.

Again the Summer School serves as a nucleus to further the purpose of our farm, by being in session, and thus in touch with the farm in its season. Besides, the lessons of the school have been repeated and taught each Sunday afternoon or evening in the woodland or on the farm lawn, or in its parlor, thus uniting happy gatherings of from 50 to 225, with hymns, prayer and Christian thought.

We are indebted to all for their assisting presence—to Miss Goss for her loyal attention to the younger scholars, and to Dr. Wood and Miss Harper for music in June and July. We believe the Summer Sessions have been serving a good purpose and we hope for their continuance and improvement.

G. H. S.

Woman's Bible Class.

Since the day Dr. Grammer transferred the Bible Class to Miss Denney's care, we have never regretted the action taken, and now, although we are not really a Bible Class, we still retain the name. Joining forces in this manner we have had the opportunity of having class picnics this summer, not restricting, however, the outings to members of our class only, as we have always tried to make any others who have accompanied us feel welcome.

During June a party of us enjoyed a trip to Wissahickon, where Miss Minnie Corrigan became famous as a photographer; she positively stated she had snapped us while out rowing, but when the picture came to light we were nowhere visible; might state, too, that Miss Sherrard showed her talent as an expert oarsman.

As this affair proved such a success we decided to have another, and not long after were entertained by Miss Sherrard at her summer home in Flourtown. Those who have had this charming experience can certainly not soon forget the hospitality extended to us, as we were not merely guests but regular picnickers with free play of the premises. Mr. Streaker, who accompanied us on this trip, delighted us with several stories which can be related with best effect out of doors on a moonlight night, when all Nature seems mysterious, and creepy things run up and down one's back.

In August a party of us went to Willow Grove, which picnic occurring on the day the boys went to the farm, we were deserted by Mr. Streaker; we were wise enough to know that any amount of persuasion on our part would prove futile, therefore did not press our cause. We were very fortunate, however, in having with us Mr. Whilldin who, like Mr. Streaker, didn't seem in the least perturbed at escorting a Sunday School class of girls from place to place; in fact, he seemed to rather enjoy it. We had a royal time on this day, as together with the music and the various amusements along the promenade we were not without something to do the short time we were there.

On September 26th we were again invited out to Flourtown, and, though the weather was very doubtful, six of us made our appearance. We spent the afternoon rambling through the country picking flowers and gathering autumn leaves. In the evening we played charades, and much to our surprise a great deal of hitherto undiscovered talent came to light. After having had a delightful day we started for home, our only regret being that this was to be the last of our picnics, and although next summer is a whole year away we are already making plans for its diversion.

J. E. W.

Appeal of Garment Committee.

DEAR MR. EWELL:—

Will you kindly have a notice inserted in the parish paper for October, asking the congregation to remember the Garment Committee this autumn? If, during the housecleaning time they find any clothes they can send, it will be greatly appreciated. The poverty last winter made the demands upon the Committee very heavy and there seems to be no bettering of conditions so far, so we must prepare for the same number and quality of calls upon us this year. Please also, say that contributions of money from those who have no garments to send, will be most acceptable. The rooms will be open to applicants for clothing the first Tuesday in October.

Very truly yours,
JULIA DE M. LAMMOT.

30 September.

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

Rev. S. E. Snively, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

Rev. John E. Ewell,
1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, Miss K. H. Lewis,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Hours, 11 to 12 o'clock A. M., daily, except Thursday.
Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807.
Outer Office, Walnut 4687-*A.*

Vestry.

Mr. L. C. Cleemann, *Church Warden.*
Mr. Beauveau Borie, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William Henry Hollar.
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson, Mr. William H. Hansell.
Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen, Jr.,

Organist and Choirmaster.
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Elsie L. Baily,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison.
Miss Nan Barbara Faulkner.

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. J. Champlyn Sulger.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.
Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
Holy Baptism at any Service.
Sunday-School, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
Rev. S. E. Snively, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Asylum Chapel Services.

Sundays, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
Daily, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
Holy Communion, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

Officers.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

Managers.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Stratton, Miss E. C. Washington, Mrs. George L. Crawford, Miss Ewing, Mrs. H. S. Lucas.

Honorary Member.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

Cutting Committee.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Noble, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson, Miss E. Snively.

Parcelling Committee.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 P. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Monday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President,—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

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Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Snively, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Shapley, Miss Henderson, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Mrs. Jennie J. Law, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss J. Lockhart, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Ewell.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Crom, Miss Ayres, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Carrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Bird, Miss Harper.
Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss, Miss E. Snively.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M., Miss Denney.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees.—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss Cleeman, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Ruth Simons.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Shapley, Miss Henderson, Miss Taylor.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb.
T.—Adam Hall.
Q.—J. E. Ewell.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.
A.—J. E. Ewell.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Guernsey, Miss Shellenberger.
Pianist.—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Herrick.
Vice-President.—Miss Martenet.
Secretary.—Miss DeChateauneux.
Treasurer.—Miss Thurlow.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. Isaac Hampshur Jones.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

Board of Visitors:—Miss Henrietta Sanders, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Alberta Van Dusen, Miss Headman.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
" 8.—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 15.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 22.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 29.—Advent Sunday.
" 30.—St. Andrew.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

Lloyd Lewis Bodie.
Florence Serena Myers.

MARRIAGES.

John W. Bredell and Marie Barton Gunther.

BURIALS.

Constantine H. Williamson.
William Linwood Eckels.
Louise O'Brian.
Mabelle Sproul.

Offerings in October.

Church Work Fund:—		
Miss Tilghman	$30 00	
Mr. C. Howard Colket	25 00	
Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr.	50 00	
		$105 00
General charities		$197 24
Through Miss Lewis		11 50
Children's Friend Society		44 00
Shoe Fund		1 00
Parochial maintenance		58 77
From Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr.:—		
Shoe Fund	$10 00	
Miss Lewis Fund	15 00	
Thanksgiving dinners	25 00	
		50 00
Total		467 51

Offertories for November.

1st Sunday.—General Charities.
2d Sunday.—General Charities.
3d Sunday.—Female Benevolent Society.
4th Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.
5th Sunday.—Tuberculosis Class.

The Church Work Fund.

This month the appeals will be sent out in behalf of the Church Work Fund. The amount usually contributed is about $1,400, which constitutes the Rector's official purse for financing the various societies and carrying out his plans in general. Out of it he publishes the PARISH NEWS and the advertisements of the services, and also gives the Altar Society the money for the flowers which decorate our Chancel, and afterwards are sent to the sick or to the hospitals. To almost every society he makes an appropriation out of this fund. As an illustration of its usefulness, the Three Arts Club may be cited. This club was made possible by a liberal appropriation from the Rector, which enabled it to procure a piano, and get the necessary equipment. It has proven to meet a real need, and has outgrown its old quarters. It begins this year with great enthusiasm with a studio of its own on Walnut street, although it will continue to have its business meetings in our Parish House. Out of the same fund the necessary equipment was procured for our boys' club. Teachers also are paid out of it for special work in connection with our various societies.

The importance of the fund is well known to the older members of St. Stephen's, and, as the acknowledgments of the month show, some contributions have been already sent in before the appeal has been made. My reason for particularly emphasizing it here, is that I hope the new members who have come to our Church this fall, will appreciate the importance of this purse, and contribute to it. The great difficulty in the maintenance of Church work and philanthropic endeavors of all kinds is that the burdens are not distributed widely enough. If every one would give something this fund would easily pass our mark of $1,400, which it is necessary to reach if we are not to be cramped in our activities.

The Sunday afternoon lectures until June will be upon *The Social and Ethical Teachings of Jesus*. They will be based upon the Outline Bible Study Course issued by the American Institute of Sacred Literature, which will be used as a kind of syllabus. It is prepared by the well-known author and scholar Prof. Shailer Mathews. The first lecture was given on November 1st, and the attendance was good. The large number of men was particularly gratifying. These are lectures and not exhortations. Their main purpose is instruction and not excitation. It is believed, however, that their total influence will be not merely clarifying, but also stimulative to zeal and good works. A course on the ethical aspects of Christianity ought to fill a useful purpose in a great city.

While the attendance is most encouraging it is a matter of regret that more have not taken the syllabus. It is a guide for Bible reading and will repay study. Moreover, it supplies the pegs on which the lecturer's comments are hung. It is to be hoped that more copies will be taken next Sunday. They can be had of the Verger in the Vestry before or after the service. The price is fifty cents.

The cornerstone of a new dormitory for the University of Pennsylvania was laid last month with appropriate ceremonies. It is being erected by the Mask and Wig Club out of its earnings as a memorial to its first President, Clayton Fotterall McMichael. The prayer was offered by Dr. Grammer, an original poem was read, and addresses were made by Provost Harrison and Vice-Provost Smith. The Provost pronounced a tender and discriminating eulogy upon Mr. McMichael and did not fail to speak of his loyalty to his Church as one of the great elements of strength and beauty in his character. It was an affecting moment, when the boyish voice of our former Superintendent's son was heard declaring in fresh, youthful tones that "this stone is truly and well-laid." One could but feel that the life whose influence lay behind this generous gift of a dramatic club was a stone that had been "truly and well laid" in the great structure all of us are building together.

In another place the account will be given of the opening meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's for the season. Some of the committees were enlarged, and it was pleasant to welcome so many new members. Every woman of the Church ought to be a member of this auxiliary. It would be best that they should be both contributors and attendants, but it is hoped that those who cannot attend the monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 11 o'clock in the Parish House will unite as contributing members and so help the cause. The next meeting, November 19, will be addressed on the interesting and moving subject of the Churchless and Neglected Mountaineers of our Appalachian System, especially in the Blue Ridge—by the Rev. F. W. Neve, who is an Archdeacon over this work.

The following extract from the last number of the *Hibbert Journal* contains a salutary and bracing thought in view of the prevalent assumption in many quarters that pain ought not to exist—that it is of necessity an evil.

"There are multitudes who are staggered and perplexed by the daily tragedies and the heart-sickening conditions of life surrounding us on all sides, who yet desire to find and keep hold of a courageous and dutiful way of meeting the facts of experience; who can find no satisfaction either in denying the reality of pain, or in blaspheming against the Author of Life and Order. These ask not what God ought to allow, but how we ought to meet that which is allowed; not whether the infliction of pain can be morally justified, but whether the endurance of it can be made morally profit-

able. They ask not for consolation but for strength. Possibly there may be no consolation to be had, but there is always the need to endure. If we can but find firm ground on which to stand upright and to meet our lot without loss of self-respect or lowering of aim, it will be time enough after the battle has been fought and won to ask how the conflict arose. Meanwhile, it is in fighting the battle that we shall answer such questions as it behooves us to ask."

Our new leading soprano, Mrs. Philip Cooke, sang for the first time on November 1st. She is the choice of Dr. Wood for this responsible post, and we feel confident that the balance and harmony of our choir will be maintained with this new singer in the place that was so long filled by Madame Suelke. Every singer has her own gift, and everyone must have felt the freshness and fervor of Mrs. Cooke's voice, trying as the ordeal of a first Sunday must have been.

C. E. G.

Report of Parish Visitor.

The unexpected has happened — which proves the old legend a libel—the legend that the fairies gave a party and invited all the Virtues, both great and small; and to that party came two Virtues that had never met, Benevolence and Gratitude; for Gratitude has met our Benevolence in the form of one man sending us money for shoes, hose and other wear, that we had given him; thus showing a gratitude that was most gratifying, and we learned that he has secured a situation, which he never could have gotten had we not helped him with the clothing. The money he sent us we passed on to help other needy ones.

More than one situation has presented itself by our giving an outfit suitable for a neat respectable appearance. Mrs. H. S. Lucas will be glad to learn that the man for whom she gave the suit of clothes has been reported as doing good and profitable work.

We have been able, through the kindness of the managers of the Lincoln Institution and Educational Home, to place a poor, homeless little boy with them where he will have a good home for years. We are most grateful to the managers.

One of the visits this month was to a couple who attend our Church regularly and have done so for two years they say. They come early that their shabby clothes may not be seen, and try to avoid the eyes of those around them by getting out as quickly as possible after the service; they feel their poverty keenly—the man has to come in his working clothes and is very brave in doing so—he is on half work, and the pay is poor. I would be glad for help for them; they need clothing and any household articles, for the grandmother and child have no bed to sleep on, and have been sleeping on the floor this fall. A bedstead with mattress and bedding would be acceptable; also anything else to make these worthy people comfortable, especially a suit of men's clothes, small size.

An appeal to St. Stephen's congregation is never in vain, is the thought that comforts me in my work among the deserving and worthy poor.

K. H. Lewis.

The Garment Society wish to acknowledge, with thanks the following donations: A box from Radnor containing six new petticoats; from Mrs. J. A. Cressville, men's clothing with overcoat; Miss J. Lewis, a woman's suit and rain coat; Miss F. Goss, clothing for women and girls; Mrs. Taylor, a basket filled with tumblers of jelly for the sick.

Julia de M. Lammot,
President.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held its first meeting of the season in the Guild-room on Thursday, October 22d. Forty-three members were present, an attendance somewhat larger than it has been in the past. Some new members were enrolled, who responded to Dr. Grammer's invitation to every woman of St. Stephen's to become a member of this organization. The forecast of the winter's work is most interesting. Meetings are to be held regularly once a month at which addresses will be made by prominent missionaries and mission workers. The usual committees to work in the interest of specific missions, and delegates to the Diocesan Auxiliary have been appointed.

The address at the first meeting was made by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, a missionary of our Church in Liberia, Africa. Mr. Matthews spoke with greatest earnestness and hopefulness of his work among a people, many of whom are little above a state of cannibalism and savagery. He said the children were the hope of the missionary; and it is the children of that locality that the mission school aims to instruct and uplift to a higher standard of life. This mission school was established sixty-five or seventy years ago, and had its beginning in a little mud house, with only a lay reader to conduct the services. It now has a membership of seventeen hundred, and they hope some time to have an industrial school. There are Mohammedans in that part of Liberia, but they are, strangely enough, not antagonistic to Mr. Matthews' Christian work, and on one occasion even lent him their Mosque in which to hold a meeting. Mr. Matthews closed his address with an earnest appeal for more men and women (most particularly men are needed) to help in Liberia, which though perhaps one of the most difficult fields of mission work, he describes as also one of great hope.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, November 19th, at eleven o'clock in the Parish House. And we would repeat Dr. Grammer's invitation to all women of the congregation to join this society, which is of special interest in that it brings its members in touch with the work of the Church both at home and abroad.

E. W. L.

Sunday School Notes.

The Sunday School is flourishing. We have heartily welcomed three new teachers—Mr. Hansell (of our Vestry), and the Misses Harper.

The primary department has particularly advanced in numbers and discipline.

The Bible classes—the women's, under Miss Denney, and the men's under Mr. Ewell, are well attended and interested in their sessions. Many of the school enjoyed the October outing of Miss Denney's class to Bartram's Gardens, and it is hoped that other classes will be the leaders in similar instructive excursions.

The annual evening for Prayers for Sunday Schools, held at Christ Church, Germantown, October 19th, had a good representation of our teachers present; surely we will not forget the inspiration of that occasion.

We are now members of the Sunday School Association of this Diocese, which will hold its general sessions again this winter, and all of us should try and be present. We were represented by our Assistant Superintendent at the County Sabbath School's annual convention, on October 24th. This aims to unite all schools and give a broader view to Sunday School work, and a chance to interchange ideas and thus to produce better methods and give a stimulus to all. Our teachers would get many helpful suggestions by attending this institute.

The meetings of our own teachers, recently held at our Rector's home, under his guidance, have brought good results, by producing more united efforts and better organization in our endeavors to train and win young souls for righteousness in the Great Cause of the Christ.

There is always room for more scholars and more workers, and for more material to work with. We need a big wall clock that all may see and know the time to promptly follow the schedule of the school. Also we would like to have an electric stereopticon to assist in illustrating our lessons on Sundays or at special evening sessions. Possibly some reader of this may be made happy in the privilege of giving the school assistance in these matters.

G. H. S.

Postscript.—The suggestion of our correspondent has already borne fruit, and $5 has been subscribed by a friend who heard of it.

Sixty dollars will be needed. Contributions may be sent to Mr. Geo. H. Streaker, at the Church, or given to the Verger.—Ed.

Alpha Kappa Notes.

The Alpha Kappa has started off to do a vigorous winter's work among the boys and young men of the parish.

The Juniors are now well organized in their United States Senate. Mr. Streaker and Mr. Cummins compose the committee from the Senior Department of the Society which have the young boys under their charge.

New officers have been elected and committees have been appointed for the year. The Athletic Committee has decided to make athletics self-governed. The different basket ball teams have the use of the hall for allotted evenings in the week, and the captains are responsible entirely for that time. Lockers are also being provided for the use of the boys. The great need is that there be a place for the use of the boys where they can play games and assemble at any time during the evenings. A movement for such a place is being made. A shuffle board would be most desirable in such a club room. The price of such a board is $85, but we still hope to have one.

The Ritual Committee has done good work this fall, and has a completed ritual to submit to the Society.

The Dramatic Committee is busy in the preparation of a play for the near future.

The Orchestra has started its rehearsals.

One of our great aims this year is that the young men of this Society be brought into close connection with the Church. A good start has already been made in this direction by an increased attendance of the young men at Sunday School. It will be good to see more of the men's faces in regular places at Church. The Rector last year promised an Alpha Kappa pew if attendance warranted it. Let us hold him to his promise!

Children's Friend Society.

Donation from Mrs. H. F. Martin, 25 cents. F. Martin, $1.00.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle have their next meetings November 4th and 25th.

October 21st, the first meeting of the season was well attended. Three new members were showing an interest and hoping to do good to others *In His Name.*

Shoe Fund.

Donation received in October from Mrs. H.

It is purposed to start this most needy work as soon as the closet is in order and more shoes on hand.

Nearly 300 pairs of shoes and 200 pairs of overshoes were given out last year. All who applied and could give 50 or 25 cents did so, and felt far happier as they were helping others as well as being helped themselves. The winter was a very hard one and the demand great, so the closet is empty, but it is hoped that donations of all kinds will come. When you are doing your winter cleaning send us your second hand shoes, as wide as you have.

Send for the Shoe Fund, in care of Miss Mary Jeffries, or Mrs. Vanderslice, Parish House, Tuesdays.

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Miss Nan Barbara Faulkner.

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. J. Champlyn Sulger.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

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Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Crombarger, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. K. Jewell, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Hutchinson, Miss E. Snively.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 P. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. H. C. Whitlock, Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.45 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

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Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. John E. Ewell.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Snively, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Shapley, Miss Henderson, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Meets on Fridays, at Parish House, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedly, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Mrs. Jennie J. Law, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss J. Lockhart, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Ewell.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss E. Bertha Yocum, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Ayres, Miss Schellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Carrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Bird, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss, Miss E. Snively.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher, Rev. J. E. Ewell; Sunday, 9.50 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M., Miss Denney.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees.—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denny.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Raynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss Cleeman, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Miss Lippincott.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Ruth Simons.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Taylor, Miss Berry, Miss Harper, Miss Katherine MacAfee.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb.
T.—Adam Hall.
Q.—J. E. Ewell.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.
A.—J. E. Ewell.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Guernsey, Miss Shellenberger.
Pianist—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Herrick.
Vice-President.—Miss Martenet.
Secretary.—Miss DeChateauneux.
Treasurer.—Miss Thurlow.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. Isaac Hampshur Jones.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

Board of Visitors:—Miss Henrietta Sanders, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Alberta Van Dusen, Miss Headman.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 6.—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 13.—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 16-19.—Ember Days.
" 20.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 21.—S. Thomas, Apostle.
" 25.—Christmas Day.
" 26.—S. Stephen, Martyr.
" 27.—S. John, Evangelist.
" 28.—Holy Innocents.

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

Mildred Elliott.

MARRIED.

Amos F. Rapp and Mary H. Harvey.

BURIALS.

Elizabeth N. Warrington.
Charles H. Hinkson.

Offerings in November.

General Charity	$240 11
Female Benevolent	67 45
Parochial Maintenance	78 26
Through Miss Lewis	24 50
Episcopal Hospital	215 21
Mrs. M. H. Tilghman for Tuberculosis	25 00
King's Daughters	2 60
Shoe Fund	1 25
Through Mr. Ewell	11 00

CHURCH WORK FUND.

Miss Julia Garrett	$200 00
Dr. and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	100 00
Mr. E. J. Moore	50 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00
Mrs. R. E. Pancoast	25 00
Mrs. E. B. Judson	10 00
Mrs. J. M. Hansell	5 00
Mrs. C. M. Richardson	50 00
Mr. L. C. Cleemann	25 00
Miss C. T. Rynard	25 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Mr. J. Austin McDowell	50 00
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	25 00
Mr. Beauveau Borie	25 00
Mrs. S. E. Russell	50 00
Mr. John T. Lewis	25 00
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing	10 00
E. R. J.	1 00
Mr. M. H. Tilghman	25 00
Miss Elizabeth White Lippincott	10 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
Dr. E. R. Fell	10 00
From Two Sisters	50 00
Mrs. Thos. Armstrong	5 00
Miss Williamson	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. Grammer	20 00
Miss E. Ada Payne	5 00
Mr. Wm. E. Haydock	20 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	25 00
Miss Fanny S. Magee	25 00
Miss Jane Jameson	10 00
Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson	40 00
Mr. John Graff	10 00
Gen. Jos. R. Smith	5 00
Mrs. C. Blinkhorn	1 00
Miss Clara Farrar Smith	5 00
Mr. Francis A. Lewis	15 00
Mr. James M. Arrison	10 00
Miss M. B. Stevenson	1 00
Miss Susan Stevenson	10 00
Mrs. Olivia F. Ernst	5 00
Mrs. F. L. Crawford	5 00
Miss Emily Dutilh	1 00
Miss Emma Klahr	5 00
Mr. Samuel N. Lewis	15 00
Miss Bloodgood	5 00
Miss Helen M. Biddle	5 00
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar	25 00
Miss Corrigan	5 00
Mrs. J. N. Petry	5 00
Louis J. Lautenbach, M. D.	5 00
Mrs. W. Gardner Crowell	25 00
Miss B. B. Dunne	5 00
Miss Maria S. Wilkins	25 00
Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath	5 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
Mr. T. P. Chandler	25 00
Mr. H. Spencer Lucas	25 00
Mrs. Frederick Stovell	25 00
Miss Stoddart	5 00
Mr. W. C. Swain	5 50
Mr. Robert Boyd	5 00
Mrs. and Miss Mendenhall	5 00
Mr. Frescoln	5 00
Mr. Wilbur F. Rose	10 00
Mr. John Trinkel (In memory of Mrs. Trinkel)	150 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	10 00
Mr. Joseph Clayton	5 00
	$1,449 50
Total	$2,114 88

Offertories for December.

1st Sunday.—General Charities.
2d Sunday.—Mission Box Society.
3rd Sunday.—Sunday School Entertainment.
Christmas Day.—Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese.
4th Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.

The Alpha Kappa will give their monthly entertainment on December 10th, at 8.15, in the Sunday School Building.

The Sunday School entertainments will be given on Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 28th and 29th.

Suggestions for the Season.

If the numerous employees in our great retail stores are to reach Christmas in a condition that will enable them to rejoice and be glad we must save them from the rush and strain caused by postponing the Christmas shopping till close on to Christmas. Let it be one of our Advent resolutions to be prompt and early in our purchases, and so observe the Golden Rule. Wisdom and kindness as usual agree in their teachings. Don't wait till everything has been picked over: don't add to the burdens of a hard-working class.

Of what value is it to pray that Christians may be united by one holy bond of peace and love, if we do nothing to bring about that consummation. The great meetings in the interest of a closer confederation of those who profess to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master ought to evoke our generous sympathy, prayers and assistance. I am sure that many technical, canonical and academical objections would vanish like the obscuring frost-work on the window-pane before the genial rays of the sun, if those who feel dubious about the wisdom of such meetings would attend them, and come under the influence of their spirit of Christian fellowship. The notices of the places and hours will be found in all the daily papers. The evening meetings are free to all. The persecuted Church conquered the pagan Empire of Rome, because it could be said of its members, "How these Christians love one another."

If the Church to-day would show the same brotherhood it would conquer the world.

The Rector is happy to announce that the Bible Class of women that met in former years at 3.30 P. M. in the Parish House will be resumed under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Butcher. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, December the sixth.

The Church Work Fund.

The financial acknowledgments for the month show how generous and general has been the response to the Rector's appeal for the Church Work Fund. It is good to see so many new names along with the names that have always been recorded. At one time in New England the churches used to receive members by what was known as a Half-way Covenant. It seems to me that there are still a good many people who only connect themselves with a church by a half-way covenant. They may take a pew, or sitting, or attend the services, or bring a letter of transfer, but they do not throw themselves into its life and work. Yet it is only those who come entirely into a house that feel the warmth of its atmosphere. The warmest house is cold at the open doorway. Those who come in and make St. Stephens their home will find a warm welcome. After one has contributed in some way to the church's purse and joined some one of the church's working organizations, it must be a shrinking nature, indeed, that does not feel at home in a church, no longer a stranger or pilgrim, but a fellow-citizen, a member of the household of God. This is one of the blessings of giving: that it draws so many hearts to a common centre. C. E. G.

The funeral services of Mrs. Augusta Hill Noble were conducted in her home in distant Georgia, where her remains were carried for interment in her family cemetery. For this reason there is no record of her death among the burials. Some note, however, must appear in our PARISH NEWS of the loss that we have sustained by the death of this brave and loving Christian. Mrs. Noble was a fine example of the resiliency and sweetness which the best women of the South exhibited in the change of fortune that the war brought to them. The dominant note of her life was in harmony with the Choir Invisible.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

For some time past there has been a growing desire for the organization in St. Stephen's Church of a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew under whose auspices the very successful noon-day services have been held during Lent.

Notices of a meeting to talk the matter over were sent out by the Rector, and a number of loyal and enthusiastic members of the church assembled at the Rectory. It was decided at this meeting to go ahead, and a committee for organization was appointed, consisting of Mr. Van Dusen, Mr. McKeehan and Mr. Hansell. After several committee meetings another

meeting of the original members was held in the Parish House at which time an election of officers was held, with the following result:

Director, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan.

Vice-Director, Mr. William H. Hansell.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Abram G. Tatnall.

Announcement was made of noon-day services which would be conducted by the St. Stephen's Chapter during the Week of Prayer, and a committee of five was appointed to take charge of these services.

The idea of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men, and to make an earnest effort each week to bring some man to the church.

There is a large amount of work to be done and the organization of St. Stephen's Chapter of twenty men is a step in the right direction.

W. H. H.

Advent Special Services.

The special Advent Week of Prayer was observed in St. Stephen's Church with Noon-Day services. The local chapter of our new Brotherhood of St. Andrew had full charge of the services. The attendance was very satisfactory, and the business people of this section of the city took advantage of the opportunity offered them. The following were the speakers:

Monday, Nov. 30.—The Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, D. D., Holy Trinity Church.

Tuesday, Dec. 1.—The Rev. William C. Richardson, D. D., St. James's Church.

Wednesday, Dec. 2.—The Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's Church.

Thursday, Dec. 3.—The Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas, Church of the Holy Apostles.

Friday, Dec. 4.—The Rev. Louis C. Washburn, D. D., Christ Church.

Saturday, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Secretary of Diocese.

Christmas Dinners.

It has been the custom in St. Stephen's Church, for a number of years, to provide the poor of the Parish with dinners at Christmas time.

The congregation in this way has taken care of and relieved over a thousand people annually at this season of good cheer. The poor we have with us always and the church staff is trying carefully to differentiate between the worthy and unfortunate poor to give them who deserve it a well-filled basket. So, let us remember this year those less blessed than ourselves and with generous hearts and hands provide much.

It can safely be asserted that at the wholesale prices at which we buy our supplies, a family of from four to six members can be supplied with a good dinner for about two dollars and a half.

The Parish Visitor.

Thanksgiving Day was made happy, because some who had much, bore in mind those whose lot in life had not been cast in such pleasant places.

Through the generosity of one gentleman and two ladies I was able to make up eighteen Thanksgiving baskets which were supposed to feed four or five persons. Each basket contained a large chicken, a bag of cranberries, a quantity of potatoes, a can of tomatoes, two pounds of sugar, half pound of tea, half dozen fine oranges, and some specials for those having sick or afflicted persons in their families. Eighteen baskets went a long way, but I could have placed as many more had I been able to stretch the money.

Two good baskets were sent by the King's Daughters, and this goodly provision represented many self-denials.

Milk and eggs for a month made a big hole in a five-dollar bill which was given to me to help some poor woman, and by this nourishment she had her strength built up after a long and tedious illness.

A lady of the congregation donated three tons of coal for the poor, but as the weather has been so warm I am waiting until later before the distribution.

The fruit from the Church's Thanksgiving harvest decorations was distributed as usual among the sick at the hospitals, and those sick at home, recovering from typhoid fever, and also the tuberculosis patients had their share.

Now that Thanksgiving Day is passed we turn our faces towards the Christmas-Tide, when I hope many sad hearts will be made glad by the kindness of our good church people.

K. H. Lewis.

The Tuberculosis Class.

At the suggestion of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis a tuberculosis class was opened at St. Stephen's. The Society furnishes the physician and nurse, and the Church provides the rooms and paraphernalia, brings in the patients and supplements their diet in cases where it is needed. The following letter from Dr. Craig, the physician in charge, will be read with interest:

November 30, 1908.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

The Tuberculosis Class of St. Stephen's Church has been carrying on its work for the past nine months and think you should be informed in detail as to what we have accomplished in that time, and through you the members of your congregation who have shown their interest in the work.

As our Class was the first to be established in this city in connection with a church it was necessarily somewhat of an experiment. We feel that it has passed the stage of probation and that we are in a position to give an opinion as to the feasibility and value of this method of combatting the Great White Plague.

So far fifty-nine patients have presented themselves for examination and treatment. Of these a great many were not suffering from tuberculosis; of those suffering from this disease a great many were for some reason not suitable cases for this method of treatment; of the remaining cases which we considered suitable some became impatient and discontinued their treatment.

All the cases which we did not consider suitable we arranged for their treatment in some other institution.

We have now on our list about ten or twelve cases of tuberculosis, most of which come every week to the meeting of the Class, a few of the cases are only able to come to the meeting every two weeks.

Altogether the cases have made about two hundred and fifty return visits.

We feel that the Class has shown a definite and healthy progress, both in numbers and in work accomplished, that it has demonstrated that there is a field, necessarily somewhat limited, for this method of treating the tuberculous poor.

As an illustration of what has been accomplished we might cite a few of the cases. One young girl of about twenty years of age came to us with an early lesion of the lungs, in very poor condition, her disease has been arrested, and she is now working again and in better health than she has enjoyed for years. Another woman of perhaps fifty years, although her disease is somewhat advanced is working every day and in better condition than for many years, although she has to nurse a consumptive husband who is too feeble to come to the Class.

Although all of the cases have not shown such marked improvement as one might wish yet they have all received instruction in the proper way of living which must be an object lesson to all who come in contact with them.

In any disease which is so chronic in its course and in which the results of treatment are so slow in manifesting themselves, the cure requires considerable perseverance and patience on the part of the patient and no small amount of encouragement. The fact that so many patients have continued their treatment over such a long period of time is in itself, we feel, an indication that the Class has demonstrated its usefulness.

Thanking you very much for the great personal interest you have always shown in the welfare of the Class, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Frank A. Craig.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The second meeting of the season of the St. Stephen's branch of the Auxiliary was held on Thursday, November 19th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House. Reports of interest were heard from the following committees: The Committee on Colored Missions, the Committee on Foreign Missions, Indian Hope Committee, the Treasury of United Offering, and the Missionary Box Committee.

The Rev. F. W. Neve then addressed the meeting. He is an Archdeacon over the work among the mountaineers of the Blue Ridge—a people, who, though almost in our midst, are so completely cut off from the opportunities of our religion and civilization. The fact that these peculiarly circumstanced people are our neighbors makes their neglected and churchless condition the more appealing.

Mr. Neve said that his work in Green county, Virginia, had increased greatly in the past eight years. It now covers 75 miles of moun-

tain country and comprises 15 schools, 2 small hospitals and 5 mission houses. Nine clergymen and 29 other workers are engaged in the difficult undertaking of telling the conditions of the degraded people of this inaccessible region.

One of the chief characteristics which differentiates Mr. Neve's work from that of other fields is the fact that though these people are illiterate in the extreme, and have lived for generations in a condition of astounding spiritual destitution, they yet greatly appreciate the work of the missionary in their behalf. They crave instruction, even when they have only a partial understanding of what it is. Mr. Neve said that there were many examples which showed that as a people they possess considerable mental power. Those of them who have received educational opportunities made rapid progress.

The members of the Auxiliary are reminded that the post cards sent out before the last meeting contained the dates of all meetings for the entire season, which are as follows:

Thursday, December 17th, 1908.
Thursday, January 21st, 1909.
Thursday, February 18th, 1909.
Thursday, March 18th, 1909.
Thursday, April 15th, 1909.

The next meeting will, therefore, be on Thursday, December 17th, at eleven o'clock.

E. W. L.

Mission Study Class.

In order to be interested in missions it is necessary to know something about them, and for that purpose a Mission Study Class on China has been formed under the leadership of Miss Laura Bell. It has been said that such study is one of the most important means of furthering missionary work, and as general education advances, people more and more demand the reasons for things. Discussion of all matters pertaining to our mission work in China is one of the features of this method of instruction, and the class is held on Saturday mornings at eleven o'clock in St. Stephen's Parish House.

Incidentally, a word may here be said to those who cannot spare an hour a week for such meetings, namely, the Church Missionary Calendar for 1909, compiled by members of the Rosalie L. Mitchell Mission Study Class Alumnae, contains definite information about the missionary work of the Church, together with a collect or prayer thought, which can be read in one minute each day, every month being devoted to a different field, domestic and foreign. March treats entirely of China. These calendars, at fifty cents each, can be procured through St. Stephen's Mission Study Class, and the fund raised is to be used for the support of a native priest in the diocese of Bishop Roots. If the reader is uncertain where that diocese is, the opportunity is offered to become familiar with it in the Mission Study Class, and a little missionary work can be easily done by sending one of these calendars to a friend as a Christmas or New Year's gift.

A Letter from Liberia.

MONRAVIA, LIBERIA,
WEST AFRICA,
June 25, 1908.

MY DEAR MISS BELL:

Your kind letter enclosing list of articles in the Christmas box came yesterday. I am sure I feel very grateful to you and all concerned in the preparation of the box. It is a great relief to receive so much clothing. It will be a wonderful help and there is enough to make a Merry Christmas for us all.

The girls always vote the last Christmas passed the best in their experience, and the coming one will prove no exception in the matter of gifts. I shall take pleasure in writing to you, God willing, after the happy season is over, and follow your wishes in regard to some of them.

Sincerely yours,
ELIZABETH M. MOORT.

Altar Society.

The following resolution was passed unanimously at the monthly meeting of the Altar Society:

Resolved, That the Altar Society and the Chancel Committee having received with great regret the resignation of Miss Maud Lowrey, take this opportunity to express their high appreciation of the value of her work which she has so faithfully carried out during her membership. Miss Lowrey was in every way so conscientious and reliable in the fulfilment of her various duties, which she so cheerfully undertook that her retirement is a great loss to the active work of St. Stephen's Church.

Children's Friendly Society.

Received through Dr. Grammer, from Mr. Samuel Moore, $10.00, to be used for the poor children's Thanksgiving Entertainment. It was impossible to have the entertainment earlier, but as soon as it can be arranged some pleasure is in store in answer to their many inquiries.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle have their next meetings Dec. 2d and Dec. 16th, in the Guild Room, Parish House, at 8 o'clock.

Donations received from the members towards the Thanksgiving baskets:

Mrs. Parmalee	$.75
Miss Hedwig Kauffman	.35
Miss Bessie Bezzel	.25
Miss Irene Wilder	.25
Miss Townsend	1.00
Total	$2.60

Groceries from Miss Taggart, Miss Goss, Miss Kehl, Miss Walshe, Miss May Jeffries and Mrs. Vanderslice.

Two families, ten persons in all, were made happy with two very large baskets filled with all sorts of good things for their Thanksgiving dinner.

This circle has made three dozen bibs to be given to the Day Nursery on Pine street, as their Christmas gift. Expect to make up a Curiosity Christmas Box for Christ Home, near the Farm. Any small donations for this purpose are very acceptable.

Garment Society.

The Garment Society wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations:

Miss Van Dusen, a man's suit.
Miss Bell, 1 dress skirt, odds and ends.
Mrs. Wm. H. Swain, men's and women's clothing.
Mrs. B. Borie, men's clothing.
Miss Williamson, 2 knitted caps for infants.
Mrs. Armstrong, 2 new pairs of stockings.
Mrs. G. L. Crawford, men's clothing.
Miss McDowell, collection of clothing for men, women and infants.
Miss F. Goss, hats and waists.
Miss H. S., woman's suit.
Mr. Coppock, 1 overcoat.
Mrs. Judson, 2 outing flannel nightgowns.

Shoe Fund.

Received, through Mr. Ewell, Nov. 3..	$2.00
Through Dr. Grammer from Church Fund	25.00
From Mrs. Parmalee	.25
From those receiving shoes	1.00
Total	$28.25
Expended in Nov. for shoes	18.38
Balance	$9.87

Have given out in November 12 pairs of shoes and 6 pairs of overshoes.

A Vacuum System.

Estimates are being made on the cost of a vacuum cleaning system for the church.

The upholstery of the church and the covering of rep on the pews make a continual and an inconvenient catching of dust. This dust and collection of possible germs are often only scattered from pew to pew when the broom and brush are used.

By means of the proposed new system all the dust is sucked by strong pressure into an iron tank in the cellar.

Especially at the Lenten mid-day services would this method be advantageous and highly valuable. Anyone would be surprised at the large heaps of dirt gathered in the church after each of these services.

Many churches are now having installed this only sanitary system. As cleanliness comes next to godliness, the church should also be an exponent of the former.

JOSEPH CLAYTON

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MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William Henry Hollar.
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. William H. Hansell.

Organist and Choirmaster.

Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Elsie L. Baily,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.

CONTRALTO.

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Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison.
Miss Nan Barbara Faulkner.

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. J. Champlyn Sulger.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.

James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
" May to October, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
1st Directress.—Mrs. Hepburn.
2nd Directress.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12 M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Miss Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President,—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Vida Hunt Francis.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.
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President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member.—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Snively, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Shapley, Miss Henderson, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—The Rector.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Secretary of the "Blakeslee" System and Librarian.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Schellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M., Miss Denney.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Head of Committees.—Miss Regar.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss Cleeman, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Ruth Simons.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Taylor, Miss Berry, Miss Harper, Miss Katherine MacAfee.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb. *P.*—James Carrigan.
T.—Adam Hall.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Guernsey, Miss Shellenberger.
Pianist—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Chairman; Mrs. William Campbell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Martenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. Isaac Hampshur Jones.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abraham Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Circumcision.
" 3.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6.—The Epiphany.
" 10.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 17.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 24.—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
" 31.—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

December 27.—Mary Magdelene Hatcher.
December 28.—Alfred Ibbetson.

MARRIED.

December 7.—Joseph F. Kelley and Marion B. L. Lambert.
December 30.—Alfred George Kuhn, Pauline Elizabeth Annen.
December 30.—William F. Haines, Bessie May Eastwood.

BURIAL.

December 24.—Martha Sletor, at Easton, Pa., by Dr. Snively.

Offerings in December.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew	$36 25
Missionary Box	57 95
Sunday School	90 39
Aged and Infirm Clergy	186 96
Christmas Dinners	331 51
General Charities	164 37
Through Mr. Ewell	22 00
Mr. Craig Atmore, for general charities	15 00
Miss Jane Jamison, for Dr. Wood's musical works	5 00
	$809 43

FOR CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

First Collection	$93 35
Mrs. Lucas	10 00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	10 00
Mrs. De Courcy	5 00
Mrs. John Lewis	5 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	2 00
Mr. Chas. E. Noblit	2 00
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	10 00
Miss Magee	5 00
Miss Headman	1 00
Miss Jane Jamison	5 00
Mr. Samuel Moore	25 00
Second Collection	62 41
Miss Baird	5 00
Mr. Haydock	5 00
Miss Cleemann	4 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Borie	5 00
Mrs. Chandler	15 00
Mr. Atmore	10 00
Through Miss Lewis	7 00
Cash	1 25
Miss Washington	2 50
Miss Laura Bell	2 50
Mrs. B. B. Reath	5 00
Mr. Stovell	5 00
Miss Ennis	5 00
Miss McAllister	1 50
Cash	2 00
Mr. Frank Kennedy	5 00
Miss Tilghman	3 00
Mr. W. R. Taylor	5 00
Cash	2 00
	$331 51

Through Miss Lewis:

Miss Taylor	$10 00
Mrs. Mitchell	5 00
Miss Cleeman	5 00
Miss Stoddard	5 00
Mr. Smith	6 00
	$31 00

Received from legacy, Mr. Patton's Estate	$33 75
Donation, Miss N. Wilkins	1 00

For Christmas baskets from members of the Circle—

Members of the Circle—

Miss Bertha Walsh	.50
Miss Townsend	1 00
Mrs. Hillesy Grace	.50
Miss Bezzel	.30
Miss Hartman	.25
Miss Irene Wilder	.25
Miss Schweinfurt	.25
Miss Taggart	.25
Miss Kelly	1 00
Total	$39 05
Expended for groceries and meats to fill baskets for three families	2 79
Balance	$36 26

Offerings for January.

1st Sunday.—General Charities.
2d Sunday.—Foreign Missions.
3rd Sunday.—Colored Missions.
4th Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.
5th Sunday.—General Charities.

Shoe Fund.

Thanks to those who have so kindly helped in this most needed work. Have given out in December 10 pairs of shoes and 4 pairs of overshoes.

SHOE FUND.

Donations received in December:

Mrs. N. I. Galbraith	$1 00
Mrs. A. F. Martin	.25
Mrs. E. Hand	1 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	1 00
From those receiving shoes	2 00
Total	$5 25
Expended for shoes	4 08
Balance	$1 17

Donation of large box of shoes from Santa Claus.
Donation one pair of shoes from Miss Williamson.
Two pairs from Miss Wilkins.

The opening of a New Year is an auspicious time for looking ahead. The last day of the old year may be given over to retrospect and self-examination, but the opening of the new year ought to nerve us to resolution and the attempting of new tasks.

There are a number of needs in St. Stephen's that ought to be brought to the attention of the congregation. I will begin at the smaller and advance to the greater requirements.

First. I will mention the need of re-lacquering the brasses about the chancel. The chancel rails and the pulpit are dingy, and the whole appearance of the chancel would be much improved if their coating were renewed. This would not cost more than $100, and might be done by some one as a memorial.

Second. We ought to publish this spring a year-book explaining in detail the work of the various societies, and giving the names of their officers and members, their receipts and expenditures, and stating fully the exact condition of the Parish in every department. This will cost not less than $500 as the first issue is always the most expensive. It will, however, give us system and impetus.

Third. The fresco of the church is in bad repair. In some places the bare plaster is visible. Our interior would be vastly improved if the whole church could be re-frescoed by a great modern artist. This ought to be done next summer. On the exterior, St. Stephen's is plain indeed, but its beautiful memorials and lovely mosaic, surrounded by its artistic reredos, are admired throughout the whole city. Their beauty would be greatly enhanced if the whole interior were artistically colored and decorated.

Fourth. The Sunday School building is inadequate for our needs. Two Sunday School classes have to be placed on the platform, behind the Superintendent and the infant school is held on another floor and never comes into association with the Main School. The Sunday School room itself is not large enough, as a hall of assembly, for our entertainments, and the exit is miserable. I should like the question to be looked into, whether we could not build an extension of the second story over the lane that separates the Sunday School building from the church, and carry up the whole building an additional story. In the third floor we could have a gymnasium and dressing-rooms for the basket-ball team and our girls' gymnastic classes. This would cost a good deal of money, but it would equip us to do the work of an institutional church in our section of the city.

The last need that I wish to specify is that the members of the congregation should bear in mind the need of an increased endowment. I hope that in drawing their wills they will not forget St. Stephen's. It should be endowed like some of the London churches, which remain on costly sites to minister to the down-town people for all time. I am persuaded that the enlargement of our parish building would justify such an endowment, and would make the church permanent in this portion of the town.

Some record should be made in the pages of THE PARISH NEWS of the loss that we have sustained in the departure of the Rev. John E. Ewell. He was the editor of this monthly during the last three years, and the Rector will greatly miss his aid. He was also specially active in the administration of the farm. The Alpha Kappa Fraternity of young men was inaugurated by him and will, we trust, be a permanent memorial of his service among us. He has gained many friends in Philadelphia, and will carry with him many hearty good wishes for his success in his new field. Though he will be missed, all of us recognize that he has done wisely in accepting an independent church in a large and growing town. St. Stephen's will always feel a warm interest in his success and usefulness.

Special Notice.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to THE PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 S. 10th street. They should not be sent later than the Friday before the last Sunday of the month, that is to say, in January, not later than the 29th.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

The snow that was falling all day and most of the night some days before Christmas and covered all the dirt and unsightly places of the city with its pure mantle of white, and brought disgruntled comments from pedestrians and drivers, was not looked upon with favor by horses either, who slipped and fell and shiv-

ered; but children who knew not the dark side of a heavy snow-storm rejoiced in its beauty, and revelled in enjoyment of sledding and snow-balling. In the shadow of the picture was a man, the father of a family, a type of the many who prayed for snow, and rejoiced with the heart of a child when it fell—he was a disabled artisan who cut off some of his fingers in wood-carving and could find no other work as a means of livelihood for a few weeks at least.

A basket out of the one hundred and forty that St. Stephen's whole-souled generosity provided for those whose lot in life is deprivation, gladdened his heart also.

This season many who never have had to apply for help before feel keenly the necessity of seeking assistance from us, but to them I would say these stringent times cannot last, work will be in plenty before long and though the waiting time be dark and hard the strong hand of helpfulness and sympathy is held out to them by St. Stephen's Parish whose hearts are ever tender towards sickness and suffering.

We have provided a nice suit of clothes each for the man and woman who persisted in coming to church through the depressing sensation of being under-dressed. No one can realize what that means unless it has been a part of one's own experience. It takes bravery to face it and when it is endured for duty's sake it becomes heroic.

St. Stephen's people have also given a bed to a grandmother and little child who slept on the floor.

They have held out a helping hand to one who held a position in a department store for thirteen years, and who has lately been laid off on account of bad times. He has a family of a wife and three children.

Two old sisters have been helped, one of the many pitiful cases that come to our notice—both are about eighty years of age, one worked in a mill and received $1.50 every two weeks. Once when the foreman sent for her, she fell into a nervous chill so afraid was she of being discharged—but now as the cancer in her shoulder is becoming more painful it is impossible for her to do any work.

These are sad pictures, but I feel that they should be laid before the people of St. Stephen's who give so generously that they may know just where their help is needed and whose lives they brighten by their gifts.

Two special Christmas baskets were prepared by the Girls' Friendly and three by the King's Daughters, and to more than one of those donors it meant the widow's mite.

It is with regret that we shall say good bye to Mr. Ewell for his helpfulness in this work has been very deeply felt.

K. H. Lewis.

A refined, educated, young English woman who has been deserted in this country by her husband wants to support herself by the coaching in French. She is also a typewriter and can do secretarial work. Communications can be made to Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The Advent meeting of the St. Stephen's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Guild Room on Thursday, December 17th, at eleven o'clock. The meeting was as well attended as usual, and we were glad to welcome five new members. Reports of more than usual interest were read, showing that all the committees are increasingly active. There was no address delivered as ordinarily, but instead the time was given over to the consideration of methods, in committee-work, and in the distribution of funds. This much-needed open discussion resulted in a clearer understanding of certain business phases, and in the appointment of a committee to further systematize the distribution of funds.

The Epiphany meeting of the Diocesan Auxiliary will be held on Sunday, January 17th, at 4 P. M., at the Church of the Holy Apostles, 21st and Christian streets. The Rev. Dr. Correll, of Osaka, Japan, will speak. The Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas will speak on the "Results of the Pan-Anglican Congress for Missions."

The members of the St. Stephen's branch are again reminded that the post-cards sent out in November contained the dates of our meetings for the entire season, which are as follows:

Thursday, January 21st.
Thursday, February 18th.
Thursday, March 18th.
Thursday, April 15th.

The next meeting will, therefore, be on Thursday, January 21st, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, at eleven o'clock.

E. W. L.

The St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

On the eve of the New Year a band of men gathered around the chancel and pledged themselves to the service and devotion of the Brotherhood. It was a solemn and impressive occasion. We now have a fully organized chapter, that will number twenty when those who were prevented from attending have taken the pledge. Such a band, filled with the spirit of service and brotherhood, ought to be a great power for good. There is power in numbers, but there is greater power in consecration and zeal. The next meeting will be on the evening of the last Thursday in January.

To this parochial chapter the Brotherhood of the diocese has turned over the conduct of the noon-day Lenten services in St. Stephen's this year. The Diocesan Committee will continue their interest and co-operation and will place St. Stephen's on the list of the general services held by the Brotherhood, and St. Stephen's will continue to contribute from its offerings to the general expenses. We shall miss their experience, but there are compensating advantages in the development in Church work that the task of conducting these services will give to our own men. In addition to the Brotherhood services at St. Stephen's and St. Paul's, a third service will be inaugurated by the Diocesan Committee at some centrally located theatre. May they all prosper and bring in the Kingdom of God.

Christmas Dinners.

One hundred and forty families were supplied with a large basket of provisions on Christmas Eve. These baskets each contained a turkey, apples and oranges; a pound of tea, sugar and rice; a box of candy; and a large mince meat pie. No matter what the size of the basket, potatoes were in plenty to make every one sumptuously full.

A young man who assisted in the distribution of the dinners grew so enthusiastic over a particularly worthy case of a sick widow who was bravely supporting five children by taking in washing that he loaded the basket down till she could not lift it. She had to be assisted home with it.

The generosity of St. Stephen's congregation was most bountiful and beyond the measure of past years. We are glad to report a small balance, as there are some distressing cases being looked after by our Parish Visitor, Miss Lewis. This money will be handed to her for their special needs.

We are sure it will also be a source of gratification to the congregation to know that every basket was bestowed where it was needed and we think in most cases it helped those who were doing their best to help themselves.

The system of sending out numbered cards and checking them from a carefully arranged list was carried out and the distribution was done quietly and without confusion.

Thanks are due to all contributors to this worthy charity but it is fitting that special mention should be made of some large gifts: Atmore & Son furnished one hundred and thirty-two pies; Mrs. Dundas Lippincott gave her annual gift of turkeys; Mr. Clement Restein, through Mr. Joseph Clayton, a barrel of large turkeys, and Mr. Benjamin Thomas, baskets.

The children were well remembered by Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Austin, and a gentleman who supplied them with toys. Two large boxes of shoes came from a great friend of the poor children, with Merry Christmas marked on it.

Christmas has surely been made brighter and happier in the homes of the poor and the rich by this Christmas cheer. J. E. E.

Mr. Ewell has left the following report of his expenditures. The receipts are given among the contributions of the month. They amounted to $331.51. The expenditures which have been audited by the Rector are as follows:

Turkeys	$191 59
Groceries	47 00
Bakery pies	11 88
Fruits	15 75
Miscellaneous	22 75
Distributed through Mrs. Taylor	25 00
Balance given Miss Lewis for charity	17 54
Total	$331 51

Sunday School Notes.

The advent of the new year brings with it some important changes in the Sunday School. In no department of the church work will Mr. Ewell's departure be felt more than here, where for some time past he has so ably filled the

double office of teacher of the Men's Bible Class and Superintendent of the school. On his last Sunday at St. Stephen's the teachers and scholars, as a token of their affection, presented him with a silver service for the administration of Communion to the sick, and every member of the school holds it a privilege to participate in thus expressing appreciation of his work and in wishing him all success in his new field.

At a meeting of the teachers and officers held at the rectory in the early part of December, after much discussion it was finally decided, upon his recommendation, to make an entire change in the method of teaching the lessons, substituting the Blakeslee system for that which has been in use for a number of years.

The subject to be studied is the life of Christ, and the system consists of a series of lessons carefully laid out so as to form a connected whole, aiming to give the student a comprehensive view of the New Testament, and not merely a scattered knowledge of unrelated events. It is based upon the Bible itself, which it puts directly into the hands of the scholar, thus giving him an opportunity of becoming familiar with it. Each one receives a book, published quarterly, which serves the double use of text and note-book, containing questions which may be answered at home or not, at the option of the student. The books which are not taken home will be kept in a special cabinet provided for the purpose, and cared for by the Blakeslee secretary, Jurgen N. A. Kolb. An opportunity is thus given for written work at home, but this is not compulsory and the desired results may be obtained by class discussion.

The system is carefully graded and the questions asked in each grade adapted to the age and degree of maturity of the children for whom it is intended. Its greatest merit is the opportunity which it gives for individual development on the part of the scholar. His answers to the questions asked must be based upon his own interpretation of the Scripture passages, thus, not only teaching him the historical and ethical facts therein presented, but paving the way as well for an intelligent reading of the Bible on his own part. With the earnest co-operation of teachers and pupils it is hoped that the new system will prove a great success, and that the year 1909 will be the best in the history of the school. J. R. H.

Alpha Kappa.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity gave its first monthly entertainment of the season on Thursday evening, December 10th. The members rendered a comedietta entitled "Frivolous Cupid," following which came the regular "merry dance." The play was a good one and the good acting of the cast made it very enjoyable.

Mr. Clarence Barth was excellent in his rendition of the comedy character. Mr. Winfield Brown made a very satisfactory father. The acting of Miss Dorothy Bird left nothing to be desired. Miss Charlotte W. Nodine, Miss Grace G. Lyons, Miss Ethel Smith and Miss Margaret M. Lawless played very well and the Fraternity takes this opportunity of thanking them for their services. Mr. J. N. A. Kolb was the leading man. Much credit is due to Mr. Harry Bush who staged the production.

The Fraternity hopes to give its next entertainment about the end of January.

The other work of the Alpha Kappa is progressing. The Basket Ball team has played and won several games.

On Friday evenings the Fraternity play various games in the Guild Room, and efforts are being made to procure a shuffle board.

The meetings are now held on the first and third Fridays of the month at 8.30 P. M., in the Parish House. New members are always welcome into our fold. Examinations of candidates take place on the third Friday of the month. Application can be made through a member of the Fraternity.

On Friday evening, December 18th, the A. K. held its regular business meeting, following which was the farewell meeting to Mr. Ewell. The members turned out in full force to give him their cordial good wishes in his new field. The A. K. appreciates what Mr. Ewell has done for the Fraternity and in recognition of the same he was given the highest honor that could be bestowed on a retiring officer—he was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Alpha Kappa. J. N. A. K.

At a meeting of the Alpha Kappa Society of St. Stephen's Church, held on December 18th, 1908, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Inasmuch as the Rev. John E. Ewell, an officer and member of the Alpha Kappa Fraternity has accepted a call and is about to leave us to take charge of a new parish, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Alpha Kappa extend its wishes for success in his new field of labor. And in recognition of the valuable services and assistance in organizing and conducting the work of the Fraternity a hearty vote of thanks be extended to him as an expression of appreciation of his kind, energetic and fruitful efforts, And

Be it further Resolved, That, as an evidence of our esteem a token be presented to Mr. Ewell from the individual members of this Society, that he be elected an Honorary Member of the Fraternity, And that a copy of these resolutions be sent to him and to the editor of the PARISH NEWS.

JURGEN N. A. KOLB,
P. C.

Attest:
ADAM M. HALL, *T.*

The members of The Girls' Friendly Society have been interested in their usual pursuits this winter. Besides their class work and the hours of recreation with their associates they have given time, sympathy and money to sick members, and members who are feeling the stress of hard times. The Christmas Entertainment was given Wednesday, December 30th. Miss Murdoch's recitations were delightful and amusing, and Mr. Lindsay's playing gave great pleasure. Mr. Ewell's stories also added to the merriment of the occasion. The fact that this was the last evening he would be with the Society, caused great regret, and as a token of friendship and appreciation of his kindness and sympathy he was presented with a prayer-book from the Society. After some dancing and refreshments a happy evening ended with the interchange of wishes for "A Happy New Year." M. S. A.

Christmas Festival.

The Sunday School held its Christmas Festival on Tuesday evening, December 29th.

Of course it was a great success, and Mr. Streaker deserves much credit for his able management. Besides having charge of the Festival, Mr. Streaker played the part of Grandpa in the cantata, in which he was greeted with much applause. Miss Dorothy Bird played Grandma, and as her acting was at her usual high standard it is needless to comment on her talent. Mr. John Lewis, of St. Stephen's Farm, visited us and helped us with our little play. His pathetic violin solo (fiddle melody), "Yankee Doodle," was splendid. Mr. L. H. Hall was Dear Old Santa Claus again. Everyone knows how jovial Mr. Hall is and to comment on how well he played his part, would be like "showing the sun with a lantern." Mr. Hall also deserves credit for his coaching of the choruses. It is hard work to train a lot of boys and girls to sing ditties, especially if the boys are imbued with the Spirit of Mischief, and Mr. Streaker and Mr. Hall must be congratulated for their fruitful and energetic efforts. Miss Emily Henry and Miss Lilian Jones were very good with their solos and recitations. The remainder of the cast were: Miss Edna Hart, Little Miss Mitchell, Miss Charlotte Nodine, Miss Grace Hillis and Mr. A. E. Snyder. Of course the irrepressible undersigned was in the show. Besides being electrician, he also tried to play a pantomime Rube. Success was doubtful but anyway he was greeted with a laugh.

Mrs. DeCallies showed her artistic temperament in the suits and dresses of the cast. They were certainly very beautiful. Miss E. Bertha Yocum, the accompanist of the cantata, was presented with a gift by the Christmas Players.

Mr. Ewell was presented with a token of the high regard, esteem and appreciation of the Alpha Kappa. The musical play was also given on Monday evening, December 28th, for the Primary Department of the Sunday School. Dr. Grammer delivered a short address on both evenings. J. N. A. K.

An entertainment entitled "Anybody's Magazine" will be held in St. Stephen's Sunday School room, rear of No. 9 South Tenth street, Tuesday, January 19th, 1909, for the benefit of Christ's Home for Destitute Children, given by the Young Women's Bible Class of the Sunday School, 8.15 promptly. Admission, 15 cents.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received:

From Miss Cleeman	$1 00
From Mrs. A. F. Martin	1 00
From King's Daughters	3 00
Total	$5 00

January 7th the poor children will have their Thanksgiving and Christmas Entertainment. Mr. Reynolds will show some of his beautiful moving pictures which they all love to see and talk of the whole year.

King's Daughters of Whatsoever Circle have their next meeting January 20th, in the Guild Room, Parish House, at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday evening, December 16th, the Guild Room looked very much like a toy shop, for the Christmas box for Christ Home was being packed with clothing and toys for the poor children at the Home. Day Nursery and Children's Friend Society were all remembered by this Circle on Christmas Day.

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Hours, 11 to 12 o'clock A. M., daily, except Thursday.

Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807.
Outer Office, Walnut 4687-A.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William Henry Hollar.
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. William H. Hansell.

Organist and Choirmaster.

Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison.
Miss Nan Barbara Faulkner.

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Dr. James Walter Jones,
Mr. Clark Stanley Hulburt.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.

James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Directress and Buyer.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12 M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President,—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Vida Hunt Francis.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member.—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—The Rector.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Secretary of the "Blakeslee" System and Librarian.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.
Assistant.—Mr. Russell Hammer.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Schellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.

Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M., Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M., in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Treasurer.—Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss Cleeman, Miss McDowell, Miss Dana, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Ruth Simons.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Kennedy, Miss Lewis, Mrs. W. K. Wetherill, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Taylor, Miss Berry, Miss Harper, Miss Katherine MacAfee.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb. *P.*—James Carrigan.
T.—Adam Hall.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Guernsey, Miss Shellenberger, Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Martenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux, Wyncote, Pa.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton, Spruce and Juniper.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. Isaac Hampshur Jones.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abraham Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2.—Presentation of Christ in the Temple.
" 7.—Septuagesima.
" 14.—Sexagesima.
" 21—Quinquagesima.
" 24.—Ash Wednesday.
" 28.—First Sunday in Lent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

January 2.—Grace Gertrude Groome.
" 4.—Virginia Daingerfield Groome.
" 10.—Frank Greth Elliott.
" 24.—Ethel Bertha Howard.
" 25.—Alfred Henry Vincent.

MARRIED.

January 21.—Joseph Welsh and Dorothy Lehman Kelly.

BURIALS.

January 10.—Joseph Gottlieb.
" 12.—Mrs. Grace Gertrude Groome.
" 25.—William Ernst, Jr.
" 30.—Mary K. Dixcy.
February 1.—James M. Arrison.

Offerings in January.

Communion Alms	$70 00
Italian Sufferers	192 83
Tuberculosis Class	50 06
General Charities	88 37
Foreign Missions	195 07
Colored Missions	83 63
Parochial Maintenance	59 26
Special	60 01
Total	$799 23

Church Work Fund.

October	$105 00
November	1,449 50
January	
Mrs. Alfred Tucker	10 00
Mr. Crate	5 00
Mrs. Ernestine M. Schell	5 00
Total to date	$1,574 50

Correction.

In the list of contributors to the "Church Work Fund" for December, Miss Dutilh's name was incorrectly published. The subscription there acknowledged was to the "Parish News."

Offerings in February.

1st Sunday.—General Charities.
2nd Sunday.—General Charities.
3rd Sunday.—Diocesan Missions.
Ash Wednesday.—Missionary Box.
4th Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.

Schedule for Noonday Lenten Services.

Ash Wed., Feb. 24. Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.
Thurs., Feb. 25... Rev. W. M. Groton, D. D., Dean of Philadelphia Divinity School.
Fri., Feb. 26..... Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.
Sat., Feb. 27..... Rev. Charles C. Pierce, St. Matthew's, Philadelphia.
Mon., Mar. 1..... Tues., Mar. 2.... Wed., Mar. 3..... Rev. J. E. Freeman, Yonkers, N. Y.
Thurs., Mar. 4... Fri., Mar. 5..... Rev. S. P. Keeling, St. Peter's, Germantown.
Sat., Mar. 6..... Rev. Chas. M. Armstrong, Wayne, Pa.
Mon., Mar. 8.... Tues., Mar. 9.... Wed., Mar. 10.... Thurs., Mar. 11.. Fri., Mar. 12..... Rev. E. S. Rousmaniere, D. D., Grace Church, Providence, R. I.
Sat., Mar. 13..... Rev. George Gunnell, Jr., St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.
Mon., Mar. 15.... Tues., Mar. 16... Wed. Mar. 17.... Thurs., Mar. 18.. Fri., Mar. 19..... Rev. J. Lewis Parks, D. D., Calvary Church, New York.
Sat., Mar. 20..... Rev. W. R. Turner, St. Paul's, Overbrook.
Mon., Mar. 22.... Tues., Mar. 23... Wed., Mar. 24.... Rev. A. G. Mortimer, D. D., St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
Thurs., Mar. 25.. Friday, Mar. 26.. Sat., Mar. 27..... Rev. R. S. Coupland, Church of the Ascension, Baltimore.
Mon., Mar. 29.... Tues., Mar. 30... Wed., Mar. 31... Rev. H. W. Wells, St. Andrew's, Wilmington.
Thurs., April 1.. Fri., April 2..... Sat., April 3..... Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Monday in Holy Week, April 5.—Rev. E. M. Jefferys, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
Tuesday in Holy Week, April 6.—Rev. L. C. Washburn, D. D., Christ Church, Philadelphia.
Wednesday in Holy Week, April 7.—Rev. W. C. Richardson, D. D., St. James', Philadelphia.
Thursday in Holy Week, April 8.—Rev. J. Sanders Reed, D. D.
Good Friday, April 9.—Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Saturday, April 10.—Rev. G. C. Foley, D. D., Philadelphia Divinity School.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in January:

From Miss Martha Culbertson	$1 00
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	1 00
Total	$2 00

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting February 17th, in the Guild Room, quarter of 8 o'clock.

The last meeting was well attended and work was commenced for a donation to the Garment Society, which was promised last year to Miss Lewis.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in January:

From Miss Laura Bell	$1 00
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	25
From those receiving Shoes	5 10
Total	$6 35
Expended for Shoes	$5 43
Balance	$ 92

Donation of shoes from Mrs. Carl Grammer, three pairs and overshoes.

Have given out in January 15 pairs of shoes, 23 pairs of overshoes.

Special Notice.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to THE PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 S. 10th street. They should be sent not later than the Friday before the last Sunday of the month, that is to say, in February, not later than the 26th.

Diocesan Missions.

On the third Sunday of this month the offertory will be devoted to Diocesan Missions. Before that date, however, the collectors will be sent around with the books according to the effective usage of former years. In the Northern Convocation St. Stephen's is one of the chief sources of supply for the support of convocational missions. Our annual pledge for the last three years has been $550. One of the most prosperous and manifestly needed missions is the Italian Mission in South Philadelphia. The Rector has attended its services and kept in touch with its work. It would be a great mistake if we should fail to send it the hundred dollars that has gone to it for so many years. Out of this offering we also pay $105.70, the sustentation tax laid upon us by the diocese. Then there are some minor pledges to be met. In view of all this the Rector asks for $850. This amount can be readily raised if those who have contributed in the past will continue their subscriptions faithfully and the newcomers to the Church will co-operate with the system and put their names on the card for a subscription.

The Sundays last month on which the offerings were taken for Foreign Missions and for Colored Missions were so stormy and inclement that the attendance at the morning service was much below the average. As many regular contributors to these causes thus lost an opportunity that only comes annually, the Rector has asked the treasurer to hold these collections for some weeks till this notice could be published, so that any one who may wish to aid these great objects may have an opportunity to send a contribution to him or place it in a marked envelope on the plate.

The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church acknowledge the endowment of a pew by Mrs. Thropp to the memory of her father, Colonel Thomas A. Scott. The following inscription has been placed on the pew:

THOMAS A. SCOTT PEW.

This pew has been endowed by Mrs. Miriam Douglass Thropp, wife of Joseph E. Thropp, Esquire, and is called the Thomas A. Scott pew, having been the family pew of the late Colonel Thomas A. Scott during his lifetime, and since his death, of his daughter, Mrs. Thropp, who has endowed it in memory of her father.

November, 1908.

The Rector counts himself fortunate in having the Rev. Mr. Milnor to help him for a season in the services and parish work.

The following appeal speaks for itself. The amount needed is $150.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

It has been requested by the Rector that the Altar Society raise funds for repairing and relacquering the Chancel rail, pulpit and brasses, and that this appeal be sent to the women of the parish. It has been many years since any work of this kind has been done, and the Society is most anxious to have it completed before Easter. Subscriptions may be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, 1409 Spruce

street, or placed in the box for that purpose in the hall of the parish house.

Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey,
Chairman.
Mrs. Charles E. Noblit,
Mrs Wm. B. Campbell,
Miss Ella H. Headman,
Miss M. Louise Baird,
Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.

Cheques drawn to Agnes M. F. Noblit.

Notice.

A dinner of the men of St. Stephen's Church, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be held in the Banquet Room of the City Club, 1418 Walnut street, on Friday evening, February 19th, at seven o'clock. All men who make St. Stephen's their church home are urged to attend. The price of the dinner will be one dollar, and subscriptions should be sent to Lewis H. VanDusen, Stephen Girard Building.

This year, as in the past, the Midday Lenten Services will be conducted as services of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the diocese, but the Rector of St. Stephen's and the St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be in entire charge of them. Out of the offerings a contribution will be made, after all expenses are paid, to the general expenses of the Diocesan organization. These mid-day services have been so largely attended, especially for the past two years, that it is the sanguine hope of the Diocesan managers that there is room for another such service at the Garrick Theatre on Chestnut street, which has been engaged for the purpose. We hope that there will be room for all. The schedule of services shows the speakers that have been secured for St. Stephen's. It gives every promise of a series of helpful addresses.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The Epiphany meeting was held in the Parish House on Thursday, January 21st, and there were thirty-three members in attendance. An unusually long and interesting report was heard from the committee on Foreign Missions, which contained several messages of good cheer from over seas. The Domestic and Diocesan committees also made reports.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, This Society desires to express its appreciation of the able work accomplished with such spirit and energy in this parish by our former assistant rector, the Rev. John E. Ewell; and wishes him all success in his new rectorship."

The Rev. Dr. Fleming James made an address. Dr. James is rector of St. Anna's Mission Church at 56th and Market streets, and as such represents the interest of Diocesan Missions. He told the meeting the history of St. Anna's struggles from its establishment until the present time, when the outlook is one of bright promise. Mr. James brought his address to a powerful focus by his emphasis on one fact of great import. He said that the work of St. Anna's is among the middle-class. It is this middle-class which forms the great back-bone of the Commonwealth. The appeal of our Church to the upper, or cultured, class is unquestioned. The efficiency of its work among the lower class in the slums is everywhere recognized; but it is in the great middle-class that the Church must work if it is to be a really great ultimate influence in American civilization.

Dr. James' address closed a session in which particularly large and important subjects engaged the attention of the members.

The dates of the remaining meetings of the season are:

Thursday, February 18th.
Thursday, March 18th.
Thursday, April 15th.

The next meeting will, therefore, be on Thursday, February 18th, at eleven o'clock.

E. W. L., *Secretary.*

The Mission Study Class, under the leadership of Miss Laura Bell, has completed a two-months' course of study on China, using as text-book, "The Uplift of China," by Arthur H. Smith, a well known authority on the conditions and customs of that country.

Rev. A. R. Van Meter, formerly of Kiukiang, China, addressed the class at one of its sessions, and told of the encouraging growth of the mission at Kiukiang, with its able native assistant. He emphasized the fact that the rooms where services are held are small and inadequate, and that, in the opinion of the Chinese, the dignity of the Church, housed in cramped quarters, suffers in comparison with their large and beautiful temples, which attract

hundreds to worship within. Naturally, the reason for this is lack of money to buy land on which to erect suitable buildings.

It is earnestly hoped that the knowledge acquired in the class, and through collateral reading, may increase the interest of the members, and that some definite action may be the result of this systematic study, as knowledge of the conditions, interest in the people and action for their good are essential factors in all mission work. It would indeed be a joy, if, in the future, a missionary from St. Stephen's parish were to go to this foreign field, a field which is so full of promise, and which sorely needs more workers to hasten the harvest.

L. B.

Notice.

It is proposed to have an all-day "Institute" at the Church House, 12th and Walnut streets, Thursday, February 25th, with the co-operation of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Junior Auxiliary, the Tuesday Missionary Bible Class and the Mission Study Class Alumnæ, to demonstrate five methods by which Missionary interest can be brought into parishes.

The proposed programme embraces:

A corporate Communion Service at 9 a. m.

An intercessory Prayer Service at 10 a. m.

A normal Mission Study Class led by Mrs. J. Nicholas Mitchell, at 11 a. m.

Noonday Prayer to be followed by a half hour devoted to "Thoughts on Prayer in its relation to Body, Mind and Spirit," led by Mrs. Edwin C. Grice. Those attending are earnestly requested to come prepared to express "thoughts" on this threefold subject.

A Missionary programme meeting, subject "The Growth of Missions," including an account of the "Pan-Anglican Congress," by Miss Mary Coles, at 3 p. m.

Followed by a model Mission Study Class for children, led by Miss A. W. Hubbard.

It is hoped that every one that receives this notice will try to get some one person who is not already interested in Educational Missionary Methods to attend.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held on Thursday, January 28th, the Director in the chair. The service for the admission of new members was made the order of the day for the February meeting. The following committees were appointed:

Dinner Committee.—Roland S. Morris, chairman; Frank Taws, T. H. Clemens, Lewis H. Van Dusen.

Lenten Service Committee.—Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., chairman; Abram P. Tatnall, Robert Boyd, J. W. Keller, Charles N. Van Dusen, Samuel M. Peacock, Craig Atmore.

Attendance at the dinner is by no means limited to members of the Brotherhood. All the men who attend St. Stephen's are invited. Among those who will make brief addresses are Mr. E. H. Bonsall and Mr. F. A. Lewis.

The Three Arts Club.

Perhaps, of all the many people who come and go through the busy St. Stephen's Parish House in the course of a week, the congregation know least about us "Three Arts girls." It is true, we do not make a very great stir or noise in this world; at least we have not done so as yet, but that is not saying that some of our number may not be that mysterious thing called "famous" some day. In the meanwhile, our life is not spectacular, or even eventful to the outside point of view; though we are by no means idle, but are pressing on, however, slowly, not only to the goal of our individual ambitions, but also towards our ambition as a club. It must be admitted that our favorite dream—a club-house home for young women art students—is still a castle in the air. But we have at least made a step in that direction in the studio of one room which twelve of our members have rented at 10th and Walnut streets.

Now, we are aware that there exists in the minds of many of that outside world we call "the public," a certain time-honored fallacy to the effect that all artists are mere impractical dreamers, who spend their time idly musing in especially esthetic abodes (studios), presumably awaiting that intangible something known as inspiration. It is true, it is inspiration which gives the artist power, his work immortality; but those who think the artist idly awaits his inspiration should visit the Three Arts Studio and learn the truth: that we work for it—work for it steadily day after day, and work, not amid esthetic luxuries, but amid the

unpleasant odor of turpentine, the grime of paint and the homely tools of the artists' workshop. So the studio is, perhaps, not beautiful, but it is a help, and helpful things are always beautiful in their way—even if one does have to climb over a block of marble when one enters the studio door, and must be careful not to trip into the coal bin.

Then, too, we are not so impractical as often supposed. At least we have paid our studio rent up to date. We have had two entertainments for that purpose in the Sunday School Building. The results cannot be described as very remunerative, yet we are determined to take the optimistic view.

There is one thing, however, that we want—and want badly. And since timidity is considered weakness in this age, we will here boldly make known that want. We desire a place where our work may be seen by the public and (we dare to hope), bought by the public. The place would not need to be very large, nor would we demand exalted sums for the work. So we trust this want may not seem unreasonable to any person, or persons, who may be in a position to offer us help or suggestion in this matter.

E. W. L.

The Sunday School.

BANNER CLASSES.

NOVEMBER.

Boys.—Class No. 10 (Miss Lindenmeyer).
Girls.—Class No. 8 (Miss Edith Shellenberger).

DECEMBER.

Boys.—Class No. 12 (Mr. Cummins).
Girls.—Class No. 13 (Miss Edith Harper).

The Sunday School has been more than usually active this month. The introduction of the Blakeslee system of lessons has proved a success quite equal to our highest hopes. The individual thought called for on the part of each one has aroused an interest among the scholars which we hope, and have every reason to believe, will continue and increase as the work advances.

The new department which has just been established by Dr. Grammer, intermediate between the primary and main schools, supplies a long felt need. The class will be under the direction of Miss Martha Culbertson, and its chief function will be to drill the scholars who have graduated from the kindergarten work of the infant school, in the catechism, particularly the Creed and the Ten Commandments, their duty towards God and their neighbor, and the moral obligations, thus giving them a foundation for the more advanced study of the Bible which they will then pursue almost exclusively in the main school. The class will participate in the opening and closing exercises of the primary department, but on account of lack of space there, will hold its recitations in a separate room.

A novel entertainment was given by Miss Denney's class on Tuesday evening, January 19th, for the benefit of Christ's Home for Destitute Children. It was entitled "Anybody's Magazine," and consisted of a series of tableaux and sketches representing the various features which make up one of our modern periodicals. A short play, called "Spooks," was well presented by three of the members, and occasioned much interest on the part of the audience. Mr. Hall was splendid in the role of advertising manager, and his amusing stories and jokes caused great merriment. The members of the class deserve much credit for their ingenuity in devising, as well as their skill in carrying out, a program so entertaining and original.

On Monday evening, January 11th, the Sunday School had the pleasure of attending the preliminary performance of the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania. The play, entitled "The Mountebanks," was of a humorous character, and was enjoyed by all. We greatly appreciate the kindness of the Club in giving us these tickets each year in memory of our late superintendent, Mr. Clayton F. McMichael.

J. R. H.

The members of Miss Denney's class wish to thank Mr. Hall for his valuable assistance on the 19th of January. It is needless to say that without his enthusiastic efforts the entertainment would not have been the success that it was. Mr. Kolb also deserves special mention for his willing and much-needed services. To Mr. Aicholz for the music rendered that evening, Mr. Irwin Sherrard and Master Percy DeCallis for their help in the tableaux, and Mr. Carrigan and Mr. Charles Lindenmeyer and his staff, the class also extends heartiest thanks, for all of them were indispensable to the success of the occasion.

We are glad to observe that the Mothers' Bible Class which has resumed its sessions at 3 p. m., on Sundays, in the Parish House, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Butcher, is prospering. We hope that it will regain its former numbers, and will continue with ever-increasing success.

Alpha Kappa.

Thursday evening, February 11th, at 8 p. m., the Alpha Kappa will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Sunday School.

The Sunday School has been trying for a long time to procure a lantern and moving picture machine. It has been the aim to give a series of illustrated lectures on the Life of Christ and other such subjects. The School is now studying the Life of Christ by the "Blakeslee" system, and supplementary illustrated lectures given on some evening during the week, or possibly on Sunday evening, would be very helpful in teaching the scholars and giving them a thorough understanding of this subject and other courses of study that will follow when the present one is finished.

Lack of sufficient subscriptions has delayed the work, so the Alpha Kappa Fraternity has decided to give an entertainment, charging fifteen cents for admission, the proceeds of which are to be given to the Sunday School to help it in its good work.

It is hoped the people of the Church will respond to the call. Tickets may be procured from Mr. Carrigan, Mr. Streaker, Mr. Kolb or from any member of the Sunday School or the Alpha Kappa.

On Monday evening, January 11th, the members of the Alpha Kappa were invited to a party at the home of Mrs. Jeffries, 4933 Fairmount avenue. They were delightfully entertained and had a very enjoyable evening.

The meetings this month will be on Friday, February 5th, and Friday, February 19th, at 8.30 p. m.

J. N. A. K.

Children's Entertainment.

On Thursday evening, January 7th, the Children's Friend Society gave its annual entertainment for the children. The Sunday School hall was crowded to the doors with delighted little ones, and those of the "grown-ups" who witnessed the expressions of enjoyment and happiness of the audience will never forget the merry "Evening of the Youngsters."

The program consisted of illustrated songs and moving pictures, many of which were exceedingly funny and caused great merriment. Mr. Reynold's explanations of his pictures as they appeared upon the screen made them doubly interesting to the children. During the intermissions Mrs. Reynolds sang some very pretty songs, which were illustrated upon the screen, the children joining in the choruses.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have had much experience in amusing children, and their success on this occasion demonstrated their ability. Mrs. Vanderslice, the president of the Society, must be commended upon her efforts in providing such an interesting entertainment. The children showed their appreciation of her by giving her three rousing cheers.

The Children's Friend Society was organized next after the Country Week Association. During the summer months the Society takes the poor children out to the park, providing their luncheon and entertainment. Mr. Streaker, who is a guest at the picnics, has picked out several songbirds from among the children, and has organized them into what is termed "The Fairmount Park Opera Company." Clara Katz and Marie Rowan of the "Opera Company" sang a song at the entertainment.

J. N. A. K.

The cutting committee of the Female Benevolent Society has secured a number of efficient workers, and solicits orders from the congregation for all kinds of children's garments, aprons, towels, dusters, and any other household articles.

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Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Hours, 11 to 12 o'clock A. M., daily, except Thursday.
Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807.
Outer Office, Walnut 4687-A.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William Henry Hollar.
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. William H. Hansell.
Charles L. McKeehan.

Organist and Choirmaster.
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison.

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Dr. James Walter Jones,
Mr. Clarke Stanley Hurlbut.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Directress and Buyer.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12 M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President,—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Vida Hunt Francis.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member.—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, the Misses Shellenberger, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

ORDER COMMITTEE ON WHITE WORK.

Mrs. Watson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—The Rector.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Secretary of the "Blakeslee" System and Librarian.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.
Assistant.—Mr. Russell Hammer.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.

Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M., Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M., in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. James F. Breuil, Miss Cleeman, Miss McDowell, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Ruth Simons.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Taylor, Miss Berry, Miss Harper, Miss Katherine MacAfee.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb.
T.—Adam Hall.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.

Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.

1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Martenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux, Wyncote, Pa.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton, Spruce and Juniper.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. Isaac Hampshur Jones.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abraham Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 7.—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 14.—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 21.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 25.—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 28.—Fifth Sunday in Lent—Passion Sunday.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

February 16.—Geraldine Rodgers Harwood.
February 27.—Cora Elizabeth Mary Bersch.

MARRIED.

February 23.—Alfred Croskey Ashmead and Jennie Maud Davison.

BURIALS.

February 2.—Minnie Schimpf.
February 10.—Martha W. Engel.

Offerings in February.

General Charities	$120 29
Tuberculosis Class	74 59
Diocesan Missions	812 03
Missionary Box	56 82
Parochial Maintenance	61 20
Through Miss Lewis	10 00
Total	$1,134 93

Offerings in March.

1st Sunday.—General Charities.
2nd Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.
3rd Sunday.—Domestic Missions.
4th Sunday.—General Charities.
Wednesdays.—Missionary Box.

Schedule for Noonday Lenten Services.

Mon., Mar. 8....
Tues., Mar. 9....
Wed., Mar. 10....
Thurs., Mar. 11..
Fri., Mar. 12.....
Rev. E. S. Rousmaniere, D. D., Grace Church, Providence, R. I.

Sat., Mar. 13.....Rev. George Gunnell, Jr., St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.

Mon., Mar. 15....
Tues., Mar. 16...
Wed. Mar. 17....
Thurs., Mar. 18..
Fri., Mar. 19.....
Rev. J. Lewis Parks, D. D., Calvary Church, New York.

Sat., Mar. 20.....Rev. W. R. Turner, St. Paul's, Overbrook.

Mon., Mar. 22....
Tues., Mar. 23...
Wed., Mar. 24....
Rev. A. G. Mortimer, D. D., St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

Thurs., Mar. 25..
Friday, Mar. 26..
Sat., Mar. 27.....
Rev. R. S. Coupland, Church of the Ascension, Baltimore.

Mon., Mar. 29....
Tues., Mar. 30...
Wed., Mar. 31...
Rev. H. W. Wells, St. Andrew's, Wilmington.

Thurs., April 1..
Fri., April 2.....
Sat., April 3.....
Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Monday in Holy Week, April 5.—Rev. E. M. Jefferys, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 6.—Rev. L. C. Washburn, D. D., Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 7.—Rev. W. C. Richardson, D. D., St. James', Philadelphia.

Thursday in Holy Week, April 8.—Rev. J. Sanders Reed, D. D.

Good Friday, April 9.—Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Saturday, April 10.—Rev. G. C. Foley, D. D., Philadelphia Divinity School.

Special Notice.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to THE PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 S. 10th street. They should be sent not later than the Friday before the last Sunday of the month, that is to say, in March, not later than the 26th.

The Bishop has kindly arranged to give the Episcopal visitation to St. Stephen's on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 4th. The Rector meets the Confirmation class weekly on Friday at 8 p. m., in the Vestry room. For the convenience of those who cannot be present at that time a second class has been arranged to meet on Tuesdays at 3 p. m. The Rector will be in the Vestry for conference after every service and will be at home every Wednesday after 8 o'clock. Interviews can also be arranged at other times.

The afternoon services every weekday except Saturday begin at five o'clock. On Wednesday there is an address by the Rector. We are grateful for the assistance of volunteer singers at these services.

The speakers from out of town at the noonday services this month will be the Rev. E. S. Rousmaniere, D. D., the Rev. Dr. J. Lewis Parks, the Rev. R. S. Coupland, and the Rev. H. W. Wells. Dr. Rousmaniere has represented Rhode Island in the General Convention and is the rector of Grace Church, where he was preceded by Dr. Greer, the present Bishop of New York, and the Rev. Dr. Floyd Tomkins. When Dr. Mackay-Smith resigned St. John's Church, Washington, Dr. Rousmaniere was called to that famous Church of the Presidents, but declined the call. He has been markedly successful in a church situated like St. Stephen's in the very heart of the business section of a great city. His distinctive note, perhaps, is his combination of a liberal theology with a devout and reverential spirit. Some addresses that he made several years ago at St. Stephen's are still remembered as original, and helpful.

The Rev. Dr. Lewis Parks, who was rector of St. Peter's, Philadelphia, before he went to Calvary, New York, as Bishop Satterlee's successor, is too well known in Philadelphia to need any introduction. He has the art of saying *multum in parvo,* and is a master of incisive sentences. He has never spoken at these noon-day services, and we believe that he and they were made for each other, and are glad to bring them together.

The Rev. Robert S. Coupland, the rector of the Church of the Ascension of Baltimore, is a young Virginian, who has recently been made especially prominent by the large votes that he received for the Bishopric in Delaware and Maryland. In the latter diocese he and Dr. Eccleston so divided the clergy and laity that there was no election. These services will be the first opportunity that the people of Philadelphia will have of hearing a clergyman that has so large a place in the life of our Church in Maryland.

Wilmington is so near, that Mr. Wells comes to us as no stranger, and it is only for the sake of accuracy that the name of this forcible and effective speaker is included in this announcement of the preachers from out of town.

On the first Sunday afternoon in March, there will be a musical service in celebration of Mendelssohn's centennial year. Among other selections of this great composer, the choir will sing his musical setting of the 95th Psalm, which is regarded by Dr. Wood as one of his devotional masterpieces.

Far from being an advocate of running around to different churches, "sampling the services," so to speak, using the vernacular of such a "church tramp," the writer ventures to say that sometimes it is well to leave one's accustomed pew and see what is being done in some of the mission churches in our city. The encouragement that it gives to the working staff is evident at once by the welcome accorded one, and the sight of a large middle class, self-respecting congregation, alert and devout, is certainly inspiring. Well drilled and hearty singing and response show that the mind has not wandered and that the people are doing their part of the service, even though it be held in a basement, as at St. Anna's, at 56th and Market streets, which is a typical church of this kind. Activities of various sorts for every night of the week furnish interests for the non-working hours, and being different from the occupations of the daily grind, serve to round out what would otherwise be a dull or narrow existence. If you are a thoughtful person, you will return from such a visit a little better equipped for your own surroundings.

L. B.

Men's Banquet.

On Friday, February 19th, the banquet hall of the City Club was the scene of a most successful dinner, given under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. In spite of a very rainy night there were forty-three men present. Although they had attended St. Stephen's Church for many years, some met that evening for the first time.

Toward the close of the dinner Mrs. David D. Wood very kindly appeared and, accompanied by Dr. Wood, added much pleasure by her singing. In the intervals between the speeches Dr. Anthony and Mr. Manypenny sang some old familiar songs which all enjoyed.

The Brotherhood wishes to express great appreciation and thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Wood, Dr. Anthony, and Mr. Manypenny, for adding so much to the entertainment of the evening.

Mr. Edward H. Bonsall, the president of the Brotherhood in the diocese, who has been an interested and ardent worker in it ever since it was started, was our honored guest, and gave a delightful talk on the history and work of the Brotherhod, with valuable suggestions and encouragement for our work. Mr. Roland S.

Morris, the chairman of the dinner, expressed regret that Mr. Ludovic Cleemann was unable to be present, and called upon Dr. Wood, as being the oldest member present, to give some recollections of St. Stephen's earlier days. His interesting reminiscences covered a period of forty-six years during six rectorships.

Dr. Grammer expressed his appreciation and pleasure at seeing such a large and representative gathering of the men of the Church, and spoke of the large amount of work to be done in the section of the city covered by St. Stephen's parish.

Mr. Charles L. McKeehan, Director of St. Stephen's Chapter, gave an excellent address on the particular usefulness of this Chapter, and made all feel that he is a strong leader who, with the co-operation of the other members will accomplish much good for St. Stephen's Church. A. G. T.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The fifth stated meeting of the season was held in the Parish House on Thursday, February 18th, Miss Magee presiding. The attendance was somewhat larger than usual. Reports of interest were heard from the following committees: Diocesan Committee; Committee on Colored Missions; Domestic Committee; Indian Hope; Foreign Committee, and the Treasurer of the United Offering.

After the business of the meeting was completed an address was made by Miss Woods, of Fort Yukon, Alaska, in which she described her work in a manner that was most appealing. The Indians of that region are a nomadic people, with the result that it is difficult to give the children any systematic schooling. Thus the greatest present need of the mission is a house where these homeless children may be cared for and enabled to attend school throughout the term. Miss Woods told several pathetic incidents showing the crude conditions of life in Fort Yukon, and said that the people were quick and anxious to learn and of a decidedly religious temperament. Miss Woods' address closed an interesting session.

Now that Lent is here we earnestly hope that if there are any who, at this season, have more time to give to Church interests they will join us at our next meeting to be held in the Guild room of the Parish House, on Thursday, March 18th, at eleven o'clock.

E. W. L.

The Mission Study Class.

As an outcome of the interest shown in the Mission Study Class, it has been suggested that a box of books should be collected and sent to Miss M. E. Wood, Wuchang, China, to be placed in the library of Boone College, in Wuchang, for the use of the students. It will be remembered that Miss Wood made an appeal for books when she addressed our Auxiliary last year, and the need is still as great as then, as the number of students has increased so rapidly. It is a privilege to be able to put within the reach of young men studying out there such books as would make them familiar with the best thinkers and workers of our Western civilization, and the co-operation of the congregation is earnestly asked in this plan. Any book that interests you, man, woman or child, to whom this paragraph is written, may also interest a Chinese student; if you think it will, please send it to Miss M. S. Wilkins, 1223 Locust street, Philadelphia, so that in Easter week, a box of books, donated by the congregation of St. Stephen's may be forwarded through the Mission Study Class to the Boone College Library, Wuchang, to help in the uplift of China. L. B.

Report of the Tuberculosis Class.

Number of patients examined and admitted to the Class	29
Number of patients examined and found non-eligible	27
Number of patients examined and referred to other dispensaries	10
Number of patients examined and sent to hospitals	8
Total	74
Number of class members too ill to continue attendance	5
Number of class members sent to hospitals	9
Number of class members attending	16
Total attendance for year	318
Amount of milk distributed (quarts)	1,955
Number of classes held	57
Number of visits to homes paid by nurse	327

The above shows the statistical report for first year's work of the Tuberculosis Class.

Though the growth of the Class may appear rather slow, its development has been accomplished by a great deal of careful work, in both physical examinations and investigations of home conditions. No patient is admitted to the Class until this has been done.

In comparison possibly with the report of other classes the number of home visits paid by the nurse is comparatively small, but this is due to the fact that the Class nurse, whose services are given by the Visiting Nurse Society, has also charge of the Tuberculosis work of that Society and so is able to give only part of her time to this work.

During the month of January, Dr. Craig, physician-in-charge of the Class, was absent on his vacation, his place being filled by Dr. I. H. Jones. The growth of the Class having necessitated two physicians for the work, Dr. Jones has consented to accept the position of assistant, and the Class has been changed to Tuesday at 3 p. m., in order that he may be with us.

With the growth of the Class has developed also the need for more funds with which to meet its demands in addition to the diet of milk and eggs which are furnished the members at the discretion of the physician.

Through the help of the Society for Organizing Charities work has been obtained for some of our members who are able to work. The St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Hebrew Charities have furnished some of our families with coal and clothing, and the Visiting Nurse Society has provided beds for patients who have been unable to obtain separate beds, that they might follow out the Class rules and sleep alone. This Society has also furnished warm clothing for those who are in need of it, and has helped to provide money for rent in some cases where otherwise the patient would have been forced to work in order to obtain it, and unable to follow out the physician's orders for rest. Through the kindness of one of the managers of this Society, one of our Class patients was taken from a poor, badly ventilated home and sent to the country to board while she awaited her admission to the Henry Phipps Institute. The girl is now able to return to her work.

A donation of woolen underwear sent in by a member of the congregation arrived just in time to enable a Class member to be given the necessary outfit to send him to White Haven.

Your attention is called to the Exhibit of the Tuberculosis Class at the International Tuberculosis Exhibit, now being held at 921 Walnut street. This being the only church in the city, and one of the few in the country, engaged in this work, our Exhibit has attracted especial attention, and we hope that before the closing on March 15th, you will all visit this Exhibit and see not only what St. Stephen's is doing, but what others are also doing in the work of stamping out this disease, in which the churches can take such an important part.

MABEL JACQUES.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

We are always glad when the Pussy-willows bloom for that heralds the approach of spring—not that we have seen them, those of us who are shut up in great cities—but we have heard of them from fortunate ones who live in the suburbs and ride to town every day. So, now, the Pussy-willows tell us spring is coming, and we are glad, for although this winter has been an unusually mild one, still there have been hardships and deprivations to be endured by the poor.

It is especially hard when a man has held a position for years and then through the stringency of the times or some other cause, not a fault of his own, has lost that position. Again and again he seeks for employment; again and again he is turned heartsick away. It is worse than beginning life anew, for the buoyancy of youth has departed, and failure to secure work, instead of arousing his combativeness and giving him a vigor and a determination to conquer fate, paralyzes his will power, and he feels keenly that life has conquered him and he is down and out.

Two ladies of the congregation sent us six tons of coal—one poor woman told me that when she saw the coal cart at her door she sank to her knees and lifted her heart to God in thanksgiving, for coal she could not buy, as rent came first, and it was a sore struggle to get that much together each week.

Another of my flock told me with tears in her eyes that if it were not for the hereafter she and her husband would end it all. Now, I have known this couple for years and I have witnessed their patience, their struggles and their deserving poverty; they are both at present engaged in selling stockings on commission, and a very miserable living it is. Imagine their gratitude when I have been enabled by the goodness of two great-hearted gentlemen in St. Stephen's to order groceries to a certain amount and hand them over, some to these people, some to sick people, and all the recipients prayerfully call down blessings on them.

In our Tuberculosis Class we have twenty

patients, and what we need most at present for this Class is a "Loan Closet." If several members of St. Stephen's congregation would each send us a steamer chair or a cot with pad on it, so that we might have but six cots and six steamer chairs, we could start our Loan Closet. Our idea is to make practical the doctor's advice that each person so afflicted should have a cot to sleep on, as he must sleep alone. Miss Jacques, the nurse, says that the Class method of treating tuberculosis is the best solution of home treatment, but unless we can arrange their homes properly it is impossible to do this.

The cots and chairs will be marked St. Stephen's Tuberculosis Class, and will only be loaned. Miss Jacques will distribute them, and when the patients are through with them, they will be returned, disinfected, and taken to her loan closet, blocks away from St. Stephen's Church.

We have one steamer chair doing good work now, as it brings rest and comfort to a patient.

K. H. Lewis.

The Garment Society desires to thank the following: Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. M. M. Parmalee, Miss Goss, Mrs. D. R. Harper, Miss McAllister, Miss Davis, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. E. R. Fell, Miss Shellenberger, Miss Euler, Miss Fernley, and Miss Bell, for donations received.

Julia M. Lammot.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Church will hold its meetings as in former years, on Friday mornings, during Lent, at 10 o'clock in the Parish House. The object of the Society is to make baby clothes for the poor, thus supplying a much-felt need. New members are earnestly desired.

News from Italy.

The following extracts from a letter received from Miss Frances Bockius will be read with general interest by their numerous friends in St. Stephen's.

Miss Bockius writes from Rome, where she and Miss Elizabeth are recuperating from the great nervous strain of those painful days in Sicily.

January 30, 1909.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

Elizabeth and I were much touched by your letter received to-day. * * * * I am sure a little harder shake and our fate would have been the same as the thousands of people we saw. You know the earthquake occurred just before light in the morning and we were too terrified to make any effort to get up. Our beds fairly plunged backward and forward, the closet door burst open and there was such a terrible noise everywhere. * * * * Following came four or five slight shocks, and during this we heard distinctly the tidal wave rushing upon the little town at the foot of our mountain. It sounded like a train of cars. There was an exquisite sunrise on snow-covered Mt. Etna that morning as though nothing had happened at all, and when I think of the agony and torture that were going on so near us, my heart is full. On the 29th and during the next ten days the wounded, dying and refugees were sent through our station, and, fortunately, there were some very wealthy Americans and English at Taormina, so we were able to feed thousands of people. Our waiting room was turned into a hospital and the very bad cases were brought in there, and we helped the few doctors do what could be done. All were as cold as ice for many had been in the ruins for days, with the rain pouring upon them, and had come from Messina, perhaps, covered only by an old table cover or anything that had been picked up in the ruins. Many we warmed up with bottles of hot water, and others died just when we thought a little spark of life had been nursed into them. They were all so patient too, and begged us to do for the others first, and sometimes all we could do was to wash out their horrible wounds that had already got in a terrible condition for lack of attention, and to give them a little warm milk or broth. I saw a number of people who had gone out of their minds and were enacting in imagination the falling of the walls and the seeing of some loved one struck down. I can't tell you of the horrors we have been through, but now it is all over for us and the *poor* people of Messina and other places will be more comfortable, perhaps, than they have ever been before, but it will be very hard for the rich people to begin life again. We remained at Taormina for eleven days after the earthquake, and during that time we had earth tremors every day, so loss of sleep and the horrible sights we were seeing began to tell on our nerves, and we were almost sick when we reached Rome, but I'm glad to say are feeling like ourselves again.

Give our regards to Mr. Ewing and any of our friends who may inquire for us, and believe me, with many thanks for your letter,

Most sincerely yours,

Frances M. Bockius.

Girls' Friendly Society.

On Wednesday evening, February 17th, the Girls' Friendly Society of the Diocese held a joint meeting at the Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia, to discuss the subject of cliques. The following paper was presented by a member of the St. Stephen's Chapter:

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF SO MANY CLIQUES IN THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES, AND HOW CAN IT BE REMEDIED?

Cliques seem to exemplify the old adage, "Birds of a feather flock together." A flock of cooing doves is not by any means a distasteful sight. A flock of chattering, noisy sparrows is not quite so inspiring; but should the flock be composed of hawks, eagles, and similar species, then it is well for the unoffending, innocent members of the feathered tribe to be on their guard, and give them a wide berth.

In a Friendly Society, where there is plenty of unemployed time on hand, that is where the cliques form and flourish, and quite naturally, too. They are composed of those having some interest in common, and where one finds kindred thoughts, motives, and inclinations they exert an attraction, and one is drawn towards them as the magnet and the needle. When girls club together, whose taste, let us say, for good reading, leads them to discuss the latest works of good authors, or who are enthusiastic over the old standard works of fiction, there is no cause for alarm. This is also true in other instances. It is the cliques that gossip over others, or misconstrue the motives of the most upright members, criticize everything, and treat the new members with cold stares of disapproval; in a word, who are decidedly UNFRIENDLY girls, these form a dangerous element, the cause of so much worriment to the secretary in charge.

It sometimes happens that an associate or teacher is irregular in attendance, either for good cause or otherwise, and the class is, so to speak, adrift without knowing how to fill in its time. This often serves as the nucleus for a clique. The cause for its formation is generally to be ascribed to lack of definite employment.

Therefore, give every member an opportunity to have a share in some useful, instructive or interesting work.

The Friendly Society that strives to have classes that shall meet the requirements and tastes of the various members, such as physical culture, dressmaking, cooking, literature, fancy work, English grammar and millinery—that has associates and teachers who work conscientiously, and who insist that every member belong to one of these clasess; that provides various lectures or talks during the season on topics that will interest and uplift, tending to imbue a desire for the higher aims in life; and last, but not least, that does not overlook the wonderful beneficial power exerted by the monthly religious service, over the hearts and minds of those who hear the lessons, sermons and talks based on the Word of God and by the inspired words and music of the hymns—a Friendly Society that observes these things will find there is little opportunity or inclination for the forming of cliques.

If the above methods are adopted where such a clique exists it will surely be the means of eradicating it. Of course, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, every time.

Augusta Boos.

On Monday evening, February 22, the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's held its annual entertainment to raise funds for Fatima, the little orphan girl in India, to whose support it regularly contributes. The room was decorated in patriotic colors in honor of the day, and the quaint Martha Washington costumes of the girls added greatly to the appearance of the whole. The principal feature of the entertainment was the comedy, "Spooks," which was repeated with great success by Misses Florence Sherrard, May Hess and Irene Wilder. Several songs and piano solos completed the program, and were greatly appreciated by the audience. Dr. Grammer, as Mr. Hall so aptly expressed it, furnished a most enjoyable dessert in the shape of a few remarks on the subject of the great American

whose birthday the nation was celebrating, containing a number of interesting anecdotes. To Mr. Hall also, the Society is greatly indebted for contributing much to the success of the occasion. The entertainment was followed by a dance in which many of the guests participated. J. R. H.

Sunday School.

BANNER CLASSES FOR JANUARY.

GIRLS

Teacher.—Miss Edith Harper.

Annie Watson. Myrtle Traul.
Olga Dorn. Lillian Brown.
Dorothy Minster. Annie Trainer.
Rebecca Wechsler.

BOYS.

Teacher.—Miss Taggart.

Russell Hammer. Walter McEwen.
William H. Hammer. Robert Snyder.
George Wilder. William Rice.
William Pedrick.

The Sunday School is indebted to Miss Laura Bell for 150 copies of the children's number of the *Spirit of Missions*. So generous an interest on the part of a member of the congregation is greatly appreciated by the school.

Alpha Kappa Entertainment.

On Thursday evening, February 11th, in the school room, the young men of the "Alpha Kappa" gave a delightfully varied entertainment. Considering the little time for rehearsals, it was a unique success, being refreshingly different from the usual, and receiving the hearty approval of the many present.

The dramatized story of Richard Harding Davis' "The Littlest Girl," had our old scenery burnished into a really fine setting, which took many hours of preparation and deserved its applause. Much credit is due Mr. Kolb for his rendition of "Caruthers," and Mr. Bush played his part well, for his heart was in it, and the tender little good-samaritan-story won its audience as well as did the "Littlest Girl," Stella Stiles, who was charmingly winsome.

Variety and a new interest was given in the interlude of acrobatics. Mr. Adam Hall and Mr. Hewlett surprised and pleased us all by their skill and remarkably fine exhibition of the beautiful possibilities in physical culture. We hope they will assist us again.

Then the jolly closing sketch, with Mr. Chas. H. Moore, (so glad to see him with us again), together with our versatile Mr. Kolb (electrician, manager and player)—these two in the roaring farce of "Box and Cox," were very funny, not forgetting the debut of Mr. Chas. Lindenmeyer as Mrs. Bouncer.

But, particularly as a representative of the Sunday School, the writer wishes hereby to express sincere appreciation to the entertainers and hearty gratitude to the Alpha Kappa Fraternity, for their generosity in donating the proceeds towards the fund to purchase an electric lantern for the Sunday School.

G. H. S.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received by the Children's Friend Society in February, from Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting March 17th in the Guild room, at a quarter of 8 o'clock. Donations of clothing have been received from Mrs. Wilder and Miss B. Wilder for the poor.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in February:

Mrs. H. F. Martin	$.25
Miss Mary Schaeffer	1.50
From those receiving shoes	3.35
Total	$5.10
Expended for shoes	4.05
Balance	$1.05

From Mrs. Jeffries a donation of six pairs of second-hand shoes. The society has given out twelve pairs of shoes this month, and ten pairs of overshoes.

Many of the children in the primary department are frequently unable to come to Sunday School on account of lack of proper clothing. Any donations of second-hand garments from members of the congregation can be put to excellent use in supplying their needs, and will be gladly received by Miss Shellenberger or Miss Goss.

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Hours, 11 to 12 o'clock A. M., daily, except Thursday.
Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807.
Outer Office, Walnut 4687-A.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William Henry Hollar.
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. William H. Hansell.
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan.

Organist and Choirmaster.
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison.

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Dr. James Walter Jones,
Mr. Clarke Stanley Hurlbut.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Directress and Buyer.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12 M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President,—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Vida Hunt Francis.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member.—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Bright, Miss Canfield

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—The Rector.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Secretary of the "Blakeslee" System and Librarian.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.
Assistant.—Mr. Russell Hammer.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.

Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.50 A. M., Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M., in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleeman, Miss McDowell, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Ruth Simons.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Taylor, Miss Berry, Miss Harper, Miss Catharine MacAfee, Miss Crawford.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb. *P.*—James Carrigan.
T.—Adam Hall.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Martenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux, Wyncote, Pa.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton, Spruce and Juniper.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. Isaac Hampshur Jones.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abraham Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 4.—Palm Sunday..
" 8.—Maundy Thursday.
" 9.—Good Friday.
" 10.—Easter Even.
" 11.—Easter.
" 18.—First Sunday after Easter.
" 25.—St. Mark.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

March 10.—Blanche M. Harper, Nancy Cochran Churchman.
March 16.—Frances Louise Seighman, Ethel Marie Krimmel.
March 28.—William Harlan.

MARRIAGES.

March 4.—Otto Legar and Martha B. Hinkson.
March 10.—Harry G. Miller and Lillian W. Strebig.

BURIAL.

March 22.—William H. Russell.

Offerings in March.

General Charities	$104 82
Tuberculosis Class	60 84
Missionary Box	167 33
Domestic Missions	177 81
Parochial Maintenance	74 55
Diocesan Missions	10 00
Total	$595 35

Offerings in April.

1st Sunday.—Easter Decorations.
Good Friday.—City Missions.
Easter Day.—The Farm.
3rd Sunday.—General Charities.
4th Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.
Wednesdays in Lent.—Missionary Box.

Schedule for Noonday Lenten Services.

Thurs., April 1.. } Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D.,
Fri., April 2..... } St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Sat., April 3..... }

Monday in Holy Week, April 5.—Rev. E. M. Jefferys, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 6.—Rev. L. C. Washburn, D. D., Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 7.—Rev. W. C. Richardson, D. D., St. James', Philadelphia.

Thursday in Holy Week, April 8.—Rev. J. Sanders Reed, D. D.

Good Friday, April 9.—Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Saturday, April 10.—Rev. G. C. Foley, D. D., Philadelphia Divinity School.

Services in Holy Week.

Monday } 11.30.—Ante Communion.
Tuesday } 12.30.—Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
Wednesday } 5.00.—Evening Prayer.

Thursday.—11.30.—Ante Communion.
12.30.—Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
5.00.—Holy Communion.
8.00.—Holy Communion.

Friday.—10.30.—Ante Communion and Litany.
12.30.—Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
5.00—Evening Prayer.

Saturday.—12.30.—Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Special Notice.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to THE PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 S. 10th street. They should be sent not later than the Friday before the last Sunday of the month, that is to say, in April, not later than the 23d.

Confirmation.

On Palm Sunday afternoon the Bishop will confirm a class at St. Stephen's. We are very fortunate in having such an assignment. It is an ideal date for Confirmation. The members of the class can take Communion for the first time on Easter Day, and the Rector has almost the whole of Lent for special instruction and the deepening of the religious life. This will be the third successive Palm Sunday on which the episcopal visitation has come to us. We hope that it will now be regarded as a fixed precedent and that that afternoon may be considered as belonging to St. Stephen's.

By the time that this paper appears, the class will be practically made up, although there are always some additions just at the last moment. My chief concern about it is not that the class should be large but that it should be in earnest. In the past three years I have presented for Confirmation about sixty people, and as I read over the names I am impressed with the fact that too large a portion of the class failed to enter the church as a field for service. Many do not seem to realize that the organization has a claim upon them for loyalty and co-operation. They seem to think it quite enough to come to Communion occasionally and appear with fair regularity at public worship. I hope that this next class will be distinguished for fidelity. All the other graces and gifts are rendered vain unless they are accompanied with perseverance. The blessing and reward is only for those who endure to the end.

C. E. G.

It will be a great mistake if we allow our energies to relax when Easter shall be past. In the early church, the forty days between Easter and Ascension were called the Great Forty Days. During this period the favorite posture in prayer was standing, and the church was filled with the sense of the new dignity and power that came to mankind from the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The true climacteric for church work is Trinity Sunday. After that anniversary, the warm weather compels relaxation and a reduction of work. I hope that the various societies will continue their activities as far as possible until that date.

An appeal has been sent out to the heads of the various organizations of women in the church with the request that the members of these societies will unite with the Girls' Friendly and the Woman's Auxiliary in a service in the church at 8 o'clock on Monday, April 5th. There will be a brief service and an address by the Rector. Such an occasion of united worship will be certain to deepen our sense of loyalty to a common cause, and will bring home to the women of the congregation the extent of the institutional work done in St. Stephen's Church.

It is desirable for the members to attend in their respective organizations and sit together. In some cases this will probably be impossible, inasmuch as many persons are members of more than one of these organizations, but so far as possible it is hoped that the societies will sit together.

With the Woman's Auxiliary, the Girls' Friendly, the Female Benevolent Society, the Mothers' Meeting, the St. Stephen's Aid Society, the King's Daughters, the Three Arts Club, the Altar Society, the Kitchen Garden, and the Sunday School Teachers, we ought to have a large attendance and a most interesting service. Please make a note of the date. It is a week in which every one should be free from social engagements and able to attend special services.

The societies are requested to meet punctually at 8 o'clock at the following places:

The Girls' Friendly in the Sunday School room.

The Mothers' Meeting in their usual place of assembly.

The Three Arts Club in its own room.

The Altar Society in the Verger's room.

The Kitchen Garden and the Sewing School, in the lower floor of the Sunday School building.

The King's Daughters in the room with the Mothers.

The Sunday School Teachers in the Vestry.

These societies will march in and take assigned places.

The Woman's Auxiliary and the Female Benevolent societies are asked to take their seats in the transept before the processional.

Notes.

A Junior Mission Study Class has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. English, and meets in the Three Arts room on the third floor on Wednesdays at eleven o'clock. The class has an interested membership of nine.

The Lenten Services.

The attendance at the Lenten services has been excellent, and the ushering has been all that could be desired. The young men of the congregation have attended with fidelity, and the services have been conducted with dignity and deliberation. There has been a noticeable absence of bustle and hurry. It has been good to see so many men in the middle aisle occupying seats that are especially reserved for them. The collection of hymns drawn up by Mr. Miller, during Dr. Worcester's rectorship, has been very useful, and the congregation has taken up the singing in the right spirit. We are hoping that Holy Week will crown the work of the Lenten season with a large attendance and helpful addresses.

We are under great obligations to the clergymen who have so kindly come to our assistance, and to the men of our own congregation, who have advertised the services so well, and taken charge of the arrangements with so much zeal and fidelity.

The Easter Sunday School Celebration

Will be held, as usual, the Sunday after Easter at 4 o'clock. The Burd Orphan Asylum will come in and join in the service. Suitable hymns are now being learned by the school.

The Easter Collection

Will be devoted to the maintenance of the Summer Home at the Farm in Bucks County. The Misses Bockius have written that they will return in time to resume the responsibility that they discharged with so much efficiency last summer. This welcome news gives the assurance that this important department of our work will be conducted so as to accomplish the greatest good.

An Important Notice.

All the organizations of women connected with St. Stephen's, and all women or girls engaged in any of the Church's activities, are invited to attend the service at 8 o'clock next Monday night, at which the Girls' Friendly and Woman's Auxiliary unite in common worship with all the other societies of women.

The United Offering.

The Fifth Annual Service with the presentation of the United Offering of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Tenth street above Chestnut, on Friday morning, April 30th, at half past ten o'clock. Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., will make the address. All the members of this Parish are invited to attend; the members of the Woman's Auxiliary are especially urged to be present. This service is modeled on the Memorial Thanksgiving service held at the time of the meeting of the General Convention, when the entire United Offering is presented.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The Lenten meeting of the parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Parish House on Thursday, March 18th. There was an attendance of 28 members. There was no prearranged speaker, as is customary, so that there was time for reports of more than usual detail from each of the committees.

The next meeting will be the last for the season, therefore it is hoped that all the members will be present. The meeting will be held in the Guild room at eleven o'clock—Thursday, April 15th.

E. W. L., *Secretary.*

The following letter will be read with interest by the members of the congregation:

FLORENCE, March 15, 1909.

DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

I wrote to you from Rome that we had not yet decided whether we should return to America or not, but that I should let you know as soon as we did. Unless something quite unforeseen happens, we are now expecting to sail from Genoa on the Cretic on April 24th. Since our experiences a little of our former enthusiasm has gone, and we feel that coming home is the only thing for us to do. In nearly every mail come letters from our people of the farm expressing pleasure that we are still alive and their desire to see us again, so I write to say that we have decided to come if you still want us back and we can make arrangements about the boys' two weeks. The steamer on which we think of sailing is due in New York on May 10th, which would give us ample time to attend to servants, and also to visit different members of our family.

We expect to be in Florence about three weeks longer, then over to Venice, Verona, the Italian Lakes, en route to Genoa. As our steamer lands at the Azores we feel that our sightseeing is far from over yet.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANCES M. BOCKIUS.

Alpha Kappa.

The Alpha Kappa Associate Players will render their annual play about the end of April. The executive committee has not yet decided upon the play they will produce, but the members of the committee are working hard to select a play which will be very pleasing and entertaining.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the Sunday School to be used to repaint the old and dilapidated interior scenery. This scenery has been used for about ten years, and it is now in such a condition that the various societies of the church giving entertainments can hardly use it with satisfaction. In fact, the scenery and stage appliances are so worn out that the Alpha Kappa Players will have to use another hall to render their play.

Meetings of the Alpha Kappa Fraternity will be held on April 2 and April 16 in the Guild room at 8.30 P. M. J. N. A. K.

A Letter from the Treasurer of St. Stephen's Farm.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30, 1909.

MY DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

As Easter Sunday is now approaching, and the friends of St. Stephen's Farm have usually given us the Easter collection, I hope that they will continue the custom and give it to us this year. Last year was the most successful summer that we have ever had, and we took care of more people than I thought it was possible for us to provide for. We had 440 people make an average stay of twelve days, and 235 others that went out for the day and were provided with a noon-day meal. The place was a veritable bee-hive. How they took care of so many, I can hardly explain, but the family were all contented, and I have never heard anything but satisfaction expressed by those who were thus enabled to have a holiday in the country.

We are greatly to be congratulated that the Misses Bockius have agreed to act as House Superintendents for next summer. Their management has been ideal, and the success of the place has largely been due to their good judgment and untiring efforts.

From the large number which we accommodated you will naturally understand that we are entirely out of funds, and will have to appeal to our friends for support.

The Treasurer at present has less than $3.00 on hand, and unpaid bills amounting to $117.62, but from the generous way in which he has always been met, is not at all anxious, knowing that the funds will be provided.

Yours very truly,

J. HUNTER EWING.

Vacuum Cleaner.

A new vacuum cleaning system has just been installed in the church, much to the delight of the Verger, whose work will be greatly lessened thereby. The apparatus is operated by electricity and performs the double function of sweeper and duster. It needs only to be run lightly over the carpet and upholstery, and the dust is sucked through a tube and deposited in a tank. Thus not only is the trouble of sweeping avoided, but the method of cleaning is very much more effective. It is especially appreciated at this time of the year, when the numerous services in the church formerly made it necessary to spend much time and labor daily in keeping it clean.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received in March from Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings April 7th and April 21st, in Guild room of Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	$5 00
Donation, Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
From those receiving shoes	5 80
Total	$11 05
Expended for shoes in March	5 80
Balance	$5 25

Gave out in March, 15 pairs of shoes and ten pairs of overshoes.

Shoes of any kind will be very acceptable for this work.

Sunday School.

BANNER CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY.

GIRLS

Teacher.—Miss Edith Harper.

Annie Watson. Myrtle Traul.
Olga Dorn. Lillian Brown.
Dorothy Minster. Annie Trainer.
Rebecca Wechsler.

BOYS.

Teacher.—Miss Taggart.

Russell Hammer. Walter McEwen.
William H. Hammer. Robert Snyder.
George Wilder. William Rice.
William Pedrick.

The Garment Society wishes to acknowledge with thanks. donations from: the King's

Daughters, Mrs. Hand, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Harper, Miss Goss.

JULIA DE M. LAMMOT.

The Kitchen Garden.

Of all the numerous activities in which St. Stephen's engages, perhaps none is contributing more largely to the elevation of the future generation than the work which is carried on in the Sunday School building on Saturday mornings under the name of the Kitchen Garden; and probably few of the members of the congregation are aware of the elaborate system of housekeeping that is going on in their midst. Of course, it is all on a very elementary scale, but acting on the assumption that the welfare of the classes to which the church ministers depends upon their ability to do efficient work as well as upon an active and intelligent interest in the same, we are endeavoring to create such qualities in our younger girls by laying a foundation for them which, we hope, will develop later into a thorough knowledge and willingness to serve in the humbler fields of labor. If we are to judge from the zeal shown by the scholars our hopes have a fair promise of being realized.

The first hour and a half, from 9.30 to 11, on Saturday mornings, is devoted to sewing, which is carried on under separate management and instruction in the Parish House. The children, ranging from eight to fourteen years of age, are divided into three grades. In the first two they pursue a prescribed course, in which they sew on pieces, learning the various stitches used in seams, hems and fells. In the third grade they are permitted to make simple garments and, the delight of every child's heart, to dress dolls. This is the goal toward which they strive, and furnishes an incentive to industry in the lower classes, for it is the unanimous desire to be admitted to the third grade where such a privilege is allowed.

At 11 o'clock the school is dismissed, but migrates almost in a body to the Sunday School building, where the kitchen garden, far more popular with the little ones, is held. Here each child is furnished, as far as possible, with a miniature household outfit, including small sets of dishes, tables, beds, brooms and dust-pans, and numerous other articles. Each week some one branch of housework is taught thoroughly and systematically, though at the same time combined with games and songs and other kindergarten work which makes it interesting and attractive to the children. One week they learn to make beds, another to set the table, to sweep, scrub, and wash, all of which they enter into with an eagerness which would put us "grown-ups" to shame. To be sure it is only play, and it is hardly to be expected that they will retain all of their zeal when it becomes real work, but there is everything in a good beginning, and the enthusiasm shown by these small housekeepers for the commonplace act of washing dishes is so great that it is often necessary to use a great deal of tact and discipline to ward off the quarrels which arise as to who shall wash the mugs in which milk, together with buns, is furnished them. Moulding in clay is another very popular occupation, though not quite so useful as some of the other features, all of which are enjoyed to their fullest extent. Starting with a small number of pupils two years ago, the school has increased to such large proportions that the equipment provided for it has become quite inadequate and will have to be increased next year.

The last Saturday in April will be a scene of great festivity and an occasion of much importance to the members, for then the proud mothers will be invited to view the achievements of their young housekeepers. The work of the sewing school will be exhibited for their benefit, and a prize offered by Dr. Grammer awarded to the best in each class, while a representative program of the kitchen garden work will be furnished for their entertainment. It is earnestly hoped and fully expected that the results will be most satisfactory and that the occasion will prove that the year's work has not been in vain. J. R. H.

JOSEPH CLAYTON

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.,
Burd Orphan Asylum.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
No. 9 S. Tenth Street.

Hours, 11 to 12 o'clock A. M., daily, except Thursday.
Parish House Telephones, Filbert 3807.
Outer Office, Walnut 4687-A.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William Henry Hollar.
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. William H. Hansell.
Dr. Addinell Hewson, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan.

Organist and Choirmaster.
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Elizabeth Dale,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R. Allison.

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Dr. James Walter Jones,
Mr. Clarke Stanley Hurlbut.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any Service.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.50 A. M.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

WARDEN:
REV. S. E. SNIVELY, M. D.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A. M.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Directress and Buyer.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12 M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President,—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Vida Hunt Francis.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member.—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Bright, Miss Canfield

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 a. m. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President, Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—The Rector.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Secretary of the "Blakeslee" System and Librarian.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.
Assistant.—Mr. Russell Hammer.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Bessie Wilder, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Hess, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.

Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M., Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M., in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
THURSDAYS, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.

Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.

Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleeman, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Ruth Simons.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Taylor, Miss Berry, Miss Harper, Miss Catharine MacAfee, Miss Crawford.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb.
T.—Adam Hall.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.

JUNIORS.

Meet every Friday at 7 P. M.

Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.

1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Martenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux, Wyncote, Pa.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton, Spruce and Juniper.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Assistant.—Dr. Isaac Hampshur Jones.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street. Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purposes of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

May 1.—SS. Philip and James.
" 2.—Third Sunday after Easter.
" 9.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
" 16.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 16-19.—Rogation Days.
" 20.—Ascension.
" 23.—Sunday after Ascension.
" 30.—Whitsunday.
" 31.—Monday in Whitsunweek.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

April 2.—Tomlinson Kent Hawley.
April 25.—Richard Tucker Moore, Albertine Theresa Koch, George Clair Wilson.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Palm Sunday, April 4:

Lewis Harlow Van Dusen, Frances Anne Crawford, Estelle Dallas Sanders, Anita Merchant Sanders, Tomlinson Kent Hawley, Olive Davis, Alexander Lynch, Lorle Caroline Mann, Elizabeth Hershberger, Carrie Louise Frank, Elsie K. Gill, Mazie Seighman, Ernestine Antonia Schell, D. George Hershberger, John W. Schell, Albert F. Snyder, Joseph Earlston Thropp, Bessie Whitcomb, Viola McMahon, Catharine B. Jones, Blanche M. Harper, Samuel Ellinger.

MARRIAGES.

April 1.—James E. Prettyman and Naomi Yocum.
April 3.—Henry B. Patton and Margaret Eustis Hazelhurst.
April 10.—Walter M. Herrington and Marie R. Harbot.
April 12.—Edward C. Winsmore and Alice Regar.
April 14.—Herbert Armstrong and Minnie Fenton Bolton.
April 15.—Nelson D. Hunt and Lizzie Kate Webb.
April 17.—John A. Thomas and Margaret E. Flowers.
April 21.—Robert Godfrey Chapman and Anna Bartley.

BURIALS.

April 1.—Mary Mitchell Harvey.
" 4.—David Loughead.
" 19.—H. Spencer Lucas.
" 24.—Bessie Balcom Rossiter.
" 25.—Caroline Ruth Brown.

Offerings in April.

Easter Decorations	$105 58
Diocesan Missions	37 90
Missionary Box	42 12
City Missions	51 47
Law and Order Society	5 00
The Farm	1,540 62
General Charities	70 44
Female Benevolent	79 00
Tuberculosis Class	6 00
Total	$1,938 13

Offertories for May.

1st Sunday.—General Charities.
2nd Sunday.—Law and Order Society.
3rd Sunday.—Theological Education.
Fourth Sunday.—Indian Missions.
Fifth Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.

Parochial Statistics.

Parochial Report from May 1, 1908, to May 1, 1909.

Baptisms.—Adults, 7; infants, 26. Total, 33.
Confirmed.—Male 8; female, 14. Total, 22.
Communicants Added.—New, 22; by transfer, 8.
Removed.—By death, 5; by transfer, 3.
Marriages, 25.
Burials, 33.

Financial Report.

RECEIPTS.

Pew rents	$8,291 91
Burd Orphan Asylum	16,642 81
Other offerings for Parish purposes	12,110 47
Offerings for purposes outside the Parish	2,627 59
Donations	3,887 50
Income from investments	7,086 72
Sunday School	360 69
Woman's Auxiliary	837 73
Received for Endowment Fund	250 00
Received for endowment of pews	2,500 00
From all other sources	293 00
Total receipts	$54,888 42

EXPENDITURES.

Parochial:	
Current expenses (including all salaries, fuel, light, ordinary repairs, etc.)	$17,052 49
Burd Orphan Asylum	22,801 14
Improvements	1,487 10
For the poor	2,724 53
Added to Endowment Fund	250 00
Added to endowment of pews	2,500 00
All other Parochial expenditures	8,885 46
Total Parochial	$55,700 72
Diocesan:	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	$458 13
Sustentation Fund	105 70
Missions, Convocation	550 00
City	51 47
Deaf	23 75
Italian	100 00
Colored People	50 00
Episcopal Hospital	215 21
Christmas Fund (for Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen)	186 91
All other Diocesan objects	1,074 57
Total Diocesan	$2,815 74

Extra Diocesan:		
Missions—Sunday School Offering		$168 97
General, Parish Offering		
Foreign	430 07	
Domestic	598 57	
Indian	104 11	
Colored People	270 63	
General Clergy Relief Fund	5 00	
Christian or Theological Education	228 45	
All other Diocesan objects	246 00	
Total Extra Diocesan		$2,046 80
Total expenditures for all objects		$60,663 26

Note.

To understand the exact status of the Church it is necessary to subtract the items connected with the Burd Orphan Asylum. The result will be:

Receipts for St. Stephen's	$38,245 61
Disbursements	37,862 12
Balance	$383 49

With this issue THE PARISH NEWS closes for the season to begin a new volume next October. The record of the year's work will be found in the financial reports of the various societies and in the copy of the rector's official report to the Bishop for the Annual Convention. It must be noted that many of the societies acknowledge contributions from the funds at the disposal of the Rector, so that it would not be accurate to estimate the total receipts of the Church by adding together all the sums acknowledged by the Rector, and all the receipts of the societies. For the Convention report great care has been taken to avoid doubling the record of receipts in this way.

The work of our societies shows a healthy growth. It is particularly encouraging to note that the pew rents, which are such an index of a church's strength, have increased by $430 over the pew rental of last year. This shows that our increased attendance upon the services is producing its natural result of increased strength and a larger number of steady maintainers of the Church.

One of the chief events of the year was the organization of a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, with twenty-two members. Mr. Charles L. McKeehan is the director, and he has with him a fine band of men. They made a notable success in conducting the great Lenten services. While the services at the Garrick Theatre nearby were well attended, the Lenten congregations at St. Stephen's reached the average attendance of former years.

At its last meeting the Brotherhood agreed to co-operate with the ladies in charge of The Farm by aiding them during the two weeks when the boys enjoy the hospitality of our rural home. A committee will relieve the matrons of the burden of discipline.

On the second Sunday after Easter the Rector called the attention of the congregation to the dilapidated condition of our frescoes and plastering, and asked them to contribute towards its renovation before they left for the summer. A rough estimate was given that the work would cost $4,000. It remains, however, to make a careful examination and ascertain the exact repairs that are necessary. One generous parishioner has shown her approval of the scheme, and her desire that the work should be done thoroughly by sending a check for $2,000. With such a start, it ought not to be difficult to raise the amount necessary to make our interior a suitable setting for our fine memorials, and a fitting environment for the worship of Almighty God, the celebration of the sacred rites of our faith, and the proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel.

The Accounting Warden makes up his annual report to the first of April, so that in addition to the gifts enumerated in his statement is to be added an endowment of $3,000, given by Miss Josephine Lewis in memory of her sister, Mrs. Campbell. The annual income is to be used by the Rector in aiding special cases of distress. Miss Lewis has also given a tablet that has been placed on the north wall of the Church to the east of the Burd monument. The inscription reads as follows:

To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
MRS. JULIET HAMERSLY LEWIS CAMPBELL.
1823-1898.
This tablet is placed on these walls
and an endowment
for the relief of special cases of distress
is given to St. Stephen's Church
by her Sister,
Josephine Lewis,
Easter, 1909.

H. Spencer Lucas.

H. Spencer Lucas, for many years a member of St. Stephen's Church, died at his home in Philadelphia, on Friday, April 16, 1909, after a very brief illness from pneumonia. His death was unexpected and came as a great shock to the entire congregation, in which he had many relatives and friends. At a special meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, held at the close of morning prayer on Sunday, April 18th, the following minute was adopted:

"The St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew desires to place upon its records an expression of sorrow at the death of H. Spencer Lucas, who died on April 16, 1909. Mr. Lucas has been for many years a communicant and regular attendant at St. Stephen's Church. He was one of those who organized this Chapter of the Brotherhood, and was one of its most active and interested members. His firm Christian faith, his buoyant, happy nature and his winning personality gave him a strong influence with other men which he faithfully used for the spread of Christ's Kingdom. He took a special interest in the poor of the Parish and was one of their most steadfast friends. The officers of the Chapter are requested to convey to the members of his family a message of sympathy for their bereavement and an expression of the regard in which Mr. Lucas was held by all the members of this Chapter."

Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

MAIN DEPARTMENT.

Number of Teachers	18
Membership, Oct. 4, 1908	129
Gain	23
Present Membership	152
Average Attendance	95

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Number of Scholars on Roll	72
Average Attendance	50
Cradle Roll	15

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, cash on hand May 1, 1908	$57 22	
Sunday School Collections	199 48	
Church Collections through Dr. Grammer	111 91	
Lenten Boxes—Sunday School	101 21	
Dr. Grammer—for Sunday School Festival	75 81	
Miss Denney's Class — Proceeds from Class Entertainment	50 00	
		$595 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

School Expenses:		
Magazines and Lesson Leaflets	$39 31	
Printing	44 70	
Festival, Excursions and Anniversary	240 35	
		$324 36
Contributions:		
St. Stephen's Farm	$10 00	
Home for Incurables	5 00	
Sunday School Asso. of the Diocese	5 00	
Christ's Home for H. and D. Children	50 00	
Valley Forge Memorial Chapel	15 00	
St. Christopher Hospital	5 00	
		$90 00
Missions, Domestic:		
Work among the Colored People	$25 00	
Work among the Indians	5 00	
Work in the Philippine Islands	10 00	
Work in Alaska	5 00	
		$45 00
Missions, Foreign:		
Work in Japan	$10 00	
Advent Offering	12 76	
Lenten offering	101 21	
		$123 97
		$583 33
Balance		$12 30

In making a report of the Sunday School for the year just ended we are pleased to state that there has been an increase in the number of scholars, amounting to eighteen per cent., and while this increase is not made up altogether of new members, some of our former scholars having returned during the year, it is gratifying to note that a goodly number is entirely new, showing that we are progressing.

Many new features have been added during the year, among which might be mentioned the introduction of the Blakeslee System of Lessons, the awarding of Banners monthly to the two classes—boys and girls—having the highest average for punctual attendance, the awarding of prizes to scholars for punctual attendance during the year and the institution of the Cradle Roll.

We are indebted to Miss Bell who so kindly furnished a sufficient number of copies of the *Spirit of Missions* for distribution among our scholars.

W. J. KIRKPATRICK,
Secretary and Treasurer.

The joint celebration of the Sunday School with the Burd Orphan Asylum took place on Sunday afternoon, April 18th, with the usual success. The schools marched into the church singing an Easter Carol, others of which formed an important and enjoyable part of the service. A new feature which was greatly appreciated by the congregation was the singing of an appropriate carol by the infant school alone.

The amounts of the offerings of the various classes and their respective mottoes were brought up to the Rector and read out as usual. The bare cross in which the bouquets were inserted employed heretofore was replaced this year by a bed of flowers arranged beforehand, containing the design of a cross. Over this bank hovered a large golden butterfly, which as Dr. Grammer explained in his address to the schools, may be taken as a symbol of the Resurrection.

Banner Classes for March.

GIRLS

Teacher.—Miss Edith Harper.

Annie Watson.	Myrtle Traul.
Olga Dorn.	Lillian Brown.
Dorothy Minster.	Annie Trainer.

Rebecca Wechsler.

BOYS.

Teacher.—Miss Taggart.

Russell Hammer.	Walter McEwen.
William H. Hammer.	Robert Snyder.
George Wilder.	William Rice.

William Pedrick.

Woman's Auxiliary.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Pledges	$212 00	
Missionary Box Committee	125 00	
Dr. Grammer	400 00	
Specials	52 00	
Total		$789 00

EXPENDITURES.

Foreign	$200 00	
Domestic	75 00	
Diocesan	185 00	
Colored	212 00	
Indian	50 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	11 37	
Total		$733 37

At the last meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, held on Thursday, April 15th, an address was delivered by Mrs. Correll, who is the wife of Rev. I. H. Correll, one of the foremost workers in Japan. Mrs. Correll has lived in Japan thirty-five years and still possesses her first enthusiasm for the Church's work there, which together with her long experience of Japanese life and thought, makes her one whose message is, not only of much interest, but of authority. It was a privilege to have her with us at our closing meeting. We also had the pleasure of having Miss Porter, of China, present.

The winter just ended has been a most successful one for the Auxiliary; indeed the best the Society has ever had. Next winter we hope to have still more come forward and help in the work. In fact we will not rest satisfied until we number every woman in the congregation. There are many, undoubtedly to whom the subject of missions seems remote and consequently uninteresting. Any subject about which one's knowledge is vague is apt to be uninteresting. But through the Auxiliary one comes in direct touch with the world-wide activities of the Church and this specific knowledge can not fail to awaken one's sympathy; and sympathy means interest. And lastly comes the personal pleasure of feeling that, however little, one is doing something to help in the great work of advancing God's Kingdom on earth.

E. W. L.,
Secretary.

The fifth annual service for the presentation of the United Offering was held in St. Stephen's Church on Friday morning, April 30th, at 10.30 o'clock. Although the weather was unfavorable it was well attended, and a large offering amounting to $4,776.01 was raised by the members of the various branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the diocese. Owing to the fact that it was in a sense a memorial service to the late Mr. George C. Thomas, Dr. Grammer asked the Rev. Nathaniel S. Thom-

as, Rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles and Bishop-elect of Wyoming, to deliver the address in his place, which he did in a most appealing manner.

The contribution of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's to the United Offering amounted to $120. This is a larger sum than it has ever been before, but it is hoped for a still larger amount in succeeding years.

Miss Bell's Mission Study Class.

In response to the notice in the PARISH NEWS in regard to sending a box of books to Miss M. E. Wood for the Boone College Library in Wuchang, China, the following members of the congregation have kindly contributed either books or money with which to purchase them: Dr. and Mrs. Grammer, Miss Wilkins, Miss Washington, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Blackwood, the Misses Bell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Messer, Mrs. Borie, Miss Cleemann, Miss Rynard and Miss Headman.

In all, ninety-six volumes have been purchased to be forwarded on their long journey, and the members of the Mission Study Class hereby acknowledge these contributions, with grateful thanks for the co-operation in their undertaking to help educate the inquiring Chinaman.

In a recent letter from Miss Wood, she writes: "I know you will be interested to learn that the contract for the Boone College Library has been given out, and although we have not sufficient funds to complete the second story, work has already been begun. We have purchased a fine piece of land next to our college and facing the street. We have built in front of the property a wall of brick and stone, crowned by an ornamental iron fence through which the Library can be seen to advantage. Having been in Wuchang you can probably form an idea of the location of the building."

Report of the Missionary Box Committee.

Balance on Hand April 15, '08....	$291 66	
Church Collection, Dec. 13, '08...	57 95	
Six Collections Wednesday, Services St. Andrew's Brotherhood	266 27	
		$615 88

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Miss Laura Bell	$5 00	
Mrs. E. F. Lineaweaver	15 00	
Estate of E. Marion Knight ....,	10 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis	5 00	
Interest on Deposits	4 59	
		$39 59
Total		$655 47
Four Boxes Sent to Domestic Field—Cost:		
1 Rev. Mr. Reamey	$79 30	
2 Rev. Mr. Cleveland	112 17	
3 Rev. Mr. Phillips	34 08	
4 Rev. Mr. Adams	57 46	
Towards Salary of Missionary Bishop	10 00	
Foreign Field:		
For Clerical Suit	$25 00	
Colored Field:		
Through Mrs. Arrison	$100 00	
		$418 01
Balance on hand April 9, 1909		$237 46
		$655 47

ALVEBTA S. VAN DUSEN,
Treasurer.

The following letters which have been received by the Missionary Box Committee show the appreciation with which this work is met:

ARCATA, CAL., April 6, 1909.

DEAR MADAM:

The box you so kindly sent me arrived safely. I got it just as I was about to set out on my long missionary trip to Crescent City in Del Norte county. I go there once a month. It takes me two days and two nights to go there. I go part of the way by train, to a place called Trinidad, and there I stay all night. Next morning at six o'clock I start by mail coach for Requa, 52 miles through virgin redwood forests, some trees are so big around that six men all joining hands could just stretch around the trunks of some of them. I reach Requa at 6.30 P. M., then we come to the Klamath River, and the coach with its four horses, driver and passengers go right on to a ferry, and so we go across, and by seven o'clock I am at Requa Hotel having supper. Here I stay all night. Then at 7 A. M. I start by coach again, and reach Crescent City at 3.30 or 4.00 P. M. I wear out a good deal of clothes this way, so I was very pleased with your box, and feel deeply grateful to you for your kindness. Will you please thank the ladies for me? I feel like the Irishman who fell off the house, and they said to him, "Oh Pat, are you dead?" He said, "No, I'm spachless," and I myself am speechless with gratitude. May you long be spared to cheer the heart of many a lonely missionary in this Western country. May God indeed bless you all for your kindness is my earnest prayer.

HENDERSON, KY., Dec. 2, 1908.

MISS MAGEE,
1720 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

MY DEAR MADAM:

Yesterday we were very pleasantly surprised to receive that most excellent box of clothing which was so carefully prepared and kindly sent to us by the Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

To say that we are very, very thankful, but faintly conveys the idea of the gratitude we feel for your kindness to us.

Everything is so nice, and supplied such a real need that I am sure could the ladies have been present at the unpacking and seen the expressions upon our faces and heard the exclamations of joy as each received his share of the contents of the box, each would have felt in a measure repaid for what she contributed towards it.

The boys' and my suit could not have fitted better had we been present to have tried them on. The shoes, too, are all of the correct size, excepting the pair for the older boy. His were too small for him, but not so much too large for the younger boy that he cannot use them.

The dress sent to my wife will, after a little alteration, make her a very serviceable costume. All of the underwear was of the right size, and it is the more appreciated because to-day we had our first touch of real winter weather. The little girls are very proud indeed of the beautiful dress patterns sent to them.

For all that we received we send you our sincere and heartfelt thanks, but I wish to especially thank you for your thoughtfulness of the children's Christmas tree. I assure you that because of your kindness in sending the games and toys we shall be the happier on the morn of the annual celebration of the birth of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, and my little girl will have reason to exclaim again as she puts her arms around my neck and with tears in her eyes, "Papa, isn't God good to find us such good friends?"

Again thanking you and wishing you all individually and collectively a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I beg to remain,

Most gratefully yours,

Girls' Friendly Society.

No. Working Associates	8
No. Honorary Associates	18
No. Members	119
No. Probationers	14
No. Married Branch Helpers	18
Total	177

The associates and members have met regularly Monday evenings. The classes in Physical Culture, Cooking and Millinery were resumed this winter. The associates from 8-9 have interested the girls in various ways. Two plays of Shakespeare's have been read and studied. Talks and colored post cards have transported some girls to Japan, China, India and Egypt, while others have read and discussed topics of general interest. Still others have embroidered and sewed, and grammar has been a new subject in our band of girls. The entertainments were successful and gave pleasure. Dr. Grammer has conducted the monthly services in the Church, and we feel they have been a most helpful feature of our work. The members held an exhibition of their winter's work Monday, April 26th. The Physical Culture Class gave a fine drill and other exercises. The hats trimmed in the Millinery Class were pretty and well made. Those who tasted the dainties from the Cooking Class pronounced them good. Pretty embroidered articles were displayed and papers from the Literature Class and Travel Study Class showed that real interest had been aroused. Mrs. Caley, a diocesan vice-president, kindly gave a talk one evening. One hundred and twenty articles made during Lent have been sent to the G. F. S. Diocesan Missionary Committee. The Rev. A. R. Van Meter, on May 3d, gave a delightful talk to the girls on the life of women and girls in China.

The Treasurer's Report.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1908...	$12 05	
From Dr. Grammer	55 00	
From Dues	129 02	
Interest on Legacy	67 50	
From Two Entertainments	102 30	
Donations	158 16	
Total		$524 03

EXPENDITURES.

Including G. F. S. Objects	$323 88	
Parochial Objects	96 12	
Missions	60 00	
Philanthropic Objects	16 75	
		$496 75
Balance		$27 28
Balance in Benefit Fund, May 1, 1908.....		$41 60
Expended		27 75
Balance		$13 85
Total Balance		$41 13

MARIA S. WILKINS,
Branch Secretary.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew, St. Stephen's Chapter, Financial Report.

ACCOUNT OF LENTEN SERVICES.

Received from Boxes	$698 53	

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Honorariums to Ministers .....,	$160 00	
Expense of Ministers	47 05	
Music	150 00	
Printing	75 50	
Advertising in Newspapers	57 05	
To General Brotherhood	119 14	
Miscellaneous	75 83	
		$684 57
Balance on Hand		$13 96

Notice.

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Philadelphia Local Assembly, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be held in St. Peter's Church, Wayne and Harvey streets, Germantown, on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, June third.

The Altar Society.

The Altar Society presents its twenty-fifth annual report.

The Superintendent of the Chancel Committee reports having received:

Ten Stole Collars, made by Miss Headman.

Three Chalice Veils.

Four frames for flowers, a gift from Mrs. Taylor.

Orders.

Surplice for Mr. Snively.

Surplice for Mr. Ewell.

The Chancel Committee has performed its regular duties during the past year.

The Embroidery Class Committee reports:

Finished this year:

One green stole, presented to Mr. Ewell.

Three Purificators.

Two veils.

Seven white altar mats.

Work on the pall and on two stoles is progressing.

The Treasurer of the Altar Society presents the following report, May 1st, 1909:

Balance in Hand, May 1, 1908...	$83 29	
Received from Dr. Grammer	227 00	
Mrs. McConnell for Memorial Flowers	6 00	
Mr. Ewell for Surplice	10 00	
Collection for Easter Flowers.....	105 58	
		$431 87

BILLS PAID.

Embroidery Lessons	$71 45	
Flowers	179 50	
Linen, Stamping, Hemming, etc..	11 19	
Fruit	5 40	
Making and Expressing Surplice..	4 85	
Packing and Sending Linen to California	3 15	
Towels	6 00	
Palms and Freight	4 80	
Stamps, Postals and Calendar ..	2 65	
Sundries	4 21	
		$293 20
Balance on hand, May 1, 1909...		$138 67
Amount Collected for Renovating Brass Work	$238 63	
Expenses	7 75	
Balance on Hand		$229 88

AGNES M. F. NOBLIT,
Treasurer

ANNIS W. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

The Altar Society has raised the sum of $229.88 for repairing the brasses in the Chancel, Font and Burd Monument.

I regret that it was impossible to have the work done before Easter, and it has now been decided to wait until the summer, when it is expected other repairs will be made in the Church.

Yours truly,
ANNA E. EISENBREY.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

In making up the last report of the season, one looks back over a year of work among the poor which is very discouraging and saddening in some respects, yet on the whole a beautiful work with its glimpses into the spiritual life and growth of many who, though poor in material things that this world reckons highly of, yet are rich in that power of trust and confidence in the Word of God and a simple dependence upon His promises.

The work does not vary much from month to month. Sometimes it seems like supplying a crutch to one who had lost the power of walking, for here one receives a much-needed lamp so she can do the sewing by which she supports a blind daughter. A family of three all sleeping in one bed, and another family with no bed, but lying on the floor, both get beds and mattresses.

Coal for the shivering, food for the hungry, money given judiciously to tide over sickness, and lack of work, medicine and certain delicacies for the sick, a comfortable rocking chair for a shut in, all these are the "Crutch" to help the helpless, the unfortunate and the sick.

The amount of money received and disbursed was $317.50. K. H. LEWIS.

Garment Committee.

In sending in my report of the Garment Committee for the work of the past winter, I wish to speak of the special cases mentioned in my account of disbursements.

A woman who had lost her husband, and was left with two small children to support, was helped with clothing and other necessities until she could find a position. She has proved herself grateful and trustworthy. A family that was too poor to have sufficient bed clothing, was supplied with a warm comfortable. A member of the congregation who was too shabby because of poverty to go to Church, was given a new black skirt. We have also been able to assist the Tuberculosis Class, by giving many of them warm clothing. These, with our regular work among the poor, have made a successful year for the Garment Committee.

There were 195 garments sold, 370 given away, making a total of 565 garments.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Last Year	$25 10	
Money Received from Sale of Garments	23 97	
From Dr. Grammer	20 00	
		$69 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

102 Garments Bought	$38 07	
Special Cases	12 25	
Cash on Hand	18 75	
		$69 07

Donations this month have been received from: Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss McRae, Miss Goss, Mrs. Hand, Mrs. E. P. Frick, Miss Washington, Miss McDowell, and Miss Hutchings.

Female Benevolent Society.

The Benevolent Society has made during the past season 3,262 articles for the hospitals, many of them being large pieces such as clinic jackets, nurses' aprons, bed-gowns and wrappers.

The special orders have amounted to 389 pieces. These articles were dresses for girls and children, infants' clothes, wrappers, aprons, sheets and towels.

For sale by the Benevolent Society over a thousand pieces—aprons, towels, house-cloths, dusters and so forth—have been made. Sixty-two garments have been made and presented to the children of the Rev. Mr. Phillips' mission by several members of the Society.

Altogether the officers and workers are much pleased with the work they have accomplished. The women have been given steady employment and have worked cheerfully and well. Prizes have been given for good sewing,

pressing the garments and keeping them clean. The result has been that the garments have made a better appearance and have been specially commended by the superintendents of hospitals, and those who have given the Society orders.

Next year we hope that the congregation will remember our work, give us orders and help us to make this department of Church work not only a blessing to the poor and to the hospitals, but also a source of power to us in giving our energies an outlet and in opening the founts of benevolence in our own hearts.

M. P. G.

DR.

1908.		
Nov. 1.—Balance on Hand	$159 29	
Cash Receipts	384 39	
Nov. 18.—Offertory on Sunday, Nov. 15, 1908	67 45	
		$611 13

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1909.		
Disbursements, "Parochial"	$490 23	
April 23.—Cash on Hand	$120 90	
1909.		
April 23.—Bills unpaid on this date amounting to between $80 and $100.		

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

St. Stephen's Aid Society held its meetings as usual on Friday mornings during Lent. The meetings were constantly attended by a few, who served so diligently that a large number of baby garments were left in the closet to be used by Miss Lewis in her work among the deserving poor of the Parish. Thanks are due to Mrs. Austin for her generous donations to this very necessary work.

Financial Report.

Received from Dr. Grammer	$15 00	
Amount in Hand at Beginning of Lent	61	
Received from Mrs. Austin	5 00	
Eight Members Taxed 50 cents Each	4 00	
Gift of	1 34	
Total		$25 95

The entire amount expended on material.

Children's Friend Society.

From Church Fund Through Dr. Grammer	$25 00	
From Donations	39 00	
Total		$64 00
Expended for Entertainment and Excursions	$59 00	
Balance		$5 00

Have entertained and taken on excursions about 250 children.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Money Received from Mr. Patton's Estate	$67 50	
Dues from Members	9 25	
From Members for the Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets and for Christ's Home Box	9 00	
Total		$85 75
Expended during the year	$69 55	
Balance		$16 20
Money Expended During the Year for State and International Dues	$3 50	
For Box for Christ Home	4 50	
For Children's Friend Society ...	3 00	
For Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets	6 35	
For Material for Garments Made by the Society	52 20	
Total amount expended		$69 55

Secretary's report of work accomplished since May 1, 1908, by the Whatsoever Circle.

A box containing clothing, entire infant's outfit for poor woman; Curiosity Box sent to Christ Home, containing clothing, books, games, toys, mouth organs, postal albums, and candies and all kinds of toys; donation sent twice to Willings Day Nursery, toys and bibs, etc.; garments made for Garment Society; several little girls given clothing, and donation to Children's Friend Society of $3.00.

BERTHA WALSHE,
Secretary.

Shoe Fund.

Year's Report, 1909.

Received (Through Mr. Ewell) from Church Fund	$2 00	
From Dr. Grammer from Church Fund	30 00	
Donations from Kind Friends....	7 50	
From Those Receiving Shoes.....	21 75	
Total		$61 25
Expended During the Year for Shoes	$60 50	
Balance		75

Donations of two large boxes of shoes, and one large box of overshoes. Donations of about 25 pairs of second hand shoes.

Have given out during the year, that is from November 1st, 150 pairs of shoes and 90 pairs of overshoes.

The Sewing School.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1908 (for Expenses)	$4 10	
Saving Fund	31 31	
From Dr. Grammer for expenses	5 00	
Dues, etc.	80	
Total		$41 21

EXPENDITURES.

For Sundry Bills	$6 72	
Balance		$34 49
Expended for Prizes from Dr. Grammer	$6 00	

ELIZABETH C. CLAYTON,
Treasurer.

Mothers' Meetings.

The Mothers' Meetings closed on Thursday, April 29, after a pleasant and, I hope, profitable season. There has been a great deal of sickness among the members and their families, and three of our members have passed away. With the little *Mite Fund* they have been sending flowers to the sick, also on Christmas and Easter—and their loving tribute to their dead members. On December 3d they had their Annual Sale in the Parish House, in the afternoon and evening, and cleared $67.50. They contributed $20.00 to the "Home for Aged Couples," and the balance, $47.50, is to be expended for the Farm, in the way of table linen, toweling, etc.

April 5, at the service held in the Church of all the Women's Branches, Girls' Friendly, King's Daughters, etc., there were about sixty mothers present.

On Thursday in Holy Week, there was the annual service held for them, in the Church at 8 o'clock, at which Rev. Dr. Snively officiated and administered the Holy Communion. We are indebted to the organist and young ladies who took charge of the music.

During the twenty evenings, friends have helped entertain with familiar talks, music, readings, recitations, etc., which with the social cup of tea and cake, has helped in making a cheerful gathering. The members of the Mask and Wig again sent tickets for one of their rehearsals, in memory of our friend Mr. McMichael.

During Thursdays in July over sixty enjoyed their day's outing at St. Stephen's Farm, which they always look forward to with great pleasure. Many speak of the splendid dinner served them.

Dr. Grammer assisted in making many happy hearts at Christmas (to those who did not *need* the Christmas dinners) with the silver souvenir and Christmas cards given them.

From an unexpected dividend of a defunct saving fund, we were enabled to purchase a Tune Book, Prayer Book, and 72 Hymnals, with good, clear print. At the closing meeting there was an entertainment by the Puritan Musical Clubs—mandolin, guitar, etc.—eleven members; singing, recitations, informal talks by friends, with ice cream and cake.

Received from Dr. Grammer for Meetings	$25 00	
Balance on Hand		$6 82
Total		$31 82
Expended for Tea, Sugar, Milk, Cakes, Postals, etc.	$28 81	
Balance		$3 01
From Dr. Grammer for Day's Outing to Farm	$36 00	
Expended for Tickets	36 00	
Balance		$00 00
From Dr. Grammer for Silver Souvenirs Christmas	$25 00	
Expended at Mint	25 00	
Balance		$00 00

MRS H. P. TAYLOR.

Alpha Kappa.

The Fraternity has survived the terrible blow due to the absence of Rev. John E. Ewell who was the life to the organization; and no doubt he will win many freinds in his new charge.

The season which is about to close has been very prosperous in all departments and a favorable report is expected from each of the various committees at the closing meeting, which will be held on Friday evening, May 7th, at which time new officers will be elected. The entertainments were also successful and were enthusiastically attended by many. On Thursday evening, February 11th, an entertainment was given, and the net proceeds, which were

$37.15, were donated to the Sunday School to help in procuring a moving picture machine to illustrate Bible Lessons to the children. The members of the A. K. proved themselves quite talented when they appeared in a semi-circle of black faces at an entertainment of recent date. They showed great improvement, and anticipate greater things for next season.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity is sincerely grateful to the young ladies of St. Stephen's Church for rendering their services as talented artists in the many productions which were produced during the past season.

ADAM M. HALL,
Secretary.

The Farm.

The summer of 1907 we had 312 people for an average stay of 12 days, and 190 day visitors. Last summer we had 440 for about the same length of time, and 235 day visitors. Naturally this great increase has been a source of increasing the farm expenses, and making our apparent loss larger than it was the previous year.

I have made a memorandum on the statement for your benefit. The vegetables, milk anl stage were part of the cost of the charity and supply at the expense of the farm. Our insurance on all the buildings ran out last year and I renewed it under five-year insurance policies. Therefore, only one-fifth of this should properly be charged in last year's expense. We put up a new wind mill, and made extensive repairs to our engine (see item for $192) and did quite a little repairing about the barn, and other parts of the buildings amounting to $100. These two items are, in a sense, proper expenses, but are extraordinary expenses.

The part of the report that pleases me least is to find our receipts from the farm less than they were the year before, but this is due to the fact of last summer's drought having spoiled our potato crop. We sold a great many potatoes at 50 cents a bushel that ought to have grown to the dollar side.

J. HUNTER EWING.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Dr.

RECEIPTS.

April 1, 1908, Bal. on hand		$1,054 87
The Easter Collections:		
Cash	$442 80	
Caroline R. Tucker	25 00	
Mrs. Albert E. Pancoast	25 00	
Grace V. Lucas	50 00	
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	25 00	
Dr. Edw. R. Fell	5 00	
Estate A. McKnight	10 00	
Wm. E. Haydock	20 00	
	$602 80	
Donation from:		
Harriet McIlvain	5 00	
J. Hunter Ewing	250 00	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell	500 00	
J. Austin McDowell	100 00	
Through Dr. Grammer	1 00	
From Miss Davis	1 00	
Adelaide V. Brunner	25 00	
Laura Bell	5 00	
John Graff	5 00	
E. J. Moore	500 00	
Mary E. McIlvain	25 00	
Wm. H. Hollar	200 00	
Saumel Moore, Jr. (ice cream bill for season)	68 45	
	2,288 25	
Sold from the Farm:		
Potatoes	$762 67	
Milk	197 30	
Hay	184 50	
Calves and Pork	109 02	
Wheat	190 93	
	1,444 42	
Cash returned by Superintendent	.15	
Discount returned	2 91	
Interest on bank deposit	19 52	
	$4,810 12	
April 1, 1909, Balance	$2 95	

HOUSE EXPENSES.

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PAYMENTS.

House supplies	$546 89
House Superintendents	250 00
Coal	47 61
Plumbing	10 05
Telephone	32 10
Stationery and printing	12 90
Railway tickets	109 25
	$1,008 80

FARM EXPENSES.

Farm labor	$1,588 41
Bran, cattle food, etc.	286 21
Blacksmith	81 87
Gasoline, lumber, etc.	95 30

Taxes	58 87	
Repairs	100 90	
Medical at stable	55 30	
Machinery and new wind mill	192 00	
Toll	30 50	
One horse	209 00	
Fertilizers and manure	290 91	
Seeds and plants	133 88	
Potatoes	387 54	
Insurance: 5 years on all buildings	$268 28	
On live stock	19 40	
	287 68	
		$3,798 37
Balance in bank		2 95
		$4,810 12

Respectfully submitted,
J. HUNTER EWING,
Treasurer.

The Seamen's Institute sends an appeal, from which the following extracts are taken: "Contributions of books, magazines and illustrated papers of every kind are much needed, and we can use to good advantage an unlimited quantity. They should be sent plainly addressed, Seamen's Institute, Front and Queen streets, Philadelphia. A barrel is the most convenient method of sending, and may be sent by freight at small cost. *The name of the sender should always be plainly marked in order that it may promptly be acknowledged.* Freight via Penna. R. R. should be sent to Federal street station; via Reading R. R. should be sent to Catharine street station.

Comfort bags, or sailors' housewives, are very acceptable to those going on long voyages. Knitted wristlets, helmets and scarfs are in constant demand. Full printed directions for making will be supplied by the Chaplain.

Partly worn clothing, underwear and shoes for men are needed for destitute and shipwrecked sailors.

We are glad to have assistance in the concerts given on Tuesday evenings by and for the sailors. Instrumental and vocal music, recitations, etc., meet with hearty applause. Notice of a visit should be given to the Chaplain in advance.

"A visit to the Sailors' Concert on Tuesday evening is specially interesting.

"Queen street is between Catharine and Christian streets, and runs east and west.

"Will not the Rectors of our parishes suggest to their congregations through Chancel Notices, in their Parish Papers, and otherwise, the making of thank offerings to the Churchmen's Missionary Association for Seamen when the use of the Thanksgiving for a Safe Return from Sea is requested?"

These suggestions ought to open a door of opportunity to some one.

JOSEPH CLAYTON

Funeral Director and Embalmer

225 S. ELEVENTH ST.

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. ROBERT LONG.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. William Henry Hollar,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Dr. Addinell Hewson.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.
Miss Elizabeth Dale,

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith, Miss Jessie R Allison

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Dr. James Walter Jones,
Mr. Clarke Stanley Hurlbut.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEE:
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 10.30 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.
DAILY, 9.15 A. M. and 7.15 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First and Third Sundays, at 10.30 A M.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Female Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Directress and Buyer.—Miss Ewing
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs Hansell, Mrs. Atmore.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12 M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Vida Hunt Francis.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Stratton, Miss Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Lippincott, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Bright, Miss Canfield.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.
The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Miss K. G. Cressman.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Secretary of the "Blakeslee" System and Librarian.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.
Assistant.—Mr. Russell Hammer.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Infant Class, 9.45 *A. M.*—Miss Shellenberger, Miss F. A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purneli, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Annis Taylor.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Harper, Miss Crawford.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer. *T.*—Adam Hall.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.

JUNIORS.

Meets every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11.30 to 12.30.
1st Instructor.—Miss Snively.
Assistant Instructors.—Miss Shellenberger, Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Maitenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux, Wyncote, Pa.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton, Spruce and Juniper.

Tuberculosis Class.

Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

October 3.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
10.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
17.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
18.—St. Luke.
24.—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
28.—SS. Simon and Jude.
31.—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

May 2.—Dallas Sanders Scott, Lloyd Francis Scheer.
May 9.—Robert Riddle Keightley.
May 16.—Junior Bassett Hanger, Edna May Seitz.
June 1.—Ellen Hewson Douglas.
June 20.—Mabel Jane Long, Edith Long.

MARRIAGES.

May 8.—Tolbert Lanston and Alice V. Hieston.
June 3.—Walter Herbert Avis and Frances B. Markle.
June 5.—John Joseph Humbert and Helena Catherine Hess.
June 7.—John Coats Browne and Emily Ada Payne.
June 9.—Lindsay W. Allen and Adeline May Posey,
June 9.—Henry Fauntleroy Harris, M. D., and Adah Evans Austin.
June 16.—William John Weir and Elizabeth Wilder.
June 30.—Leonard D. Frescoln and Ethel May Cordes.
August 25.—Jules August Gallat and Nettie S. Hobart.

BURIALS.

May 15.—Alma Elsner.
July 3.—George Albert Jones.
July 4.—John G. Bosheth.
August 2.—John Smith.
August 7.—Sallie Brewer.
August 25.—Caroline V. English.
September 16.—Thomas Wilson.

Offerings During Summer.

General Charities	$533.03
Tuberculosis Class	302.01
The Farm	5.00
Law and Order Society	2.00
Church Work	10.00
Diocesan Missions	5.00
Total	$857.04

In response to a special appeal for Missions to enable the Diocese to meet the Pennsylvania apportionment:

Beauveau Borie	$10.00
Miss Jane Jamison	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Judson	10.00
Miss Anna Tilghman	10.00
Mr. L. C. Cleemann	10.00
M. M. Coppuck	15.00
J. Hunter Ewing	10.00
Mrs. Rebecca E. Pancoast	10.00
Mrs. Grace V. D. Lucas	5.00
Dr. E. R. Fell	10.00
Mrs. A. D. Arrison	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Williamson	10.00
Mrs. Armstrong	10.00
Miss Julia Garrett	25.00
C. E. Grammer	10.00
Mrs. Georgene Waters	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Colket	25.00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	10.00
Miss Elizabeth C. Washington	10.00
In Memoriam—George Jones	10.00
Miss Maria S. Wilkins	25.00
Total	$260.00

Fund for Redecorating Church.

Miss Julia Garrett	$2,000.00
Miss Fannie Magee	100.00
Miss Annie Magee	100.00
Mrs. Maulsby	100.00
C. H. Colket	25.00
Miss Swift	5.00
John Graff	10.00
W. Gardner Crowell	50.00
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	100.00
Jas. R. Magee	100.00
Horace Magee	100.00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25.00
J. Hunter Ewing	100.00
L. C. Cleemann	100.00
Total	$2,915.00

After nine months without an assistant minister, it is good news that the Rev. Robert Long, who was the first assistant at *The Holy Apostles* under the Rev. N. S. Thomas, has been secured.

He will have charge of the Sunday School at St. Stephen's, assist at the Sunday morning service, and help in the pastoral work at the Parish Church during the week days. To these duties he will also add the responsibility of the Chaplaincy of the Burd Orphan Asylum, where he will conduct the Sunday afternoon service, organize a morning Sunday School, and hold a mid-week service on Wednesday night.

Last spring the Rector made an appeal to the congregation to contribute funds for the renovation of the interior of the Church. Sufficient money was contributed almost at once to justify the Vestry in going ahead, and a contract was entered into with a firm of professional decorators and restorers. The aim was to retain the old design, but to restore the original colors in their first freshness. The plaster was also to be repaired, and all signs of wear and tear to be removed. The committee placed in charge of the work was Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Mr. Wm. H. Hollar, and Mr. W. H. Hansell. The hearty thanks of the congregation are due to this committee for its faithful and satisfactory service. The contractor has done most excellent work, and completed his task inside of the time set apart for the repairs.

The following is the report of the Committee to the Vestry at the October meeting:

The Committee on Decorations would report that the work has been completed in accordance with the contract made with the W. P. Nelson Co., and we believe it has been done in a thorough and satisfactory manner, restoring the decorations of the Church to their original design and colors. The circular windows on each side of the Chancel have been put in iron frames and hung to open, which will improve the ventilation of the Church. One of the ceiling arches was found separated several inches from the ceiling, and in an unsafe condition, all of them are now securely bolted to the beams supporting the ceiling. The dado has been added to the walls of the vestibule, and the doors recovered, the Parish Building rooms repainted and put in good order, the cellar cleaned and thoroughly whitewashed.

At the Sunday School building the roof was put in order and all of the interior repainted.

The total cost of the improvements amount to $2,908.46, as per accompanying statement.

Respectfully submitted,
J. HUNTER EWING,
WM. H. HOLLAR,
WM. H. HANSELL.

Among the improvements made in the interior of the Church this summer is the relacquering of all the brasses and railings through the agency of the Altar Society. The railings around the Burd monument, as well as the chancel and pulpit rails are included in this renovation. The covering of the font has also been lacquered and hung in a convenient and modern way. All who contributed to the fund collected for this purpose by the Altar Society are invited to inspect carefully these renovations.

The Sewing School will reopen for the winter session on Saturday, October 23. A systematic reorganization of the classes is being attempted, and under Miss Taylor's management we hope for a successful year, but with our present forces are seriously handicapped by lack of teachers. The instruction of young children in the use of the needle is one of our most valuable activities, and Dr. Grammer will be glad to hear from anyone who is willing to help in this work.

Burd School.

The first report of the new superintendent of the Burd School, Miss O. M. Harnish, was submitted at the last meeting of the Vestry. The report is too long to print in full, but the following are the chief items:

On September 6th, the School was reorganized and now consists of A and B primary, A and B intermediate, A and B grammar; Miss Mildred Sheeder being in charge of the primary school, Miss Catherine Williamson of the intermediate, Miss Ida M. Scherer of the grammar school.

Aside from having charge of the grammar school where Miss Scherer teaches all branches except arithmetic, grammar, hygiene, music, nature-study and elocution, she also teaches history in the intermediate.

Miss Williamson, who has charge of the intermediate, aside from teaching all branches in her own school except arithmetic, language, music and elocution, teaches nature-study, hygiene and gymnastics in the grammar grades.

Miss Sheeder, who is primary teacher, also teaches elocution in the higher grades.

Miss Mumma, the governess teaches grammar and language.

Miss Wannebo teaches music, and Miss Harnish teaches arithmetic.

About twenty-five girls are at present being given music lessons on the piano by Miss Wannebo, more are desirous of taking, but owing to the few pianos which we have, no more girls can find an opportunity to practice.

There are also special classes in cooking, numbering six each, taught by Miss Godfrey, the teacher of domestic science, who also has classes in housekeeping among the smaller children.

Besides the teachers there are the house mother, C. W Housel; Bessie Mundus, matron of the kitchen, and Fannie Basehore, assistant in the kitchen.

During the summer the garden yielded vegetables to the value of $257.95, and there were also 2,600 quarts of milk.

The friends of the school will be interested in a brief statement of the previous training of our new superintendent and teachers.

Ora M. Harnish, superintendent of the Burd School, is a graduate of Lebanon College, Ann-

ville, Pa. After graduating from college she was acting general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Harrisburg, Pa., which work she gave up after a short time to teach in Mrs. Falconer's school. She worked with Mrs. Falconer for three years, first as a teacher, then as principal of the school, and, just previous to coming to the Burd School, as assistant superintendent.

Ida M. Scherer, teacher of the grammar school and German, was educated in Philadelphia, partly in public school and partly by private teachers. She has been a pupil of Miss M. Frances Boice's school, later she studied in Berlin, Germany, where she was a pupil at Pestalozzi-Froebel House, taking a course in Sociology, Domestic Science and Kindergarten work. In Berlin she also studied the German language and literature. Since her return to America she has been engaged in social labor and kindergarten work under Archdeacon Spurr, of West Virginia, and, for four years preceding her coming to the Burd School, in private school work in Towanda, Pa.

Miss Catherine Williamson, teacher of the intermediate school and gymnastics, is a graduate of Grove City College, Grove City, Pa. Following her graduation she taught for three years in the public schools of Butler, Pa., and one year in the public high schools of Duquesne, Pa. She has been a teacher at the Burd School for two years.

Miss Mildred Sheeder, teacher of the primary school and elocution, is a graduate of Irving College, Mechanicsville, Pa. Besides the regular college course she took a special course in elocution, and has also had some training as an assistant in a musical kindergarten.

Miss Edith Mumma, governess and teacher of English, is also a graduate of Irving College, Mechanicsville, Pa., from which she graduated with high honors in English.

Miss Dorothy Godfrey, teacher of Domestic Science, is a graduate of Simon's College, Boston, Mass. After following this course she was connected with the Taconnic School at Lakeville, Conn., as house director and teacher of sewing. Following this, she was for four months Domestic Science teacher at Warren Goddard Settlement House, New York City, which position she left to take up work with Mrs. Falconer with whom she worked until coming to the Burd School.

Miss C. W. Housel, who has been the house mother since September 1st, was nurse and governess in this school for seven years.

Miss Karin Wanebo, the organist and teacher of music, is a native of Sweden, but has been in America for the greater part of the last ten years. She was a pupil of Madam Bersan-Scheel, who was a pupil of Lizt, Goddard and Greig. She has also studied with Greig and is a teacher of the Madam Thressa Carenno method. After coming to America she took up kindergarten work at the Chicago Kindergarten Institute, and then entered social work and was for some time connected with several settlements in Chicago, also with the English and Half Orphan Asylum and the Illinois Children's Aid Society. After her return from abroad in May she was with Mrs. Falconer until she came to the Burd School, September 1st.

The Farm.

St. Stephen's Farm opened its doors on the 12th of June to mothers, little children and babies, and as some of the hottest weather of the season occurred during the two weeks following, much suffering was spared these little ones, and strength was gained to spend the remaining days of summer in the hot streets of the city.

It has formerly been customary to allow everyone to remain two weeks at the farm, but, on account of the greater number of applications, it was found necessary to permit very few outside St. Stephen's Church and Sunday School to stay longer than one week in order to give more people a chance for an outing. The summer of 1908 it was felt that the limit in the capacity of the house was reached, but upon counting, it is found there have been this year more than before, an average of 460 people being accommodated for one and three-quarter weeks besides 314 people for extra meals. The number during the holiday of the Fourth of July is supposed to have been larger than was ever entertained at the farm. The girls were willing to sleep anywhere. One of them wrote: "Just let me come and I'll sleep on the back stairs or on Shep's back." Now the back stairway at the farm is not a good architectural feature, and going up and down is dangerous enough to be a source of pleasure to the younger and adventurous members of the family; and Shep is a fierce Collie dog who has been known to bite, but who is kept

on account of his ability as a watch dog and as a driver of the cows, so the sacrifice the girl was willing to make in order to come to the farm is better understood!

Upon the arrival of each new crowd it is customary to be weighed and there is always considerable interest felt, especially among the male members of the guests, as to the amount gained during the stay. There are few exceptions to the fact that each one gains from two pounds up; and how could they help it, where milk and cream are almost as plentiful as water, and, besides the fresh vegetables at meals, the number of apples and pears that are consumed between whiles can hardly be counted? Upon leaving, the suit cases and bundles also gain weight in a mysterious way for they are laden with fruit for the family who have not been so fortunate as to have this holiday.

Sometimes during the day you would think there was no one living at the farm, for everyone goes, morning and evening, on long walks. The locality of Warminster has many interesting places to visit, and our people are real tourists in the sense of adding more scalps to their belts. Not far away are Washington's Headquarters, where Lafayette joined the army, the battle ground of one of our unsuccessful fights with England, where General Lawrence was killed, the old Colonial mansion of Governor Keith of Pennsylvania and Delaware, still studied as a model by architects, the Log Cabin Seminary which was the real beginning of Princeton University, not to speak of the *very spot* where John Fitch conceived the idea of the first steamboat and where he ran one successfully years before Fulton was ever thought of.

After supper, during the long twilights, it is customary to walk to the top of the hill for the "sunset stories" and to wish on the first star! Then come games for the little ones, followed by a Virginia Reel of which they never tire, and after this the evening is ended by some hymns and a simple prayer, when the younger members disappear to make room for the older girls.

The last two weeks of August were given up again to the boys, and this, their third year at the farm, was undoubtedly the most successful. The little boys are not allowed to wander away as are the girls, and indeed they do not care to, as their pleasure is more in games, baseball being indulged in from morning until night, the interest being increased by some matches with the local teams, as the boys of the Orange Home, or the club from Neshaminy.

Several of the church members did their utmost to provide amusements both for the girls and boys in the way of games like croquet, tennis, quoits and jig-saw puzzles, not to speak of the pleasures contained in great tins of peppermint candy, which were eagerly taken as "after dinner pills."

The little pond dammed up by the boys last year had been dug out and much enlarged, so that it made a good swimming pool for the large family, and was a very much needed addition to the one bathroom in the farm.

But this sketch cannot be closed without speaking of the Sunday afternoon meetings in the woods. In a circular spot, which seemed made on purpose, benches were built and on a straight tree in front a large cross of birch bark was fastened, and when it was decorated with flowers, nothing more beautiful than this temple made without hands, with the swaying trees overhead, could be imagined. The organ was carried down each Sunday and the woodland meeting was always fortunate in getting good singers. But best of all was the fact that each of the six meetings grew so much that on the last there were fully 350 people, some of them farmer folk who had not been to a church for years. So it is to be hoped that St. Stephen's Farm besides benefiting its own people has had some influence on the community where it is situated.

If those of the Church who are so generous in maintaining this good work could but know the difference wrought in these less fortunate ones during the short holiday, and could see the happy, healthy faces looking from the 'bus across great bunches of flowers and peppermint as they leave for the city, they would surely say: "The farm is worth while."

The Parish Visitor's Report.

The work of the Parish goes on, winter and summer, for there are always the poor left behind in the city, who need helping words and cheering visits, even when our purse is low and there is little else to give them. The Church was closed for repairs during July and August, but I was at the Parish House every other day with but few exceptions during the entire summer. I saw that a number of women and

children had their vacation at the farm and a tuberculosis case that could not go to the farm was taken into the country, and they all returned delighted and happy. That farm is such a blessing.

The summer visiting disclosed some pressing needs, as it seems that there is as much or more suffering in summer than in winter, because in winter benevolent work goes on, while in summer so many people being away, there is less employment and fewer friends available to whom to apply for means to continue the charitable work.

One family I found in great distress—a young woman who formerly belonged to our Girls' Friendly, married but deserted by her husband after three children had come into the world. Now she is ill with rheumatism and suffers intensely—but has these children to support besides a poor old mother, while her father who met with an accident in an elevator and had his scalp torn had to go to the Philadelphia Hospital. I sent her a few groceries and was able to help a little, and as her eyes troubled her I had them examined and furnished the spectacles.

Another needy case was that of a family—all out of work, and a sick mother whom they could not support; she is over seventy years old and confined to her bed. We were able to get her into four different hospitals, each one helping her as long as possible, and those in charge at the hospitals treated her with great kindness and consideration, but, of course, the time was limited and then she was returned to her home. Last week we were compelled to send her to the Philadelphia Hospital, and as I saw the poor old soul carried down the stairs and into the ambulance, I lifted my heart to God that it might be the last time we would have to disturb her. I was able to do some practical things to relieve the family's distress.

We have a man who has been working around the Church for the verger (he has been doing his work faithfully and well); but knowing that this work would not be permanent, he applied for a position in a college in Baltimore, and was accepted. Upon his arrival he found he could not hold the position unless he would join the Roman Catholic Church, which he could not do; he then found work at painting. One day he was on a scaffold painting when the boards gave way and he fell, breaking his arm and injuring himself internally. The latter he did not discover until he was in Philadelphia again through the kindness of our verger, who hearing of his misfortune, sent him money to return after his release from the Baltimore hospital. His work around the Church is very painful to him owing to his internal injuries, and the physician says he should be employed at something that will not require so much effort. He understands the shoe business, and had he the tools he might get a position as I see they are advertising for helpers. Will not some one give me the money to get this man started at work that he can do?

We have a refined woman from the South in great need of sewing, as she has several children to support. She makes a specialty of children's clothes. Her business card can be had at the Parish House. K. H. Lewis.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received during the summer months:

From Church Fund through Dr. Grammer ..	$35.00
From L. M. C.	5.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	3.00
From Miss Taggart's, Miss Lindenmeyer's and Mr. Hansell's classes of boys in Sunday School, part of proceeds of minstrel play..	15.00
Total	$58.00

The excursion to Sedgeley with about 84 in the party was enjoyed very much.

The children were nearly all very poor and for that reason appreciated all that was done by the kind friends, who assisted the members of the Society in playing games, in telling stories, and in helping to entertain them in various ways. Mr. Hall and Mr. Streaker were kept busy with the kites, and never tired of helping to make the little ones have a good time. The children have many friends who love to help on these excursions, but time and space will not permit to name them all. We thank them for their kind help. At four o'clock Mr. Jackson Blank's wagon was seen coming up the the hill, and all knew what that meant—biscuits, ice cream and cake. Just before leaving the Park each child was given several sticks of candy, and so ended a good time.

An entertainment will be given the children in November, with the proceeds of the Boys' Minstrel Show. We thank them for their kind thought for the little ones.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Received in June from Mr. Patton's Estate, $35.75.

This Circle will have their meeting in the Parish House, October 20th, at quarter of 8 o'clock.

At the close of the season a donation of bibs was sent to the Willing Day Nursery, and a small bundle of clothing to the Country Week Association.

Some time in November this Circle will have a sale of fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts.

Shoe Fund.

Donations during the summer for shoes: From Mrs. A. F. Martin, 75 cents. With the Rector's approval the Shoe Store will open for work the beginning of November. Shoes of all kinds will be very acceptable if sent to the Parish House marked for *Shoe Fund.*

The Tuberculosis Class.

October 5, 1909.

Dear Doctor Grammer:

In reply to your kind inquiry as to how the Tuberculosis Class has made out during the past summer, I am very glad to be able to give you a very good report.

During the months of June, July, August and September we had 24 new cases to examine; all of these cases were not found suitable for admission to the Class, however. We have at present an enrollment of 22, which is about as large a number as we can take care of with our present equipment. Twelve of these patients are receiving milk, either one or two quarts a day, and several of them also receive a dozen eggs each week.

At the present time Miss Jacques is enjoying a well earned vacation, the Visiting Nurse Society supplying us with a nurse to take her place. We feel indebted to Miss Hines and Miss Neill, who have acted as substitutes, for their interest in and attention to the work. During the summer months about 170 visits have been paid to the patients in their homes.

The Class regrets that it has lost the services of Dr. I. H. Jones, owing to the pressure of other work.

Although everything possible has been done to make us comfortable in our present quarters we will all be very glad indeed to get back to St. Stephen's Parish House in the next few weeks.

The result in some of the patients attending the Class has been very gratifying indeed, and I feel sure that you would be interested in hearing what has been accomplished in a few of the cases.

One of our patients, a young man with a wife and children dependent upon him, after we considered his improvement warranted his returning to work, was sent to the school for chauffeurs, and is now in a position to earn a good living for himself and family. His disease is arrested and he could fill the position without any difficulty if he could only secure a trial. We regret very much that he has not been able to obtain a position as a chauffeur, as he seems to be so sober and industrious that he would prove to be a most satisfactory man for such work.

Two other men in the Class have been enabled to return to their work and continue in good health. Unfortunately they were forced to return to their old work as we were unable to secure out-door employment for them.

Several of the children, members of the Class, were sent out in the country or to the seashore for a few weeks which was of great benefit to them. We have also been able to send one of our adult members to the country for a few weeks. The expense of these trips did not come from the regular funds, but was collected from friends of the Class.

The Class also secured the admission to a sanitorium of a young girl who had been a member of the Class, who we thought could not be properly looked after at home. A little child brought to the Class was sent to one of the city hospitals.

Notwithstanding the heat which is so depressing to the sick, the members of the Class have maintained their enthusiasm and interest in a way deserving of the highest commendation. We feel that it has been a very successful summer and that the members of St. Stephen's Church are to be congratulated upon their successful carrying out of one of the most humane projects which a church can undertake. Yours very sincerely,

Frank A. Craig.

As our readers may have observed, the PARISH NEWS appears this month with a new picture on the cover, the old one having long since served its usefulness. We are indebted to Mr. Albert Snyder for the present drawing, the original of which has been presented to the Church and now adorns the wall of the Vestry-room.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew extends a cordial invitation to all men interested in St. Stephen's Church, to meet the Rector's assistant, the Rev. Robert Long, on Tuesday evening, October 26th, at 8 P. M., in the Parish House, 9 So. 10th street.

JOSEPH CLAYTON

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Clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. ROBERT LONG.
145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. William H. Hollar,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Dr. Addinell Hewson.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Jennie Tuttle.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith,

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. Irvin Anthony. Mr. H. Hanley Parker,

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Directress.—
Buyer.—Miss Ewing.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs Hansell, Mrs. Atmore.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Maulsby, Miss Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 12 M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Vida Hunt Francis.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Mrs. Roland Morris.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. Hansell, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Canfield.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.
The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. W. G. Crowell.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistant.—Robert Boyd, Jr.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Elizabeth C. Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Lippincott, Mr. Gwathmey.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Rev. Robert Long.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M, in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sayssser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.
President.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Treasurer.—Miss Clayton.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood. Miss Hoopes, Miss Zeilin.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer. *T.*—Adam Hall.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.

JUNIORS.

Meets every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:
President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott

ACTING OFFICERS:
President.—Miss Maitenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux, Wyncote, Pa.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton, Spruce and Juniper.

Tuberculosis Class.

Meets Tuesdays, 3 P. M.
Chairman.—The Rector.
Secretary.—The Assistant.
Chief of Clinic.—Dr. F. A. Craig.
Nurse.—Miss M. Jacques.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets first and third Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
7.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
14.—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
21.—Sunday next before Advent.
25.—Thanksgiving Day.
28.—First Sunday in Advent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

October 6.—Clayton Edward Regar.
October 31.—Thomas Harold Edwards.

MARRIAGES.

October 15.—David M. Lewis and I. Marion Phillips.
October 26.—Andrew M. Jackson and Dorothea Eva Valentine.

BURIALS.

October 1.—Peter Schunk Cassidy.
October 25.—Robert E. Atmore.
October 27.—Victoria Hastings Young.

Offerings in October.

General Charities	$115.26
Tuberculosis Class	34.65
Parochial Maintenance	49.25
Total	$199.16

Offertories for November.

All Saints' Day.—General Charities.
First Sunday.—General Charities.
Second Sunday.—General Charities.
Third Sunday.—Benevolent Society.
Thanksgiving Day.—Episcopal Hospital.
Fourth Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.

Notice.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 S. 10th Street. They should be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say, in November, not later than the 28th.

The Church Work Fund.

It has been the custom in St. Stephen's for years to give the Rector about fifteen hundred dollars as an official purse, to enable him to carry on the work of the Church without constant recourse to the Vestry. Out of this fund he pays for advertising, for the publication of THE PARISH NEWS, for special assistance in the Church, or for teaching in any of the Societies and it is, in general, by its aid that he is enabled to act freely, where he would otherwise be seriously hampered.

Last year the amount contributed was $1,600, and no more is asked this year, as by reason of several economies, that sum will meet all our needs, and still leave the necessary margin.

This fund is usually contributed in October, so we are a month behind our usual date. A prompt response will be appreciated. The money may be sent directly to the Rector.

At the last meeting of the Vestry it was pointed out that additional repairs were necessary if the Church was to be put in first class condition. Now that the interior has been redecorated it would have been a mistake not to go on, so the Vestry has ordered further repairs, particularly on the south exterior wall, which needs plastering and re-painting. The total cost of the additional improvements will be $400. There is on hand $57 for this purpose, leaving a deficit of $343. No committee was originally appointed to secure the money for the re-decorations. It was sufficient for the Rector to announce to the congregation that repairs were desirable, and $3,000 were subscribed. The money was raised from such a few people that it is hoped that the other members who are interested in keeping the property in good order will come forward of their own accord and make up this additional amount. The Church has been re-wired, redecorated and repaired thoroughly within, and after these exterior improvements shall be completed, the property will be in first class condition, and can be kept in good order at small expense.

A Pastoral Hour.

It has been the custom of the Rector to give Tuesday mornings to the routine business of the Church and the details of administration, but his experience in the last years has convinced him that it would be convenient for many people to have him set a time when he can be found in his office for consultation on moral and spiritual subjects. He has set apart the noon hour, from twelve to one on Thursday for this purpose. If anyone calls upon him at this time it will be understood that the conversation is not to linger in the realm of externalities but will be occupied with the soul and its needs and problems. There are many troubles that will disappear if they are frankly talked over and bravely faced. There ought to be more spiritual fellowship between a minister and his flock, and the parochial visiting ought not to be thrown entirely on the minister. The people should do their part by visiting the Rector. This custom of a noonday hour has been found fruitful of good results in a great church in London, and ought to meet a similar need in Philadelphia. The Rector asks the people who have been in the habit of consulting him on spiritual problems on Tuesdays to make a note of this new arrangement and come on Thursday.

The past month has been full of bereavements to members of the congregation. In the death of Mr. Robert Atmore, the Church lost a faithful member, and the work among the colored people in the Diocese a staunch supporter. Mr. Atmore filled at one time the place of a Vestryman at the Incarnation, but since he became a member of St. Stephen's his health did not admit such activity, although he still remained on the Vestry of the Church of the Crucifixion. He knew for many months that his tenure of life was feeble, and faced the inevitable change with the serenity of faith. He made all his preparations, and while the end was sudden, it found him prepared. The Rev. Mr. Phillips participated with Dr. Grammer in the funeral services.

Still more unexpected was the death of Mrs. J. P. Young, who was in her pew, as usual, in the transept, on the Sunday before her decease, and was full of vigor apparently, and of plans for the winter. She was one of our regular attendants and will much be missed. It is sad to think that the places that knew them shall know them no more; but it is well to remind ourselves that they are doubtless knowing better places, and have entered into a larger life. It is only twilight here; the morning breaks beyond.

The congregation was deeply grieved to learn on Sunday, the tenth of October, of the death of Miss Rachael S. Miller, the only surviving sister of the Rev. Joseph L. Miller who has so tenderly attached to himself the members of St. Stephen's by his long and sympathetic ministration in this Church. Miss Miller was taken ill on Saturday night and passed away early on Sunday. "She had another morn than ours," and day broke upon her in a region free from clouds and with a brighter luminary than the sun. Dr. Grammer took part in the funeral on October 13, and a number of people from St. Stephen's went out to Mount Airy to attend the service. May God Who (as the Church teaches us to say) in His wise Providence has taken to Himself the soul of our deceased sister, strengthen the heart of her brother and comfort him with the comforts, wherewith he comforted others in their afflictions. It was pleasant to have him at St. Stephen's on All Saints' Day, to share with us in the Communion of the Saints and to make that article in the creed more real to us.

The lectures on Sunday afternoons this fall and winter will be devoted to the origins of the Christian Church during the period in which the canonical scriptures were composed, with special emphasis on the Book of Acts. A syllabus issued by the Christian Literature Company can be procured in the Vestry by those who intend to take the course. While the Rector does not bind himself to a slavish following of the syllabus he regards it of the first importance that everyone should procure it and do the modicum of work required by it. Delay in securing the copies of the syllabus has postponed the beginning of the lectures until the first Sunday in November.

On the last Sunday in October Dr. Wood resigned his position as choir leader and organist at the evening service at the Baptist Temple on North Broad street. A special musical program was prepared for the occasion. One of the most interesting selections was a composition by Dr. Wood himself which he wrote especially for the Temple choir. It showed his unique mastery of the classical fugue. Many kind words in appreciation of his long service were spoken. It was really wonderful to see the cordiality and Christian fellowship that prevails in that great congregation. This friendliness is undoubtedly one of the great secrets of its growth and influence. It is a subject of rejoicing that Dr. Wood has chosen to diminish the great volume of his labors. He has done too much for years. We rejoice therefore for his sake as well as for our own that he has spared himself this third service on Sunday, and henceforth will give all

his strength to St. Stephen's. Those who wish to hear him draw from the organ

"a sound so fine there's nothing lives
'Twixt it and silence"

must come down to Tenth street, near Chestnut.

The congregation will be much interested to learn that Dr. Snively and his family will go abroad shortly. His son, who is the assistant of the Rev. Dr. Slattery, Springfield, Massachusetts, will not be included in the party. It is pleasant to know that Dr. Snively and his daughters will spend the winter so agreeably. The PARISH NEWS will be glad to publish from time to time any items that may acquaint his friends with his movements. While Dr. Snively's resignation of the wardenship of The Burd School was offered last spring, his connection with the Parish continued in a sense till the first of November. He will carry with him on his tour the good wishes of his numerous friends in Philadelphia, and at St. Stephen's.

Literature for the Burd School.

The children at the Burd School are sadly in need of reading material. The standard books ought to be on the shelves of the library, so that their tastes may be cultivated and their minds enriched by reading good literature. The members of the congregation are asked to look over their libraries and see whether they have not copies of Dickens, Scott, and such classics as Alice in Wonderland, that no longer serve any purpose and are only collectors of dust or mementos of the past. Such books may be sent to the Vestry of St. Stephen's, whence they will be forwarded to the Burd School.

Reception to Mr. Long.

A reception was given on Tuesday evening October 26, by the men of the Parish under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to our new Assistant, Rev. Mr. Robert Long. There was a large attendance, and lots of good fellowship. The preliminary meeting was called to order by Mr. Tatnall, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, who announced the absence of the Director, Mr. McKeehan having been called out of the city at the last minute. The Vice-Director, Mr. Hansell, then took the chair. Mr. Long made an address which was listened to with enjoyment by all. Mr. Lewis H. Van Dusen then made a short speech of welcome on behalf of the Brotherhood to Mr. Long. Mr. Cleeman and several members of the Vestry were present. The principal address of the evening was given by Mr. Edward H. Bonsall, who spoke on the Missionary Movement, in which all were interested.

The men of the choir came out in a body and gave a number of fine musical selections which were highly appreciated. Both Dr. Anthony and Mr. Manypenny sang, and Mr. Watkins delighted everyone by his unique skill as a whistler. It was good to see so many young men of the Alpha Kappa. The value of such a gathering was manifested in that some new members were secured for the Brotherhood.

To the Men of St. Stephen's Church.

An Informal Dinner of the men associated with St. Stephen's Church, will be given under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Tuesday Eve., November 16th, in the banquet room of the City Club, 1418 Walnut street, at seven o'clock.

All men in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are earnestly invited to attend this dinner. The price of the dinner will be one dollar ($1.00) and subscriptions may be sent to

MR. WILLIAM H. HANSELL,
Chairman of Committee.
904 Provident Bldg., Philadelphia.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

Our parochial branch of the Auxiliary held its first meeting of this season in the Parish House on Thursday, October 21st. The President made an address of welcome. The session was given over to the exchange of autumn greetings, and to the forecasting of the winter's work. Last winter was the best we have had, and this winter we are reaching forward with enthusiasm toward still greater success and helpfulness. The scope of our work is so broad there must surely be some phase which would appeal to the interest of every individual woman of St. Stephen's. We want and need *every* one. There are some who say they are not interested in foreign missions, or even that they do not believe in them. Even if such be the case, come and help us with home missions, help us in the work that is waiting to be done here in Philadelphia, at our very doors.

The regular meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 11 o'clock. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, November 18th.
Thursday, December 16th.
Thursday, January 20th.
Thursday, February 17th.
Thursday, March 17th.
Thursday, April 21st.

E. W. L. *Secretary.*

Notice.

The Church Missionary Calendar for 1910, prepared by the R. L. M. Mission Study Class Alumnæ, will be issued and ready for private sale October 15th. Price 50 cents each, postage free, with box to match.

The objects of this Calendar are threefold:
To spread Missionary knowledge;
To arouse interest, and
To secure daily intercessory prayer for Missions.

There is a daily text from the words of Jesus, a definite piece of Missionary information and a prayer thought for each of the 365 days, each month being devoted to some particular part of the mission field, as for instance: February, Japan; March, China, etc.

In designing the Calendar, green was chosen to represent the longest Church Season. The texts are the Great Commission and the Promise which are placed in the conventional fish form on either side of the pad which contains the 365 leaves, and below is another text in beautiful script. There is also the Open Bible and Chalice representing the gifts our missionaries are carrying to all the world. On the pad is seen the Jerusalem Cross to remind us that the great work was begun at Jerusalem, and the four small crosses that our work is spreading North, South, East and West.

The net proceeds of the Calendar will be donated to work under the Board of Missions. It is hoped that all will join in making the sale a general one. Copies may be obtained at the next meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church, on Thursday, November 18th, or by applying to:

MRS. J. NICHOLAS MITCHELL,
1505 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

The King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle cordially invite you to attend a sale of aprons and other fancy articles, candy and cake, Tuesday evening, Nov. 9th, St. Stephen's Parish House. Proceeds for their charitable work.

Music from 9 to 10 o'clock. Mrs. David Wood, soprano; Mr. Charles Manypenny, tenor; Miss Frances Fisher, pianist; Bernice Frysinger-Lewis, accompanist, have very kindly offered their services.

Shoe Fund.

Donation from Mrs. M. Parmalee, 25 cents. Owing to the warm weather the Shoe Store will not be open until the middle of November.

The Women's Bible Class, under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Butcher, will hold its first meeting for the winter on Sunday afternoon, November 7th, at 3 P. M., in the Parish House. New members are cordially invited.

Mrs. Taylor would be very much pleased to have anyone interested in the work, join the Embroidery Class, which meets every Friday morning at the Parish House.

It is requested that all members of the congregation who have changed their residence during the past year without notifying the Rector will leave their new addresses with the verger, so that a correct list may be maintained.

A Specimen of a Helpful Letter.

DEAR DOCTOR GRAMMER:

I think it will interest you to know we have in the house a stranger here and an Episcopalian. Probably you may find time to call. She promised to attend St. Stephen's this morning with me, but was prevented.

I trust all your family are well. I find it very pleasant to be again in the city this winter. With best wishes to you,

I am sincerely yours,

Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The following letter has been sent to the ministers of the various churches in Philadelphia:

In inaugurating the National Campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in Philadelphia and the adjacent territory, the Co-operating Committee feels that it can accomplish little without the active co-operation of the pastors of all the churches.

We desire to emphasize some of the salient features of the Movement.

From the first the whole idea has been to co-operate with the regular missionary agencies of the churches in the enlargement of their work. It does not divert any missionary offerings from congregational or denominational channels. All the organization asked for is a Missionary Committee of men in each congregation to work with the pastor in enlisting all members and adherents in the intelligent and adequate support and extension of missionary work.

The Movement stands for investigation, agitation and organization; the investigation by laymen of missionary conditions; the agitation by laymen of an adequate missionary policy, and the organization of laymen to co-operate with the ministers and Missionary Boards in enlisting the whole Church in its supreme work of saving the world.

The Movement presents to men the greatest possible spiritual challenge. The greatest thing in the world is the world, and men are confronted with God's imperative challenge to give to the world's need their attention and help.

This Movement makes the largest possible demands upon men. It reminds them that all life is a sacred trust, involving the stewardship of opportunity, of influence, of time, and of treasure; that spiritual values are the only permanent values; that selfishness is suicidal, while service of others brings to the soul the supremest possible satisfaction.

In order that the plans adopted by the Philadelphia Committee may be successful, and that your Church may receive the benefit of the Movement, it is necessary that the Philadelphia Committee should have your encouragement and aid, and the active co-operation of your men.

The Philadelphia district covers not only the City of Philadelphia, but the counties of Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Bucks in Pennsylvania; the entire State of Delaware and Southern New Jersey. Throughout this territory, the Philadelphia Co-operating Committee has planned a campaign of Missionary Education, acting under the advice and suggestion of the headquarters of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in New York City.

The great inspirational feature of the Philadelphia Campaign will be the Inter-denominational Men's Missionary Convention to be held at Philadelphia, November 18th to 21st, 1909. Distinguished men in public life, statesmen, prominent business and professional men, and representatives of all the missionary boards, will participate in the discussions.

Provision will be made at the Philadelphia Convention for 2,000 delegates from the Philadelphia district, and your church should be represented in order that your people may receive the inspiration which will come from so great a gathering of men who are interested in the winning of the world for Christ.

One of our first aims is to get in touch with the Missionary Committee in every congregation. Through this committee we will work to create a deeper interest in Missions in your Church.

There will be sent to the members of the committee suitable literature bearing upon the Laymen's Missionary Movement; registration blanks for delegates to the Convention, with full particulars regarding the Convention and an invitation to attend the supper to which 1,000 men will sit down, and with which the Convention will open.

We desire to have the Missionary Committee secure delegates to the Convention, in case they cannot attend themselves, and we are anxious to have on the committee representative men who realize the importance of Missions, and men who will work.

Faithfully yours,

THE PHILADELPHIA CO-OPERATING COMMITTEE.

The following members of our Church are members of the committee:

Chairman, Edward H. Bonsall; John E. Baird, Franklin S. Edmonds, Rowland Evans, George W. Jacobs, Mahlon N. Kline, Francis A. Lewis, Ewing L. Miller, H. S. Prentiss Nichols, George Wharton Pepper, Talcott Williams.

BURD MONUMENT

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Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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St. Stephen's Church.

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. ROBERT LONG.
145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Vestry.

MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. William H. Hollar,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen,
Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Dr. Addinell Hewson.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Jennie Tuttle.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith,

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. Irvin Anthony. Mr. H. Hanley Parker,

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

The Misses Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. VanDusen.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. W. G. Crowell, Miss Taylor.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Mr. Cummins, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Lippincott, Mr. Gwathmey, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Associate.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Taylor.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood. Miss Hoopes, Miss Zeilin.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—Dr. Grammer. *T.*—Adam Hall.
P. C.—Jurgen Kolb *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P.—James Carrigan.

JUNIORS

Meets every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Maitenet.
Vice-President.—Miss Thurlow.
Secretary.—Miss Chateauneux, Wyncote, Pa.
Treasurer.—Miss Fenton, Spruce and Juniper.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 5.—Second Sunday in Advent.
12.—Third Sunday in Advent.
19.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
21.—St. Thomas.
25.—Christmas.
26.—St. Stephen. Sunday after Christmas.
27.—St. John Evangelist.
28.—Holy Innocents.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

November 7.—Linus Edwards Rigler.
November 8.—Bradford Steele Magill.

MARRIAGES.

November 4.—Burgess Williams Marshall and Lotta May Wilson.
November 4.—William Collord and Tillie Guenther.

BURIALS.

November 6.—Augusta T. Shippen.
November 21.—William Frederick Kehl.

Offerings in November.

General Charities	$157 15	
Benevolent Society	79 15	
Cuban Missions	56 25	
Thanksgiving dinners	18 00	
Tuberculosis Class	5 00	
Episcopal Hospital	246 03	
Estate of A. Marion Knight for Charities	10 00	
Garment Society	1 00	
Missionary Work	5 00	
Bishop Johnson's Work Among the Indians	30 00	
Church Repair Fund	60 00	
		$667 58
The Church Work Fund:		
Miss Catherine T. Rynard	$25 00	
Mr. E. J. Moore	100 00	
Mr. John Graff	10 00	
Miss Anna Magee	25 00	
Miss Fannie Magee	25 00	
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00	
Mr. C. Howard Colket	25 00	
Miss Jane Jamison	10 00	
Dr. E. R. Fell	10 00	
Mr. John T. Lewis	25 00	
Miss Helen M. Bridle	5 00	
Mrs. Olivia F. Ernst	5 00	
Mrs. James M. Arrison	10 00	
Mr. L. C. Cleemann	20 00	
Dr. and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	100 00	
Dr. Addinell Hewson	10 00	
Miss Elizabeth W. Lippincott	15 00	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25 00	
Mr. Beauveau Borie	25 00	
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar	25 00	
Miss Susan Stevenson	10 00	
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Judson	10 00	
Mrs. George L. Crawford	10 00	
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	25 00	
Miss Matilda Maulsby	50 00	
Dr. Emory R. Johnson	5 00	
Mrs. B. B. Dunne	5 00	
Mr. Francis A. Lewis	15 00	
Miss Julia Garrett	50 00	
Miss Maria S. Wilkins	25 00	
Miss Anna Tilghman	30 00	
Mrs. M. H. Tilghman	25 00	
Mr. Charles P. Lineaweaver	5 00	
Mrs. T. B. Clemens	5 00	
Mrs. Frederick Stovell	25 00	
Mrs. Thomas Armstrong	5 00	
Miss E. L. Williamson	5 00	
Mr. William E. Haydock	15 00	
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00	
Miss Emily Bell	10 00	
Miss Laura Bell	10 00	
Mrs. Robert E. Atmore	10 00	
Mrs. Florence P. Reath	10 00	
Miss Bloodgood	5 00	
Miss Ella Headman	5 00	
A parishioner	15 00	
Mrs. C. M. Richardson	50 00	
Mr. John W. Trinkle	150 00	
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	25 00	
Mr. George Frescoln	5 00	
Miss Josephine Fernley	10 00	
Mr. Wilbur F. Rose	20 00	
Mr. J. Austin McDowell	50 00	
The Misses Gebhart	10 00	
Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Petry	5 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis	10 00	
Dr. and Mrs. Grammer	10 00	
		$1,260 00
Total		$1,927 58

Offertories for December.

First Sunday.—General Charities.
Second Sunday.—Missionary Box.
Third Sunday.—Sunday School Entertainment.
Christmas Day.—Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese.
Fourth Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.

Notice.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 So. 10th street. They should be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say, in December, not later than the 26th.

A Prayer for Love.

O God, we have known and believed the love that Thou hast for us. May we, by dwelling in love, dwell in Thee, and Thou in us. May we learn to love Thee whom we have not seen, by loving our brethren whom we have seen. Teach us, O heavenly Father, the love wherewith Thou hast loved us; fashion us, O blessed Lord, after thine own example of love; shed abroad, O Thou Holy Spirit of Love, the love of God and man in our hearts. Amen.

HENRY ALFORD.

Christmas Dinners.

It has been the custom in St. Stephen's Church for a number of years to provide Christmas dinners for the poor of the parish, and this year the appeal is made as usual for donations for that purpose. It is sad to think of anyone being hungry on that joyous day, and there is no season of the year when we should feel more called upon to share our blessings with those who are less fortunate than we. Last year our people were more generous than ever before, and out of the sum of $331 which they contributed, over a thousand persons were supplied with a good Christmas dinner. The distribution of the baskets is carefully supervised by Miss Lewis, and only those known to be deserving are provided for. It is hoped that a generous offering will be made this year, and that even a larger number of homes will be made happy by the liberality of our congregation at this season of good cheer. Donations may be placed in the envelopes which will be distributed in the pews for the purpose, or they may be sent to the Rector.

The returns for the Church Work Fund have been very gratifying, especially in the fidelity with which the older members of the congregation have responded to the appeal. The Rector wishes to remind those of the newer members who have not contributed to this fund that out of it are paid not only many of the smaller expenses of the Church, but also the contributions which make it possible for the societies to carry on their work. It, therefore, aids largely in the charitable activity of the Church.

The Men's Banquet.

The third dinner of the men of St. Stephen's Church was held under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Tuesday evening, November 16th, at the City Club, and was the most successful affair of its kind they have undertaken. Everyone of the seventy-three men present seemed to have a thoroughly good time, many of them becoming acquainted with others who seem to be strangers, although they had been worshipping under the same roof for many years.

Mr. McKeehan acted as toastmaster, and in his delightful way introduced a number of very interesting speakers. Mr. Ludovic Cleeman, who has been a warden in St. Stephen's Church for more than fifty years, told us of many instances of his earlier connections with the church.

Speaking on behalf of the men of the Chapter, Mr. Roland Morris outlined forcibly the great field of our work and made an appeal to the men to interest themselves in some one particular undertaking of the Church, so that by giving a fair portion of their time to this object, the greatest general good to the Church might be accomplished. He also told us of the fine work that was being done by the Burd Orphan Asylum in educating girls so they will be able to earn a living and be a good influence for their fellow workers. Few of us realize how much Mr. Morris, himself, has accomplished in connection with the Burd Orphan Asylum, and we can justly hold him as an example of his own suggestion.

The Rev. Robert Long gave us a few anecdotes and made an appeal to the men for both money and time. He hopes to provide a place where the boys of the Sunday School can play basket ball, and wishes help in connection with the Sunday School of the Burd Orphan Asylum.

Between the speeches, Mrs. Wood, Dr. Anthony and Mr. Manypenny entertained us with some delightful music.

Dr. Grammer was enthusiastically called on for a speech, and expressed his great pleasure and delight in the gathering of so many men, feeling that he is now reaping the fruit of his four years of hard work, in the increased interest shown by such a large number of the men of the Church. A. G. T.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

At the October meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, at the request of the President, Miss Magee, Miss Laura Bell gave an account of our mission work in Rio de Janeiro, of which Rev. William Cabell Brown is in charge. His congregation is composed of Brazilians, and services are conducted entirely in Portuguese. The growth of the mission will soon necessitate seeking larger quarters in the beautiful tropical city of Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Brown is a noted scholar, and, in addition to his parochial duties, is engaged on a translation of the Bible into Portuguese.

The November meeting of the Auxiliary was held on Thursday, the eighteenth, at eleven o'clock. There was a large attendance of 42. Reports were heard from the following committees: The Colored Committee, the Foreign Committee, the Treasury of United Offering. A report was also heard from the Missionary Box Committee, whose work is a matter of interest to this society.

The attention of the Auxiliary was called to the fund that is being raised for the establishment of St. Paul's College in Tokyo, where the students of St. Paul's school may continue and complete a sound secular education.

A strong and eloquent address was delivered by Mr. Herbert Welsh, who has been connected with the Indian Rights Association since its foundation and who, for 26 years, has been an earnest worker for the welfare of the Indian race. Mr. Welsh visited South Dakota as early as 1882. The conditions he found there and the terrible difficulties confronting the missionary so profoundly impressed him that some years later he and others formed an organization which should endeavor to see that the Indian got fair play at the hands of the United States Government. This organization—the Indian Rights Association—is working for the Indian in co-operation with the missionary in improving the conditions under which the work of Christ is being carried forward in the Reservations of the West.

Mr. Welsh outlined the stages of the struggle of the Association for justice. There were periods of great discouragement when the authorities at Washington seemed utterly indifferent to the fraud and corruption that was going forward in the West at such great cost of the defenseless Indian. The public mind seemed to consider the Indian a hopeless people, and the Government's attitude was expressed in the phrase: "Why trouble ourselves about them, anyway." But these discouragements only caused Mr. Welsh and the Indian Right's Association to make still greater efforts in the work.

Mr. Welsh delivered some lectures in the effort to stir up public opinion in this matter. At one of these lectures, delivered in Brooklyn, he presented a few realistic word-pictures of the Indian, his pathetic struggles to adjust himself to the "White Man's" civilization, and the terrible greed and injustice to which he was exposed by that civilization. He called his audience's attention to the Indian's need of Christ, and explained that the Christ-message could not really reach these people until this barrier of injustice should be struck down. The audience greeted these facts with enthusiasm and that moment marked the awakening of the public conscience in the matter—resulting in better legislation for the Indian. Mr. Welsh closed his most interesting address by pointing out that the history of this movement affords a most remarkable illustration of the power of little things in determining large results.

The regular meetings of the Auxiliary will be held as usual on the third Thursday of each month at 11 o'clock. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 16th.
Thursday, Jan. 20th.
Thursday, Feb. 17th.
Thursday, March 17th.
Thursday, April 21st.

E. W. L., *Secretary.*

Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society has resumed its meetings this winter with its usual activity, and with increased numbers. We are glad to welcome two new additions to the working force, in Mrs. Long and Mrs. Lucas. The re-organization of the candidates' class under Miss Taylor's management contributes greatly to the strength of the Society, in training the younger girls for active and useful membership when they are old enough to be admitted to the Society itself. Preparations are now being made for the Christmas festival, which is to be held on Monday evening, December 27.

On Monday, November fourteenth, Mrs. Wetmore, the principal of Christ School, Arden, North Carolina, gave a very interesting talk before the members of the Society. She told of her work among the poor mountain people of that region, describing most vividly their wretched homes and hard and uninteresting lives. Christ School, an industrial and academic school for boys and girls, and the chapel connected with it, with the daily and Sunday services, Girls' Friendly Society and other interests, have done much to brighten and broaden the lives of these people.

Mrs. Wetmore's talk appealed very strongly to all her hearers, and it has been suggested by one of the members of our Society that we show our interest and desire to help by sending to Mrs. Wetmore a Christmas trunk filled with articles to be distributed among some of her poor people. J. C. M.

Parish Visitor's Report.

This Thanksgiving we were only able to send out a few baskets, each containing a chicken, some potatoes, cranberries, a package of tea and sugar and a limited number of oranges, so we selected the very poor—or those who had nothing, because the head of the household was out of work.

Our Day of Thanksgiving brings to our minds how very much we have for which to be thankful in our work among the poor and afflicted. Sometimes things turn out all wrong (and we feel like the rooster standing disconsolately on one foot and exclaiming: "What's the use; first an egg and then a feather duster!") and we are sorely discouraged,—then something happens that brightens the horizon for us like the after-glow of the sunset and we put our failures and discouragements behind us and keep our faces toward the light.

One very pleasant thing came to us the other day when a comfortably dressed, happy-looking workman entered the Church and asked if we remembered him. Then he went on to say that he had come to us the beginning of last winter; his shoes were broken and his clothes so worn they did not keep the icy blasts out. The Garment Society gave him warm underwear, a suit of clothes, overcoat and a pair of shoes, making him look so respectable that his nerve and energy returned to him and he secured work in one of our daily newspaper offices and has kept this situation and to-day has a happy home and is able to provide for his wife and three children. He returned to thank us and show his appreciation for what we had helped him to accomplish. Dr. Grammer was present at the time and was delighted to see such a rare virtue,—"gratitude."

Another case of "gratitude," to God—a poor woman who was all crippled up with rheumatism told me with beaming face and happy smile how she had been praying to God for two weeks, day and night, for some special gift, and the dear Lord answered her prayer.

Here is a case that is very pitiful: A man comes to me continually begging for work. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for a number of years and has been unable to find steady employment for some time past. His children are in our Sunday School, and he would like any position, no matter how small the pay if it would just allow him food and shelter—a position as private watchman, or addressing envelopes. If nothing can be gotten for him, there is only the Almshouse.

One other item of great importance,—the King's Daughters had a fair, and from the proceeds of their work sent me five dollars for my work. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to them, and assure them the money will be spent wisely and where it will do the most good. K. H. Lewis.

The Garment Society desires to thank the following: Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Miss McAllister, Miss Washington, Miss Lammot, Miss MacRae, Mr. W. H. Conovers, Mr. Stovell, Miss M. M. Parmalee, Mrs. Noblit, Miss Jones and Miss Lowenberg for donations received.

Julia M. Lammot.
K. H. Lewis.

The Sunday School.

Banner Classes for October.

Girls.—Teacher, Miss Denney.

Miss Sarah Kinsley,	Miss Mary Jordan,
Miss Minnie Corrigan,	Miss May Hess,
Miss Mary Tweedie,	Miss Elsie Gill,
Miss Irene Wilder,	Mrs. Maybelle Nissen,
Miss Florence Sherrard,	Mrs. Fowler,
Miss Anna Mellinger,	Miss Mamie Appell,
Miss Emma Braley.	

Boys.—Teacher, Miss Lippincott.

George Krimmel,	Thomas Kilpatrick,
James Rice,	Robert Brown,
Frederick LeDent,	Clarence Means.

It has been pleasant to see so many of the Sunday School children in the church on Sunday mornings this fall. On several occasions the transept gallery has been quite well filled, and on Thanksgiving Day a large delegation from the primary department occupied several pews in the center of the church. We hope that this is a promise of better things to come, when the Sunday School will come in a body and worship with us, and a closer bond of union will be brought about between it and the church.

The Burd Sunday School.

A Sunday School was organized at the Burd school, October 24, 1909, all the children at the school and about twenty from the vicinity being enrolled. At present the school is divided into three classes, which are taught by two of the Burd school teachers and the superintendent.

It is desired that more classes be formed as soon as teachers can be secured. At present the classes number from twenty to twenty-five, but we feel that if they would be smaller in number, the teaching would be more effective.

The stories of the Old Testament are used as the basis of our lessons, and we teach directly from the Bible, no lesson leaflets being used.

The children seem to enjoy the Sunday School very much, and many are showing decided interest in the study of the lesson.

The people of Millbourne appear very grateful for the opportunity of having a place so near, to which they can send their children. New pupils have been coming in each Sunday.

ORA M. HARNISH, *Superintendent.*

Mrs. Grammer will be unable to receive the members of the congregation at the Rectory on Wednesday afternoons this winter, until the first of January, when, in accordance with her usual custom, she hopes to be able to resume her afternoons at home.

The Benevolent Society

Has dish towels and glass towels for sale at 15 cents, the price of the mateiral; roller towels two and a half yards long at 38 cents, gingham aprons with pockets at 20 cents, and maids' white aprons at 40 and 50 cents.

Housekeepers—please remember our Society and buy from us when replenishing your stores. Also give us orders for outing gowns, and when you are shopping for the poor see if we cannot fill your orders.

Notice.

A play entitled "Wanted—a Family" will be given by the "Sextette" on Tuesday evening, December 7th, at eight o'clock, in St. Stephen's Sunday School room, for the benefit of the Home for Aged Couples, 1723 Francis street. The price of admission is twenty-five cents, and tickets may be obtained from the Verger. The object is a very worthy one, and a large attendance is hoped for.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in November: From King's Daughters, $5.00 On November 30th Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds showed some of their beautiful moving pictures. This was a Thanksgiving treat for the poor children from three of the classes in St. Stephen's Sunday School.

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting December 15th, in the Guild room of the Parish House, at a quarter of eight o'clock.

Proceeds of sale, November 9	$69 47	
Donation from Rev. and Mrs. Long	2 00	
Donation from Mrs. Parmalee	1 00	
Mrs. Wm. Warder	.50	
Dues from Miss Wilkins	1 00	
From Miss Townsend for Thanksgiving	1 00	
Miss Irene Wilder	.25	
Total		$75 22
Expended for material for sale	$18 81	
Expended for Thanksgiving and donations	27 50	
		46 31
Balance		$28 91

Donations given by the Circle for Thanksgiving:

Home for Aged Couples	$5 00
Miss Lewis for Parish Work	5 00
Dr. Grammer for Consumptive Class	5 00
Shoe Fund	5 00
Children's Friend Society	6 00
Thanksgiving baskets	1 50
Total	$27 50

We thank the kind friends who helped to make the sale a success. Groceries for the Thanksgiving baskets were received from Miss Walshe, Miss Bezzell and Mrs. Vanderslice.

The annual fair of the Mothers' Meeting will be held in the Parish House on Thursday, December 9th, from 3 to 9.30 P. M. The price of admission is ten cents.

Shoe Fund.

Donations from Church Fund through Dr. Grammer	$25 00	
From King's Daughters	5 00	
From those receiving shoes	6 60	
Total		$36 60
Expended for shoes	$20 17	
		20 17
Balance		$16 43

Have given out in November 22 pairs of shoes and 4 pairs of overshoes.

Advent Services.

In accordance with the usual custom, the first week in Advent was observed as a special season of prayer, and daily noonday services were held in St. Stephen's Church, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The following were the speakers:

Monday, Nov. 29.—Rev. Geo. L. Richardson, St. Mary's Church.

Tuesday, Nov. 30.—Rev. Hubert W. Wells, D. D., St. Andrew's Wilmington.

Wednesday, Dec. 1.—Rev. N. Van Pelt Levis, Church of the Incarnation.

Thursday, Dec. 2.—Rt. Rev. T. A. Jaggar, D. D.

Friday, Dec. 3.—Rev. Robert Long.

Saturday, Dec. 4.—Rev. Robert Johnston, Church of the Saviour.

The St. Stephen's Tuberculosis Class: Why the Work Has Been Discontinued.

An abstract of the address given by Dr. Frank A. Craig before the St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at its annual Banquet on November 9, 1909:

In the warfare being waged throughout the world against tuberculosis the most important weapon we possess is education, not only of the healthy people so that they may protect themselves against infection, but also of those suffering from this disease so that they may adopt those measures which will prevent it from spreading. It has been found that lectures, popular exhibitions, and articles in the daily papers reach both classes, but that they do not impress upon the tuberculous the absolute necessity of the measures of prevention, and do not see that they are carried out. For this reason the plan of having the nurses go into the homes of these patients and instructing them individually was adopted.

Only a few years ago there was but one dispensary in this city which carried out this plan of teaching the patients the rules of prevention, the sending of nurses to their homes to see that the rules were followed out, and the free distribution of milk to those cases only who adhered strictly to the rules.

As the other dispensaries were not in a position to carry out this plan the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis decided to try and get the churches interested in this movement, as this plan had been very successfully carried out in Boston in the Emanuel Church under Dr. Pratt. The Visiting Nurse Society agreed to supply the nurse, the Pennsylvania Society the medical director, and St. Stephen's Church the rooms, supplies, milk, eggs, and medicine.

The class was therefore formed, the Pennsylvania Society asked the speaker to assume charge of the work, and the Visiting Nurse Society appointed Miss Mabel Jacques as our nurse. The class continued its work for about one year and a half, meeting one afternoon a week, and was very successful largely on account of the personal efforts of Miss Jacques.

When Miss Jacques felt obliged to resign from the Visiting Nurse Society we considered the question of discontinuing the class. As we felt that we might have some difficulty in securing a nurse with the same amount of experience in this kind of work and who would take the same deep personal interest in the class we decided that we had better discontinue the work. We were also led to this decision by the fact that at present nearly all the large hospitals have regular tuberculosis dispensaries, many of them with visiting nurses in connection with them, rendering the necessity for the class not so evident.

Before breaking up the class every patient was instructed which dispensary to go to and in most instances was given a note to the physician in charge. Many of the patients I arranged to take care of in my own dispensary in another hospital. In this way none of the patients were allowed to suffer by our decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Dr. Grammer and the various members of this Church for their many kindnesses and assistance during my connection with the work of St. Stephen's Church.

Very sincerely,

FRANK A. CRAIG.

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

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MR. L. C. CLEEMANN, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Dr. Addinell Hewson.
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Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Jennie Tuttle.

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Miss Maud Beith,

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Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. Irvin Anthony. Mr. H. Hanley Parker,

Verger.
James Carrigan,
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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to the Church Warden, 517 Chestnut Street.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

The Misses Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. VanDusen.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright, 1608 Summer Street.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. W. G. Crowell, Miss Taylor.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Lippincott, Mr. Gwathmey, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M, in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, The Misses Magee.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Associate.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Taylor.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood. Miss Hoopes, Miss Zeilin.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb. *T.*—Adam Hall.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P.—Robert Snydner. *A.*—George H. Streaker.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

JUNIORS

Meets every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Circumcision.
2.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
6.—Epiphany.
9.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
16.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
23.—Septuagesima.
25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
30.—Sexagesima.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

December 12.—Frederick Wilson Riley, Matilda Sarah Eckard, Robert Guy Ludwig.

BURIALS.

November 30.—John T. Tracy.
December 7.—Robert M. Brown.
December 15.—Daniel D. Dominguez.

Offerings in December.

General Charities	$91 64	
Missionary Box	55 91	
Sunday School Entertainment	97 42	
Children's Friend Society	10 00	
Through Miss Lewis, for Christmas	27 00	
Christmas dinners	329 64	
		$611 61
The Church Work Fund:		
Mr. T. P. Chandler	$25 00	
Miss Llewellyn	5 00	
Mrs. Alfred Tucker	15 00	
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	15 00	
Mrs. G. G. Smith	5 00	
In Memory of George Jones	10 00	
Dr. Caroline M. Purnell	5 00	
		$80 00
Total		$691 61

The returns of the Christmas collection, for the aged and infirm clergy of the diocese, have not yet been received, and are therefore not included in the offerings for December here published.

Offertories for January.

First Sunday.—General Charities.
Second Sunday.—Foreign Missions.
Third Sunday.—Colored Missions.
Fourth Sunday.—General Charities.
Fifth Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.

Notice.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Church, No. 9 So. 10th street. They should be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say, in January, not later than the 30th.

Note.

Through an error last month a contribution of $150 to the Church Work Fund was acknowledged in the name of Mr. John W. Trinkle. It was given by him "in memory of Mrs. Trinkle," and should have been so entered.

The Rector calls the attention of those who have not yet contributed to the *Church Work Fund*. This fund supplies the Rector with an official purse. Out of it he pays for the necessary advertising, finances the various societies and equips numerous enterprises within the Church. Thus far he has received $1,340, and he ought to have $200 more.

Happy New Year.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light,
The year is dying in the night.
Ring out wild bells and let him die.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

From the Rector.

TO MY OLDER PARISHIONERS:

When this reaches you, we shall have entered on the last year of the first decade of the Twentieth Century. Think of it, a decade, and it seems only the other day, that we bade the famous Nineteenth Century good-bye, and here the Twentieth Century will soon be in its teens. Well, it may rush upon us as fast as it will, but it cannot grow older faster than we. Our life keeps pace with it, and we need not feel rushed or hurried, for as the old Indian said, "We have all the time there is." Let us therefore possess our souls in peace. We are like people on the train. The landscape may flash past them, but they all move together. So we are all borne along together on this mighty stream of Time. Some may be nearer than others to the falls, where it slips over into Eternity; but we are all alike moving on towards that wondrous change; all moving in Time here, all to be united in Eternity there, we hope.

I want to send a word of greeting in this number of the PARISH NEWS to my older parishioners, who rarely and, in some cases never, come to Church in these days. There are certain words in the service that always bring you to my mind. Sometimes I am inclined to envy you, as I think how the worst part of the conflict is over, how you have passed successfully through many struggles, and I fancy you sitting in a kind of sun-set splendor, glorious and serene, watching the stars of promise grow brighter and brighter. I hope that you have such moments, nay, that you have such days; but I am sure that such idealized conceptions are only partially true. I know you have moments of great loneliness, as you remember, that

> The names you loved to hear
> Have been carved for many a year
> On the tomb.

Age has its own burdens, and its special temptations. It is no easy task to grow old gracefully, to give up power and responsibility, and to realize that one is no longer much of a factor in life. The new habits, turns of speech, fads and fancies, as well as new principles and new knowledge must often make you feel like a stranger in a strange land. Then alas, there is often the great Angel pain, that comes to teach you patience or to warn you of danger, Then there is weakness and failing capacity or faculty to humble you. Oh, I am sure that you have often a hard fight to bear up, and be brave and uncomplaining. May God sustain you in these conflicts, and deliver you from any fear of the great change that is so inevitably approaching. St. Paul said that to die is gain, that to depart and be with Christ is far better. Let us give up carrying the burden of the future, and leave it all to God, as unto a merciful and faithful Creator.

> It is not death to fling
> Aside this sinful dust,
> To rise on strong exultant wing
> To live among the just.

You may be sure that God has some work for you to do, or he would not keep you here. He is accomplishing something in you, or through you. If you are faithful, you are attaining some grace, that was not fully yours, or you are bearing some witness to His grace, or manifesting, or evoking in some way some Divine trait or truth. Let us hold fast to the end without wavering.

It must be hard to keep the flame of devotion burning, without any of the customary helps. I am sure that you know the incomparable merits of the Prayer Book as a hand book of devotion. What prayers are equal to the Collects? They are smooth stones out of the brook, and have been polished by the centuries of devotion that have rolled over them. With them you can smite many a Goliath of despondency. The psalms are rich in treasuries of devotion. Our hymnal is a splendid collection of glowing and inspiring thoughts and winged words. Above all there are the gospels and the words of Him who spake as never man spake. "The longer I live," said a celebrated theologian, "the more do I fall back upon a few great principles." Younger people may seek novelties, and modes of thought adapted to the times, but as we grow older, what we want is the simpler truths, old as time, and yet ever new and ever true, that fit us for eternity and enable us to lead the eternal life here. They need not worry that they can not keep abreast of the times, who are in accord with Eternity.

I send you, in this issue, my older parishioners, a New Year's greeting, and ask your prayers for St. Stephen's and its various ministries, and invoke upon you the peace of God that passeth all understanding.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Envelope System.

At the last monthly meeting of the Vestry, a resolution was passed directing the introduction into St. Stephen's Church of the envelope system. The feeling of the Vestry was that we need more system in our giving. We are urged on to this course by two considerations. First of all, St. Stephen's itself is in need of more general support from its members and from those who worship within its walls. There is a widespread idea that St. Stephen's is a very wealthy Church, and does not need the contributions of

its members or attendants. Such may have been the condition once, though it never was a wholesome condition, for people usually do not value adequately benefits that cost them nothing. This is such an axiom that the Bible Society enjoins its colporteurs not to give away a Bible, except under very peculiar conditions, since a man who does not care for a copy of the Scriptures enough to pay something for it, will certainly never take the trouble to read it; while if he makes an investment in the book, even though it be a merely nominal sum, he will try to get something out of his expenditure. So those days when no exertion had to be made to raise any money for parochial expenses were doubtless very pleasant, and we may long for their ease, but it must be confessed that they had not the bracing weather that makes vigorous working, self-denying Christians. At any rate our good ship has moved out of those balmy latitudes. To-day the parochial expenses are about $3,000 in excess of the pew rents and the income from the endowments. A little over two years ago, the Vestry secured annual subscriptions to meet this deficit for three years. The congregation was not canvassed to any considerable extent. A few people outside the Vestry were approached, the members of the Vestry pledged themselves liberally, and the desired amount was raised. Not 25 people were brought into the matter. These supplementary subscriptions have one more year to run. At the end of that time, we ought to have in operation a system in which every member of the congregation can take a part. When the whole congregation has been canvassed, and realizes just what we need, and has given just what it can afford or is willing to give, then we shall be in a position to know whether we ought to retrench (always a dangerous proceeding), or whether we can continue to conduct our worship, and to run our work along the same lines as in the past. It is believed that the envelope system, which will enable the small givers to contribute weekly to the Church expenses, will be a substantial aid in raising our income for parochial expenses. It has been tried in some of our strongest churches with great success, and we ought to make the effort in St. Stephen's. In the second place, this system will increase our gifts for the general work of the Church. Under the present arrangement an offering which is taken up annually suffers severely if it falls on a rainy Sunday. Few think of sending the money that they would have put into the plate, if they had gone to Church. Under the new system this loss can be greatly lessened. These envelopes are all dated, and every one has his little package in which each envelope has the date, and the offering for the Sunday printed upon it. Then the offering can be put in next Sunday in its own envelope. Our stay-at-homes, who can not participate in our prayer and praise can have packages of envelopes and keep the run of the offerings and send in their gifts. There is an immense volume of testimony in proof of the power of this system to increase contributions. But it may be well to explain the plan more in detail. According to this system every communicant, or attendant who will agree to co-operate, will receive a package of envelopes for the year, with the objects for each several date printed upon it. One of these envelopes is to be deposited in the plate each Sunday. Their contents will be emptied in the Vestry and given to the Treasurer to be sent to its proper destination. The envelopes, however, will be kept and handed over to a secretary, who will keep a record of them, to see how faithfully the congregation is co-operating with the system. He will know nothing of the amounts given by any one. All that he will know will be whether A. B. C., or X. Y. Z. is sending in his envelopes with their enclosures with fidelity. No one will know the amounts, for the envelopes will be numbered and no one but the secretary, who will not open the envelopes, but will receive them after they are opened, will know the name corresponding to the number. There is no inquisition into private affairs.

The system as thus far described is the envelope system, in which the envelope has only a single pocket, but in the Duplex envelope which is specially commended and is preferred by the Rector, there is a second pocket. The idea of the great Layman's Movement is that an offering for missions should be taken up every Sunday, and the Rector hopes to accomplish this by giving one pocket in the envelope to parochial maintenance, and one to other causes. In this way every one can give something to both objects each Sunday; he can help to lengthen the cords of our tabernacle, and at the same time do something to strengthen the stakes that hold up the tent under which we meet. His prayer "Thy Kingdom come" will mean more, because he has done something to extend the Kingdom, and he will appreciate the service at St. Stephen's more because he has given something to maintain it. The method is ancient and Scriptural for it follows St. Paul's advice to the Corinthians, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him" (1 Cor. 16: 2). It is modern and practical. My successor in Norfolk has tried it in my old Church there, and the offerings have increased greatly in spite of the heavy burden the congregation is under in building a new church that will cost over $75,000. It relies on system and principle, rather than on the eloquence of an appeal and the state of the weather. It is educational, and it is democratic in its demand upon the whole membership of the Church. It is devotional for it is hoped that something, however little, may be put in both pockets of the envelope, and in this way the duty of maintaining and spreading the worship and service of God may be brought constantly to mind.

The dates of the customary offerings of St. Stephen's will be preserved, but the Sundays where offerings are now given to parochial maintenance will have the second pocket designated for missions, and its contents will be sent toward the Pennsylvania apportionment.

The system is an approved one; an admirable secretary has been secured to keep the register of the envelopes and all that is now needed is to secure the consent of our people to receive the packages, with a will to co-operate according to their power. The Rector hopes to have the system in operation by the first of February at the latest.

On Thursday mornings I will make it a rule so far as the exigencies of ministerial life will permit, to be in the Vestry from 12 to 1 for conference on matters of a personal nature. The experience of the last three months has shown the value of this hour. It evidently meets a need. Many of the visitors are not connected with the parish, and prefer to come to a stranger for consultation on some problem of personal conduct. This experiment has confirmed the truth of Dr. Worcester's teaching that people need more pastoral counsel, and the ministry should afford them more opportunity for confidential intercourse about the serious problems of life. Dr. Washington Gladden, in his interesting and thoroughly American Recollections, bears the same testimony. At Harvard the chaplain is expected to remain in his room in the Wadsworth House at certain hours to meet the students. Dr. Gladden served as chaplain for three years and said that his experience taught him the value of the confessional. It is a very modified confessional, of course, and is rather a counsel of brothers than a meeting of a Father and a penitent. The usage will be continued for the rest of the winter in St. Stephen's.

Family Prayer.

A rector in a Virginia town has sent a card to his parishioners on the subject of family prayers. It runs as follows:

"A Request From Your Rector: I want to bring before my people a very vital matter. You all must know I have the highest ideals for you. Can we not more fully realize them this year? Will you not in your homes (those who have not been in the habit of it) begin this year with *Family Prayer?* Ten minutes spent this way will shape many a day and bring untold blessing to you. Let it not be said by your children they have never heard their father's or mother's voice asking God's blessing upon them. Will you think earnestly of this?"

I want to make these words my own, and as many people are unused to praying before others, I print herewith a form for use at family prayers in the morning. A few verbal changes would make it equally suitable for Evening Prayer. It is probable that in most homes this would be the most convenient time for family devotions. There should first be a brief reading from the Scriptures, which will be more profitable if it follows some regular plan, and the selection is not made at random. Then there might be a hymn read from the hymnal and then this prayer, the Collect for the day and the Lord's Prayer, or the whole or part of the family prayer in the Prayer Book.

A Family Prayer.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence this morning to invoke Thy blessings upon the tasks of this day. Thou hast made us to dwell together in one

household and bound us together by the strong cords of love and common interests; grant that we may prove helpful to one another, and not hinderers of each other's joy or progress in the Christian life. Fill us with the spirit of sympathy, and mutual understanding. Enable each one of us to struggle manfully to bear his own burden, without leaning on others and also grant us the insight to recognize the burdens that others are carrying and the power to lighten their loads. Grant to the aged among us unfaltering faith, and a hope full of immortality, and give unto the young wisdom and docility, that they may learn without the hard teaching of bitter experience. We commend to Thy special protection our absent loved ones, and beseech Thee that no separations may ever have power to sunder our spirits, or lessen our love. Keep them from temptations and trials, which would overtask their strength. Grant unto them health of body, soul and spirit. Fill all of us, we beseech Thee, with the spirit of courage and faith and love. Help us to live as ever in Thine eye, and looking unto Thee, as the Supreme Governor, and Judge, the awarder of praise or blame. Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from the power of sin, from sins of thought and word and deed, sins of omission and sins of commission. Help us to realize our weakness and selfishness, and do Thou give us the eye of faith that we may see Thy love, manifested in Jesus Christ, and put our trust not in any thing that we do, but in the Love that Thou hast revealed in Him. Bless, we beseech Thee, all efforts to bring in Thy Kingdom upon earth. Bless the State and cause righteousness to prevail. Bless the Church, and especally our own congregation, its ministers and societies. Bless the missionaries and stir up Thy people to advance the banners of Thy Kingdom over the whole world. We invoke Thy mercy upon the sick, the miserable, the disgraced, and ask Thee to use us as channels to bless them. We commend to Thy care the thoughtless, the frivolous and the careless, and beseech Thee to give them soberness and a better mind. Above all we pray Thee to help us to put ourselves into Thy hands, without any fear, or holding back, knowing that Thou art our greatest Friend, and art yearning to help and bless us. Grant us this faith. We ask it as the followers and servants of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The New Rug.

A handsome present was given to the Church this past month by Miss Fanny and Miss Anna Magee. The Vestry room has long needed a new rug, but the old one was made to serve until this fall, when the room was repaired and re-painted, and it became out of the question to put back the old rug in this freshly decorated room. So the floor remained uncarpeted and the room had a dreary appearance. One day the Misses Magee came in, and noticed that the office of the Church had a desolate aspect. Their loyalty to St. Stephen's is not only deep, but it is also prompt to move so they surprised the Rector on the next Sunday by having in the Vestry a handsome rug of a most appropriate pattern and of a color that harmonizes admirably with the walls and ceiling. The old rug will be made over and serve in one of the rooms on the third floor.

The whole Church is now in an admirable condition, so far as its material equipment is concerned. The building is in the best order and all our furnishings are excellent. Many thanks to all those who helped so loyally and generously, and to the Misses Magee for this closing gift of the series. C. E. G.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The Advent meeting was held on Thursday, the sixteenth, at the usual hour. In spite of the holiday season there was an unusually large attendance, and it was our privilege to welcome six new members. Reports were heard from the Colored Committee; the United Offering; the Foreign Committee; the Diocesan Committee and from the Missionary Box Committee.

The speaker was the Rev. Jules L. Prevost, who gave a most interesting account of the work of St. Ambrose Mission in this diocese. The growth of St. Ambrose Mission is quite remarkable and it stands now in great need of money to enlarge its equipment. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on the stated date, but in the afternoon instead of the morning. Notice of this meeting will be sent to all the members of the Auxiliary. The remaining dates are:

Thursday, January 20th.
Thursday, February 17th.
Thursday, March 17th.
Thursday, April 21st.

The following letter, received by the Missionary Box Committee, is of interest to many:

317 College Street,
Sparta, Wis.

DEAR MRS. AUSTIN:

The beautiful mission box arrived Thursday, the 3rd, and my husband and I scarcely know how to thank you and the good, kind church people for it. Everything in the box was so lovely and the clothing was perfect in every particular.

My husband was so pleased with his suit, as well as with the other articles that came for him.

We feel that we have been so beautifully remembered and are so very grateful.

Trusting that you are well and with many prayers for the good work of St. Stephen's Church, I am,

Sincerely yours,

St. Paul's College, Tokyo.

The committee for the establishment of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, sends an appeal for funds to carry on this most necessary work, from which the following extracts are taken:

In all the Orient there is, by common consent, no place where the Christian opportunity is greater than in Japan. All who are informed respecting the work of St. Paul's School, Tokyo, are agreed that there is to-day no more important factor in the work of Christianizing the Island Empire. This school including a collegiate department, has over 600 students and occupies substantial buildings, but the college department having no buildings of its own, occupies certain rooms which belong to, and are needed by the school.

At present, St. Paul's supplies, under Christian influence and in a churchly atmosphere, a sound secular education—up to and including the studies usually pursued in the first year of college work. Students desiring to enter the learned professions must now leave the atmosphere and influence of St. Paul's and finish their college work in non-Christian institutions where all the tendencies are in the direction of materialism or agnosticism. There is no Christian college of any denomination in Tokyo. A part of the Pan-Anglican offering has been set aside to found a large theological school in Tokyo, to which only college graduates will be admitted. With St. Paul's College established and equipped to meet the requirement of a modern college, the American church will have the unique opportunity of educating Japanese students during nine years, and its clergy during twelve years; for it has been arranged that the English and American church shall co-operate in the theological school.

Nineteen boys in St. Paul's School last year expressed a desire to study for Holy Orders. Without a full college course how can they be prepared for the theological school?

The Japanese desire a native church. They demand a native clergy. They are eager to evangelize their countrymen. It is estimated that with the new and improved equipment proposed for St. Paul's College, we can withdraw our missionaries from Japan within another generation.

The amount needed to carry on the work is $200,000, and in order to do this it is proposed that St. Paul's Day, January 25, 1910, be observed in the interest of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, and the offerings be devoted to that purpose.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society had a Christmas Masquerade party on Monday evening, December 27th. Each member of the Society had the privilege of inviting one guest, and in spite of the bad night—the blizzard preventing many from getting out—there were about a hundred and forty persons present. The Sunday School room was prettily decorated with Christmas greens and bells and the bright colored costumes of the various rough-riders, Japanese Geisha girls, clowns, gypsies, etc., made a very festive scene. After about an hour of dancing the masks were removed and everybody gathered around a brightly trimmed Christmas tree to sing a Christmas carol—"O Little Town of Bethlehem,"—and receive the presents from the associates. After this there was more dancing, followed by ice cream and cake, and the party finally broke up at about half past eleven.

A new interest for the Society, to begin the new year with will be a Savings Bank for the members, to be managed by Miss Anna Lewis.

The Sunday School.

BANNER CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER.

Girls—Teacher, Miss Edith Harper.

Annie Watson, Annie Trainer,
Dorothy Minster, Myrtle Traul,
Lillian Brown, Helen Leitsch.
Edna Hart.

Boys—Teacher, Miss Lippincott.

George Krimmel, Thomas Kilpatrick,
James Rice, Robert Brown,
Frederick LeDent, Clarence Means.

An Honor Roll.

The Sunday following Christmas, Dec. 26, was so unusually stormy that we feel it is but a just recognition of fidelity and bravery on the part of those teachers and scholars who were present in the Sunday School on that day, that we wish to record their names. In doing this we do not forget that most of those who did

not reach the school lived at such a distance that it was utterly beyond their power to do so.

Those present in the main school were:

Miss Sanders,
Miss Jane Harper,
Miss Edith Harper,
Mr. Wm. Hewson,
Lena McEwen,
Loretta Clowes,
Baxter Rowe,
W. S. Brown,
Anna Mellinger,
Emma Braley,
Helen Lootz,
Mildred Supplee,
Rose Tunney,
Alice Tunney,
Ethel Pierce,
Thekla Kauffmann,
Mary Mearns,
John Mearns,
James Mearns,
Clarence Mearns,
George Krimmel,
James Stork,
Fred Hart,
Alice Hart,
Carl Powers,
David Herszberger,
Russel Hammer,
William Hammer,
Helen Harper,
Elsie Traul,
Alma Leader,
Ada Leader,
Jurgen Kolb.

Those present in the primary department were:

Miss Goss,
Florence Gray,
Eddie Gray,
Willie Watson,
Robert Bowder,
George Supplee,
Raymond Reisher,
Tillie Stork,
Anna Stork,
Emma Stork,
Willie Stork,
John Tomlinson,
Katharine Tomlinson.

An Entertainment.

A sketch, entitled "Mr. Sprigg's Little Trip Abroad," will be given by the young ladies of Miss Denney's Bible Class, under the direction of Mr. Louis Hall, on Friday, Jan. 28, at 8.15 P. M., in the Sunday School room. Tickets may be had from the Verger, Mr. Carrigan, or from the members of the class, also at the door on the evening of the entertainment. Proceeds for charitable work. Last year the young ladies of this class gave "Anybody's Magazine," which proved a great success. We have every reason to expect that this play will be equally as good.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

The Senior Department of the Fraternity anticipate the most successful year of its existence, owing to the fact that among our new members elected this season was Rev. Robert Long, who has already inspired the Society with wit and encouragement.

Rev. Robert Long has made it possible through the instrumentality of some kind friends of the Church to fit up a gymnasium for which each member of the Fraternity sends hearty thanks and appreciation.

The entertainment committee reported that they will endeavor to arrange for a number of good plays and social events throughout this season.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was held at the last meeting and the results are as follows:

C., Mr. J. N. A. Kolb.
P. C., Mr. Wm. Rowe.
T., Mr. Adam M. Hall.
Q., Dr. Carl E. Grammer.
P. Q., Mr. Winfield S. Brown.
P., Mr. Robert Snydner.
A., Mr. George H. Streaker.

The adjournment of the meeting was followed by a very interesting debate which furnished ample amusement for the members of the Fraternity: *Resolved*, That Philadelphia has more good points than New York City. The speakers on the affirmative side were Mr. Geo. H. Streaker (extemporaneous) and Mr. Robert Snydner. The speakers on the negative side were Mr. John F. Sachse and Mr. Adam M. Hall. The judges appointed were Rev. Robert Long, Mr. J. N. A. Kolb and Mr. James Carrigan, who, after a deliberation of fifteen minutes brought in the verdict of 340 points for the affirmative, and 360 points for the negative side. These points were based upon the beautiful homes and churches in Philadelphia and the great wealth and harbor of New York.

A very popular debate has been arranged for the next meeting, to be held January seventh, nineteen-ten.

ADAM M. HALL, *Secretary.*

On the evening of Dec. 29th, our honored and beloved Accounting Warden, Mr. L. C. Cleemann, was taken from us. He had attended that afternoon, a meeting of the Vestry which had been called at his request. In a few hours he was carried from the affairs of the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. The proof of this monthly had already been sent to the printer and there was no time for the composition of any minute that would express the loss that has been sustained by the Church. The publication of the official action of the Vestry must be postponed till our February number, which will also contain a sketch of Mr. Cleemann's career. All that can be done in this issue is briefly to announce our great loss. In length of service he was the senior in our Vestry by many years. The burden of the financial administration of the Church fell chiefly on his shoulders and was borne by him with unfaltering and uncomplaining fidelitv. No vestryman could more surely be counted on to be in his place on Sunday morning. No one loved St. Stephen's more loyally, or was more solicitous for its welfare. He will be missed both for his faithful labors and for his loving spirit. May God comfort and sustain by His grace and by a hope full of immortality his bereaved household.

C. E. G.

Christmas Dinners.

It will be a pleasure to all, after Christmas is over, to know that this year one hundred and thirty-two baskets were provided to make Christmas cheer for as many families. The baskets contained, in most cases, provisions for eight persons, and the object was to leave nothing wanting to make a Christmas dinner complete. The baskets contained ten substantial items, and the committee of distribution felt that each basket would meet all the needs of a Christmas table. It is gratifying also to this committee to have had the expression of a daily paper reporter to the effect that, after having seen many other like preparations for Christmas distribution, ours was the best arranged and systematized of any. A new method was used this year, and it worked out admirably.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to join the Rector in thanking all those who contributed toward these Christmas dinners. We received for this purpose, to date $329.64, sufficient to meet all the bills.

R. L.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in December:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	$1.00
From Kind Friend, through Dr. Grammer Church Fund	10.00
Total	$11.00

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold's moving pictures entertainment, Nov. 30 was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Donations for Christmas baskets to the poor.

Miss Bezzel	.25
Miss T. B. W.	.50
Miss Irene Wilder	.50
Miss Kauffman	.25
Miss	.25
Miss Bella Townsend	.50
Total	$2.25

Groceries from Miss May Jeffries, Miss Taggart and Mrs. Vanderslice.

Five families were helped to have a good time on Christmas day, making 17 persons in all.

Received from Mr. Patton's estate $33.75.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in December:

Mrs. William J. Galbraith	$1.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
From those receiving shoes	6.40
	$7.65
Expended	$12.40
Balance on hand	2.83

For donation of several large boxes of shoes and overshoes from Santa Claus, many thanks.

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1024 Spruce Street.

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Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. Roland S. Morris. Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. Jos. Van Dusen, Jr., Dr. Addinell Hewson.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

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Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Jennie Tuttle.

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Miss Maud Beith,

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Mr. Watkins.

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Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. Irvin Anthony. Mr. H. Hanley Parker,

Verger.

James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few min utes after the service on Sunday morning.

Burd Orphan Asylum.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

The Misses Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. VanDusen.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson. Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Amy Ewing, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Price.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Noblit, Mrs. Morris J. Patterson, Mrs. M. D. Garrigues, Mrs. John Van Miller, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Eisenbrey, Mrs. W. G. Crowell.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Lippincott, Mr. Gwathmey, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M, in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, The Misses Magee.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Associate.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Taylor.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood. Miss Hoopes, Miss Zeilin, Miss Price.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

SENIOR.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb. *T.*—Adam Hall.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P.—Robert Snydner. *A.*—George H. Streaker.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

JUNIORS

Meets every Friday at 7 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. Cummins.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2.—Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
February 6.—Quinquagesima.
February 9.—Ash Wednesday.
February 13.—First Sunday in Lent.
February 20.—Second Sunday in Lent.
February 24.—St. Matthias.
February 27.—Third Sunday in Lent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

January 12.—Robert Mendon Huttenloch.
January 16.—Katherine Bland Williams.

MARRIAGES.

January 1.—Harry M. Harvey and Stella C. Flanagan.
January 5.—Richard W. Lehne and Maria S. Bare.

BURIALS.

January 3.—Ludovic C. Cleemann.
January 4.—Alonzo Wakeman Parsons.
January 6.—Archibald Page Verrall.
January 19.—Catharine Cecelia Middleton.
January 21.—Clara Josephine Foulke.
January 26.—Arthur Baldwin.

Offerings in January.

General Charities		$209.00
Colored Missions		53.91
Foreign Missions		80.95
Parochial Maintenance		61.32
For Bishop Thomas		15.00
St. Paul's College, Tokyo		47.10
The Church Work Fund—		
Mrs. Charlotte Blinkhorn	$1.00	
Mrs. John Coates Browne	10.00	
		11.00
Total		$478.28

Offertories for February.

First Sunday.—General Charities.
Ash Wednesday.—Missionary Box.
Second Sunday.—General Charities.
Third Sunday.—Diocesan Missions.
Fourth Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.
Wednesdays in Lent.—Missionary Box.

Parochial Lenten Services.

There will be a service in the Church every afternoon at 5 P. M., except Saturday. An address will be made on Wednesdays and Fridays. The assistance of volunteer singers at these services is earnestly solicited.

There will be a special service of Intercessory Prayer for Missions in the Church, on Thursday afternoon, February 17th, at 5 o'clock. This service will be held especially for the Woman's Auxiliary, and it is hoped that many of the members will avail themselves of this opportunity to show their interest in the great Cause.

Schedule for Noonday Lenten Services.

Wed., February 9.—Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Thurs., February 10.—Rt. Rev. F. J. Kinsman, D. D., Bishop of Delaware.

Fri., February 11.—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Bethlehem.

Sat., February 12.—Rev. W. R. Turner, St. Paul's Memorial, Overbrook.

Mon., Feb. 14 ..... } Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D.,
Tues., Feb. 15 ..... } St. Stephen's.
Wed., Feb. 16 ..... }

Thurs., Feb. 17 .... } Rev. Stewart P. Keeling, St.
Fri., Feb. 18 ..... } Peter's, Germantown.
Sat., Feb. 19 ..... }

Mon., Feb. 21 .....
Tues., Feb. 22 ..... } Rev. C. Ernest Smith, D. C. L., St. Thomas, Washington, D. C.
Wed., Feb. 23 .....
Thurs., Feb. 24 ....
Fri., Feb. 25 .....

Sat., Feb. 26.—Rev. Geo. L. Richardson, St. Mary's, Philadelphia.

Mon., Feb. 28 ..... } Rev. Hubert Wetmore Wells,
Tues., Mar. 1 ..... } St. Andrew's, Wilmington.
Wed., Mar. 2 ..... }

Thurs., Mar. 3 .... } Rev. Arthur Rogers, D. D.,
Fri., Mar. 4 ..... } Holy Trinity, West Chester.
Sat., Mar. 5 ..... }

Mon., Mar. 7 .....
Tues., Mar. 8 ..... } Rev. J. Sanders Reed, D. D., Philadelphia.
Wed., Mar. 9 .....
Thurs., Mar. 10 ...
Fri., Mar. 11 .....

Sat., Mar. 12.—Rev. Norman V. P. Levis, Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia.

Mon., Mar. 14 ..... } Rev. A. G. Mortimer, D. D.,
Tues., Mar. 15 .... } St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
Wed., Mar. 16 ..... }

Thurs., Mar. 17 ... } Rev. Harrison B. Wright, St.
Fri., Mar. 18 ..... } Asaph's, Bala.
Sat., Mar. 19 ..... }

HOLY WEEK.

Mon., Mar. 21 ..... } Rev. Robert J. Johnston, Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.
Tues., Mar. 22 .... }

Wed., Mar. 23.—Rev. J. Thompson Cole, St. Paul's, Ogontz.

Thurs., Mar. 24 ... } Rev. C. E. Grammer, St.
Good Fri., Mar. 25 } Stephen's.

Sat., Mar. 26.—Rev. Robert Long, St. Stephens.

Lent.

Christianity has brought into the world not only a new revelation of God, a new ethics, and a new literature, but also new rites and ceremonies and a new institution known as the Church. One of the snares of the Christian life is the tendency to make these rites and ceremonies into means of obtaining merit with God, or squaring accounts with conscience. The spirit of legalism is not confined to Judaism. It has made its way into the Christian Church, and bound a yoke of bondage on many patient necks. It has also caused people to substitute for the plain duties of their daily life, self-selected tasks and self-gratifying forms of devotion. They have not looked to the Spirit for guidance and have not hearkened to the inner voice, but have simply followed the multitude going up to Zion and believed themselves safe in such good company. Lent may be observed in this Judaistic spirit and so prove a source of smug self-satisfaction.

On the other hand, there is another extreme, that must be avoided. Liberty may be made a cloak for indifference. Laziness in the Christian life may pass itself off as spirituality. We must not fall into this snare. While we are in the flesh we need forms and ceremonies to express the inner spirit. We must use means of self-discipline, if we are to become spiritual athletes. We must help others by joining with them in common plans for edification. We cannot obtain our spiritual ends without the diligent use of appropriate means. It is in this spirit that we should enter upon our Lenten season. It presents not so much a duty as an opportunity. It is not a channel down which flow refreshing waters to the passive recipient, but a tool which, if diligently used, will accomplish a great task. Its observance must not be made an excuse for shirking duties, but it will, if rightly used, deepen in us that sense of loyalty and sonship that will make all duties easier and more possible.

The list of speakers in St. Stephen's this Lent is published above. We hope that our members will endeavor to attend many of these services. The best plan is to begin moderately, with the intention of continuing till the end. No man has any right to judge another in regard to his observance of Lent, but we can greatly help one another, if we are not ashamed to show ourselves anxious to improve, and will use the means of grace afforded by this season with earnestness and constancy.

C. E. G.

The regular annual Episcopal visitation to St. Stephen's will be made on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, when Bishop Jaggar will administer the rite of Confirmation. The usual Confirmation lectures will be given by the Rector on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Parish House. He will be at home on Wednesday evenings to see anyone considering this step, and will also remain in the Vestry after the Sunday services. All those who are contemplating the public ratification of their baptismal vows are requested to come to these lectures. No one commits himself to any decision by attending the class. The explanations and teaching come first, and a decision is only called for at the close of the course.

Ludovic Colquhoun Cleemann.

VESTRYMAN, 1864 TO 1909.
SECRETARY OF THE VESTRY, 1865 TO 1878.
ACCOUNTING WARDEN, APRIL 24, 1878, TO DECEMBER 29, 1909.

The Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, desires to put on record the following minute upon the death of its Accounting Warden, Mr. L. C. Cleemann:

"In the death of Ludovic Colquhoun Cleemann, St. Stephen's Church has suffered a loss that is difficult adequately to express. Baptized in infancy at the font of St. Stephen's, his whole life was bound up in the worship and service of this one parish. For over forty-five years he was a member of the Vestry, and for the last thirty-one years he was the Accounting Warden. His last earthly task was to attend and preside at a special meeting of the Vestry which had been called at his instance on the afternoon of the very day of his death, December 29. Only a few hours after he had been thus occupied in the affairs of the Church Militant, he heard the summons to join the Church Triumphant. Although he had not yet reached his seventieth birthday, he was by reason of the early age at which he had been elected into the Vestry, by much the senior of the body in point of service, and he had a unique position among us as our chief link with the past traditions of the parish. No vestryman came into such close contact with the members of the congregation. He had lived on terms of cordial friendship with all the rectors of his day, and had enjoyed in the highest degree their confidence and regard. It was his special delight to tell of the cus-

toms of the earlier days of the parish, and he would recount with a raciness and charm all his own, instances of the wit of Dr. Ducachet, or give some specimens of the balanced periods of Dr. Rudder. He showed himself a true son of that more devotional elder generation in his own unfailing attendance upon the Sunday services, and by his presence at the quiet week-day afternoon services in Lent. He loved the habitation of God's house and the place where His honor dwelleth.

"As Accounting Warden he bore with unfaltering and uncomplaining fidelity the chief burden of the financial administration of the parish. He was Secretary of the Vestry from 1865 to 1878, and Accounting Warden from April 24, 1878, until December 29, 1909. He was also Chairman of the Committee on Admissions to the Burd Orphan Asylum. His duties were multifarious and onerous, and whether it was the placing of an investment or the selection of a new rector, he bore a large part of the responsibility of the final decision. In the interest of the church of his love, he shrank from no responsibility, as he spared himself no drudgery. He had seen St. Stephen's rise from the weakness that marked the days of Dr. Ducachet's failing strength, to the great vigor that it attained under Dr. Rudder, and he had absolute confidence that the old church which had borne such an important part in the ecclesiastical life of Philadelphia had behind it reserves of loyalty and strength that would enable it to continue to do a large and much-needed work in the very heart of the city.

"It is consoling, in our bereavement, to recall that before he was taken from us he received at a banquet of the men of the congregation, a most spontaneous and unanimous token of the place that he held in the esteem and affection of the members of St. Stephen's. He was, indeed, a type of churchman of which St. Stephen's might be justly proud. While his chief affection was given to his own church and his tenderest solicitude was for his own beloved parish, he generously recognized piety wherever it might be found and whatever might be the form in which it exhibited itself. While the dominant note of his life was loyalty, there was nothing narrow or sectarian in his outlook. It was noticeable in his conversation that he was a man of appreciations rather than of criticisms. He loved to dwell on the things that were lovely, pure, and of good report. He had in an unusual degree the power of co-operating with others, and could accept with loyalty and cheerfulness the decisions of the majority, even when he did not agree with them. This was doubtless due to his capacity for friendship and the strength of his loyalty. Believing that the truth was the best protection against error, he gave all his influence toward protecting the freedom of the pulpit, and showed not the slightest symptom of alarm lest the Ark of God should be overthrown. He cherished the tradition of the large freedom of the pulpit as one of the peculiar glories of St. Stephen's. His faith rested in the great fundamentals that can never change or pass, the truths that cannot be shaken and must remain. Now that he is taken from us, we realize, as we never realized it before, how much he was to us, and we give thanks to God for the inspiration of the example of such a life of loyalty, faith and service.

"Signed,
"Carl E. Grammer,
"Beauveau Borie,
"J. Albert Caldwell,
"John T. Lewis, Jr.,
"Committee."

The congregation will be interested in the following brief outline of Mr. Cleemann's career:

Ludovic Colquhoun Cleemann was the son of Gustavus B. C. Cleemann, himself a son of a clergyman in the German province of Russia near the city of Riga; his mother was, before her marriage, Miss Claramond Colquhoun, of Petersburg, Virginia. Mr. L. C. Cleemann was born in Philadelphia in 1840 and lived in the city all his life. His early education was obtained in private schools. At the age of sixteen years he entered the sophomore class at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1859. During his whole college career he was among the "honour" men of the University, a distinction gained by the high average in his examinations. In those days there were no systematic athletics in vogue, but Mr. Cleemann "exercised" (as the phrase ran) at a private gymnasium where many of the young men of the city congregated and was one of the foremost athletes there. After graduation at college he entered the law office of George M. Wharton, Esq., one of the most famous lawyers of that day, where he prosecuted very seriously the study of the law. He was admitted to the Bar in 1863, having passed his examination before a committee of lawyers as was the custom at that time, and thereafter devoted himself earnestly to the practice of his chosen profession. In his early career, having offices with Charles Sergeant, Esq., a United States Commissioner, he was led to some degree into the specialties of admiralty and patent law, especially the latter, being much engaged at one time in defending the carpet manufacturers of the city against infringement of their patents. On the whole, however, he was for the most part occupied in the general civil practice of the law and the management of estates. In 1885 at the request of John Cadwalader, Esq., then Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, he filled the post of Chief of the Law Division of the Custom House most efficiently, in the words of the Collector, his services being often of the most valuable nature. He relinquished this position at the close of 1889, and in 1890 became connected with the Trust Department of the Penna. Co., for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, still holding office there at the time of his death, after a service of just 20 years.

Diocesan Mission Collection.

On the third Sunday in February will be taken up the annual offering for Diocesan Missions. According to the custom of the parish the collectors will make their rounds in the previous week to secure the subscriptions, and contributions. This is the largest offertory that we give to missions. The Rector is pledged to numerous Diocesan objects and pays the pledges out of this fund. It is hoped that we will raise our usual amount, which is over eight hundred dollars.

The Pews.

Some four or five persons have taken sittings in the Church this past month. In almost every case the new attendant was secured by the zeal of some of our members. Often all that is required to bring a new member in is some kind word of invitation. As the Church is a net for gathering in, every Church member is only helping it fulfill its purpose and is not transgressing any of the proprieties of life, by trying to bring members into it. In my judgment one of the best steps that could be taken would be to assign seats to all our regular attendants. In this way we could secure one of the great benefits of the system of rented pews. All persons would have regular places where they could be looked for and from which they would be missed if absent. I believe in pew rents if they can be kept low, as the best way of raising the running expenses of a Church. The ideal plan seems to me to be low pew-rents, supplemented by voluntary subscriptions, with a liberal provision of free pews for the floating population. This gives the Church a stated income, and every regular attendant a seat of his own, which he is expected to fill. In case that the rent of a sitting is too high for a regular attendant to assume such a burden with loyalty to other obligations, then I should like such a parishioner to accept a seat as an assignment. No one should leave St. Stephen's because he can not rent a seat. The Church seeks people and the presence and interest of each member is a help to the cause. My plan is to go a little further and give such members of our Church regular seats, for which they pay as little as they choose, or nothing at all if they can not afford it, if they will fill them, and provided also that they will not be offended if they are changed into other seats in case the ones they may occupy shall be rented. Many of our valued older members have seats where they sit so regularly that they may be regarded as their proper places in the Church. But in the case of our newer members, it is eminently desirable that they should be assigned seats, and if they would cooperate with such a plan by speaking either to the Rector or Mr. Joseph Van Dusen, who now has charge of the renting of the pews, I am sure that it could be arranged. C. E. G.

A good resolution for the stay-at-homes in the congregation this Lent would be to read daily the Lenten Lessons, and to add to their morning and evening devotions a brief service at noon-day, on Wednesday and Friday, at least, and, if possible, every day. Occupation is one of the sources of happiness provided that the task be adjusted to the strength. And

the best of all occupations in times of darkness is to be engaged in the things of the Spirit. It was while he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day that the vision came to the seer of Patmos. They that are after the spirit do mind the things of the Spirit. We must cultivate spiritual aspirations if we are to gain spiritual gifts. "Whilst I was in the way, the Lord met me" expresses the rule. We cannot expect the blessing if we fail to put ourselves in the way.

The mission-study classes will be conducted this Lent by Miss Laura Bell, and by Mrs. F. W. English. The former members are urged to solicit their friends in the congregation to join with them in these classes. Such study is sure to leave behind a deposit of conviction, and interest that permanently deepens faith and enlarges the Christian sympathies.

The Woman's Auxiliary Tea.

Instead of the regular Epiphany meeting of the parochial Auxiliary, a tea was given by the society in honor of the graduating Deaconesses at the Training School. It took place in the Parish House on Thursday, January 20th, and was a notable occasion affording a most delightful opportunity for the members, friends and guests of the Auxiliary to become better known to each other. More than one hundred ladies were present. Miss Magee, the president, received, assisted by a number of other ladies. The Deaconesses were introduced by the Rector.

The remaining meetings of the Auxiliary will be held as usual on the third Thursdays at eleven A. M. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, February 17th.
Thursday, March 17th.
Thursday, April 21st. E. W. L.

Mission Study Classes.

The Mission Study Class, with Miss Laura Bell, leader, will hold a series of meetings in the Parish House on Saturday mornings during Lent, beginning on Saturday, February 12, at eleven o'clock. This being the third year since such a class has been formed at St. Stephen's, it is perhaps unnecessary to explain about it, as the study of missions is now a recognized activity of parochial work.

The missionary enterprise, in its relation to the missions of the Church in foreign fields, will be discussed and a suitable text-book will be provided.

It is hoped that those who are interested in missions will continue their interest by attending this class, and also that those who are *not* interested in missions will come to the class, so as to have a little spark of enthusiasm kindled about the burning question, "The Why of Foreign Missions?"

A Junior Mission Study Class, under the leadership of Mrs. English, is being formed by a number of the younger members of the congregation. The country to be studied is Africa, a most fruitful and interesting subject. The members of Mrs. English's class last year are looking forward with great pleasure to the course, and it is hoped that many new members will avail themselves of the privilege offered them to learn of the work that is being done by our Church in this promising and, to many of us, almost unknown field. A preliminary meeting will be held in the Parish House, on Wednesday, February 9th, at 3 o'clock to organize the class, and decide upon the time of meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present on this occasion.

Missionary Box.

The following letters are interesting, as showing the progress of the work of the Missionary Box Committee:

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Dec. 28, 1909.

MY DEAR MRS. LINEAWEAVER:

We received the box of clothing that you sent us from St. Stephen's Parish, yesterday. Please accept our thanks for the same. It contained many useful articles that we can make immediate use of.

We are having unusually severe winter weather. The warm clothing will be just what we need. We have had deep snow for more than one month, and cold, too.

Our Christmas was a quiet one this year. We were disappointed in not having our Christmas tree and exercises as usual, on account of small-pox and scarlet fever in some of our families. It has also interfered with our Sunday School and church attendance.

We find our new rectory comfortable and convenient, but the expense of heating during this cold weather is considerable. At present indications are that we will have a long, cold winter.

Again thanking you for the box which we much appreciate.

Sincerely yours,

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 21, 1909.
422 West Bolton Street.

MRS. JAMES M. ARRISON,
1723 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR MADAM:

I wish it were possible for me to tell you how much we appreciate the box of clothing which we have just received from the ladies of St. Stephen's Parish.

We are very much pleased with everything. I think my suit is just grand. It was quite a surprise to me for having been ill for eight months I was quite sure that there was no new winter's dress for me this year. But, thanks to your kindness, I shall not have to deny myself this necessity. When I put it on my husband exclaimed, "Oh! how nice you look," and you know I think he looks the same in his suit.

The table linen and bed linen we appreciate very much. It is just what we were in need of. The paper decorations, too, are very pretty. I have never seen a wreath just like the one you sent. I tried to get another to match it, but could not. We have two front windows and I wished to hang one at each, but now I have another plan for using the bell and wreath.

But what can I say to tell you how much we are pleased with the baby's things. Her little dresses are so pretty and her little shoes just right. The little toys attract her very much. A few evenings ago she was sitting on my lap and kept looking on the bed so I said: "Why, what do you want on the bed, baby?" You know the little rubber dog that you blow up and squeeze and it barks. Well, she imitated the noise the dog makes and I gave her the little dog and she was satisfied. . . . .

Thanking you very much for your kindness and hoping to hear from you again, I am,

Yours faithfully,

The Sunday School.

BANNER CLASSES FOR DECEMBER.

Girls.—Teacher, Miss Jane Harper.

Lena McEwen,	Grace Hillis,
Lottie Souder,	Dorothy Grammer,
Elsie Traul,	Jean Da Costa,
Alberta Curtis,	Helen Harper.

Boys.—Teacher, Miss Lippincott.

George Krimmel,	Thomas Kilpatrick,
James Rice,	Robert Brown,
Frederick Le Dent,	Clarence Means.

On Friday, January 28th, the young ladies of Miss Denney's Bible Class, under direction of Mr. Louis H. Hall, gave a sketch, entitled "Mr. Spriggs' Little Trip to Europe," for the benefit of charity.

As "Mr. Spriggs," the bachelor, returning from a banquet and repeating his after-dinner speech, Mr. Hall was perfectly at home, introducing several of his best stories in the troubles he has with his dream-wife, and the many charming young ladies who lay claim to his affections. He was irresistibly funny.

Miss Mae Hess, as "Louisa," played a difficult part, and played it well, being very sweet and lovely when necessary and energetic when occasion required it.

Miss Florence Sherrard, as a "Daughter of Spain," with mantilla, stiletto, fan, etc.; also as the "French Girl," whose heart Mr. Spriggs had won with "twenty-four roses at two dollars a piece," was charming. Later on Miss Sherrard did quite a clever bit of acting as the "Irish Servant Girl."

Miss Mary Barclay (an honorary member of the class), dressed in Persian costume and carrying a garland of roses, which she threw around the bachelor's shoulders, captivated the audience with her songs. Miss Barclay has a beautiful soprano voice.

Miss Irene Wilder, as "Katrina the Dutch Girl," was very quaint and funny, dancing in sabots and insisting that Mr. Spriggs go back with her to those "Little Dutch gardens once again already yet." Miss Wilder also impersonated a "Japanese Girl" in search of a man, carrying a lantern and parasol, and insisted on making tea for the bachelor.

Then came Miss Minnie Corrigan, as the "Russian Girl," to carry Mr. Spriggs back to Russia to "Blow up the Czar." The dance introduced here was very effective. This was Miss Corrigan's first appearance on the stage, and we hope it will not be her last.

Miss Anna Mellinger, as "A young lady from Africa," was very funny with her "Yes, massa. Yes, massa," and did not mind in the least having half a dozen cushions thrown at her.

The incidental music was furnished by Mr. H. Monroe Hilbert. Mr. Hall and the ladies deserve a great deal of praise for their work, and the class is to be congratulated, both for its dramatic ability, and for the energy which made this second entertainment such a success.

If any members of the congregation have favorite hymns which they would like to hear, the Rector will be glad to have them sung by the choir, if they will let him know of their choice. Suggestions may be sent through the editor of the PARISH NEWS.

Parish Visitor's Report.

In the rush and hurry of our every-day living, Christmas has receded into the past with many, and only a lingering memory of its sweetness and joy steals over us as our minds drift back to the beginning of our Christian year. But the poor feel and speak differently; the past is upon them and they breathe the spirit of Christmas and tell of their lives, and the letters of thanks received are very touching when one is acquainted with some of the hardships.

A poor woman who received a basket at Christmas-tide found it too heavy to carry herself and she says she sat down on a step and prayed to the Lord to send some one to help her take it to the cars. After a number of people had passed, a newsboy came along and she asked his help. He responded at once and said of course he would as he could sell his papers any place and would be glad to help her. Then she tells how happy both she and her blind daughter were made by the contents of the basket.

An interesting letter was received from one of our Tuberculosis Class, which was as follows:

"I have been ill in bed since Christmas Eve, but you have been so kind and generous to me that it seemed more than I deserved or could bear. When the day was done my nerves gave way and I had a nervous chill, which, with a severe cold, made me very miserable for a time, but I am much better now and in the harness again. That Friday afternoon I stewed one of the two chickens that were in the basket and when I was so ill I had that good broth to eat; it was so delicious and nourishing, and I was so thankful."

Another writes: "May God richly reward St. Stephen's Church for the good the congregation is doing for the poor, a generous helping hand indeed."

A special gift of money was sent to a very worthy woman who has to support a brother who is old and a great sufferer from epilepsy.

We have been taking care of a mother and two children for seven weeks—they were in a most destitute condition for the husband deserted her and she could not work. One of the children falling ill we had him removed to the Children's Hospital. We succeeded in getting the man to return to his family and we are hoping for good results.

A number of very poor families have been made happy this freezing weather by receiving coal, groceries or potatoes, donated to us by two kind gentlemen. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks are due to the thoughtful friend who sent us so many filled cornucopias. The Infant Sunday School children each received one, and their little faces beamed with happiness. One little sick boy was sent two, and they made him very happy.

K. H. Lewis.

Garment Society.

The Garment Society wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, garments received from the following:

The Misses Magee,
Miss Wilkins,
Miss Cleemann,
Miss Washington,
Mrs. Pancoast,
Miss Maulsby,
Mrs. Judson.

Special thanks for a box of woolen mittens, which are being used in our Sunday Infant School.

Miss Lammot.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations in January: From Miss Cleemann, $1.00.

The children had their Thanksgiving entertainment so near Christmas that it was thought best not to have another at Christmas, but to save the money towards their summer outings.

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting Feb. 16th, in the Guild Room, Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

January 5th, this Circle had invited about 18 poor children to spend the evening. If you remember, the weather was dreadful, but nine little ones came and about as many of the members to entertain them.

Games of all kinds were played; prizes given to those who could get Buster Brown's hat on in the right place, and to those who could carry the most buttons on a knife. It was lots of fun for the children, and their toys pleased them very much.

Rosie Leetch, our new member, dressed a small doll which was the admiration of all the children, and was given to the youngest girl. Cakes, oranges and candy were next in order; then it was time to go home, and in spite of the weather all said they had a good time.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in January:

Church Work Fund, through Dr. Grammer ..	$10.00
From those receiving shoes	6.60
Total	$16.60
Expended for shoes	8.59
Balance	$8.01

Gave out, in January, 17 pairs of shoes and 23 pairs of overshoes. Santa Claus knew what a stormy winter we were having, so sent a nice box of shoes and overshoes to keep Jack Frost from biting the little toes. Many thanks *to him.*

The Bishop Hare Memorial Fund.

In Memory of William Hobart Hare
1838-1909.

"Know ye not that a prince and a great man has fallen to-day in Israel?"

It is proposed that the Church shall make a memorial to Bishop Hare. Surely he deserves it. Surely it is well for the Church to be reminded of what he did for her.

He was a great man in his modesty, in singleness of aim, in self-consecration, in fearlessness of soul, in his wisdom, patience and purity of heart. When the Church needed wisdom, gentleness and tact in dealing with difficult problems in the Far East, she sent Bishop Hare. When the Government needed a courageous Christian to stand alone before the young Indians on the war-path, maddened with the sense of injustice, and thirsting to avenge their wrongs by bloodshed, General Grant telegraphed to Bishop Hare asking him to try and prevent another Indian war; alone he faced them, alone he persuaded them, and the danger was averted. For thirty-six years his life has been one long devoted service by which he made a Christian nation of the Sioux. Where he found an ignorant and savage tribe, he leaves over 4,000 living communicants.

In the growing State of South Dakota, where he strenuously opposed the most money-making industry, where he set his face against the facility of divorce, such was the place he won in the community that from respect to him, all work was stopped at the time of his funeral, and the Mayor of the town, the Dean of the Roman Catholic Cathedral and every citizen of note paid him the last tribute of respect. A recent traveller through that country said, "Everywhere his name is beloved."

What form shall the Memorial take? Those nearest to him in affection and in the work feel that his greatest anxiety was for the future of All Saints' School, Sioux Falls, a school he established for the daughters of missionaries, army officers and those who could not afford a very expensive education,—a school which was his home. The present endowment is quite insufficient, and it is proposed to raise at least $50,000 to increase it,—one gift of $2,500 and another of $1,000 have been promised. Do you not want to share in it? Let those who can, give largely; but, above all, let those who have little do their diligence gladly to give of that little in memory of this devoted and heroic Bishop of our Church.

Cheques or pledges can be sent to Bishop Whitaker, or to the Treasurer, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, of Drexel & Company, Philadelphia, Pa., or they may be sent through the Rector.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Church will hold its meetings, as in former years, on Friday mornings during Lent, at 10 o'clock in the Parish House. The object of the Society is to make baby clothes for the poor, thus supplying a much-felt need. New members are earnestly desired.

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St. Stephen's Church.

Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. ROBERT LONG.
145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. John T. Lewis, Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. Jos. Van Dusen, Jr., Dr. Addinell Hewson.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Dr. D. D. Wood, Mus. D., 1713 Park Avenue.

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Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Jennie Tuttle.

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Miss Maud Beith,

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Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony, Mr. H. Hanley Parker,

Verger.

James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few min utes after the service on Sunday morning.

Burd School.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

ASYLUM CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Elizabeth Lippincott.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. VanDusen.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Price, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Lippincott, Mr. Gwathmey, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, The Misses Magee.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Associate.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.

Sewing Class.

President.—Miss Taylor.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood. Miss Hoopes, Miss Zeilin, Miss Price.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb. *T.*—Adam Hall.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
P.—Robert Snydner. *A.*—George H. Streaker.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. A. Hall.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 6.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
March 13.—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
March 20.—Palm Sunday.
March 24.—Maundy Thursday.
March 25.—Good Friday.
March 27.—Easter Day..
March 28.—Monday in Easter week.
March 29.—Tuesday in Easter week.

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

February 6.—Edgar Walter Geoghegan.

MARRIAGES.

February 7.—James H. Townsend and Georgene Waters.
February 24.—Chester H. Johnson and Mary E. Oldfield.
February 26.—Howard Leslie Fox and Mary Anna Boardman.

BURIALS.

February 24.—Clara Emily Gebhart.

Offerings in February.

General Charities	$172 72
Missionary Box	121 93
Parochial Maintenance	59 50
Church Work Fund from Miss Denney's Class	5 00
St. Christopher's Hospital, from Miss Denney's Class	5 00
Mr. E. J. Moore for special	35 00
Diocesan Missions:—	
Miss Garrett	$5 00
Mrs. John Coates Brown	2 00
Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Fell	10 00
Mrs. Wm. Bryant	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lewis	10 00
Dr. W. S. Price	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. Grammer	5 00
Miss Edwards	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Price	1 00
Miss Colston	2 00
Mrs. DeCoursey	2 00
Mrs. Dwight Lowrey	1 00
Miss Wilkins	10 00
Miss Sanders	5 00
Miss Washington	5 00
Miss Laura Bell	5 00
Miss Emily Bell	5 00
Miss Lippincott	1 00
Dr. and Mrs. Hewson	5 00
The Misses Kirkpatrick	10 00
Mr. Wm. E. Haydock	5 00
Dr. D. D. Wood	5 00
Mrs. Savage	2 50
Miss Reeves	2 50
Mrs. J. M. Hansell	3 00
Miss Hansell	3 00
Mrs. J. M. Arrison	5 00
The Misses Headman	10 00
Miss Bloodgood	5 00
Mrs. O. F. Ernst	5 00
Miss Van Dusen	5 00
Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen	5 00
Mr. Charles Van Dusen	5 00
Mrs. H. S. Lucas	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Boyd	5 00
Miss Bright	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Campbell	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn	5 00
The Misses Magee	25 00
Dr. and Mrs. Lautenbach	5 00
Mrs. Pancoast	5 00
Mrs. F. P. Reath	10 00
Mrs. Russell	5 00
Mrs. Seth Caldwell	5 00
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan	5 00
Miss Baird	5 00
Miss Josephine Lewis	5 00
Mrs. Newlin	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Lewis	10 00
Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Jr.	5 00
Miss Anna Lewis	5 00
The Misses Eisenbrey	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Colket	10 00
Mr. Tristram C. Colket	5 00
The Misses Maulsby	10 00
Mrs. Richardson	10 00
Miss Culbertson	2 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	5 00
"In Memoriam"	5 00
Miss Townsend	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Morris	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crowell	5 00
Miss Lockhart	5 00
Miss Dutilh	5 00
Miss McRae	1 00
Miss Stoddard	1 00
Miss Washburn	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Chandler	10 00
Mrs. Alfred Tucker	5 00
Mrs. Lineaweaver	5 00
Mr. J. P. Lineaweaver	5 00
Mr. C. P. Lineaweaver	5 00
Miss Lineaweaver	5 00
Mrs. B. B. Dunne	2 50
Dr. C M. Purnell	2 50
Miss Ewing	5 00
Miss Amy Ewing	5 00
Mr. O. B. Judson	5 00
Mrs. Judson	5 00
Miss Cleemann	5 00
Mrs. Douglas	2 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Tatnall	3 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar	15 00
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Clemens	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hansell	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. John Graff	10 00
The Misses Gebhart	5 00
The Misses Shellenberger	5 00
Mr. Clement Restein	5 00
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	25 00
Mr. and Mrs. Beauveau Borie	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Lewis	15 00
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moore	20 00
Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice	2 50
Miss Rynard	5 00
Miss Williamson	5 00
Mrs. Thos. J. Armstrong	5 00
Mr. M. M. Coppuck	1 00
Mr. Wm. R. Taylor	5 00
Miss Annis W. Taylor	5 00
Mrs. George L. Crawford	10 00
Mr. Joseph Crate	2 00
Mrs. G. G. Smith	5 00
The Misses Harper	5 00
Miss Jane Jamison	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. English	5 00
Mrs. E. E. Holman	5 00
Mrs. N. A. Petry	5 00
Mrs. Howard Butcher	5 00
Mr. M. H. Tilghman	5 00
Miss Shannon	5 00
Miss Dickie	1 00
Mrs. Joseph Clayton	5 00
Miss Josephine Fernley	5 00
Mr. W. E. Kennedy	10 00
Collections February 20	72 95
	$753 45
Total	$1,152 60

Offertories for March.

First Sunday.—General Charities.
Second Sunday.—Parochial Maintenance.
Palm Sunday.—Easter Decorations.
Good Friday.—City Missions.
Easter Day.—The Farm.
Wednesdays in Lent.—Missionary Box.

Schedule for Noonday Lenten Services.

Mon., Mar. 7. ..... } Rev. J. Sanders Reed, D. D., Philadelphia.
Tues., Mar. 8 ..... }
Wed., Mar. 9 ..... }
Thurs., Mar. 10 .. }
Fri., Mar. 11 ..... }

Sat., Mar. 12.—Rev. Norman V. P. Levis, Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia.

Mon., Mar. 14 .... } Rev. A. G. Mortimer, D. D., St. Mark's, Philadelphia.
Tues., Mar. 15 .... }
Wed., Mar. 16 .... }

Thurs., Mar. 17 ... } Rev. Harrison B. Wright, St. Asaph's, Bala.
Fri., Mar. 18 ..... }
Sat., Mar. 19 ..... }

HOLY WEEK.

Mon., Mar. 21 ..... } Rev. Robert J. Johnston, Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.
Tues., Mar. 22 .... }

Wed., Mar. 23.—Rev. J. Thompson Cole, St. Paul's, Ogontz.

Thurs., Mar. 24 ... } Rev. C. E. Grammer, St. Stephen's.
Good Fri., Mar 25 . }

Sat., Mar. 26.—Rev. Robert Long, St. Stephens.

One of the pleasantest sensations in life is to feel securely sheltered. Sometimes it comes to us on a blustering day, when we look out from our warm room upon the street, down which the wind is driving the rain in long slant lines. We watch the gutters rise, their waters dimpled over with the splashings, that to our childish eyes always seemed like fairy sailboats. We note with mingled sympathy and self-congratulation the passersby, vainly struggling to secure some protection from their swaying umbrellas. We are easily amused at the wild rush for home made by some hapless traveler, who has been caught without an umbrella out in the storm. The bleakness of the windswept and drenched street is pleasant to look out on, for it makes us realize how good it is to be under cover, to have thick walls between us and the blast, and to have over us a tight roof to keep off the drenching rain. It is so comfortable to be sheltered.

Still more vivid are these sensations at night, especially if we are staying in the country, and sleeping where we can hear the rain falling on the roof. It is one of the rich experiences of life, to lie awake for a time under such circumstances on a stormy night, and listen to the rain drumming upon the roof, and hear the blast rage among the tree-tops. It is all the better if we can hear in the distance the shriek of the locomotive engine, as it makes its way through the darkness and storm. The discomfort is all so near in space, only a few feet away from the warm bed, and yet so remote from our experience that we feel as if we had reached by magic the point of rest, that is said to exist in the heart of the cyclone. There is a kind of mystery about it, to be so close to, and yet so far away from, the conflict and the suffering; to be in a world of vast forces, ever interacting and working, and yet to be sheltered.

But the greatest mystery and the greatest of all experiences is to be in the midst of this scene of change, perturbation and conflict and be untouched by its agitations, and protected from its chilling forces, safe in an inner citadel or refuge, in a spiritual shelter. In the 61st Psalm, the Psalmist testifies that he enjoyed this sense of protection in God. *Thou hast been a shelter for me,* he writes. Without were foes, open and secret, without were the elements of destruction, the frost and mil-

dew to blast, the lightning to burn, disease to fill his body with pain, death to wrench his heart by separations, but he knew that he was God's and he felt safe, protected, sheltered. What a mystery, what a triumph, and what a rich and blessed experience. Thousands have enjoyed it since, and confessed that it was the most sustaining experience of life. There is no achievement of earth equal to the winning of this sure confidence. It is gained, however, not by striving, but by trusting. It is a gift that is received by an open hand, not a spoil to be snatched and wrested by a strong fist. It is the gift of the Spirit of God.

I am thinking of my aged parishioners who cannot come to church, as I write these words, and I am hoping that you are enjoying this rich and blessed sense of shelter. All of us need this sense of God's protection, but our need of it increases as our strength faileth. In youth it may lead to presumption, but in age is the source both of strength and peace. Surely all experience should teach you to trust. As you look back on your lives, you doubtless remember many decisions, that you now regret and recall many storm-tossed hours of bereavement and passionate anxiety; but surely now you can see that God did not forsake you, that He was able to overrule the evil, and keep alive the spark of good, and now you can surely trust Him for the rest of the journey on this side Jordan, and can confide in Him to lead you into a mansion, or as the Greek means, "an abiding-place" on the other side. Let the present join with the past in giving you hope. You are not now exposed to all the fierce influences of this world. You are in a shelter. There is warmth for you, the warmth of human affection and also of the Divine love; there is a resting place for you, beneath are the everlasting arms; there is provision for you, for He who feeds the young ravens is your Father; there is protection for you, for God is your shelter. Lift up your hearts. The night as it draws on only makes more manifest the comforts of home, with its light and warmth, and as the twilight deepens into gloom, you may be assured that God will show Himself more and more a shelter to those who put their trust in Him. Be not afraid, only believe.

Let your assurance be the faith expressed so musically by Whittier in his verses, entitled, "The Eternal Goodness":

I know not what the future hath
  Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
  His mercy underlies.

And so beside the silent sea,
  I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me,
  On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
  Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I can not drift
  Bevond His love and care.

C. E. G.

On Tuesday, February 22d, Miss Clara E. Gebhart was taken suddenly ill; a clot of blood, the physician said, had slipped from the heart into the brain, and after a few hours' unconsciousness she passed from these scenes of partial knowledge to that fuller communion with God which, we believe, is the portion of those who depart hence in the Lord. Our tenderest sympathy goes out to her aged mother, whom she nursed with such loving fidelity, and to her sister, Miss Frances, who was at once dearest sister and closest friend.

The funeral service at the house was read by Dr. Grammer, on Thursday afternoon, and the mortal remains were carried for burial to the ancestral "God's acre" at Dayton, Ohio.

For a time Miss Clara had been captivated by the rich opportunities for culture in European capitals, and she spent with her sister some four years in Germany, but they finally decided to make their permanent home in America, and selected the Eastern City of Philadelphia, as their place of residence. They connected themselves with St. Stephen's Church, and in the last years they have increasingly identified themselves with the Church's activities. Miss Clara will be greatly missed, especially in the Benevolent Society, where she has been for over two years one of the most faithful and efficient workers. "None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise." Her sweet serenity was the manifest result of inward peace and contentment. Her life was hid with Christ in God.

Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The order has been given for the Duplex Envelopes, and it is hoped that by Easter-Sunday they will be on hand and ready for distribution. A similar system has been tried in St. Mark's with great success. Our modification is a system that invites the contributor to give something every Sunday for the maintenance of the parochial Church, and also for some outside object. It helps to lengthen the cords, and at the same time strengthens the stakes. It both extends the influence of the Church beyond its borders, and at the same time builds up the walls of our Zion. A full explanation will be made when the boxes of envelopes are ready for distribution.

Of course the whole system is worked on the voluntary principle. No one is put on the list unless he agrees to work with the system. When I point out that this method of raising money is approved by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and is recommended by the committee of our own Laymen, which has been appointed to secure the results of these great missionary meetings, I am sure that I predispose all to give the system a fair and full trial. With greater method our offerings for all objects can undoubtedly be greatly increased without burdening anyone beyond their due measure, strength and proportion.

C. E. G.

The Pews.

The little note in the last PARISH NEWS about the pews and sittings in the Church has resulted in so many applications for sittings, that the subject is worth renewing. It is the wish of the Rector and Vestry to enable every one, who attends the Church regularly, to secure a sitting, which may be considered his own, where he can be looked for and from which he can be missed. In part this wish is based on the natural desire to make the income from the sittings meet as nearly as possible the annual expenses, without raising a special fund for that purpose by voluntary subscription from our wealthier members, but this is not the whole reason for this wish to put the attendants in seats of their own. The benefit extends to the attendant himself. When a man has a seat rented he feels the responsibility of filling it. He knows that there is a place waiting for him. He realizes that he has a part and lot in the Church. He no longer belongs to the unattached and ceases to listen to the sermon and observe the worship in the critical spirit of a man in search of a Church. He is anchored and if he is loyal-hearted, he begins to love what belongs to him. Free-pewed churches are responsible for much ecclesiastical vagrancy and mendicancy. The most prominent "free" church in a city of my residence for some years, that was a militant exponent of the free pew system, failed to increase its gifts year after year, while its numbers were steadily augmenting. The people were but lightly attached to the Church's responsibilities, although they enjoyed its privileges. Without a fixed revenue, the Church was unwilling to give offerings to outside objects. A sentimental idea had injured the efficiency of the whole organization.

A church needs money to maintain it, and the most effective way to secure this income is, in my judgment, a method of low pew rents. In our case the pew rents are supplemented by the income from the endowment fund, which is a little over one hundred thousand dollars. This is far from being the endowment that St. Stephen's should have to enable it to conduct such services as we have for all time in the heart of this great city. But with this endowment to aid, we ought by renting out sittings to our attendants, or assigning them to them for nominal rental, to raise enough to meet our annual expenses. This can be easily accomplished by the aid of the envelope system, if it is taken up with enthusiasm by the congregation.

C. E. G.

We are obliged to give transfers every now and then to our members who move further away and go to other Churches, and we also lose members by death, but the records of this winter show that we are fully holding our own, and that more are coming to us than going out from us. The most profitable results of spiritual husbandry are obtained by the intensive method. Numbers are not so important as the depth of the impression made. We must not rely on quantity or size and bulk in a congregation. There are more delicate and more unerring tests of service that a Church renders a community and the cause of God, than counting the multitude that come to the temple to keep holy-day. Still it is good to know that even by this rough test we have reason to rejoice and be of good courage.

Our afternoon congregations have been particularly encouraging. These services are not parochial in the same sense as the morning services. They are intended to serve a special purpose, of teaching, and while we should be glad if those who attend no other Church, would make St. Stephen's their Church home, we have no desire to make any appeal to those who belong to other Churches that they should assume any obligations because they come to St. Stephen's in the afternoon. It is enough that they attend. The benefits are reciprocal. The steady attention of some of them who come great distances, is an inspiration to the minister and an aid to their fellow worshipers.

The Rector asked for $750 for Diocesan Missions, and sent out collectors according to the thorough system that he found in force in the Parish. He has received up to date $743.45, and hopes that he will yet receive the full amount, since it is a tradition worth maintaining that the congregation always gives what it is asked for. No more than is absolutely needed should be asked, and then there will grow up a conviction that the amount requested must be raised. The way in which this money is appropriated has already been explained; five hundred and fifty goes to convocational missions, a little over 100 to the Sustentation Fund—$105.70, to be accurate—and the rest is appropriated for special objects in the Diocese. It is a great source of comfort to the Rector that he has this generous collection to rely on. It is humiliating to be the rector of a large Church, and yet to be unable to make any pledges at the meetings of our various societies. The Rector of St. Stephen's is thankful that he is not so cabined, cribbed and confined, but that his people enable him through this generous collection to make pledges commensurate with the size of his congregation, and in some proportion to the part that the Rector of St. Stephen's is expected by his brother clergy to take in the work of the diocese. Through your generosity your Rector is given a free hand.

Since the above went to press we are happy to state that the entire sum asked for has been made up.

The Lenten Noon-day Services have been remarkably well attended. The Rector has been particularly gratified by the loyal efforts of the men and women of the congregation to make these services a success. The singing has been hearty, and the whole tone of the service has been reverential and inspiring. The addresses have avoided the two extremes of dull propriety, and sensational straining after effect and have been practical, pointed and helpful. The next two weeks will be the test of our endurance. There is always a little sag in the middle of an outstretched rope—that is according to nature—and it is according to nature that there should be a falling off in the middle of Lent. Now is the time to show that religion is a work of grace, and above nature and her uniformities and fallings off. Let us gird up our loins and make a good ending, as we made a good beginning.

As for the 5 o'clock services, they do not seem to meet much of a need. The attendance is so small that it seems a waste of force to have a choir, but it may be that this is a mistaken conclusion. These services will, anyhow, be continued through this Lent. On Wednesday the Rector is lecturing on the spiritual message of the poets. The first lecture was on Shakespeare, whose underlying philosophy was shown to be a spiritual conception of man as the creator of his own character and moulder of his own destiny. The second lecture was on Milton, the Puritan poet, in whom the Renaissance's love of life and beauty was united with the worship of virtue. "If virtue feeble were, Heaven itself would stoop to her" was selected as the keynote of his stately harmonies. The last lecture was on Wordsworth, the contemplative poet, who found his themes in obscure life and exalted the lowly by linking them and nature with the Divine, relying for his power on the depth of his insight rather than on the beauty of his tones. The last two lectures will be on Tennyson and Browning. On Friday afternoons Mr. Long gives an address. He also makes addresses occasionally at the other services.

Attention is called to the Confirmation lectures on Fridays at 8 o'clock in the Parish House. These lectures are informal and do not last longer than three-fourths of an hour. All are invited.

A Week at the Church.

To a large part of the congregation of this Church, St. Stephen's appears as merely a house of worship; a temple whose doors are open on Sunday but closed during the week; for of the great number who benefit by the services to God but few aid in its ministry to humanity and perhaps many fail to realize the extent of its work. We are persuaded that the Church's duty must extend to "Lazarus on the doorstep." It is therefore with the hope of making our members acquainted with the wide and ever-widening scope of St. Stephen's work that we sketch an outline of its weekly activities.

Monday is an unusually quiet day: Miss Lewis's work to the poor and sick goes on unmolested by the accustomed activity of the weekly meetings; and it is not until evening that the Church is thronged by over one hundred and fifty members of the Girls' Friendly Society—the largest branch in this city. The girls are instructed in different subjects under the leadership of the associate members. On the first Monday of the month there is an especial service for them in the Church with an address by the Rector.

Tuesday is the scene of more varied activities. In the morning, the garment committee and the shoe store sell donated articles at the lowest prices to the poor; such a slight charge helps the purchasers to obtain the necessary clothes and yet keeps them from considering themselves mere objects of charity. Every other Tuesday evening there is a meeting of St. Stephen's Brotherhood—a powerful body of the Church's most able men under the leadership of its director. It is to the zeal of these energetic men that we owe the support of our Noonday Lenten Services.

Of all the societies of this Church, perhaps the most helpful to the poorer classes is the Benevolent Society, whose meetings are held on Wednesday. Under the direction of its members, poor women without other employment are given sewing. They are paid well for their services and the articles are sent to fill the needs of the hospitals. Every other Wednesday evening there is a meeting of the King's Daughters who sew for the poor.

Thursday morning is the time set apart by the Rector for spiritual advice and help to all who seek pastoral aid; Thursday evening is the meeting of the mothers for pleasure and mutual companionship; many of the faithful members of the Sunday afternoon Bible class then assemble and talk over the affairs of the past week. The Woman's Auxiliary, an energetic body composed of most of the women of this Church, meets the third Thursday of the month to discuss and help along missionary plans and movements.

The Embroidery class in the morning, and the Alpha Kappa, a society for the young men of the Church and Sunday School, on the evenings of alternate weeks, are the principal events of Friday.

Saturday, the children's holiday from school, is given over principally to their pleasure and instruction. A class of about forty little girls ranging from six to fourteen is taught to sew. This school is divided into different classes: the younger children work on books, while those who have completed the required course are allowed to make aprons and dress dolls. After the close of this school the scholars go over to the Sunday School building where housework is taught, preceded by a march and followed by musical games. In this way we hope to extend to the younger element of the neighborhood the benefits of our Church and its work.

Lent presents added opportunities for work and instruction. A Ladies' Aid Society sews on Fridays during this season on outfits for little babies of destitute families. Two mission study classes—one held on Saturdays and a Junior class on Fridays, are conducted with benefit to all their members. And Miss Lewis' work is always going on: she aids men to get positions; cares for the sick, supplies necessary food and clothing; and comforts and helps hundreds of needy people who apply to her and the Church for aid.

We hope that through this brief review of St. Stephen's daily and weekly work her members may have a clearer idea of her vast field of missionary activitv, and that from the realization of her large opportunities, they may put forth greater effort to share with the other "laborers in the harvest of the Lord."

E. R. H.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The fifth stated meeting was held in the Parish House on Thursday, February 17th, at eleven o'clock, the president in the chair. The

business of the meeting was unusually large, including that of the Epiphany meeting that had been deferred to date by reason of the Auxiliary's tea. Reports of double length were heard from all the committees.

The Auxiliary was very much pleased to receive a generous gift of $5.00 from the Bible Class of St. Stephen's.

The address of the day was made by Mrs. Hayden, of the St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hospital was founded fourteen years ago—and is situated on the grounds of St. Agnes' Mission, but is not strictly a part of the mission as it does not derive any support therefrom. Dr. Hayden spoke of the lack of hospital provision for colored people in the city of Raleigh, and of the opportunity thus given to the mission in its co-operation with the hospital. Dr. Hayden's idea of her work is most practical and her claim upon the interest of her hearers was strong and direct. Her address closed a long and interesting session.

The remaining two meetings of the Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, March 17th, and Thursday, April 21st.

E. W. L.

The Sunday School.

BANNER CLASSES FOR JANUARY.

Girls.—Teacher, Miss Sinclair.

Emma Mauthe, Mazie Mountney, Mamie Duvall.

Boys.—Teacher, Miss Lippincott.

George Krimmel, Thomas Kilpatrick, James Rice, Robert Brown, Frederick Le Dent, Clarence Means.

Miss Lippincott's class has completed a course of study on the *Use of Opportunity,* as exemplified in the life of Abraham Lincoln. An oral quiz was given and especial distinction was won by Frederick Le Dent and George Krimmel.

If any members of the congregation have favorite hymns which they would like to hear, the Rector will be glad to have them sung by the choir, if they will let him know of their choice. Suggestions may be sent through the editor of the PARISH NEWS.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

For various reasons, the Alpha Kappa season was late in starting. However, now that a beginning has been made, it is hoped that the Fraternity will make up for what it has lost.

On Tuesday evening, February 8th, the members of the Alpha Kappa gave an entertainment. First on the program was a minstrel show, which was a great success. William M. Rowe was interlocutor and Richard Snyder, Joseph Bergin, James Murrow and Robert Snyder were end men. Merritt Bodine, Fred Kunze, Richard Snyder, Fred Buckner, Robert Snyder, James Murrow and George Laughlin rendered vocal solos which were heartily encored. John Tobin assisted at the piano. Something new in Alpha Kappa entertainments was an exhibition of Mystical Wonders by Mr. Robert Boyd, Jr., who proved himself to be very clever. Henry F. Cooke, assisted by Frank A. Cooke at the piano, rendered some very much appreciated mandolin solos. One of the funniest parts of the program was the sketch, "Darktown High School." Mr. W. S. Brown as the professor, J. Morrow as the Dunce and J. Bergin as Patsy, were exceptionally good. The entertainment closed with dancing.

After the Lenten season has ended, the Alpha Kappa will give its annual play. The production this year will be a comedy in three acts, entitled "Dick." The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to repairing and repainting the dilapidated scenery which has been used so long in the Sunday School. It is hoped that the various societies of the Church who use the scenery will come to our support to make the play a financial success.

The meetings of the Fraternity are held on the first and third Fridays of the month. Addresses are delivered, debates held and every other month a musicale is given.

New members are always welcome.

J. N. A. K.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting March 16th, in the Guild Room, Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

This Circle is busy doing its Lenten sewing.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in February:	
From Miss Mary Schaffer	$1 50
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	.25
From Miss A. Denney's Class	2 00
From those receiving shoes	7 65
	$11 40
Balance from January	8 01
	$19 41
Expended in February	14 62
Balance	$4 79

Have given out in February, 15 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

From Miss M. Wilkins donation of two pairs of shoes. Thanks.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in February:

Mrs. H. F. Martin $1 00

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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few min utes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.
President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman, Miss Washington.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. VanDusen.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs Lucas, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Mr. Gwathmey, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M., in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper.
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HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Lippincott, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, The Misses Magee.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood. Miss Hoopes, Miss Zeilin, Miss Price.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Adam Hall.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associates.—Mr. Streaker, Mr. A. Hall.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 3.—First Sunday after Easter.
April 4.—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin.
April 10.—Second Sunday after Easter.
April 17.—Third Sunday after Easter.
April 24.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
April 25.—St. Mark.

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

March 13.—Lauretta Meryl Clowes.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Palm Sunday, March 20.

William H. Ruhl,
Mary Ann Nelson Metzcher,
Irene Maud Everson,
Ella R. Dwier,
Mae Frances Costigane,
Bessie D. Mildren,
Florence Ruth Wilder,
George Wilder,
Lauretta Meryl Clowes
Elsie Grace Traul,
Minnie Traul,
Lewis Gouverneur Smith,
George Conquest Anthony,
Corrinne Wiest Anthony,
Lena Elizabeth McEwen,
Jennett Ella Gibbs,
Charles Knecht Gibbs,
Russell Hammer,
Walter Gore,
Lida Brook Gunson,
Robert Joseph Snyder,
Frances Adams Donaldson,
Mary Landell Donaldson,
Wharton Landell Donaldson,
Helen Margaret Hess,
Emma Adelaide Bruce,
Edith Violet Collins,
Anna Rebecca Freed,
Regena Vivian Bailey,
Gertrude Catherine Schmidt,
Frances Elizabeth Floyd,
Eva May Pletsch,
Esther Marcella Gilroy,
Edna Wilkins Hellerman,
Ethel Harkness Crockett,
Nora Mary Rink,
Beatrice May Bandel,
Elsie Augusta Clair,
Anna Elizabeth Stiles,
Emily C. Donehower,

MARRIAGES.

March 16.—Frederick W. Eckhardt and Alice Gretchen Haight,
March 28.—Thornton Oakley and Amy Ewing.
March 29.—Harry Hughes Holloway and Mabel T. W. Gunby.

BURIALS.

March 2.—James J. Clemens.
March 8.—Anna Tilghman.
March 29.—William H. Long.
March 30.—David Duffie Wood.

Offerings for March.

General Charities	$112 71
Missionary Box	97 61
Bishop Whitaker	46 45
Specials for Nevada	22 00
Diocesan Missions	35 00
Parochial Maintenance	59 86
Easter decorations	90 60
St. Stephen's Farm	1,450 25
City Missions	56 25
Endowment Fund	200 00
Total	$2,170 73

The formal action of the Vestry on the death of our beloved organist, David D. Wood, will appear in the next issue of the PARISH NEWS, and there will be some public service later on in commemoration of his unique career and beautiful character. All that will be done here will be briefly to record our loss. He came to St. Stephen's on Good Friday, March 25, 1864, and had looked forward with much interest to the coincidence of dates this year, when after forty-six years, Good Friday would again fall on March 25th; but early on that looked-for morning he was taken seriously ill, and shortly after noon-tide on Easter-day he outsoared the shadow of our night and joined the choir invisible. As a choirmaster he was unique in his power of ruling by love and in his ability to blend many voices into a rich and harmonious whole; as an organist he was, in spite of his blindness, a finished executant, and perhaps because of his blindness remarkably rich and sympathetic in his harmonies, while his wide general culture gave him great breadth and comprehension in his interpretations. As a composer of sacred music, he was classic in form, graceful and melodious, intricate and subtle in modulation, a master of pathos and longing. As a teacher he drew to him many pupils, and fastened their souls to his with hooks of steel; as a man he knew how to bear the great limitation of his life-long blindness with dignity and entire submission. As a Christian, he had the simple faith of a child. He dwelt in an inner region of light, love and harmony, and will long be held in loving memory as a master musician and a beautiful Christian character.

By the death of Miss Anna Tilghman, St. Stephen's Church lost its oldest member. It had been years since she had been able to take active part in the affairs of the Church where she had once been a worker, but her interest and benevolence continued up to the end. No one ever met her without being impressed by the force of her intellect and the breadth of her culture, and the truthfulness and reality of her nature. She was a remarkable woman of real enthusiasm for literature. The committal at the grave was most appropriately pronounced by her close friend, the Rev. Dr. E. S. Watson.

The Duplex Envelope System.

The following letter has been sent out with every package of envelopes, and explains briefly the working of the new system:

MY DEAR PARISHIONER:

Under another cover you will receive this week a package of envelopes labeled "The Lord's Treasury," with your name and a special number on the cover, which number is also on all the envelopes within. You will at once recognize from the double pockets in the envelopes that this is the Duplex system of envelopes that has been so strongly recommended by the committee of our church, appointed to co-operate with the Laymen's Missionary Movement. It is a system that has proven most successful wherever it has been tried, and the Rector and Vestry ask you to co-operate with them in introducing it into St. Stephen's Church.

Let me explain it briefly. Its first object is to secure regularity and fidelity in giving. Why should the church lose your contribution on the Sundays when you are kept at home, or are absent from the city? Its expenses do not take a holiday with you. Its missionary and charitable work does not suspend its demands. The offering on the day of your absence may be for a most important cause, which you would not willingly see suffer; but that you forget all about it. Well, all this will be guarded against. In this package every Sunday is provided with its own envelope. We ask you to return every envelope with its own contribution. If you should be absent one Sunday, then bring two envelopes with their gifts on the next Sunday; if absent two Sundays, bring three envelopes on the third Sunday. It will be a splendid record, if at the end of the year every envelope has found its way into the Lord's treasury.

In some churches, pledges for such Sunday offerings are asked for, but I prefer to leave the amount to each person and have no desire to know the individual contributions. All that is asked is that you make a resolution to give regularly and then live up to it. If you prefer to pledge yourself to a definite sum each Sunday, there is a card in the package for your pledge and the treasurer will be pleased to receive it. I do not ask it, however; do as you think best. No record will be made of the contents of the envelopes, but the number of your package will be recorded opposite your name, and the envelopes will be checked off, as they come in, to ascertain whether the system is working successfully.

The two pockets in the envelopes are intended to give you the opportunity to contribute something every Sunday to maintain your own church, and also to give something for the extension of Christ's kingdom. This feature is in line with the great Missionary Forward Movement. Pennsylvania has agreed to do her share in this great movement and we must do our part. The special object is marked on the pocket, whether for Foreign, or Diocesan, or Domestic Missions, whether for Theological Education, or for missions in general; but the one pocket is always for some cause outside.

The other pocket is for our own charities—on the first Sunday in the month for the Communion Alms—and for the maintenance of our own Parish. In St. Stephen's our annual running expenses exceed our income by about $2,500. For the last three years this deficit has been met by a special fund raised by a few large givers, but this is not a wholesome way to maintain a church, and I hope that by this envelope system we can raise this deficit by the contributions of the congregation as a whole. Fifty cents a month from 400 members would make $2,400, in the course of a year for parochial maintenance.

Let every one try to put something into each pocket every Sunday. The contribution for the support of St. Stephen's and its charities will make you feel a deeper sense of fellowship with the Church which you are aiding to support, and the gift for the extension of the kingdom will add new fervor and reality to our daily petition "Thy kingdom come."

In conclusion let me beg no one to refuse a package on account of the necessary smallness of his contribution. The example of your co-operation will stimulate others; moreover God, who maketh us to differ in powers and wealth, values our gifts, not according to their amount, but in proportion to the self-sacrifice and fidelity of which they are the outcome. Let us all be of one mind in "showing all good fidelity."

Very sincerely your Rector,
CARL E. GRAMMER.

AN EXPLANATION.

Five hundred packages were ordered, under the impression that that number would be sufficient. It proved, however, too few, and there are some members who have not yet received their packages. There is no intention to slight them, or treat them as outsiders. Some of the "Treasuries" have been returned by the Post Office, and they will be sent out to those who wish them, or whose names have not yet been reached on the list. It is most gratifying to find such a general desire to take part in the new system. It will help the Treasurer, Mr. Van Dusen, if anyone desiring a package would apply directly to him, Stephen Girard

Building, on 12th street. A postal will be sufficient for the purpose.

The Parochial Meeting.

The precedent set last year of a meeting of all the societies of the women of the Church, was improved this season. On Monday, April 4th, all the societies of every kind, the organizations of the men and boys, as well as of the women and girls, met in the Church and read their reports. The Vestry appropriately began, as the oldest of all the societies, and the St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew closed the list, as the youngest. There was not one report that was not full of encouragement, and that did not speak of a growing work, and "a great door and effectual" being open. It is unnecessary to run over the list of the societies, for they are published in every issue of this paper. The Mission Study Classes of Miss Laura Bell and Mrs. F. W. English do not come under this head, however, as they are special Lenten features of the Church's work. These classes are valuable aids to the Woman's Auxiliary. The total number of persons present was 280. It was especially gratifying to have the Vestry present as a body and to bring the congregation in this way into closer contact with the men entrusted with the financial burden of the Church. The singing was led by Dr. Anthony; and Mr. Long was with the Rector in the Chancel.

It is hoped that such a meeting, by acquainting the members of every society with the work of every other organization, will arouse an increased interest on their part in the progress and work of the Church as a whole, and stimulate them on to greater activity and usefulness in their own fields.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The Lenten meeting was held in the Parish House on Thursday, March 17th, at the usual hour. The reports of the committees covered many interesting points of the work in many lands. Miss Harnish, of the Burd School, made a brief address, telling of her desire to have the children of the school taught something of the mission work of the Church.

The speaker of the day was Miss Higgins, of Wuchang, China. Miss Higgins has for some years been at work in the Elizabeth Bunn Memorial Hospital, which is in the Hankow district beyond Shanghai, not far from Boone University. The hospital does a most noble work, chiefly for children, who, among the very poor in China, often suffer most horribly.

The last meeting of the season will be held on Thursday, April 21st. E. W. L.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

We are asked to call the attention of the men of St. Stephen's to the meetings of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew (St. Stephen's Chapter), which are held in the Parish House on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8 P. M. The meeting on the second Tuesday of the month is devoted mainly to a consideration of the work assigned to the various standing committees of the Chapter. The meeting on the fourth Tuesday is a religious meeting, including among other things an address on some subject of interest to churchmen. At a recent meeting Mr. Roland S. Morris spoke on the Hymnal and gave an interesting account of its history, together with many incidents connected with the composition of various well known hymns. At another meeting Mr. Long, the Assistant Rector, read a most interesting and instructive paper on the history and scope of the Creeds. During the coming year it is planned to have a series of talks and addresses on the Prayer Book.

All men connected with St. Stephen's are cordially invited to these meetings. The members of the Brotherhood desire a better acquaintance and a closer intimacy with the men who, from time to time, attend the services at this Church. The Brotherhood meetings furnish an excellent opportunity for this, and it is believed that they will prove interesting and helpful to all who may feel disposed to attend them.

C. L. McK.

Six Months at the Burd School.

The children returned from their summer vacations on the first of September. The schools were organized and the regular plan of work was instituted on September 7th. Aside from the usual school work individual lessons in music on both piano and pipe organ were arranged for; classes in sewing and cooking in music on both piano and pipe organ were composed of six girls each, and each class was taught how to prepare and serve ordinary breakfasts, luncheons and dinners during the six months which was the length of the elementary course. These were the first lessons in cooking that the children had ever had. Great interest was shown on their part, and very good work was done.

The regular school work, which began September 7th, was continued until February 8th, with two interruptions, a vacation of two days at Thanksgiving and one week at Christmas.

On February 8th the children of the intermediate and grammar grades, with the exception of those who were planning in the near future to take up special work, as nursing and stenography, were sent to the public schools of Philadelphia. We feel that this is going to be very beneficial to the children, as it not only gives them the benefit of the splendid school system of Philadelphia, but also gives them an opportunity to come in contact with children other than those whom they see about them every hour of the day at the school, thus bringing something fresh and new into their lives each day.

Aside from the educational work various changes were made throughout the school in general. The old plan of the teachers and children having different food and at separate tables was abolished. According to present arrangements children and teachers eat at the same table and have the same food. This, we find to be the most pleasant way for the children, and the best way to teach them how to eat.

A sun parlor was built for the nursery children by enclosing part of one of the porches just off the nursery. Sitting rooms for the two older groups of girls were arranged. Some of the rooms formerly occupied by the teachers were given to the older girls as bed rooms, accommodating in all twelve girls, there being one, two and three girls in them according to the size of the room.

During the winter months the chief amusements of the children were coasting and skating. This being an especially favorable winter for the former, the children had many very happy afternoons out in the snow. During the fall, and now that the weather is becoming more pleasant, the older girls spend most of their recreation time playing basket ball and tennis. Saturday evening has been set apart as a time for entertainments, dancing and parties.

In November, a Sunday School was organized, including all the children of the Burd School and about twenty children from Millbourne. It is held every Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock. At present our school is divided into four classes—infant, primary, intermediate and senior—the total number enrolled being about seventy. For our lessons we are studying the stories of the Old Testament.

Aside from our Sunday School we invite the public to attend our evening prayer on Sunday at four o'clock, and Wednesday at seven thirty, and also to Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month.

We are always glad to have any persons who are interested in the school and its work to visit us at any time, and thus see just what we are trying to do.

ORA M. HARNISH.

The Sunday School.

BANNER CLASS FOR FEBRUARY.

Girls.—Teacher, Miss Sinclair.

Emma Manthe,	Rose Tunney
Mamie Duvall,	Helen Lutz,
Mazie Mountney,	Mabel Dittman.

Boys.—Teacher, Miss Means.

Robert Brown,	Thomas Kilpatrick,
James Rice,	Frederick LeDent,
Clarence Means,	Frederick Hart,
George Krimmel,	Gilson Prettyman,
	Frank Dittman.

The following letter was sent to Mrs. Wood by a committee of the officers of the Sunday School:

ST. STEPHEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

MRS. DAVID D. WOOD.

DEAR MRS. WOOD:

The scholars, teachers and officers of St. Stephen's Sunday School, having just learned that your honored husband, their beloved director of music, has been called to God's eternal home, unite with feelings of deep sympathy in desiring to express the loving regards of every member of this school.

By his faithful, loving patience with us through the past many years, he has so endeared himself in our affections that the sudden parting brings tears to our eyes; but remembering the inspiration of his musical leadership, in teaching us music as the

"noblest and most divine" of the arts, we bow reverently to the heavenly harmonies which have ushered him to God's presence on this beautiful Easter Day, and somehow our tears dry, and with Christian joys, we hear the angels echoing his Hallelujah chorus and his favorite anthem revives our spirits, as it rings in our memories: "There is no night there."

Sincerely,
ROBERT LONG,
GEORGE H. STREAKER,
W. J. KIRKPATRICK.

Easter Sunday, March 27, 1910.

Easter Festival of the Sunday Schools.

The Sunday Schools' Easter Festival was held on the first Sunday after Easter, at four o'clock in the Church.

The Sunday School organized during the winter at the Burd School, joined the Church Sunday School, and both marched by classes into the Church, carrying bouquets of carnations. During the carol service, which followed, the bouquets were presented by the various classes to be placed on a large cross erected near the Chancel. At the same time a text of Scripture and a motto from each class were also presented and were read aloud by the Rector. The amount each class contributed during the year and their Lenten offerings were also announced.

When all the classes had made their presentations and the cross was completed by the flowers it was then lit up by numerous electric lights, outlining the cross of flowers with a beautiful halo.

The hearty singing of the carols showed how every one entered into the spirit of the happy season. A short address by the Superintendent of the Church School, and a few touching remarks by the Rector on the absence of Dr. Wood, who selected the carols and trained us all in singing them, completed the programme. R. L.

Statistics of the Farm.

We had at the Farm in the summer
of 1907—312 guests for average stay of 10 days.
160 guests for the day and dinner.
in 1908—408 guests, average stay of 12 days.
235 guests for the day and dinner.
in 1909—460 guests, average stay of 12 days.
314 guests for the day and dinner.

You can see from the above how we have increased in numbers, and, of course, our expenses have also increased.

Unfortunately the drought of last July gave us only half a crop of potatoes (our main crop) and a sort hay crop. These two causes, the short crops and increased number of guests, have resulted in our closing the season with a debt of $386. We would ask those who have been so generous to the Farm to try and interest their friends, and by increasing the numbers of contributors, provide for our next season's expenses and payment of debt.

J. HUNTER EWING.

Children's Friend Society.

With the warm weather approaching the little children are inquiring: "When are we going to have an excursion?"

It is hoped that their kind friends will remember them before going away for the summer, that they may have their outings.

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle have their next meeting, April 20th, in the Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

Donation from Miss Wilkins, $1.00.

During Lent, owing to the strike, there have only been made about 50 garments, which will be distributed later on among the poor.

Shoe Fund.

Money received from those receiving shoes in March	$5 55
Expended in March	2 75
Balance	$2 80

Have given out in March about 25 pairs of shoes and 6 pairs of overshoes.

TELEPHONES

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. ROBERT LONG.
145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Dr. Addinell Hewson.
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar. Mr. C. Howard Colket,

Organist and Choirmaster,

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood,
Miss Florence S. Eddishaw.
Miss Elizabeth Dale, Miss Jennie Tuttle.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith,

TENOR.

Mr. Chas. Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony, Mr. H. Hanley Parker,

Verger.

James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M. and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few min utes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman, Miss Washington.

HONORARY MEMBER.
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit
Secretary.—Miss Annis W. Taylor.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell,

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Taylor, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Price, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Miss Edith Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Mr. Gwathmey, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Miss Denney.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M., in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Literature Associate, Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood, Miss Zeilin.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Adam Hall.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:
President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:
President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—Geo. H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robt. T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

May 1.—S. S. Philip and James.
May 5.—Ascension Day.
May 8.—Sunday after Ascension Day.
May 15.—Whitsunday.
May 22.—Trinity Sunday.
May 29.—First Sunday after Trinity.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

April 9.—Henry Fegan Watkins.
April 24.—Roger James Braun.

MARRIAGES.

April 2.—Thomas J. S. Hartow and Mignon Root.
April 12.—Richard J. I. Carr and Modesta A. Yocum.
April 18.—Sidney Lawrence Crawford and Esther Neilson.
April 20.—Harold C. King and Emma Griner.
April 23.—Harry MacNab Wylde and Elizabeth White Lippincott.
April 29.—DeRuyter M. Hollins and Edith R. Miller.

BURIALS.

April 14.—John O'Donnel.
April 17.—William Kehl.
April 19.—William H. Oakford.

Parochial Report from May 1, 1909, to May 1, 1910.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 14; total, 19.
Confirmed, male 9; female, 32; total, 41.
Communicants, added, new, 41; by transfer, 6; removed, by death, 5; by transfer, 7.
Marriages, 29.
Burials, 29.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts.

Pew Rents	$7,670 92
Burd School	18,427 69
Other Offerings for Parish purposes	10,274 57
Offerings for purposes outside the Parish.	4,393 47
Income from Investments	6,497 38
Sunday School	483 18
Woman's Auxiliary	1,386 60
Received for a Special Endowment Fund	3,000 00
For the Farm	4,026 39
Total Receipts	$56,160 20

EXPENDITURES.

Parochial:		
Current Expenses (including all salaries, fuel, light, ordinary repairs, etc.)	$15,823 60	
Burd School	21,002 08	
Improvements	3,046 46	
The Farm	3,937 32	
Added to Endowment Fund	200 00	
Added to Special Endowment Fund	3,075 00	
All other Parochial Expenses.	5,716 87	
Total Parochial		$52,801 33
Diocesan:		
Episcopal and Convention Fund	$468 13	
Sustentation Fund	106 89	
Missions, Convocation	550 00	
City	51 47	
Colored People	150 47	
Episcopal Hospital	246 03	
Christmas Fund (for Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen)	159 96	
Bishop's Fund	46 45	
All other Diocesan objects	914 06	
Total Diocesan		2,693 46
Extra Diocesan:		
Mission—Sunday School Offering	$180 88	
Foreign	443 60	
Domestic	437 08	
Indian	142 00	
Colored People	219 00	
Theological Education	205 48	
Prayer Book Societies	50 00	
All other Extra Diocesan objects	774 25	
Total Extra Diocesan		2,452 29
Total Expenditures for all objects		$57,947 08

Report of the Burd School.

At the present time the school contains twelve teachers and fifty-five pupils. The income of the endowment for the last fiscal year amounted to $18,427.69, and the expenditures to $21,002.08, showing a deficit of $2,574.39. It was because of the continuance of this deficit for a large number of years that the Trustees felt it necessary to economize in the future management of the School so that the expenditures should not exceed the income. As a result the estimated income for the fiscal year ending June, 1910, will be about $18,500, and the estimated expenditures, based on the present expenditures, $16,000, which should show a surplus over the income of $2,500. In order to accomplish this the Trustees were compelled to radically change the system of management at the School, placing a superintendent instead of a warden as heretofore, and abolishing a double system of supplies and housekeeping which had been continued under the old management. In other respects the committee believes that the pupils have had greater advantages both in the increase in the teaching force; in the supply of the food and in the greater facilities which have been given by virtue of a larger portion of the buildings being open to all the students. The property of the Burd School comprises about thirty acres

and the Trustees believe that in the years to come this site will be exceedingly valuable as the city grows in that direction. They do not contemplate any change in the location in the immediate future and for that reason are preparing to expend a considerable sum of money in modernizing and improving the buildings during the coming summer. No radical repairs have been made for a number of years and certain improvements, especially in the plumbing, are imperative. In addition to this it is hoped to change in a measure the system of dormitories into one of alcoves, thereby giving greater privacy to the older girls. Among the changes which the committee have put into force in the social life of the School have been the abolition of uniforms, the sending of the older girls to the public schools in the neighborhood and the establishment of a sitting room for the girls' own use outside of their school-room. In addition it is hoped to provide adequate library facilities through the generosity of a friend of the School whose legacy will fall due some time in the late summer. The abolition of the uniforms was decided upon for two reasons: First, it was impossible to send the older girls to outside schools in uniform without subjecting them to great humiliation; second, modern educators are all agreed that a better individual development of pupils is obtained by doing away with all these outward evidences of uniform which characterized the older systems of education. In this report we have referred to the School as the Burd School and not as the Burd Orphan Asylum. In explaining this to those of the congregation who are familiar with the old term it would seem enough to say that the words "Orphan Asylum" have become identified in recent years in the minds of the community as signifying those public institutions carried on wholly or in part by State aid to take care of incorrigible or abandoned children. This is not the object or the purpose of the Burd School, which was founded primarily for the daughters of clergymen of the Episcopal Church, and secondly for children belonging to families identified with the Church, whose father was dead. In addition, as the chairman of the committee has been reliably informed, Mrs. Burd, who during her lifetime always referred to the School which she established near her home as the Burd Home and never as the Burd Orphan Asylum, in including that name in her will merely suggested a legal term rather than the term to be used in designating it generally.

Respectfully submitted,
ROLAND S. MORRIS,
Chairman.

The Sunday School.

The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition and by comparison with the year previous we show an increase in our strength numerically and financially.

We have six officers, consisting of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer and three Assistant Secretaries, the latter being made necessary on account of installing the Blakeslee System of Lessons.

We also have in our Main School 18 teachers and 148 scholars—these figures are exact as of April 3rd—scholars attending only occasionally not being considered in the count.

In our Primary and Intermediate departments we have three teachers and 45 scholars, not including the Cradle Roll, which numbers 20.

Average attendance Main School, 100.

Average attendance Primary and Intermediate, 35.

Associated with us we have an afternoon Bible Class presided over by Mrs. Butcher, which is almost a Sunday School in itself, having a membership of 26.

The very limited space in our Sunday School Building prevents our spreading out, but we are holding our own, both as to numerical strength and average attendance, and notwithstanding the fact that the inducements in other churches surrounding us may be greater, our scholars are very loyal. I might add, too, that we have a generous school, by which I mean our collections are substantial. To bear out this statement, I quote the following from a letter recently received from Rev. Herman L. Duhring: "I always have a special interest in St. Stephen's Sunday School, for no other school in proportion does better. You are generous with the Lenten Offering, first, last and all the time. Give my hearty and sincere thanks to the children for what they have given to the Lenten Offering for 1910."

We close our regular sessions on the last Sunday of the present month, but we keep in touch with our scholars during the summer by

giving them several outings and we would like to continue doing so. Our finances, however, as will be seen by the report will not permit us carrying on our summer work without assistance and we should be pleased if some of our friends would help us financially.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 1, 1909	$12 30
Amount of collections from S. S. scholars	181 65
Amount of collections from Sunday School scholars, Advent	26 84
Amount of collections from Sunday School scholars, Lenten	126 33
Amount of collections from Sunday School scholars for Chinese School	7 71
Amount of collections from Sunday School scholars, Valley Forge Memorial	15 00
Amount of Church Collections	106 24
Amount received from Altar Society	21 60
Amount received from Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	10 00
	$507 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sunday School Expenses:—		
Lesson Books, &c.	$47 50	
Printing	12 75	
Prizes	18 37	
Festival, Excursion and Anniversary	223 68	
	$302 30	
Contributions:—		
Valley Forge Memorial	$15 00	
Sunday School Association	5 00	
Missions:—		
Domestic	26 84	
Foreign	134 04	
		483 18
Balance in hands of treasurer		$24 49

During the year several of the classes gave entertainments with good results, but as the funds collected from this source were for special objects and were distributed by the individual classes, the amounts therefore are not included in this report.

All expenses incident to the carrying on of the work of the School have been paid, with the exception of that part attending the Anniversary exercises of Sunday, April 3rd, but we defer making a statement of the disbursements at this time for the reason that the contributions to the various missions are left to the judgment of the scholars and are made at the close of the year, just prior to making final report.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. KIRKPATRICK,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, on Thursday, April 21st, Miss Schott kindly sent a paper on the Mission Work in Mexico, from which Miss Laura Bell read some interesting facts about Bishop Aires's work among the famine-stricken natives and in the Hooker School. Dr. Grammer spoke of the new apportionment to be made to each Church in the Diocese, in order to meet the general apportionment to the Board of Missions, which has been so sadly affected by the death of Mr. George C. Thomas.

The speakers at the monthly meetings through the winter have been:

Miss Laura Bell, on the Mission Work in Rio de Janeiro; Mr. Herbert Welsh, on the Indian and His Cause; the Rev. Jules L. Prevost, on St. Ambrose Mission; Mrs. Hayden, on St. Agnes's Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.; Miss Higgins, on the Work of the "Elizabeth Bunn" School in Wuchang, China.

On January 20th, the Auxiliary gave a Tea in honor of the graduating Deaconesses at the Training School.

We close the winters' work with a membership increased to 108, but with the loss of a faithful and ardent worker in the Auxiliary. Much appreciation of Miss Lippincott's excellent work as secretary has been expressed on all sides, and many regrets that she has been obliged to leave us. The good wishes of the Auxiliary are with Miss Lippincott in her new life.

M. V. D., *Secretary.*

Financial Report.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$68 35
From Members	299 25
From Dr. Grammer	375 00
From Missionary Box Committee	80 00
Total	$822 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Printing	$15 50
To Auxiliary Tea (January)	5 62
To Diocesan Committee	133 00
To Luncheon, General Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary	10 00
To Foreign Committee	169 00
To Domestic Committee	107 00
To Indian Committee	112 00
To Colored Committee	219 00
Total	$771 12
Balance on hand	51 48
	$822 60

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Received for United Offering $225 00
ANNA J. MAGEE, *Treasurer.*

Missionary Box Committee.

During the year 1909-10 the Missionary Box Committee of St. Stephen's Church has sent to the Colored and Domestic Field five boxes, as follows: One to Missouri, one to Texas, one to South Dakota, one to Wisconsin, one containing articles for a fair in a Kensington Mission. The committee desires to express their sincere thanks for the many gifts of clothing sent to them. The amount expended on the boxes was $296.08, but the donations greatly increased their actual value. The grateful letters of appreciation received from the missionaries to whom boxes were sent, have added greatly to our interest in the work and have assured us of the need for it.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY DE HAVEN BRIGHT,
Secretary.

Mission Study Classes.

The purpose of the Mission Study Class is to spread information in regard to the various missions of our Church, about which it is safe to say there is little knowledge among the majority of Church members.

With the knowledge, interest in the subject develops, and therefore, to arouse interest in missions is another object of a Mission Study Class. When knowledge and interest go hand in hand, gifts and prayers for missions as surely follow, and every student feels some personal responsibility in the missionary enterprise, which is the work of the Church, and means the extension of the Kingdom of God.

During the Lenten season, seven meetings of the Senior Class were held, and there were twelve members in the class, with an average attendance of nine. The text-book used was "The Why and How of Foreign Missions," by Arthur J. Brown, and the subject of missions was freely discussed by all the members of the class. It is hoped that these meetings have been helpful in more ways than one, and that they may be fruitful in result.

LAURA BELL, *Leader.*

The Junior Mission Study Class, with a membership this year of twelve, met once a week for seven weeks to discuss Africa, the text-book being "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." We studied the geography, history, the religions and people and were soon aware of Africa's great need—for "knowledge gives power." We ended our sessions by an intercessory prayer service and a desire that the class may be continued next year, when we hope to take up the study of Japan.

MINNIE TAYLOR ENGLISH,
Leader.

The Benevolent Society

At the meeting of the managers of the Benevolent Society, Thursday, November 11th, 1909, the Treasurer reported:

Balance on hand from May, 1909	$131 63
Cash receipts from November 11th, 1909, to April 4th, 1910	431 02
	$562 65
Disbursements from November 11th, 1909, to April 4th, 1910	507 38
Balance on hand April 4th, 1910	$55 27

Wednesday, November 17th, the Society started its winter work. There are usually present from fifteen to twenty ladies, cutting out, parceling, paying; keeping an account of the women, the work they take out, and the money paid to them. Some examine the work, others give it out, sell the garments, take private orders, and buy materials. In this way each has her part allotted to her. Some have had illness and death during the winter and it has brought out sympathy and drawn them nearer together, and there has been a helpful, kindly, cheerful spirit through the Society all winter, making it truly benevolent. We have made garments for eight hospitals, the Pennsylvania was the first to send us work, the Episcopal, the Presbyterian, the University, the Women's, the Howard, the Church Home and the Women's Southern Homœopathic. We

have made for them 2,038 garments, most of them difficult, such as clinic coats and gowns, and wrappers for men and women. We have made 260 garments, special orders of the ladies of the Society, and 855 for the Benevolent Society, things that are easily made, by the women who do not sew well, making in all 3,153 articles.

Altar Society.

The Altar Society presents its twenty-sixth annual report.

The Superintendent of the Chancel Committee reports that six stole collars and eight surplices were made for St. Stephen's Church, and four surplices for the Burd School. The Chancel Committee has performed its duties during the past year and at present numbers seventeen members.

The Embroidery Class Committee reports having finished this year:

For St. Stephen's Church:—
One veil.
Two purificators.
One green stole.
For the Burd School:—
One green stole.
One purple stole.
Donated to the Burd School:—
One white stole.

The pall, which is an elaborate piece of work, has had a good deal done to it this year.

We are greatly in need of more workers.

The Treasurer of the Altar Society presents the following report, April 1st, 1910:

Balance on hand, May 1st, 1909	$138 67	
Received from Dr. Grammer	195 00	
Collection for Easter Flowers	89 60	
		$423 27

Bills Paid.

Easter Decorations for 1909	$85 00	
Balance of Collection for Sunday School	17 00	
Flowers	75 00	
Embroidery Lessons	75 00	
Linen, Stamping and Needles	23 81	
Making and Embroidering Surplices	36 00	
Fruit	4 25	
Palms and Freight	4 50	
Fringe, Silk, Cord, etc.	5 15	
Recleaning Rugs	4 50	
Easter Decorations for 1910	85 00	
Balance of Collection for Sunday School	4 60	
Sundries	1 94	
		$421 75
Balance on hand April 1st, 1910		$1 52

Special Fund.

Refinishing brass work	$136 50
Recovering chair cushions	7 20
Staples and square of carpet for pulpit	6 00
	$149 70
Balance on hand of Special Fund	$80 18

Agnes M. F. Noblit, *Treasurer.*
Annis W. Taylor, *Secretary.*

Report of the Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society in America was founded by Miss Edson in 1877 and the first Branch started in St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Mass. There are now in America 37,000 members, 599 Branches in 66 Dioceses. St. Stephen's Branch was organized November, 1887, and reorganized May, 1890.

There are now in the Branch ten working associates, 18 honorary associates, 124 members, 20 married Branch helpers, 10 probationers and 10 candidates, total 192.

The classes in Physical Culture and Millinery have proved of benefit to the girls. The associates have instructed or entertained their bands in various ways. "As You Like It" has been read and studied with enthusiasm under Miss MacAlister's guidance. Colored post cards have given the girls glimpses of many strange lands. Others have read and embroidered.

Mrs. Wetmore, of Arden, N. C., gave a most interesting talk on her work among the white mountain girls and enlisted the sympathies of the members so much that they sent a trunk filled with all kinds of useful articles, and a doll dressed by Miss Newhall's band. Miss Hapwood, a student at the Deaconess House, gave a delightful informal talk on China, her future place of work; and Miss Lewis's band of girls have dressed a doll for her. Miss Hutchison told how successful a savings bank had been in her Branch in Chicago. The outcome of that talk has been the starting of a bank in our Branch. We have now in bank $200 and 38 depositors.

Mrs. Orr kindly consented to sing one evening and gave a great deal of pleasure.

The masquerade at Christmas was entered into with spirit by the members and their friends.

The Lenten sewing has been carried on as usual.

The first Monday in the month a service is held in the Church, with an address from Dr. Grammer or Mr. Long. In April an admission service was held, two associates, six seniors and eighteen probationers being admitted.

Dr.

Balance on hand	$39 28	
Honorary Associates' dues	34 00	
Working Associates' dues	10 00	
Members' dues	41 84	
Class dues	25 45	
Interest on legacy	67 50	
Sales from pins	1 20	
Donations for Christmas dinner	2 50	
Donations for Christmas	28 25	
Dues and donations for suppers	49 00	
Proceeds from Miss Bell's lecture	52 31	
Collection at annual service	13 37	
		$364 70

Cr.

Suppers	$49 00	
Housekeeper's supplies	14 24	
Hoskins	7 00	
Lenten sewing	17 15	
Quarterly	2 00	
Travelers' Aid Society	2 00	
Entertainments	70 35	
Classes	69 00	
Organist	6 00	
G. F. S. supplies	10 90	
For Fatima	30 00	
Annual Service collection	13 37	
Assessment for Diocesan Fund	42 98	
		$333 99
Balance		$30 71

Benefit Fund.

Balance on hand	$13 85	
Received during the year	30 35	
		$44 20
Expended		11 50
Balance		$32 70

Maria S. Wilkins.

Sewing School.

The past winter the Sewing School has been meeting regularly every Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock. There are forty-six children enrolled in the class, ranging in age from five to thirteen years, and the average attendance has been twenty-one children at every meeting.

The work is divided into three departments. In the first, children entering the class are taught the rudiments of sewing. Each child is furnished with material and a pattern from which to work. Each piece of work, when satisfactorily finished, is retained, and as each child completes duplicates of all the patterns furnished, they are placed in a book to show the progress made. In the second department the work is more advanced and is carried on in the same manner. Children who have satisfactorily completed the work in these two departments are then allowed to enter the third in which they dress dolls for hospitals and make aprons which they receive on the payment of ten cents each. A prize is awarded at the close of the season to each department for the best work.

A saving fund is attached to the school. There is an average deposit made by the children of two dollars and a half each week, and the total amount to the credit of each child ranges from two dollars and a half to seven dollars and a half. The total amount of the savings averages about fifty-five dollars.

The work of the organization of a Candidates' Class in the Sewing School was begun this year; a number of cards of admittance were distributed and dues were received. The usefulness of this work is very great and it is hoped that it may be encouraged and extended during the coming year.

Annis W. Taylor,
Ex-President.

The Kitchen Garden.

The Kitchen Garden was organized in October, 1906, by Miss Lineaweaver, with about thirty children on the roll. The work was continued in 1907 by Miss Lineaweaver. In 1908 Miss Snively was in charge, and in October, 1909, it was opened with an enrollment of thirty-five little girls, with Mrs. Eastwod in charge, Miss Edith Harper as assistant; and Miss Helen Harper, musician. It has held its meetings every Saturday morning, from eleven until half past twelve o'clock, the attendance averaging about twenty, which was very good, indeed, when one takes into consideration the many stormy Saturdays of the past winter.

The object of the Kitchen Garden is to give the *small* children some idea of the proper methods of housekeeping—these being necessarily applied in Kindergarten fashion. With the miniature sets of dishes the children are taught how to set a table neatly and wash and put away dishes properly (after an imaginary meal); how to make a bed, how to sweep and

dust; they are also given a few practical lessons in simple laundry work and in the care of linens.

The equipment, which consists of the necessary working implements in miniature, is very inadequate and the teachers have been greatly handicapped this winter because of this. The children range in age from six to fourteen years. All of the older children have been coming to these classes for two or more years and are really ready for more advanced work; but as there are no classes which would meet this need, these girls have been carried along in the Kitchen Garden, as any suggestion on the part of the teachers that they discontinue attendance has been met by vigorous objection on their part. We feel that the work for the litttle ones, for whom the Kitchen Garden is really intended has been greatly hampered by this condition of affairs, and consider its successful continuation to be dependent on these two things—improved equipment and provision for the older girls.

As a medium of useful play, it has served a good purpose and as the children spend the preceding hour and fifteen minutes in the Sewing School, perhaps we should not think too lightly of the Kitchen Garden as a means of recreation. We have tried to sow the good seed of courtesy and loving-kindness along with that of neatness and cheerful helpfulness, and we find in this, as in other gardens, the need of watchful, loving care; for weeds spring up with flowers. The two swift growing ones of discourtesy and unwillingness, we have tried very hard to uproot.

It is our earnest hope that this good seed may be carefully tended, so that it may bring forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixty-fold, some thirty-fold.

MARY E. EASTWOOD, *President.*

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Chapter was organized in December, 1908, with twenty members. It now numbers thirty members. Most of the work is in charge of several standing committees as follows: Work in the Sunday School, Work among the Boys of the Church, a Committee upon interesting strangers throughout the Parish in the services of the Church, The Galilee Mission The Lenten Services, Ushers at the Church Services.

The Lenten Noon-Day Services at St. Stephen's, like the similar services at the Garrick Theatre, St. Paul's Church and Christ Church, are in charge of the Philadelphia Local Assembly of the Brotherhood. St. Stephen's Chapter, however, practically takes charge of the services at St. Stephen's, leaving the General Committee free to devote its attention chiefly to the other services.

The meeting on the second Tuesday of each month is devoted mainly to a consideration and discussion of the work entrusted to the various standing committees. The meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month is a religious service, including among other things an address on some subject of interest to church men. The arrangements for these latter meetings are in charge of a standing committee of the Chapter.

All men in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are very cordially invited to attend the Brotherhood meetings.

ABRAM G. TATNALL, *Secretary.*

The Junior Brotherhood.

St. Stephen's Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, composed of the older boys and young men of the Sunday School, was organized in February last on probation and recently, after applying to the National Office, was duly chartered as Junior Chapter No. 1020. It has a membership of fourteen and is enthusiastically at work, meeting twice a month with Mr. Streaker as Director, Robert T. Boyd, Jr., Vice-Director, and Robert Snyder, Jr., as Secretary and Treasurer.

Yearly Report of the Parish Visitor.

Another year has passed in the chain of years of continuous work; work that we love and rejoice in, for although the tasks seem endless and there is constant repetition, yet in looking back over the past one we can see a great deal accomplished in the work of St. Stephen's Parish.

Nearly every hospital in the city is on our list for visiting patients. A great deal of time is consumed in this branch, yet it pays—it helps to brighten the day for the sick one and makes her feel that we keep in touch with her. There

are many opportunities to reach the sick, with sympathy, and ofttimes with strongly needed material help as well.

The different branches of organized charity have been called into co-operation with our work. They have investigated a number of cases for us. In some instances, even with the utmost care, we have been "taken in," but we comfort ourselves with the thought that the world is full of mistakes and try to profit by our experience.

The Parish Visitor is interested in bringing children to the Sunday School and in looking up the absent; also the children of the Sewing School, which meets every Saturday morning in the Parish House during the winter months.

The Garment Society meets every Tuesday morning during the season in the Sunday School Building and it is a great pleasure for the Parish Visitor to be there. She is greatly indebted to the members of the congregation for gifts of all kinds, especially those of half-worn clothing which is distributed through the Society.

Special thanks are due to the ladies who made the layettes during the Lenten season. They were sent to a number of little babies who greatly needed them and would gladly have given thanks were they able to do so.

The Parish Visitor when not engaged at the Parish House receiving callers and attending to other duties, is out visiting. She averages about one hundred calls a month including the sick and well. Our people are scattered, some living long distances from the church,—some in Germantown, West Philadelphia and the extreme southern section as well as in Camden, making it really impossible to calculate one's time, as a visit is not well done if paid hurriedly and besides much tact is required in dealing with people both poor and sensitive.

Fifty bushels of potatoes were given among a number of families, each one bringing as large a basket as could be found and having it filled at the Parish House. These were most thankfully received, in some cases there being very little else in the house.

Fifteen tons of coal were donated by members of the congregation, and were given to the needy,—mostly in half-ton orders.

Sixty-four different families had groceries sent to them. Medicine and many delicacies were sent to the sick and other needs were met as they arose.

It has been our custom for some time to have an Easter breakfast for the convenience of those coming to early Communion, yet living too far to return in time for our eleven o'clock service. It was a great pleasure to have it in charge and to have had eighty-six with us this year, having had but sixty last year.

The Parish Visitor will willingly respond to a call of distress night or day.

The total amount of money received and disbursed during the year was $260.

K. H. LEWIS.

Report of Garment Committee for season of 1909-10:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$18 75
Received from Dr. Grammer	20 00
Cash from sale of clothes	17 32
	$56 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bought 107 garments	$46 05
Balance on hand	10 02
	$56 07

Number of garments distributed during the winter, 485.

JULIA DE M. LAMMOT.

Report of the Mothers' Meetings.

The Mothers' Meetings commenced Thursday, November 4, 1909. There are 109 names on the roll. There have been 19 meetings, with an average attendance of 61 members. Many have been absent on account of sickness, the weather, and the strike. Several notes were received where there was sickness in the family, begging that their names would not be taken off the roll on account of their absence. During the time of the strike one mother walked thirty squares, another twenty-one squares. It is very gratifying to see and know the interest taken in these meetings, nearly all living a great distance and coming through all kinds of weather. On January 6, the time of the blizzard, there were 20 members present. The Annual Sale, December, 1909, realized $78.36, the proceeds of which they donated to the "Home for Aged Couples."

At the opening of the Farm last summer,

they sent three dozen forks, four dozen tea spoons, one dozen table spoons, two pie knives, one hammock and hooks, twenty-four bureau scarfs, and forty yards of toweling from the proceeds of the sale, December, 1908. Sixty-one mothers had a day's outing at the Farm, which is always thoroughly enjoyed. They were all remembered on Christmas from the Rector's special fund.

The Provident Fund, to which any member deposits five cents per week to draw from in case of sickness; and the Saving Fund, any amount deposited, to draw from at any time, is very helpful to them.

Thursday evening in Holy Week, has always been celebrated by a special service in the Church, and celebration of the Holy Communion. Quite a large number were present. On this night our good friend, Dr. Wood, took charge of the music, his last service on this earth. It will be remembered by all members present.

The work of the year closed with an extra meeting on May 5th, when the mothers were entertained with music, readings, familiar talks and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. P. TAYLOR.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Balance from last year	$1 86
Received from Dr. Grammer	25 00
	$26 86
Deficit	1 71
	$28 57

EXPENDITURES.

Sugar, tea, milk, cakes, etc.	$28 57
Deficit donated	$1 71

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

The regular meetings of the St. Stephen's Aid Society were held on Friday mornings during Lent. The attendance was not large but the few faithful members did such earnest and conscientious work that we were able to have a large number of baby garments to be used by Miss Lewis in her work among the poor of the Parish. Thanks are due to Mrs. Austin and to Mrs. Chandler for their generous donations. Sixty-four garments and 86 other articles were made, and the treasurer reports $20.00 received and an outlay of $19.96, leaving a balance of four cents.

E. K. CAMPBELL, *President.*

Saint Stephen's Farm.

CASH DISTRIBUTIONS.

Dr.

Receipts.

April 1, 1909. Balance on hand		$2 95
The Easter Collections:—		
Cash	$470 62	
Rebecca E. Pancoast	25 00	
Wm. H. Hollar	100 00	
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	25 00	
Grace V. D. Lucas	50 00	
Florence Pancoast Reath	10 00	
Lizzie B. Lewis	25 00	
Adelaide V. Brunner	25 00	
J. Hunter Ewing	250 00	
Miss Tilghman	15 00	
Wm. E. Haydock	20 00	
Cornelia L. Ewing	20 00	
Dr. Fell	5 00	
		$1,040 62
Donations from:—		
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell	500 00	
Caroline R. Tucker	25 00	
Isabella DeCoursey	10 00	
J. Austin McDowell	100 000	
Through Dr. Grammer	7 00	
Martha A. McDowell	10 00	
Girls' Friendly Society	10 00	
Jane B. McAllister	1 00	
Miss Swift	5 00	
Laura Bell	10 00	
Cash	5 00	
E. J. Moore	500 00	
Samuel Moore, Jr. (ice cream bill for season)	63 91	
		2,287 53
Loan		350 00

SOLD FROM THE FARM.

Potatoes	$324 60	
Milk	309 73	
Eggs	6 00	
Hay	282 46	
Calves and Pork	83 97	
Wheat	159 23	
Corn	1 75	
2 Cows	55 00	
		1,222 74
Cash returned by Superintendent		56 25
Tickets redeemed		3 75
Dog Tax returned		50
Shoveling Snow		10 50
Insurance on horse		80 00
Interest on Bank deposit		12 17
		$4,026 39
April 1, 1910. Balance		$89 07

HOUSE EXPENSES.

Cr.

Payments.

House Supplies	648 47	
House Superintendents	250 00	
Coal	22 57	
Telephone	27 15	
Stationery and Printing	9 00	
Railway Tickets	83 25	
		$1,040 44

FARM EXPENSES.

Farm Labor	$1,698 59	
Bran, Cattle Food, etc.	145 27	
Blacksmith	128 92	
Gasoline, Lumber, etc.	77 52	
Taxes	65 10	
Repairs	56 78	
Harness	11 25	
Toll	29 04	
Cow	65 00	
8 Pigs	24 00	
Fertilizers and Manure	156 92	
Seeds and Plants	251 14	
Potatoes	164 85	
Insurance on live stock	22 50	
		2,896 88
Balance in Bank		89 07
		$4,026 39

Respectfully submitted,
J. HUNTER EWING,
Treasurer.

Children's Friend Society.

The object of this Society is to give fresh air excursions to poor children in the summer, and to brighten their lives by various entertainments in the winter. It has taken on excursions and entertained during the year about 450 children..

In 1909 it was thought necessary to raise money for the spring outing. Dr. Wood was always interested in the poor children, and with his kind advice a concert was given in St. George's Hall by some of the best artists, at which the sum of $175 was realized, and with this, and large donations from St. Stephen's Church, the Society was able during the summer to give about 250 children a day's outing to Atlantic City. Much good was done, and many little tired ones were much benefited by the sea air.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	$35 00
Through Dr. Grammer	10 00
From three of the Boys' Classes in Sunday School (proceeds of Minstrel Show)	15 00
From King's Daughters	6 00
Donations	8 00
Total	$74 00
Expended during the year	56 00
Balance	$18 00

The King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle

Is an order of women working in His Name. Their motto is "Whatsoever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might."

This Circle meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and has made up during the year about 80 garments. They have given clothing to the poor, and donations to the Home for Aged Couples, and the Shoe Fund, Dr. Grammer for poor, Miss Lewis for her people, Children's Friend Society and Day Nursery. A little party was also given for some poor children on a very stormy night last winter.

They will have their next meeting May 25th, in the Parish House at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

An illustrated lecture by Prof. Sutton Fletcher, on "The Cathedrals and Abbeys of Britain," was given in the Sunday School Room on Wednesday evening, May 11th, under the auspices of the King's Daughters and proved most interesting and instructive.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Money received from the Patton Estate	$67 50	
Proceeds of Sale, November 9th	71 47	
Donations for Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets	4 25	
Donation, Miss W. Wilkins	1 00	
Dues from Members	6 41	
Total received		$150 63
Expended for State Dues	$1 50	
Expended for International Dues	1 50	
Expended for County Union	71	
For Shoe Fund	5 00	
For Miss Lewis for her poor	5 00	
For Dr. Grammer	5 00	
For Home for Aged Couples	5 00	
For Children's Friend Society	5 00	
For Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets	4 25	
For Children's Party	5 95	
For Material and Other Expenses	88 26	
Expended		$127 17
Balance		$23 46

Shoe Fund.

The King's Daughters, in 1899, when giving out some clothing to the poor, found that many needed shoes. A shoe bag was started, but the little mite they had, did not go very far, until Dr. Worcester became interested and gave them their first $25. Now Dr. Grammer looks upon it as one of the most worthy charities in the Church.

Mrs. Vanderslice and Miss Mary Jeffries are at the Parish House every Tuesday from 11 until 12 o'clock to give out shoes.

Money received from Dr. Grammer from Church Fund	$35 00
From King's Daughters	5 00
From those receiving shoes	23 81
Donations received	2 50
Total received	$66 31
Expended	64 36
Balance	$1 95

They have given out 200 pairs of shoes and about 150 pairs of overshoes this season.

Received from Santa Claus Christmas two large boxes of overshoes and shoes.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

This Fraternity of young men and older boys, principally of the Sunday School, is now in its fourth year, with a membership of 40, and is particularly vigorous under the presidency of Mr. Jurgen Kolb. It meets the first and third Friday evenings in each month in the Parish House, and while having a religious ritual, also aims to develop and give expression to the intellectual, physical and social qualities of its members; which it does through its debates, athletics, games and dramatic productions. It is particularly strong in expressing the talents of members through its frequent plays and entertainments, and thus desires to and does add to the happy social life of the young people of the Parish.

On Wednesday and Thursday evening, March 30th and 31st, the Fraternity presented their annual play. The production this year was "Dick," a comedy in three acts and according to those who have seen several of the productions of the Fraternity, it was their best effort.

The program appeared as follows:

The orchestra begins its overture and tries
To paint the theme which in an acted story lies.
Ho! give us, then, the merry fiddle's laughing call;
With here and there a cello's sad sweet cry, to claim
The echo of an answering chord which lies in all
Who watch the actors in this little play. Its aim?
A smile, a tear, once more a smile, a happy one—
A thought for those who acted it, and the play is done.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Richard Carewe (Dick) .....Harry H. Bush
Richard Terrance Miles Andine (The Imp) Mr. Kolb
Colonel Miles Graham (Soldier Man) Albert F. Snyder
Sir Horace Plumely (Waddles) Winfield S. Brown
Terrence McGrath (Doctor) .....Robt. J. Snyder
James (A Messenger) .....Charles H. Moore
Herbert Corrie .....Richard Snyder
Marie (A Maid) .....Miss Ethel Showaker
Mrs. Ericson .....Miss Minnie Corrigan
Phyllis (Her Daughter) .....Miss Dorothy Bird

The curtain falls, the play is done!
'Tis hoped attention has been won.
O'erlook our errors, faults and all,
Remember not the prompter's call.
"Shadows" often miss their cues,
Oft their hearers they confuse;
So stay awhile, and then, perchance,
We'll take our cues, all, in the dance.

The proceeds of the play were not what might be expected but the Fraternity takes this opportunity to thank all those who helped us in our efforts. Especial thanks must be given to Miss Bird, Miss Corrigan and Miss Showaker who so ably rendered their parts in the play.

It is the desire of the Fraternity to present at the beginning of next season a Shakespearian play or some other costume play. The Alpha Kappa is steadily improving in its dramatic talent and it is believed that a good rendition can be given of a play of Shakespeare's.

The Fraternity has organized an athletic class for Friday evenings and the members are taking quite an interest in physical development.

A pool table has been lent to the Alpha Kappa and two of the lower rooms of the Sunday School building are in use by the members on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

J. N. A. K.

A Great Memorial.

A Memorial Service in honor of Dr. Wood was held in the Church on Wednesday evening, May 4th, attended by delegates from the various organizations of which he was a member, and by music lovers and friends from all over the city, who met together to do honor to our late beloved organist. The music, which was entirely of Dr. Wood's own composition, was rendered by the choir of St. Stephen's, assisted by some additional singers chosen from among the number of his pupils, and accompanied, except in the case of one selection, by Mr. Selden Miller at the organ. Addresses were made by Mr. Philip Goepp, of the Manuscript Music Society, who spoke of Dr. Wood's musical genius; Mr. John Cadwalader, president of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, who related his connection with that institution; and Dr. Grammer, who briefly outlined the events of his life and paid a beautiful tribute to his character. With the loving appreciation of a personal friend, he voiced the estimation in which Dr. Wood was held by the congregation he had served so faithfully for 46 years, whom he had bound to him by ties of such unalterable affection, and who crowded the Church to do honor to his memory.

The program appeared as follows:

A Memorial Service in honor of David Duffie Wood, Doctor of Music, under the joint auspices of the Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, the Manuscript Music Society of Philadelphia, The American Organ Players' Club, St. Stephen's Church, Wednesday, May 4, 8 p. m., 1910.

Each of the organizations that join in this service was united to Dr. Wood by close ties of many years' duration. For forty-six years he was organist at St. Stephen's, and for fifty-seven years a teacher at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind. He was one of the founders and the only president of the American Organ Players' Club from its organization in 1890 until his death, and of the Manuscript Music Society he was a charter member.

The music for the evening will consist entirely of Dr. Wood's own compositions, which will be rendered by his own choir, enlarged for the occasion by some invited singers. While it was realized that many of the former singers under Dr. Wood would gladly swell the numbers of the choir, it was felt that only by a method of restricted invitation could the just balance of the parts be preserved. The practical exigencies controlled so largely in the selection that no inference can be drawn from the absence of any singers. In the case of one singer, always to be associated with Dr. Wood's musical career, the feeling of personal bereavement was too strong to permit her to sing. Mr. Selden Miller will be at the organ, except for the selection, "There shall be no night there," which will be played by Mr. Rollo F. Maitland, who has greatly assisted Mrs. Wood in reducing to writing the music of the accompaniment to this anthem.

CHOIR OF ST. STEPHEN'S. ADDITIONAL SINGERS.

SOPRANO

Mrs. Philip W. Cook
Miss Elizabeth Dale
Miss Jennie C. Tuttle
Mrs. Geo. C. Anthony
Miss K. L. Tegtmeier
Miss Irene M. Rorke
Miss Florence C. Lewis.

CONTRALTO

Mrs. Gertrude R. Wallen
Miss Alice Barnard
Miss Maude Beith
Miss Jessie R. Allison
Miss May Walters
Miss Rebecca Lowenberg
Miss Mary Todd Mustin

TENOR

Mr. Charles Manypenny
Mr. Albert H. Allison
Mr. Richmond Watkins
Mr. Nelson Chestnut
Mr. Joseph Smith
Mr. Jno. R. McNeill
Mr. Philip W. Cook

BASS

Dr. Geo. C. Anthony
Mr. G. Frank Shindel
Mr. J. W. Anthony
Mr. H. Hanley Parker
Mr. F. C. Gerenbeck
Mr. Joseph Jakob

PROGRAM.

Hymn, "The Son of David—Victor Funeris" *D. D. Wood.*
To be sung by the congregation with the choir.
Prayer by the Rev. Joseph L. Miller.
Deus Misereatur in B Minor .....*D. D. Wood*
Address by Mr. Philip H. Goepp, of the Manuscript Music Society.
Magnificat in C .....*D. D. Wood*
Address by Mr. John Cadwalader, President of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind at Overbrook.
"Behold I Show You a Mystery" .....*D. D. Wood*
Address by Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
Hymn, "Asleep in Jesus" .....*D. D. Wood*
No. 244 in the Hymnal.
"There Shall be No Night There" ....*D. D. Wood*
Mr. Rollo F. Maitland, of the American Organ Players' Club, at the organ.
"The Twilight Shadows Fall" .....*D. D. Wood*
Benediction.

On the last page were printed the following sentiments under the caption:

Some of Dr. Wood's Life Convictions in his own words:

"Music—of all the arts the youngest, the most expressive, the most universal,—the subtlest, the noblest, the most divine."

"The true musician should be a person of broad, general culture. He must not confine his knowledge to music alone, but must reach out and gain a liberal education along different lines, which will surely tend to enlarge his ideas and extend his usefulness. Such culture infallibly leaves its impress."

"To the young student I would say, aim at direct-

ness and simplicity of style; avoiding for the most part, those strange, weird, and often senseless combinations of sounds which find their response chiefly in morbid natures."

"To every musician his art should be a language—not a dead language, but a living one—a medium through which he is able in some measure to convey his thoughts and his feelings to others, not only as an interpreter, but also to some extent as an original thinker."

"The ability to improvise is of inestimable value to the musician, and should be persistently cultivated. It is deplorable that in our time this exquisite accomplishment has almost become one of the lost arts."

"Enthusiasm is a power everywhere. In music it is 'the Spirit that quickeneth.'"

"Give praise, and plenty of it, too, whenever and wherever it is due."

"Our age is not measured by the number of years, but by the good we have done, and the help and comfort we have been to our fellow-beings."

(Extracts From a Letter to His Brother.)

"I cherish the conviction most firmly and solemnly, that whatever of success we have achieved in the world, we owe it all to the early guidance of a truly Christian mother."

"We all have our troubles, but we must go forward in the discharge of our duty, leaving the results to a kind and merciful Providence. I have had my share of grief and disappointment, and sometimes the burden seemed greater than I could bear; but my faith is that God is good, that He is our Father; and that He will not desert His children."

Lux Perpetua Luceat Ei.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate, now in its fourth year, meets every Friday evening in the Sunday School Building. It has a changing membership of from fifteen to twenty-five and assembles at 7.30 in the form of the United States Senate, which opens with prayer by its chaplain, followed by business, and senatorial discussions upon such questions of the day as the members may select. It then adjourns for an hour of games, athletics and the joys of the shower bath, which the Senior Brotherhood of St. Andrew and kind friends have recently added. By their kindness, too, the gymnasium equipment is being bettered and now the boys are delighted with an instructor in Physical Culture, Mr. L. W. Fountain.

In this Society, made up of Sunday School boys under sixteen, the object is to give the small boys of the Parish, not only a social meeting place during the week, but physical and intellectual training preparatory to advancement into the Alpha Kappa Society of young men, or the Junior and Senior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

We are glad to report regular and happy attendance of its members and progress in the beginnings of the art of public speaking, with which the little Senate attempts to start its future United States citizens.

George H. Streaker.

Notices.

A number of pews in the church are badly in need of re-carpeting. The Church will furnish the carpet and have the work done at the lowest possible cost, and arrangements may be made with the Verger. It would be well for pew holders to look over their pews *now*, and if necessary, arrange to have them re-carpeted before they go away for the summer.

A tall, folding screen is wanted for the Vestry room. If anyone has such a screen not in use, it would be most acceptable to the clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

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145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

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BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony, Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs.

Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman, Miss Washington.

HONORARY MEMBER,
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

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President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.
Honorary Member.—Mrs. W. S. Russell.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

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EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Secretary.—Miss Van Dusen.
Assistant.—Mrs. Farmer.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

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Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood, Miss Zeilin.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Adam Hall.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

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Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Oct. 2.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 9.—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 16.—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 18.—St. Luke.
" 23.—Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity.
" 28.—S. S. Simon and Jude.
" 30.—Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

May 5.—Mary Atmore.
" 5.—George Elton Snyder, Jr.
" 8.—Thomas Robert Kerr.
" 30.—Eunice Tyndal Scott.

July 6.—Lillian E. Ellis.
" 31.—Warren Welden Kramer.
Charlotte Jane Kramer.
Virginia Elizabeth Wartman.

Aug. 28.—Vera Stewart Forster.
" 28.—Bessie May Forster.

Sept. 11.—Florence May Cole.
" 11.—Bessie Grace Cole.
" 18.—John Joseph Humbert.

MARRIAGES.

May 5.—Henry Taylor and Mary Ada Young.
" 7.—Nicholas Holden and Mary E. Gorman.
" 21.—David Wright and Martha A. Finley.
" 23.—George William Blood and Annie Roe.
" 27.—Louis Baney and May Margaret Remsen.

June 1.—Benjamin Purnell Harris and Sadie Emily Clark.
" 7.—John Edward Ewell and Annis Wilbraham Taylor.

June 9.—Anderson MacPhee and Emily Florence Dickie.
" 16.—Albert B. Weimer and Ella C. Goforth.

July 2.—Henry Wiegel Twindell and Mary Norma Schoeneway.
" 4.—Albert Nones and Gertrude Beck.

Aug. 10.—Charles E. Ewell and Julia W. Champion.
" 10.—Winfield Judson Clark and Mary Malvina Slaymaker.
" 19.—Menno Geissinger and Mary Ann Fair.
" 20.—Albert William Morgan and Laurene Estella Utts.

BURIALS.

May 7.—Caroline R. Gravenstine.
" 9.—J. Harvey Miller.
" 18.—Mary Smith.
" 28.—John Frescoln.
" 31.—Sarah Ann Jordan.

June 6.—Marian K. Traul.
" 18.—Ethel C. Frescoln.
" 25.—Sarah Eyre Russell.

July 1.—Jurgen N. A. Kolb.
" 2.—Jennie Myers.
" 5.—Georgiana S. Morgan.
" 6.—Walter Miller Steward.
" 9.—Margaret Marbert.
" 17.—Joseph C. Hodgson.
" 22.—Lillian E. Ellis.
" 28.—Mary La Mar.

Aug. 8.—Helen Louise Rose.
" 9.—Mary Ervin.
" 12.—Eleanor Davies Brooks.
" 18.—Matilda Butler BuShong.
" 22.—Angeline T. Haines.
" 27.—Maria Hays Law.

Sept. 21.—Anthony Romig Finck, M. D.

Offerings in Alms Basins, exclusive of envelopes:

Charities	$156 42	
Indian Missions	28 62	
Parochial Maintenance	66 87	
General Missions	31 71	
		$283 62

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

The Farm	$3 65	
Charities	420 22	
Parochial Maintenance	478 76	
Benevolent Society	15 10	
General Missions	275 93	
Theological Education	31 64	
Indian Missions	28 00	
Diocesan Missions	97	
Domestic Missions	3 80	
		$1,258 07
Total		$1,541 69

Offerings placed in Alms Basins and Envelopes:

Charities	$570 24	
Communion Alms	6 40	
Indian Missions	56 62	
Parochial Maintenance	545 63	
Missions	307 64	
Theological Education	31 64	
Diocesan Missions	97	
Domestic Missions	3 80	
Benevolent Society	15 10	
St. Stephen's Farm	3 65	
		$1,541 69

The Rector's Letter.

While I shall have the privilege of being with the congregation on the first Sunday in October, my duty as a deputy to the General Convention will take me away from the parish for the two, and maybe the three, following Sundays. I regret very much the necessity for my absence at the season when all our activities begin in full force, and I hope that there will be no delay in beginning work with energy.

It is borne in upon me that we completed, on the first of October, five years of my rectorship here. I think it can be honestly said that by this time the congregation and the rector have become acquainted. Our organization has been adjusted, and I believe all the departments of our activities are well organized and in a sound condition. The funds of the church are in the keeping of a safe deposit company. The church has been re-wired, re-decorated, re-painted, and thoroughly repaired, and a new organ has been given. The Burd School has been reorganized, and the report of the charman of the committee—which is published in this number—will show numerous improvements that have been made in its equipment and the successful reorganization of its administration. The report of the Matron of the Farm will be of special interest to those who maintain this important department of our work. Last season was very successful, and Miss Elizabeth Dale showed herself a judicious and wise administrator.

On the first Sunday in October the Sunday School reopens. We have lost, by marriage and departure for colleges, some valuable teachers, and need at least one man and two women in addition to our present staff. It is astonishing that there should be so much shrinking from Sunday School work, when it is undoubtedly one of the most fruitful forms of Christian service. Far better than the giving of Christmas turkeys and baskets is the holding forth the Word of Life to supply the needs of "these little ones."

Some of our enterprises have not proven of permanent value. They have only served the purpose of pioneers, and have blazed the way for other organizations. Such were the Tuberculosis Class and the Three Arts Club; but the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has undoubtedly come to stay. This organization contains within itself the promise of large usefulness for our down-town parish.

The summer congregations have been unusually good, to the great encouragement of Mr. Long; and Miss Lewis has been, as ever, sympathetic and arduous in her ministrations.

The memorial to our honored Accounting Warden for so many years. Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann, has been designed, and only waits upon the stone cutters. I hope that it will be in the church before many months.

The Envelope System, which was introduced on Easter Sunday, has met with a more cordial acceptance than could have been expected in an old established parish like St. Stephen's. The old members have consented to co-operate, and many attendants upon the church have been drawn closer to it by taking a package and feeling themselves recognized co-workers in advancing the common cause. The work of the Treasurer has been greatly increased by the System, and the Accounting Warden and I are greatly indebted to Mr. Joseph Van Dusen for acting as Special Treasurer and taking charge of these envelopes and keeping a record of them. All that he records is the return of the envelope through the plate; no record is made of the amount, which this system is not designed to bring to light. While it must be said that a great many envelopes do not come in, I hope that this fall more people will take the packages, and the system, which was introduced hurriedly and under pressure, may be perfected.

It is a great mistake to think that people are alienated from a church because it asks some-

thing of them. Just as, in my experience, scholars like a teacher who demands much of them and respect him if he thinks his subject of importance, and secretly despise him if with weak good nature he grants them a holiday on any pretext,—so in the Sunday School and the Church, the scholars and the attendants are drawn to the organization that takes itself seriously, that makes demands, and that believes that its work is worthy of self-denial and fruitful in large returns to justify much service. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly." People that can make no self-denials for the cause of God, rise no earlier to have time for prayer, spend no more carefully in order to have something to give, moderate no personal ambition in order that they may have more energy for service will find that their religion will have no reality and no power of consolation in bereavement and no anchor to hold in the storm of passion, no hopes to brighten the twilight hours of age. I believe that one chief benefit of the Envelope System is the challenge that it makes to the reality and fidelity of the religious life.

During the summer I was asked by the Bishop to make a special appeal to the congregation to meet the deficit in the treasury of the Board of Missions. I had made such an appeal the previous summer, and every one to whom I wrote had made generous response; but it seemed to be inexpedient to renew such a personal application to a few when we had just introduced this new system; and I explained the conditions to the Bishop. He agreed with me that, under the circumstances, it would be best to rely upon the Envelope System. The result has justified my confidence thus far, as the additional amounts sent in through these envelopes, for Missions, are more than was raised by the special appeal last summer.

We must do far more than we have done if we are to reach the sum that was designated at the last Diocesan Convention of the apportionment of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for the General Missionary cause. But this is too large a subject to be entered into in this greeting. Let me urge, however, upon those who have not yet taken the packages, to apply to the Verger for them.

It is hoped that the ushers will soon be in their places and will continue this winter their valuable services. From many quarters, words have come to me of appreciation of the cordial reception that is given to strangers in St. Stephen's. I believe that it is deserved. If the ushers could only find out the names of these attendants, and help Mr. Long and myself to look them up by securing their addresses, we should win many a recruit. What is needed in the Church is a more personal touch, more desire to build up the temple that is not made with hands, whose walls are living stones. It is all very well for the fisherman to be careful of his nets, but he never forgets that the purpose of the nets is to catch fish; and we must never lose sight of the truth that the purpose of all our machinery is to reach people.

Looking back upon these five years, I feel that I have much to be grateful for. We have lost some valuable members by death, and some people have moved away from us, but we have also gained some valuable members. We are a united congregation—singularly united, I believe; and this is more remarkable because our homes are so widely spread over the city. I trust that God will use us through this coming year as instruments in His hands. Let us commit our way unto Him in the sure confidence that He will bring it to pass. I should be glad to see an increase in our numbers, but our main effort must be for an increase of earnestness, a deepening of our resolves, and a unification of our life by consecration of ourselves to our Heavenly Father's will.

C. E. G.

Mrs. Grammer sailed on Wednesday, September 28th, on the Steamship Oceania, of the Italian line La Veloce, from New York to Genoa, with her daughters, Miss Mary Page and Miss Dorothy Grammer. They expect to spend a year abroad, and will go almost directly to Lusanne, Switzerland, where they will remain for a number of months.

Secretary.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets in the Parish House at 8.00 P. M. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The October meetings will be held on October 11th and 25th, respectively. All men who are interested in or in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are cordially invited to these meetings and it is believed that they will find them interesting and helpful.

The attention of the members of St. Stephen's Chapter is called to the devotional meeting of the Philadelphia members of the Brotherhood to be held on Friday evening, October 14th, at 8.00 P. M., at St. Matthew's Church, 18th street and Girard avenue. Addresses will be delivered by the Brotherhood Chaplain, Rev. William P. Remington, and by the Rector of St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Geo. L. Richardson. We hope that there will be a full attendance of the members of St. Stephen's Chapter.

ABRAM G. TATNALL,

Jurgen N. A. Knoop Kolb.

On Friday afternoon, June 30th, an impressively sad and yet beautiful funeral service was held in our church over the remains of Jurgen N. A. Knoop Kolb, president of the young men's Alpha Kappa Society and a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. His body had been found in Brooklyn, where his death had been sudden, and was traced by means of his Brotherhood button to his church home of St. Stephen's. Sad was the identification and painful indeed for his many friends and the members of his societies to part so suddenly with "Jurgen,' the highly esteemed bright, buoyant, faithful helper in our Sunday School entertainments and enthusiastic worker in the interests of our boys' clubs. Sympathetic letters have been sent to his mother and stepfather out on the Pacific Coast, who were unable to be present at the services; and sorrowful and appreciative replies have come to us from them for the kindnesses of his many friends in the church. His body was placed in St. Stephen's lot in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The Farm.

The work at St. Stephen's Farm this past summer was carried on much the same as in former years—for the betterment of those who need fresh air and sunshine and that all who come might see life beautiful.

The Farm was opened to receive guests Saturday, June 25th. In former years it has been the custom to open about the middle of June; this year, however, it was found necessary to open ten days later, so the season has not been so long as in preceding years.

This summer, in accordance with the plan of the Rector and Vestry not to crowd the Farm, the house has only been comfortably filled, and this arrangement was found to be most satisfactory. While it was impossible to accommodate all who applied for admission, applicants who were in any way connected with St. Stephen's parish were admitted, and a number from other parishes when there was room. There was an average of 432 guests for a stay of one week, also 300 extra meals were served. The guests were for the most part mothers with their children, and young girls, except the last two weeks in August, when the boys came for their annual visit, and it may be truly said they enjoyed everything to the utmost.

It will perhaps be interesting to know that this summer a company of Boy Scouts was formed at the Farm. This Scout movement is claimed to have begun in Africa in 1899 and now reaches all over the world. Its object is the teaching of character by attractive methods called scouting. It was pleasant to notice the interest displayed by the boys in trying to keep the nine points of a scout law: Loyalty, Helping others, A friend to all, Courtesy, A friend to animals, Obedience, Thrift, Smile and whistle under all circumstances. A special pride was taken in obeying this last point, and it was rather amusing to see a little fellow who had been struck with a baseball while playing a match game with a visiting team, and who was inclined to cry, change his mind instantly upon being surrounded by his fellow scouts, who, while they rubbed him vigorously, told him not to cry, but "Jes' smile and whistle." So even when a fractured finger or wrist was being set there was never a tear only a "smile and a whistle."

It is believed much good has been accomplished by having the boys at the Farm each summer, and it is surely gratifying to know that the lessons learned in politeness and courtesy during the past three years have not been forgotten.

As usual, Mothers' day was Thursday. Each week about seventeen mothers came out to spend the day—some of them bringing their little ones. Everything was thoroughly enjoyed, especially the afternon tea, which was served just before leaving and which closed

a red letter day in the lives of these mothers. At the beginning of the summer the mothers sent a number of woven rugs which they made during the winter. Much credit is due these women who work faithfully in order to be able to contribute something to the Farm each year.

During the Fourth of July holiday, also on Labor Day, the Farm was given over to the members of the Girls' Friendly Society, and they formed a very happy family. The girls contributed $15.00, part of which was spent in providing entertainment on both these occasions and the remainder was used to help defray the expense of new covers for the parlor furniture.

The King's Daughters' room, which is their especial care, has been repainted, and new bed linen and a new chiffonier have been purchased. The room is now very attractive.

Through the kindness of Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., a new sink for washing dishes has been placed in the pantry and has proved itself most useful.

Through Miss Lewis some bed linen, towels and two pairs of blankets were received; also a hammock from Miss Townsend. Mrs. Taylor supplied the necessary drugs.

The house is very much in need of bed linen, especially single sheets, and bed spreads, also towels, a rag carpet for the sitting room, a carpet for the parlor and some rugs for the bed rooms.

The religious life was not lost sight of at the Farm. Every evening there was prayer and singing of hymns. The services in the woods were continued this year, and were very well attended. The musical part was furnished by members of St. Stephen's choir and others connected with the parish.

And now another year has gone and those of St. Stephen's who so generously support the Farm may feel that they have brightened in a great measure the lives of those who have visited this beautiful restful place.

The summer sessions of the Sunday School were carried on each Sunday this year with the exception of the weeks the assistant superintendent was at the Farm with the boys, with an average attendance of about 25 or 30. An additional purpose served, aside from the lessons, was the provision of a place for our scholars and teachers to get news and information about the Farm. As we made no effort to have picnics but urged rather the value of our Farm for summer outings, we had more teachers and scholars on the Farm this year than ever. Miss Dale did her part conscientiously and well, and gave them a good welcome and a happy time. Mr. Streaker went with the boys for their two weeks, and had Mr. Cummins' assistance for the second week. This year we had a larger number of the little boys and the fourth season for the boys was even more successful than the previous ones. This is also the fourth year for the religious meetings and they have been most valuable. During July they were held each Sunday on the lawn or porch and during August and including the first Sunday in September, in the Farm Woodland. This year we were fortunate in getting much musical talent—Miss Henderson and Miss Rulon at the organ, and Dr. Anthony, Mr. Parker and Mrs. Wood as soloists, with Russell C. Thompson as cornetist, so that an average of from 40 to 50 were attracted to our lawn meetings in July, and an average of 150 to 200 to our woodland meetings in August and September. As many of the country-side came to these latter meetings, this should be considered in the summing up of the uses of the Farm. The Presbyterians have bought acres and settled nearby, with their log college assembly, and Christ's Home for Children has now two farms and is increasing its work. Surely after our twelve years' labor we should feel encouraged in this important work of the parish. G. H. S.

Summer Outings of the Mothers' Club.

It has been customary to send the mothers to the "Farm" for a "day's outing," commencing the first Thursday after the Fourth of July. This year we sent on July 7, 16; on July 14, 14; July 21, 16; July 28, 15, and August 4, 10, making a total of 71. Many could not go because they were ill, could not leave work, or were out of town. The mothers always look forward to this trip with the greatest pleasure, and look upon the Farm as a "Haven of Rest." They speak in the most glowing terms of everything. "How lovely and kind our House Mother, Miss Dale, was to us"; "The fine dinner"; and, just before going home, "the good cup of tea." To some, this was their first trip. One told me that I could not know what that day had been to her. She had been so tired and worn out, but that restful day put new life in her, and she took up her work the next day feeling so much stronger. How I wish the members of St. Stephen's Church who go out of town before the opening of the Farm, and only return when the work is over knew more about this noble work. They would then contribute so freely that some of these hard-working women could have more than *one* day of rest, when they could take their little ones with them, and lay all care aside for a little while. There are some good friends of the Farm who contribute for this work, but we want new friends to contribute to a Special Fund for these worthy members.

S. R. TAYLOR.

Parish Visitor's Report.

Once again we come together with (let us hope) renewed strength and spirits for the task we have before us. The harvest is great and there will be work for all who love to give of their time as well as their means, for the relief of our less fortunate brothers and sisters, for have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Therefore let us go forward with renewed ardor, thanking the good Father that our lives have fallen in such pleasant places; that He has given to us such a great work to do.

It was the pleasure of the Parish Visitor to remain in the city a great part of the summer as there were many cases in which she was deeply interested, some being pleasant and others distressing and perplexing.

The Philadelphia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children had to be called upon in several instances where their help and protection were greatly needed.

As a matter of course every one in Philadelphia has heard of the terrible vitriol accident which ocurred this summer, when so many children were severely burned. Two of these children belonged to St. Stephen's sewing school, which meets in the Parish House every Saturday morning during the winter months. One of the children has since died; the other it is thought may recover. The visits made to them were almost beyond endurance, their sufferings being intense.

The Parish Visitor wishes to express thanks to a lady of our congregation who is generously helping her to supply milk and eggs to some of her tuberculosis patients, one of whom passed away during the summer months. A young woman we have been caring for in this way reports a gain of several pounds, her original weight being but 73.

Special thanks are due to the young lady who made a lovely scrap book for a poor little sick child in the hospital.

We are very grateful, also, to the person who has made it possible for the good old woman to sit down who heretofore had been compelled to stand while engaged in earning a livelihood by selling shoe strings on the S. E. corner of Broad and Chestnut streets both summer and winter. Her uncomplaining disposition has greatly endeared her to the Parish Visitor. K. H. LEWIS.

Burd School.

The Burd School opened its school year with a total enrolment of fifty-six puplis. The repairs and improvements which have been going on during the summer are entirely completed. The buildings were painted both inside and outside; the Chapel was entirely renovated and much improved. New and modern alcoves have been built in the senior dormitory and the plumbing and heating were gone over and modernized.

In addition it was necessary to buy a considerable amount of furniture to replace that which had worn out. New carpets have also been laid in the different parts of the building and a number of rooms have been entirely renovated and appropriately arranged for the purposes for which they are now used. The bequest left to the school by Clinton L. D. Eisenhower, deceased, has been appropriated by the trustees as a Library Fund. With this fund a new library has been fitted up and all the books which were left to the school under the will of Mrs. Burd have been properly classified and a large nnumber of standard works have been purchased so that we have to-day one of the best school libraries in the city. The trustees are very grateful to Miss Harnish, the superintendent, for the efficient manner in which she has managed the school during this last year. This management has resulted in a surplus of income over expenditures which surplus the trustees have been able to apply toward the payment of the improve-

ments as outlined above. A large number of the girls at the school spent a portion of the summer vacation with friends or relatives and the average number residing at the school during the summer months was about twenty. The opening exercises, to which the graduates of the school were invited, were held on September 10th. It is expected that appropriate exercises in commemoration of Mrs. Burd will be held in the latter part of October and the trustees most earnestly urge all members of St. Stephen's Church to take this opportunity to see the school and the improvements which have been made. There have been a number of changes in the teaching force. Mrs. Middleton is the new governess in charge of the younger children. Mrs. Collins has ben engaged to take charge of the sewing room. Miss Stevens takes the place of Miss Godfrey in the department of domestic science. Miss Barclay succeeds Miss Wannebo as teacher of music and will be assisted by Miss Maus as organist. Miss Deeter has undertaken the charge of the department of physical culture and has already organized a basket ball team among the children. Miss Garvin will teach drawing and art work. We are glad that Miss Scherer, the senior teacher, who has been connected with the school so long, still remains, and that Miss Mumma, who was with us last year as junior teacher, occupies the same position this year.

There is no more important work being done by St. Stephen's parish than the work of the Burd School and the trustees hope that all members of the parish will feel at liberty to visit the school whenever they can.

Submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee,

ROLAND S. MORRIS,
Chairman.

Alumnae Day at the Burd School.

The regular work at the Burd School began September 1st, at which time all of the children who were not already back returned from their vacations. The formal reopening and reunion of the Alumnae were held on September 10th. The program for the day was as follows: Reception of the Alumnae, at which time all were invited to visit all parts of the school to see the numerous improvements made during the summer months, followed by an address by Mr. Roland S. Morris. After welcoming the Alumnae and students back to the school, he gave a brief survey of the work done and the improvements made during the past year. He also spoke of the original intention of the school, as expressed by Mrs. Burd in her will, and how we must set higher ideals for our present and future work and make a greater effort to reach those ideals than we have done in the past. To set for ourselves the standard of loyalty to each other and especially to the school, as the future of the school depends principally on its students and alumnae.

After the address all were invited to the dining room where supper was served. From the dining room the children led the way to the woods where a little woodland play was given in the twilight by the primary children, under the direction of Miss Scherer, the senior teacher. The very pleasant day was closed by a meeting of the Alumnae to consider an organization of the same.

With the opening of the school this year, three classes in cooking were formed, the regular classes in sewing and basketry to be organized after October first.

A tennis court and out-of-door basket ball field were fitted up during the summer. Two teams for basket ball have been practicing for the last two weeks under the supervision of Miss Deeter, the new teacher of athletics and physical culture. Through the kindness of Mr. Van Dusen in the early part of the summer a croquet set, hammocks, tennis shoes, balls and rackets were secured, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the small group of children who remained at the school during the summer months.

ORA M. HARNISH,
Superintendent.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received during June, July and August:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	$2 00
From L. M. C.	5 00
From Church Fund Through Rev. Mr. Long	30 00
Miss Emily Fries	1 00
Rev. Charles Milnor	1 00
Mrs. Charles Milnor	1 00
Total	$40 00

On the afternon of July 30th, an excursion of children was taken to Sedgeley, Fairmount Park. The ride out was enjoyed by all, although the weather was threatening and many did not come. On reaching the Park, all were ready for games of ball and bean bags, London bridge, and other familiar games in which Mr. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Bezzel and others joined.

Mr. Jackson Blank's wagon was seen coming up the hill and all were ready for ice cream and cake and biscuits. Just as they were finishing their cream a shower came up, but the Park police were very kind and gave the children shelter in their house until the storm was over. Then they were ready for more fun, and most of them did not reach home until seven o'clock. There was to have been another excursion, but as most of the children as well as the associates were either at the Farm or in the country, there will be an entertainment some time near Thanksgiving instead.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

During the summer a donation of clothing was given to the Country Week Association.

A chiffonier, with linen covers and sheets, was sent to the Farm for the King's Daughters' room by this Circle.

The first meetings will be October 5th and October 19th, in the Guild Room at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

Received in June from Mr. Patton's Estate	$33 41
Mrs. H. F. Martin	$ 50

Shoe Fund.

Mrs. H. F. Martin	$ 50

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the editor of the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 S. 10th street. They must be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say in October, not later than the 30th.

Change of Address.

If any change has occurred during the past two years will you kindly notify Mr. Long, who is endeavoring to perfect a catalogue of the parish. A correct list is often needed for other purposes than visiting, and it is earnestly desired that this be done by any one who has changed residence within the time specified.

To the Men of St. Stephen's Church.

An Informal Dinner of the men associated with St. Stephen's Church, will be given under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Tuesday Eve., November 15th, in the banquet room of the City Club, 1418 Walnut street, at seven o'clock.

All men in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are earnestly invited to attend this dinner. The price of the dinner will be one dollar ($1.00) and subscriptions may be sent to

MR. WILLIAM H. HANSELL,
Chairman of Committee.
904 Provident Bldg., Philadelphia.

Special thanks are due to Mrs. Thomas Harvey for a donation of children's clothes contributed early in the summer. This form of clothing is particularly acceptable to the Parish Visitor, and any donations from members of the congregation can be put to excellent use.

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MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. I. Whittington Anthony, Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs.

Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman, Miss Washington.

HONORARY MEMBER,
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Magee.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.
President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Price, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.

Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Vice-President.—Miss Frances Crawford.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Edith Harper, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Eastwood, Miss Zeilin.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb. *Q.*—Dr. Grammer.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe. *T.*—Adam Hall.
P.—Robert Snyder. *P. Q.*—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Edith Harper.
Pianist.—Miss Helen Harper.

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
" 6.—24th Sunday after Trinity.
" 13.—25th Sunday after Trinity.
" 20.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 24.—Thanksgiving Day.
" 27.—First Sunday in Advent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

Oct. 9.—Edward Erdman Bodgert.

MARRIAGES.

Oct. 4.—William M. Ruford and Katherine V. Dorey.
Oct. 9.—Frank Percival Brawner and Agnes May Whatmore.
Oct. 19.—Lancelot Harpur and Sarah Shelfose.
Oct. 27.—Charles Russell Hammer and Amelia A. Fogg.
Oct. 29.—Lawrence Grange and Elizabeth B. Prentice.

BURIAL.

Oct. 5.—John Jacob Shannon.

Offerings from Sept. 25 to Oct. 30, Inclusive.

Sept. 29.—Communion Alms	$1 40	
Oct. 2.—Offering	103 13	
" 9.—Offering	66 55	
" 16.—Offering	68 61	
" 23.—Offering	65 09	
" 30.—Offering	131 49	
		$436 27

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASIN, EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$40 03	
Parochial Maintenance	38 52	
Missions	14 65	
		$93 20

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$105 01	
Parochial Maintenance	141 99	
Benevolent Society	.10	
St. Stephen's Farm	.05	
Theological Education	.10	
Indian Missions	.15	
General Missions	95 67	
		$343 07
Total		$436 27

Through an error in printing in the October "Parish News," it was omitted to mention the period during which the offerings published were received. The contributions, amounting to $1.541.69 represented the collections for the entire summer, from May 1 to September 25, inclusive.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the editor of the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 S. 10th street. They must be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say in November, not later than the 27th.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Women's Auxiliary will hold its first meeting for the fall on Thursday, November 17, at 11 o'clock. This will be a very important meeting, not only because it is the first of the season, but because of some important matters to come before the Auxiliary.

The Envelope System.

I must again appeal to the members of the congregation who have not taken packages of envelopes. If they will co-operate with us in any degree the church will be able to meet its obligations of all kinds, and they themselves will be wonderfully blessed in a deeper interest in Christian truth and in Christian institutions.

Let me repeat what I said last month. It is a great mistake to imagine that people are alienated from a church because it asks something of them. Just as, in my experience, a teacher who demands much of his scholars, is respected by them for thinking his subject of importance, whereas they secretly despise him if he is indulgent and with weak good nature will grant a holiday on any pretext—so in the church, people are drawn to an organization that takes itself seriously, makes demands, and believes its work to be worthy of self-denial, and fruitful enough to justify much service. Not only do they think more of such a church, but they receive more from it, for "he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." People that can make no self-denials for the cause of God, save no time for prayer, spend no more carefully that they may give, moderate no ambition that they may have energy for service, will find that their religion will have no reality, no power of consolation in bereavement, no anchor to hold in the storm of passion, and no hopes to brighten the twilight hours of age. One benefit of the envelope system is the challenge that it makes to the reality and fidelity of the religious life. I hope that the men of the congregation will not refuse to adopt a system that is so highly commended and has proven so successful elsewhere.

C. E. G.

The Church Work Fund.

According to the custom of years, I must appeal to the members of St. Stephen's to contribute to the Church Work Fund. Fifteen hundred dollars is needed. Out of this fund are paid a number of small expenses such as the advertising, the telephone bills, and the publication of the valuable PARISH NEWS. I also finance out of it many of the societies. In short, the fund enables me to move freely in the administration of the Church and in the development of our institutional work. The older members of the congregation give most loyally and liberally to it, and it is hoped that our newer members will appreciate the importance of this fund and contribute to it.

C. E. G.

On August 12 was buried by the Rev. Mr. Long, in the absence of the Rector, Eleanor Davies Brooks. She was the daughter of a vestryman in this church, the late Samuel B. Brooks, and was baptized and confirmed in this church, where her grandfather, Edward Davies, was one of the first pew-holders. She was a loyal and constant, loving and loved member of the parish.

A Protest.

This frank and emphatic protest will show how the proposal to change our name appears to many of our members. Of course the resolution was lost, but the strength of the vote shows that we need to make manifest the loyalty that is rooted in our present title.

"DEAR SIR AND RECTOR:

In looking over the doings of the Cincinnati convention, I was much pleased to see that you did not want any change in the name of The Protestant Episcopal Church. That name means Christianity, pure and simple, and it means business as well as religion. The idea of calling it the "Holy Catholic Church" is so absurd, and the "American Church" is not much better. The old name is the best one; as a member I oppose any change.

I want to thank you, personally, for opposing any change of name of our Grand Old Church, and let her be always a *Protestant* Church and God will bless her and increase and strengthen her. I love her and she is my portion and my salvation and I will stand up for her as long as my life lasts."

A Sunday in Paris.

What that means to the majority of people is a great holiday for pleasure seekers, a long round of visits to museums and picture galleries, walks, picnics, drives and frolicking, and in the evening the theatre or opera, variety shows and dance halls. Beside the advertisements of many such attractions is found of course the list of church services and music; and one modest little notice of the Girls' Friendly Society Lodge and Club Room drew us on a Sunday afternoon in October to 50 Avenue d'Iéna at the hour mentioned, four o'clock, to find assembled about sixty English-speaking, self-supporting young women chatting cosily over their cups of tea. Introducing ourselves as Honorary Associates of the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church,

Philadelphia, we were gladly welcomed and asked to stay to the little service conducted by Mrs. Ormsby, wife of the English Bishop resident in Paris.

We soon learned that this Girls' Friendly Club is entirely British, as American girls are mostly allied with a Students' Club in a different quarter of the city, where the conditions also are different, the Americans being chiefly students, whilst the English are principally teachers, nursery-governesses, a few house servants, and some daughters of coachmen and horse jockeys.

The Paris Lodge, from which unfortunately they must soon move, is a large, four-story building with five windows across, situated on a wide avenue, and has a quiet, cool garden in the rear. A library, assembly room, restaurant and bedrooms, with board and lodging at a moderate charge, make the place homelike and within the means of those it is planned to help, as it gives them a feeling of comradeship on meeting others who come from their home country and hearing their own language spoken, and they often speak of the Club as the brightest spot in Paris.

In her address to the young women, Mrs. Ormsby gave many practical suggestions for their life in a foreign land, surrounded by an atmosphere so dissimilar from that to which they had been accustomed, and read an admirable paper, bearing upon the same subject, written by the Bishop of London. Prayers and hymns concluded the service, and the announcement was made of who had been the hostess for tea that afternoon, as friends interested in the Society, living in Paris, England or other places contribute this entertainment each week; and, asking that we might be the hostesses on the following Sunday when we should be on the great ocean steaming toward home, we left with a pleasant recollection of that peaceful, profitable hour, and with the assurance that on the next Sunday we should have the thoughts of all present while singing the hymn "for those in peril on the sea."

LAURA BELL.

Parish Visitor's Report.

As a number of people are interested in the three little Tunney girls, they will be glad to know that the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children had them before the Juvenile Court which decided to place them in the home of a married couple living at Quakertown, the county paying a stated sum per week for each child's board.

Dr. Grammer has worked with the mother of these children, visiting her and trying to break her of the drink habit and feels keenly the necessity of separating her children from her. The devotion and love these children displayed for their mother was most touching. We earnestly pray for her recovery from this dreadful misfortune.

If it were not for the help given by Mr. Edward G. McCollin and Mr. Lewis H. Van Dusen to the Parish Visitor when she is confronted with the legal affairs of those looking to her for counsel, help and comfort, she would not know where to turn. These gentlemen willingly and gladly give their legal advice to this part of her work of the Pairsh, and by doing so make many hearts most grateful.

THE PARISH VISITOR.
(Kate H. Lewis.)

The Parish Visitor is in receipt of a letter signed "Wife of a Prominent Mason," to the effect that her first letter had been ignored.

In reply to this the Parish Visitor begs to say that the letter received from "B, 212 Bulletin Branch, 28th and Columbia Ave." was answered and mailed, Sunday, October 16th, in one of the Church official envelopes, giving the full information desired and as yet has not been returned to her, it evidently having gone astray.

K. H. LEWIS.

To the Men of St. Stephen's Church.

An informal dinner of the men associated with St. Stephen's Church, will be given under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Tuesday Eve., November 15th, in the banquet room of the City Club, 1418 Walnut street, at seven o'clock.

All men in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are earnestly invited to attend this dinner. The price of the dinner will be one dollar ($1.00) and subscriptions may be sent to Mr. William H. Hansell, chairman of committee, 904 Provident Building, Philadelphia.

Girls' Friendly Society.

A Fair will be given for the benefit of the Girls' Friendly Holiday House at Cape May, on November 16th and 17th, from 2 until 10.30 P. M., in Horticultural Hall. The price of admission is 10 cents. On Wednesday evening tickets will be 30 cents, including an entertainment, and on Thursday evening, 75 cents, including an entertainment. There will be a Tea Room and supper will be served from 5.30 to 7.30.

It is hoped that all who have the welfare of young girls at heart will show their interest by attending this fair. All the G. F. S. branches are working for it, and it will be appreciated by St. Stephen's Branch if the other members of the congregation will give their support.

MARIA S. WILKINS.

Fair for Chapin Memorial Home.

There will be given in the auditorium of the Young Friends Association, 15th and Cherry streets, on the afternoons and evenings of November 17th, 18th and 19th, a fair to raise funds for the establishment of a home for the aged blind. Churches and charitable institutions of all kinds have been asked to take tables, and Dr. Grammer has placed in my hands that of St. Stephen's. The time is very short, I know, therefore, I am asking through the PARISH NEWS the aid of all St. Stephen's people in this noble enterprise. I want contributions of money and articles, as we do not wish St. Stephen's to be behind Holy Trinity, Church of Our Saviour and St. Mary's in its showing. Surely this worthy enterprise should appeal to our people through their affection for our beloved organist, Dr. David D. Wood. Contributions and articles may be sent to me and will be greatly appreciated.

ELLA H. HEADMAN.
118 North 18th St.

Burd School.

The annual exercises in commemoration of Founder's Day, which were postponed from the usual date in May until the fall, on account of alterations on the buildings, took place at the Burd School on October 27. Although the weather was inclement a large representation of the church people met together, and the Chapel, where the exercises were held, was crowded to the doors. Dr. Grammer made a short address in which he praised the committee on the Burd School, Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen and Dr. Addinell Hewson, for their untiring efforts which had produced such satisfactory results, and called upon Mr. Morris to represent the committee in giving some account of what had been done. At the time of its founding, Mr. Morris said, the Burd School was one of the best equipped and most-up-to-date institutions in this part of the country, but the very equipment that was thought so satisfactory in its day is now antiquated and useless, and it is only by constant renewal and improvement that it is able to keep up to the high standard set by Mrs. Burd. This the committee has endeavored to accomplish in the new system of dormitories, the better methods of heating and sanitation, the enlarged reading rooms, and other improvements which enable the Burd School to retain its reputation as one of the best equipped of modern institutions.

The inspection of the alterations by the visitors was an important feature of the afternoon, after which a light supper was served in the dining room. It is hoped that these annual meetings, in addition to furnishing a pleasant social function for our people, will serve the purpose, originally intended by Mrs. Burd and so ardently desired by the Rector and Vestry, of keeping the members of the church in intimate personal touch with the work and progress of the school.

The House of Rest.

The House of Rest for the Aged has published its twentieth annual report, showing encouraging results in the work and progress of this most worthy institution of our church. The following appeal is made:

"The family at the 'Home' now consists of seventeen, exclusive of the Matron and two maids, and the household expenses for 1909 have been $3,245.00, which the committee feels, shows excellent management on the part of the Matron. The latter has kept a large house warm and comfortable and has provided a wholesome, nourishing table for a household of twenty-five people.

"Our most faithful physician, Dr. Robert

N. Downs, who gives his services to the 'Home,' has not been called as frequently to the sick bed as in some other years. Three of the 'aged ones' who were sheltered in their last years, in this Church Home, have passed from their earthly House of Rest to their Heavenly rest, during the year, and the health of the rest of the family has been good. There have been five admissions to the house, as both the new rooms were immediately filled, there is now a waiting list of those anxious to be admitted.

"If the Rectors and congregations of the Episcopal churches in this diocese could only once realize the good, quiet work accomplished by this Diocesan Home, in sheltering her faithful adherents who in old age find themselves without refuge, then the Rectors would most willingly each give us a collection once during the year, and their parishioners would give cheerfully and generously to those who are of the 'Household of Faith.'"

This appeal contains a strong message for St. Stephen's people. Although a member of our congregation has been for a number of years an inmate of the home, no contribution from St. Stephen's appears upon the treasurer's report. Cannot this deficiency be remedied this year? The House of Rest, which is situated in Germantown and is one of the most deserving and important of our charities, is dependent largely upon the contributions of our church members for its support. Any donation, however small, will be appreciated, and may be sent to the Rector, or to Mrs. F. W. English, 226 W. School Lane, Germantown.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in October:

From Church Fund, through Rev. Mr. Long..	$5.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin.....	1.00

Date for Thanksgiving entertainment not decided yet.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their next meeting Nov. 16th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock. At the last meeting quite a number of postal albums were filled with old posal cards and will be given to homes, hospitals and nurseries. Any postals that you are tired of would be very acceptable for this work if sent to the Parish House marked for the King's Daughters.

Shoe Fund.

Received from Mrs. H. F. Martin, 25 cents.

Jack Frost will soon be here, so it is hoped that our kind friends will look through their closets and see if they have any shoes too small for them to wear, or, preferably, too large, as most of the people visiting the Shoe Fund Society wear rather large shoes.

We hope to open about the 27th of Nov., from half past ten until half past 11 o'clock in the Guild Room, Tuesday mornings.

Any shoes left in care of Mr. Carrigan marked for Shoe Fund will be very acceptable.

There will be no potatoes for sale from the Farm this year, as the crop was exceedingly small, and all that it yielded have already been sold.

The secretary of the envelope system requests that members of the congregation return their envelopes without tearing them in half as this makes the labor of sorting them and checking them up according to their respective dates and numbers very much more difficult.

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MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Miss Elizabeth Dale.

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maud Beith.

TENOR.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison.
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony, Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs.

Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman, Miss Washington.

HONORARY MEMBER,
Mrs. S. E. Russell.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Price, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.

Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—J. N. A. Kolb.
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Adam Hall.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Daley.
Pianist.—

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 4.—Second Sunday in Advent.
11.—Third Sunday in Advent.
18.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
21.—St. Thomas.
25.—Christmas.
26.—St. Stephen.
27.—St. John.
28.—Holy Innocents.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

November 27.—Katherine Annie Watson.
Violet Catherine Kuhn.

MARRIAGES.

November 9.—Robert R. Keightley and Emily P. Ruckaberle.
29.—George W. Lancaster and Elizabeth M. Hershberger.

BURIAL.

November 11.—Mary Kehl.

Offerings Received During November, 1910.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$46 18	
Parochial Maintenance	26 36	
Benevolent Society	34 81	
Episcopal Hospital	69 84	
Missions	43 69	
		$220 88

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$103 78	
Parochial Maintenance	141 46	
Benevolent Society	86 76	
Missions	118 25	
Episcopal Hospital	205 50	
St. Stephen's Farm	05	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	10	
Missionary Box	15	
Theological Education	05	
Indian Missions	05	
Diocesan Missions	05	
		$656 20
Interest on Deposits		$1 72
		$878 80

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Parochial Maintenance	167 82
Benevolent Society	121 57
Missions	161 94
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Diocesan Missions	05
Interest on Deposits	1 72
	$878 80

RECEIVED BY DR. GRAMMER.

Estate of Mrs. A. Marion Knight for Charity	$10 00
Thanksgiving Dinners	17 00
From a Parishioner for Alta Society	10 00
	$37 00

THE CHURCH WORK FUND.

Miss Julia Garrett	$50 00
A. D. A.	20 00
Miss Fannie Magee	25 00
Miss Anna Magee	25 00
Miss Catharine T. Rynard	25 00
Miss Helen M. Bridle	5 00
Miss Townsend	3 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath	10 00
Mr. C. H. Colket	25 00
Miss Louise B. Edwards	5 00

Mr. John Graff	$5 00	
Miss Josephine Lewis	10 00	
Mrs. E. E. Holman	5 00	
Mr. J. Austin McDowell	50 00	
Mrs. Caroline R. Tucker	15 00	
Mr. Wm. E. Haydock	20 00	
Miss Gebhart, in Memory of C. E. G.	10 00	
Mrs. John Coats Browne	10 00	
Mrs. Rebecca E. Pancoast	25 00	
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	25 00	
Mrs. Thos. Armstrong	5 00	
Miss Williamson	5 00	
Mr. George Frescoln	5 00	
Dr. Addinell Hewson	10 00	
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Judson	10 00	
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	50 00	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	50 00	
Miss Laura Bell	10 00	
Miss Emily Bell	10 00	
Dr. Edward R. Fell	10 00	
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00	
Mr. Beaveau Borie	25 00	
Miss Matilda Maulsby	50 00	
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar	25 00	
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	15 00	
Miss Ella Headman	5 00	
Mr. John W. Trinkle, in Memory of Mrs. Trinkle	150 00	
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	25 00	
Miss Maria S. Wilkins	25 00	
Mrs. T. B. Clemens	5 00	
Miss Bloodgood	5 00	
Mrs. C. M. Richardson	50 00	
Miss Jane Jamison	10 00	
Miss Susan Stevenson	10 00	
Mrs. George Crawford	10 00	
Dr. and Mrs. Grammer	20 00	
Mrs. Robert E. Atmore	10 00	
Miss Josephine Fernley	10 00	
Mrs. Frederick Stovell	25 00	
		$1,043 00
		$1,080 00
Total		$1,958 80

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.
Treasurer.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the editor of the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 South Tenth Street. They must be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say in December, not later than the 25th.

The Rector's Letter.

There are several matters that I wish to bring to the attention of the congregation through the PARISH NEWS. It strikes a jarring note in the devotional services of the Church to dwell much upon the secular side of the Church's life; yet, as Lord Morley has said, "There is a kitchen side to everything." The most splendid banquets have to be prepared in the heat of the kitchen and by many disagreeable and toilsome processes. Those fastidious folk who cannot bear to give any attention to such details remind one of the soldier described by Hotspur, as appearing on the battle-field

"perfumed like a milliner,
And with a pouncet-box which, ever and anon,
He gave his nose and took't away again."

They may be æsthetic, but they are strikingly ineffective. What the Church needs is efficient methods, and that is what real religion makes—efficient people, who are of service in the world. Perhaps I am wrong in allowing æsthetic considerations to make me shrink from dwelling upon practical counsels in the chancel. Perhaps the right atmosphere for devotion is one in which there is much emphasis upon service and it would be well if all should follow the counsel given in the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles—one of the earliest records of primitive Christianity—where it is enjoined upon converts that "all their speech should be full of doing," that is, all their talking was to lead to positive action.

Still, there are advantages in the written word which remaineth, as Horace says, and can be carried home and read over in a quiet hour. So I wish to use the PARISH NEWS to give a few pastoral counsels to the congregation.

The first is that I hope that they will do their Christmas shopping in the next two weeks if possible. A little forethought, a little exertion *now* will mean a great relief to the busy clerks at Christmas time in our great department stores, where Christmas Day is deprived of its buoyancy by excessive fatigue as the result of their late hours and exhaustive toil in the previous week. To begin now the selection of presents is to make the Christmas season longer, to secure a better choice and to lessen the burdens of clerks, errand-boys, expressmen and countless people. Let us make an Advent resolution to do this.

The second counsel that I am going to give does not concern the activities of life, but relates to the improvement of the leisure of the sick-room. Why should the friends of the sick person keep the minister out of the sick-room, unless the patient is *in extremis?* Of course there are many cases of fever and of

surgical operations when quiet is so imperative a thing that even the nearest and dearest stay away, and under these circumstances no minister would expect to be admitted. But is it not a good custom in most cases to have the minister come in as a chaplain for the sick person? We all know how hard it is in sickness to collect one's thoughts, how listlessly the days pass; why not have it as an understood thing that the minister will be welcomed and expected to say a few words of prayer with those who cannot go to church and whose devotions will be helped and guided if his familiar voice utters petitions for them by their bedside? I am going to make it a rule—not a fixed rule, but a general rule—to have a prayer in such cases, and I wish to be understood that such a suggestion on my part does not imply that I regard the patient as seriously ill but that I am anxious to help him to learn the lessons of sickness or convalescence. These experiences are rich with instruction and disciplines of incalculable value if only they are rightly improved. Convalescence is not a state to be rushed through without a thought about its improvement. In those quiet hours of meditation the patient has an opportunity to reconsider his estimates of values, to take out of the cabinets of memory his choicest recollections and by the breath of prayer to drive away the clouds of earth and gaze in adoring rapture upon the stars of hope.

The third request that I am going to make is, as the Apostle would say, the same old request that I wrote to you aforetime; for to write the same things to you, to me indeed is rather grievous but for you it is safe and wholesome and the only way of being effective; for, as Morley says,—to quote again a favorite writer—"Literary people may dislike repetition, but every propagandist knows that its avoidance in his work would mean sheer ineffectiveness." So I return once more to the Envelope System and ask that every one connecting himself in any way with our church will kindly take a package of the envelopes and begin at this date and keep up with the system. It has many merits, and I believe that those who once undertake it will find that the sense of satisfaction that results from carrying out a systematic plan in one's giving will do much to sweeten Sunday. Every effort for the sake of Christ brings Him nearer to us.

The Envelope System is working admirably, but not more than a third—certainly not one-half—of the congregation is co-operating with it. The Verger has the packages and will gladly furnish them to any one who will accept them. The treasurer does not know the individual contributions, nor does he make any note of the amounts severally contributed but only keeps a record of the envelopes to see if they are coming in with regularity. There is no question about the success of the system for it has proven a great success. The only problem is to make it more successful by persuading more people to co-operate with us.

C. E. G.

Christmas Dinners.

It has been the custom in St. Stephen's Church for a number of years to provide Christmas dinners for the poor of the parish, and this year the appeal is made as usual for donations for that purpose. Last year out of the sum of $329 which was contributed, over a thousand persons were supplied with a good Christmas dinner. The distribution of the baskets is carefully supervised by Miss Lewis, and only those known to be deserving are provided for. It is hoped that a generous offering will be made this year, and that even a larger number of homes will be made happy by the liberality of our congregation at this season of good cheer. Donations may be placed in the envelopes which will be distributed in the pews for the purpose, or they may be sent to the Rector.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church for the season 1910-11 was held on November 17th in the Guild room.

The president, Mrs. Magee, was in the chair and Dr. Grammer opened the meeting with prayer. After roll call, which showed an attendance of thirty members, interesting reports from each of the sub-committees were read. Miss Bell was unable to be present, so the report of the Foreign Committee was read by Miss Headman. Miss Bell stated that the $50,000 needed for St. Paul's College, Tokyo, had been contributed after unusual exertion on the part of the committee in charge of the fund. She also reported the need for two men

doctors and a trained nurse in St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, where 50,000 patients are treated each year. Articles of bedding and clothing are needed in this hospital and in several schools in other parts of China.

Mrs. Lautenbach, reporting for the Indian Hope Committee, told of the efforts being made to rebuild St. Mary's school for Indian girls.

Mrs. Lucas spoke of the last meeting of the Diocesan Committee and mentioned Bishop Whitaker's appeal for aid for two aged and infirm members of the clergy. In answer to this appeal a check for $50 was sent to the committee through the Missionary Box Committee. Mrs. Lucas also spoke of an appeal made by Mr. Gazlin, of the Seaman's Mission, for old magazines. Any magazines sent to St. Stephen's and marked "Seaman's Mission" will be forwarded to Mr. Gazlin.

Miss Bright reported that the Missionary Box Committee, by starting the year with a balance, had been able to answer promptly an urgent appeal from Chilten, Wisconsin. A box of clothing valued at $75 has already been sent, and a note of acknowledgment was read at the meeting. This committee also contributed $50 towards the cases for which Bishop Whitaker appealed.

Miss Magee reported $231 toward the United Offering last season. There was no balance, but since the convention $66 has been collected.

Mrs. Colket reported for the Domestic Committee and Miss Magee read a letter from Bishop Thomas asking for $300 towards his work.

Mrs. English spoke of the amount of information on Church and Missionary matters contained in the Church Calendar and urged the members to buy copies for their friends and for themselves. The price of the calendar is 50 cents.

A letter from our president, Miss Magee, informed us that her many pressing duties made it necessary for her to resign her office in this society. With deep regret this resignation was finally accepted and a committee of five were appointed to confer with the Rector on the choice of a successor.

As there was no outside speaker the meeting then adjourned.

MARY DE HAVEN BRIGHT,
Secretary pro tem.

Parish Visitor's Report.

Thanksgiving Day was so lovely and bright that indeed it would have been hard not to be thankful, especially when one viewed the baskets of groceries and necessities as well as medicine that we were enabled to distribute among the sick and suffering, through the generosity of St. Stephen's congregation.

We want to thank the King's Daughters for their share in this work.

The fruit from the Thanksgiving harvest was distributed among the sick.

One of the cases the Parish Visitor had during the summer was most distressing. The woman was a widow with three children, the oldest only eight years, all depending upon the mother who had been a member of our Tuberculosis Class, and, as long as she was able, attended the Mothers' Meeting. She tried to earn a living by keeping a cheap apartment house and slept in the dining room, as she was unable to be upon her feet much during the day or to go up and down stairs. The children slept in the kitchen. It would be hard to describe the extreme squalor and desolation of these rooms. The poor woman refused to go to the hospital until the last day of her life, when she begged to be put in one, or that something might be done that would make her well for the children's sake.

The Parish Visitor spent a great deal of time with her each day or evening as she grew worse. The doctor who attended her was very kind and exceedingly attentive, doing all that could be done for her, and a trained nurse made daily visits. At that time the entire house seemed to be in the care of the eight-year old child. She took care of the baby sister, swept, dusted and did some washing. At last death came, and the Parish Visitor gives thanks to God that she was enabled to console her to the very end, promising the dying woman that she would never lose sight of the children while they were children, which promise she will try most faithfully to keep.

Two unmarried sisters living in the country have given the children a home. The little eight-year old girl is tubercular, so it is most fortunate that her life is to be spent in the country.

A few weeks ago the Parish Visitor made them a short visit, to see for herself how they were getting along and if it were necessary to

put the child in the hospital. She found she was being attended by the Tuberculosis Society and everything possible was being done to help her regain her health. The home the children have is comfortable and the sisters want to keep them together as long as they are able, but they themselves are poor, as one works in a mill, while the other remains at home to take care of the house and the three children. The addition to the household is a great expense. For instance, three loaves of bread, baked during the week which were sufficient for the two sisters when alone, must now be increased to ten loaves a week, and other expenses in proportion. So, any contributions to the Parish Visitor of clothes for three girls aged eight, five and two, or any contributions of money, will be most gratefully received.

Can we not help these little girls to have a happy Christmas?

K. H. Lewis.

Result of Fair.

The Fair given in the auditorium of the Young Friends' Association on November 17th, 18th and 19th, in aid of the Chapin Memorial Home for Aged Blind, netted in all about $1,500. Of this St. Stephen's table sent $134.15. May I, through the Parish News, thank the members of St. Stephen's for the generous support they gave me. Considering that it was all done in about two weeks' time, I feel that the showing is very fair, but without the help of the congregation it could not have been accomplished.

It is hoped that all interested friends of the Chapin Home will continue to remember it, together with the other charities that claim their interest, and I will be only too glad in the future to receive contributions for the same. It is a charity that speaks for its own worthiness and is entirely dependent on public subscription for its support.

Ella H. Headman.

Our Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Annual Dinner.

It is most encouraging and an aid in centering our work among the men of the Parish, to see our Rector sit at table with most of his Vestry and the men of St. Stephen's to the number of 83, all united under the auspices of our Brotherhood Chapter for sociability and fellowship purposes. On this occasion, the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 15th, the blessing was given by the Rev. Fleming James, and we had as our guest and special speaker, Mr. Edmund B. McCarthy, who, as president of the Local Assembly of Chapters, most ably outlined the purposes and ideals of Brotherhood work. Mr. Ewing, of the Vestry, and Mr. Hollar both gave points of view facetious and exhortive, and impressive indeed was their call for rising toasts to the sacred memory of Ludovic Cleeman and David D. Wood. Dr. Grammer closed the speeches with kindly references to the good work of the Brotherhood members and his gratification at the united support and harmony among his parishioners. Our Director and the Dinner Committee deserve credit for their management, and particularly those on the musical program, which was so exquisitely rendered by the well-known artists, Mrs. D. D. Wood, Dr. Anthony and Mr. Parker, of our choir, with Mr. Frank Phillippe Anton, violin soloist, and Mr. Beaumont Glass and Mr. Selden Miller at the piano. Miss Bessie Clayton, with skill and sweetness, proved that St. Stephen's is continuing its well known musical standards. So another annual dinner among the men proves that the old church is very much alive. G. H. S.

The Work Among Our Boys.

Will the gentlemen who so kindly and generously responded to the appeal last winter for the needs of the Boys' Club—physical instructor, gymnasium apparatus, etc.—for their winter evenings, kindly give again, through Mr. Carrigan, Mr. Boyd or Mr. Streaker. They will gladly welcome contributions from anyone else who may desire to give to this important work among our own boys and the many boys who come to us. Surely, if you will visit us any Friday evening, in the Sunday School building, and see the many boys, off the streets and happy in their games, or making speeches in their United States Senate, or in their Physical Culture drills under Dr. Fountain, you will feel repaid. On Friday evening November 11th, the following standing was made in the gymnasium tests on the mats and dumb-bell drill, by R. Brown 88 per cent., J. Stork 92 per cent., T. Reed 71 per cent., F. LeDent 73 per cent., C. Marbet 75 per cent., Jenks 74 per cent., G. Supplee 85 per cent., W. Reed 75 per cent., F. Hart 75 per cent., R. Dodge 81 per cent., Fritzie Brotbeck 70 per cent., and H. Dodge 89 per cent. The next test will be held Friday evening, Dec. 16th. G. H. S.

Notes of Interest.

The Alpha Kappa Society will give "A memory of the good old summer-time," illustrated with the new electric lantern on Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, at 8.15, in the Sunday School building.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew had an admission service in the Church on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27th, after the regular four o'clock service, when Dr. Grammer duly admitted Theo. Hein, Luther Fisher, William Pedrick, Robert T. Boyd, Jr., and Walter Gove, into this active organization of young Church workers.

The corporate communion of the men of the Church and Brotherhoods, at 8 A. M., on Sunday morning, Nov. 27th, encouragingly brought out a large number, who after the solemn service in the church, thus so appropriately beginning the week of prayer, assembled in the parish house at a breakfast, thoughtfully prepared at the Rector's suggestion. With Bishop Kinsolving at the head of one table and Dr. Grammer at the head of the other, the scene will be remembered as another advance in the progress of St. Stephen's.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received from Miss Cleeman, $1.

Many happy little faces were upturned to Mr. Willis E. Reynolds on Wednesday evening, November 23rd, when he mounted the platform of the Sunday School room to address a few words of greeting to the children invited there by the Children's Friend Society, to witness an exhibition of moving pictures conducted by him. He announced to them that he was "the easiest fellow in the world to get along with, if you only behave well," and they must assuredly have found him easy to get along with, for they behaved admirably. Both boys and girls were well represented, some of them being very tiny tots indeed, but a restless movement or a word of interruption was not heard, from the moment the lights were turned down to admit of flashing the pictures on the screen, until they were turned up again as a "Good-night!" signal.

The pictures were very good indeed and depicted dramatic successions of events which greatly delighted the audience. Two series of delineations of Indian life in Colonial days were given, "The White Man's Medicine," and "The Sea Child," and the children were deeply thrilled, first by the exciting chase by Mohawk Indians of the tyrannical, bullying "White Medicine Man" and his gentle, unselfish wife who saves the day for them, and then by the vicissitudes of the little Salem maid persecuted by the witch-burning fanatics of that old town. The humors of "Ferdy on His Vacation" made them laugh heartily, and the romance of "Under the Apple-Tree," a love story, whose principal participants were children, also pleased them.

One of the most popular features of the entertainment was the singing in between the numbers of well-known songs by the sweet voice of Mrs. Reynolds, the children joining in the choruses—and be it added that no child there was too small to know both words and music. The audience dispersed at 9.30 P. M., in a highly satisfied frame of mind, with which was mingled much gratitude to the kind friends whose generosity had enabled them to spend a happy evening.

An Eye Witness.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their meetings Dec. 7th and Dec. 21st, in the Guild Room of Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

A family of five received a large basket of provisions for Thanksgiving from this Circle.

Money received and expended for this purpose from:

Mrs. Parmalee	$ 75
Miss Bertha Walsh	25
Miss E. Bezzel	25
Miss Irene Wilder	25
Miss Hedwig Kauffman	25
Mrs. Vanderslice	25
Total	$2 00

From Mrs. Robert Adams, jelly.

Shoe Fund.

Mrs. Parmalee	$ 25
Miss Cleemann	1 00
Total	$1 25

Will be very glad for small children's second hand shoes. Any kind will be acceptable if wearable.

The secretary of the Envelope System requests that members of the congregation return their envelopes without tearing them in half as this makes the labor of sorting them and checking them up according to their respective dates and numbers very much more difficult.

A piano is needed very badly for the Infant Department of the Sunday School. An upright is preferred on account of lack of space. If anyone has a piano not now in use here is an opportunity to put it to excellent service in this way, and it will be greatly appreciated if either given or lent.

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The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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1024 Spruce Street.

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145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip W. Cooke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale.
Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy,
Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Miss Margaret P. Ritter
Miss Helen Tuttle,

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maude Beith,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Dorothy Welsh.

TENOR.

Mr. Charles Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1114 Pine Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Miss Cleemann, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs.

Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. M. H. Tilghman, Miss Washington.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Cleemann, Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Tilghman, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Price, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Wm. Hewson, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Martha Culbertson.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. Howard Butcher.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.

Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss Cleemann, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Hopkins.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Adam Hall.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Daley.
Pianist.—

The Three Arts Club.

HONORARY OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.

ACTING OFFICERS:

President.—Miss Emily Bishop.
Vice-President.—Miss Stratton.
Secretary.—Miss Moncure.
Treasurer.—Miss Williams.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's on the Board of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Cleemann.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1114 Pine Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Circumcision.
6.—Epiphany.
8.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
15.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
22.—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
29.—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

December 8.—Edith Rose.
8.—Virginia Ethel Hoag.
8.—Leah Catharine Womelsdorf.
11.—Gertrude Mildred Howard.
18.—Mildred Miriam Bodie.

MARRIAGES.

December .—Nicholas Roman and Margaret Baker.
24.—Robert Bragonier Grove and Pansie T. Harrison.

BURIALS.

December 5.—John G. Eustis.
20.—Mary L. Henry.

Offerings Received During the Month of December, 1910.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$27 35	
Missionary Box	12 12	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	41 54	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	97 39	
		$178 40

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

St. Stephen's Farm	$2 00	
Charities	94 57	
Parochial Maintenance	74 07	
Missions	56 75	
Missionary Box	28 13	
Theological Education	15	
Indian Missions	10	
Episcopal Hospital	8 73	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	90 89	
Foreign Missions	50	
Colored Missions	50	
Diocesan Missions	50	
Domestic Missions	65	
Easter Day Decorations, 1911	50	
City Missions	50	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	79 32	
Benevolent Society	4 30	
		$442 16
		$620 56

SUMMARY.

Charities	$121 92	
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		$620 56

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

RECEIVED BY DR. GRAMMER.

For Christmas Dinners..... $283 42

THE CHURCH WORK FUND.

Mr. Wm. R. Taylor	50 00	
Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Petry	5 00	
Mrs. B. B. Dunne	5 00	
Mr. C. P. Lineaweaver	5 00	
Mr. John T. Lewis	25 00	
Mr. E. J. Moore	100 00	
Mr. H. H. Barton	50 00	
Mrs. G. G. Smith	5 00	
		$528 42
Total		$1,148 98

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the editor of the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 South Tenth Street. They must be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say in January, not later than the 29th.

The Rector's Letter.

On passing along Thirteenth street near Walnut last week I saw that the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind has opened a salesroom and exchange at 200 South Thirteenth street, where orders are taken for piano-tuning, chair-caning, carpet and rug weaving, baskets, brooms, whisks, crocheted articles, etc. This store has been opened with the truly philanthropic purpose of helping the blind to help themselves by giving them work. I know that the congregation of St. Stephen's is particularly interested in helping the blind, for our members gave a most substantial proof of it in their liberal response to the appeal which Miss Headman made in behalf of the Chapin Home for the Aged Blind, and it gives me pleasure to call their attention to this salesroom. I inspected the articles, and they seemed to me remarkably well made.

This number of the PARISH NEWS has been delayed a week in order that it might contain an account of our Christmas festivities. The New Year's greetings, therefore, are behind time. Still, the year is so young that it is not inappropriate to wish all our readers a Happy New Year.

Entering, as we do, upon the second decade of the twentieth century, we seem to feel the wind made by the wings of Father Time in his rapid flight, and all around us are the proofs that his scythe is ever at work. It was just about a year ago that we had that tremendous snow-storm which blocked almost all the street-cars of the city. It is pleasant to recall how Dr. Wood's love of conquering difficulties showed itself and how he made his way by new routes to the Church and came in rejoicing to find that a number of the members of the choir were on hand, resolved not to be outdone by their chief. People who allow themselves to be checked by little things miss some of the best pleasures of life. None of us who were present on that Sunday will forget the joy of the service. It was not simply an occasion of rest, but also marked a little victory over laziness and inertia. How good it was to worship while the elements were blustering about, a little band of worshippers sitting together in communion with God, in "a tumultuous privacy of storm." The remembrance of that Sunday a year ago will long remain with those who were present.

It is borne in on me, as Cromwell would say, that at that time our honored Accounting Warden, Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann, was then still with us. A few days afterwards he was taken from us by a death so sudden and painless that it was a veritable translation. It is a matter of regret that the completed memorial to him could not be unveiled on the Sunday nearest to the anniversary of his death, but it has been exceedingly difficult to obtain a suitable piece of marble for the bust; for, as every reader of Browning knows from that famous poem in which the Bishop Orders his Tomb, the selection of the piece of marble for a monument is an important matter. We wanted no "gritstone, a-crumble," but "marble—the rare, the ripe." Many marble yards were searched before a suitable stone could be found. The bust will before many weeks be placed in the niche that has been prepared for it on the east wall of the church, at the intersection with the transept, near to Mr. Cleemann's pew where he sat so regularly. An inscription will be placed beneath on a small brass tablet, giving the years of his service in the Vestry of the church. The congregation must not expect to see in the bust which will fill it a likeness of Mr. Cleemann in his last years, for we have preferred to portray him in the fulness of his vigor, when he showed in his carriage the result of those athletic exercises that had distinguished him in his youthful days.

No new year can open with any "relish of salvation in 't" unless some new resolutions are

made. I hope that those new members who have not yet taken the envelopes will make a resolution this year to co-operate with the system. This advice is particularly meant for our newer members. Of course we would like to reach out and gain more members and find wider fields for influence, but it is still more important that the people who now attend the church should be united to it by bonds of service, by participation in the work and by Christian fellowship. I do not believe any one who has not tried the envelope system knows the pleasure that can be gotten out of systematic giving. It raises the blessedness of him that giveth to a higher power; for the gift comes not out of the demands of the occasions or in response to a momentary impulse but is the outcome of a determined purpose and is the expression of one's whole personality. It means that the giver consecrates himself and his substance to the service of God, and has loyally accepted the duty of advancing His cause in the world, according to his ability.

Mr. Van Dusen's admirable reports will show exactly how the system is working. It has already greatly increased our offerings.

There is another way, however, of advancing the cause, which must not be neglected. A loyal church member not only brings himself to church, he also tries to bring others. I know a whole group of people in St. Stephen's Church who have been brought there through the zeal and enthusiasm of a few persons. The churches that succeed are the churches in which every member feels himself a part of the society and charges himself with the duty of helping the cause. I hope that our missionary activities will show themselves both in giving, and also by gathering many of the churchless people into our fold.

C. E. G.

Christmas Dinners.

The Christmas Dinners Committee takes great pleasure in reporting to the congregation and all who contributed toward the annual dinners provided at this season by St. Stephen's. We might say, to be brief, that this year was practically the same as last year —the same number of baskets provided—the same articles of food placed in each (eleven articles in all)—and the same system of distribution followed. The contributions this year fell a little below those of last year; but by careful estimating, also by St. Stephen's farm supplying the potatoes, and especially through a splendid gift of sixty chickens from one who remembers this object every Christmas, we had ample to make up quite generous baskets, completed, many of them, by two pies —the gift of another generous friend.

We want to take this opportunity of thanking all who contributed toward this worthy object. Good will to men is at least one-half of the Christmas message, and the fruit of good will is often in the form of generosity in material things. Using the sentiment of the poet may we not say that such gifts are twice blest; they bless those who give, and those who receive.

Committee on Distribution.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The December meeting of St. Stephen's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on Thursday morning, December 15, at eleven o'clock. There were twenty-five members present, and Miss Magee occupied the chair as president for the last time.

After a short opening service conducted by Dr. Grammer the usual routine business was transacted and reports were heard from the different committees. All the reports were interesting, but one pictured so graphically the splendid type of young people in our mission fields that Miss Magee must repeat the story to a larger audience.

The next meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, January 19th, at eleven o'clock and the speaker will be the Rev. Amos Goddard, of China. Miss Bell, the newly elected president, will enter into office.

Respectfuly submitted,

Mary De Haven Bright, *Sec.*

At the last meeting of the Domestic branch of the Woman's Auxiliary the address was delivered by the Bishop of South Dakota, who told that both the young clergymen in his diocese were Harvard graduates and splendid workers. He had known them while in the University and afterwards, in the Theological Seminary. After his ordination one of them said that he wanted to go West, but that he was engaged to be married. The Bishop advised him to tell the young lady that they would be obliged to live on $900 a year and in a bungalow rectory and probably in a rough place. The young man did as the Bishop advised and soon returned saying that the young girl said that she would go. The next year the Bishop called again, saying that he had a little money and would like to make him and his wife a present of a piece of furniture to make it more homelike, which he declined, saying they were very comfortable and had no needs. A little later the young man asked the Bishop's advice about some work not exactly in keeping with his profession. The baseball club had asked him to coach them in a game, but he would not answer without his approval. The Bishop said that he would consider the matter and advise him. When the Bishop sent for him he asked, Do you think after you have prepared your sermon and attended to all the duties of a rector that you will have time to grant their request? He answered that he thought so. Then, said the Bishop, I see nothing in either canon or rubric that forbids, so I consent. The young man had been the Harvard coach, and won for the club a splendid victory. He was told that they were a profane set, but acknowledged that not an oath had been uttered while he was with them or indeed afterwards for they respected him and his profession too much for that. A few days later a committee waited on him with a letter of thanks, expressing their appreciation, signed by 100 men, asking him to accept a gift of $100 for his services. He declined the gift. They then offered him a piece of furniture or something for the house. That was declined also. They then said, We will give you something which we think you must accept, a furnace for your church. This was accepted with grateful thanks, as it was a real necessity. The Bishop told this with much pride to show what the example of this splendid young man had been to these plain, rough men, with an effect that preaching could not reach.

All glory to the noble, self-sacrificing priest and his brave young wife.

Fannie S. Magee.

Sunday School Festival.

The evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27 and 28, are memorable in the history of the Sunday School as the occasion of one of the most successful Christmas entertainments that we have had for a number of years. The play was well chosen and appropriate, and served the purpose not only of furnishing amusement to a crowded house for an evening, but of embodying and emphasizing the important truth that there really *is* a Santa Claus for all who love one another, and that he is that spirit of love who prompts our gifts at this happy season.

Mr. Streaker not only selected and coached the play, with his usual zeal and enthusiasm, but played the important part of Santa Claus himself as well. The rôle of the heroine, Molly Jackson Brown, was ably rendered by Stella Rose, who charmed the audience with her sweet songs. Several novel and amusing features were introduced into the programme, such as the chorus of foot-ball boys in the second act and the ever-popular musical selections of our versatile favorite, Jack Lewis. The terrible "Yama Man" was so vividly pictured by Misses Florence Sherrard and Irene Wilder, in appropriate costumes, that it almost made the audience feel afraid to look behind them, and caused them to breathe a sigh of relief when the lights went on.

Another important feature of the programme was the singing of the Christmas carols, which was accomplished with deserved credit under the able leadership of our kind friend, Dr. Anthony, with Miss Frances Fisher as accompanist. Dr. Grammer furnished sauce to the pudding, as it were, by adding the finishing touch to the occasion with one of his interesting speeches, and his amusing stories were enjoyed by all. After the distribution of candy, cakes and oranges, the children departed for their homes loud in their praises of "the cast" and especially of Mr. Streaker, whose untiring energy at this season of the year never fails to make successful the Christmas festival, which both provides us with appropriate entertainment for an evening and unites us in the bonds of good fellowship under St. Stephen's roof.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society held its Christmas entertainment on the evening of Thursday, December 29. The most popular feature of the occasion consisted in a number of recitations which were both amusing and ably rendered, and

held the attention of the audience with breathless interest. Several popular airs were played by means of a number of ingenious devices, such as the ringing of a set of bells and the spinning of metal disks of varying sizes; and some selections on the piano completed the program. The entertainment was followed by a short dance, after which refreshments were served, and the audience adjourned after what was voted a very enjoyable evening.

Special Notice.

Anyone not now receiving the PARISH NEWS and desiring to do so will confer a favor upon the Rector by sending name and address to the Editor. It is desired to make this paper a useful instrument in bringing together the members of the Church and its societies in mutual acquaintance and interest, and the Editor will gladly see that it is mailed to anyone upon request.

Notice.

A play, entitled "Won by Wireless," will be given in the Parish Building of the Church of the Advocate, at 18th and Diamond streets, on Tuesday evening, February 7th, at 8.15 o'clock, for the benefit of the relief fund of the P. E. Sexton's Association. The price of admission is 25 cents, and tickets may be obtained from Mr. Carrigan.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in December:

Mr. Samuel Moore	$10 00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	1 00
Total	$11 00

The Thanksgiving Entertainment being so late, the children will enjoy their Christmas treat later on.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Have their next meeting January 17th in the Guild Room of the Parish House at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

Two families, making in all twelve persons, were made happy with groceries and other good things by this Circle on Christmas Day. Willing Day Nursery was also given a good size bundle of bibs, books and other things.

Several postal albums filled with postals were given to the poor and were much enjoyed.

Money received to buy the good things for the Christmas baskets:

From Miss Bertha Walshe	$ 25
Mrs. M. Bodie	50
Miss Irene Wilder	25
Miss Anna Mellinger	25
Miss B. Townsend	50
Miss E. Bezzel	25
Miss Taggert	1 00
	$3 00

Miss Anna Taggert, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Vanderslice, groceries.

Expended for the baskets, $3.00.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in December from Church Fund through Dr. Grammer	$25 00
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	25
From Mrs. Galbraith	1 00
From those receiving shoes	8 25
Total	$34 50
Expended for shoes	15 93
Balance	$18 57

Gave out in December 23 pairs of shoes and 7 pairs of overshoes.

Donation of two pairs of shoes from Miss Swift.

Received from Santa Claus a large box of shoes, and a box of overshoes.

I fear that the girls were not so good this year, as most of the shoes and overshoes were for the boys.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION

JOSEPH CLAYTON

Funeral Director

225 SOUTH ELEVENTH ST., PHILADELPHIA

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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Clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

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Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip W. Cooke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale.
Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy,
Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Miss Margaret P. Ritter
Miss Helen Tuttle,

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maude Beith,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Dorothy Welsh.

TENOR.

Mr. Charles Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.

James Carrigan,
1024 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Cromburger, Mrs. Bird, Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Hanseli, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Lenten Sewing.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss Edith H. Walter.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Howell, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Price.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Fetzer, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.

Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Elsie Lowrey, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. F. W. English.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

O.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Wm. Hammer.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Daley.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No.* 1024 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2.—Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
5.—Fifth Sunday After Epiphany.
12.—Septuagesima.
19.—Sexagesima.
24.—S. Matthias.
26.—Quinquagesima.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

January 1.—Cooper Shapley, Jr.
Joseph Janney Shapley.
Helen Rhodes Shapley.
22.—Faith Stewart Habberton.

MARRIAGES.

January 11.—Joseph Ernest Kaseman and Marguerite Bilyeu.
18.—Frank E. Schoonover and Martha Culbertson.

BURIALS.

January 5.—Russell J. Eaton.
13.—Thomas Barnes.
18.—Charles M. Curtis.
18.—Margaretha E. H. Cleemann.

Offerings Received During January, 1911.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$50 70
Foreign Missions	46 93
Colored Missions	36 04
Parochial Maintenance	16 65
Missions	34 91
	$185 23

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$106	68
Parochial Maintenance	126	21
Benevolent Society	1	44
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	4	65
Missions	45	54
Missionary Box		74
Episcopal Hospital		32
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	19	32
Foreign Missions	60	36
Colored Missions	52	90
	$418	16

SUMMARY.

Charities	$157	38
Foreign Missions	107	29
Colored Missions	88	94
Parochial Maintenance	142	86
Missions	80	45
Benevolent Society	1	44
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	4	65
Missionary Box		74
Episcopal Hospital		32
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	19	32
	$603	39

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the editor of the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 South Tenth Street. They must be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say in February, not later than the 26th.

Programme for Noon-Day Lenten Services, 1911, St. Stephen's Church.

Mar. 1st, Ash Wed...	The Rt. Rev. Alex. Mackay-Smith, D. D., Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.
Mar, 2nd, Thurs.....	The Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.
March 3rd, Fri.....	The Rt. Rev. F. J. Kinsman, D. D., Bishop of Delaware.
Mar. 4th, Sat.....	Rev. Fleming James, Ph. D., St. Anna's Church, Philadelphia.
Mar. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.....	Rev. Elwood Worcester, D. D., Emmanuel Church, Boston.
Mar. 11th, Sat.....	Rev. William P. Remington, Holy Communion Memorial Chapel, Philadelphia.
March 13, 14, 15, 16..	The Rt. Rev. Chas. D. Williams, Bishop of Michigan.
Mar. 17th, Fri.....	Rev. Hubert W. Wells, St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.
Mar. 18th, Sat.....	Rev. Croswell McBee, D. D., St. John's Church, Lansdowne, Pa.
Mar. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	Rev. Hugh Birckhead, D. D., St. George's Church, New York.
March 25th, Sat.....	Rev. Henry Martyn Medary, Memorial Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia.
March 27th to 31st inc.	The Rt. Rev. A. S. Lloyd, D. D., President of the Board of Missions.
Apr. 1st, Sat.....	Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz, Jr., Epiphany Chapel, Philadelphia.
Apr. 3rd to 7th, inc..	Rev. P. F. Sturges, St. Peter's Church, Morristown, N. J.
Apr. 8th, Sat.....	Rev. E. M. Franck, Church of the Advent, Philadelphia.
Apr. 10th to 14th inc.	Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
April 15th, Sat.....	Rev. Robert Long, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

On motion of Miss Fanny S. Magee the following resolution was passed by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Parish:

WHEREAS it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our faithful associate and dearly loved friend, Miss Ellen Cleemann,

Resolved that we desire to place upon record our sincere appreciation of the loveliness of her character and her deep and unfailing devotion to St. Stephen's, the church of her love from her earliest childhood until her death.

Gentle, unobtrusive and pure in heart, firm in character, but ever considerate for the opinions of others, she exemplified to her friends, and all were such, the beauty of holiness. Amiable, loving, she inspired affection in all with whom she was associated. Years of constant intercourse with her in our numerous church duties endeared her to us all, and now that God has taken her to Himself, our hearts are filled with sorrow, but with thankfulness for the bright and beautiful example she has left us.

The following minute has been adopted by the Benevolent Society:

It is but fitting that the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church should pay a tribute to the memory of Miss Cleemann, its president for a time and a member for many years. Her constant attendance at all meetings and active interest in its work, will make her absence sorely felt.

During the winter, as her health began to fail, she was forced to abandon her other benevolent activities, but almost up to the end she bravely attended her church and *The Benevolent*, whose work was close to her heart. A true Christian gentlewoman has gone from among us and her place shall know her no more.

These resolutions show the affection and respect felt for Miss Cleemann by the women of St. Stephen's, and their sense of loss at her death. It is fitting, however, that as Rector of the Church, I should add my testimony to theirs and speak of the beauty of her Christian character. She was one of our very oldest members, not by reason of her age, for she had not exceeded by much the seventy years anciently regarded as our allotted term, but in virtue of her connection with St. Stephen's from her infancy. Like her brother, our honored late accounting warden, Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann, she was baptized in our font and spent her whole life in faithful attendance on this Church and in loyal labors in its societies. The dominant notes of her character were sincerity and unselfishness. Singularly detached from the ambitions and self-seekings of the children of this world, she spent her life in ministrations of loving-kindness. Not many days before she died she had the pleasure of seeing the model of her brother's bust placed temporarily in its niche that the sculptor might judge of the effect, and it is gratifying to recall that she was pleased with the likeness, and improved the memorial by some helpful suggestions. Among the influences that moulded Ludovic C. Cleemann into the shape and figure of manhood that evoked this enduring memorial, he would himself, I am sure, have given a high place to the consistent Christian example and loving influences of this unselfish older sister, and the memorial to him will be, therefore, also a memorial of her, who was ever, as the Latin motto has it, *aliorum memor, immemor sui.* C. E. G.

A Generous Addition to the Endowment Fund.

Shortly after the death of Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann, his heirs, Miss Ellen Cleemann and Dr. Richard A. Cleemann, informed the Rector privately that they intended to contribute $10,000 to the endowment of St. Stephen's Church out of their brother's estate after it had been duly and legally settled, inasmuch as they felt that such a legacy would have been made by their brother if his will, which was of an early date, had been drawn later. They desired, therefore, to fulfil in this way the spirit of his life regardless of the letter of his testament.

This sum was placed last month in the hands of our Accounting Warden, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing. The actual transfer occurred after the death of Miss Cleemann, but though acting now singly, Dr. Cleemann carried out by this action the common purpose of himself and his sister. This addition is to be considered, by their desire, as a gift from the estate of Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann. This wish will, of course, be complied with, but it is impossible that we should disassociate Miss Cleemann, or Dr. Richard A. Cleemann from this benefaction. We are the richer by this token of brotherly and sisterly loyalty and love on their part, as well as by this substantial increase to our interest-bearing securities. All three are really joined in this gift to the Church where all three were baptized. It is, however, to be emphasized that the money comes out of the estate of Ludovic C. Cleemann and is given as an interpretation of his purposes by those who knew and loved him best. It is unnecessary to say here how greatly such additions are needed to insure the future of our down-town Church; and how much the Vestry is aided by this generous and fraternal gift.

The Rector's Letter.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

It will soon be necessary to order from the printer the envelopes for the year that begins with Easter. The system has proven so measurably successful that I feel sure that it will solve, to a large extent, all of our problems if it be universally adopted and faithfully worked. A committee will be appointed to see if more members cannot be induced to take the packages. There are two misconceptions to be guarded against: the first is that there is anything inquisitorial about this method of raising money and that it is intended thereby to discover the amount that each person gives. All that is recorded is the return of the envelopes and the fact that one or both pockets contain gifts. The amounts are neither recorded nor known. The second misconception is that the envelopes are only to be used on the days when the holder attends church. It is one of the great objects of the system to make the offerings of the church independent of the weather and the various hindrances that interfere with regularity of church attendance. It is hoped and expected that those who are absent on one Sunday will bring two envelopes with their offerings on the following Sunday, and it ought to be a matter of pride that all of the envelopes should, if possible, be returned with some offering however small. Those who have tried this plan will testify that the system adds new pleasure to giving. After the service last Sunday, a man who had been attending church recently came in and said: "I wish you would give me one of those packages; for I can't get here every Sunday and on the days when I am prevented I should like to send my offering and be present that far." He was a man who had been struggling against intemperance, and is now leading a new life. He felt that the Church would be more of a power in his life if he could unite himself more closely to us in this way. It was a sound and true instinct. My zeal for the system is awakened largely by its splendid reflex action upon those who use it. It is said of Alexander Hamilton that he so administered the Treasury Department that be bound the states together by closer ties and welded us into a nation. The same force may be utilized on a smaller and yet higher scale, and a congeries of people, hardly knit together at all, and only associated by propinquity, may be bound up into a true brotherhood in Christian service by their common support of the church and their common self-denials for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

THE OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

In spite of the inclusion of Diocesan Missions in the lists of offerings printed upon the envelopes, during the week before February 19 the collectors will be sent around, according to custom, and ask for these offerings. This parochial custom of many years' standing is retained, in spite of the envelope system, first because it has been unusually effective and it would therefore be a mistake to interfere with it. We have done remarkably well with it, and I cannot risk falling short of the usual amount as there are definite pledges to the Convocation that have to be met and the assessment for Diocesan purposes must be paid out of the offering. And, second, there are a number of generous contributors, members of the parish of long standing and proven loyalty who respond faithfully to all appeals but do not use the envelope system and prefer the old ways; they will look for the collector with his books. Those who use the envelopes though they have been accustomed to contribute through the collector, can either give him their contribution or place it in the proper pocket in the envelope. Personally, I prefer that they should give him the contribution and reward him for his labor in that way. In such cases, I will give a list of the names to the Treasurer, with instructions to mark that envelope as returned in his list.

LENT.

We publish above a list of the Lenten speakers. The Brotherhood has been remarkably successful in gaining men of eminence to come from abroad and deliver their messages in this city.

The Bishop of the Diocese has honored us by consenting to deliver the address on Ash Wednesday, officially opening the series. It will be a great pleasure to the people of St. Stephen's to hear Dr. Worcester again, and he will undoubtedly fill the church with people anxious to hear his spiritual message. The chief speaker for the following week will be the Rt. Rev. Charles David Williams, Bishop of Michigan, whose speech at a recent banquet in New York, where ex-President Roosevelt and other distinguished men also spoke, was regarded as the most brilliant speech of the evening. He is a Christian leader of great courage, energy and originality. His successor as chief speaker for the week following will be the Rev. Dr. Hugh Birckhead, who has followed with such remarkable success Dr. Rainsford as rector of St. George's Church, New York. No words of encomium are necessary for Bishop Lloyd, president of our Board of Missions, who will take five days of the week following. After him will come the Rev. P. F. Sturges, of St. Peter's Church, Mooresstown, who has been most warmly commended to me by Dr. Worcester as a speaker of beauty and power. The other days and Holy Week will be filled by local clergy and the Rector of the church. With such assistance we ought to have services of splendid efficiency.

C. E. G.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

Forty-four members were present at the meeting of the Society held on Jan. 19th. Miss Almy, president of the Junior Auxiliary in Philadelphia, addressed the meeting, urging that a Junior branch be formed at St. Stephen's and offering her help in organization. Mrs. English undertook this important work.

The Foreign Committee told of Bishop Kingsolving's work in Brazil. He has under him twenty-nine clergy with thirty-seven parishes to visit.

The Diocesan Committee described the rapid growth of St. Paul's Church, 15th and Porter streets. When Mr. Parsons took charge of the parish there was an average attendance of eighty-seven. There are now three hundred and seventy-five communicants. Mr. Parsons greatly needs a large parish house and it is hoped to erect one in memory of Mr. George C. Thomas.

Miss Anna Magee reported $130 towards the United Offering. She said that last year had given $36,000 to missions.

The Rev. Amos Goddard, of Shasi, China, made the address, describing very clearly the old conditions in China and the changes that are now taking place in education, customs and the opium trade.

Under the old system of education only one man in 100, and only one woman in 1,000 could read. There were no Chinese schools for girls until 1900 and in the schools for boys the doors of learning opened only towards the past. All education consisted in memorizing the works of the ancient Chinese sages. There are now 40,000 schools where the Chinese, and Western language and sciences are necessary before one can obtain a degree. Since 1900, when the Empress Dowager issued her edict favoring education for women, all large cities have schools for girls.

Foot binding is going out, largely because of the influence of Christian schools, which re-

fuse to receive any girl unless she has "large," or unbound feet.

The Chinese have shown their earnestness in abolishing the opium traffic by making public bonfires of their pipes and by turning their poppy fields into wheat and rice. This great country has just awakened to the importance of Western thought and civilization. She needs our prayers, our thought and our money. In Shasi there are 70,000 people and around are four outstations, 150,000 people in all. There is no doctor, nurse or hospital in this great district and no mission but ours.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday evening, February 16th, at eight o'clock in the Sunday School Building. Reports will be read from the different committees, followed by an address on "The Work of the Church in Alaska," illustrated with slides, by Rev. Charles E. Bettschur, Jr., of Fairbanks. Members are urged to attend and to bring their friends.

The Junior Auxiliary.

At the request of the Rector it has been decided to organize a Junior Auxiliary in St. Stephen's Church. It is sincerely hoped that all the young people will rally to our help in this very desirable undertaking so forcibly presented by Miss Almy at the Auxiliary meeting last month. The purpose of the society is to raise up in our midst a body of young women who will be able later to fill the places of those now in the Woman's Auxiliary. There will be an organization meeting on Ash-Wednesday in which officers will be chosen by the members and the work decided upon. It is earnestly requested that all the girls in our congregation be present at the organization meeting, in the Vestry room at three o'clock on Ash-Wednesday.

MINNIE TAYLOR ENGLISH.

A Mission Study Class will begin on the first Saturday morning in Lent for the study of the work of the Church in Japan. The text-book used will be "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," by John H. de Forest. The class will be held in the Parish Building at eleven o'clock, as usual, under the leadership of Miss Laura Bell. Names of those desiring to join the class should be sent in advance.

Meetings of the Woman's National Foreign Missionary Jubilee will be held in Philadelphia from February 11 to February 14, notices of which will be found in the daily and religious papers. Women interested in missions, and more especially those *not* interested in missions are asked to try to attend at least one of these meetings.

The friends of the Girls' Friendly Society may be interested to hear that the total receipts from the fair held in November for the benefit of the Cape May Holiday House amounted to $1,672.76. We take this opportunity of thanking those members of St. Stephen's who helped to make this fair so successful.

The Boys' Club.

The attention of the congregation is called to the needs of our boys. Our gymnasium is very inadequately equipped, which makes it difficult for us to hold our boys, against the modern and better equipped establishments of several of our near-by churches. We have an able teacher, and under his instruction the boys are doing excellent work, but they are sadly handicapped by lack of apparatus. About $100 is needed, and donations will be greatly appreciated if sent to the Rector or to Mr. Robert T. Boyd.

Parish Visitor's Report.

Though it may seem to the Parish Visitor that her work appears monotonous to those reading about it, it is not so in the performance of it; for day by day it presents an infinite variety to one who can enter into the daily life of many, by the sympathy and encouragement she is empowered to bring to them through the channels of St. Stephen's people. Each case has its own particular interest, although they may appear similar when writing them up.

Quite a nice sum of money was sent to the Parish Visitor for the aunts who have taken charge of the three little girls mentioned some months ago, and their gratitude was unbounded. In the letter of acknowledgment the aunts send their heartfelt thanks to the friends whom God had touched and they promised that the money should be used for clothing for the children, which they so much need. A box of toys was also received, with the request that it be sent to them and the little hearts were made very happy, the dollies especially giving unbounded pleasure. A great load of financial worry was lifted from the shoulders of the two hard-working women who have these children under their care, by these donations.

Other hearts were made glad too by the baskets we distributed at Christmas time, to the appreciation of which a number of letters testify as well as word of mouth. Many a "God bless you" and "my good Samaritan friend" were contained within these letters, which I pass along to the people of St. Stephen's, as I am only their messenger and could do nothing were it not for their generosity. I quote portions of two letters, which read as follows: "To be old and cold, Miss Lewis, you may believe is not pleasant and so you will know what a good thing it is to feel that there is a whole ton of warmth and cheer in the cellar. Thanking you and all the kind friends for wishing us to share the joy of Christmas time. . . ."

And another letter reads: "I should indeed be ungrateful were I not to thank you and those who make it possible for you to help me, as you have done this Christmas. My brother has been having hemorrhages again and again and is very weak. I was wishing for a chicken to make some broth when the young man came with not one, but two. King George could not have finer, besides the other things. It seems this year I have only to pray for a thing and it is laid at my feet." This shows that our work is not in vain.

K. H. LEWIS.

The Junior Brotherhood.

An admission service for the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in the church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15th, and our Rector received into the fellowship of this young organization of church workers, Herbert Leitsch and James Mearns.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received in January:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	$1 00

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their next meeting February 15th, in Guild Room of Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

Received from Mrs. Patton's Estate (through Mrs. J. H. Ewing) for the King's Daughters' work, $33.41.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in January:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	$ 25
From Miss Mary Schaeffer	1 50
From those receiving shoes	6 90
Total	$8 65
Expended for shoes in January	2 87
Balance	$5 78

Have given out in January, 23 pairs of shoes and 18 pairs of overshoes.

Very many thanks to Santa Claus for his nice box of shoes and overshoes which he so kindly sent at Christmas. They came too late to acknowledge them in the December PARISH NEWS.

Special Notice.

Anyone not now receiving the PARISH NEWS and desiring to do so, will confer a favor upon the Rector by sending name and address to the Editor. It is desired to make this paper a useful instrument in bringing together the members of the Church and its societies in mutual acquaintance and interest, and the Editor will gladly see that it is mailed to anyone upon request.

Notice.

A play, entitled "Won by Wireless," will be given in the Parish Building of the Church of the Advocate, at 18th and Diamond streets, on Tuesday evening, February 7th, at 8.15 o'clock, for the benefit of the relief fund of the P. E. Sexton's Association. The price of admission is 25 cents, and tickets may be obtained from Mr. Carrigan.

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

SOPRANO.

Mrs. Philip W. Cooke,
Miss Elizabeth Dale.
Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy,
Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Miss Margaret P. Ritter
Miss Helen Tuttle,

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maude Beith,
Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Dorothy Welsh.

TENOR.

Mr. Charles Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1024 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Mr. John D. Lewis, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Howell, Miss Margaret Culbertson.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Price.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.

Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. F. W. English.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley,
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Wm. Hammer.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Daley.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month at 8 P. M., in the Parish House.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No. 1024 Spruce Street, at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 1.—Ash Wednesday.
5.—First Sunday in Lent.
12.—Second Sunday in Lent.
19.—Third Sunday in Lent.
25.—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
26.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

February 5.—*John Adams* Stevenson.

MARRIAGES.

February 10.—Thomas William Parsche and Edith Warren.
20.—Norman MacArthur and Ethel Harriet McGonigal.

BURIALS.

February 2.—Louisa Teresa Warncke.
2.—J. Sanders Reed.
14.—Joseph Rowe Smith.
22.—Albert S. Ashmead.

Offerings Received During February, 1911.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$46 54	
Parochial Maintenance	31 30	
Diocesan Missions	36 44	
Missions	30 27	
		$144 55

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

St. Stephen's Farm	$ 10	
Charities	189 89	
Parochial Maintenance	204 32	
Benevolent Society	05	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	80	
Missions	159 83	
Missionary Box	10	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	25	
Foreign Missions	45	
Colored Missions	2 18	
Diocesan Missions	540 18	
Work Among "Our Boys"	1 00	
		$1099 15

SUMMARY.

Charities	$236 43	
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Diocesan Missions	576 62	
Missions	190 10	
St. Stephen's Farm	10	
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Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	80	
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Colored Missions	2 18	
Work Among "Our Boys"	1 00	
Total		$1243 70

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the editor of the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 South Tenth Street. They must be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say in March, not later than the 26th.

Programme for Noon-Day Lenten Services, 1911, St. Stephen's Church.

Mar. 1st, Ash Wed...	The Rt. Rev. Alex. Mackay-Smith, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.
Mar, 2nd, Thurs.....	The Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.
March 3rd, Fri.....	The Rt. Rev. F. J. Kinsman, D. D., Bishop of Delaware.
Mar. 4th, Sat.....	Rev. Fleming James, Ph. D., St. Anna's Church, Philadelphia.
Mar. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.....	Rev. Elwood Worcester, D. D., Emmanuel Church, Boston.
Mar. 11th, Sat.....	Rev. William P. Remington, Holy Communion Memorial Chapel, Philadelphia.
March 13, 14, 15, 16..	The Rt. Rev. Chas. D. Williams, Bishop of Michigan.
Mar. 17th, Fri.....	Rev. Hubert W. Wells, St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.
Mar. 18th, Sat.....	Rev. Croswell McBee, D. D., St. John's Church, Lansdowne, Pa.
Mar. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	Rev. Hugh Birckhead, D. D., St. George's Church, New York.
March 25th, Sat.....	Rev. Henry Martyn Medary, Memorial Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia.
March 27th to 31st inc.	The Rt. Rev. A. S. Lloyd, D. D., President of the Board of Missions.
Apr. 1st, Sat.....	Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz, Jr., Epiphany Chapel, Philadelphia.
Apr. 3rd to 7th, inc..	Rev. P. F. Sturges, St. Peter's Church, Morristown, N. J.
Apr. 8th, Sat.....	Rev. E. M. Franck, Church of the Advent, Philadelphia.
Apr. 10th to 14th inc.	Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
April 15th, Sat.....	Rev. Robert Long, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The following prayer which was originally set forth by Bishop Stevens, and again licensed by Bishop Whitaker, has been sent forth by the Diocesan Secretary, in answer to many requests and with the permission of the Bishop:

Almighty and Everlasting God, the fountain of all wisdom and strength, we ask Thy blessing upon Thy servant whom through the way of sorrow and bereavement Thou hast called to be the Bishop of this Diocese. May he be wise with Thy wisdom and strong with Thy strength. Replenish him with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that he may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. May his administration be in righteousness and the end thereof be peace: We ask it through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

The following message from the Bishop was read by the Rector on Sunday morning, February 26, and the announcement was repeated in the afternoon:

The Bishop Whitaker Memorial Fund.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Pennsylvania:

Since the death of our beloved and revered Bishop Whitaker, there has been a wide-spread demand in the Diocese that a permanent memorial in the shape of a Church to bear his name should be erected, either in Philadelphia or its immediate vicinity. Such a demand cannot but meet with the loving sympathy of every parishioner in the confines of the Diocese. It is, indeed, not the first time that a similar feeling has been manifested. Some years ago it was suggested that it should take shape in the form of a permanent edifice for St. Barnabas' Mission in the western part of Philadelphia. Bishop Whitaker, however, forbade the movement on the ground that it was not fitting that a memorial should be erected to a living man. This objection, as we now know to our grief, no longer obtains, and as the Bishop was particularly interested in St. Barnabas' Mission—which he regarded as one of the most promising in the Diocese—our hearts naturally revert to it, and impel us to believe that it lay very close to his desires. Indeed, on his being asked not long ago what memorial building he would recommend to any well-to-do Church member who wished to erect one in connection with some beloved name, he innocently answered that any sum of money given to erect a church for St. Barnabas' Mission, West Philadelphia, would be well invested. This remark has not been forgotten either by me or by others who heard it. We now, therefore, commend it to the Diocese, and suggest that the raising of money for this purpose should, in order to express the affection of the Church at large, take shape in a general subscription by all the members of the Diocese of $1.00 apiece from every man, woman and child who belongs to any Parish within our borders. This sum of $1.00 will be asked from each, but in case any one should desire to give a larger sum, or to have their own particular subscription given for some other special purpose, subscriptions so designated will not be refused.

It has been suggested that the Woman's Auxiliary Society in every Parish should accept the gathering of this sum as their especial duty, and that the Rectors should urge them to accept it, making the president of such an auxiliary the local treasurer of the fund.

The amounts so raised can then be forwarded to Mr. Ewing L. Miller, Treasurer, Church House, 12th and Walnut Streets.

I remain, your servant, for Christ's sake.

ALEX. MACKAY-SMITH,
Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The President of the St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, Miss Laura Bell, has accepted the treasurership of this fund, in accordance with the Bishop's suggestion, and donations may be sent to her at her residence, 1428 Spruce street.

An Old Favorite: The Gifts of God, by George Herbert.

When God at first made man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by,
Let us (said He) pour on him all we can:
Let the world's riches which dispersèd lie,
Contract into a span.

So strength first made a way!
Then beauty flowed, then wisdom, honor, pleasure:
When almost all was out, God made a stay,
Perceiving that, alone, of all his treasure,
Rest in the bottom lay.

For if I should (said He)
Bestow this jewel also on my creature,
He would adore my gifts instead of me,
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature;
So both should losers be.

Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restlessness;
Let him be rich and weary, that, at least,
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to my breast.

"O God, our heart is restless till it find rest in thee."—*St. Augustine.*

The Rector's Letter.

THE LENTEN ARRANGEMENTS.

Once more the season for self-examination, for self-discipline, for self-dedication has come upon us. We are fortunate that it is later than last year, and that Easter will fall in days, when the early spring flowers are blooming. It is good, too, that the season of Church work should be thus prolonged by the lateness of that great feast, for there is always a falling off shortly afterwards. We are happy in having such eminent religious teachers come to us from abroad to deliver their message from the pulpit of St. Stephen's. Doubtless the attendance will be large. As the afternoon services meet no need, since those who come to them also attend the morning service and their numbers are too small to make it seem a wise expenditure of energy to conduct them on the old lines, they will be discontinued. If any people write me requesting it, however, brief services will be held at 4 o'clock on Wednesday and Friday throughout Lent. On Friday at 8 o'clock the Confirmation class will meet in the Vestry. The Bishop of Wyoming, Dr. Thomas, will administer the rite of Confirmation at St. Stephen's on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 9th. The Rector will be absent making addresses in Pittsburgh from March 14th to 17th inclusive, and will deliver the noon-day addresses in Norfolk, Va., from March 27th to March 30th; but the rest of Lent he will be at home. While the approaching confirmation makes this a poor time for him to be absent at all, it seemed to him that such services should be rendered other parishes, if for no other reasons, as a return for the help that other parishes are rendering us in sending us such helpful speakers at our Lenten services.

A SUGGESTED MEMORIAL.

The other day I was called on by an expert at tuning bells, who proposed to tune our bells for the astonishingly small sum of $300. He has devised a new process of tuning, by means of electricity, and has credentials from the presidents of Columbia University, New York, and Kenyon College, Ohio, which show that he tuned the bells of those institutions most successfully. A little conversation convinced me that he understood the proper principles of tuning, and was a dependable person. The contract that he offered to make, conditioned all payments upon the approval of the result by a committee of expert musicians. At my request he examined our bells and reported that they were what is known as "sand bells," that is to say bells cast in sand moulds, and were of a fine composition, though, as we all know, greatly out of tune. The smaller bells were too close together in weight and diameter to produce a uniform tone color, and even if they were in tune, the result would be much as if "A" were sung by a soprano voice, "B" by an alto voice, and "C" by a tenor voice—the notes would be correct but the overtones would be diverse. To render the chime perfect substitutes should be put in for those upper bells, but inasmuch as they are smaller and lighter, this would not be expensive, for the chimes could be tuned and enlarged and put in best musical condition by this expert for $600. With all our heavy expenses the Vestry cannot consider this luxury, but it has occurred to me that some member of the congregation might like to give this as a memorial to some beloved one, who has been taken from them.

While a jangling chime is an annoyance amid the noises of a city, a sweet, musical chime is a refreshment and conveys an invitation and message that floats over the roofs into many windows and reaches many a passer-by. I have heard that the sufferers in the wards of a hospital near by would welcome it. Few memorials, it seems to me, would more appropriately commemorate a beautiful Christian life, or perpetuate its calming and uplifting influence on the world. Such bells would be a valuable addition to our equipment.

C. E. G.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The February meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Sunday School room on the 16th of last month at 8 o'clock, and there were 52 members present. After a short opening service conducted by Dr. Grammer, and the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's statement, interesting reports were heard from the following committees: Domestic, Colored, Indian Hope, Diocesan, and Missionary Box. Miss Washington, reporting for the United Offering, announced that the amount received for that fund had reached a total of $155.

Miss Bell, the president, gave the announcement of the Mission Study Class, which is to meet as usual on the Saturday mornings in Lent, and stated that there were still a few vacancies in the class. She also spoke of the inspiring meetings of the Woman's Jubilee in the interest of foreign missions, held recently in Philadelphia, and particularly of the Episcopal rally held in Holy Trinity Church. At this meeting an appeal was made for funds for St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, which is unable to comply with the conditions imposed by the Government and will not be allowed to stand unless support is given.

The principal feature of the evening was an illustrated lecture on Alaska by the Rev. Charles E. Betticher, of Fairbanks. Starting at the southern boundary, Mr. Betticher carried his audience along the Tannah River into the interior, describing in a most interesting manner, with the aid of beautiful colored slides, that picturesque country and the mode of life there. His own parish, situated at Fairbanks and including a number of mission stations outside, consists of both Americans and Indians, and shows remarkable improvements in the period of five years during which Mr. Betticher has been stationed there. Substantial buildings,—churches, hospitals, and libraries—have taken the place of the rude log cabins of a few years ago. An especially strong appeal was made for reading matter for these people among whom it is so scarce, and particularly for books for the George C. Thomas Memorial Library, the most beautiful building in the Alaskan Mission.

Mr. Betticher finds the Indians of this district particularly appreciative; so much so that St. Luke's Mission Chapel was built entirely by the volunteer work of the congregation, and in two stations when a collection was taken to meet the apportionment a sum exceeding three times that asked for was raised. In the Sunday School at Fairbanks $350 was presented as a Lenten offering from 40 pupils, and the Sunday Schools of Alaska rank second in proportionate amount of that offering to those of only one other diocese in our country.

Mr. Betticher particularly emphasized the work among the children, who are the chief hope of the missionary. To these little ones, brought up almost like animals in this country where it is such an effort to live, and soon overwhelmed in a struggle for food and shelter, coming under the influence of the Christian missionary, means the dawn of a new life, and the rapidly increasing external changes are indicative of the internal changes which mean the lifting up to a higher plane of the spiritual life of the Indian of future generations.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Thursday morning, March 16th, at 11 o'clock, in the Parish House. There will be the usual committee reports, and an address by the Rev. John A. Staunton, from the Philippines.

Mission Study Class.

The Mission Study Class will hold meetings every Saturday morning during Lent at eleven o'clock in the Parish House, to study the conditions of the Church in Japan. Miss Laura Bell, leader.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society held its annual entertainment for the benefit of Fatima, the little girl whom our branch supports in a Christian orphanage in India, on Monday evening, February 20th, and in spite of a stormy night, the house was crowded to the doors. Those who attended were well rewarded for their

trouble, for the sketch, entitled "An Afternoon Tea," reflects great credit upon its author and actor in the star rôle, Miss Florence Sherrard. To amuse the guests at an afternoon tea supposedly members of the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's, Miss Sherrard devises this entertainment which is a take off of the various classes in the Friendly, and shows in a very clever and amusing manner the peculiarities of each. At the end, Miss Van Horn, who wishes to join the Society and is endeavoring to make her choice of a class, is so bewildered that she flees from the stage in despair. The touches of "local color" were greatly appreciated by the members of the Society, who recognized in the amusing caricatures the peculiarities of the different bands, grossly exaggerated and made ridiculous in a spirit of fun, which caused great merriment on the part of the audience. The success of the evening was made complete by the songs rendered by the cast, and particularly by Dr. Anthony, who, assisted by Miss Rulon, so kindly came to our assistance, on this, as on many previous occasions. The entire cast, as well as the principal actors, certainly deserve great credit for giving their audience a most delightful evening.

Benevolent Society.

Every one is going. Are you? Do not miss it.

Note the time, the place and your greatest opportunity.

Time.—Thursday, March 9th, 1911, 10.30 A. M. to 12 noon.

Place.—St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 So. 10th street.

Opportunity.—To purchase something you need of good material and at cost price, and at the same time help others. House-cloths, dish towels, glass towels, cheese-cloth dusters, gingham aprons, and some children's dresses and adults' wrappers.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate.

On February 3rd, the "U. S. Senate" or "Boys' Club" of St. Stephen's gave a gymnastic entertainment. It was a success, in showing their improvement in athletics under Mr. Fountain and financially, squared their accounts and proved entertaining and instructive with drills and moving pictures, particularly the closing one, an Indian Legend of Niagara Falls, explained and exhibited by the President of the Boys' Club. This last picture presented thrilling and moving scenes from the great cataract at Niagara, and showed the educational value that can be had from motion pictures. Mr. Adam Hall, with his electric club swinging was much appreciated. Kind friends and the Rector having come to the assistance of this work among our boys, have given renewed encouragement to those in charge.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

This Society of the young men and older boys of the Sunday School is planning an entertainment for the latter part of April and are meeting each Friday evening.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

This active young chapter of Church workers had a meeting on Tuesday evening February 28th, that inspired its Director and its members to renewed energy. The plan to have a joint meeting of the Junior Chapters of the Church of the Incarnation, St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's, more than succeeded. Wm. Pedrick, of our Chapter, opened the evening's subject, "The Power of Prayer in a Boy's Life," showing an admirable study of his subject. Richard Shryock and Fred Schofield, of the Incarnation, were the leaders among the boys from their chapter, and made excellent speeches, while William Burk led the members of St. Andrew's, who quite equaled the others. Our own Luther Fisher took his valued place at the piano and Robert Boyd was inspired to assist his chapter in the discussion. Mr. Vivian Ginder and Mr. John Shryock, the vice-president of the Junior Brotherhood, most ably closed the evening's discussion. The Director gave four reels of moving pictures, instructive and entertaining, after the regular meeting had adjourned to the Sunday School Room. We are indebted to the ladies of the Sunday School who kindly assisted with the refreshments.

On Friday mornings in Lent, the Aid Society will hold its meetings in the Parish House at 10 o'clock. The object of the Society is to provide baby garments to be distributed by Miss Lewis in her visits among the poor of the Parish. Many sad cases of want come to her knowledge, and she constantly finds the advent of these little ones entirely unprovided for. The aim of the Society is to supply this need.

If there were more workers on these Friday mornings, the result of this Lenten work would prove more satisfactory, and an invitation is extended to the women of the congregation to manifest their interest and approval by joining the Society.

The Chancel Committee desire to announce that two stoles and four sets of Bible and Prayer-Book markers are required for the Chapel of the Burd Orphan Asylum.

Members of the congregation willing to help in the preparation of these articles will have an opportunity of doing so by attending the Embroidery Class on Friday mornings, where all the necessary materials will be supplied along with instruction by Miss Davis should such be required. An opportunity will also be given to permit anyone to do the work at home, should she find it more convenient to do so.

The treasurer of the envelope system reports that the following numbers have been taken out with no corresponding names: 123, 182, 212, 443, and 469. Will the persons holding the packages containing these numbers kindly send their names and addresses to Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received in February:

Mrs. A. F. Martin	$1.00

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters have their next meetings March 1st and March 15th in the Guild room of the Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock.

Will gladly welcome any who would like to sew for the poor during Lent.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received during February:

From Mrs. A. F. Martin	$ .25
From those receiving shoes	3.60
	$3.85
Balance from January	$5.78
	$9.63
Expended in February	$5.66
Balance	$3.97

Gave out in February 18 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

Perhaps some of the members in St. Stephen's Church who have small children might find some second hand shoes for some of our little folks, say 5, 6 and 7 sizes; they cost so much and one gets so little for their money.

They would be very acceptable if sent to the Parish House, marked for Shoe Fund.

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JOSEPH CLAYTON

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Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar. Mr. C. Howard Colket

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

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Mrs. Philip W. Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Miss Elizabeth Dale. Miss Margaret P. Ritter
Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy, Miss Helen Tuttle,

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Miss Maude Beith, Miss Dorothy Welsh.

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Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony, Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.

James Carrigan,
1024 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Frederic Huber, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Mr. Howell, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Edith Harper.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.

Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Wm. Hammer.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Daley.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No.* 1024 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 2.—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
9.—Palm Sunday.
13.—Maundy Thursday.
14.—Good Friday.
16.—Easter Day.
17.—Monday in Easter Week.
18.—Tuesday in Easter Week.
23—First Sunday after Easter.
25.—St. Mark, Evangelist.
30.—Second Sunday after Easter.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

March 15.—*Adelaide Heilner* Brown.

MARRIAGES.

March 17.—William Louis Haase and Cathrine Charlotte Brannen.
March 20.—William E. Mooney and Selena M. Leader.

BURIALS.

March 2.—Anthony Hale.
6.—Matilda Anna Brown.
8.—Alonzo Streeter.
16.—Mary Ball.
21.—Emma W. Brien.
22.—Robert Johnston.

Offerings Received During March, 1911.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$37 63
Parochial Maintenance	129 13
Missionary Box	290 01
Work Among the Deaf and Dumb	26 96
Domestic Missions	36.54
	$520 27

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

St. Stephen's Farm	$3 00
Charities	128 42
Parochial Maintenance	108 47
Benevolent Society	15
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	2 10
Missions	48 18
Missionary Box	48 47
Episcopal Hospital	15
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	3 00
Foreign Missions	2 20
Colored Missions	3 25
Diocesan Missions	74 45
Domestic Missions	128 88
Easter Day Decorations	2 50
City Missions	2 00
Work Among the Deaf and Dumb	7 00
	$562 22

SUMMARY.

St. Stephen's Farm	$3 00
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Foreign Missions	2 20
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Diocesan Missions	74 45
Domestic Missions	165 42
Easter Day Decorations	2 50
City Missions	2 00
Work Among the Deaf and Dumb	33 96
	$1,082 49

All articles or notices for the PARISH NEWS should be addressed to the editor of the PARISH NEWS, St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 South Tenth Street. They must be sent not later than the last Sunday in the month, that is to say in April, not later than the 30th.

Programme for Noon-Day Lenten Services, 1911, St. Stephen's Church.

Apr. 3rd to 7th, inc.	Rev. P. F. Sturges, St. Peter's Church, Morristown, N. J.
Apr. 8th, Sat.	Rev. E. M. Franck, Church of the Advent, Philadelphia.
Apr. 10th to 14th inc.	Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
April 15th, Sat.	Rev. Robert Long, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The Farm.

The attention of the congregation is called to the fact that St. Stephen's Farm will soon open its doors again for another season, and this year as always, funds are needed to carry on this good work. The Easter collection will be devoted to this purpose, and it is hoped that it will be a generous one. Our church carries on no more important work than this which makes it possible for those who live in the dirt and heat of the city during most of the summer months to get a glimpse for a few days or weeks, of green fields and fresh air and sunshine. In addition to the usual funds needed for carrying on the running expenses of the farm, considerable of the equipment must be replenished this year. The house is very much in need of bed linen, especially single sheets, and bed spreads, also towels, a rag carpet for the sitting room, a carpet for the parlor and some rugs for the bedrooms. It is hoped that the friends of the Farm who have supported it so generously in the past will bear these objects in mind, and see that an adequate equipment is provided to insure the comfort of our guests.

The Rector's Letter.

THE DUPLEX ENVELOPES.

On the Sunday after Easter we will begin a new year with the envelope system. It has proven itself a valuable method well adapted to our conditions, helpful both for the Church and Missions through an increase of the offerings, and also for the givers through its training in system. More intelligence and conscience is brought into our giving, and our offerings can be made without regard to the weather, and with less dependence upon the phrasing of the appeals.

Between this date and Palm Sunday we hope to hear from all to whom a letter will be sent. The system was introduced hurriedly, but now that it has been tried, we hope that the number of users of the envelopes may be doubled. That would establish a record for us. Let us attempt something worth while. If all of us co-operate we can face the coming years with assurance that the voluntary offerings will grow and meet all our needs, and all the reasonable demands upon us.

This is the letter that will be mailed to each parishioner. It will be an unintentional oversight if any one fails to receive one. Those who have changed their address in the last six months are asked to leave their new address with the Verger or to mail it to the Rector at the Church.

My Dear Parishioner:

Will you not sign the enclosed card, and use the duplex envelopes for the year beginning the Sunday after Easter? The system has proven so effective this past year that it would solve all our problems if it were more generally adopted. With a membership of 600, we have had only about 200 active envelopes, yet about $1200 more than in previous years were given for parochial maintenance and the offerings for all purposes have been larger. Never have I had such a charitable fund at my disposal. If every one will take a package, and co-operate faithfully, we can easily double the amount for parochial maintenance and so solve the problem caused by the diminution of the income from pew rentals, and can also increase our contributions to missions without burdening any one. Our gifts to our own church will make its services more fruitful of good to us and our regular contributions to missions will give depth and meaning to the petition "Thy kingdom come."

The amount of the individual gift is not registered or known; but the fidelity with which the envelope is returned is recorded. The method is approved by experience and I hope that you will see your way to adopting it.

Sincerely,

YOUR RECTOR.

RETURN CARD.

Please send me a package of envelopes for the year beginning the Sunday after Easter. I will endeavor to co-operate faithfully with the system.

Signed,

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Address.

On the Monday evening, after the Sunday after Easter, that is to say on Monday, April 24th, we will have the annual parochial meeting. Presidents, secretaries and treasurers of every society in the Church are requested to work together and to prepare the report of their society for reading on that occasion. We have a large and safe platform that will be erected on that evening and the speakers will be expected to speak from its secure elevation. The proper person to report for each society is the president or some one designated by him

or her, a substitution that is recommended if the president has not sufficient vocal power to be heard. Much of the interest will be taken away from the occasion if the reports are sent up to be read by the Rector or Mr. Long. Reports should be brief, of course, but the statistics of the year's work should be given. Comparison with last year's record will be helpful and stimulating. It is hoped that the attendance will be larger than ever before, and everyone is urged to keep this night free from other engagements.

The Confirmation Class is asked to meet the Rector and Mr. Long on Sunday evening in the Parish House at 8 o'clock. There will be only two more meetings. If possible all the members should be at the next two. It is regrettable that a form of admission for communicants from other churches, more adapted to their case has not been provided by our Church; but nevertheless in spite of the service's inaccuracy in details, we believe that it is wisest for communicants from other churches to come into our fold by this rite, and so feel themselves solemnly adopted and admitted authoritatively to the feast of Christian love and perpetual remembrance of Jesus Christ.

As was announced on the Sunay after the appeal for $600 to retune and enlarge our chimes, the money was given by one of our new members almost as soon as the appeal was made. I hope that the tuner will soon get to work, and that we may hear the chimes ringing out sweetly over the city before we disperse for the summer. It is a beautiful way of sending abroad through hymns the gospel invitations and messages.

As I write these notices I recall that one year ago, this very day, Dr. Wood was taken sick, to linger for parts of three days in suffering and on the third day, which was Easter as it happened, to leave these scenes of struggle and preparation and enter into that more abundant life which we are persuaded, waits for souls like his in the beyond, where there is no more night, and where there is unceasing praise. Surely he has joined the choir invisible, but he still lives too on earth, in souls made better by his example, and enriched by his genius. It is good to know that some of his compositions have been published by Novello & Ewer, the great musical publishers, and that more have been accepted. They will be his truest and most enduring memorials, but it is to be hoped that some suitable memorial of his genius, his unique career, and his beautiful character may be erected by his friends within and without St. Stephen's in the Church which he served so faithfully and efficiently. Surely the musicians of Philadelphia, and the lovers of good music will respond to any movement to erect such a memorial in St. Stephen's, if our people lead the way.

All the speakers this Lent have been exceedingly helpful, and the general appreciation of their message has been shown by the large attendance, which has been unusual in its size and in the proportion of men. But in view of Dr. Worcester's former relation to the parish, it will not be invidious to say that his messages had behind them reserves of affection and personal influence that gave them extraordinary weight. It was a great pleasure to have him, and the impression made by his inspiring addresses can never be lost. We trust that the following weeks have ripened the seed then sown and sown more seed. Let us unite in prayer that some great blessing may come on us as a parish from this helpful season, some new consecration, not merely more purity of heart, more elevation of sentiment, more freedom from earth's slaveries; but also more power to win others for Christ, more serviceableness for the kingdom, more brotherliness, more of the power of the world-to-come, that is to say, more of a type of character that is not produced by prudence, but is the result of taking Jesus into our hearts as our ideal, and conversing with him in prayer. That is what we need. I believe that a new yearning that Christ may be found in us has come to many of us. This longing is the first step to attainment. Now, if we give ourselves to prayer the rest will follow, and we shall receive the blessing promised in the beatitude to them who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

On Sunday afternoon, March 12th, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of the Johns Hopkins University's celebrated medical school, made an address to a congregation that filled the Church. In a most interesting and direct manner this great surgeon and medical authority gave his testimony that the religion of Jesus worked, and that there was nothing in medical science to interfere with its full acceptance. A large number of medical students, physicians and trained nurses were in the congregation. It is especially desired that this occasion may prove the means of bringing more of the Jefferson medical students to our services.

The congregation is reminded that Miss Laura Bell as the president of our parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, is the treasurer for the Whitaker Memorial Fund. She reports that she has received contributions amounting to seventy-six dollars, representing thirty-seven women and seven men of the congregation. We are asked to give as much as $600, *i. e.*, an average of one dollar for each communicant. It is hoped that some will give more and that all will give something.

C. E. G.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The March meeting of the St. Stephen's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was most interesting, and the Rev. John A. Staunton, Jr., who addressed the meeting after the regulation business had been disposed of, should have been heard by more than the 46 members who were present.

Mr. Staunton and his wife are stationed at the Mission of St. Mary the Virgin, Lagada, Philippine Islands. Mrs. Staunton is a trained nurse, and Mr. Staunton has studied dentistry, so that he helps his people physically as well as spiritually.

There are two classes of work done in the Philippines: that amongst the whites—soldiers, sailors, teachers and civilian employes, and that amongst the natives.

No native work has been done in the lowlands or the large towns as the people have been under Roman Catholic influence for 400 years, and it is Bishop Brent's policy not to interfere with them. There are 7,000,000 inhabitants in the Philippines, 6,000,000 of whom are Christians. Of the remainder one-half million are uncivilized and live in the mountains or remote islands. They are head hunters and worship fairies. Mr. and Mrs. Staunton were the first to go into this district. They took medical aid to the people and taught them to build better houses, erect saw mills and make roads. These natural relations established, religious instruction followed, and the mission has now 1,000 adherents. There will soon be eight workers in this promising field, and it seems impossible for the work to be properly carried on without adequate equipment. The first workers lived like the natives in grass roofed huts but in this land of storms and typhoons they should have dry houses. A building for a girls' school has been promised, but $20,000 should be provided to build a church, a boys' school, a hospital and homes for missionaries. The present church will only accommodate half the congregation at once under its thatched roof. In conclusion I must quote Mr. Staunton's own forceful words: "Now, my dear friends, this successful work is yours; I am your representative in the field; what are your commands? Shall I push it, or shall I drop it?"

The next and last meeting of the winter will be held in the Parish House on Thursday, April 20th, at eleven o'clock. Following the reports of committees there will be an open discussion on Japan, the field and the work.

The Reception to Dr. Worcester.

The Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester received a most cordial welcome, during his recent visit, as one of the speakers who gave five days of Noon-day Lenten Sermons for us. He not only crowded the church each day to its full capacity, but kindly preached at a special service Thursday evening, March 9th.

On Wednesday evening, March 8th, the Rector and the Brotherhood of our church, desiring that he should meet the men socially that they might express their appreciation for his kindness in coming over from Boston, gave him a reception, which brought out, besides the Brotherhood, many of the men who are his admiring friends. The occasion was informal and enjoyable, and his reminiscences made good fellowship. His story of "The Blizzard Days at Old St. Stephen's" brought hearty and happy applause. Surely, as is often said by those who return, our loved church grips the hearts of all who come into its fold and never quite loosens the strings. G. H. S.

Parish Visitor's Report.

This month I have such a comforting story to tell that I am sure it will please all those who read it, particularly those who were interested in Mr. W.

About three years ago in my work in a tenement house I met and became interested in an old gentleman and his wife. They were both well educated, he having been instructor in a private school for young men in Falls River, Massachusetts,—a teacher of seven languages and other branches,—but through unfortunate business transactions, reverses, and ill health, he found himself at this time without means of support for himself and wife, though still able to teach or do almost any kind of work. It is hard to get work at seventy-nine. Alas, that years and experience should weigh so lightly in the balance compared with youth and inexperience!

I requested him to come to St. Stephen's Church and we did all we could to keep the wolf from the door and tried at the same time to interest different people in them so that odd jobs of work might come his way. The ladies of St. Stephen's Benevolent Society gave the wife sewing every week during the winter months, the husband coming for the work every Wednesday morning. One could not help being impressed by his general appearance, for he was always neatly clothed, although very, very poor. The ladies were very kind in sending him coal, groceries and other necessities.

We thought all their troubles ended when we learned of a legacy left in charge of a charitable organization to place a couple in a home, and this couple answered all the requirements. We were all delighted to hear of such a fine opportunity but they did not regard it as such; they would rather endure privation and precarious living than live in an institution and be under rules. It seemed as if they were coming up to a stone wall, but before reaching it a path was opened to them, and oh, such a pleasant way out; a path that led to the country, and a little home and flowers and birds and green things growing, and the shining sun and work that the old man loved, and the teaching of little children for the wife, which all brings in enough for their simple needs, and it came about in this way: A brother and a sister having an ailing brother who was always fretting and complaining that it was his work in the city that made him sick, put their savings together and bought a small farm and proceeded to place the brother and his family on it. The man worked one week and by that time was disgusted with country work and was glad to travel back and forth to the city to his old business.

The sister put the old couple in a tiny little house on the farm—the work does not overtax the man's strength, the house is comfortable and they are happy, which all goes to prove:

"There is a Destiny which shapes our ends,
Rough hew them as we may."

and I in my blindness tried to rough hew the Destiny of those dear old people.

If positions and riches were found for all those who are able and willing to work, what a happy world it would be,—the best kind of charity is to make people self-supporting as we all know.

The Parish Visitor is very much in need of a strip of old carpet or rug for a poor crippled woman who has been confined to her room for a number of years. We think she takes cold from the floors being poorly laid and without covering, and very little fire in the house.

We would like to call attention to the Garment Society by telling the congregation that clothes of all kinds are very acceptable; also old linen or old muslin. At the present time we have four suffering people to supply and it takes considerable, as the physicians order all that is used to be burned, thus depleting our stock.

K. H. Lewis.

Concert.

On Wednesday evening, April 26th, at Griffith Hall, Miss Elizabeth Cleeman Clayton, soprano, will give a concert for the benefit of giving summer outings at St. Stephen's Farm. She will be assisted by the following artists: Mr. Horace R. Hood, baritone; Mr. Hedda Van Den Beemt, violinist, with Miss Marion C. Ritchie at the piano.

It is hoped that the congregation will give their hearty support to this worthy cause.

The A. K. Society.

On Thursday, April 20th, at 8 P. M., the young men of the Sunday School and members of the Alpha Kappa Society, will give an "Evening with the Minstrels," followed by their usual social festivities—an orchestra having been kindly offered for the occasion by Mr. Gibbs. The purpose is to provide funds for "Our Boys" on the Farm, and a contribution to Christ Home for Destitute Children. Cards of admission can be had from the members of the society, or Mr. Carrigan. Contributors of twenty-five cents or more will be cheerfully admitted. The concluding sketch, "The Daughter of the Regiment," will be worth coming miles to see.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their next meetings April 5th and April 19th, in Guild Room of Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

The Lenten sewing goes slowly owing to the stormy evening at the last meeting. We are glad for visitors to help and spend a pleasant evening.

Shoe Fund.

Money received from those receiving shoes.....	$6.15
Expended in March	4.40
Balance	$1.75

Gave out in March 18 pairs of shoes and 8 pairs of overshoes.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION

JOSEPH CLAYTON

Funeral Director

225 SOUTH ELEVENTH ST., PHILADELPHIA

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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Clergy.

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1024 Spruce Street.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
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Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell.
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Charles L. McKeehan
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar. Mr. C. Howard Colket

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

SOPRANO.
Mrs. Philip W. Cooke, Mrs. D. D. Wood.
Miss Elizabeth Dale. Miss Margaret P. Ritter
Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy, Miss Helen Tuttle,

CONTRALTO.
Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Alice Barnard,
Miss Maude Beith, Miss Dorothy Welsh.

TENOR.
Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

BASS.
Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony, Mr. H. Hanley Parker.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
1024 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63d and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.
Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
Frederic Huber, *Farmer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.
All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M., in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones,, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Edith Harper, Miss Ada Leader.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary,—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins.

Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T.—Wm. Hammer.
P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday School room.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Daley.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Robert Snyder, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No.* 1024 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26th, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

April 2.—*Eleanor Elizabeth* Adams.
2.—*Donald Henry Albert* Gregory.
3.—*Loraine Robinson* Simpson.
9.—*Annie Edith* Dittman.
23.—*William Franklin* Lawson, Jr.
23.—*Florence Walsh* Lawson.
30.—*Lewis Harlow* Van Dusen, Jr.

Confirmations.

April 9.

Ralph F. Burd.
Mae Van Horn.
George E. Krimmel.
William M. Fedrick.
Amelia R. Hammer.
Clara V. Riehl.
Alice Katharine Shaw.
Florence May Cole.
Vera Stewart Forster.
Lena Delano Altemus.
Ruth Ann Bates.
Ada V. Leader.
Helen Mildred Bell.
Fannie Fischer Bramley.
Frances E. T. Sank.
Ruth Frances Fenimore.
Donald H. A. Gregory.
Carl F. Davis.
Charlotte Wiltsie Nodine.
William Turner.
Charlotte Blinkhorn.
Elizabeth M. Hershberger.
George W. Hershberger.
Leonard Thomas.
Beulah Evans Hollar.
Loraine R. Simpson.
Anna Meredith Short.
Florence Elizabeth Frank.
Anna Robb Rose.

MARRIAGES.

April 15.—L. E. Gilbert and Helen L. Marshall.
18.—Walter E. Hill and Maud I. Share.
24.—George M. S. Light and Mabel Long.
29.—John K. Walker and Esther Florence Lineaweaver.
29.—John Kerns and Anna M. Levering.

BURIAL.

April 29.—William Robb.

Cradle Roll.

John Wilder Brawn.
George Clair Wilson.
Beatrice Apple Peabody.
Philip A. Davis.
Theodore Custer Hatcher.
Charles William Moore.
William B. Stettler.
Roland Lyons Tucker.
Lloyd Lewis Bodie.
Junior Bassett Hauger.
John Joseph Humert.
Dorothy West Brown.
Dorothy Henrietta Flury.
Harry Stettler.
Russell H. Nisson.
Emilie Ree Denney.
Mildred Bodie.
Edith Rose.
Robert Guy Ludwig.
Albertine Theresa Koch.
Frank Geith Elliott.
Violet Catharine Kuhn.
Wilford Radford.
Catharine Watson.
Anna Edith Dittman.
Eleanor Elizabeth Adams.
Richard Tucker Moore.
Randolph Archie Goodman.
Ethel Marie Krimmel.
Rodger James Brawn.

Offerings Received During April.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$60 52	
Missionary Box	52 66	
Easter Day Decorations	36 20	
Bishop's Offering	40 18	
City Missions	36 41	
St. Stephen's Farm	234 33	
Domestic Missions	34 95	
Sunday School	19 86	
Benevolent Society	17 82	
		$532 93

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

St. Stephen's Farm	$876 81	
Charities	99 70	
Parochial Maintenance	221 62	
Benevolent Society	46 63	
Sunday School, Christmas Entertainment	75	
Missions	135 51	
Missionary Box	4 65	
Theological Education	1 00	
Indian Missions	1 00	
Episcopal Hospital	25	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	20	
Foreign Missions	20	
Colored Missions	20	
Diocesan Missions	20 25	
Domestic Missions	24 78	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	200 00	
Easter Day Decorations	64 09	
City Missions	28 29	
		$1,725 93
		$2,258 86

SUMMARY.

St. Stephen's Farm	$1,111 14
Charities	160 22
Parochial Maintenance	221 62
Benevolent Society	64 45
Sunday School, Christmas Entertainment	75
Missions	135 51
Missionary Box	57 31
Theological Education	1 00
Indian Missions	1 00
Episcopal Hospital	25
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	20
Foreign Missions	20
Colored Missions	20
Diocesan Missions	20 25
Domestic Missions	59 73
Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church	200 00
Easter Day Decorations	100 29
City Missions	64 70
Bishop's Offering	40 18
Sunday School	19 86
	$2,258 86

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, *Jr.*
Treasurer.

Parochial Report from May 1, 1910 to May 1, 1911

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

Baptisms.

Adults	9
Infants	26
Total	35

Confirmed.

Male	8
Female	21
Total	29

Communicants.

Added:	
New	29
By Transfer	6
Removed:	
By Death	9
By Transfer	7
Marriages	35
Burials	46

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts.

Pew Rents	$7,600 00	
Envelope Offerings for Parochial Maintenance	1,807 45	
Burd School	19,481 07	
Other Offerings for Parish Purposes	10,146 68	
Offerings for purposes Outside the Parish	4,721 15	
Donations for Memorials	2,028 00	
Income from Investments	5,638 00	
Sunday School	306 80	
Woman's Auxiliary	276 50	
For Endowment Fund	10,200 00	
Total		$62,205 65

Expenditures.

Parochial.

Current Expenses (including salaries, fuel, light, repairs, etc.)	$15,559 00	
Burd School	17,700 06	
Improvements	1,859 40	
Charities	3,653 36	
Added to Endowment Fund	10,200 00	
All Other Parochial Expenditures	2,572 27	
Total Parochial		$51,544 09

Diocesan.

Episcopal and Convention Fund	$511 57	
Sustentation Fund	219 11	
Missions	550 00	
Convocation	67 20	
City	33 96	
Deaf	244 34	
Colored	284 79	
Episcopal Hospital, Christmas Fund (for Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen)	211 05	
Bishop's Fund	46 45	
All Other Diocesan Objects	1,345 53	
Total Diocesan		$3,514 00

Extra Diocesan.

Missions	$154 13	
Sunday School Offering, General, Parish Offering	1,359 71	
Foreign	164 94	
Domestic	283 90	
Indian	112 12	
Colored	149 37	
General Clergy Relief Fund	30 00	
Theological Education	32 94	
Total Extra Diocesan		$2,287 11
Total Expenditures		$58,150 15

REPORT OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Offerings received through the envelope system, from May 1, 1910, to April 30, 1911:

St. Stephen's Farm	$884 66	
Charities	1,248 27	
Parochial Maintenance	1,498 62	
Benevolent Society	154 53	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	87 72	
Missions	935 66	
Missionary Box	82 24	
Theological Education	32 94	
Indian Missions	29 30	
Episcopal Hospital	214 95	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	113 66	
Foreign Missions	63 71	
Colored Missions	59 03	
Diocesan Missions	636 40	
Domestic Missions	158 11	
Endowment Fund for St. Stephen's Church	200 00	
Easter Day Decorations	67 09	
City Missions	30 79	
Work Among "Our Boys"	1 00	
Work Among the "Deaf and Dumb"	7 00	
		$6,505 68
Offerings Placed in Alms Basins Exclusive of Envelope System		$2,191 10
Total		$8,696 78

The Parochial Meeting.

The assemblage in St. Stephen's on Monday evening, April 24th, of over three hundred persons, all associated in one way or in another with the various institutional activities of the Church, was an inspiring sight. It was one which was literally instructive as well, for, after listening to the roll-call of the many helpful organizations connected with the parish, each auditor came away better equipped to answer the question, "What is St. Stephen's doing?" and convinced that "the returns" showed a grasp, in part at least, of the idea expressed recently in pungent phrase by a former Rector from its pulpit, when he said that the Christian religion was founded "for something more than that people might sit in pews on Sunday mornings."

Especially pleasant was it to see the meeting open with a long line of members of the Girl's Friendly Society marching up the aisle and into the pews, while singing, "The Church's One Foundation." After brief devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. Long, the reports of the parochial organizations were read in turn, in most instances by one of the officers of the society, and each had some distinctive quality of interest. The account given by Mr. Morris of the changes and improvements in the Burd School left an agreeable impression of the genuine home atmosphere enjoyed by its young charges, and of the stimulating effect created upon the older pupils by their admission to the strenuous competitive life of the public schools. The story of the excellent work done at St. Stephen's Farm during the past summer was equally interesting, as told by Mr. Ewing.

How far the candle of good influence lighted at St. Stephen's throws its beams among the young people was still further demonstrated by the reports, not only of the Sunday School, but of the Girls' Friendly Society, the Children's Friend Society, the Kitchen Garden, and the Boys' Club. Those who know one side only of the average urchin's nature should all have been present to hear Mr. Streaker tell how, in the midst of his work and play, the unsuspected spark of genuine religious feeling has been known to be struck from the seeming flint of boyish reserve. After the reading of the report of the Sunday School, the Rector repeated the statement which had been made by Mr. Long at the annual choral celebration held on the previous Sunday afternoon—that he had never, in the course of his entire experience, met with a more faithful body of teachers than those connected with St. Stephen's school.

What the church is doing for women along various lines of helpfulness was presented in the annual statements of the Benevolent Society, the Garment Committee, St. Stephen's Aid Society, and the Mothers' Meetings. The reports of the Altar Society, the Missionary Box Committee and the Woman's Auxiliary reviewed the work accomplished during the year. The report made by Miss Bell regarding contributions received to date for the Bishop Whitaker Memorial included the notable fact that the contributors numbered four-fifths women to one-fifth men. The review given by Mr. McKeehan of the endeavors to extend the Kingdom of God among men, as carried on by St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, referred to the impressive speakers and equally impressive audiences at the noon-day Lenten services, and struck the deeper spiritual chords in an appeal to all church workers to keep in sight the supreme ideal of service to God. The meeting was concluded by a brief address from the Rector, in which he spoke of prayer as a creator and renewer of spiritual energy, and of the almost irresistible power which would endow a church united in constant prayer for its members, its organizations, and its Rector.

Report of the Choir.

The Organist and Choirmaster reports of the past season as follows:

The choir at present numbers 17 singers, one having been lost since Easter of 1910, and four gained. This number was, as usual, augmented for the Easter afternoon music, twenty-one singers then taking part. The regular choir is composed of

6 Sopranos.
4 Contraltos.
3 Tenors.
4 Basses.

There have been no changes made in the first three quartets during the season.

Since the beginning of the late fall season, about one-half of the music used has been new to this church.

It has been and will continue to be the effort of the Organist and Choirmaster to hold as nearly as possible to the standards of music and execution reached by his distinguished predecessor and teacher.

Report of the Sunday School.

Since the report last year several changes and additions have occurred in the helping force of the School.

A beloved teacher in the Intermediate Department was called upon to relinquish her duties there on account of her marriage. Our regrets and good wishes were expressed to her on leaving. She was indeed beloved by her scholars, and was most efficient and faithful in her office. Mrs. Schoonover will long be remembered among us.

Mr. Howell, a teacher of a boys' class, found that it was impossible for him to reach the School in time and deemed it better for the class to relinquish it to another. It is now in the care of a young, but thoughtful and sincere teacher—a young man who has grown up in the School—Mr. Hein.

A new class was added recently, and Mr. Hepburn kindly volunteering to teach in the School, this class of younger boys was assigned him.

The vacancy occurring by the departure of the Intermediate teacher is being filled by Miss Edith Harper, aided by an assistant, Miss Leader—both of whom are most faithful.

An addition to what we might call the officers of the School was an addition desired by all the School, officers, teachers and scholars. But it was some time before Dr. Anthony could see his way clear enough to take upon him the added Sunday duty of not only leading the Sunday School in its singing but also in teaching us new hymns. The whole School is most thankful to have him.

Through the goodness and generosity of the Rector we have been provided with the music edition of the new Mission Hymnal. This is a splendid help to our service. So, with Miss Helen Harper still continuing to preside at the piano, we might say that the musical side of the Sunday School is thus at its best.

As a report of the Christmas entertainments was published in the PARISH NEWS at the time it is unnecessary to speak of them here; but I want to bear testimony to the self-sacrificing loyalty of those who have the responsibility of carrying the entertainments through with such success.

The sessions of the School are from October to the end of May, and a Summer School is continued through the intermediate months, in charge of the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Streaker.

I am provided by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Kirkpatrick, with the following as a summary of the statistics of membership and financial matters:

Number of Officers	6
Number of Teachers	20
Number of Scholars, Main School	143
Number of Scholars, Primary and Intermediate Departments	65
Total	234

This is exclusive of an Adult Bible Class, which meets Sunday afternoon, with a membership of 15.

Financial Report.

Receipts.

Balance on hand as per last report	$24 49
Amount of collections from S. S. Scholars, General	154 78

Amount of collections from S. S. Scholars, Advent		17 42
Amount of collections from S. S. Scholars, Lenten	$134 60	
St. Stephen's Chapel	19 53	
		$154 13
Amount of Church collections		$129 26
Amount of Church collections, per Altar Society		$15 20
		$495 28

Disbursements.

Expenses, Lesson Books, etc.	$33 80	
Printing	10 00	
Prizes	28 56	
Festival and Excursions	157 71	
Contributions, Valley Forge Memorial	17 42	
Missions	154 13	
		$401 62
Balance		$93 66

Last year the Lenten Offering was $126.00, thus showing an increase this year of about nine dollars.

As the Lenten Offering of the Sunday School of St. Stephen's Chapel at the Burd School is for the same object, I might state that added to ours it makes the total for the Lenten Offering $154.13—the Chapel having contributed $19.53—a splendid addition for this one object.

On account of the transfer of the work of Grace Church from 12th and Cherry to 41st and Girard avenue, a number of Sunday School scholars of Grace Church Sunday School have joined themselves with us. We are glad to welcome them, and want to assure them that we will endeavor to make St. Stephen's Sunday School as real a home for them as doubtless their former school was.

The officers and teachers do not desire thanks from me for duties faithfully done, but I do wish to bear testimony at this time to the steady and conscientious discharge of the responsibilities which each one, I am entirely confident, regards as sacred.

This is our section of the Lord's vineyard. May we be consecrated more and more with the spirit of loving service, so that our part of the field may be cultivated to bring forth a hundred fold in the lives of those committed to our care. Respectfully submitted,

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The Women's Bible Class reports that it has been meeting regularly since the middle of December, with an average attendance of from eight to ten members.

One of its older members, Louisa Wernecke, died in February.

Quite a proportion of the members have not missed more than one meeting, and as all are busy women this has been very gratifying to the leader.

ELIZABETH E. HOLMAN.

The Burd School.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Burd School, I desire to report that at the present time the school contains fourteen teachers and fifty-six pupils. In addition to this the school has also eight other workers to manage the housekeeping, farm and dairy work. The total income for the fiscal year amounted to $19,481.07, and the total expenses, exclusive of permanent improvements, amounted to $17,700.06, showing a surplus of $1,781.01—as against a deficit as shown in the preceding report made to the parish of $2,574.39. As was explained to the parish last year, this surplus, which is the first one appearing on the books of the Burd School for over twenty years was only obtained by a radical change in the entire management of the school. In addition, during the year, it has been necessary to make a large number of permanent improvements and by authority of the Vestry, the Executive Committee has expended from funds borrowed from the principal account, the sum of $12,800. Of this amount the saving on income has already permitted the committee to return to the principal account in repayment of this temporary loan the sum of $2,000.

All of the plans which were outlined in the previous report of the committee have been carried into effect and have added greatly to the efficiency and helpfulness of the school. The dormitories have proved a great success and the heating and plumbing systems have worked admirably and the school now has the appearance of a modern up-to-date boarding school.

We have had during the past year approximately ten applications for admission, but in all save two cases the girls were beyond the maximum age of entrance. This has again revived the question as to the possible enlargement of the age to meet modern needs and it is possible that we may obtain from the courts permission to accept girls up to twelve years of age where other conditions would seem to warrant such action.

The experiment last year of sending the older girls to complete their education at an adjoining public school in West Philadelphia has proved thus far an unmixed blessing. The girls get a better foundation than our means would permit us to give; they get outside the institutional atmosphere which cannot ever be wholly dissipated; they are thrown in contact and competition with other girls of their own age coming from normal American homes and all this has spurred their aspirations, enlarged their vision and brought back a larger and better spirit to the school. There are now thirty-three out of the fifty-six girls attending the public school and the balance are being educated in our primary and secondary departments, except those who are taking special courses in professional work. We are proud to report that a number of our girls are leading their classes in the public school and we are hopeful that all who compete will succeed in obtaining admission to the High School.

We believe that at no time in the history of the school has the physical condition of the girls been on the whole better. We have engaged a dentist on a yearly retainer who takes entire charge of the teeth of the girls and we have recently employed, under the supervision of Dr. Hewson, of the committee, a younger physician to examine carefully the girls from time to time and make recommendations in regard to individual cases as well as the diet, hygiene and sanitary conditions of the school as a whole. We have also instituted, at the suggestion of the Superintendent, a system of tabulated statistics which we hope will be of value in pointing out various new and better arrangements in the care of the girls.

Apart from the regular work the girls have had a number of entertainments planned by themselves, including a little woodland play by the primary children; a Christmas play and drill by the intermediate girls; weekly informal dances, as well as one or two more formal dances where the girls were permitted to invite approved friends and brothers. In addition to this Mr. Robert Boyd, Jr., gave an entertainment which was very much appreciated by all the girls; Mr. Frank Stephens on two occasions lectured with stereopticon views and told the girls Uncle Remus stories. In addition Miss Bell gave a most interesting lecture on Old Testament stories, and the Rev. Mr. Long gave an illustrated lecture on China.

It is proposed to have on the 23rd of June a regular school commencement which will include a reunion of the graduates of the school who have during the year, with real enthusiasm and interest organized themselves into an Alumni Association. The commencement exercises will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 24th, and a play will be given by the girls following the commencement exercises. A most earnest invitation is extended to all connected with St. Stephen's parish to hold that date open and be present at these exercises. There will also be a memorial service in memory of Mrs. Burd, on Sunday afternoon following the regular commencement exercises. To this service also all who are interested in the school are most cordially invited.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND S. MORRIS,

Chairman of the Committee on the Burd School.

The Burd School Sunday School.

The report of the Burd School Sunday School was omitted, through an oversight, at the annual exercises of the combined Sunday Schools of the parish on Sunday afternoon, April 23rd. We hope it may reach all those who are interested in our work at the Burd School, through the PARISH NEWS.

The Sunday School of the Burd School Chapel of St. Stephen's parish was organized just two years ago, for the benefit of the girls at the school and the children of Millbourne, the district lying round about. At present there are about 75 children regular in attendance in the Sunday School, about 20 of them being children from outside the Burd School. The school is divided into four departments or classes: the Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Primary classes. The Primary Class is taught by Miss Mildren, with Miss Helen Crockett, assistant. The Junior Class teacher is Miss Stevens, one of the teachers at the Burd School; the Intermediate Class is taught by Mr. Terry, who has given us his time during the past winter and helped so much to make

our school what it is intended to be. The Senior Class is taught by Mr. Cummins. Miss Harnish must also be remembered for she has rendered valuable assistance in always being present at the Sunday School sessions, and acting as "Supply" in the absence of any of the teachers. She has given her time and counsel to the work of the Sunday School at all times and has helped to make the Burd Sunday School the success that we believe it to be. The girls are interested in the work of the school and attend the sessions with excellent regularity.

The school grows but slowly. As we have said, a number of the children from the neighborhood come in each Sunday morning and we are always glad to see them. An effort has been made to canvass the town of Millbourne and this may bring forth good results. Prizes, such as books, etc., are given for regular attendance once each year.

The school is serving its purpose, we believe, and is helping to teach those who attend, not only the stories and teachings of the Bible, but also some idea of the great Church of God to which they belong and its history and development. Occasionally talks are given on such subjects as "The Christian Year," "The Early History of the Church," and "The Teachings of the Sundays in the Church's Calendar."

The Sunday School needs teachers. If one or two more teachers could be had, our Sunday School would be greatly improved and we feel confident that the love and affection of the scholars will repay anyone for whatever trouble or inconvenience they might have to undergo in order to be with us.

We shall be very happy to welcome anyone who may care to visit our school on any Sunday morning at ten-thirty o'clock. The regular sessions of the Sunday School close the latter part of May and resume again the first of October. During the summer a short session is held each Sunday morning at the regular hour.

JAS. DIRICKSON CUMMINS,
Superintendent.

The Farm.

In the summer of 1910 we had 432 guests for an average stay of one week, and 370 for the day. The season was a very successful one, and the work done about the same as that of the previous year. In 1909 there were 460 guests, and 314 for one day. From these figures you will note that there were not quite as many permanent boarders, and more daily visitors.

We began the season last year with a debt of $386.00. This season a large beam in the barn gave way, and cost to repair between $200.00 and $300.00; so that we find ourselves, at the end of this season, with a debt of $1,095.88. We have for some time been satisfied that the farming part of our work was very expensive, and have this spring reorganized and rented the farm. The farm contains about 100 acres. We have reserved the large house, the land between it and the public road, and the woods. This is all that we need for our visitors, and we are in hopes that, having eliminated the expense of farming, we will be able to pay off our debt and keep within our means.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary has held six stated meetings during 1910-1911, with an average attendance of thirty-nine. The delegates have been faithful in their attendance at the monthly meetings of the Pennsylvania Branch, and have brought back interesting reports and many appeals; and have also filled the pledges expected annually from St. Stephen's Auxiliary. The Treasurer reports that $805.83 have been received and $718.35 been paid out to the different committees—Indians' Hope, Diocesan, Colored, Domestic and Foreign—leaving on hand a balance of $87.48, to be distributed among them as voted.

The Missionary Box Committee reports having sent a cassock and three boxes of clothing, etc., to clergymen in different States, at an expenditure of $268.82.

An opportunity to hear of foreign and domestic work from missionaries in the field was afforded the members of the Auxiliary at three of the meetings, at one of which Rev. Amos Goddard, of Shasi, China, told of conditions in that part of the country, and at another Rev. Charles E. Betticher, Jr., gave an animated account of his work in Fairbanks, Alaska, illustrated with colored slides, and at another meeting, Rev. John A. Staunton, Jr., drew a realistic picture of affairs in the Philippines at his station at Sagada. All of the speakers made the fact quite clear that it was the work of the Church they were doing, and it was the work of those at home to help in equipping the workers far afield. Thus, missions and means are indissolubly connected, and every one given a share in God's plan for the spread of the Gospel.

At the last meeting for the season, the members of the Mission Study Class discussed the problems confronting the Church in Japan. This class has been systematically studying the foreign missions of the Church for four years past, during Lent, and the quiet hours spent by them in the "upper room" have been fruitful in more frequent Bible study and prayer, in knowledge gained, in added offerings and in stimulated interest in all people and matters connected with missions.

An attempt was made to form a Junior Auxiliary, but conditions were not favorable at present, and it was not accomplished this year.

With the suggestion that every woman in the Church might feel that it is a privilege, a duty and a pleasure as well to attend the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary, so as to know their missionaries and become familiar with their work, this report is respectfully submitted.

LAURA BELL, *President.*

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts.

On hand at opening of year	$58 23	
From Members	276 50	
From Dr. Grammer	375 00	
From Missionary Box Committee	127 10	
		$831 83

Expenditures.

To Luncheon, etc.	$10 00	
To Printing and Postage	13 88	
To Diocesan Committee	155 00	
To Foreign Committee	158 00	
To Domestic Committee	162 00	
To Indian Committee	109 00	
To Colored Committee	187 10	
		$794 98
Balance on hand		$36 85

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE.

Cassock to the Rev. A. M. Rich	$9 35	
An Appeal from Bishop Whitaker for a Disabled Clergyman	50 00	
Box to the Rev. A. A. Miller, Chilton, Wis.	80 70	
Box to the Rev. Dr. Simmons, Virginia, (through Mrs. Arrison)	77 10	
Box to the Rev. Mr. Bennett, Kansas City, Kan.	51 67	
		$268 82

FANNIE S. MAGEE, *Chairman.*

The Bishop Whitaker Memorial Fund for the building of St. Barnabas Church, collected from St. Stephen's parish, amounted to one hundred and forty-one dollars, and was handed over on the appointed date, May 1, 1911. This amount represented contributions from seventy-four members of the congregation, sixty-two of whom are women and twelve are men.

LAURA BELL,
Treasurer Memorial Fund from St. Stephen's

The United Offering.

The object of the United Offering is to assist the Board of Missions with the means to carry on woman's work in the mission field. It includes the training, testing, sending and supporting women workers, also the care of such workers when sick and disabled.

The amount contributed at the General Convention was $243,361.45, which has supported 160 missionaries in the Domestic and Foreign fields. $15,000 of this amount has been devoted to the erection of suitable buildings.

The offering for this purpose from St. Stephen's Church for the past three years was $415.50.

ANNA I. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society.

The membership of the Girls' Friendly Society is not of rapid growth, as the admission of new members is often balanced by the loss through resignations, marriages and deaths. The membership is now:

Working Associates	10
Honorary Associates	22
Members	132
Probationers	4
Candidates	7
Married Branch Helpers	22
	197

As against 192 of last May.

I think I may speak with confidence when I say the members have spent a profitable and happy winter. The Millinery Class has been successfully carried on, taught by a member; and a class in German has for its teacher a member. The Elocution Class, though not large, is an enthusiastic one and one of the Associates has kindly held a class for making shirtwaists, assisted by our devoted Associate, Mrs. Hall. On May 1st, in the Sunday School

Room, we had an exhibition to show the results of class work, and also the interests and studies of the different bands and the results were most encouraging.

One Monday evening, instead of our usual meeting, after tea, we attended the Young People's Jubilee Missionary Meeting, which was interesting and inspiring. On December 12th, a little play was given by the members of one of the bands, and, of course, we had our Christmas Festival of fun and good cheer. February 20th, a very creditable entertainment was arranged by the Senior members, for the benefit of the Indian orphan we support. The piece was written and staged by one of the members, and Dr. Anthony kindly assisted us. And as our girls are quite famous for their candy, a candy sale was held on the same evening. From the proceeds the members were able to send $30.00 to our Indian orphan, donate $25.00 to the Cape May Holiday House and $25.00 to St. Stephen's Farm, and $5.00 to Miss Hopwood for her work in China.

The Savings Bank reports 41 depositors and $235.65 in bank.

The members through Lent have been sewing, and on May 4th sent about 200 articles to the Diocesan Missionary Committee. About 20 garments have been donated.

The Married Branch Helpers met through Lent in the afternoons for the purpose of making booklets for the hospitals and sent 800.

Several services have been held in the Church, Dr. Grammer or Mr. Long officiating.

We have in the treasury at present a balance of $60.31, and out of that has to be paid our annual assessment.

I hope our readers will pardon so much detail, but I wish them to realize the life of the Society, and what it is trying to do in the way of bringing brightness and helpfulness into the lives of our girls. Above all we try to keep before us the best and truest standard of womanhood and are, we hope, bound together by the sweet cords of friendliness.

The Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand May 1st, 1909	$30 71
From dues and sales	173 45
Interest on legacy	66 82
From entertainments	79 97
Donations	48 97
From Dr. Grammer	15 00
	$414 92

EXPENDITURES.

G. F. S. objects	$265 04
Parochial objects	38 25
Missions	45 00
Philanthropic objects	37 00
	$385 29
	$414 92
Balance	$29 63
Balance in Benefit Fund May 1st, 1910	$32 70
Receipts	17 25
	$49 95
Expended	$18 25
	$31 70
Balance	$29 63
Total Balance	$61 33

MARIA S. WILKINS,
Branch Secretary.

The Sewing School.

The Sewing School opened on the last Saturday in October with an enrollment of twenty-five girls. For the first three Saturdays we were seriously inconvenienced by lack of teachers, but Miss Harnish very kindly came to our aid by sending us three girls from the Burd School—Miss Mary Ashley and Miss Anna Mulcaster to teach in the Sewing School, and Miss Winifred Horscroft to provide the music for the kitchen garden. These young ladies have been most faithful and a very great help in this work.

The attendance has not been so large as that of last year, the average being about fifteen. The quality of the work is much improved and the amount accomplished quite satisfactory.

For the older girls who have now finished the model books and made an apron or petticoat or dressed a doll, we have planned to extend the length of the lessons next year and to instruct these girls in the use of the sewing machine and in making their own underwear.

We regret to have to report that the Saving Fund has not been so well supported as in other years except by a few, and we feel quite sure that the moving picture shows are largely responsible for this. We hope, however, to guard against this another year and to get all the children back to the good habit of saving their pennies and nickels.

Miss Wilkins has been coming in very frequently at the close of the lessons to talk with the older girls about the Girls' Friendly Society, for which they are candidates, so that they may understand the meaning and purpose of that organization. This has been a very good influence for them.

On the whole, I think we can note improvement and encouragement for a continuation of this work.

MARY E. EASTWOOD,
President.

The Kitchen Garden.

The kitchen garden which immediately follows the sewing class on Saturday mornings and is attended by the same children has added one new feature this year; raffia or simple work in basketry for those girls who had become proficient in the regular work of the class.

We hope these little girls have learned some lessons that will be of use to them in their homes and enable them to be of some help to their mothers.

A flutter of interested excitement was caused at our last meeting by the reading of the invitation to the little girls to attend the wedding of Miss Lineaweaver who organized and first taught this work several years ago.

Instead of the usual closing exercises in the Sunday School Room we will this year have an outing with lunch in Fairmount Park on the second Saturday in May.

MARY E. EASTWOOD,
President.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The winter of 1910 and 1911 has closed, we hope, in a manner satisfactory to all as far as our work and finances are concerned.

The number of unclassed poor people applying to the Church for assistance has been fewer than in former years, which proves, we think, that the army of the unemployed has been less.

Our work has been largely with those of whom we had knowledge; people with employment who, from sickness or slack in business or failure of a firm, have been thrown out of work for a time, but even that short time means much suffering and privation, and they have to be helped over it,—for with the high price of living, and the low wages received, there can be little if any money laid aside for a rainy day, with the great majority of the poor. It is a pleasure to note that these people are not pauperized by this occasional lifting of the burden, for as soon as they can, they are struggling to regain their footing and are gladly working as the opportunity presents itself, and although they may never apply for assistance again, or at least not for a long time, it is always given to them, or others as they need it.

The Sunday breakfast after the early communion service on special occasions has become an institution of our Church life. We have had four this year; one for the Brotherhood of St. Stephen's Church; one on Christmas Day; one for last year's Confirmation Class, and another on Easter Sunday, in order that those living at a distance from the Church could remain for the regular morning service and for Sunday School. Dr. Grammer gave a delightful and instructive little talk at the breakfast given to the members of last year's Confirmation Class. When he called the roll there was only one member from whom we did not hear.

Twenty dollars was given by a lady and her daughter as a memorial and, with their consent, it was given to a poor woman and her daughter. These two refined women had once lived in affluence but through illness and reverses were struggling with great misery and poverty, and never was money more gladly received or more appreciated.

Through the kindness of several men of the congregation, money was donated for clothing and other necessities for the support of three little orphan girls.

During the year, when milk was ordered by a physician and the family or families were too poor to purchase any, it was sent to them for months. Coal was furnished when it was absolutely needed and board was paid for two young girls for a short time while out of employment.

Fifty bushels of potatoes were distributed among a number of families. Groceries were also sent to the needy. Several air cushions were bought to help relieve pain, and medicine and delicacies were sent to the sick.

Many of the hospitals were visited as we had a number of patients in them.

The Sunday School and Sewing School scholars are visited from time to time. The women who obtain sewing from the Benevo-

lent Society, also the women from the Mothers' Meeting (numbering 120) are always visited in times of sickness and death in the family.

The usual number of baskets were distributed on Christmas so that many poor families were assured of a good and substantial dinner.

The total amount of money received and distributed during the year was $275.00.

In concluding this, her Annual Report, the Parish Visitor wishes to add that the daily visits of help and encouragement will continue and when there is need, service will always be promptly given. Respectfully submitted.

K. H. Lewis.

The Garment Committee.

In sending my Annual Report, I should like to remind the congregation of St. Stephen's that there is such an institution in the parish as the Garment Committee. It may be that with the loss of many old members, the new members of the congregation are not sufficiently aware of the importance of this committee in the work among the poor and how many cases of distress it is called upon to relieve. There are many of the very worthy poor who prefer to pay the little they can afford for clothing and we accept this, no matter if it is but a small fraction of the cost of the garment. It cannot be called a profitable business, however, and I would like to appeal to the congregation for contributions, if they have not clothing to send, any small amount of money in lieu thereof, will be most gratefully received. There were four hundred and ninety-seven garments distributed by us during the winter, and assistance rendered to a great many most deserving families. I append my report of receipts and disbursements for the season of 1910-1911:

Receipts.

Balance	$10 02
Received from Dr. Grammer	25 00
Rummage Sale	8 50
From Sale of Clothing	11 75
	$55 27

Disbursements.

Eighty-three new garments purchased	$31 80
One pair blankets purchased	2 75
Balance	20 72
	$55 27

Julia de M. Lammot,
President.

Benevolent Society.

A meeting of the Benevolent Society took place the first Thursday in November.

The Treasurer reported:

Nov. 16, 1910, Cash on hand	$108 35	
Nov. 16, 1910, Interest	142 32	
Donation	5 00	
Sales	220 01	
Nov. 20, 1910, Offertory	141 51	
		$617 19
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Disbursements		$506 10
April 20, 1911, Cash balance on hand		$111 09

Grace V. D. Lucas,
Treasurer.

The following Wednesday the Society opened for work. The hospitals had been notified a week before that we were ready to receive articles. Last year we finished 3,153 garments, and towels, and this year only 2,348. This deficiency was explained when we looked into the hospital reports and found they had sent more difficult work. Last year the Pennsylvania alone sent us 700 towels at one time; this year a small number. We do not feel discouraged, as we have done finer work, and next year will ask for our share of towels.

Our attendance has been good, most of the women take a great interest in their work and we feel they give us their best, and the hospitals have written that our work is better than any they receive.

Our committee of ladies are most faithful, coming in bad as well as good weather, and when it was suggested to them to come two more days and make some articles for St. Stephen's Farm, they did not hesitate, and now we have ready to send, as soon as the house opens, 42 sheets, 84 towels and two dozen dusters.

We have lost two of our number, one who was very dear to us, by death, Miss Cleemann. At one time she was president of this Society; the other, Mrs. Cromburger is no longer able to help us. We miss her gentle presence.

Our President has been missed by the whole Society, and it is a great happiness to feel that next winter she will again be with us.

Cornelia L. Ewing,
Vice-President.

The Mothers' Meeting.

The first meeting of the Mothers was held November 3, 1910. There are 120 names on the roll book. There have been 22 meetings, with an average attendance of 67 members. There has been a great deal of sickness and some deaths among the members and their families during the winter. It is very gratifying to see the interest shown by the Mothers in all things connected with the members, especially in remembering the sick and those in trouble by sending from their Mite Box flowers and plants.

At their Annual Sale on December 3rd, they realized $101.75. The following distribution was made: To the Boys' Club, $10.00; Home for Aged Couples, $45.50, leaving a balance of $46.25 to be expended for necessary articles for the Farm. From the quantity of carpet rags contributed by them, were made 15 rugs for the Farm, and 72 yards of carpet donated to the Three Arts Room of the Parish House, all at a cost of $30.86, which was paid for by one of their friends.

Sixty mothers had their day's outing at the Farm, which they always look forward to with much pleasure.

All were remembered on Christmas Day, for which they express thanks to the Rector.

The special Communion Service held in the Church on the evening of Thursday in Holy Week, was well attended, some 75 Mothers being present.

The Provident Fund, five cents per week, to draw from in case of sickness, and the Saving Fund, are very helpful to all depositors.

Thanks are due to the many friends who entertained them with music, readings, and recitations, thus giving them many happy hours. The kind friend who gave them a fine treat of ice cream and cake, comes in for special thanks.

The great interest in the work shown by the two assistants and secretary has been fully appreciated. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Henry P. Taylor.

The Altar Society.

The Altar Society presents its twenty-seventh Annual Report:

The Superintendent of the Chancel Committee reports: A Fair Linen Cloth made for St. Stephen's Church. A member of the Chancel Committee presented eight gold book markers for the prayer books and hymnals used in the Chancel. The same member embroidered and presented a Credence Cloth. A special order was given by a member of the Altar Society for six stole collars as a gift to Dr. Grammer. The Superintendent also reports the installation of a Piscina, a stationary basin with running water for the cleansing of the Communion vessels. This has been placed in the room adjoining the vestry. The Chancel Committee has now fifteen members.

The Embroidery Class Committee reports having finished this year: One stole for the Burd School; white, red, purple and green book markers are being made for the school, but are not yet finished; work on the Pall has been continued. It is hoped that the members may be able to finish it next year.

The Treasurer of the Altar Society presents the following report, April 24th, 1911:

Balance on hand April 1, 1910	$1 52
Received	342 57
Total	$344 09
Bills paid	$330 89
Balance on hand April 22, 1911	$13 20

Special Fund.

Balance on hand April 1, 1910	$80 18
Bills paid	61 25
Balance on hand April 22, 1911	$18 93

E. K. Campbell,
Secretary.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

The St. Stephen's Aid Society held its meeting on Friday mornings during Lent, the object of the Society being to provide baby garments to be distributed by Miss Lewis in her work among the poor of the parish. When it is taken into consideration that the work of the Aid Society is confined to the Lenten season, it is remarkable that so many garments are finished. This is largely due to the interest a few members manifest in this very necessary work. Four new members were welcomed to the Society this year and have helped to make it quite a successful season. Twenty complete outfits were made. The Treasurer reports $15.00 received from Dr. Grammer, and $5.00 each from two members, making a total of $25.00.

Bills paid	$24 34
Balance on hand	$ 66

E. K. Campbell,
Secretary.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Stephen's, having secured its charter in February, 1910, is now over a year old, and with few exceptions its members are regular in attendance, meeting the first and third Sundays in each month after Sunday School.

The Rector has led them in two admission services in the Church, when the members were officially admitted. Though a few have dropped out, others have taken their places. Recently two were admitted on probation. Its members are interested and have entertained two other Chapters in a conference on the subject: "The Power of Prayer in a Boy's Life." On Easter Monday evening, the Junior Chapter of St. Andrew's Church, Eighth and Spruce, entertained us, with Incarnation Junior Chapter in a conference on "The Brotherhood Boy, His Example." It is most encouraging to see our members enter heartily into these discussions. Personal work is being done, and our members are making themselves useful as secretaries and assistants in the Sunday School as well as in ushering and other duties in the Church services, including the Noon-day Lenten Meetings. Recently they conducted a very successful evening service at the Galilee Mission, taking an active part in the speaking, reading of the Scriptures and in prayer; so that we can truly say the Chapter is full of progress. From their own funds they will make a contribution to the Philadelphia Local Assembly, and some of its members are planning for a visit to the National Convention of the Brotherhood at Buffalo in the fall.

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Director.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

During the past year this Fraternity of the young men of the Sunday School has very much felt the sad death of its former presiding officer, Jurgen Knoop Kolb. His mother has left to their use and care his fine collection of books as a memorial of his keen interest in the society. Since his death the meetings have been called by the Chaplain and at each meeting, from those present, a presiding officer has been elected for the evening, thus giving all a chance at leadership. The other officers have remained unchanged, except Wm. Hammer, who has been elected to the office of secretary in place of Adam Hall, who resigned. It has well served its aim of fellowship and sociability by giving on December 8th, last, an entertainment entitled "Memories of the Good Old Summer Time," illustrated by lantern slides and moving pictures, arranged by its Chaplain. An orchestra was procured and members of the Girls' Friendly Society and the Sunday School were invited to enjoy the occasion. Recently it gave a minstrel entertainment and dance, including a sketch, "The Daughter of the Regiment." The same audience largely attended this event, which was heartily enjoyed and voted a success. It is planned to donate part of the net proceeds to Christ Home for Destitute Children. The proposed Shakesperean play was laid aside for this season, but a play is being planned for the fall. In order to assist these efforts in dramatic expression a new proscenium and interior scenery is badly needed, and it is hoped it may be obtained.

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Chaplain.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate.

This organization of boys of our Sunday School, from nine to sixteen years of age, has had a promising year. It meets every Friday evening at seven o'clock; first, as a United States Senate for conducting its business and discussing questions of the hour; then, adjourning for an hour of athletic instructions under Mr. Fountain; these being followed by games. It occasionally meets on other evenings for games and athletic competitions. By reason of the Sunday School joining the Sunday School Athletic League, it was enabled to give its members swimming lessons at the Young Men's Christian Association during Christmas week and to take part in their athletic meets. It also takes part in the interchurch meets at Cooper Battalion Hall. On Friday, February 3rd, the boys gave a gymnastic exhibition interspersed with moving pictures and filled the Sunday School hall with their friends. From the proceeds they were enabled to pay off their indebtedness, including the fee to the physical instructor and the kind loan of Mr. Boyd. With their dues and subscriptions from the Rector's Fund, from Mrs. Taylor, the Mothers' Meeting, and kind friends, their treasury has a credit balance of $48.46, at this date, so that they are in prosperous condition.

G. H. STREAKER,
President and Treasurer.

To the Boys.

Mr. Cummins, the Lay Reader of the parish, is interested in an excellent boy's camp on Lake George, among the Adirondack Mountains, and desires to hear from, and meet if possible, any boys, or parents, who are interested in anything of this kind. Mr. Cummins is personally acquainted with the conductor and owner of the camp, and expects to be one of the counsellors. He will be glad to call upon, or talk with, anyone who would like to hear of this camp. A catalogue will be sent upon request. He may be seen at the Vestry Room after the four o'clock service on any Sunday afternoon, or communications may be addressed to J. D. CUMMINS,
Philadelphia Divinity School,
5000 Woodland Ave.,
Philadelphia.

Mr. Cummins has been with the St. Stephen's boys on the Farm for the past two summers.

Children's Friend Society.

This Society is well known in St. Stephen's Church for the pleasure it has given to so many poor children, both in the parish and in the smaller streets of the city.

In the winter time about 250 children were entertained by Mr. Reynolds with moving pictures.

In the summer they are taken on excursions to the Park, the number of outings during the past year having been less than in former years, on account of there being not so many dollars to spend, as many of the kind friends who were always interested in these children have died.

Our Rector has kindly promised $30.00, so we hope to give more little ones an outing.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

From Church Fund (through Rev. Mr. Long)	$35 00	
Donations received	26 00	
		$61 00
Expenses for the year		$45 50
Balance		$15 50

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

RECEIPTS.

From the Patton Estate	$66 82	
Dues from members during the year	11 75	
For Thanksgiving Baskets	2 00	
For Christmas Baskets	3 00	
		$83 57
Expended during the year		$72 32
Balance		$11 25

Donations have been given during the past year to the Willing Day Nursery, on Pine street; to St. Stephen's Farm; to Miss Lewis, for her poor; to the Country Week Association; to the "Sheltering Arms"; also flowers have been sent to the sick. The Lenten sewing has not yet been all distributed.

Shoe Fund.

Money received from Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	$25 00	
Donations received	6 50	
Received from those who were furnished with shoes	26 00	
		$57 50
Expended during the year		$56 75
Balance		$ 75

Received at Christmas one large box of shoes and one box of overshoes.

Have given out shoes, mostly to our own parish, 140 pairs of shoes and 100 pairs of overshoes.

This has been a most encouraging year, with shoes for all who applied, and who have been grateful, and glad to help others by paying a small sum for what they received.

A Musical Event.

On Wednesday evening, April 26, an event of interest to St. Stephen's people occurred in the form of a recital given by Miss Elizabeth Cleemann Clayton, for the benefit of the Farm. Miss Clayton was assisted by Mr. Horace R. Hood, baritone; Miss Hedda Van Den Beemt, violinist, and Miss Marion C Ritchie at the piano. The large audience which filled Griffith Hall were well rewarded for their trouble, for the music was all of the highest order, and the entire performance was one of surpassing merit. The proceeds, which have been donated to the Farm, amounting to over $400, tes-

tify to the success of the evening. Miss Clayton and her assistants deserve much credit and are to be heartily congratulated for the admirable entertainment which they provided for their guests.

Sunday School Athletics.

The athletic Inter-Church Meet at Cooper Battalion Hall, on Thursday evening, May 4th, under the leadership of our Physical Instructor, Mr. Fountain, was a success. Our boys were delighted when Turner, of our Sunday School, though handicapped two inches, agile as a deer, beautifully cleared the bar in the high jump, and won the medal; then amid hearty applause made an exhibition record of 5 feet 4 inches. This inspired our athletes and we went on to success: James Mearns won first place in the 35-yard dash; Wm. Kunzer got third place in the quarter mile run; Luther Fisher got a medal, as well as Turner's younger brother; Carl Powers got first prize in the potato race, and Harry Dodge a third place in the dash of 35 yards, with William Reed doing finely in the half-mile run; so that with the bringing home of so many medals, our athletic work is progressing.

G. H. Streaker.

Anniversary of the Sextons' Association.

The seventh anniversary of the Protestant Episcopal Sextons' Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania was held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, May 9. The exercises opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 o'clock, followed by a business meeting, at which the following officers were elected: President, F. H. Simonds, of St. Matthias' Church; vice-president, James Carrigan, of St. Stephen's; secretary, Edwin Andrews, Prince of Peace Chapel; treasurer, James Dawson, Incarnation; trustees, Messrs. Taylor, Needham, Andrews, Wilkinson, and Schneidt. At one o'clock the meeting adjourned for luncheon, at which a number of the clergy were present as guests. Dr. Grammer presided as toastmaster, and interesting speeches were heard from the following: Rev. Dr. Floyd Tomkins, Rev. Dr. Charles C. Pierce, Rev. Henry M. Medary, and Rev. C. Rowland Hill. Mr. George H. Streaker, of our own church, spoke on behalf of the laymen, and Mr. Andrews, the secretary of the Sextons' Association, represented that organization in an interesting speech which told of the purpose and aims of the Association. The business meeting was continued during the afternoon, and the session closed with a theatre party in the evening.

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting May 17th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, at 8 o'clock.

Dues received from Miss Wilkins	$1 00
Dues received from Miss Alice Kelly	2 00
Dues received from Mrs. Adams.	60
Total	$3 60

Children's Friend Society.

From Miss Alice Kelly	$1 50

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Vestry.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Church Warden.*
Mr. Beauveau Borie, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell,
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

Soprano.

Miss Helen McNamee,
" Elizabeth Dale,
" Dunwiddie,
Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy,
Miss Dorothy Welsh,
Mrs. D. D. Wood.

Contralto.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maude Beith.
Miss Anna Carey,
Miss Alice Barnard,

Tenor.

Mr. Charles Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

Bass.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
231 South 8th Street.

Services.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
Holy Baptism at any service.
Sunday School, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

Trustees.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendent.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Burd Chapel Services.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

Officers.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

Managers.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppack, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Ada Leader.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowel, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.
President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Assistant.—Miss Daley.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, No.* 1024 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day.
" 5—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 12—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 19—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
" 26—Sunday next before Advent.
" 30—St. Andrew.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

May 14.—*Harry Garfield* Myers.
May 21.—*Ethel Elizabeth* Elliott.
June 1.—*James Holmes* Mearns 2nd.
June 1.—*Charles Elliott* Hall.
" 1.—*Frederick Abram Shippen* Huber.
Aug. 17.—*Jeanette Moffitt* Glass.
Oct. 1.—*Eileen Evelyn* Weir.
" 8.—*Wilfred Nicholas* Radford.
" 15.—*Elizabeth Marion* Kerr.
" 15.—*David Hanley* Kerr.
" 15.—*Mary Emma* Kerr.
" 15.—*James Kerr.*
" 15.—*Anna May* Payne.
" 18.—*John Herbert* Eyster.

MARRIAGES.

June 7.—Leon C. Tarbell and Alma M. Leader.
14.—Alvin F. Schoenfeld and Rae W. Goheen.
23.—F. L. Bruce and Effie M. Whitmore.
July 29.—George Le J. Bird and Esther Regina Ray.
Aug. 16.—Ernest Graner and Ida Elsner.
Sept. 2.—William Wilson Glading and Elsie Margaret Davis.
19.—Arthur C. Freeman and Elsa Steinbeisser.
20.—William Riess and Charlotte Dinkelaker.

BURIALS.

May 9.—Lostus W. Shepherd Bentley.
" 25.—Magdalene Grouse.
June 9.—Esther Marcella Gilroy.
" 30.—Lambert Mitchell.
July 1.—William L. Pearce.
" 8.—Sarah P. Studevant.
" 14.—Robert Fontaine Polk.
" 15.—Thomas Sparks Steel.
" 27.—Mary Macmeny.
Aug. 5.—Jane Wright Clayton.
Sept. 7.—Elmina Wonderly.
" 17.—George J. Brener.
" 27.—William Kuhn.
Oct. 18.—Edward S. Lister.
" 18.—Anna M. Payne.

Offerings Received from May 7, 1911, Third Sunday After Easter to October 29, 1911, Twentieth Sunday After Trinity, Inclusive.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$116.67	
Parochial Maintenance	98.61	
Missions	41.73	
Indian Missions	10.68	
Work among our boys	13.86	
		$281.55

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

St. Stephen's Farm	2.76	
Charities	451.04	
Parochial Maintenance	588.37	
Interest on Bank Account	9.24	
Benevolent Society	18.55	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1.30	
Missions	372.30	
Missionary Box	1.30	
Theological Education	27.92	
Indian Missions	23.28	
Episcopal Hospital	1.10	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Dioceses	1.10	
Foreign Missions	1.10	
Colored Missions	1.10	
Diocesan Missions	1.10	
Domestic Missions	6.59	
Endowment fund of St. Stephen's Church	2.00	
Easter Day Decorations	1.30	
City Missions	1.15	
Work among our boys	95.64	$1608.24
		$1889.79

SUMMARY

St. Stephen's Farm	$ 2.76
Charities	567.71
Parochial Maintenance	686.98
Missions	414.03
Interest on Bank Account	9.24
Indian Missions	33.96
Work among our boys	109.50
Benevolent Society	18.55
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1.30
Missionary Box	1.30
Theological Education	27.92
Episcopal Hospital	1.10
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	1.10
Foreign Missions	1.10
Colored Missions	1.10
Diocesan Missions	1.10
Domestic Missions	6.59
Endowment fund of St. Stephen's Church	2.00
Easter Day Decorations	1.30
City Missions	1.15
	$1889.79

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN JR.,
Treasurer.

The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR FLOCK:

I know of no better term for you than a flock, for it indicates the elements in our relation that are of enduring value I like to think of myself as a shepherd—an under-shepherd. Not that I mean thereby to claim any great disciplinary power over you, and subtilely to suggest that I bear the staff of discipline, for co-ercive jurisdiction has largely ceased to be exercised in our Church. Those who are not in sympathy with the ethical ideals and standards of Christianity feel uncomfortable in the communion of the Church drop out of it of their own accord. Likewise they who have ceased to accept the great pivotal truths of our Faith voluntarily abandon, as a rule, its worship, or any participation in our most sacred rites. The disciplinary power of the keys in our Church is really wielded by the public opinion of the Christian communion operating on the individual conscience.

Neither do I like the name because the shepherd is an autocratic leader—rules the flocks without collecting the votes of the sheep, for I believe that one of the greatest needs of our Church is a livelier sense on the part of the communicants and worshippers that as members of the congregation they have responsibilities and rights, that the Vestry are their chosen agents, and that they are each members of a religious club. We need less narrow parochialism, that restricts its sympathy to the parish and more active congregationalism, in which the congregation refuses to throw the duty of worship, praise, prayer or giving, on a few, and each member individually assumes his or her full measure of responsibility—responding in the prayers, taking part in the singing of the hymns, and contributing regularly to worthy objects.

What commends the term flock to me, is that it emphasizes my duty to care for you, to walk before you in the right way and to provide for your spiritual nourishment. It emphasizes in a way that ought to have a helpful effect upon me, the user of such speech, that it is my duty to serve and help you—that this duty constitutes the reason for my relation to St. Stephen's.

Of course it will be very difficult to effect this object unless we are personally friends, and therefore it is in a subsidiary and a subordinate way my duty to please each one of you, as far as I can, and your duty to meet me half way, but nevertheless it must be always borne in mind that such friendship does not exhaust by any means the purpose of our relation. For instance, as a teacher it is not always my duty to say pleasant things, nor even to speak comforting and consolatory words: my duty is to speak the truth, as God has given me to see it, in so far as it is for edification, for the word of truth must be rightly divided. Our influence on one another must reach back behind the social life to the soul life, the true life.

It is a source of thanksgiving to me that in these past years we have made some progress towards establishing relations of friendship in the congregation. I know you far better now than some years ago and I believe that the members of the congregation are more generally acquainted. This has been largely brought about by fellowship in Christian work in our various organizations. As far as possible everyone should join some society in the Church. Why should not every woman belong to the Woman's Auxiliary? Why can not every man enroll himself in some department of service? In this way the work would be lightened for the faithful people who now serve, and could also be extended.

I am convinced that the Envelope System has done good in making every one who has taken a package realize that he has a part—lot in this matter, and so extended the sense of fellowship. Let us now see if we can not utilize this good feeling by bringing in others, and by seeking to help one another.

One way in which every one should try to co-operate is by regular attendance at Church on Sunday. It is wonderful how much the service is improved if there is a good congregation of earnest worshipers. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. Even after Goldwin Smith had lost his faith in some of the chief distinctive historical or doctrinal teachings of Christianity he continued to go to Church for the sake of the devotional impulse he received from common worship. It made him feel both the needs of the soul and the solidarity of mankind.

There must be something wanting in our hearts if we are not helped by common worship. Nor do I believe that it is easy to lead the Christian life without hearing sermons or taking part in Christian ordinances.

But I am not emphasizing that side of Church going now. I am pleading for it, as a contribution to the general welfare and an aid to the general devotion. There have been few customs more hurtful to the due observance of Sunday, or as the early Christians reverently called it the Lord's Day, than the custom of having week-end parties. We need to protect our day of worship and to form regular habits of Churchgoing.

After an unusually long vacation, I return, I am thankful to say in good health, bringing all my family with me to these shores. I feel that in spite of our national weaknesses and our civic shortcomings and failures it is good to be an American, and after attending the services of our Mother Church in England, I feel that if the mother is fair, the daughter is fairer, and it is good to belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. May we have a happy and useful year of work together.

Inasmuch as you have brought me into this community, you will be interested, I doubt not to learn of some philanthropic activities in which I am taking part. It has always been a conviction with me, that a minister ought to help in some cause, in addition to his own particular task, in which necessarily his own personal welfare is to some extent involved. So I accepted on my arrival in this city an election to the Executive Committee of the Indian Rights Association; for I have always been profoundly interested in the backward races. Later on when a divergence of opinion arose in the society, as to the right course to be pursued, I was asked to be president as the representative of a more aggressive policy, and I have held the office for three years. During this period we have secured an important legal victory, and delivered from a military prison Indians who were held in imprisonment at hard labor by the Commissioner, Mr. Leupp, without any trial, civil or military, and so have established the right of Indians to the protection of the law; we have secured a change of agent in an important reservation in Montana; numerous schemes to defraud the Indians have been exposed; better terms for them as to lands and concessions have been obtained; and just in the last month, through zeal and ability of our agents, Mr. M. K. Sniffen and Mr. Brosius, we have secured the dismissal of J. B. Alexander and five assistants, and delivered from their malign influence and unscrupulous exploitation about 6,000 Indians. It is a very great victory that must tone up the whole Indian Service. We are indebted to the new Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Fisher, and to the Commissioner, Mr. Valentine, for their action in this matter, but it is not too much to claim for the Indian Rights Association the merit of inaugurating the investigation and of contributing to the solution that never would have been so triumphant a vindication of justice, and so complete a deliverance of the injured without its co-operation. The return of Mr. Herbert Welsh to this country from a seven months' sojourn abroad will greatly stimulate this organization of which he is the founder, and will lighten my responsibilities this year.

Another organization to which I give whatever time I can spare is the Armstrong Association for the Uplift of the Colored People of Philadelphia. Mr. John T. Emlen is the secretary, and has made this association a real power in the city. We have meetings in the colored churches, and seek in every way to aid the colored people to secure a training that will fit them to play a useful part in our civilization, and preach to them the gospel of thrift and efficiency, in season and out of season. I am also the president of the Church League for Work Among the Colored People, so you see that through various organizations I am in constant contact with the problems set our Christian civilization by the presence of these backward peoples.

I do not believe that such activities interfere with my work in the parish to any extent, and I am sure that it is the duty of the Christian Church to make its influence felt on these questions. I know of no other way for the Church to bring this influence to bear except by the personal activities of her members on these fields. An international convention was held in London this past summer to consider in all its bearings this "race problem" which is more and more engaging the attention of the scientists, publicists, statesmen and philanthropists of the world. The statistics that are being gathered are of great value, for direction of energy, but the only creative source of energy that has been disclosed is the religion of love and service. More and more am I convinced that without the religion of Jesus Christ, in its unselfish methods and pure morality, these peoples will be degraded and destroyed by the advance of our civilization upon them.

Affectionately yours,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Church Work Fund.

The annual appeal for The Church Work Fund is now made to all who can and will contribute to this useful fund. Out of it is published the PARISH NEWS, by it is procured a teacher for the Embroidery class, flowers are provided for the services, advertisements are inserted in the papers, necessary printing and typewriting are paid for, contributions are made by the Rector to the various societies, and the general work is maintained and stimulated. There has been made no provision by the Envelope System for any of these purposes, and the Rector needs this official purse just as much as before that system was introduced.

Fifteen hundred dollars is needed and I hope that all the former subscribers will contribute, and that new members will make some contribution also. Checks or money should be sent to the Rector. I cannot too earnestly repeat that the Envelope System provides no money for the purposes met by this fund and these ends are essential—with but slight modification—to the usefulness of the parish.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society desires to express its sorrow at the death of Mrs. J. Edgar Johnson. After several years of suffering, she passed away this summer. Mrs. Johnson organized St. Stephen's Branch of the G. F. S. many years ago, and as long as her strength permitted, freely gave of her time and energy to further its interests. She had the Society's welfare near her heart, first as Branch Secretary, and then as Treasurer. A faithful and devoted Associate, she will long be remembered by the older associates and members. To her husband, the Rev. J. Edgar Johnson, the sincerest sympathy is extended in his bereavement.

The Farm.

The season which has just closed marks fourteen years since the opening of St. Stephen's Farm—June 14, 1898.

In reviewing the work of the past year, it might be well to mention the new plan of renting the Farm, which has been tried this year with the hope of eliminating the expense of farming. Although this arrangement has not been entirely satisfactory, at any rate, it has proved a great saving of money, which is very important; and it is to be hoped the plan, undoubtedly a good one, may later be perfected, for it has been proven to the entire satisfaction of those in charge that the Farm can be run independently, with little or no inconvenience to the farmer.

This past season there was an average of 457 guests for a stay of one week, and 287 extra meals were served. The guests were for the most part members of the Girls' Friendly Society, who came as usual over the Fourth of July, and Labor Day, members of the Mothers' Meeting with their little ones, who found the Farm the same restful spot, a number outside the Parish, and last but not least, the Boys of St. Stephen's, thirty strong, who were unfortunate in having a whole week of rain, and were obliged to remain indoors; but on the whole they were a pretty good lot, and managed not to be very miserable, although they were deprived of the usual outdoor sports.

In consequence of the increased cost of living, it was found necessary to raise the rates from three dollars to four dollars per week,

for those outside the Parish. This additional charge was cheerfully met, and proved quite profitable.

It is generally agreed that this past summer has been exceptionally warm, and the Farm, so beautifully situated among hills, woods and fields, proved a most comfortable spot during the heated season. A number of our people had been ill and were very weak, and a few felt they could not have lived had they been obliged to remain in the heat of the city. All, however, returned refreshed in mind and body, and many were the expressions of gratitude and appreciation for the Farm and its comforts.

The pleasures too, were thoroughly enjoyed, not only the exciting straw ride and the sports on the lawn, but the quieter delights of a walk along the country road; a visit to the beautiful winding Neshaminy, and an outing to Easton by members of the Girls' Friendly Society, are also pleasant memories.

This past year great interest has been shown by the various societies of St. Stephen's in helping the work. The Mothers' Meeting expended $46.00 for glassware and china, a new hammock, a tennis net, table linen, and a number of articles which were very much needed. The contribution from the Benevolent Society of single sheets, towels and dusters, made glad the hearts of the house mothers. The Girls' Friendly Society beautified their room by the addition of new matting, and furnishings for the bureau. The King's Daughters also added to the furnishings of their room, and other friends sent gifts of books, hammocks and fruit for preserving.

Through the kindness of Mr. Wm. H. Hollar, fire extinguishers were placed on each floor, thus ensuring greater safety in case of fire.

The needs of the Farm for the coming year are many. Several of the rooms need new paint and paper, and a carpet for the parlor has now become a necessity; also a rag carpet for the sitting room would be very acceptable.

It has been suggested by the G. F. S. that this coming winter, they bend their energies toward raising money for a bathing pool, (which would be a very great pleasure as well as a blessing) or a sleeping porch. These are matters for consideration in which no doubt the friends of the Farm will be very much interested.

When we think of the lives made brighter, and the number who have been benefited and made stronger, and who eagerly look forward to their visit each year, the thought that comes to us is that the undertaking is indeed worth while, and what seemed at the beginning merely desirable, has now at the close of the fourteenth year, become a necessity. E. D.

The Summer Sunday School.

This summer after several sessions in June, we made an interesting experiment, hoping thereby to make our Sunday School lessons more attractive by use of lantern illustrations. We screened the windows around the platform and got fairly good pictures even in the morning light. Our general subject being, "The Early Missionary Heroes of the Church," from St. Paul, Ignatius and Polycarp, to those "Soldiers of the Cross" of Mediæval times, we succeeded in a measure by using colored lantern slides. In July we tried to improve, and introduced moving pictures, "Noah and the Deluge," "The Life of Moses" and "The Life of Christ." It meant much effort to get the needed reels and we used in all, eight to ten thousand feet of film. Moving picture reels of the proper subject are difficult to get, particularly at the time you want them to illustrate a special subject, and while there was some crudity, on the whole the experiment was valuable and instructive.

As the summer advanced many went away on vacations and the school dwindled some. The attendance of the boys, strange to say, was far in the majority during mid-summer. Probably a hundred scholars were at the opening session in June and about the same number at the last session, September 24th.

Our Summer School has the advantage of being a sort of clearing house for the Farm Outings, where scholars can come for endorsement of applications for the valued privilege of a vacation there. It is encouraging to see more scholars enjoying the Farm than ever. It was the writer's opportunity, in the Open-air Meetings which he held on the Farm Lawn every Sunday evening at twilight during July and early August, thus to keep in touch with the scholars and so keep our Sunday School work continuous and connected, both in the School and on the Farm.

The Boys' two weeks at the Farm (averaging some thirty boys present) was of course a success in spite of seven days of rain. Coming as they do from our Boys' Club and Sunday School, it gives their leader a chance to get the personal touch, in these two weeks of life lived together, which could not otherwise be had. So I most heartily express our hearty appreciation to the House Mother for her many kindnesses, to the Farmer for his help and to the Vestry and the kind friends, all, who assist in giving this out-of-door blessing,—so valuable to all who go and to our Summer Sunday School. G. H. Streaker.

The Boys' Church in the Woods.

This summer, this institution of our Farm Outings, now in its fifth year, had but a few sessions. The twilight Sunday evening services on the Farm lawn seemed to fit in better. Its first session held in our beautiful woodland, Sunday afternoon, August 20th, was well attended, with our good friend Mrs. Taylor, a number of guests and all the boys present. Mr. Cummins gave us a good address. Its second session, owing to heavy rain on August 27th, was transferred to the Farm living room. John Mearns, of our Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, was the reader, with Harry Dodge, of our Sunday School, as soloist, and Carl Powers, of our Junior Brotherhood, was the preacher, his text being "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man." Preaching to one's fellows is not easy, but the many boys who made up the congregation were attentive and reverent. This meeting was an advance especially encouraging to the writer.

Though the boys were not present at the closing Woodland service, September third, yet in their name it was held and several hundred were present. Mrs. D. D. Wood was our soloist, and she surely felt the beauty of the scene, judging from the sweet, inspiring tones from her hymn of praise. Rev. J. J. D. Hall and Dr. Albert Oettinger both made stirring addresses. Nor shall we forget the special prayer and hymn by the many members of our Girls' Friendly Society who were present. Our seating capacity was too small—the children from Christ Home, the neighbors and visitors in carriages and automobiles, came in such large numbers that the Christ Home people had to come to our rescue with the hurried loan of more benches. Thus encouragingly closed our Woodland Meetings for the summer.

G. H. Streaker.

Parish Visitor's Report.

As the Parish Visitor reviews the results of the past summer's work among the needy, the sick and the infirm, she feels convinced that there is almost, if not quite as much distress, (though from different causes) as in the winter.

With a limited purse, in the absence of our Rector and most of my generous supporters, I have sometimes wondered how it was possible to help all who needed assistance. Money, however, while being necessary, is not always the most essential.

I submit a letter from a woman whom I found in the depths of trouble and despondency. It will tell its own story better than I can, and without watchful care and sympathy, money would not have been sufficient to restore her to health and self-confidence:

Dear Miss Lewis:

I came back from St. Stephen's farm yesterday and feel and look so much better. I gained several pounds while away. It is hard to realize that I am the same desperate hopeless creature who came to you only seven weeks ago.

I had been in a melancholy condition for a year past, and gradually my energies became utterly paralyzed. I was forced to resign my position in a large mercantile house some time ago, as I could not concentrate my mind upon my work, and as I am entirely dependent upon myself the only way to get money was to sell piece by piece, my clothing and several pieces of jewelry.

At the time I met you I was completely destitute and I know I was in a very dangerous mental condition. I had not had sufficient nourishment for several months and on one occasion was without food for sixty hours. I did not know of the temporary home and other charities intended for women in my helpless condition; I thought people without home or money had to go to the Alms House, and I had not the courage to do that. So I feel, dear Miss Lewis, that your kind help has saved me from starvation or insanity, for I don't believe I could have held out one day longer.

I am happy to say I start to-morrow in my new position in a large retail house.

With heart-felt thanks for your kind sympathy and help, will close.

Since sending this letter the writer is doing beyond our expectations. She is holding a good position with a very fair salary, which is sufficient to meet her expenses. The mental

strain was so great that the Parish Visitor still has her under her care.

A whole family in distress and sickness was cared for during nine weeks before the heavy cloud was lifted from their horizon, besides many isolated cases, so that the Parish Visitor feels she has much to be thankful for that her Heavenly Father has shown her a way out of difficulties which at first, seemed almost insurmountable. K. H. Lewis.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The first meeting of the winter, held on October 19th, was interesting despite the fact that there was no regular speaker and that several of the committees had no meeting to report.

Clothing is needed by the Mission at Cape Mount, Africa, and linen by the Hospital at Anking, China.

Last year land was secured for St. Paul's University in Tokio, and now $150,000 is needed for buildings and equipment.

The Bishop Whittaker Memorial Fund still lacks $1,200 of the amount decided upon.

This year Pennsylvania's apportionment for Missions has been raised to $158,000. St. Stephen's sent $200 to the United Offering last year and hopes to do better this winter. Eleven dollars have been received, and contributions may be given to Miss Anna Magee, the chairman of the committee who has this work in charge.

The Missionary Calendar, containing interesting facts about the Mission work of the Church arranged for every day in the year, has been reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents. Last year 3,000 copies were sold, but there is already an advance order for 6,000 copies this year. An edition of 10,000 copies is being printed.

The Missionary Box Committee starts the winter in a flourishing condition, with $459.73 in the treasury. It is particularly glad to have this money on hand now so that boxes may be sent before the cold weather finds families of missionaries unprepared.

The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in Holy Trinity church, on November tenth.

The November meeting of St. Stephen's Branch will be held as usual, on the third Thursday of the month at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Wetmore will tell of her work among the Negroes in the South.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement.

Begun in this city in September, the "Men and Religion Forward Movement" is now actively at work, not only here but in ninety of the large cities, as well as in hundreds of the smaller ones. The National Committee of Ninety-seven has been at work many months completing an immense and comprehensive plan for the winter's campaign. In Philadelphia, the local Committee of One Hundred, of which our Rector is one, is now in full swing. Over $40,000 of the required $50,000 necessary to finance the organization, have been raised. The Movement proposes by means of a thoroughly considered plan, a great advance in vital Christian effort. It seeks to assist each church: (1) to bring the largest possible number of men and boys into its membership; (2) to greatly increase the enrollment in Bible classes; (3) to continue the Missionary emphasis; (4) to demonstrate that social service is an essential part of Christianity; (5) to arouse boys to their religious obligations.

In consequence when the year's campaign has passed, the success of the movement will be measured by the extent to which its plans and inspiration have stimulated men and boys within each local church. In order to get vitally in contact with the individual church, the city has been divided into twenty districts, with an interdenominational committee in each district to secure the co-operation of the churches and to further the interests of the Movement in that section.

We are in the seventh district, of which Rev. F. DeWitt Talmage, Rev. J. J. J. Moore, Mr. Homer L. Pound, Mr. Asa S. Wing, and G. H. Streaker, are on the interdenominational committee.

It is desired that this district committee keep in touch with a delegation of five men in each church who are willing to help in the activities above mentioned and to secure for their own church the benefits of the Movement. To that end Dr. Grammer has appointed a delegation of five men from St. Stephen's, namely: Mr. William H. Hollar, Mr. George H. Streaker, Mr. Robert T. Boyd, Mr. Abram Tatnall, and Mr. Charles K. Gibbs.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Annual Meeting of the Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of this Diocese, usually held on St. Andrew's Day, will this year be held on Wednesday, November 29th, afternoon and evening, at the Church of the Saviour, 38th and Chestnut street. Bishop Rhinelander is expected, and a memorial to Mr. Kline will be unveiled. All Senior and Junior members are cordially invited.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate met at 7 P. M. the first Friday in October to resume their regular meetings. Mr. Fountain, as leader of Physical Instruction, will gladly welcome all boys of St. Stephen's into his Friday evening classes, both seniors and juniors, from 8 to 10 o'clock. The Senate meets promptly at 7.15 P. M.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

The young men of the Alpha Kappa will meet informally on Friday evenings as usual to plan for their social meetings and dramatic events of the coming winter.

To the Men of St. Stephen's Church.

An Informal Dinner of the men associated with St. Stephen's Church, will be given under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Tuesday evening, November 14th, 1911, in the banquet room of the City Club, 1418 Walnut street, at seven o'clock.

All men in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are earnestly invited to attend this Dinner. The price of the Dinner will be one dollar ($1.00) and subscriptions may be sent to Mr. William H. Hansell, chairman of committee, 904 Provident building, Philadelphia.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in June, July, August and September:

From	Mrs. A. F. Martin	$ 4.00
"	Mrs. H. P. Taylor	2.00
"	Mr. W. H. Hollar	5.00
From	Mrs. Charles E. Milnor	1.00
"	Rev. Charles E. Milnor	1.00
"	L. M. C.	5.00
(From church through Rev. Mr. Long)		30.00
Total		$48.00
Expended during the Summer		20.43
Balance		$27.57

The children enjoyed their outing to Sedgley Park very much; some of the young ladies from the Sunday School assisted the ladies in entertaining them, and in playing games, and many of the children sang and recited and told of the good time they had in the country during the summer. They were told of the death of one of their little friends who had always made it pleasant both on the excursions and at entertainments by her songs and recitations, little Clara Katz. Her death is deeply regretted by all.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle held their first meeting October 4th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock. Will be glad to have anyone join in our good work this winter.

Shoe Fund.

Donation received during the summer from Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

Telephone Connection

JOSEPH CLAYTON

Funeral Director

225 South Eleventh St., Philadelphia

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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Clergy.

Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

Rev. Robert Long.
145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Rev. Joseph L. Miller.

Parish Visitor, Miss K. H. Lewis,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Church Warden.*
Mr. Beauveau Borie, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,	Mr. Wm. H. Hansell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,	Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,	Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,	Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar.	Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

Soprano.

Miss Helen McNamee,	Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy,
" Elizabeth Dale,	Miss Dorothy Welsh,
" Dunwiddie,	Mrs. D. D. Wood.

Contralto.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,	Miss Anna Carey,
Miss Maude Beith.	Miss Alice Barnard,

Tenor.

Mr. Charles Manypenny,	Mr. Albert H. Allison,
	Mr. Richmond Watkins.

Bass.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,

Verger.
James Carrigan,
231 South 8th Street.

Services.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
Holy Baptism at any service.
Sunday School, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

Trustees.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendent.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Burd Chapel Services.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

Officers.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

Managers.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppack, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Ada Leader.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowel, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.
President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 231 *South Eighth St., at any time.*

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 3—First Sunday in Advent.
" 10—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 17—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 21—St. Thomas
" 24—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25—Christmas
" 26—St. Stephen.
" 27—St. John, Evangelist.
" 28—Holy Innocents.
" 31—Sunday after Christmas.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

Nov. 7.—*William Laurence* Crawford.
" 12.—Colwell William Carr.
" 15.—*Ruth Blake* Orr.
" 19.—*Alexander Anderson* MacPhee.
" 19.—*Jean Von Gersdorf* Ackerly.

Offerings Received During the Month of November, 1911, (From November 1, 1911, All Saints' Day to November 30, 1911, Thanksgiving Day).

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$ 52.25	
Parochial Maintenance	35.23	
Benevolent Society	32.95	
Missions	29.12	
Episcopal Hospital	47.00	
		$196.55

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	125.87	
Parochial Maintenance	179.30	
Benevolent Society	67.08	
Missions	134.71	
Missionary Box	.10	
Theological Education	2.05	
Indian Missions	2.95	
Domestic Missions	1.35	
Interest on Deposits (Parochial Maintenance)	8.28	
Our Work Among Boys	16.67	
Episcopal Hospital	146.40	
		684.76
		$881.31

SUMMARY.

Charities	178.12
Parochial Maintenance	214.53
Missions	163.83
Benevolent Society	100.03
Episcopal Hospital	193.40
Missionary Box	.10
Theological Education	2.05
Indian Missions	2.95
Domestic Missions	1.35
Interest on deposits (Parochial Maintenance)	8.28
Work Among Our Boys	16.67
	$881.31

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

RECEIVED BY DR. GRAMMER.

For Bishop Darlington		$12.00
THE CHURCH WORK FUND—		
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	$ 15	
Mr. T. P. Chandler	25	
Miss F. W. Gebhart	10	
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollar	20	
Miss Matilda Maulsby	50	
Miss Laura Bell	10	
Miss Emily Bell	10	
Mrs. G. V. D. Lucas	10	
Miss Catharine T. Rynard	25	
Mr. J. Austin McDowell	50	
Mrs. E. B. Judson	10	
Mr. S. N. Lewis	15	
"A Friend"	5	
A. D. A.	20	
Mr. C. Howard Colket	25	
Mrs. Caroline R. Tucker	15	
Dr. Edward R. Fell	10	
Mr. G. Bond Cochran	5	
Miss Jane Jamison	10	
Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Grammer	20	
Miss Fannie S. Magee	25	
Mr. Craig Atmore	10	
Mr. Beauveau Borie	25	
Dr. and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	100	
Mr. Wm. E. Haydock	15	
Mrs. Thomas Armstrong	5	
Miss Williamson	5	
Mrs. J. Gordon Maxwell	$ 1	
Miss Louise B. Edwards	5	
Miss Bloodgood	5	
Mr. E. J. Moore	100	
Mrs. J. F. Heberton	10	
Mr. Charles P. Lineaweaver	5	
Mrs. John Coates Browne	10	
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	15	
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25	
Dr. Richard A. Cleeman	10	
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	25	
Mr. John T. Lewis	25	
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	25	
Miss Ella Headman	5	
Miss Anna J. Magee	25	
Mr. John W. Trinkle, (In Memory of his Wife)	150	
Miss Julia Garrett	100	
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	25	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25	
Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Petry	5	
An Unknown Friend	5	
Mrs. Blinkhorn	2	
Mr. George Frescoln	5	
Miss Josephine Lewis	10	
		$881.31
		1158.00
Total		$2051.31

The Sunday Evening Song Service and Social Hour.

On November the 12th, the Rector had his first Sunday evening of song and fellowship in the Parish House. It was a rainy night, the waters coming down in floods, and the Sunday School teachers who had agreed to take supper together in the Parish House in connection with their monthly meeting, were quite willing to remain awhile afterward and help to make the occasion a success. Some friends joined them, and as Mrs. Wood and Dr. Anthony were present to lead the singing the evening was much enjoyed. About twelve persons came in, and the whole company spent a profitable and pleasant hour or more together. The whole number present was thirty-two.

On the next Sunday, Nov. 19, there were no teachers to swell the party, and the attendance of 23, though smaller, was a better proof of the need of such a social hour.

On the third Sunday, Nov. 26, without any special invitations except two or three and an invitation to Miss Denny's class, the numbers rose to 48.

On the evening of Advent Sunday, in spite of the rain, the attendance was 37. The Rev. Mr. Miller was present and spoke some helpful words.

The indications are, therefore, most encouraging that a rich field has been found. All around us are people living in boarding houses, or in the far more isolated life of apartments, or rooms, and here in St. Stephen's Parish House will be open to them a pleasant hour and a half of Christian fellowship, such as obtains on Sunday evenings in countless Christian homes. There is no formality, hymns are sung; there is social converse, and the evening is brought to a close at about 9 o'clock by some words from the Rector and a brief prayer. The service will last from 7.30 to 9 every Sunday. It is held in the room on the second floor of the Parish House.

The annual reminder is now in order to considerate and thoughtful people to get through their Christmas shopping, if possible, early in December. Such early shopping will confer a double gift and be the means of giving a real Christmas to the clerks in the great stores and to the drivers.

A special confirmation service has been promised by Bishop Garland for Dec. 19, and any candidates who failed to be present at the last Confirmation, and would like to embrace this opportunity are invited to speak to the Rector.

The Sunday afternoon addresses will be on lessons from the lives of Great Saints of the Church. The opening lecture was on Ignatius, the zealous martyr. The second will be on Polycarp, the disciple of St. John. The series will come down the centuries in chronological sequence, and the treatment will bring out the Christian graces of these heroes of faith rather than their systems of thought or views on Church government. It is a great defect in the popular religious knowledge that with most Christian people the whole period from Paul to Luther has hardly any religious meaning and message. While they are not as ignorant as the expounder of the Scriptures, who explained that Ananias was the local preacher at Damascus in the days of St. Paul, still their views of Christian life and experience are almost as crude. It is undoubtedly a source of strength to Romanism that it teaches its members, history of the Church. Ecclesiastical history will be made subordinate in these addresses to the biography of the great char-

acters discussed, but it will necessarily be taught in some measure. The chief aim, however, will be practical edification from the good examples and inspiring lives of those who were choice vessels of grace and the lights of the world in their several generations.

On Tuesday, Nov. 28th, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew began its course of study of the Prayer Book. Barry's Teacher's Prayer Book was taken as the text-book. Dr. Grammer was the teacher for the first evening and gave a brief outline of the history of our liturgy, of the various Uses, of the two Prayer Books under Edward VI., and pointed out the special features in the Collects, Epistles and Gospels for the next two Sundays. Much interest was shown. The next meeting of the class will be on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Such a study is certain to make more intelligent Christians, and increase the interest in the services.

The clergy should be consulted before the arrangements are made for funerals. They are willing to make every effort to meet the wishes of the bereaved family, but they often have previous engagements that must be kept. All difficulties could be avoided by prior consultation. A competent funeral director, like Mr. Joseph Clayton, knows of this rule, and will advise the family properly. The clergy always feel assured that all arrangements will be rightly made when Mr. Clayton has charge of a funeral. C. E. G.

An Encouraging Anonymous Letter

"Enclosed you will find $5 for Bishop Darlington's miners, and also the same amount for your Church Work Fund.

"From a friend who has been warmed by the toil of the one and strengthened and refreshed by the services of the other.

" 'The Lord bless you and keep you.' "

Christmas Dinners.

The distribution of Christmas baskets is a well known incident in the work of St. Stephen's Church, and needs no words from me to commend it. I want to say that one hundred and twenty-three baskets were filled last year with eleven substantial articles in each, and I am confident that this year the funds will be contributed to supply at least as much. It is necessary to know at least three days ahead the amount of money at the disposal of the committee for this purpose. May I, therefore, ask that the contributions be forwarded on or before the 22nd. If checks or money be sent directly to the chairman, Rev. Robert Long, with the name of the sender, it will prevent possible confusion at such a busy season. Names are, of course, private.

ROBERT LONG, *Chairman.*

I wish to add a word of endorsement to this appeal. These baskets have become a regular feature of our work, and any failure in their provision would bring trouble to many humble homes. What could be sadder than for wistful and hungry children to gather at such a season around a scanty board while their sad-eyed parents tried to cheer them up by the promise of Christmas joys at some future day. These baskets are visible tokens of Christian love. They preach good will to men most powerfully. They lighten the burdens of the heavy laden, and sweeten the bitter cup of extreme poverty. I hope that we shall be able to distribute the usual number of well-filled baskets. C. E. G.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The November meeting of St. Stephen's branch of the Auxiliary was held on Thursday, the 16th, at eleven o'clock in the Parish House.

All of the thirty members present appreciated the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Wetmore tell of her educational work among the poor whites of the mountain districts surrounding Asheville. Mrs. Wetmore explained that these people are not the degenerates that they have been pictured, but rather a case of arrested development caused by lack of opportunity and intense poverty. There are almost no towns of any size, Asheville, with a population of 1,600, being considered quite a metropolis. The country people being very poor and the taxes necessarily low, there is almost no money available for educational purposes and unless they have help, these descendants of Scotch immigrants must be gradually exterminated by the new civilization that is crowding in upon them. Christ's School, Arden and Patterson School are striving to teach these people how to help themselves, how to conserve their forces, their woods, their waters and their young people, all of which are menaced by the spirit of modern commercialism. The people show they are worthy of help by the valiant efforts they make to grasp the opportunity offered them. Many of the day scholars walk long distances to school each day, and those who live too far away, work hard to earn the small sum of fifty dollars charged a boarding pupil.

Christ's School is industrial and Patterson School agricultural. The boys and girls have had so few possessions and responsibilities that it is hard to teach them thoroughness. One little fellow, when asked why God commanded Noah to take the animals into the ark, replied naively, "I reckon it was to save himself the trouble of makin' them over again."

The expenses of these schools must be raised by the superintendents, excepting the salaries, which are paid by the Board of Missions. Mrs. Wetmore told us that $10 would run the school for a day and that $50 would provide a student with a boarding scholarship. Her wholesouled enthusiasm and consecration to her work were very contagious and before she left us the Auxiliary and individuals had pledged her $114. Of this amount $50 is to be used as a scholarship for a young theological student named Boston Lackay who hopes to work among his own people, and the remainder is to go to the general support of the school.

On hearing of the death of Bishop Alexander Mackay-Smith, on November 16th, the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church, which had its regular meeting on that day, after prayer for those in affliction and a thanksgiving for the example of those who were the lights of the world in their generation, adopted the following minute:

Resolved, That the Woman's Auxiliary express to Mrs. Mackay-Smith and to her family, their sincere sympathy with them in their great loss. The women of Pennsylvania always realized the profound interest that Bishop Mackay-Smith took in the missionary work of the Church and in their work in it. Greatly will they miss his helpful words and presence at the annual meetings. Never can they forget his heroic struggle in his last years against sickness, his generosity to the diocese and to every good cause, his self effacement, his faith and courage. In a most difficult post he bore himself with magnanimity and self forgetfulness.

They pray that God may comfort Mrs. Mackay-Smith and her children with the hope, full of immortality that has been brought to us by Jesus Christ and by the conviction that the name, character and labors of Bishop Mackay-Smith will never be forgotten in the diocese of Pennsylvania.

FANNY S. MAGEE,
Chairman.
(MRS.) MARY PAGE GRAMMER,
MARY DEHAVEN BRIGHT,
Secretary.

On All Saints' Day a window in memory of the late Robert E. Atmore was unveiled and formally presented to the church by his family. It is situated on the south side of the church, next to the McDowell window, and on the west of it. The subject is the interview of Nicodemus with the Saviour. The maker is Tiffany, and the subject is treated most artistically in the characteristic tints of this maker.

At the service, Dr. Grammer gave a brief memorial sketch of Mr. Atmore, speaking of his career as a successful Christian merchant, his interest in the colored work, his liberal contributions to it, and his service as vestryman of the Church of the Crucifixion. His last years, spent in retirement from business and semi-invalidism, were remarkable for the extraordinary serenity of his spirit, and the beauty of his closing days. In his life was fulfilled the picture in those well known verses of Henley, which were quoted by the speaker:

"A late lark twitters from the quiet skies
And from the west,
Where the sun, his day's work ended,
Lingers as in content,
There falls on the old gray city
An influence luminous and serene,
A shining peace.

So be my passing,
My task accomplished and the long day done,
My wages taken and in my heart
Some late lark singing,
Let me be gathered to the quiet west,
The sundown splendid and serene,
Death."

On the Sunday after Bishop Mackay-Smith's death the Rector preached a memorial sermon in which he dwelt upon the spiritual power manifested in the life of Bishop Mackay-Smith, enabling him to rise superior to the limitations of wealth and high social position, and dedicate himself to a life of service. The largeness of his spirit and the magnanimity that he displayed in all his relations in the difficult position of a Co-adjutor, was especially dwelt upon.

Our late Bishop made the confirmation visitations for years in St. Stephen's, and also for many years preached the sermon on Christmas Day. He will be greatly missed in our parish, and his memory will always be revered.

One of the beautiful services of our Church is the early morning Communion Service. This is recognized by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the First Sunday in Advent is appointed for the Chapters all over the United States to have a Corporate Communion at 8 o'clock. Dr. Grammer welcomed not only the members of the Senior and Junior Chapters, but the men of the Church, and twenty-six joined in the service. The hospitality and thoughtfulness of Miss Lewis and Miss Kirkpatrick added greatly by inviting all to breakfast in the Parish House, and twenty-two, including Dr. Grammer, enjoyed a very pleasant repast.

Next year it is hoped more men will attend, and that this Advent morning service will become an important feature in the calendar of St. Stephen's Church.

Parish Visitor's Report.

A difficult problem confronts us for lack of funds. If we had a little more of the "Root of all Evil" a most beautiful tree would grow and blossom, bearing golden possibilities. I will try and lay the whole matter before you as clearly as I can.

We have a family of Scotch origin under our care. The husband can work when he is not possessed by the demon, drink. When he is under its influence he is unbearable, wicked and cruel and the wife and four children suffer. We gave the woman cleaning to do in the church until her strength failed, owing to her condition. When her baby was born she was sitting up in a week as there was no one to attend to her children. The husband is a good mechanic, but there is no dependence upon him, as the habit is likely to overcome him at any time. Mr. Long has tried in every possible way to reform him and he does well for a short while, then goes back again. They are now living in the Tenderloin, which is a place of horror for the poor children have been subjected to many enticements and the poor mother has her hands full in putting extra care upon them. Mr. Long and I have tried to change their rooms into a better neighborhood but have always been hampered by sickness or drink.

Now, here comes the golden fruit of opportunity, if we could only plant the root to bear the tree.

The woman's parents live in Scotland. They are comfortably enough fixed to help their daughter and care for the children, but have not the ready money to send to pay the expense of their passage across the water. We have tried to raise this money and have applied to the well-known Scotch Society of St. Andrew for help and by them we were referred to the Organization of Charities, which did a little in a general way, but we still have them on our hands. We have visited the British Consul in regard to the passage money and find it will cost $75 for the wife and four children. If the husband insists upon going he would have to work his way over.

The parents have written to us that they would like to have their daughter and her children and perhaps the man may do better if he could get away from the environment he is now in.

I feel sure that there are many people in St. Stephen's who are both able and willing to make up the sum of $75 and thus send this family to Scotland. It would be a most glorious Christmas gift if it could be done.

The parents in Scotland have had public prayers offered up for the welfare of this family in the church in which the parents attend.

Below is a letter from the clergyman of the church in Scotland where the parents worship:

DEAR MADAM:—Mrs. Rodges one of the members of my Church here showed me to-day a letter from her daughter who lives in your city in whom you have taken a kindly interest. She is earnestly desiring to get back to Scotland. I know her people well. Her father and mother, are members of my Church and very respectable, well doing people. If the family could be sent home they would be well looked after. The husband of a sister would be willing to give him employment and the wife and children would be well cared for as the Rodges are in comfortable circumstances, but not able to go to the expense of the passage money. If there is any society that would help them home, it would be a great boon. Mrs. Rodges is greatly worried over her daughter being in feeble health and so far from home and feels if she were in Hamilton she could receive care and attention. Her daughter speaks in glowing terms of the many kindnesses received through your thoughtful sympathy and her mother is exceedingly grateful. If you can do anything which will lead to the family getting home, you will add considerable to the debt of gratitude she owes.

Yours most sincerely,
(Signed) EDWARD LAST.

P. S.—Ten dollars has already been subscribed.

K. H. LEWIS.

Three beautiful new table cloths have been donated to the Parish House by Miss Ewing. We used them for the first time Sunday morning for the breakfast given in the Parish House to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. We are very grateful and feel quite rich in this new possession. K. H. L.

Christmas in the Sunday School.

The festivals for the Sunday School are being planned to take place: the Main School on Wednesday evening, December 27th, at eight o'clock; the Primary Department, in connection with the Mothers' Meeting, on Thursday evening, December 28th, at the same hour.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate.

On the Friday evenings of November the boys have been addressed by interesting and instructive speakers. First, by Mr. W. E. Lockwood, who most kindly gave them an illustrated lecture on the development of the locomotive. He used some fifty lantern slides to show the wonderful growth, from the first little English engine to the modern triple-expansion high-speed flyer. It was sad news to the boys, when the next week they learned that their venerable friend, who had seemed in good health when addressing them, had been taken with pneumonia and died within the week. Thus, Mr. Lockwood's last public speech was to the boys of St. Stephen's, whose monuments he so much admired and whose Sunday School he frequently visited.

The next Friday evening the subject of Church Chimes and the hanging, tuning and ringing of bells was given them by the skilled bell manufacturer, Mr. Vandusen, who is now at work on our chime of bells. A week later, followed Mr. Barry Hepburn with a most interesting account of his experiences in trying to work for clean voting at the recent election. Then the following week young Mr. Fury gave a good description of the journey to the Philippines, via San Francisco, Japan and China, with an interesting account of the natives and his experiences as a teacher to these wild islanders of our far away possessions.

So with instructing talks by their leader and others, with games and with physical instruction, under the guidance of Mr. Fountain, the boys are full of activity and are planning an exhibition or entertainment for the mid-winter.

The Alpha Kappa.

The early part of December the young men of the Alpha Kappa Society will give an entertainment to help along the sociability of the Sunday School. Moving pictures and the lantern will be used to bring back "memories of the good old summer time." Many pictures will be shown illustrating our summer outings, and the boys and girls on St. Stephen's Farm.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Junior Brotherhood is adding to its membership and having had several delegates at the recent convention in Buffalo, was pleased to hear their impressions and experiences so well described by John Mearns, one of the delegates, before a meeting of the Seniors and again before the Sunday School. A number attended the supper and annual meeting of the Local Assembly, and listened to the new Bishop's charge to the Brotherhood of the Diocese on Wednesday, Nov. 29th.

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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Clergy.

Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

Rev. Robert Long.
145 N. 61st St. Telephone, Belmont 726-D.

Rev. Joseph L. Miller.

Parish Visitor, Miss K. H. Lewis,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Church Warden.*
Mr. Beauveau Borie, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell,
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

Soprano.

Miss Helen McNamee,
" Elizabeth Dale,
" Dunwiddie,
Mrs. Blanche V. H. Kennedy,
Miss Dorothy Welsh,
Mrs. D. D. Wood.

Contralto.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem,
Miss Maude Beith.
Miss Anna Carey,
Miss Alice Barnard,

Tenor.

Mr. Charles Manypenny,
Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Richmond Watkins.

Bass.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony,
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,
Mr. G. Frank Shindel.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
231 South 8th Street.

Services.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
Holy Baptism at any service.
Sunday School, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

Trustees.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendent.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Burd Chapel Services.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

Officers.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

Managers.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppack, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Crawford, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Hollar, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Ada Leader.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowel, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.
President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 231 *South Eighth St., at any time.*

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Circumcision.
" 6.—Epiphany.
" 7.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 14.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
" 28.—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

Parish Record.

CONFIRMED BY BISHOP GARLAND. DEC. 19, 1911.

Mary Page Grammer.
Dorothy Grammer.
Margaret Lydia A. Scott.
Morris McCaughan.

MARRIAGE.

December 9.—Calvin A. Soper and Katharine P. Craig.

BURIALS

Dec. 1.—Isaac Townsend.
7.—Mary Ann Coates.
18.—Anna Bricker.
26.—George G. Milliken.

Offerings Received During the Month of December, 1911. (From December 3, 1911, First Sunday in Advent to December 31, 1911, Sunday after Christmas.)

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$ 31.72	
Parochial Maintenance	16.94	
Missionary Box	13.46	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	43.00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	57.27	
Missions	19.59	
		$181.98

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	95.07	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	52.82	
Benevolent Society	10.20	
Missions	80.79	
Missionary Box	22.76	
Indian Missions	.35	
Episcopal Hospital	86.15	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	85.87	
Parochial Maintenance	135.89	
Easter Day Decorations	.60	
City Missions	.10	
Work Among Our Boys	1.79	
St. Stephen's Farm	1.00	
	573.39	$755.37

SUMMARY.

Charities	126.79
Parochial Maintenance	152.83
Missions	100.38
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	95.82
Missionary Box	36.22
Benevolent Society	10.20
Indian Missions	.35
Episcopal Hospital	86.15
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	143.14
Easter Day Decorations	.60
City Missions	.10
Work Among Our Boys	1.79
St. Stephen's Farm	1.00
	$755.37

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

RECEIVED BY DR. GRAMMER.

Church Work Fund	$ 35.00	
For Memorial to Dr. Wood	10.00	
		$45.00
Total		$800.37

By the new method of apportionment a lump sum is asked for the dioceses and churches. For this year the amount is $1,483,610, which is expected to be raised from the following sources:

The apportionment for General Missions	$1,,313,610.00
The United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary	79,000.00
From Interest	86,000.00
From Miscellaneous Sources	5,000.00
	$1,483,610.00

Pennsylvania's share of this apportionment is $157,970, of which St. Stephen's is asked to contribute $3,000. Everything that the Church gives to the Board of Missions, whether through the Treasurer of the Church, or through the Woman's Auxiliary, except the United Offering, or through the Sunday School—counts on this apportionment, if it be not designated for some special purpose over and above the obligations of the Board. The fiscal year of the Board begins in September. From Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, three months, St. Stephen's contributed, according to the quarterly statement of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions which is in my hand as I write, $478.19, of which $469.19 came from the Church, and $9 from the Woman's Auxiliary. The other gifts of the Woman's Auxiliary must have gone for "specials." If we keep up our contributions at this rate we shall have contributed $1,800 in the course of the year. It seems to me that if the Woman's Auxiliary and the Sunday School will exert themselves we might raise $2,500. While our expenses are heavy, as the condition of doing any work in our location, we are helped by an endowment. It is true that we have to supplement our income by a special appeal, but nevertheless a comparison with the burdens borne by new congregations building their edifices will show that we are not overburdened. We have 600 communicants. We have a great deal of latent strength. The great duty is to develop what resources we possess. Let us put the case on the right basis. This apportionment is not a tax. Missions are supported by gifts, and a tax is not a gift. The legalism of taxation would slowly corrupt the religion that we seek to extend by missions.

The true view of the apportionment is that it is a suggestion and request, as when a collector of funds for some charitable purpose comes round and asks whether we will be one of 20 to contribute $50 or one of 40 to contribute $25 or one of 100 to contribute $10. So we are asked if we can contribute $3,000. My reply is, that we will do our best. To that end we have put in operation the highly recommended and well-thought out system of Duplex Envelopes; whereby an opportunity is given to everyone to contribute something to Foreign Missions every Sunday, and we will also try to inform the congregation on the subject by bringing missionary speakers before them. We are fortunate in having secured Bishop Spaulding, of Utah, and the Rev. Mr. Wellbourne, of Japan, for a Sunday each during the next three months.

On January 14 we will have our chief offering for Foreign Missions, and on Jan. 21 for Missions to the Colored People, but on every Sunday it is possible to put into one of the pockets of the envelope something to hasten the coming of God's kingdom upon earth.

Let not our poorer members think that their gifts are too small to count. And let not our wealthier members wait to see whether the congregation as a whole does its share, so that they may decide as to what they ought to do. Their share is not determined by the fidelity of others, but by their abundance and their zeal for the cause. Whether we can reach this apportionment or not, let us do better than last year, and show ourselves as improving in generosity and zeal. Let us do our best.

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

The New Year dawned upon us bright and beautiful, but its cheer was overcast by the severe illness of Mr. Long. The attack of grippe that seized him in the fall seemed to have drained his vitality somewhat, and after he had made all the preparations for giving out the Christmas turkeys and baskets on the Saturday before Christmas, he was taken seriously ill with pneumonia on both lungs. As I write two nurses are at his bedside and all that medical skill can devise is being done for his relief and comfort. The issue is in the hands of God. Earnest prayers for the recovery of this faithful and loved minister were offered in the

Sunday School, Church and at the Burd School.

The usual Christmas play was not given this year, and the celebrations of the Sunday School and "the Mothers" were enlivened by the sleight of hand tricks of our accomplished prestidigitator, Mr. Robert Boyd, Jr., and his associate.

The children were much delighted, and it was most interesting to observe how the smallest children simply accepted the jugglery as magic. One little wide-eyed boy said out loud, in explanation of the whole performance, "He is a magic man," while the children a little older paid absolutely no attention to the clever talk that plays so useful a part in directing the attention, and undeviatingly watched the hands of the performer. They constitute a difficult class to outwit, and Mr. Boyd did remarkably well in eluding their keen observation. The tricks which he performed in such a manner that the spectators were led to believe that they had discovered the method, and then conclusively shown that they were not as clever as they thought themselves was particularly enjoyed. The Christmas music under Dr. Anthony's skilful direction was very good—the selections were fresh, and the singing was inspiring. It was generally agreed that the order was unusually good. Many thanks are due to the committee in charge.

During this season of Mr. Long's illness Mr. Miller has been of great assistance. Not only has he taken some of the special services of the season for the Rector, but he has also officiated at the Burd School, and helped in the morning services at St. Stephen's. His ministrations are greatly enjoyed by the congregation. It is good to hear his voice in the services, to see him in the chancel, and to have him associated with our work and worship.

Ladies who will be willing to assist in the ministrations of the Altar Society are invited to join its membership. The duties are to prepare the Chancel for every service, to arrange the markers, the flowers, and the proper hangings, and if there be a celebration of the Holy Communion to see that all things are arranged decently and in order. The work is divided around among several chapters, and is not onerous for any member. All members are required to be communicants.

The illness of Mr. Long makes it impossible to render the usual account of the baskets distributed on the Saturday before Christmas. One hundred and forty baskets were given out and on an average each basket would feed ten people. The full account will be rendered later. In general it may be said that the baskets were more abundantly filled than ever before.

Miss Harper has most kindly and efficiently acted as the editor of this little monthly, and the Rector is greatly indebted to her for collecting the reports from the various societies and arranging the material and reading the proofs. He must appeal to the secretaries and other officers and members who send notices or articles to the PARISH NEWS to help the editor by sending in their material more promptly. The monthly must come out by a fixed date if it is to serve its full purpose.

C. E. G.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

In spite of the near approach of Christmas, thirty members of the Auxiliary were present at the meeting held on December 21st in the Parish House.

Opening exercises were followed by the usual committee reports. The balance in our treasury is $35.85, and the United Offering reported $137.50 on hand.

The Missionary Box Committee sent out three boxes which should be received in time for Christmas. One went to Texas, one to California and one to Colorado. Another very good box worth $100 is about to be sent through the Colored Committee.

For the remainder of the hour Mrs. Lane told us of the work and workers in China.

Our Mission is located entirely in the valley of the Yang-tse River, in the districts of Shanghai and Hankow. The Shanghai district has a population of 38,000,000 souls. This great Church of ours sends to look after these souls one Bishop, 13 foreign priests, 7 medical missionaries, thirty-five teachers and two trained nurses. This territory is about the size of the State of Tennessee, only in Tennessee, the population is 2,000,000 instead of 38,000,000.

The district of Hankow has over half the population of the United States and there we have one Bishop, eighteen priests, four medical missionaries, eleven teachers, and three trained nurses. Working with them are about 220 natives. Mrs. Lane then described in detail the work carried on in St. Mary's Orphanage, St. Hilda's School, the Hankow Training School for Bible Women, St. Luke's Hospital, St. John's University, and other institutions.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish House on Thursday, January 18th, at eleven o'clock. Mrs. A. W. Fisher, secretary of the Church Periodical Club of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will make the address.

Christmas in the Sunday School.

The illness of Mr. Long was particularly felt in the Sunday School during Christmas week, and he was missed from the celebration on the evening of December 27th. At this annual festival of the Main School, the Carols were particularly well sung under Dr. Anthony, and the entertainment went off with unusual smoothness and much merriment. The Rector's address was particularly happy; the moving pictures appropriate and young Robert Boyd's feats of magic skillfully performed; the arrival of a barrel containing little Frank Wenrich in the character of young Nicholas, son of old Kris, was jolly indeed and well introduced Santa Claus who, as usual came down our chimney, loaded with candies, cakes and oranges, which the good people of St. Stephen's made it possible to distribute, with an abundance of good cheer that made the teachers, scholars and officers of the school all happy.

On Thursday evening the Mothers' Meeting united with the little ones of the Primary Department and we made merrier even, than the night before. Dr. Grammer read from "A Christmas Carol." "Christmas from the birth of Christ up to this 20th Century," was shown by "Moving Pictures." Two added moving picture stories gave much merriment. And our "King of Magicians" was even more wonderful than the night before. Besides he brought his partner, who was most jolly in a humorous recitation. Little Nick arrived in his barrel. Santa came down the chimney with his gifts for every one and the sweet voices of the children in their closing carol gave a fitting benediction for everyone. "God bless everybody," we were all happy.

G. H. STREAKER.

The Religious Census.

The recent visitation of Philadelphia homes to take a religious census of our city in two hours was and is still incompleted, owing to the lack of workers. To their credit, four volunteered from St. Stephen's. It is too bad that others did not hear this call to go "out into the by-ways and gather them in."

The Boys' Club.

Our Boys' Club had a general merry making at its closing session for the year, December 22nd, when their Christmas gift surprised and delighted their President. Mr. Boyd came in with Mrs. Lucas and delighted and surprised the boys with Christmas remembrances for which they were very grateful.

Six of our older boys and two of our boy workers were delegates at the "Older Boys' Conference and Banquet of the Men and Religion Forward Movement," held at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, December 15th and 16th, when some 400 representative boys of the Protestant churches of Philadelphia met to confer on their Christian duties and to plan for their large institutes and campaign of January 20th to 28th. It was cheering to hear one of our boys, Ablett Flury, enter into the discussion on the effect of moving pictures on boys.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

The social evening of the young men of our A. K. Society, on Thursday, December 7th, entitled "Memories of the Good Old Summer Time," brought together many members of the Sunday School and Girls' Friendly Society in a happy time. The Sunday School room was crowded to the door. Mr. Streaker illustrated with the lantern, scene after scene to the number of eighty, in which St. Stephen's people were happily grouped, enjoying those "good old summer days" in outings and vacations. Merritt Bodine's illustrated songs, "Day Dreams" and "Summer Days," added more zest to the hearty applause when "all joined in on the chorus" and the dance which followed the very funny "Moving Pictures."

As most of the scenes were photographed by our young folk at the Farm, they served to show its great value as an adjunct to the many activities of our Church.

On Friday evening, December 29th, this Society invited the teachers of boys and all the young men of the Junior Brotherhood and Sunday School to an informal luncheon and entertainment in the Guild Room of the Parish House. Every one present took part in the festivities, from Harry Bush's reminiscences to Winfield Brown's costumed representation of "Kris Kringle." In the distribution of gifts all were remembered, from Mr. Carrigan with a "Dolly" to a "Rattle" for the young benedict Russel Hammer. Thus merrily went out the old year.

On Thursday evening, February 15th, the Alpha Kappa will present the jolly little comedy, entitled "Uncle." Don't forget the date and be sure and procure a ticket.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement.

On Monday evening, December 11th, an enthusiastic meeting of the Men and Religion Forward Movement of our seventh district was held in our Parish House. Rev. Mr. Simons, of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, made a strong address on the needs of evangelism in our thickly populated seventh district (South of Market, East of Broad to the River and North of Washington Avenue), and the urgent necessity of outside help in the problem of reaching the vast numbers of unchurched foreign born people in this section. Mr. Homer L. Pound, of the District Committee, spoke on Bible Study, and introduced Rev. Mr. Waygood, of the Bible Society, who made a fine talk on the value and ways of getting the Bible into the men's and boys' hands for intelligent study. Rev. Mr. Moore was unable to be present and speak on his line of work in the movement, "Social Service," and the "Missions" part was taken up by Mr. Sparks, of the Mariner's Bethel Methodist Church, in the absence of Mr. Asa S. Wing, of the Twelfth Street Meeting. The chairman, Mr. Streaker, spoke on the "Boy Problem," and the definite plans already made for its survey and solving, in the winter's campaign. Rev. Stasio, of the Tenth Street Italian Church, gave a most hopeful view of the Italian situation. The meeting adjourned after prayer by the Rev. Della Cioppa and the Rev. Mr. Brown, of the Chambers-Wylie Presbyterian Church, to meet again at the call of the chair at the First Italian Church, Tenth street, near Washington avenue.

A meeting of all committee men will probably be called for January 9th. It is hoped that all of our St. Stephen's representatives will be present and hear the plans for the coming "eight days' campaign," January 20th to 28th.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The Christmas work was heavy, although we had grave fears it would be light; for the money was slow in coming in—but I am happy to say it did come in freely at last and 140 baskets made glad the hearts of 140 homes. According to his usual fine Christmas offering, a barrel of turkeys was received from Mr. Ristine, which went a long way in filling the baskets. We sent turkeys or chickens, potatoes, onions, celery, tea, sugar, apples, oranges and a mince pie; we must not forget to mention a box of candy toys.

"HER LAST CHRISTMAS BASKET."

In a little gloomy street up town live two sisters; one does a little sewing if she can get it to do between whiles,—she waits on her sister who is very near her end. When the usual card we send each recipient at Christmas time, requesting a call for the basket, was received, and which I must explain had been sent by mistake for we knew she couldn't come for it, the Doctor was present, and she said to him, "Oh, Doctor, I'm going to lose something so nice, so nice." He asked what it was—"A basket from the Church; I can't send for it." "Never mind," he replied, "I'll send my boy, and you'll get it—I'll see that you do." The Doctor sent for the basket according to his promise and the basket was taken to them. Can you imagine the joy with which this last Christmas basket was received?

K. H. S.

We had a real Santa Claus at our Church, the Scotch family—a family whose husband was out of work, another family whose head and support has been ill for months were all visited and relieved and rejoiced—and Santa Claus and his helpers must have realized in their work that Christmas Eve—

"That it is more blessed to give than to receive."

KATE H. LEWIS.

Children's Friend Society.

Donations received in December:

From kind friend	$ 5.00
Mrs. W. H. Hollar	5.00
Mrs. H. F. Martin	1.00
Total	$11.00

Owing to so many entertainments going on in January and December, the little children will have their treat February 28th.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Received Dec. 21st, interest from Mr. Patton's estate (through Mr. Hunter Ewing)	$33.41
From a friend towards the Christmas baskets	1.00
From Members	1.50
Total	$35.91

Groceries were also given for the Christmas baskets, and a large donation was also sent of groceries from this Circle to the Church. We feel quite happy to think that eleven people were helped, both on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day with all sorts of good things, including chickens, not forgetting the little ones with toys from Santa Claus.

The next meeting will be Jan. 17th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, 8 o'clock. New members gladly welcomed.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in December:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin	$ .50
From those receiving shoes	3.50
Total	$4.00

From Mrs. H. P. Taylor, 4 pairs of shoes.

From dear good old Santa Claus two large bundles of shoes and one bundle of overshoes. What a kind, good man he is, for he never forgets his *little Friends* and *large Friends* in St. Stephen's Church. We are sure that all *thank him* and wish him a very Happy New Year, and many of them.

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Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar. Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

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" Elizabeth Dale, Miss Dorothy Welsh,

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Miss Maude Beith. Miss Alice Barnard,

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Mr. Carl Rausche.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,

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Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Long.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppack, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Vice-President.—Rev. Robert Long.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Rev. Robert Long.
Assistant Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Ada Leader.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
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Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.
President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Assistants.—Mrs. C. Miesse, Miss Anna Farrell.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 231 *South Eighth St., at any time.*

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2.—Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
" 4—Septuagesima.
" 11.—Sexagesima.
" 18.—Quinquagesima.
" 21.—Ash Wednesday.
" 24.—St. Matthias.
" 25.—First Sunday in Lent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

January 11.—Philip Waters Regar.
" 12.—Marion McLennan Lineaweaver.

BURIALS.

January 8.—Horace Magee.
" 22.—Joseph A. Thomas.
" 27.—George Cochran.

Offerings Received During the Month of January, 1912. (January 7, 1912, First Sunday after Epiphany to January 28, 1912, the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany).

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$25.71	
Foreign Missions	36.81	
Parochial Maintenance	23.37	
		$85.89

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$159.54	
Parochial Maintenance	260.33	
Missions	102.97	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	3.47	
Benevolent Society	.35	
Missionary Box	.99	
Indian Missions	.10	
Episcopal Hospital	.45	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	8.55	
Foreign Missions	33.60	
Colored Missions	27.23	
Work Among our Boys	.10	
	$597.68	$683.57

SUMMARY.

Charities	$185.25
Parochial Maintenance	283.70
Missions	102.97
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	3.47
Benevolent Society	.35
Missionary Box	.99
Indian Missions	.10
Episcopal Hospital	.45
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	8.55
Foreign Missions	70.41
Colored Missions	27.23
Work Among our Boys	.10
	$683.57

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Speakers for Noonday Lenten Services, St. Stephen's, 1912.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21.	Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.
Thursday, Feb. 22.	Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Bethlehem.
Friday, Feb. 23.	Rev. Chas. C. Pierce, D. D., St. Matthew's.
Saturday, Feb. 24.	Rev. Fleming James, Ph. D., St. Anna's.
Monday, Feb. 26. Tuesday, Feb. 27. Wednesday, Feb. 28. Thursday, Feb. 29. Friday, March 1.	Rev. Samuel McComb, D. D., Emmanuel Church, Boston; associated with Dr. Worcester.
Saturday, March 2.	Rev. F. H. Argo, Holy Nativity, Rockledge, Pa.
Monday, March 4. Tuesday, March 5. Wednesday, March 6. Thursday, March 7. Friday, March 8.	Rev. Richard T. Henshaw, Christ Church, Rye, N. Y.
Saturday, March 9.	Rev. A. J. Arkin, St. George's, Richmond.
Monday, March 11. Tuesday, March 12. Wednesday, March 13.	Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D. D., Holy Trinity.
Thursday, March 14. Friday, March 15. Saturday, March 16.	Rev. Hubert W. Wells, St. Andrew's, Wilmington.
Monday, March 18. Tuesday, March 19. Wednesday, March 20. Thursday, March 21. Friday, March 22.	Rev. Romilly F. Humphries, St. Peter's, Baltimore.
Saturday, March 23.	Rev. A. R. Van Meter, All Saints', Torresdale.
Monday, March 25. Tuesday, March 26. Wednesday, March 27. Thursday, March 28. Friday, March 29.	Rev. Charles Wood, D. D., Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Washington (formerly Second Church, Philadelphia).
Saturday, March 30.	Rev. Rowland Hill, St. Matthias.

HOLY WEEK.

Monday, April 1.	Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz, Epiphany Chapel.
Tuesday, April 2.	Rev. G. L. Richardson, St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, (West Philadelphia.)
Wednesday, April 3.	Rev. N. V. P. Levis, Church of the Incarnation.
Thursday, April 4.	Rev. H. M. Medary, Church of the Advocate.
Good Friday, April 5.	Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's.
Saturday, April 6.	Rev. Joseph L. Miller, St. Stephen's.

On the morning of Thursday, Feb. 1st, the Reverend Robert Long's illness ended and he fell asleep to wake, we believe, in a higher and fuller life. He had not been well all fall, and the pneumonia seized upon a system weakened by sickness. He made a gallant fight, sustained by an unfaltering faith in God, and by the brave and unselfish spirit of his devoted wife. All that medical skill could devise was done for him and he had the best nursing. The prayers of the congregation went up to God in his behalf, and we doubt not were heard and answered, though the spirit and not the letter of our petitions was fulfilled.

He had been at St. Stephen's over two years and was much endeared to all who knew him. His nature was sweet and pure; his learning was extensive and ever increasing—his piety was real and not professional. He was faithful in all relations to duty and high principle. The sense of loss at his death will be general and greatly will he be missed in St. Stephen's. The sympathy of all goes out to Mrs. Long and his little daughter.

May God comfort them by faith and trust in Himself.

The Lenten Services will be conducted according to our custom by the St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The list of the speakers is given below. We count ourselves fortunate in having secured so many religious leaders from outside of our city to visit us, and deliver their messages in our midst. Most of them have never been heard in Philadelphia pulpits, and will therefore possess the charm of fresh voices. Dr. Charles Wood, who was for a number of years pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, on the corner of 21st and Walnut streets, is an exception. When he shall occupy our pulpit with the permission of the Bishop of the diocese under the famous 19th Canon he will find many old friends in this city, who will rejoice in his presence in our Church as a token of the Christian unity that underlies all our diversities of organization.

The addresses on Saturdays and in Holy Week will be made by clergymen of Philadelphia. We regret that Bishop Rhinelander could not be secured for any service, but it is good to have Bishop Garland for Ash Wednesday. Lent would come in strangely if Bishop Talbot did not make the address on its second day. We appreciate his constant helpfulness. To all these helpers in our work we are deeply indebted for their promised aid.

The parochial Lenten Services on Wednesday and Friday afternoons were so poorly attended two years ago, that last Lent they were

discontinued, after the announcement had been made that their continuance would be ensured if a sufficient number of persons would ask for it. No requests were received by the Rector. It is, however, conceivable and indeed certain that some people valued these services, but did not care to make a special request. The Rector would be very glad to know the wishes of the congregation—not what they would like to have going on in the Church, but what services they wish to participate in, for these are two very different conceptions.

Confirmation will be administered, as usual in St. Stephen's for the past five years, on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, which comes this year on March 31st. The Confirmation Class will meet for the first time on Friday, March 1st, at 8 o'clock in the Parish House, and will continue to meet on Fridays till Palm Sunday.

The noonday services answer the purpose of parochial services, as well as minister to the public at large, and it is hoped that those who can do so will give them their loyal support.

Early in the morning of Saturday, Jan. 13th, a fire broke out in Lubin's moving-picture show next door to our Sunday School building. Providentially there was hardly any wind stirring, and the snow on the roofs was an excellent protection. The fire department turned out in force, and prevented the conflagration from extending any further than the next building to the west, which had just been taken by a man who had obtained, in spite of our protests, a license to conduct a saloon in it. This building and Lubin's show were reduced to a mere shell of tottering walls by the fire. St. Stephen's Church was practically unharmed. Not a memorial was injured, and if the furnace, which is under the Sunday School building and was submerged by the waters that washed in under the foundations, could have been put in operation, Divine Service could have been held on the morning of Sunday, Jan. 14th. The Rector and choir went out to the Burd School and had the morning service in its chapel. Mr. Hollar, who has charge of the care of the property, took energetic and efficient action for the protection of the property against any falling of the walls of the burnt buildings. On Jan. 21st, the Sunday School had to meet in the Parish House, and the congregation had its services as usual in the church, but on Jan. 28th both Sunday School building and Church were used in the customary way. All the friends and members of St. Stephen's are profoundly grateful that the Church was spared, and that we are not confronted by the difficult problems that its destruction would have thrust upon us, and the city and the Church are not deprived of our beautiful memorials. Our grateful praise is due to the firemen for their efficiency and kindness.

A purse of nearly $150 has been made up by some of those having memorials in the Church, and will be sent through the proper channels as a recognition on the part of some members of St. Stephen's, of our debt to the firemen.

On Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 and 14, during the fire hot coffee and bread was served to them in the Parish House, and the Hosemen, Laddermen, Drivers, Stokers and Tillermen Association has sent us, through its recording secretary, the following letter:

HOSEMEN, LADDERMEN, DRIVERS, STOKERS, AND TILLERMEN ASSOCIATION

PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Philadelphia, January 20th, 1912.

To the Rector and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church,

Gentlemen:—

It affords me much pleasure on behalf of the Hose and Laddermen's Association, of the Philadelphia Fire Department to express to you the sincere thanks of our members for your courteous and considerate action at the fire at 928 Market Street, on January 13th, 1912, for serving the men of our department with coffee and refreshments. We greatly appreciate your treatment and trust you may be many times repaid by the Great Almighty in the future.

Respectfully yours,

H. L. D. S. & T. Assn., IRVIN W. RODEBAUGH,
Recording Secretary, Park Ave. & Cambria St.
Truck Co. No. 12.

On Sunday, November 12, 1911, the Rector began in the Parish House "A Social Hour and Song Service," lasting from 7.30 to 9 P. M. The time is spent singing hymns, and in Christian fellowship. In the course of the evening tea or coffee is served. At the end there are a few remarks and a prayer. Never a Sunday has passed since the service began that some stranger has not dropped in, now an actor, whose wife was playing in Cincinnati, and who, in passing through the city, stopped over to see the minister who married him, and so spent the evening at the Church; now a youth who had not been in a church for five years; now a "roomer" near by, who enjoys society on Sunday evening; and so on, the list might be extended. Besides there are regular attendants or members of St. Stephen's who attend to assist in forming a receiving party and enjoy the Christian fellowship and the service of song. The attendance one Sunday reached as high as 55, and it has never been under 30.

A Lenten Resolution.

What better resolution could we form for the approaching season, than a determination to bring the highest motives to bear upon the smallest affairs—to make ourselves realize that nothing in the realm of morals, is too small for motives that take hold of eternity. It is in little things that the battle of life is lost or won; little self-denials, little self-sacrifices, little charities of thought or speech, little acts of self-control or resolution, framing in us gradually the Christian character, or little self-indulgences, little enmities, little vacillations and little compromises preparing us for some dreadful fall. Well did Bunyan know human experience when he portrayed Christian as having had before his desperate conflict with Apollyon many little slips in his walk, of which he took but small note. When I say that we should try to bring great motives to bear on small duties, it is not meant that we should always claim them, or profess them as if they were the sole reasons for our conduct. It is Pharisaism or cant to look around for the highest motive in sight, and then claim it as the range-light by which we are steering. We are drawn along by many motives. Often expediency and righteousness lie obviously in the same direction. But our life can not be strong or unified unless we can bring the highest to bear on all of it. This is what religion means: an effort to connect our finiteness with infinity and to steady ourselves in this tossing world of Time by conforming to the cosmic and eternal order. It is a mistaken, though popular, theory that the lower motives can be more safely trusted to do the work. A real motive of a low order is more efficient than a sham motive of religion, as the poorest fire of peat will warm more than the picture of a fire. But when the higher motive is really present it brings along with it a higher power. It unites the man's whole nature, and brings in like a tide from the great ocean of being, the forces of God.

The great trouble with us is that we do not bring God in enough, and so do not live in His sight, or by His power, or in His fellowship. We do not knead the motive of religion sufficiently into our lives. Let us try to realize this Lent that there is nothing too small for God's assistance—that He will not only take care of our souls when they leave these bodies, but that He will help us to rule the body and care for it rightly; and that His glory is involved in whatever we do, whether we eat or drink, or work or play, and that His power can be procured according to our faith, He that is faithful in least, is faithful also in much.

A Mission Study Class.

At the urgent request of the Rector and the solicitation of Miss Bell, the president of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. F. W. English has agreed to teach a Mission Study Class this Lent, and the Rector is anxious to secure a good class for her. Mrs. English proved herself in the Junior Mission Study Class a teacher of ability and inspiration. These mission study classes are invaluable feeders, supplying Christian workers and missionary leaders. There is no better way to keep Lent than to join such a class and learn what is being done to extend the Kingdom of God in the world. The information is not mere dead knowledge, but is a living source of inspiration.

The hours have been decided upon, and will be published later. Notice is now given that such a class is in process of formation.

Members of former Mission Study Classes, and those who can spare the time are earnestly requested to join.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received in January:

From Mrs. H. F. Martin $1.00

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their next meetings Feb. 7th and Feb. 21st, in Guild Room of the Parish House, 8 o'clock. On account of the fire the regular meeting was put off until January 24th, when an infant's outfit had to be finished and packed to be given to a mother whose family is in a very destitute condition. A little boy, who is to put on his first trousers was given six pairs of trousers and four little shirts by one of the members of this Circle, although partly worn, he will be a very happy little boy when he gets them on.

Come, some time, and spend the evening with us and see what a happy time we have working for others in His name.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in January:

From Miss M. Schaeffer	$1.50
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	50
From those receiving shoes	5.00
Total	$7.00
Expended for shoes	3.39
Balance	$3.61

Have given out in January, 17 pairs of shoes and 14 pairs of overshoes.

Mr. Horace Magee.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Miss Fanny and Miss Anna Magee and to Mr. James R. Magee on the sudden death of their brother. It is not yet six years since this family was bereaved by the sudden death of Miss Eliza J. Magee, for many years the Treasurer of the United Offering, whose memorial is the great organ that so much enriches our worship. And now, after a brief illness, while still in the fullness of his powers Mr. Horace Magee has been taken. Heavy indeed is the loss and great is the sympathy for his stricken household. The daily papers have duly recorded the high position that Mr. Magee held in the life of the city and his unusual abilities as a constructive financier. Here we must commemorate his devotion to St. Stephen's. As the Church in which he had been baptized, and nurtured, where his father had been an honored vestryman, where are the memorials of his parents, and his sisters, he loved it devotedly. He was zealous that it should be preserved with all its beautiful memorials, as one of the most interesting churches of the city, and was always ready to come forward to aid in maintaining the dignity and beauty of its services.

No appeal was ever made to him on its behalf to which he did not generously respond. Greatly will he be missed by those in charge of its affairs. The memorials in the Church will testify as long as they last to his strong family affection and his love for St. Stephen's.

Parish Visitor's Report.

This winter's work has been mostly with the sick. There are so many people ill that much of the time has been taken up with visiting and helping to relieve them. Individual cases vary in degree of poverty and privation as well as in severity of sickness, ranging from bad colds often developing into pneumonia and pleurisy, etc., and in some cases organic and incurable diseases.

Of our Scotch family, for whom we need some thirty dollars to send them across the water, four of the children are afflicted with whooping cough, so while we are working and waiting, perhaps it is all for the best, as by the time we get the balance of the money necessary to send them home, the children will have recovered from his illness.

We also very much need a good black skirt or material to make one, for a mission worker who devotes her time and strength in rescuing women and girls as well as teaching in the slums the necessity of cleanliness. She has brought cases to me in which it has been in my power to be of assistance to her. If we could help her this time it would be greatly appreciated.

One of the gentlemen of the congregation donated two tons of coal. One ton was divided between two families, both having very severe illness. The other was given to a woman who has a sick mother and two children to support, by all of whom it was greatly appreciated.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

Two young men were fast friends in an Eastern theological seminary. After they

were ordained one took a city church, but the other went to a lonely mission in the far West. Ten years later the city rector was near the mission and decided to look up his old friend. As he entered the little boarded cabin he could see nothing but a flickering candle near the ceiling. His friend, one of the most intellectual men in his class, was perched on top of a ladder reading an old newspaper that was pasted around the stovepipe.

Will you help to supply reading matter to this man and hundreds like him? At the January meeting of the Auxiliary Miss A. W. Fisher told the members how the Church Periodical Club plans to use our magazines after we have read them. Some one in the South or West, or in far Alaska earnestly desires every periodical to which you subscribe. Miss Fisher promises that the magazines will be used well. They are literally read to pieces, a better fate than a corner of the attic or being sold for old papers. If you are willing to forward your magazines each month or to send them to St. Stephen's to be mailed, please write your name and the names of the magazines on a card and send to Mrs. Howard Butcher, 206 S. 42nd street. She will communicate with the Church Periodical Club and tell you who wants just what you have to offer but who cannot possibly afford to pay for it.

The Sunday School.

The new year began in the Sunday School with renewed consecration of its members to its purpose of character building. Mr. Long's illness is heavy on our hearts with the earnest prayer of all for his recovery. Then in the middle of the month, Saturday, Jan. 13th, came our narrow escape from the loss of our sacred Church and school building by that memorable fire in the adjoining moving picture factory. With the frigid weather down near zero, the heroic firemen, particularly those of the company, Tenth and Cherry, fought the flames most valiantly and confined the destruction to the two Market street buildings and we escaped, most grateful for their successful defense of our property. The freezing weather made an unusual scene. The many streams of water coating walls with ice, formed great icicles and high ice hills, in both our back street and Market street, until we had a picture comparable to "Niagara in Winter." The Rector, Mr. Van Dusen, Mr. Hollar, and our faithful Mr. Carrigan were early on the scene and arranged for church services on the following day, Sunday, the 14th, at the Burd School, but we of the Sunday School were compelled to lose a session. On Sunday, the 21st, we assembled in a cosy session in the Guild Room of the Parish House, and on Sunday, the 28th, were back again as usual in our school building.

On Monday, the 15th, our lay Superintendent and five of the teachers attended the Sunday School Institute of the Diocese at Holy Apostles Church, and got much valuable information for the advancement of our school's interests at this annual General Conference of Sunday School Officers and Teachers.

At a meeting of our teachers, on Sunday, the 21st, it was agreed to have a question box; to have a review of the lessons on the first Sunday in February with lantern pictures; and to begin on this date the giving of "Cross and Crown" badges or pins to every scholar and officer and teacher in attendance. This pin is to be exchanged for bronze, silver and gold pins, as each three, six, nine and twelve months' constant attendance warrants. The winners for constant attendance of the twelve month badges will then finally possess these, and the others are to be returned. If absent visiting, or on a vacation, a certificate of attendance at any other Sunday School for that Sunday or Sundays would keep one in good standing. Any absence not so certified to will necessitate the beginning of a new record.

G. H. Streaker.

The A. K. Society.

Under the auspices of the Alpha Kappa the young men of the Sunday School, together with several of the young ladies of the school, are busy rehearsing the delightful three-act comedy of "Uncle," to be presented in the Sunday School building, Thursday evening, February 15th, at 8.15. Subscription tickets for 25 cents are now on sale. Of course the usual happy social time will follow the play.

The Boys

Are preparing for their athletic forensic and picture entertainment, together with "First aid to the injured" to be given in early April.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement.

The great intellectual advance of the 19th century, man's overcoming of the forces of nature and conquering of material things, was so vast that it has led him into truths which were undreamed of before, at least by the masses. Now, in the beginning of the 20th century, it appears that these great truths are but leading to deeper, higher and better ones. In every phase of life, industrial, political, social and religious there is a demand for improvement, for better things. Our young nation is going through the growing pains of youth into the prime of manhood. The eyes of all nations are upon these United States. Shall we measure up to what is expected of us?

But for us of the churches, the question comes—"Shall the spiritual, the religious, the best lead, or be overwhelmed by merely material conquest?" The signs of the times say, "No! There is an uplift all along the line" Co-operative and improved plans are uniting us and all denominations to assist in pulling together, to develop the best in our religious ideals One of these nation-wide plans is now at work; the Men and Religion Forward Movement, with its comprehensive six-fold message, in which "Bible Study," "Boy's Work," "Evangelism," "Social Service," "Community Extension" and "Missions" are all emphasized as one united whole. It has just finished its "eight-day campaign" in our city. It asks each local church to take the best of its ideas and plans and apply them to its own problems, and with its own organizations reinvigorated, begin at once a crusade to bring more men and boys to God through Christ. Our Diocese has taken it up at a meeting at the Church House last week which, with the presence of both Bishops, moved for an educational team-of-experts plan of progress for us of the Episcopal Church.

Monday night's dinner of 1,000 men of the Episcopal Communion at the Academy of Music, to honor and stand by our newly elected Bishop Rhinelander, emphasized and endorsed this plan for renewing our zeal, reinspiring our lives, "re-dedicating," as Mr. Pepper so well put it) re-dedicating our lives, our all to Christ the Master and in service for our fellows. Let us of St. Stephen's be not behind in this onward march. Our clergy needs every man and boy of our loved Church to help in this great cause. In our regular services, our Sunday School activities, our Sunday evening Song Service, our coming noon-day Lenten Services, our Confirmation class, our Holy Communions, may each man and boy of us make a better effort than heretofore and have within our sacred Church life a "Men and Religion Forward Movement."

Our Sunday School and boys' organizations have had delegates to the recent conferences of the "Movement" who have caught the "Forward" spirit for the work among boys. Our men's committee appointed by Dr. Grammer has been flooded with literature and read this or attended the conferences and meetings.

Let us hope that all we men of St. Stephen's have caught the real get-together spirit of this message and by immediately applying it, be of service to God and our fellow men and boys.

G. H. S.

Concert by Burd School Chorus.

The Burd School Chorus, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Bonner, contralto, announce a concert to be given at the Burd School, 63rd and Market streets on Saturday evening, February 17th, at eight o'clock. Admission, thirty-five cents.

The proceeds from this concert will be used toward special lessons in voice for two members of the chorus. We hope all who are interested in the school will endeavor to come and thus encourage the chorus in its work.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION

JOSEPH CLAYTON

Funeral Director

225 SOUTH ELEVENTH ST., PHILADELPHIA

The Men and Religion Forward Movement.

To the Rector's appointments on this committee of our church has been added Mr. John W. Schell.

The work of this movement is so large in our city that it has been found necessary to arrange the churches into districts. We are in the seventh district, which includes all Protestant churches east of Broad street, south of Market and north of Washington avenue.

The chairman of this seventh district called a meeting of all the committees of all its churches at St. Stephen's on Monday evening, November 27th. After prayer by Dr. Grammer and an outline of the Movement by the chairman, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, men from the Italian missions, representatives from the Jewish-Christian and other churches and missions of this part of South Philadelphia, all most harmoniously and enthusiastically entered into the conference for forwarding this campaign among the men and boys of our district and for conserving its inspirational and other values to the individual churches. Work among boys received definite impetus and all agreed to assist in sending boy delegates and workers to the Educational Conference for boys to be held at the Y. M. C. A. on December 15th and 16th next. Bible study and other phases of the Movement were discussed and it was unanimously agreed to meet again at St. Stephen's, Monday, December 11th, at 8 P. M. The meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Brown of the Chambers-Wylie Presbyterian Church. It is hoped that every member of the committee of St. Stephen's will be able to be present at the next meeting, December 11th, 8 P. M.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received in November from Mrs. H. F. Martin, $1.00.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle will have their next meeting Dec. 19th, in the Guild Room of Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock.

Money received from Mr. J. Hunter Ewing from Mr. Patton's Estate in October (too late to be inserted in PARISH NEWS), $33.41.

Bundle of clothing from Mrs. M. J. H. received to be given to the poor.

Donations from King's Daughters for their Thanksgiving baskets for the poor:

From Mrs. N. Parmalee	$ .75
From Miss Anna Hartman	.25
From Miss Bella Townsend	.50
From Miss Irene Wilder	.25
From Miss Elizabeth Bezzel	.25
From Miss Tudor Walsh	.50
From Miss Alice Kelly	.50
Total	$3.00

Groceries from Miss Taggart and Mrs. Vanderslice, and others who have not sent in their donations yet.

The members of the King's Daughters have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moore for a pleasant evening spent at their home on November 15th last. Games were the main feature of the evening, and a delightful repast was afterwards served in the most attractive of dining rooms, and all present could not help but appreciate the efforts which had been made to entertain them.

BERTHA TUDOR WALSH, *Secretary.*

Shoe Fund.

Received from Church Fund Through Dr. Grammer	$25.00
From Mrs. M. Parmalee	.25
From H. F. Martin	.25
From those receiving shoes	.25
Total	$25.75
Expended for shoes in November	8.75
Balance	$17.00

Gave out in November 5 pairs of shoes, just started Nov. 15th.

Every Tuesday from 11 to 12 o'clock Mrs. Vanderslice will be in the Guild Room and will try to do what she can to keep Jack Frost away.

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER.

Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. BEAUVEAU BORIE, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.,
Mr. Roland S. Morris,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell,
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

SOPRANO.

Miss Helen McNamee, Mrs. D. D. Wood.
" Elizabeth Dale, Miss Dorothy Welsh,

CONTRALTO.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Anna L. Carey,
Miss Maude Beith. Miss Alice Barnard,

TENOR.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Carl Rausche.

BASS.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,

Verger.
James Carrigan,
231 South 8th Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppack, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, Miss Kirkpatrick.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Florence Sherrard.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Ada Leader.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowel, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.
Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.
President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Assistants.—Mrs. C. Miesse, Miss Anna Farrell.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 231 South Eighth St., at any time.

It is well for those making arrangements for baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services, needing the presence of a clergyman of the church to see one of the clergy before fixing the time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

March 3.—Second Sunday in Lent.
" 10.—Third " " "
" 17.—Fourth " " "
" 24.—Fifth " " "
" 25.—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin.
" 31.—Palm Sunday.

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

February 25.—Harry Payne Albrecht.

MARRIAGE.

February 3.—Gilbert B. Collins and Kathryne H. Patterson.

BURIALS.

February 3.—Robert Long.
" 12.—Jennie Sligo.
" 20.—Anna Welding Smith.
" 20.—E. Everitt Smith, Jr.
" 27.—Lillie Andrews Brown.

Offerings received during the month of February, 1912, (February 5, 1912, Septuagesima to February 25, 1912, first Sunday in Lent.)

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$32.46	
Parochial Maintenance	60.17	
Diocesan Missions	35.27	
Missionary Box	63.82	
		$191.72
Diocesan Missions, received by the Rector		307.00
		$498.72

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$76.62	
Parochial Maintenance	143.26	
Missions	56.26	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	.95	
Benevolent Society	.50	
Missionary Box	20.20	
Episcopal Hospital	.40	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	.70	
Foreign Missions	2.30	
Colored Missions	2.80	
Diocesan Missions	128.57	
		$432.56
		$931.28

SUMMARY.

Charities	$109.08
Parochial Maintenance	203.43
Missions	56.26
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	.95
Benevolent Society	.50
Missionary Box	84.02
Episcopal Hospital	.40
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	.70
Foreign Missions	2.30
Colored Missions	2.80
Diocesan Missions	470.84
	$931.28

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.
Treasurer.

Speakers for Noonday Lenten Services, St. Stephen's, 1912.

Monday, March 4. Tuesday, March 5. Wednesday, March 6. Thursday, March 7. Friday, March 8.	Rev. Richard I. Henshaw, Christ Church, Rye, N. Y.
Saturday, March 9.	Rev. A. J. Arkin, St. George's, Richmond.
Monday, March 11. Tuesday, March 12. Wednesday, March 13.	Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D. D., Holy Trinity.
Thursday, March 14. Friday, March 15. Saturday, March 16.	Rev. Hubert W. Wells, St. Andrew's, Wilmington.

Monday, March 18. Tuesday, March 19. Wednesday, March 20. Thursday, March 21. Friday, March 22.	Rev. Romilly F. Humphries, St. Peter's, Baltimore.
Saturday, March 23.	Rev. A. R. Van Meter, All Saints', Torresdale.
Monday, March 25. Tuesday, March 26. Wednesday, March 27. Thursday, March 28. Friday, March 29.	Rev. Charles Wood, D. D., Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Washington (formerly Second Church, Philadelphia).
Saturday, March 30.	Rev. Rowland Hill, St. Matthias.

HOLY WEEK.

Monday, April 1.	Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz, Epiphany Chapel.
Tuesday, April 2.	Rev. G. L. Richardson, St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, (West Philadelphia.)
Wednesday, April 3.	Rev. N. V. P. Levis, Church of the Incarnation.
Thursday, April 4.	Rev. H. M. Medary, Church of the Advocate.
Good Friday, April 5.	Rev. C. E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's.
Saturday, April 6.	Rev. Joseph L. Miller, St. Stephen's.

The memorial notice of Mr. Long which appeared in the February issue should be supplemented by some record of his funeral, which took place on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at 2.30 o'clock. Bishop Rhinelander and Bishop Garland were both present. The former read the Creed and prayers and pronounced the benediction, and the latter read the great chapter of Corinthians. Mr. Miller took the opening sentences. The Rev. H. M. Medary, of the Church of the Advocate, who was a classmate and close personal friend of Mr. Long, was also in the Chancel, with Dr. Grammer, whose cold incapacitated him from any participation, except by his presence, in the services. The honorary pall-bearers were the members of the Vestry of St. Stephen's, and the active pall-bearers were the Rev. Geo. G. Bartlett, the Rev. Fleming James, the Rev. Norman V. P. Levis, the Rev. Richard J. Morris, the Rev. W. Arthur Warner, and the Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz, Jr., members of the same clerical club with Mr. Long. The attendance of clergy in their vestments was numerous and the church was filled with sorrowing friends of St. Stephen's congregation, and also from the Church of the Holy Apostles. The Hymns were: "Lead Kindly Light" and "Tarry with me, O, My Saviour." The Anthem was a composition of Dr. Wood's that Mr. Long particularly admired—"There shall be no more night there." The service at the grave was read by the Rev. Mr. Medary.

At the conclusion of the service in St. Stephen's a committee was appointed to draft a resolution in the name of the clergy, and to publish it in *The Churchman*. Their minute appeared in the issue of February 15, and was as follows:

THE REV. ROBERT LONG.

As representatives of the clergy who attended the funeral of the Rev. Robert Long, we desire to record the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and their sense of loss at his death. A graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, Mr. Long spent his whole ministerial life inside the bounds of this diocese—either in the arduous work of the City Mission, or as one of the staff at the Church of the Holy Apostles, or at St. Stephen's church. Whatever his post, the thoroughness with which he did his work was recognized by all who came in contact with him, and also the singleness of his motive and the mingled dignity and sweetness of his character. His love of learning was deep and ardent and he was ever increasing his store. The ministry was conceived of by him as a prophetic office, and he was profoundly interested in the application of Christian principles to social problems. While our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing family and kindred, our thanks also arise to God for the life and character of the faithful servant of our Lord.

H. CRESSON MCHENRY.
CARL E. GRAMMER,
WILSON R. STEARLY,

The minute records the salient points in his character and the chief incidents in his all too brief career, but how little after all is recorded in this way. There is here, of necessity, no record of his varied tastes, his love of music and his accomplishment as a musician, his taste for literature and his fondness for making verse, his quiet humor and entire reality. What is said is true, yet how much there is that defies analysis and specification. Still at least this much is commemorated that he was loved and respected and that he was recognized as one of those who live the life of faith and service. Many faithful hearts will long remember him and even when they cease to beat, the influence of such a life will go on working towards the bringing in of God's Kingdom.

YANGCHOW, Jan. 25, 1912.

MY DEAR MRS. GRAMMER:—

Thank you and your good man very much for the New Year remembrance in the shape of the Missionary Calendar. Besides the gratifying personal

message, it makes one realize constantly that at home those who are working and praying in behalf of the cause so dear to us are not few. And certainly as never before in China, we can report blessed results. Since the breaking of "Old Custom" and sentiment, we have observed such interest as was never before shown in our message. You, dear Mrs. Grammer, would have wept with sympathy could you have been here to see how, while we could hear the booming of the siege guns at Nanking, the poor refugeless women crowded to my wife to find out how she could be calm under the apprehensions from which they found no relief. Ladies from the highest official households came for comfort, and certainly got the knowledge, however dimly, that *somewhere* there is a refuge from fear and trouble. Among the men, the door is wide open. Within two months we have had nineteen new "inquirers," all in earnest; one of them a man of high official rank, and the best boys in our school are all confessed Christians. We long and pray for more missionaries. *If Christians at home knew what is the need here now, they would come.* St. Stephen's has some grand missionary material: How shall it be developed? Tell, please, its good Rector that we have got of course to have houses, etc., but *we want some Missionaries from* St. Stephen's and want them *soon.* The house matter can take care of itself. Bishop Graves has long had registered at home an appeal for two ladies for Yangchow; *why not find them at St. Stephen's?* Pardon me if I am over personal. We are so longing for more Missionaries at this glorious time. I read the Church and Missionary papers somewhat, and can truly say, I think *just now* the world nowhere else holds out such a call for Christians to teach the way as here in China. With much love to you all, I am,

Yours Sincerely,
BENJAMIN L. ANCELL.

P. S.—We hope to reach Philadelphia (the East) by August or September.

The congregation will remember Mr. Ancell as one of the missionaries who has presented his cause in St. Stephen's. He was a student in the Virginia Seminary when Dr. Grammer was a professor in that institution, and on his graduation went directly to China, where he has been very successful. He was a classmate of the Rev. Cameron Farquhar McRae, whose sister, Miss Katherin McRae, is one of our communicants, and the two friends went out to China together. They have been rewarded for their courageous self-devotion to a great cause by the joy of finding themselves privileged to do a great work in the world for God. It is clear that in China the seed-time has given place to the season of reaping, and the fields are white for the harvest. May God raise up for them helpers. It would be a great joy, if a volunteer could be found at St. Stephen's, saying, "Here am I—send me."

The Bells.

An appeal was made last spring for $600 to put in tune our bells and increase their number, so that more tunes could be played and those in a more tunable fashion. The money was immediately given by a generous friend, and Mr. Geo. Van Duzen, of Cincinnati, was given the contract. He began his special process of tuning last fall, and has met with numerous obstacles; but on Ash Wednesday the bells were rung to our great delight. Mr. Van Duzen has not yet entirely completed his work, and the chime will not be submitted to the judgment of experts till he feels that he has done all that can be accomplished with the material at his command to make the bells uniform in tone-color, as well as correct in pitch. The latter is much the easier task. The former is the real difficulty. Few, indeed, if any, are the chimes where all the bells have the same timbre. Mr. Van Duzen has largely accomplished this with our bells, and made it possible to play on them harmonious chords. The notes that can now be played are C, D, E, F, F sharp, G, A, B flat, B, C, D. We have an additional bell, about G, that might wisely be exchanged for two upper bells E, F, at a small additional cost, giving us a chime of 13 bells. It would also be an improvement if the shutters in the windows in the tower could be opened, so that the sound could issue forth more freely and fully. When carpenter work is done, the neighborhood will enjoy more fully the sweet music of what Cowper calls "the Church-going bells." Undoubtedly our chime has helped to bring in people to the Lenten services. Mr. Van Duzen has worked upon them with indefatigable zeal. In the next number of our paper we hope to give the judgment of experts on his achievement.

Never in all his ministry, except in the fall of 1894, when he was recovering from a serious illness of typhoid, has the Rector been kept so long out of his pulpit by sickness of any kind. However the cold may have been caught, and there was too great an interval between the fire and the appearance of this cold to trace its origin to so romantic a source as exposure on that bitter night, it soon settled in the larynx and made it impossible for him to speak in public. Fortunately Mr. Miller was on hand with his ever ready and helpful services, and such preachers as Dr. Geo. C. Currie, Dr. Groton and Dr. Foley have come to our assistance.

On the first Sunday in March the Bishop of Utah, Dr. Spaulding, will preach for us by an arrangement of some months' standing. By that date the Rector has every reason to believe that his throat will be in good condition.

The class of candidates for Confirmation will meet on Fridays during Lent at 8 P. M., in the Vestry. The members of the last class, confirmed in December are invited to attend, as well as all those who may be contemplating this step. No one commits himself to a final decision by coming to the meetings of the class. Its sessions last from 8 to 8.45. The Sunday School teachers are urged to bring this matter to the attention of their scholars, and parents and sponsors must not let the season pass unimproved. Without making an iron rule, the Rector prefers that members of the class should not be under fourteen years old. This should be the minimum age. Of course there are spiritual prodigies, as there are mathematical and linguistic prodigies, but such exceptional cases can be dealt with in an exceptional way when they make their appearance.

The noon-day services are in charge of our Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and are therefore just as truly Brotherhood services as those at the Garrick or St. Paul's or anywhere else. They are also intended, not merely for the members of St. Stephen's, but for all who can and will come to them. Their appeal and invitation extends as widely and indiscriminatingly as the music of our chimes. Most of the speakers come from outside of the city. They are men of spiritual power and wide vision and we believe that we confer a blessing on the city in bringing to it fresh voices of faith and love. In one instance with the permission of the Bishop, we have availed ourselves of a new opening afforded to Christian love and comprehensiveness and have secured a prominent Presbyterian minister, well known in this city for his catholic temper and message.

Our services are not parochial in their invitation, nor even denominational. They are truly catholic services, urbi et orbi.

But they are in this sense parochial, namely, in that they take the place of parish services. Everyone in the parish is especially invited to attend and take part in the singing, or ushering, in the prayer and devotion, and in the contributions for their maintenance and for the missionary box. This custom of noon-day services, in Lent, has spread like a banyan tree, and now has many points of observance; but the loyalty of our people is due to St. Stephen's. Surely they can find no environment so helpful for prayer and praise. An eminent college president testified the other day that he had early adopted the rule of fidelity to his own church and avoided any tendency to ecclesiastical vagrancy. He who would be steadfast in life must practise himself in steadfastness.

During Lent there will be a Communion every Sunday; on the first Sunday in the month at the eleven o'clock service, and on other Sundays at 10.45. It is hoped, however, that the early Communion will not be made a substitute for the sermon at eleven o'clock, except for cause and occasionally. There has been a good deal of criticism of the Morning Prayer in the columns of the *Churchman,* but those who love our Church's services and have been trained in its worship from childhood cannot endorse the criticism. Not that the Morning Prayer is absolutely perfect. Some of the lessons are too long and not well chosen. There ought to be some short and evangelical chant as an alternative for the long and elaborate *Te Deum,* which should be obligatory only on great days, like Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, and perhaps on the Sundays in Advent and Lent. For other Sundays a shorter chant with more of Christianity in it then the song of the three Hebrew children would be a gain.

With greater flexibility and enrichment the service could be improved. If the reading of the ten commandments in the Ante-Communion service were required only once a month, it would be more feasible to combine the Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion service, as of old and so have a service of remarkable wealth of prayer, praise and Scripture readings, all arranged in such a way as to relieve the strain on the attention, and at the same time enlist the co-operation of the worshipers. It would be a great loss to give up such a service as the regular morning worship and to substitute for it the celebration of the Holy Communion, which makes its chief appeal only to the communicants and demands far less of the congregation and has less variety of posture and of teaching.

When the Presbyterians argued against the observance of Easter, on the ground that our

Lord's resurrection was commemorated on every first day of the week, when we meet to worship then instead of on the Jewish Sabbath, our divines replied that such hebdominal celebration failed to bring out like a less frequent observance, the unique and glorious character of the Resurrection. The same spirit that created the Church Year teaches that the extraordinary rites of our Faith should not be put in the place of the ordinary and routine services. Let us not lose our beautiful and unique service of Common Prayer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There was no outside speaker at the meeting held on Thursday, February 15th, but the different committees had so much of interest to report that the lack was hardly felt.

The meeting was called an "Auxiliary Conference," and its aim was to show just what part the women of our Church are taking in the Forward Movement of Missionary activity. Mrs. English explained the "United Offering" and told what it had done in the past. She urged that every member of the Auxiliary take some part, however small, in this great thank-offering by women for women. The apportionment system was then taken up and an effort was made to understand just when contributions will count toward the sum we must raise, and when they will be considered "Specials."

The Mission Study Class, led by Mrs. English, will devote this Lent to "The Conquest of a Continent," a history of missions in our own country. Those who, for any reason, were unable to join the class, were urged by our president to buy and read the text-book during Lent.

Mrs. Butcher, chairman of our branch of the Church Periodical Club, said that she had received offers of forty magazines. Copies of the *Ladies' Home Journal* are much in demand.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, March 21st, at eleven o'clock.

Children's Friend Society.

Donation received from King's Daughters Circle in February $1.00.

An entertainment was given February 28th, when Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds showed some of their beautiful motion pictures.

Subjects presented were selected from the following: Barbara Fritschie, Declaration of Independence, David Copperfield, Dorothy's Family, The Missing War Messenger, The Tale of a Cat, The Toss of a Coin, Fat Woman, and Tweedledum's Riding Boots, and others.

This Society invited the Sunday School, both infant and main schools, as their guests to this entertainment.

Mr. Reynolds's beautiful pictures and lecture and Mrs. Reynolds's singing were very much enjoyed. The children always talk of the entertainment the whole year.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their next meetings in the Guild Room, March 6th and 20th, at 8 o'clock.

February 21st was a larger meeting than usual, having two visitors which we are always glad to see. A box was packed with another infant's outfit, containing slips, sacks, flannel wrappers, a little cap, a baby's blanket, socks, etc., and will be given to Miss Lewis for a poor family where a little stranger is expected.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in February:

From Mrs W. J. Galbraith	$1.00
Those receiving shoes	50
Total	$1.50
Expended for shoes in February	69
Balance	$ .81

Donations of seven or eight pairs of second hand shoes from Miss N. Swift. Gave out in February 12 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

Miss Bella Townsend has been assisting Mrs. Vanderslice with the giving out of shoes this winter.

If any one in the congregation has a pair of wide women's shoes, number nine, they would be very acceptable. We can not get shoes wide enough for some of our poor people.

Perhaps a soft gentleman's shoe would answer the purpose.

Notice.

There will be a Mass Meeting under the auspices of the Interdenominational Committee of Young Women for Foreign Missions, on Tuesday evening, March 5th, at 8 o'clock, in Calvary Presbyterian church, Locust street west of 15th. The speaker will be Mrs. Helen Barret Montgomery.

As this is the first opportunity since the Jubilee to hear Mrs. Montgomery in Philadelphia, and it is expected that the meeting will be most inspiring and helpful, a large audience is hoped for. All the women of the congregation are invited to be present, and the younger women are especially urged to attend, as the meeting is being held particularly in their interest.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The severe cold weather of this winter and the inevitable suffering that accompanied it and followed in its train, was mitigated to a considerable degree to those who shared in the generosity of Mr. Hollar's gift of coal. Two tons in January made three families rejoice and two tons in February were received with joy. Imagine what a home would be like in freezing weather without a fire—even if the home consists of but one or two rooms, with the wind whistling outside, banging the shutters, finding many a crevice and loose board by which to enter and the thermometer down to zero. Then think what a ton of coal means. More than nuggets of gold.

On such a cold day, our sympathies were stirred by a young married woman coming to the church with a baby in her arms. She had been one of our Sunday School girls and also a pupil of our Parochial school when it was in existence. Now at nineteen, with a husband out of work, and a baby, her outlook into the future was bitter indeed, for they were in deep distress. It was gratifying to us that in her trouble she turned first to the church.

As is generally the way, when working and receiving wages regularly, those who depend upon the weekly wage, never seem to think the time may come when those wages may cease. And this woman and her husband were no exception to the rule—they had been buying their furniture in their little home on the instalment plan and after thirteen dollars had been paid the work gave out, the weekly wages ceased, and all searching for employment proved futile, so the proprietor of the instalment house removed all the furniture, only leaving them a mattress for their thirteen dollars. Then the food gave out and with nothing to eat, despair staring them in the face, she came, bringing the little baby, whom Mr. Long had baptised, to the Church as her refuge in time of trouble.

Our Scotch family can return to Scotland when the children are over their whooping cough through the bounty of Mr. Samuel Moore, Mrs. C. M. Richardson and Mr. Colket, who responded to the appeal of last month for the balance of the fund. What joy it will bring to her parents and sister; what a fullness of joy for the children, removed from a house of three rooms in a court of the slums, to the sunshine and air and fields of heather. their opportunities of education and of being reared in the wholesome home atmosphere of love of relatives. May God's richest blessing rest upon those who have made this possible and who out of their abundance and their tender sympathies gave so freely to those less fortunate. In the meantime the family have to be helped for the husband is out of work but not drinking.

We have secured positions for two this month; one is placed in a household as maid and the other as a companion to a blind woman.

Mrs. D. W. Lane responded generously and gave the material for a black skirt for Sister Magdaline, the Mission Mother, who gives her time and labor for the uplift of the poor, receiving no compensation. She lives by faith.

A box of good warm underwear, marked G. F. S., came to us and we were most glad to see it.

The Burd School.

To the Members and Friends of St. Stephen's Church:

In behalf of all connected with the Burd School, I wish to take this means of thanking you most sincerely for the great interest which you showed in the Burd School Chorus Concert on February 17th, not only by securing tickets and helping us to make it a financial success, but by your presence as well. It will be gratifying to those interested to know that financially it was even more of a success than we had dared to expect, and we hope all who were present felt that the concert itself was a success.

Very sincerely,

ORA M. HARNISH.

The Work Among Our Boys.

Friday evenings are finding more boys in hearty enjoyment of the discussions of their miniature Senate, of the Physical Instruction and games, and particularly of Mr. Fountain's talks on "First Aid to the Injured." We have also added for their increasing interest moving and lantern pictures at the close of their meetings.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Junior Brotherhood is increasing in membership and its members are assisting in the Sunday School, in the Church services, and in the Rector's Sunday evening service of song, as well as at the Noon-day Meetings, and several will be in the Confirmation Class. They recently had their annual meeting at their Director's home, renewing their interest in their obligation of prayer and service. Their next meeting will be the second, instead of the first Sunday in March, in the Sunday School Building. Their Secretary, Theo. Hein, is in charge of the fund which the members are accumulating towards sending members to the next annual convention in Chicago, September 4th.

Men and Religion Forward Movement.

In all churches which had committees for forwarding work among men and boys on the plan of this Men and Religion campaign the object now is local to each church, that is, to conserve the values of the recent meetings and continue its five-fold activities of "Boy Work," "Bible Study," "Evangelism," "Social Service," and "Missions." Our old church has the committee and every phase of these activities. All it needs is more workers with a willing spirit to assist in making these activities hum with renewed zeal.

The Alpha Kappa.

The Sunday School room was filled with a sociable and merry throng on the evening of the Alpha Kappa's play of "Uncle," Thursday, February 15th. Winfield Brown, as "Uncle," quite surpassed himself, as also did Charles Moore, who, as "Uncle's Nephew," put into the character the necessary realism to bring out the comedy. The care-free, happy-go-lucky, loving "Jack," Harry Bush, did "splendidly," as some one said. Miss Burd deserved and more, the flowers which she received as the curtain went down on her faithful portrayal of "Mrs. Beaumont," and Miss Corrigan's fetching humor, made a principal part of the character of "Sarah." Carl Powers made a good beginning as "Dooner's Chef" and the first appearance with us of Miss Crockett, a graduate of the Burd School, now a member of our Sunday School, won hearty applause, which she well deserved in her play of "Emily."

The young men of the Alpha Kappa are much indebted to all the players, particularly to the young ladies for their kind assistance, and to Miss Sanders for her cordial hospitality at rehearsals, besides, everyone was pleased with another happy evening so cheerfully given to the social work of the Sunday School.

The Sunday School.

None of us who were present at Mr. Long's funeral service will forget its silent, solemn tribute to his memory so sweetly expressed by the quiet presence of a church full of sorrowing friends, from the Bishops and Clergy down to the many members of our Sunday School. We miss him and repeat his favorite collect each Sunday morning in our prayer, preceding Bible study.

The lay Superintendent is now reviewing the lessons on the Early Apostolic Leaders, on the first Sunday in each month by means of the lantern and pictures. The first Sunday in February he showed Life in Rome under Nero, to get the condition under which these early Christians struggled for their faith. The first Sunday morning session in March he will show pictures from the Life of St. Paul.

The "Cross and Crown" system of wearing a button badge or pin, for constant attendance and getting more valuable ones up to a gold one, as a reward for constancy, is working with success. For the last few Sundays every teacher and almost every scholar have been faithful in attendance and the school is in a very encouraging and vigorous condition. Miss Denny's class and the Alpha Kappa have given entertainments which have added to the happy social life. A number have started in with Dr. Grammer's class on Confirmation, and we can cheerfully say the main purpose of the school, its spiritual life is growing to fruition.

G. H. Streaker.

BURD MONUMENT

The Parish News.

Jane Roberts Harper, Editor.

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Clergy.

Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.

Rev. Joseph L. Miller.

Parish Visitor, Miss K. H. Lewis,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Lay Reader, Geo. H. Streaker.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Church Warden.*
Mr. Beauveau Borie, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Mr. Roland S. Morris, Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar. Mr. C. Howard Colket.

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Selden Miller.

Soprano.

Miss Helen McNamee, Mrs. D. D. Wood.
" Elizabeth Dale, Miss Dorothy Welsh,

Contralto.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed Wallem, Miss Anna L. Carey,
Miss Maude Beith. Miss Alice Barnard,

Tenor.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Albert H. Allison,
Mr. Carl Rausche.

Bass.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. G. Frank Shindel.
Mr. I. Whittington Anthony,

Verger.
James Carrigan,
231 South 8th Street.

Services.

Sundays, October to May, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Holy Communion, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

Holy Baptism at any service.

Sunday School, 9.45 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

Trustees.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendent.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Burd Chapel Services.

Holy Communion, First Sunday in month, 8.15 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

Officers.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

Managers.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppack, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Wilkins, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets first Thursday of the month at 10.30 o'clock.

Altar Society.

Meets (in Vestry) third Tuesday of the month, at 11.30 A. M.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent of Embroidery Class.—Mrs. Taylor.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, Miss Dana.

EMBROIDERY CLASS.

Teacher.—Miss F. C. Davis.

The class meets every Friday, at the Parish House at 10 A. M. *Free* instructions in ecclesiastical and linen work. New members earnestly desired.
Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Josephine Lockhart, Mrs. T. Wilson Hedley, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Miss R. A. Lowenberg, Miss E. Bockius, Mrs. M. G. Garrigues, Mrs. E. M. McFarlan, Mrs. J. R. Coin, Mrs. I. Edward Bower.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Assistants.—Robert T. Boyd, Jr., William Pedrick, Richard Snyder.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Sinclair, Miss Edith Shellenberger, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Harper, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Miriam Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Miss Mearns, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Florence Sherrard.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Ada Leader.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Meets Sunday, 3 P. M. in Parish House. Teacher, Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant, Treasurer Saving Fund.—Miss Van Dusen.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Miss Wilkins.
Acting Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Anna Lewis Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowel, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley.

Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Miss Kehl.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.
President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Assistants.—Mrs. C. Miesse, Miss Anna Farrell.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 231 *South Eighth St., at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

April 4.—Maundy Thursday.
" 5.—Good Friday.
" 7.—Easter Day.
" 14.—First Sunday after Easter.
" 21.—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 25.—St. Mark.
" 28.—Third Sunday after Easter.

Parish Register.

BAPTISMS.

March 3.—John Morris Smith.
" 24.—Samuel Culbertson.
" 24.—Anna Wonnacott Watson.
" 30.—Marguerite Lautenbach.

CONFIRMATIONS.

March 31.—Harry Clabaugh Hewson.
Clara Kaufman.
Mary Scudder Green.
James Fisher Armstrong.
Louis John Magill.
Florence McKeehan Magill.
Mary Estelle Bean.
Virginia Wallis.
Hazel June Brown.
Marguerite Lautenbach.
Mildred Gertrude Brown.
Dorothy Yvonne Charles.
Anna Wonnacott Watson.
Grace Marion Hobart.
Eliza Marion Flandreau.
Catharine Elizabeth Forkum.
Mae Snedden.
Grace Robertson.
Ethel Slatter Collins.
Mabel Violet Ridgway.
Emily Louise Caywood.
Mary Lina Marbet.
Jane Parker Deeter.
James Holmes Mearns.
Henry White Buckley.
Samuel Culbertson.
John White.
James Alison Eyster.
Charles Voigt McLean.

MARRIAGES.

March 6.—Raymond Lilly and Charlotte Hatman.
March 9.—James Ross Sullinger and Edith B. Wyatt.
March 19.—Henry H. Bussian and Laura M. S. Poole.
March 30.—Edward Scott Swazey and Ruth Gail Hamilton.

BURIALS.

March 7.—Charles C. Rennaison, Jr.
" 13.—Louise Koons.
" 14.—Emeline L. Vaughan.
" 29.—Albert Walter McEwen.

Offerings received during the month of March, 1912, (March 3, 1912, second Sunday in Lent, to March 31, 1912, Palm Sunday.)

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$74.87	
Parochial Maintenance	35.24	
Missionary Box	143.22	
Bishop's Offering	38.53	
Easter Decorations	46.86	
Domestic Missions	37.22	
		$375.94

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

St. Stephen's Farm	.15	
Charities	94.75	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	.60	
Benevolent Society	.05	
Missions	73.39	
Missionary Box	5.78	
Episcopal Hospital	.40	
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	.20	
Foreign Missions	.35	
Colored Missions	.62	
Diocesan Missions	6.93	
Diocesan Missions Received through the Rector	78.00	84.93
Domestic Missions		81.17
Endowment fund of St. Stephen's Church		1.10
Parochial Maintenance		105.14
Easter Decorations		66.90
City Missions		1.55
Work Among Our Boys		.05
		$517.13
		$893.07

SUMMARY.

Charities	$169.62
Parochial Maintenance	140.38
Missions	73.39
St. Stephen's Farm	.15
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	.60
Benevolent Society	.05
Missionary Box	149.00
Episcopal Hospital	.40
Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese	.20
Foreign Missions	.35
Colored Missions	.62
Diocesan Missions	84.93
Domestic Missions	118.39
Endowment fund of St. Stephen's Church	1.10
Easter Decorations	113.76
City Missions	1.55
Work Among Our Boys	.05
Bishop's Offering	38.53
	$893.07

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.
Treasurer.

RECEIVED BY DR. GRAMMER.

For Bishop Spaulding:		
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollar	$20.00	
A. D. A.	10.00	
E. B. H.	5.00	
Cash	2.00	
Miss Dutilh	5.00	
Mrs. Albert Weimer	5.00	
		$47.00
Total		$940.70

The annual Parochial Meeting will be held according to our custom on the second Monday after Easter, April 15th, at 8 P. M. All the societies and organizations connected with the Church, from Vestry down, are requested to attend, and the members are asked to sit together as far as possible.

Notice has been sent to the presidents and secretaries, and reports will be read as usual. Please make a note of the evening, and reserve it for this important congregational meeting. The invitation to be present is extended to everyone who is in any way connected with St. Stephen's.

The Duplex Envelopes.

This system has come into the Church to stay, and is steadily spreading. The most conservative parishes are rapidly adopting it. It was inaugurated in St. Stephen's two years ago with most beneficial results; but no system will work of itself. We must exert ourselves to extend it. Everyone who is confirmed and brings a letter of transfer ought as a matter of course to receive a package, as this is our method of receiving offerings. There is absolutely nothing inquisitorial about it, for no one knows the amount contributed by individuals. All that is recorded is whether the envelope is returned and whether only one or both sides are used. The following letter has been sent out:

Lent, 1912.

MY DEAR PARISHIONER:

System is as necessary in the Church as in secular affairs. It forms good habits, and it also produces results of value. Even the most spontaneous acts such as prayer, need to be cultivated, and performed according to some rule. This principle holds good of our giving. Only by regularity can we gain the habit of worshiping the Lord with our substance, or give a worthy amount to the maintenance and extension of the Church. To attain these important ends, we introduced the Duplex Envelopes into St. Stephen's two years ago. The results have been encouraging. Our offerings increased at once. But it is clear that we can do much better. There are many who have not accepted the boxes, or make no use of them. Others who have taken them use them only fitfully. Let us start this year, with the resolve that every envelope in our box, shall carry an offering into the Church's treasury. Secondly, let us endeavor to get every one in the Church to accept a package of envelopes. Thirdly, let us try to put something into each pocket every Sunday.

Let us each give according to our abilities; the poorer members not discouraged by the necessary smallness of their gifts, and the richer not wearied by the number of the demands that come upon them from many quarters, but giving as God hath prospered them.

The money placed in the pocket marked simply "Missions," will go to the Apportionment.

Three thousand dollars are asked of St. Stephen's for this object, from Sunday School, Women's Auxiliary and Congregation. Let us do our best. The Board of Missions assumed definite obligations and looks to us to aid in their fulfilment. May God give us the spirit of liberality.

If you are willing to co-operate, won't you sign the enclosed card and return it to me at your earliest convenience, in the self addressed envelope, which you will find enclosed.

Your friend and rector,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The following appeal has also been sent out by the Rector. Some responses have come in but about fifty dollars more is needed. It is hoped all communicants, who have not contributed, will send in their offerings promptly:

March 19, 1912.

My Dear Parishioner:

May I remind you that your annual contribution has not been made this year to Diocesan Missions?

The Church is pledged to the Convocation for $550, and also for the Sustentation Fund, $106.89. Besides, there are pledges for the colored work in this city.

I have on hand $556.42. If those who heretofore have contributed will send their money, and if some of the new members who have not contributed, will take up this obligation, we can easily raise the amount expected.

It is the custom that communicants who can afford it, should contribute five dollars, but if that is too large a sum we are glad to receive whatever seems best.

Sincerely Yours,
Carl E. Grammer.

A careful list has been made of the contributors, but it is possible that you may have put your offerings in the plate and so have sent in your gift already. In that case, this reminder is not meant for you.

The Bells.

All through Lent the chimes have been rung and the sweet strains of familiar hymns have greeted the passer-by, and summoned to worship the dwellers in the neighborhood. It can not be doubted but that they have increased the attendance at the noon-day services, for at the Sunday Evening social hour in the familiar converse that is a feature of the evening, it has been confessed by many of our visitors that the music of the bells arrested their attention as they passed, and lured their feet into our fold. These improved chimes constitute a valuable addition to our equipment, thanks to the generous donor. Everyone agrees that they are greatly bettered, and reflect credit on the skill of the tuner. Whether he has exhausted the resources of his art will be decided by experts. His task was most difficult, for in addition to securing the pitch, he had to reckon with the overtones that tend to vary the tone-color, and prevent the uniformity of timbre that is so desirable. It is a question, whether the windows in the tower should not have slats that will open, and so let out the sound more freely. The notes in the chime are C, D, E, F, F sharp, G, A, B flat, B, C, D. Three additional bells have been added, and one of the old bells has been laid aside so the total increase is two bells.

Mr. Geo. H. Streaker has been the chief bell-ringer thus far, and in conjunction with Mr. Chas. Moore is forming a guild of bell-ringers of the boys and girls. Much enthusiasm was shown in the Sunday School about such a guild. Mr. John Graff has selected and transposed a number of hymns, and furnished a goodly list that can be played upon the notes of our chime.

Bishop Rhinelander confirmed on the afternoon of Palm Sunday a class of 29. One candidate was too ill to be present, and will be confirmed later. This was the Bishop's first official visitation to St. Stephen's, and he received a hearty welcome. After the service he met the members of the Vestry in the Rector's room. We are grateful to the Bishop for continuing Palm Sunday afternoon as the date for Confirmation in St. Stephen's.

At the request of the Rector, the Bishop has appointed Mr. Geo. H. Streaker lay-reader in St. Stephen's Parish under a license that permits him to deliver addresses in that capacity. Mr. Streaker has been serving in this way since the death of Mr. Long.

The Sunday evening song service continues successful. The average attendance last month was about sixty. We need to be advertised by our loving friends, and we also need a committee that will look up the strangers.

The noon-day services have been splendidly attended. All the speakers gave us most helpful addresses. The largest attendance at the time of our writing has been during the week of Dr. Charles Wood, whose friends embraced this opportunity of hearing him. On one day the numbers reached fourteen hundred. There was also much interest in observing the working out of the provisions of Canon 19. Dr. Wood, in the historic Genevan gown and with bands with his Princeton hood was an impressive figure, reminding everyone of the scholarly ministry to which he belongs, and delivered a series of most impressive and helpful addresses. His unifying thought was that Christ's religion is given us that we may have life more abundantly.

The splendid pall which was begun at Dr. Worcester's suggestion some years ago, has at last been completed. Some suitable arrangement must now be made for hanging it. The magnificent piece of needlework is the result of many years of faithful work on the part of the ladies, who under the leadership of Mrs. H. P. Taylor have embroidered it assiduously. Any ladies who may be interested in this ornament, but have not been able to join the workers, are invited to contribute to the cost of the fringe and hanging, which will amount to about $40.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Charles Noblit, or to Mrs. H. P. Taylor. The pall will be on exhibition in the Church on Monday, April 15th.

The Work Among Our Boys.

The smaller boys are busy every Friday evening from seven to ten o'clock in their Senate and its business session, their physical culture drills and games, and particularly their studies in "First Aid to the Injured." On Friday evening, April 19th, at eight o'clock, they will give their Annual Entertainment, with music, drills, a new demonstration and the ever-popular "Moving Pictures." Subscriptions will be ten cents, admitting to all the festivities, and it is hoped their friends will all be present.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

The players of this Society did so well with their recent production of "Uncle," that they have been requested to give it again on Thursday, April 11th, at 8 P. M., at the Episcopal Church of St. John, in their large Parish House, at Elkhart and Emerald streets, Kensington, for the benefit of their Bible Class of Adults. The young ladies of the play, Misses Burd, Corrigan and Crocket, are in rehearsal with Messrs. Bush, Brown, Moore and Powers to make it an even greater success than in February, and it is hoped that many of their friends of St. Stephen's will be there to assist them by their presence.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

This young brotherhood, which is actively assisting in the Sunday School, tries to be of value in the Church services and the Sunday evening service of song. Its usual first Sunday in the month meeting will be postponed owing to the activities of Easter Sunday, to Sunday morning, April 14th, when it is desired that all members be present.

The Sunday School.

The Sunday School has been particularly well attended during the past month. We were glad to welcome Miss Shellenberger back from her South American trip and her little ones are heartily at work in the Primary Department and happily preparing for their part in the Easter Carol Festival.

They joined us on Sunday, March 3rd, when we tried to illustrate our lessons on the life of St. Paul with lantern slides and moving pictures. The morning sunlight was too strong to get good results. The Rector brought in Bishop Spaulding, and his Western missionary stories made bright the occasion. Since then, Charles Moore, of the Sunday School, has very kindly put on the old discarded shutters to the windows and on the last Sunday in March we were enabled to illustrate beautifully the lesson of Holy Week, "Christ Crucified," by means of the Wm. Hole pictures.

The Confirmation of many of our scholars by Bishop Rhinelander on the afternoon of this last Sunday in March, makes "Palm Sunday," 1912, a most sacred day in our calendar.

We are busy under Dr. Anthony, learning our beautiful Easter Carols. The teachers' meeting of March 17, planned for a repetition of Mr. Kirkpatrick's beautiful decorations of last year. And we look happily forward to Sunday afternoon, April 14, at 4 o'clock, in the church, when we have our Easter Carol Service. Everyone should make it a point to be present on this festival occasion, when all the children and scholars and officers of the Burd School and the Sunday School of St. Stephen's unite for their Annual Easter-tide Carol service.

George H. Streaker.

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

The Lenten meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on March 21st, at 11 o'clock. Those who braved the storm felt well repaid after they had heard Miss Elizabeth Wood tell of her recent experiences in China and of the conditions there during the first days of the revolution. Miss Wood spoke to our Auxiliary five years ago, when she was raising money for Boone Library which is now an accomplished fact and a great influence for good. She showed us photographs of the beautiful

Grecian building in Wuchang and told us that many of the books which started the library came from Philadelphia. She says that the young Chinese who are the backbone of the revolution look to America with great admiration, and that their recent articles of confederation are modeled on ours. Is it not important that in this formative period we should give them the best and not the worst that our civilization has to offer?

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish House, on Thursday, April 18th, at 11 o'clock.

The Altar Society.

A suggestion has been made to the Altar Society that the members of the congregation would like to commemorate some special date, either in their lives or in that of others, by offering flowers for the decoration of the table of our Lord on the Sunday nearest to that date. Accordingly, a list is here printed, of the Sundays for the year, beginning with Easter Sunday, April 7, and the names of members who wish to supply the flowers on specified dates, will be filled in as fast as received. It is earnestly hoped that all those will respond, who, in this way, wish to keep alive a hallowed memory; it may be a sad one, or one full of joy, but, in every case, it will prove, that in this practical world, the sentiment of affection is ever present in our lives, and that one is all the better in spirit and in mind for yielding to its touch.

The cost of flowers for the altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and date chosen. Send to the secretary of the Altar Society, Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street, and help fill up the unallotted Sundays, for, in all probability, they will eagerly be applied for. By sending the money at once with your name, address and specified date, the acknowledgment will be made by having your name printed opposite the date selected, and will appear in the next issue of the PARISH NEWS, and the Altar Society will gladly carry out your wish to decorate the altar on that Sunday.

FLOWERS CONTRIBUTED 1912-1913.

1912.
April 7, Easter Sunday.—St. Stephen's Congregation.
April 14.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
April 21.—Mrs. William B. Campbell.
April 28.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D.
May 5.—
May 12.—
May 19.—Miss Laura Bell.
May 26.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
June 2.—
June 9.—
June 16.—
June 23.—
June 30.—
July 7.—
July 14.—
July 21.—
July 28.—
August 4.—
August 11.—
August 18.—
August 25.—Miss Laura Bell.
September 1.—
September 8.—
September 15.—
September 22.—Miss Wilkins.
September 29.—
October 6.—
October 13.—
October 20.—
October 27.—
November 3.—Mr. Roland S. Morris.
November 10.—
November 17.—
November 24.—
December 1.—
December 8.—
December 15.—
December 22.—Miss Emily Bell.
December 29.—
1913.
January 5.—
January 12.—
January 19.—
January 26.—
February 2.—
February 9.—Miss Van Dusen.
February 16.—
February 23.—
March 2.—
March 9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
March 16.—
March 23.—
March 30.—

May all unite in commemorating some date and what it means to you, no one need know, save God alone.

Special Notice.

An illustrated lecture on "The Conquest of the Continent" will be given by Rev. Hugh L. Burleson, on Tuesday evening, April 23, at the New Century Drawing Room, at eight o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of St. Stephen's congregation to attend this lecture, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the author of the book describe the steady march of the Church across our continent.

It was suggested that this text-book be read during Lent by members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and it must be a source of gratification to the author and the Board of Missions to know that ten thousand copies were sold in six months, three thousand in two weeks. As the edition was exhausted, and many were unable to procure copies, the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's are glad to announce that Dean Burleson has consented to come to Philadelphia on the date mentioned to relate in person the contents of the book, and illustrate it with lantern slides. The audience is not restricted to St. Stephen's Parish only, although the lecture will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of our Parish, but every man and woman will be welcome who is interested in the growth of the Church at large, and the spread of Christianity.

LAURA BELL.
President Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,
REV. FRANCIS B. CANNON,
2025 Arch Street.
Parish Visitor, MISS K. H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.
Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. ROLAND S. MORRIS, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. William R. Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar. Mr. C. Howard Colket.
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Mr. Robert Boyd, Jr.,

Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder,

CHOIR.

Sopranos.

Mrs. Helen Frame Heaton, Miss Claire E. Dieffenbach, Miss Elsie M. Carroll, Miss Ethel Palmer, Miss Verna Ballinger, Miss Sydney Caldwell.

Altos.

Mrs. Josephine Hasen Beale, Miss Edna Hunsicker, Miss Evelyn Barto.

Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Arthur Hood, Mr. Ed. K. MacEwan.

Basses.

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
231 South 8th Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.30.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen,

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 8 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.

All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Florence Sherrard, Miss Dale.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Trawl.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley, Miss Zeilin.
Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.
President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Assistants.—Mrs. C. Miesse, Miss Anna Farrell.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 231 South Eighth St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
3.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
10.—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
17.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
24.—Sunday next before Advent.
28.—Thanksgiving Day.
30.—St. Andrew's Day.

BAPTISMS.

June 11.—Stephen Griswold Glass.
June 11.—William Archibald Glass.
June 11.—David Rodger Glass.
June 23.—Roy David Morton Hershberger.
June 23.—Edward Donigan.
June 30.—Leona Sylva Parks.
June 30.—Mildred Virginia Dougty.
July 28.—May Winifred Brown.
October 6.—Francis Lund Van Dusen.
October 27.—Joseph Wesley Brower.

MARRIAGES.

May 16.—Otto Shellhorn and Annie Walker.
June 12.—John W. Holmes, M. D., and Alice P. Ake.
August 1.—Ross Miller and Alice J. Kelly.
September 25.—Charles Stein and Mary Elizabeth Kehl.
October 8.—William Stewart and Helen Black.

BURIALS.

May 1.—Matilda A. Payne.
May 4.—Charlotte Blinkhorn.
May 24.—Thomas Reed.
June 20.—James A. Payne.
June 24.—Edwin H. Reakirt.
July 5.—Edward Donegan.
July 20.—Margaret Roder.
July 23.—Roy M. Hershberger.
July 24.—Clementina S. McKean Borie.
July 26.—Albert F. Watkins.
August 14.—Mary A. Drake.
August 17.—Charles H. Rogers.
August 17.—Elizabeth S. Cash.
August 23.—Mary A. Craig.
August 31.—Maria S. Wilkins.
October 1.—Lorenzo Morris.
October 8.—Richard Renshaw Neill.

Offerings received from May 5, 1912, fourth Sunday after Easter, to October 27, 1912, twenty-first Sunday after Trinity $1,986 09

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$124 50	
Parochial Maintenance	192 96	
Theological Education	27 71	
Work Among Our Boys	16 00	
Sunday School	5 00	
Missions	14 23	
		$380 40

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$409 05	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	10	
Indian Missions	36 04	
Benevolent Society	5 83	
Missions	411 17	
Diocesan Missions	12 32	
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	2 00	
Parochial Maintenance	599 07	
Easter Day Decorations	70	
City Missions	25	
Work Among Our Boys	90 91	
St. Stephen's Farm	6 40	
Theological Education	89 56	
Domestic Missions	2 29	
		$1,605.69

SUMMARY.

Charities	$533 55	
Parochial Maintenance	792 03	
Missions	425 40	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	10	
Benevolent Society	5 83	
Indian Missions	36 04	
Diocesan Missions	12 32	
Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church	2 00	
Domestic Missions	2 29	
Easter Day Decorations	70	
City Missions	25	
Work Among Our Boys	106 91	
St. Stephen's Farm	6 40	
Theological Education	57 27	
Sunday School	5 00	
		$1,986 09

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

The Envelope System.

The report of the Treasurer of the Envelope system shows how the plan is working. There can be no doubt but that the system is most excellent; the trouble is that it is not universally accepted, nor faithfully worked by all who have agreed to accept the packages. Our Church is supported in part by the income from the endowment, in part by the pew rents, and in part by voluntary gifts, most of which come through the envelope system. By these packages everybody has an opportunity to contribute to the support of the Church that ministers to him. Surely everyone ought to have a package. Moreover, our Church is charged with the duty of aiding the Diocese, and the General Church. The channel through which most of our gifts come for these objects is the envelopes.

How can we do our part towards the diocese and the Church as a whole if we do not work with the system?

A record is kept of the return of the envelopes and a note is also made as to which pocket contains a gift, so that we can tell how the system is working. On examining the records, which are kept with most business-like care and neatness, the Rector found that some people used them only fitfully or apparently soon forgot all about them. Let us begin this season by using these carriers faithfully. Envelopes can be obtained on application to Mr. Jos. Van Dusen, Jr., the Stephen Girard Building.

This Church is asked to contribute $3,000 towards the apportionment. In the year ending with the first of September we contributed from the Church, $1,432.54; from the Woman's Auxiliary, $304.86, and from the Sunday School, $361; total, $2,098.40.

We are bearing the needs of the Board more loyally than in the past, but we can do better. Let us see whether we cannot reach the goal. I hope every office bearer in the Church will set a good example, and co-operate with the system. How can the rank and file be expected to keep step if the leaders do not march to the music?

About the first of October the Rector issued the following appeal and statement in behalf of St. Stephen's Church Work Fund:

The Rector appeals to the members and attendants of St. Stephen's for their annual contributions to the Church Work Fund. A summary is given below of the uses to which this fund has been appropriated since it was collected last November. Some of these items will be diminished this year, notably the appropriations to the Altar Society, whose funds will be largely derived from subscriptions for flowers on special Sundays, and whose embroidery class will be discontinued. The telephone bills will also be paid henceforth by the Treasurer of the Church, as one of the regular expenses.

On the other hand, much more should be expended for the services of a secretary, such as all large churches now have, in order that the Rector may not spend his mornings acting as his own clerk. At least three hundred dollars ought to be devoted to this use. More money will undoubtedly be needed to finance the Girl's Friendly, now that the church has sustained the great loss of Miss Wilkins. An additional expense has been assumed in the informal services of Sunday night that were inaugurated so successfully last winter and ought to be continued. The work will be hampered unless fourteen hundred dollars shall be contributed. For that amount the Rector asks earnestly. He hopes for a prompt and general response, as the treasury is about empty.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

STATEMENT OF CHURCH WORK FUND, 1911-12.

RECEIPTS.

On hand November, 1911	$14 37	
Contributed	1,328 00	
Received from Mrs. Fell as Treasurer of the defunct Three Arts Club	46 14	
Total Receipts		$1,388 51

EXPENDED.

Services of Secretary	$104 64	
Sunday School	126 46	
Altar Society	200 00	
Christmas Decorations	55 00	
Bell Telephone for nine months	56 15	
Parish News and other printing	383 26	
Advertising in Papers	150 75	
Hotel Bulletin	10 00	
Additional Aid in Chancel and at Organ	60 00	
Financing Societies	130 00	
Equipment for Societies, Repairs, Sundries	105 47	
Balance on Hand	6 78	
		$1,388 51

He acknowledges the following unusually prompt and generous responses to that appeal:

Miss Julia Garrett	$500 00
Mr. Wm. E. Haydock	15 00
Miss Fanny S. Magee	25 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	25 00
Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	10 00
Mrs. Esther V. D. Petry	5 00
Mr. Emory R. Johnson	5 00
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin	25 00
Mrs. John Coates Browne	10 00
Mr. Beauveau Borie	25 00
Dr. Edw. R. Fell	15 00
Miss Catharine T. Rynard	25 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	50 00
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
Mr. Samuel N. Lewis	25 00
Mrs. Rebecca E. Pancoast	25 00
Dr. Rich. A. Cleemann	20 00
Mrs. Grace V. D. Lucas	10 00

Mr. J. Austin McDowell	50 00
A. D. B.	20 00
Mr. C. Howard Colket	25 00
Mr. John Graff	15 00
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Judson	10 00
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	50 00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	50 00
Miss Josephine Lewis	10 00
Miss Anna Bella Townsend	5 00
Miss Fannie W. Gebhart	10 00
Mrs. Henry D. Taylor	15 00
Mr. Joseph Clayton	5 00
Miss Elizabeth H. Smith	5 00
Miss Jane Jamison	10 00
Miss Mary E. Atmore	25 00
Mr. George Prescott	5 00
Miss Olivia F. Ernst	5 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00
Mrs. J. F. Heberton	10 00
Miss Emily Bell	20 00
Mr. E. J. Moore	100 00
Miss Laura Bell	15 00
Mrs. Catherine M. Richardson	50 00
Mrs. Louis L. Smith	10 00
Mr. John W. Trinkle	150 00
(In Memory of Mrs. Trinkle.)	
Mrs. E. Elizabeth Holman	2 00
Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Grammer	20 00
Cash	1 00
Cash	1 00
Cash	2 00
Cash	2 00
Cash	1 00
	$1,589 00

The unusual promptness and generosity of the responses to the appeal for the Church Work Fund has enabled the Rector to improve the equipment of the Parish House by ordering the installation of a new elevator that will connect the Guild Room with the kitchen in the third story, and to make some needed improvements in the kitchen. These repairs will cost a hundred dollars, but they will do away with the necessity of tables in the Guild Room, when refreshments are served, and so will enlarge the capacity of that room, and will also be a great saving of time, exertion and china; for under the present condition the cups and saucers of nearly a hundred women have to be carried down and up stairs every Thursday night, when the Mothers' Meeting is in session.

Out of this fund the Rector also hopes, if the contributing continue, to provide a metallic screen that will satisfy the fire insurance company, and obtain permission from them to use the splendid magic lantern which Luban presented to the Sunday School. This fine lantern's moving pictures have been a great source of pleasure and profitable instruction to our Sunday School, and various societies, and it has been a great limitation to our efficiency that we have been deprived of its use. Some admirable lectures on ethics, illustrated by moving pictures of scenes in daily life that are highly recommended and would be available if we had such a screen, cannot be given under present conditions. Neither can we have the reviews of the Sunday School lessons by pictures that were so popular last year. I hope that such a screen can be constructed for a moderate sum.

Our new assistant, the Rev. F. B. Cannon, comes to us from the diocese of Harrisburg, with letters of high commendation from his Bishop, and from the Rev. Dr. Randolph McKim, who sat under his ministrations this past summer at Blue Ridge Summit. He has been in our ministry about two years. In addition to assisting at the services in St. Stephen's he will minister at the Burd School on Sunday afternoons, on Wednesday evening, and will have a communion in the School Chapel at 8 o'clock on the second Sunday of every month.

To the Men of St. Stephen's Church.

An Informal Dinner of the men associated with St. Stephen's Church, will be given under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Tuesday evening, November 19th. Notice of the place will be given later.

All men in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are earnestly invited to attend this Dinner. The price of the Dinner will be one dollar ($1.00) and subscriptions may be sent to Mr. William H. Hansell, chairman of committee, 904 Provident Building, Philadelphia.

Woman's Auxiliary Meeting.

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on Thursday, the 17th of October, at 11 o'clock.

A message was received from the president, Miss Laura Bell, who was on her way home from Europe. In her absence Dr. Grammer presided. The minutes were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report showed a balance of $165.30. The five committees were represented, and after the reports Dr. Grammer paid a beautiful tribute to Miss Wilkins, who died last summer. A committee consisting of Mrs. Grammer and Mrs. Lucas was appointed to draft a memorial minute, and it was announced that a memorial service would be held on the first Sunday in November.

It was voted that the funds should be divided among the five committees, the funds received from the Treasurer of the Church to be devoted only to causes that will count on the Apportionment, after which the meeting adjourned.

MARY DEHAVEN BRIGHT, *Sec.*
Per E. H.

The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut streets, on Friday, November 15th, from 10 A. M. until 4.30 P. M. The Bishop of the Diocese will preside, and the other speakers will be announced later.

Children's Friend Society.

Received in July from Church Fund, through Dr. Grammer	$10 00	
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	1 00	
Total		$11 00

This $10 was given to Mr. George Streaker towards excursions for Sunday School children.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

This Circle will have their next meetings Nov. 6th and Nov. 20th, Guild Room, Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

New members welcome.

Shoe Fund Society.

The Shoe Fund Society will open the second Tuesday in November, from 11 until 12 o'clock in Guild Room of the Parish House.

Miss Townsend and Mrs. Vanderslice will be there to give out shoes to those who need them.

Donations of shoes or money for this work will be very acceptable.

Parish Visitor's Report.

On the threshold of a new season of our work the Parish Visitor looks back with a heart full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that the summer has gone by with less intense suffering than in former years. The weather was greatly in our favor and the times being more prosperous, we had little difficulty in placing those who applied for work.

Many of our congregation, although away for the summer, had such loving sympathy for those bearing the heat and the burden of the long summer days in the hot city, that they sent money to allow some of the children to go to St. Stephen's Farm and to assist three mothers with their babies to the Sea Shore House at Atlantic City. One sick woman was kept at the Mercer Home, Atlantic City, five weeks by another lady. The woman intended going for one week, but the physician in attendance insisted that she remain five, the lady paying for the full five weeks.

Milk was sent each day all summer to tuberculosis patients and paid for by those whose good work continues the year round.

During the summer months our Sunday School had four delightful picnics. One of these was on Memorial Day at the Burd School. Later in the summer an excursion to Asbury Park and another to Cape May. Special rates were given for the day and each one paid his or her own expenses. The teachers and the large boys and girls only went on these later excursions.

The behavior of the boys and girls on these picnics deserves commendation. We have fine, large boys and girls in our Sunday School. They all seemed so happy to see the Ocean and spend a day on the sands that we felt we had made a good choice in selecting the spot for a picnic.

Our last one, but not least, was for all who attend our summer Sunday School. I think we had about sixty little children, with a number of our older boys and girls, who did much to make the little ones happy.

Dr. Grammer had so many demands for money that he could only leave ten dollars for this picnic. Mrs. H. P. Taylor sent us a donation and Mrs. Vanderslice sent tickets for the Zoological Garden, and Mr. Streaker proved a good financier, providing for carfare, ice cream and cake for all.

If some of the questions asked by the little ones at the Zoo could be repeated, it would be very convincing that there was considerable gray matter in those dear little heads.

After these bright, sunshiny picnic days we went home very tired, but also very happy.

As Thanksgiving Day is drawing near the Parish Visitor is hoping for some contributions much needed for our good work.

KATE H. LEWIS.

The Farm.

There is probably no work carried on by St. Stephen's which succeeds in carrying more happiness into the lives of our people than that of the Farm, and the relation which it bears to the summer life of the Parish is a most important one.

As usual, the Farm opened on June 15th. The first two weeks of the season our guests were for the most part mothers and their young children. Some of these women still recall when they, as children, visited the Farm under the tender care of kind Sister Elizabeth. On two holidays—the Fourth of July and Labor Day—the Farm is given over to the members of the Girls' Friendly Society. These house parties are indeed unique, and it is needless to say very much enjoyed. On last Labor Day the party was larger than usual; about 46, in fact more than could be comfortably accommodated, but everyone was willing to "squeeze in anywhere," so that they might come. It was a pleasant sight to see the girls assembled in the dining room, to look into their happy faces, and listen to the singing of the blessing—"Be present at our table, Lord"—to the tune of "Old Hundredth." In the midst of this happiness came the sad news of the death of our dear Miss Wilkins. While it was known that she had been ill, it was thought she was steadily improving, and her death was a great sorrow to those who knew and loved her so well, and to whom her life meant so much. On Sunday, September 1st, the usual service was in memory of Miss Wilkins, with an address by Mr. Streaker and appropriate solos by Mrs. David D. Wood and Mr. Charles Manypenny of St. Stephen's choir.

An innovation this season was the week-end visit of the Sunday School teachers as the guests of Dr. Grammer. This was voted a great success, with the hope that it may be repeated next year.

Another interesting feature was the day's outing given each week to the members of the "Mothers' Meeting" who cannot for many reasons go into the country for a longer time. A party of sixteen or seventeen came out each Thursday. The mornings were spent in exploring the grounds, enjoying the beauties of the country from the porch, or resting under the trees on the lawn. There was a specially good dinner, and afterwards music and entertainment. Tea was served just before leaving. It was always a happy, jolly company, and to show their gratitude and appreciation of the comforts of the Farm, these "Mothers" this past season expended $164 (the proceeds from a fair held last December) in purchasing a new carpet for the parlor, and a number of other articles very much needed. This in itself is most praiseworthy, that the "Mothers" should give such substantial support, and take such delight in doing it.

And then the "Boys."—This summer an experiment was tried of having the boys work for a part of each morning. The older ones were employed in cutting down dead wood in the orchard, and repairing the fences, while lighter duties were assigned the younger ones. Most of them worked very hard and were kept so busy at work and play, that there was very little time to get into mischief. Swimming, long walks, nature-study, not to mention baseball, all had their place. At the Presbyterian Sunday School picnic our boys carried off all the prizes, much to the astonishment of the Presbyterian boys, who were quite overcome by the wonderful feats performed by the boys of St. Stephen's, one of our younger members diving to the bottom of Neshaminy Creek (clothes and all) to rescue a baseball. Wet clothing for a whole day had no terrors for this little chap.

There has been great interest shown by our people this past year, and through their generosity the house was made very attractive. As the piano furnishes a large part of the entertainment at the Farm, and as the old one was almost past using, the splendid instrument presented by Mr. and Mrs. William R. Taylor was very much enjoyed and many were the expressions of gratitude and appreciation. The furnishings in the Van Dusen rooms were replenished by the members of that family, and

through the kindness of Mr. Emory McMichael new linoleum was placed on the dining room. It will be remembered that the dining room and also the large dormitory was originally furnished in memory of the late Mrs. Clayton F. McMichael. There were gifts of medicines and fruit from Mrs. Henry P. Taylor, a carpet from Mr. Colket, which was placed in the Library, and from other good frends, books, stationery, and table covers, a hammock and a screen. The Girls' Friendly Society contributed $10, and a gift from Mrs. Lucas's band of beautifully embroidered pincushions and bureau covers for the McMichael Dormitory; also, the King's Daughters renewed the furnishings in their room. Another gift greatly enjoyed, was the library of about 200 volumes from the G. F. S.

The season closed September the 14th with a total of 424 guests for a stay of one week and the serving of 426 extra meals to day visitors. For those who have had the financial management of the Farm, there has been careful thought and anxiety, but it surely must be a source of gratification to know that after all, so many people were given such pleasure and happiness.

E. D.

On Saturday, August 31st, after a week's illness Miss Maria Sanders Wilkins died at Bar Harbor, Maine. Her health had been poor last winter, and she had made her arrangements for giving up housekeeping this year; but no one realized that her vital powers were so much depleted and that the end was so near. When she was seized with the fatal illness she was staying at Sorrento on the main-land close to Bar Harbor. At first appendicitis was feared, and she was carried at once to the hospital at Bar Harbor. This diagnosis was not borne out by the further developments. It soon became manifest that her heart was losing power, and her sister was summoned to her side. Her cousin, Miss Sanders, was in Bar Harbor, and had gone to her as soon as she was taken ill. Mrs. Homer Smith arrived just in time to see her before her death on Saturday.

The loss to St. Stephen's, as well as to her friends and relatives, it is difficult to express. She was the Secretary of St. Stephen's branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, which had steadily grown in numbers, and in loyalty under her inspiring influence. Faithful to all the duties of her office, she exercised an unusual influence over the members by the serene beauty of her lovely character. Crowned with a sweet continual control, she ruled by love and gentleness, and was to the girls both an inspiration and a model. She was also a leading member of the Woman's Auxiliary, as a member of the Committee upon Missions to the Colored People. Her position in the parish was so unique, and influence so helpful, and pervasive, that there will be a special memorial service in her honor on Sunday, November 3, at 11 o'clock, which the Girls' Friendly of the parish will attend in a body. On the way from Bar Harbor to Pittsburg, the body of Miss Wilkins was brought to Philadelphia on September 2d, and remained for a few hours at the home of Miss Sanders, where a brief service was conducted by Mr. Pitblado, the minister then in charge of St. Stephen's, and the members of the Girls' Friendly, then out at the Farm, and a few of Miss Wilkins's friends in the city were present. The service in Pittsburg was read by the Rev. Dr. McIlvaine of that city, whose wife was one of Miss Wilkins's intimate friends, and the burial was in the family burying ground. On the Sunday after her death, Sept. 1st, the regular evensong at St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor, was turned into a service in memory of her, and the Rector, the Rev. Stephen H. Green, paid a tribute to the beauty of her character. For many years she had been a summer resident of Bar Harbor, and the congregation at the service showed the widespread sense of bereavement at her death.

Her memory will long be cherished at St. Stephen's, and her influence can never perish. Never can her friends forget the beautiful nature that irradiated her face with such sweet serenity and cheerful loving kindness. Long will the example of her hospitality remain to teach the rightful use of privilege. She was indeed a gracious gift of God to this Church, and to His name be gratitude and praise even in this hour of bereavement.

Resolution.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church desires to express its great sense of bereavement in the loss of Miss Wilkins.

With saddened and full hearts they met together on October 17th and listened to the

short account that the Rector gave them of her last days. He recalled her interest in her own department, the Colored Committee, and pointed out that it was not limited to one committee, but that it was pervasive and extended even to individuals. As he spoke, all remembered vividly her interest in the mountaineers of the South and her friendship with its missionaries, and that one of our pledges, a scholarship in Mrs. Wetmore's school in North Carolina, stands as a memorial to Miss Wilkins's effort to bring the work before us.

While feeling her loss to be irreparable and extending their sympathy to her family and friends, the Auxiliary gives thanks for this life of sweetness and love and prays that her example may be a continual inspiration to each one of us.

Signed:
MARY W. PAGE GRAMMER.
GRACE VAN DUSEN LUCAS.

The Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's will resume its beneficent activity on Wednesday, Nov. 6th, at 10 o'clock.

The first meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held on Tuesday night, Oct. 29, and arrangements were made for a banquet of the men of the congregation on Nov. 19th, at 7 o'clock.

The Social Hour and Song Service was inaugurated on October 20th, at 7.45 A. M. Sunday night, with the usual attendance and with cordial expressions of pleasure by the former attendants at the resumption. The underlying idea of the service is that an opportunity for such Christian fellowship as is afforded in a Christian home ought to be opened to any one who wishes to spend Sunday evening in that manner. The Rector is, therefore, present in the Parish House at 7.45, and usually the assistant is with him. The first evening the attendance was 46, and the second evening 66. The time is spent chiefly in singing hymns from the Church's Mission Hymnal. Some remarks are made and before the evening closes some verses from the Bible are read and briefly commented upon. In this way the Gospel of St. Mark will be read through this winter. The exercises close punctually at 9 o'clock.

After taking the opinion of the attendants upon the afternoon service, as to the most convenient time for the organ recital, it has been fixed at the half hour just before the afternoon service. Mr. Thunder will hereafter open the recital at 3.30 P. M. on Sunday and will play to 4. This will be his rule, though on the first Sunday in the month he may introduce some singing into this period. Mr. Thunder's zeal for the development of the work is much appreciated, and has already shown its good effects in attracting new attendants to our afternoon service.

Mrs. Grace H. Spencer Lucas has accepted the secretaryship of the Girls' Friendly, and has entered upon the duties of that responsible post with the cordial good wishes of her fellow associates and all the members of the Society. This is a time when all the friends and members of the Girls' Friendly need to stand by it after the severe blow that it has sustained in the death of Miss Wilkins. The members show that they realize this fully and are rallying around the new secretary. It is good to have two new workers among the associates in Mrs Edward McCollin and her daughter, Miss Frances. The regular bands and classes will begin in November. In addition to the customary instruction, classes in singing and in dancing will be inaugurated.

A Memorial to Dr. David Wood.

Another year ought not to be allowed to pass without a memorial to commemorate the long service of Dr. Wood in St. Stephen's and express our sense of admiration for his genius and character, and our gratitude for his remarkable career. The proper form would be a bust or tablet on the north wall of the Church beneath the gallery of the nave, if I may apply such a gothic term to our architecture. The Rector advocates a tablet with a half figure of Dr. Wood in high relief, with his hands on the keyboard of the organ. With the inscription, "O, may I join the choir invisible," and the name and dates of his service at our organ.

The details could be safely left to a committee. An appeal is hereby made for contributions and tokens of interest. The matter will be taken up vigorously by the friends of Dr. Wood who are waiting for St. Stephen's to give the signal. The feeling is general that the proper place for a monument to Dr. Wood is in St. Stephen's. His genius was chiefly exhibited in the composition and rendition of religious music, and it is in the Church with which his fame is associated that his memorial should be erected.

Sunday School Notes.

The regular sessions of the Sunday School began Sept. 29th, with a "Rally Day," the teachers and scholars cheerfully assembling in response to the cards sent out by the Superintendent. The following Friday evening a Teachers' Meeting was held at the Rectory and Dr. Grammer presiding, the winter plans were worked out and primary and other teachers appointed.

At the Jubilee Convention of the State Sunday School Association, held in early October, we were represented by Mr. Streaker. Miss Lewis, Miss Sinclair and Wm. Pedrick were at some of the inspiring meetings.

The great Song Festival held at Convention Hall, Broad and Allegheny avenue, Tuesday evening, October 8th, with its wonderful chorus of over 6,000 Sunday School scholars and teachers, had eleven of our scholars and teachers in its choir. Our Rector was present, exclaiming as he came in: "This is glorious." Never has there been such a scene. Twenty-five thousand Sunday School people crowded the immense building. Seven of our young men were among the several hundred ushers required to handle the throng. Thousands who wanted to be present and hear its marvelous music were unable to get in so great was the demand for seats.

For the first time in our Sunday School history we took part in the Sunday School parade of Saturday afternoon, October 5th. Charles H. Moore with Miss Lewis led our little group to the Assembly of South Philadelphia schools at Passyunk Square, while our Superintendent was called upon to preside at Powers Park. We plan to have a deeper interest next year and have already had wagons offered us to convey the little scholars.

We had five teachers and officers present at the Teachers' Institute of our Diocese held at Holy Apostles Church, October 21st. The Bishop's address on the Power of the Holy Spirit was fine, and the after-conference most helpful.

The Teachers' Meetings of our school are now appointed for the last Friday in each month. On Friday evening, October 25th, at 6.30 our teachers met at supper in the Guild Room, with about every one present, and with Dr. Grammer at the head of the table. Every one was happy. Miss Lewis deserves great credit for serving us so bountifully and so deliciously. The Rector was called away and we reassembled at 7.30, the presiding officer gladly welcoming the Rev. Mr. Cannon into our work. A word of welcome was also extended to the new teachers, Miss Dale, Miss Carrigan, and Wm. Pedrick; also to Miss Nodine who is now our pianist. The Cradle-Roll, Home Department, Teacher Training and Lesson Study topics were in turn discussed. A committee on tableaux was appointed and Christmas Festival plans opened. For the latter we need new scenery badly. From the G. F. S. and the A. K. Society we have in hand $25 for this purpose. Should any one reading this, desire to contribute to this need in Sunday School equipment, it would be most gratefully received. It will take about $75 to put our platform in good shape for Christmas and other festival occasions.

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

The Summer Sunday School.

This year's Summer Sunday School was the best we have had. Insurance regulations prevented our using the lantern illustrations which were so attractive last year, yet the attendance of from 50 to 100 each Sunday morning during June, July, August and September, quite surpassed other years. On the first Sunday in August, the award of badges for constant attendance since last February was made, and as many of the scholars are trying for the silver badge, due in November, and the gold badge, due next February, this incentive no doubt helped our numbers during the summer.

Of course our excursion to Asbury Park, July 16th, and the delightful outing to Cape May, August 3rd, not forgetting the excursion to the Zoo of August 10th, when the whole strength of the Summer School turned out, gave an additional interest to our summer sessions. The school as usual had its keen inter-

est in the Farm, where nearly every one enjoyed its delightful privileges.

The summer studies were the Missionary Heroes of the Church, from St. Paul to David Livingstone, the school receiving instruction from the Superintendent, all being assembled as one class. It was most helpful to have the assistance of our Miss Lewis and gratifying to see the frequent attendance of many of our teachers. G. H. STREAKER.

Our Boys on the Farm.

This summer our boys spent two most delightful weeks on St. Stephen's Farm. The last two weeks in August having unusually fine weather, the moon smiling cheerily and full on the merry group. The Farm house never was in better shape and Miss Dale most cordial, kind and forgiving, to her happy and noisy guests. Though the farm itself was a problem to the church, yet it never served its purpose better than this summer in giving healthful outings to its many guests from the Sunday School Teachers' assembly and "Retreat" in June, to the "Boys-two-weeks" and on to its close. The boys tried to help a bit to solve the farming perplexities by each morning doing something useful. The new Sunday School orchard was weeded and cultivated. Dead trees and branches were cut down and a never-to-be-forgotten strenuous day was the threshing of the wheat and oats with their assistance, besides the building of a small pond for the younger group. We were organized as "Boy Scouts" in order to preserve discipline and enjoy the "Camp Fire" and study the wonders of woods and fields. Never had we so many afternoon ball games in which, as a rule, we won and this year the delivery of the Woodland-Church Notice to the Hatboro newspaper was accomplished by a relay of our boys, inside of sixteen minutes, surpassing last year's record by several minutes. The Boys' Church-in-the-Woods attracted many. Mrs. Wood most kindly added her voice and musical skill, often being assisted by her talented brother. I wish we could picture the processional one Sunday afternoon, of one hundred boys—including those from Christ Home and the Orange Boys with their band leading down the lane into the woodland to the "Boys' Service," where the congregation, seated on the crude benches we had constructed, approvingly and heartily sang, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Surely the Farm is serving a good and useful purpose and those who have enjoyed it are grateful to all who have assisted in overcoming its problems. G. H. S.

The Boys' Club and the U. S. Senate.

On Friday evening, October 11th, the Boys convened for this winter's work, and on successive Friday evenings of this month were addressed by Wm. Pedrick, Charles H. Moore, and their Director. The Physical Instructor, Mr. L. W. Fountain, will be on hand Friday, Nov. 1st, when the athletic classes will begin.

The Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

This Society of the young men of the Sunday School had its opening session Wednesday evening, October 23rd. Its Chaplain presided. Mr. Winfield Brown was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Messrs. Streaker, Moore, Bush and Brown were appointed as the Entertainment Committee. Mr. Alfred Snyder was warmly welcomed after his long absence in Chicago. A schedule of winter entertainments was arranged: A Social Evening for early December; a play for January, and plans made for two social evenings following Lent.

The Men's Bible Class Parade.

Twenty-seven thousand men and older boys of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania churches and Sunday Schools paraded on Broad Street on Thursday evening, October 10th, as members of Adult Bible Classes. It was more than a demonstration of Bible students; it was a service, a processional, showing the widespreading progress of our adult Bible classes. The Superintendent of our Sunday School was the leader of the Seventh District in this parade.

We of St. Stephen's had 25 men and older boys in line. Charles H. Moore was chief aide to the Seventh District, while Winfield Brown and Harry Bush marshalled our forces. We are most grateful towards those of our Parish who aided us with their contributions towards the band and other expenses incurred by the Seventh District Committee, and thus helped this cause to its splendid success.

The Legal Aid Society.

Much of the bitterness of the lot of the very poor arises from their inability to secure justice or the protection of the laws. They know that they are being wronged, but they are also aware that legal aid is costly. They, therefore, suffer passively. To meet such cases the Legal Aid Society has been founded. The offices are on the corner of 15th and Race streets, where legal counsel is as freely dispensed to those in legal difficulties as medical advice is given out from medical dispensaries. It is most interesting to read a record of the cases helped. Only this past week a wife who suffered much from the brutal violence of her husband, came to Dr. Grammer for advice. She was a foreigner who had married young and found herself in a strange land, far from all her friends, tied to a savage bully and without any means. The Society took up her case promptly. A few cases will be given here to show the value of such sociological work.

Case No. 9955. F. has been doing a thriving business selling forged deeds and collecting bogus claims among the colored people of this city. From one old woman he got $100 for collecting a mythical legacy alleged to be payable out of a large estate in process of settlement in the Orphans' Court. From another old woman he obtained $300 for an alleged deed to a valuable house and lot in Atlantic City, which, he explained to her, had recently been left to her by a deceased uncle. When she called to inspect her new property she found it occupied by a family who could show a clear title to the same. The Society has arrested this enterprising conveyancer, and has recovered the money in both cases, and has taken steps to put an end to any further imaginative efforts of this nature.

Case No. 10439. James M. worked for a large company in this city. Owing to sickness of his wife and children he got behind and borrowed $30 from a well-known loan shark, giving an assignment of his wages as security for payment of $46. He paid back $25 on this, and under threat of attachment of his wages, executed another note, of $23, or more than double the usury still remaining unpaid. He was not able to keep these payments up and consulted the Legal Aid Society. This Society took the matter up with the shark, obtained back the notes, and freed James from the burden which harasses many of the poor of this city.

Case No. 10459. When Mrs. W. was married in Germany her old father gave her a gold coin for a luck-piece. This was kept for thirty years. Frantz, a boy of twelve, recently acquired the moving-picture habit. Being short of funds he annexed his mother's heirloom. He showed the gold coin at the corner drug store, and was there told by the proprietor that it was brass and worth about eight cents. The boy finally sold it to the druggist for five cents and again occupied the front row at the nearest moving-picture show. When Mrs. W. discovered the theft the boy confessed. The proprietor of the drug store refused to return the coin.

The Legal Aid Society obtained back, after much negotiation, the original goldpiece, and also gave some sound advice along the lines advocated by Solomon for the training of Frantz, which Mrs. W. has promised to follow.

Case No. 10549. Mrs. R. owned a little cemetery plot. One of her neighbors lost his wife by a sudden illness. As he was unable to make arrangements for her burial Mrs. R. loaned him the deed to her plot, which he placed in the hands of his undertaker. Soon after the death of his wife he lost his job and left the city still owing a balance on his undertaker's bill. A short time ago Mrs. R.'s little girl died suddenly during the heated term. The undertaker refused to surrender the deed of her cemetery lot until she paid her neighbor's indebtedness of some twenty dollars. She had no means, and her child's body was in danger of being buried in the Potter's Field.

The Legal Aid Society recovered her deed from a much-frightened undertaker in about fifteen minutes, and her child was buried in consecrated ground.

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Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale.

Verger.
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.

HOLY BAPTISM at any service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.

LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.30.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 8 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith, Mrs. Irwin.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, the Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Florence Sherrard, Miss Dale.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer —Mrs. Edward McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley, Miss Zeilin.

Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.

President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Assistants.—Mrs. C. Miesse, Miss Anna Farrell.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

December 1.—First Sunday in Advent.
8.—Second Sunday in Advent.
15.—Third Sunday in Advent.
21.—St. Thomas' Day.
22.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—St. Stephen's Day.
27.—St. John the Evangelist's Day.
28.—Holy Innocents' Day.
29.—Sunday after Christmas.

BAPTISMS.

Nov. 5.—Louise Rose.
Nov. 20.—Albert Henri O'Brien.

MARRIAGES.

Nov. 16.—Howard Jones and Nita Pierson.
Nov. 23.—William Wyld and Alice Priestnall.

BURIALS.

Nov. 5.—Josephine M. Hansell.
Nov. 23.—Richard A. Cleeman.

OFFERINGS received during the month of November, 1912 (exclusive of Thanksgiving Day), November 1, 1912, All Saints' Day to November 24, 1912, Sunday next before Advent.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$62 57	
Parochial Maintenance	47 30	
Benevolent Society	26 67	
		$136 54

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$98 74	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1 00	
Indian Missions	35	
Benevolent Society	57 85	
Missions	127 25	
Episcopal Hospital	2 70	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 00	
Foreign Missions	1 00	
Colored Missions	1 00	
Domestic Missions	1 00	
Parochial Maintenance	146 27	
Easter Day Decorations	1 00	
City Missions	1 00	
Missionary Box	2 15	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 00	
Theological Education	25	
Work Among Our Boys	8 75	
		$452 31
		$588 85

SUMMARY.

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Parochial Maintenance	193 57
Missions	127 25
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Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1 00
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JOS B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

CHURCH WORK FUND.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor	$100 00
Mrs. John O'Donnel	5 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Miss Mary DeHaven Bright	5 00
Miss Emily Dutilh	10 00
Mrs. W. R. Taylor (for Parish News)	5 00
Mrs. J. W. Schell	5 00
Miss Louise B. Edwards	3 00
Mr. J. F. Wallace	10 00
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	25 00
Mr. John L. Lewis, Jr.	25 00
Mrs. Isabella De Coursey	5 00
	$203 00
For the Wood Memorial from Miss Jamison	$5 00
Special contribution for Thanksgiving: Miss Jane Jamison	3 00
	$211 00

C. E. GRAMMER.

Christmas Dinners.

It is our custom to give out about 125 well-stocked baskets at Christmas, whose distribution is carefully supervised by Miss Lewis. It would be sad that anyone should go hungry on that joyous day. Shall we allow any of the children in the homes to which our baskets usually go, to be disappointed? Let us remember how costly food is at this time and help out our less fortunate brethren by liberal gifts. Envelopes will be distributed in the pews. Let us pass happiness around.

The new schedule of Episcopal visitations has been printed and the date for Confirmation at St. Stephen's has been set for Sexagesima Sunday morning, January 26th, when Bishop Garland will confirm. The first confirmation class will be held on Friday, January 3d, at 8 o'clock in the Vestry. The Rector will be glad to have candidates make themselves known to him before that time, and asks the parents in the congregation and teachers in the Sunday School to co-operate with him in securing members for the class.

All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

Annual Sale.

On Thursday, Dec. 5th, The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's church will hold its Annual Sale in the Parish House from 3 to 10 o'clock P. M. Useful and fancy articles, well-dressed dolls, candy and cake will be sold at reasonable prices. The members of the congregation will be able to find both useful and beautiful Christmas gifts among the articles offered.

The proceeds will go toward replenishing our Farm home with many articles badly needed, and which must be had; so that in patronizing the Sale our members will be able not only to encourage those who get it up, but also to assist in one of the most useful charities of St. Stephen's church. Last year a good velvet carpet for the parlor, the painting and papering of this room, also the papering of the House-Mother's room; a large, handsome flag and streamer, twenty-five comfortables for the beds, and the weaving of forty yards of rag carpet (which had been sewed by the Mothers) were provided for by the proceeds of the Sale. As good results are hoped for from this one, if we have a large attendance of church members.

The Envelope System.

The Rector has sent a letter to everyone connected with the congregation, who neither takes a sitting, nor has accepted a package of envelopes asking him to co-operate with the envelope system. He also asks all the pew-holders to use the new method, which is now adopted all over our Church with such good results. A special letter has been sent to those confirmed during his rectorship who have not asked for packages, urging this method of giving upon them.

The Rector's first and supreme wish is to get everyone to commit himself to a systematic method of giving. System forms a habit. It attaches the user of the system more firmly to the Church. It is good for the giver. It is also good for the Church, and brings in the largest returns in the way that distributes the burden most widely, and evokes the most general loyalty.

We ought to be anxious to do our part in furthering the Church's missionary work and in helping our Parish. The committee that has suggested the manner in which Pennsylvania's apportionment should be raised, has certainly overestimated our strength and resources, when it indicates that $6,435.35 would be our proper share of the apportionment.

I shall be gratified if we can raise $3,000. In another number I will take up this question of the apportionment more fully. The Board assumes certain obligations, and the churches must help it out. But the contributions are gifts and not payments of a tax, and the Board's reliance must be upon the free-will offerings of the people, and not upon the coercion of taxation.

The latter is the Jewish method, but it was rejected by the early Church which adopted the voluntary system. Over and over again we have been told that the apportionment is not an assessment, but a suggestion: we still rely upon free-will offerings. But the weight of a suggestion depends upon its wisdom and practicability. Now, $6,435.35 from St. Stephen's is not a practicable proposition. As a down-town church, we are struggling against the movement of the population, and we have a steadily increasing charitable work. Our position requires a large equipment, if we are to avoid the fate of other down-town churches. The next suggestion to St. Stephen's will take a juster measure of our powers. Let us not be discouraged, but let us do the best that we can. Last year registered a wonderful im-

provement on the year before. Let us take heart.

Our great need is a more general acceptance of the envelopes, and a more faithful use of them by those who have agreed to adopt the system, but have thus far only used it sporadically and without any conscientious regularity.

The Wood Memorial.

The time has arrived when a concerted movement ought to be made to erect a monument in St. Stephen's church to David D. Wood, Doctor of Music, who was its beloved and gifted organist for forty-six years. A committee has been placed in charge of the matter.

Mr. C. Howard Colket, 2008 De Lancey Place, will act as Treasurer of the fund.

One friend has already sent in a subscription. A letter has been received from Baltimore, saying: 'The PARISH NEWS for November has just been received and I can assure you that it received a hearty welcome. If you will let me know when the signal is given I would appreciate the opportunity of adding my mite to the memorial tablet to be erected to the late Dr. Wood in St. Stephen's church. * * * I shall never forget 'Silent Night, Holy Night' as rendered by him. I hope that you will not fail to give the signal for the memorial tablet."

We believe that our Baltimore correspondent expresses the feelings of many hearts in Philadelphia and throughout this section. The unique career of our blind organist and composer calls for some monument in the church he served. His pupils must appreciate the propriety of erecting such a memorial in St. Stephen's. Dr. Wood's most enduring fame will be as a composer of sacred music. His monument should be in a church. It ought to be of real artistic value. I hope $1,000 will be contributed by the congregation of St. Stephen's. If more can be secured, so much the better; but this much we can surely contribute. More will undoubtedly come from outside friends. My idea is a tablet on the north wall under the gallery in the space between the two windows, that open into the passageway to the Vestry. Of course the details must be left to the artist selected and the committee. On the tablet Dr. Wood's service in the church would be recorded and perhaps the words "There shall be no night there." "O, may I join the Choir invisible." The contributions to the Church Work Fund have been so liberal, that I shall not ask anything more this year for that fund, and request those who have hitherto made a practice of giving to it, and have not yet sent in their gifts, to give them instead to the Wood Memorial Fund in addition to what they would have given in any case.

During the past month the church met with the loss of two of its members of long standing. The first was Mrs. Josephine M. Hansell, who was one of the founders of the Girls' Friendly in the diocese, and an active worker at one time in our branch. Her mother, Mrs. C. M. Richardson, is now our oldest communicant, and her son, Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, is the secretary of the Vestry. She died suddenly after having spent a pleasant evening at a concert with a friend. She may be said to have passed from the music of earth to the psalmody of the skies.

Our other bereavement has an additional sadness in that it was the death of the last survivor of a large family. Dr. Richard Alsop Cleemann was the twin brother of our late Senior Warden, Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann. An honor graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, a surgeon in the U. S. Army during the war, a manager of the University Hospital for years, a frequent contributor to medical journals, a Director of Charities and Corrections, and a State Quarantine Commissioner, he filled many useful positions as a physician, and enjoyed many public honors. He also occupied a prominent place in the social life of Philadelphia. The beauty of his character was manifest to all who knew him. He knew that death usually came upon the members of his family suddenly; but he never allowed this knowledge to lessen his cheerful serenity. Greatly will he be missed from his accustomed place. Long will he be held in affectionate and admiring recollection.

Musical Program

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DECEMBER 1.

11.00 A. M.—Anthem, The people that walked in darkness .....*Haendel*

3.30 P. M.—First part of Maunder's cantata, "Bethlehem." (First time in St. Stephen's Church.)

4.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
Magnificat in E flat .....*Barnby*
Second part of "Bethlehem."

DECEMBER 8.

11.00 A.M.—Te Deum in G .....*Mosenthal*
Benedictus in D .....*Stainer*
Anthem.—The Virgin, the daughter of Zion .....*Armes*

3.30 P. M.—Organ recital by Henry Gordon Thunder.
Excerpts from Wagner's religious drama, "Parsifal."
(a) Transformation music and communion service.
(b) Good Friday music.

4.00 P. M.—Evening prayer.
Magnificat in F ..*Clough-Leighter*
Anthem, Beloved if God so loved us .....*Barnby*
Anthem, Consider and hear me *Pflueger*

DECEMBER 15.

11.00 A. M.—Te Deum in B flat .....*Stanford*
Benedictus in E .....*Parker*
Anthem, "Out of the Depths" *Capel*

3.30 P. M.—Organ recital by Henry Gordon Thunder.
(a) Overture to the sacred drama "Athalie" *Mendelssohn*
(b) Andantino .....*Lemare*
(c) Caprice .....*Guilmant*
(d) Nocturne .....*Chopin*

4.00 P. M.—Magnificat in E .....*Parker*
Anthem, Prepare ye the way of the Lord .....*Garrett*
Anthem, Lord God of Abraham *Mendelssohn*

DECEMBER 22.

11.00 A. M.—Te Deum in C .....*Stanford*
Benedictus in G .....*Calkin*
Anthem, Trisagion and Sanctus *Hawley*

3.30 P. M.—Organ recital by Henry Gordon Thunder.
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(a) Spring Song .....*Wagner*
(b) Traumerei .....*Schumann*
(c) Allegretto .....*Guilmant*
(d) March .....*Meyerbeer*

4.00 P. M.—Magnificat in G minor .....*Noble*
Anthem, Evening Hymn *Rheinberger*
Anthem, The Lord is my light *Parker*

DECEMBER 25.

Te Deum .....*Buck*
Anthem, While Shepherds watched ....*Martin*
Anthem, Sanctus .....*Gounod*

DECEMBER 29.

Te Deum in F .....*Morley*
Benedictus in C .....*Buck*
Anthem, From Thy love as a Father ..*Gounod*

3.30 P. M.—Organ recital by Henry Gordon Thunder.
(a) Andante and Allegro *Wagner*
(b) Larghetto from 2nd Symphony .....*Beethoven*

4.00 P. M.—Magnificat in A .....*Foster*
Anthem. The twilight shadows fall .....*Wood*
Anthem, Hymn of the Apostles *Gounod*

A Memorial Minute.

Monday evening, November 11th, the members of the Girls' Friendly Society were astounded to hear of the death of two former branch secretaries, occurring within the past few weeks, namely, Mrs. Hansell and Mrs. Boden. This, coupled with the great loss sustained in the going home of our late well-beloved secretary and friend, Miss M. Wilkins, acted as an electric shock on the older, or Senior members of the Society, some of whom can look back eighteen years, or more and recall the kind presence of Mrs. Boden, while others may remember the energetic activities of Mrs. Hansell, if not as branch secretary, then in her various connections with the G. F. S. of the diocese.

These departed ones have all been loyal workers, ever willing to aid and encourage the girls, leading them in the way to the goal (ideal womanhood) and ever striving to carry out the motto of the society, in word and deed; their example will encourage emulation, and their memory will live in the hearts of many members of our great society. May they shine as stars in the firmament forever. A. B.

Memorial Flower Fund.

In April of this year a member of the congregation suggested that we start a Memorial Flower Fund. This was done at once and the alacrity with which the members of the church responded was an evidence of their approval. It is hoped that this interest may manifest itself again during the coming church year.

FLOWERS CONTRIBUTED 1912-1913.

1912.
April 7, Easter Sunday.—St. Stephen's Congregation.
April 14.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
April 21.—Mrs. William B. Campbell.
April 28.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D.
May 5.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
May 12.—
May 19.—Miss Laura Bell.
May 26.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
June 2.—Miss E. Shellenberger.
June 9.—
June 16.—
June 23.—
June 30.—In Memoriam.
July 7.—
July 14.—
July 21.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
July 28.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
August 4.—
August 11.—
August 18.—In Memoriam.
August 25.—Miss Laura Bell.
September 1.—Miss Townsend.
September 8.—
September 15.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
September 22.—Miss Wilkins.
September 29.—Mrs. Arrison.
October 6.—
October 13.—Miss Maulsby.
October 20.—Mrs. Shible.
October 27.—Miss Helen Shellenberger.
November 3.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
November 10.—Mrs. Morris.
November 17.—Miss Townsend.
November 24.—Miss Eisenbrey.
December 1.—Mrs. Atmore.
December 8.—Misses Davis.
December 15.—
December 22.—Miss Emily Bell.
December 29.—
1913.
January 5.—
January 12.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
January 19.—
January 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
February 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
February 9.—Miss Van Dusen.
February 16.—Dr. Fell.
February 23.—
March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
March 9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
March 16.—
March 23.—Miss Townsend.
March 30.—

Parish Visitor's Report.

Again the festive season is upon us and the call of the poor is heard, that we forget not in the midst of our own rejoicing our less fortunate or less prosperous brethren. J. M. Barrie says: "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

A Thanksgiving gift was received from a little boy, which will be used in making another little boy happy, whom we have known since he was about four years old. He has been a little cripple since babyhood, owing to a fall, which affected his spine. He is now twelve years old and cannot walk, nor is he even able to talk plainly, but is able to dress and undress himself as well as to feed himself. A number of us have tried to get him in almost every institution in the city, but so far have failed. One institution claimed that he would in time be feeble minded; another could not admit him because he was not feeble minded; another said he would require a special nurse, which they could not afford, and so the excuses have gone on. Recently he has been admitted into one of our public schols, starting in the Kindergarten and is now in the first grade. The teacher takes great interest in him and he is learning chair-caning under her instruction during leisure hours, but he prefers schooling and shows a tendency to learn. He has a wheel chair, which was loaned to him from the Shut-In Society, of which he is a member. The scholars seem to be very fond of him. They wheel him to school and then make a chair of their hands and carry him in that way to the school room. He is unusually healthy, aside from his affliction. The Parish Visitor has had him in mind for years, knowing as he grew older he would be more of a problem to handle at home. His mother died three years ago.

If any one can do anything or make any suggestion for the betterment of this child it will be most gratefully appreciated.

Baskets containing a chicken and whatever else was especially needed or desired were sent to the Shut-Ins and the sick.

One dear, old lady eighty-two, asked me eagerly: Did I think I could afford "just a small chicken" for her. She is entirely destitute and is "only waiting to be taken home," as her family and friends have all gone before her. KATE H. LEWIS.

The committee in charge of the Farm makes the following statement of the needs of that property. I hope that it will appeal to the members of the congregation, and will ask that they also read the letter about the Farm.

C. E. G.

AN APPEALING STATEMENT.

There are a number of repairs and improvements that should be made at St. Stephen's Farm, the main house needs painting both inside and out, fences need repairing and new fences should be put up around the garden, farmer's house, chicken house and paddock. We also require a carpenter to do some necessary repairs to the main house, barn, wagon shed and farmer's house. All this work we think can be done for five hundred dollars.

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE.

DEAR DR. GRAMMER: In reading Miss Dale's most interesting report of the work at the Farm this summer, in the last PARISH NEWS, I felt that there was one omission; probably the outcome of the modesty of the writer.

This was that she did not mention the delightful home atmosphere of the Farm, an atmosphere which must not only give happiness to those who stay or visit there, but which must inevitably provide ideals of what a home should be. For it is just that; there is nothing of the institution about it; no flavor of charity in the chilling sense of the word,—though there is plenty of it in the true and Christian sense—it is just a happy, cheerful, pleasant, beautifully kept home.

When I first saw the Farm, several years ago, I was surprised that it was such a pretty, homelike place—just like one's grandfather's in the country, and the house charmed me still more. This year I have had the pleasure of staying there several days, twice, and this impression has deepened; and I find that many members of the church have just the same surprise which I had, on *their* first visits. One said to me, as I took her over the place, "Why, I am so surprised; it doesn't look at all as I expected; everything is so beautiful and orderly; it's as nice as any one could want!" I asked her if she had expected something different, and found she had expected to find a place furnished with cast-off furniture, cheerless and utilitarian; a Home spelt with a capital, instead of the pretty homelike home to which we invite our young people and tired mothers. And I feel that if more of the congregation would visit the Farm, either when it is opened, or when it is "working" they also would be charmed and surprised, and that the interest would deepen in their hearts and minds as it does with all who see it and its work.

As secretary of the Mothers' Meeting I know what happiness its comfort and peace

gives to our members: "Oh, isn't it pretty here!" they say, and the going there even for one day is an event looked forward to for months.

And in justice I must add a tribute to the patient, loving whole-hearted work of the Housemother, Miss Dale, the presiding genius of the place; the real home maker. How it is possible to preserve such perfect neatness in the house, such order and beauty in the dining room, such an atmosphere of cheerfulness and good will is a marvel to me, when one considers the care and economy necessary to run the place successfully. And when in addition to this one sees the real true interest of the heart which she takes in all of those who are her guests, no matter of what age or character, one marvels the more.

I sincerely hope that next year many of our congregation may take advantage of the opportunity to see this good thing we have as part of the leaven of happiness and Christian life in our St. Stephen's church.

Sincerely, E. E. H.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The second meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on Thursday, the 21st of November, at eleven o'clock, thirty-four members being present.

Miss Bell was in the chair, and Rev. Mr. Cannon opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report showed a balance of $34.80.

There were seven interesting and comprehensive reports given by representatives of the various committees.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson, president of the Pennsylvania branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, was present and gave an instructive talk upon the Apportionment. She complimented the Auxiliary of St. Stephen's upon the fact that it was always prompt and to be depended upon for generous contributions.

Archdeacon Windiate, of Tennessee, was also present and told us something of the work among the Negroes of the South. They are so much in need of workers to teach the gospel and cleanliness that he takes young men who are preparing for the ministry and prepares them himself, the young men in return, devoting what time they can to teaching in the mission schools.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

MARY DE HAVEN BRIGHT, *Sec.*
Per B. E. H.

The Emery Fund.

A project has been started to collect contributions from individual members of the parishes in this Diocese as well as throughout the country for the Emery Fund, a fund to be presented to Miss Julia C. Emery in recognition of her long and devoted service as secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. Members of this parish who wish to contribute will kindly send their gifts to Miss Ella Headman, 118 North Eighteenth street, Philadelphia.

The banquet at Dooner's Hotel of the men of the congregation under the auspices of the St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was a marked success. Mr. Dooner supplied a fine dinner and everybody was in good spirits. The speaking was all of an extemporaneous character and was much enjoyed. The singing by Mrs. Heaton, Mrs. Beale, Miss Bessie Clayton, and Mr. Manypenny was uplifting. Mr. Hollar made a stirring symposiarch.

Sunday School Notes.

The Life of St. Paul was reviewed with lantern slides by the Superintendent the first Sunday in November. On Sunday morning, December 1st, pictures will be again shown, illustrating scenes from the lives of Peter, Paul and John, and their journeys, being the closing of the "Apostolic Leaders" series of lessons.

With the Advent season we begin with our own Diocesan graded lessons on "Old Testament Characters" and The History of the Hebrew People. These lessons being agreed upon by the teachers at their last meeting.

The silver "Cross and Crown" badges for constant nine months' attendance were awarded November 4th, and distributed to the happy winners on Sunday, Nov. 17th. The value of the badges was shown on the stormy Sunday morning of Nov. 24th, when so many were present, especially those who are trying for the gold badge to be awarded for constant attendance when the year ends, February 2d, 1913.

The Christmas entertainment will this year take place on Friday evening, December 27th, the Primary, Intermediate and Main School together. As the merry yule-tide is fast approaching we will soon be at Carol practice. Already a Christmas play is in rehearsal with some thirty of the scholars, officers and teachers taking part. It will be very much different from previous ones and promises in its story, music and scenes, a good success.

The Advent offering of this year will go to the "General Board of Religious Education," which met in Philadelphia last spring and recently at Sewanee, Tenn. G. H. S.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Juniors now meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month, previous to the Rector's Song Service. At the meeting Nov. 24th, plans were made for attendance at St. Paul's Memorial church, November 30th, where the Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Local Assembly will be held, when the Director of our Chapter is up for reelection to the presidency of the Junior Department.

The Boys' Club.

Mr. Fountain, the Physical Instructor, is busy with the boys each Friday evening. Many new faces are seen. Should the plans for protecting the room be passed and sufficient donations be received and regulated basket ball be approved—it is believed many boys will be added to the school. Mr. Robert Boyd or Mr. Streaker would gladly receive any contributions.

The Song Service and Social Hour.

It would be a good plan if everyone who finds this service helpful would make a point of bringing a friend. There are some people whose faces are seen in the gallery Sunday after Sunday, that the Rector hopes will avail themselves of this opportunity to know better the ministers who serve them. The average attendance thus far has been about 60. Some particularly interesting people have come to the service.

The musical feature is not quite so prominent as last year, and more time is given to informal conversation. The evening closes with some expository remarks on the Gospel of St. Mark, which is being read through in regular order—a small selection being discussed every Sunday night. The general scheme is half an hour to sacred song, half an hour to fellowship and a quarter of an hour to expository talk.

In this number a beginning is made of publishing advertisements. The list is not as large as we had hoped. Our agent has been rebuffed by some people who have profited by the Church's business for years. He expects to be more successful next month, and to be able to make the paper earn a considerable portion of its cost. The experiment is worth trying, and we bespeak for him the assistance of our friends—and ask that our advertisers may be borne in mind and patronized. With more advertisers we shall be able to circulate the paper more widely in hotels and boarding houses, as well as diminish the expense of publication.

A Unique Experience.

Last month a case of need was brought to my attention through Mr. Miller. After investigation had proven that aid would help a man to hold his place, and discharge his task, the assistance asked was given. Some ten days passed, and then at Thanksgiving time, a letter was received of thanks. There had been a previous expression of gratitude at the time the help was given. This was, of course, the usual thing in such cases. The noteworthy experience was that the gratitude continued and sought renewed expression. I was convinced that the case was worthy before, but this letter gave confirmation doubly sure. There is no gift that is so thoroughly satisfactory as a gift to a worthy person, that helps them to hold their own in the struggle of life.

C. E. G.

The A. K. Society.

The Alpha Kappa Society will entertain the Sunday School, giving a "Social Evening" on Wednesday, December 4th, 1912. One of the members, Charles H. Moore, will assist by giving a lecture on "Panama," illustrated with lantern slides showing the progress of this vast undertaking. The Society is also planning to give a play in January.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
SOCIAL HOUR AND SONG SERVICE, 7.45 to 9 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 8 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. W. Horner Smith, Mrs. Irwin.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

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SELLING COMMITTEE.

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Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

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Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

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Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Florence Sherrard, Miss Dale.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

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Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

January 1.—Circumcision (Wednesday).
5.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
6.—The Epiphany (Monday).
12.—The First Sunday after Epiphany.
19.—Septuagesima Sunday.
25.—Conversion of St. Paul (Saturday).
26.—Sexagesima Sunday and Confirmation.

BAPTISMS.

Dec. 16.—Mary Bushman.
16.—Elizabeth Ellen Bushman.
16.—Joseph Thomas Bushman.

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 21.—Leslie Baldwin and Mabel Otis.
25.—Dominick H. Fischer and Emma Mitchell Harvey.
28.—Kenneth B. Crawford and Edith Sands Prichett.
31.—Jesse Gilbert and Gail Houlby.

BURIALS.

Dec. 13.—Margaret T. Montgomery.
20.—Arthur Mayden.
20.—William S. Price.

OFFERINGS received from November 28, 1912, Thanksgiving Day, to December 29, 1912, Sunday after Christmas.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$46 96	
Parochial Maintenance	59 63	
Episcopal Hospital	28 27	
Missionary Box	30 36	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	31 80	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	48 22	
		$245 24

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$133 33	
Parochial Maintenance	186 62	
Missions	96 68	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	81 01	
Indian Missions	15	
Benevolent Society	12 28	
Episcopal Hospital	327 64	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	219 92	
Foreign Missions	10	
Domestic Missions	15	
Missionary Box	34 78	
Theological Education	15	
Work Among our Boys	11 15	
		$1,103 96
		$1,349 20

SUMMARY.

Charities	$180 29
Parochial Maintenance	246 25
Missions	96 68
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	112 81
Indian Missions	15
Benevolent Society	12 28
Episcopal Hospital	355 91
Aged and Infirm Clergy	268 14
Foreign Missions	10
Missionary Box	65 14
Work Among our Boys	11 15
Theological Education	15
Domestic Missions	15
	$1,349 20

JOS. D. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Received from Christmas Dinners $331 70

A MEMORIAL TO DAVID DUFFLE WOOD.

The unique career of David Duffle Wood, Mus. Doc., calls for some monument that will perpetuate the memory of his genius and the inspiration of his heroic conquest over difficulties. A leader in the musical development of Philadelphia, a noted interpreter of Bach, a great organist and choirmaster, a composer of profound feeling and masterly art, this blind musician contributed largely to the musical and ecclesiastical life of Philadelphia. His career and beautiful character call for some memorial which should be in a church, because David Wood's most notable achievement was as a composer and interpreter of religious music, and the proper church is clearly St. Stephen's, where he presided at the organ for forty-six years.

The monument should be a work of art to commemorate fittingly a real artist, and to be in harmony with the other memorials in that church. It is hoped that the response to this appeal from the friends, pupils and admirers of David Wood, will be so liberal and general that something adequate and beautiful can be erected in St. Stephen's Church. The committee hopes to raise at least two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500).

Please send the contribution that you may be willing to make to such a memorial, to Mr. C. Howard Colket, Treasurer, 2008 De Lancey Street, Philadelphia.

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Contributions to the David D. Wood Memorial Fund in the order in which they were received:

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Miss Josephine Lewis	20 00
Mrs. Anna D. Atkinson	10 00
Charles N. Van Dusen	10 00
Mrs. George W. Elkins	25 00
Mrs. Anna D. Arrison	5 00
John Graff	5 00
Miss Jane Jamison	10 00
Miss Katzenstine	1 00
Oliver B. Judson	5 00
Alexander Van Rensselaer	50 00
	$856 00

Confirmation at St. Stephen's has been set for Sexagesima Sunday morning, January 26th, when Bishop Garland will confirm. The first confirmation class will be held on Friday, January 3d, at 8 o'clock in the Vestry. The Rector will be glad to have candidates make themselves known to him before that time, and asks the parents in the congregation and teachers in the Sunday School to co-operate with him in securing members for the class.

All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

The committee of three appointed by the Vestry to take measures for the erection of a suitable memorial to our late organist, invited some other friends and admirers of Dr. Wood to join with them, and formed a larger committee that issued the appeal that is printed above.

The congregation will be gratified to note in the Parish Visitor's report that the usual number of well-laden baskets were sent out the day before Christmas. The Verger gives the exact number as 140, each basket having meals for ten persons Miss Lewis worked hard and faithfully over the distribution of these baskets. Mr. Carrigan bore the burden of purchasing the supplies, and Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen kindly acted as treasurer of the fund. Others helped, but these bore the main burden. The congregation contributed all that was asked and there is a small balance on hand for the Christmas baskets next year.

On Tuesday, December 17th, the oldest communicant of St. Stephen's, William S. Price, Esq., died in his 96th year. He was the son of an officer in the British army, and came of long lived stock, his mother having lived to be nearly 100 years old. He had been confirmed by Bishop White, and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the Philadelphia Bar. For over fifty years he was a vestryman of Trinity Southwark, and for a number of years the Chancellor of the Diocese. He made a special study of canon law and was counsel in a number of celebrated ecclesiastical trials. His connection with St. Stephen's dated back to 1878, in Dr. Rudder's rectorship. Full of interesting reminiscences of the first half of the 19th century, and of the forensic and ecclesiastical debates of Philadelphia, we lose in him a most interesting link with the past. His last days were sustained and comforted by the loving devotion of his daughter. Long as he had lived, he had not outlived his friends, and quite a number of people attended his funeral.

A Vision and an Appeal.

The immediate task of our congregation is to maintain a successful working Church in the heart of the business section of the city, and to meet the demands that are rightly made upon us to aid the Diocese and the general work of the Church, in our own land and throughout the world. The chief energies of our members must be directed to these ends, and so I cannot appeal to the Church to put up a new Sunday School building, for I fear that it is beyond our purses, and more than we ought to attempt when the Diocese is asking us whether we cannot give more on the apportionment. Yet we are sorely in need of a better building for our Sunday School and various societies. Our present building is miserably designed. The lower floor is execrably cut up, and is of comparatively little use. The ground floor should have a nice, large room, where the various societies of the Church, such, for example as the Woman's Auxiliary, or the Brotherhood of St. Andrew could conveniently meet, withdrawn from the noise of Tenth street, and on the ground floor. The main entrance should be on Ludlow street, which is a broad and well lighted street. People shrink from the narrow alley that is the approach to our present entrance. A large room on the ground floor, with its main entrance on Ludlow street on the S. W. corner of the building would enable us to double the attendance on the Social Hour on Sunday night, which has shown itself one of the most promising features of our work. Our average attendance is now 55; in a good hall in the Sunday School building, with a roof sufficiently high to let the music have the necessary space, for sweetness and clearness, we ought to be able to increase this to over a hundred. There is not a Sunday night on which we are not afforded proofs of the value of such a service for people in the midst of the business section.

We have no suitable rooms for our boys and their sports. If some of our parishioners could see their way to giving us a new Sunday School building, four or five stories high, with an assembly room on the ground floor; with the entrance on Ludlow street, with a fine Sunday School room above, with an improved platform and stage scenery, with rooms for the verger and societies on the third floor, and with a gymnasium on the fourth floor, we should have an equipment that would enable us to do the work as a social centre, that is properly expected of a down-town church. The justification of the tying up the large amount of capital that is involved in such a site as St. Stephen's is the duty of the Church to minister to the people in the heart of the city, as well as in the purely residential sections and in the suburbs. But a church cannot reach the people unless it is something more than an oratory, or a hall for preaching. It must also be a laboratory for Christian workers and a place of assembly. It must be a social settlement house if it is in down-town section.

It is well to put in memorial windows and to erect tablets and monuments to beautify our church; but the finest memorial that could be erected in connection with St. Stephen's would be a new Sunday School building to be called Memorial Hall, that would also serve as a new parish house.

Such a building rising up four or five stories high and standing in the rear of our church would be a great protection against fire, if it were built of structural iron and fire proof material as it should be. The main entrance on Ludlow street could be made imposing and attractive. The whole edifice would be a beautiful memorial, and also an equipment that would enable us to do the splendid work of a social settlement house. What Toynbee Hall accomplishes in East London, such a building would enable St. Stephen's to essay in the centre of Philadelphia.

May God put it in the heart of some of our people to give us such a building. It is my duty to point out the opportunity. May we be able to utilize it!

A most helpful addition to the equipment of our Parish House was made by Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., and Mr. William H. Hansell by the present of a hot water heater for the kitchen in the third story. Hot water can now be readily procured in abundant quantities to the great delight of the different societies that use the kitchen, and also to the great convenience of the Verger.

Musical Program

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January 5th

A. M.—Offertory, Nazareth .... *Gounod*

3.30 P. M.—Organ Recital.

Toccata and Fugues in D minor *Bach*

Meditation in F sharp minor *Guilmant*

Maestoso ("Mors et Vita") *Gounod*

Allegretto G major ..... *Haendel*

4.00 P.M.—Bonum est, D flat ..... *Gowry*

No shadows yonder ..... *Gaul*

Hear my prayer .... *Mendelssohn*

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January 12th

A. M.—Te Deum in E ..... *Parker*

Jubilate in F ..... *Smart*

The souls of the righteous . *Foster*

3.30 P. M.—Organ recital.

Schiller March ..... *Meyerbeer*

Invocation ..... *Guilmant*

Rhapsodie ..... *St. Saens*

Fugue in F ..... *Haendel*

4.00 P. M.—Magnificat in E ..... *Barnby*

Into the silent land ..... *Foote*

Lord how long wilt thou forget me ..... *Mendelssohn*

January 19th

A. M.—Te Deum F ..... *Morley*

Benedictus (Chant)

Seek ye the Lord ..... *Roberts*

3.30 P. M.—Organ recital.

Prayer ..... *Guilmant*

Andantino ..... *Schubert*

Largo ..... *Haendel*

Allegro ..... *Guilmant*

4.00 P. M.—Bonum est ..... *Salvayre*

Incline thine ear ..... *Himmel*

All men, all things .. *Mendelssohn*

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January 26th

A. M.—Te Deum in B minor ..... *Buck*

Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*

The Lord is my light ... *Allitsen*

3.30 P. M.—Organ recital.

Benediction ..... *St. Saens*

Andante ..... *Mozart*

Allegretto ..... *Godard*

Aria ..... *Bach*

4.00 P. M.—Magnificat in E ..... *Parker*

The radiant morn .... *Woodward*

Consider and hear me ... *Pflueger*

The Envelope System.

Responses continue to come in to our appeal for co-workers with the envelope system. The monthly reports of the Treasurer of the Envelope Funds will show how greatly the system increases the Church's gifts to charitable purposes. I wish that it could be said that by this system our gifts to missions were equally increased. We need to pay more attention to the pocket marked for "Mission." The report of the Treasurer of the Board, issued on December 1st, credits St. Stephen's with only $135.55 received since the first of September on the apportionment for year ending Sept. 1, 1913. It is probable that this amount will soon be increased by a remittance from our treasurer; but it is well to realize four months of the apportionment year have passed, and that we must set to work and give systematically, and according to our ability if we are to discharge our duty and so front the critics who expect greater things of us than we can accomplish with the sustaining consciousness that we have done our best. The exact number of new users of the envelopes that have thus far been added to our list in response to our appeal is thirty-seven. We hope that there will be still further additions.

The Social Hour and Song Service.

In December these services were enriched by the music of a violin and violincello, and a kind friend, Mr. George Ridings, made unusual exertions to advertise the service more widely. Some most interesting people came in to spend the evening. One was an actress whose wandering life shut her off from a church home. She has agreed to write a letter monthly to the Rector that he may know of her movements. Her letter at the end of the first month was a proof that she intends to keep in touch with the parish, and hopes to find in it a church home.There are salesmen who drop in to spend an evening with us, and then there are some of our own members who have formed the habit of spending Sunday evening in this way. Our service compares to the larger evangelistic services as a garden dug over with a spade compares to a farm cultivated by the plow. The work is intensive rather than extensive. Yet it would be well, if it could be extended still further—for a certain dignity and size makes for deeper impressions and greater fervor. The average attendance this past month has been between 55 and 60.

Memorial Flower Fund.

In April of last year a member of the congregation suggested that we start a Memorial Flower Fund. This was done at once and the alacrity with which the members of the church responded was an evidence of their approval. It is hoped that this interest may manifest itself again during the coming church year. Any contributor desiring to commemorate any loved one on the Sunday nearest to the date selected last year, is requested to notify Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. The following dates of 1913 have been taken:

1913.
January 5.—
January 12.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
January 19.—
January 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
February 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
February 9.—Miss Van Dusen.
February 16.—Dr. Fell.
February 23.—
March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
March 9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
March 16.—Miss Townsend.
March 23, Easter Day.—St. Stephen's Congregation.
March 30.—Mr. Anderson.

The following dates were taken in 1912:
April 7, Easter Sunday.—St. Stephen's Congregation.
April 14.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
April 21.—Mrs. William B. Campbell.
April 28.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D
May 5.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
May 12.—
May 19.—Miss Laura Bell.
May 26.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
June 2.—Miss E. Shellenberger.
June 9.—
June 16.—
June 23.—
June 30—In Memoriam.
July 7.—
July 14.—
July 21.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
July 28.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
August 4.—
August 11.—Mr. Clayton.

August 18.—In Memoriam.
August 25.—Miss Laura Bell.
September 1.—Miss Townsend.
September 8.—
September 15.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
September 22.—Miss Wilkins.
September 29.—Mrs. Arrison.
October 6.—
October 13.—Miss Maulsby.
October 20.—Mrs. Shible.
October 27.—Miss Helen Shellenberger.
November 3.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
November 10.—Mrs. Morris.
November 17.—Miss Townsend.
November 24.—Miss Eisenbrey.
December 1.—Mrs. Atmore.
December 8.—Misses Davis.
December 15.—
December 22.—Miss Emily Bell.
December 29.—

Many smaller additions to the equipment of the Parish House, or Sunday School building, have been made by the Rector out of the Church Work Fund, such, for example, as a movable electric light stand to throw light upon the music of the pianist in the Sunday School room, more chairs for the Mothers' Meeting, new hat racks, and a new dumb waiter; but there is a larger need for which the Rector appeals to the congregation. The Mothers are crowded in their room over the vestry, and it would be a great improvement if the cumbersome square piano, that now occupies so much space needed for members, could be replaced by an upright piano. Is there no upright piano lying unused in the homes of any of our members? If so, send it to us, and it will be put to good service. It will lead the devotions of the Mothers, help our Social Hour on Sunday night and play marches and dances for the little girls of the Sewing School on Saturday morning.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

If St. Stephen's congregation could have seen the smiles and words of gratitude from the many old (poor and sick) and the young working on half time, earning a mere pittance, whom they have helped by their generosity, they certainly would feel amply repaid for all they gave.

Everybody seemed eager to give, so St. Stephen's Church sent out 140 baskets to these poor and destitute people, the day before Christmas. Each basket contained two chickens, white and sweet potatoes, turnips, onions, cranberries, sugar and tea, apples, oranges, a box of candy and a mince pie. Many homes were cheered and many hearts made happy by the warm and active sympathy extended. The work was much facilitated by the kindness of Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., who acted as treasurer and received and acknowledged, when necessary, all contributions to the Christmas dinners.

We were about to send some coal, as well as a basket, to a poor old dressmaker, when word came to us that she had been stricken with paralysis. We went to several hospitals in the city and begged for her admittance, and after a great deal of visiting and persuasion, we at last found one who would take her. It was one o'clock Christmas morning before we saw her safe and comfortable in a clean bed. It was with aching limbs and weary frame that we at last reached our own home, but with hearts full of gratitude to think that this poor woman was made so comfortable and not left to suffer alone and destitute.

KATE H. LEWIS.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-seven members present at the December meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary which was held the 20th, in the Parish House, at eleven o'clock.

Miss Bell, the president, presided. The minutes were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report showed a balance of $89.30.

The five committees were represented and gave full and interesting reports. Two letters were read from recipients of missionary boxes which have been sent since the November meeting—one to Virginia and one to Tennessee.

Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Ancell, missionaries from Yangchow, China, were present and gave most interesting talks of their work there.

Mr. Ancell said the conservative element in Yangchow had long kept the doors closed to missionaries, but that now official and social conditions in China are rapidly changing and they (the missionaries) have an oppor-

tunity which they never have had before, to do good work.

The best way to make a beginning in all missionary work, Mr. Ancell thinks, is by making social acquaintances first, for by making a friend among those people you make a Christian. The next step is to establish schools and teach English.

This was done in Yangchow. A school for boys was established in September, 1910, and only two pupils were enrolled. In February, 1912, their capacity of sixty had reached its limit, and the school is entirely self-supporting.

Mrs. Ancell works among the women and girls and she is here making a plea for funds for a woman's room and a girls' school. In the twenty millions of people in the province, there is not a school for non-Christian girls.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ancell made a strong plea for more women workers.

On motion, they were given $25 from the treasury and $25 was given by an individual.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be on Thursday, January 16th, at eleven o'clock.

MARY DEHAVEN BRIGHT, *Sec.*
Per B. E. H.

The Church Periodical Club.

At one of the meetings of the Ladies' Auxiliary, last January, an interesting account of the Church Periodical Club was given by Miss Fisher, correspondent for the Diocese of Pennsylvania. We learned that the Club was formed for the purpose of sending magazines, books, papers, etc., to clergymen and others who were unable to obtain this kind of literature in any other way. From the first, there was a constantly increasing demand for the periodicals. And letters sent by the recipients from the far West, the South and the lonely country places in the mountains showed that the work was much needed.

The plan of this work is very simple. Subscribers send every month, or week, regularly, a magazine or periodical—one, or as many as they will, to the names and addresses furnished them by the "librarian" of their Church Club, who obtains these names from the central office in New York. The names having been sent to this office by the Bishops and other clergy from the dioceses throughout the United States.

Our St. Stephen's Club has a list of fourteen subscribers with thirty periodicals. The committee desire to increase this list and ask for requests for addresses for magazines, books and papers. There is a demand at present for an "Outlook," a "Garden Magazine," and for several of "The Spirit of Missions."

Please notice, it is necessary to prepay the postage on all magazines, etc., as otherwise they will not be distributed from the post-offices.

It is probable there are some who would become members of the Club, but who consider it a task to mail the papers at stated intervals. To these we would say: Send a subscription, including postage—for any periodical you may mention—to your St. Stephen's committee. They will attend to it as a welcome part of their duty.

ANNA FARRELL, *Librarian.*
MRS. WM. H. HOLLAR, JR.
MRS. CATHERINE MIESSE.
Committee.

The Christmas Celebrations.

The celebration of the Mothers was held on Thursday, Dec. 26th, in their customary room. For the first time they had their Christmas festival apart from the Sunday School. One reason for this separation was the growth of the Mothers' Meeting, which now has about 150 members, and has about grown to the limits of our capacity. With music and exhibitions of artistic skill, and gifts the evening passed most delightfully. One gift in particular calls for mention, the presentation by the Mothers of a silver platter, or bread holder, to Mr. Carrigan. All the members of this society and especially the president, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, are to be congratulated on the success of the new mode of celebration as well as on the increase in this society's numbers.

The Sunday School celebration came, as usual, on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Following the wise custom of years, the talent of our own members was called forth by entrusting to them the performance of the evening. The little play given was full of bright fancy and excellent impersonations. It was one of the most graceful and certainly the most imaginative of all our Christmas celebrations. Mr. Streaker and his co-workers on the committee are to be heartily congratulated.

The Girls' Friendly celebration fell on Monday evening—that is now regarded as their special evening. It took the form of charming tableaux, followed by some hymns, and the evening closed with refreshments and social converse. There was a large attendance.

C. E. G.

The Boys' Senate.

Is planning an entertainment for Friday, January 24th.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

This organization now meets the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7.30 in the Parish House.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Received in October (through Mr. Hunter Ewing) from Mr. Patton's Estate	$33 41

Those who helped the Circle to give a bright and happy evening to some Country Week Children, December 18th, were as follows:

Mrs. H. F. Martin	$1 00
Mrs. Parmalee	75
Kind Friend	1 00
Little Eileer Weir	50
Members of the Circle	1 50
Total received	$4 75

The King's Daughters will have their next meeting January 15th, Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in November (through Dr. Grammer) from Church Fund	$25 00
From Mrs. Parmalee	25
From Mrs. Martin	50
From those receiving shoes	4 30
Total	$30 05
Expended in November	18 71
Balance	$11 34

Gave out in November, 12 pairs of shoes and seven pairs of overshoes.

Money received in December from Mrs. W. J. Galbraith	$1 00
From those receiving shoes	2 00
Balance from November	11 34
Total	$14 34
Expended in December	7 30
Balance	$7 04

Gave in December 11 pairs of shoes and five pairs of overshoes.

Many of the children who come for shoes have scarcely anything left but the uppers. Our shoes are going fast, and money too, so we do hope Santa Claus won't forget the little cold feet.

Shoes of all kinds, if wearable, very acceptable, specially wide ones.

The Rev. Dr. Randolph McKim has printed a brief statement of objections to any change of the name of our historic Church, and in particular to the elimination of the word Protestant from our title and the assumption of such a name as "The American Catholic," which has been championed by some. I agree with Dr. McKim that such a title would be a source of strife within and alienation without. His statements are worth considering. They are as follows:

"1. Any effort to change the Protestant principles which were indelibly stamped upon our Church at the Reformation is to be strongly deprecated.

"2. The present agitation proceeds in large part from a desire to repudiate the Protestant position of the Church.

"3. Whatever may be the motive of the proposed change, it will, if consummated, have the effect of weakening our Protestant position, and encouraging the movement to assimilate our Church to the doctrines and practices of the unreformed Church.

"4. Even the preliminary adoption of the name which is now proposed would grieve a very large proportion of our most faithful and devoted communicants; would destroy the confidence of our people in the administration of the Church; and so greatly diminish our missionary offerings.

"5. The adoption of the proposed name would alienate our Protestant brethren of other Communions just when they are drawing

close to us, and would be disastrous to the hope of Christian Unity.

"6. This whole movement is to be deprecated as productive of division and strife in our own Christian household, at a time when the activity of the forces of unbelief and the aggressions of the Roman Church should stimulate us to united and unstinting effort to win the American people to the Cause of Christ, and to build up the Kingdom of God upon a scriptural and primitive foundation.

"7. Should it prove possible, which we do not believe, to fasten this objectionable name upon our Church, we may look forward to one of two results—the disruption of the Church, or the abandonment of her Communion by myriads of her communicants.

"8. There may perhaps be another alternative—Dioceses or individual churches may appeal to the Courts with success to protect them from the loss of their property which stands in the name of 'The Protestant Episcopal Church,' and so the new Church, 'The American Catholic Church,' will be shorn of its strength without any act of schism on the part of the loyal members of the old Church."

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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
SOCIAL HOUR AND SONG SERVICE, 7.45 to 9 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 8 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, the Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Florence Sherrard, Miss Dale.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer —Mrs. Edward McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs Judson, Miss Franklin.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley, Miss Zeilin.

Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.

President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Assistants.—Mrs. C. Miesse, Miss Anna Farrell.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

February 2.—Quinquagesima Sunday.
5.—Ash Wednesday.
9.—First Sunday in Lent.
16.—Second Sunday in Lent.
23.—Third Sunday in Lent.
24.—St. Matthias (Monday).

BAPTISMS.

Jan. 19.—Margaret McClain.
25.—Frances Tyson.
29.—Dorothy May Adams.

CONFIRMED.

Jan. 26.—
Thomas Jenkins Bell.
Alecia Irick Brown.
Tristram Coffin Colket, 2nd.
Nina May Craig.
Mamie Emma Duval.
Emma Elizabeth Elliott.
Luther W. Fisher.
Elizabeth Myers Grey.
Joseph Paul Hoover.
Margaret McClain.
James Gilson Prettyman.
Fannie Luella Pyle.
Margaret Snedden.
Frances Tyson.

BURIALS.

Jan. 4.—Martha Kelly.
17.—Susan Lancaster Smith.

OFFERINGS received from January 5, 1913, Second Sunday after Christmas, to January 26, 1913, Sexagesima.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$39 77	
Parochial Maintenance	43 41	
Foreign Missions	24 45	
Colored Missions	7 74	
Bishop's Offering	45 69	
		$161 06

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$58 46	
Parochial Maintenance	129 70	
Missions	51 94	
Indian Missions	10 25	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	15 32	
Foreign Missions	75 95	
Colored Missions	30 62	
Domestic Missions	40 46	
Missionary Box	1 49	
Theological Education	25	
Work Among Our Boys	76	
Benevolent Society	6 17	
Episcopal Hospital	1 72	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	6 35	
		429 44
		$590 50

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JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

The committee having in charge the collection of a fund to erect a Memorial to the late David D. Wood have received so far approximately $1,400 of the $2,500 which they hope to raise. While no date has been definitely set for the close of the fund, the committee cherish the hope of completing it by Good Friday, March 21st,—a day that has special significance in the career of David Wood as organist of St. Stephen's. For it was on Good Friday he played his first service, and it was on Good Friday, forty-six years later, on the first recurrence of the same date, he was stricken with the fatal illness that terminated in his death on Easter morning, March 27th, 1910.

The pupils of Dr. Wood have organized an auxiliary committee which promises to bring in substantial aid.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. C. Howard Colket, Treasurer, 2008 Delancey St.

DAVID D. WOOD MEMORIAL FUND.

Contributions in the order in which they were received:

Edwin Hill, Sr.	$5 00
Miss H. Velma Turner	2 00
Miss Anna H. Sinclair	2 00
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. Edward R. Fell	10 00
The Misses Shellenberger	5 00
Miss H. Oldden	2 00
E. G. McCollin	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Howard Colket	50 00
Franklin E. Cresson	3 00
Rev. Joseph L. Miller	10 00
Charles Manypenny	10 00
Miss Grace T. Quigley	3 00
Mrs. J. Albert Pancoast	20 00
Miss Janet G. Paterson	5 00
G. Everett Hill	5 00
Mrs. Herbert C. Keith	10 00
Miss Jennie G. Van Horne	5 00
Miss Jennie L. Ritter	5 00
Mrs. John W. Schell	5 00
E. J. Moore	25 00
Miss Mae E. Haines	1 00
Miss Julia Garrett	10 00
Miss Else West Rulon	5 00
Mrs. A. L. McClintock	1 00
Miss Emily Dutilh	10 00
A Friend, through Miss Dutilh	10 00
Mrs. Robert E. Atmore	25 00
Miss Ora M. Harnish	2 00
H. J. Shenk	5 00
The Misses MacAlister	4 00
The Brown Children, Cornetists	10 00
George Roden	5 00
Fred A. Riehle	5 00
Cash	2 00
Lewis A. Wadlow	2 00
Miss M. W. Colket	5 00
J. G. Rosengarten	10 00
Miss Rebecca H. Cropper	2 00
William A. Patton	25 00
Miss Annie L. Cressman	1 00
Miss Mary Swift	2 00
Mrs. E. M. Denithorne	1 00
Mrs. Catharine M. Richardson	50 00
Cyrus H. K. Curtis	100 00
E. Mack, Jr.	5 00
Miss Ada Quint	3 00
Frederick Maxson	10 00
Thomas Francis Dooner	10 00
Tristram C. Colket, 2nd.	5 00
George Frescoln	5 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	5 00
Miss Ella R. Dwier	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Austin	1 00
Mrs. B. F. Rittenhouse	10 00
Miss Pauline Carpen	1 00
Miss Virginia Gerhart	3 00
The Misses Davis	2 00
Miss Hannah E. Schultz	1 00
Wilbur F. Rose	10 00
	$562 00
Previously acknowledged	856 00
	$1,418 00

According to our custom during Lent, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday morning at 10.30, except the first Sunday of the month, when the hour will be 11.

The Noonday Lenten Services this year will be under the charge of the St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The list of speakers is published below. Most of them need no introduction. Bishop Williams of Michigan has been with us on a previous Lent. Many will undoubtedly desire to hear his eloquent pleading for greater social righteousness. Bishop Talbot has kindly made a special exertion to keep up the custom of years and come to our aid. We are grateful to Bishop Rhinelander for giving us five days for the season is a particularly busy one for him.

Two new voices will be the Rev. J. Howard Melish, and the Rev. Herbert Shipman. Mr. Melish succeeded Dr. McConnell at Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, and stands for a broad conception of Christianity, and for social as well as individual regeneration. At Cincinnati, where he is well known, he crowds the hall at the Noon-day Lenten services, and it is to be hoped that many will come to hear him in Philadelphia. Mr. Shipman fills in his position as rector of The Heavenly Rest, one of the most prominent pulpits in the borough of Manhattan,—a post so important that he declined to leave it to be the successor of Dr. Morgan in Paris.

It was hoped that Dr. Worcester would have been with us again this year; but it was found impossible to secure him. The other speakers are well known in the city, and have approved themselves as having a real message. It was thought desirable that there should be more unity in the addresses in Holy Week, and the Rector of the Church will deliver five of them himself. We are grateful to Bishop Garland for consenting to open the course with an address on Ash Wednesday. These are all St. Stephen's services as well as Brotherhood services. They are meant for the members of the congregation, as well as for all sorts and conditions of men, and it is hoped that the congregation will give them their loyal support, by attending, by joining heartily in the singing, by responding fervently in the prayers, and by bringing their friends and acquaintances.

Ash Wednesday, February 5.	Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.
Thursday, Feb. 6. Friday, Feb. 7.	Rev. Robert J. Johnston, Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.
Saturday, Feb. 8.	Rev. C. Rowland Hill, Church of St. Matthias, Philadelphia.
Monday, Feb. 10. Tuesday, Feb. 11.	Rev. J. Howard Melish, Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Wednesday, Feb. 12. Thursday, Feb. 13. Friday, Feb. 14.	Rev. J. B. Harding, St. Mark's, Frankford.
Saturday, Feb. 15.	Rev. William J. Cox, St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia.
Monday, Feb. 17. Tuesday, Feb. 18. Wednesday, Feb. 19.	Rev. Hubert W. Wells, St. Andrew's, Wilmington, Del.

Thursday, Feb. 20. Friday, Feb. 21.	Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Bethlehem.
Saturday, Feb. 22.	Rev. A. J. Arkin, St. George's, Richmond.
Monday, Feb. 24. Tuesday, Feb. 25. Wednesday, Feb. 26. Thursday, Feb. 27. Friday, Feb. 28.	Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, LL. D., Bishop of Michigan.
Saturday, March 1.	Rev. R. H. Hord, St. Michael's, Germantown.
Monday, March 3. Tuesday, March 4. Wednesday, March 5. Thursday, March 6. Friday, March 7.	Rev. Herbert Shipman, Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York.
Saturday, March 8.	Rev. H. M. Medary, The Advocate, Philadelphia.
Monday, March 10. Tuesday, March 11. Wednesday, March 12. Thursday, March 13. Friday, March 14.	Rt. Rev. Philip Mercer Rhinelander, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.
Saturday, March 15.	Rev. Norman P. Levis, The Incarnation, Philadelphia.

HOLY WEEK.

Monday, March 17. Tuesday, March 18. Wednesday, March 19. Thursday, March 20. Friday, March 21.	Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Saturday, March 22.	Rev. F. R. Cannon, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

Confirmation came unusually early this year, and followed so closely on the Christmas season's festivities that it was not possible to do more than gather the fruit that was ripe off the vines in our vineyard. While the class was smaller than usual, the Rector believes that it will prove a class of unusual persistence and steadfastness. It was good to have such a large proportion of boys. Two post-confirmation lectures will be given for the benefit of those members who joined too late to attend the first two sessions of the class. These additional lectures will be at 8 o'clock on Friday, Jan. 31, and Feb. 7th.

A Missionary Student Class will meet for organization and arrangement of details on Thursday, February 6th, at 11 A. M., in the Guild Room in the Parish House. At the Rector's urgent request, Mrs. Charles B. McLean has consented to act as the teacher. The subject will be the progress and condition of Missions in Japan. All who can join the class are invited to assemble at the above-named hour and place.

The parochial Lenten services on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at half past 4 o'clock were so poorly attended, that they were discontinued several years ago, after the announcement had been made that their continuance depended entirely on the congregation. Any person who wished to have them kept up was requested to let the Rector know of their desire for them. Not a request was received. It is, however, conceivable that some persons wished to have these services but did not care to make a special request for them. The Rector is very desirous of meeting the wishes of the congregation, and wishes those who desire such services would speak out. There are some people who like to feel that the services are going on in the Church, irrespective of whether they attend or not. But such a vague sense of the fitness of things is not what the Rector is desirous of gratifying. What he wants to know is, who will atend the Wednesday and Friday afternoon services, if he arranges for them? Who will volunteer to sing? Whom will such services assist? He will be much obliged if those who care for such services, or will assist in them, will let him know either by note or after the Sunday morning service.

In February it is our custom to send collectors around the parish to collect the usual contributions for Diocesan Missions. The customary gift, where it can be afforded, is five dollars a communicant. Perhaps some wealthier communicants may exceed this amount, to make up for some of our poorer communicants who can not give so much. It is hoped that all will contribute The offering

Musical Program

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FEBRUARY 2.

A. M.

Offertory, "O Lamb of God" ..... *Gounod*

3.30 P. M.

Selections from "The Holy City" ..... *Gaul*
(a) "No shadows yonder."
(b) "Eye hath not seen."
(c) "My soul is athirst for God."
(d) "At Eventide."

4.00 P. M.

Magnificat in A ..... *Foster*

Selections from "The Holy City."
(e) "These are they."
(f) "A new Heaven and a new Earth."
(g) "List the Cherubic Hosts!"
(h) "Great and marvellous."

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FEBRUARY 5.—ASH WEDNESDAY.

Benedictus Chant.

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FEBRUARY 9.

A. M.

Offertory—"He was despised" ..... *Haendel*

3.30 P. M.

Organ recital.
Sonata No. 4 ..... *Mendelssohn*
Allegro.
Allegretto.
Andante.
Finale.
Aria (By request) ..... *Bach*

4.00 P. M.

Magnificat, B flat ..... *Stanford*
"The Reproaches" ..... *Gounod*
"Come unto me" ..... *Haendel*

FEBRUARY 16.

A. M.

Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Turle*
"As pants the hart" ..... *Spohn*

3.30 P. M.

Organ recital.
Reverie ..... *St. Saens*
Cantilene ..... *Dubois*
Intermezzo ..... *Delibes*
Allegro ..... *Widor*

4.00 P. M.

Deus Misereatur ..... *Gouvy*
"O Gladsome light" ..... *Sullivan*
"He has said to all the unhappy" ..... *Gounod*

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FEBRUARY 23.

A. M.

Offertory, "Ye shall dwell in the land" .... *Stainer*

3.30 P. M.

Organ recital.
1st Sonata ..... Guilmant
Lento. Allegro.
Pastorale.
Finale Allegro.
Nocturne ..... *Chopin*

4.00 P. M.

Deus misereatur ..... *J. C. D. Parker*
"Souls of the righteous" ..... *Noble*
"There shall be no more night" ..... *Wood*

will be presented on Sunday, Feb. 16th, and the collectors will make their rounds in the week before that time. Seven hundred dollars is needed, if we are to meet all our pledges and obligations.

The Envelope Year, so to speak, is rapidly drawing to a close, and it will soon be necessary to get out the new packages. Let us, who have the envelopes strive to see that each envelope finds its way back to the Treasurer. I hope to learn at Easter that the number of faithful users has increased. It would be good news, too, to hear that more are using the side for "Missions." We need to gird up our loins, if we are to do as well as we did last year.

The appeal for an upright piano in the Guild Room has as yet elicited no response. Such an instrument would occupy much less room than our present square piano, and the saving of space would greatly facilitate the work of some societies, and enable some larger organizations like the Mothers' Meeting and the Girls' Friendly to take in a few more members. In many homes there are standing unused pianos, that once sounded to the touch of fingers that have long ceased to move, and it is a pity that they should not be utilized. Please remember that such a piano will be used most gladly in the work of the Church.

The earliest possible date at which Easter can fall is March 22d, which was its incidence in the year 1818. This year it will fall on March 23d, and it will not come so early again till the year 2008, when it will again occur on the 23d. For some reasons I am glad that we will not ever again encounter such an early Lent. The excessive shortness of the social season enhances the dissipation and crowds together the entertainments. The colder weather militates against the attendance upon the services. Easter finds nature more in accord with its message of the resurrection when it falls in a season of flowers and singing birds. People have an idea that Easter is the end of the year for Church work, and instead of a revival of energy after that great feast of the Risen Lord, there is apt to be a falling off in activity of the societies. These are the disadvantages of an early Lent.

The settlement of Easter has been a prolific source of controversy in the history of the Church. The Quartodecimans always observed the fourteenth day of the Paschal moon. The Roman usage was in favor of Sunday. The settlement of this controversy was one of the causes which led Constantine to summon the Council of Nicaea. After that great Council had extinguished the Quartodecimans, there arose a controversy about the calculation of the cycles for the determination ahead of the paschal full moon,—a controversy in which the early British Church adhered to the old usage and came in conflict with the improved astronomical methods of the Roman missionaries.

At the Synod of Whitby in 664 the Roman usage was finally adopted, and England had the same Easter as the rest of Christendom, till 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII established the present calendar, which the Oriental churches and the churches of Russia and Greece refused to accept from the Pope of Rome. The Church of England followed their lead and adhered to the Julian Calendar. This continued as late as 1752 by which time there was eleven days difference. This diversity occasioned so much inconvenience that an Act of Parliament was passed adopting the Gregorian Calendar. Eleven days were dropped and the legal year began on January 1, instead of on May 25th, according to the old style. The change produced riots in England, for the people had an idea that they were being delivered over to the Pope, and cheated out of eleven days. Moreover, as the alteration took place in September, out of which eleven days were dropped, there was great disappointment that Michaelmas came earlier than usual, before the goose, the great delicacy of that feast-day had reached its finest size and flavor. Russia still keeps the Julian Calendar and is now thirteen days behind the calendar of the rest of Christendom.

Yet with all these controversies, it seems to me the end is not yet. If we want the schools and colleges to continue to observe the Easter holiday, we must set Easter at some Sunday half way between Christmas and the middle of June. Otherwise we shall find that the spring holiday will be given more and more without regard to it. I know that this would give us an early Lent, but if that were the rule we could adjust ourselves to it and unlearn the false tradition that after Easter Church work is not to continue on full pace. Easter about March 23d suits the schools, and the educational world will respect it.

This is the bright side of an early Lent. Let us make the most of it.

It is, however, probably inadvisable to attempt a readjustment of the calendar. St. Stephen's PARISH NEWS is hardly the proper organ in which to inaugurate such a reform. Perhaps it will be wiser to wait till the conference on Faith and Order shall have its meetings. Its friends expect many things from that movement. Perhaps it will give us an Easter that will keep closer to the Equinox.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The G. F. S. associates, members and their friends are cordially inivted to attend a Missionary service at Old St. Paul's Church, Third below Walnut street, Sunday evening, February 9th, at 8 o'clock. Speakers: Rev. Shirley Hughson, O. H. C., Rev. Jules Prevost, Rev. Herman L. Duhring. There will be an offering for Missions.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on the 16th, at the Parish House, the President in the chair, and twenty four members being present.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved, and in the absence of the Treasurer, Miss Washington read the report.

Mrs. Colket reported for the Diocesan Auxiliary. There were several speakers, and a plea for linen for a church in Colorado.

Mrs. Lautenbach, of the Indian Hope Committee said the Indians in California were in a pitiable condition from sickness and were much in need of a medical missionary.

The report for the Colored Missions was read by Miss Washington. Bishop Franklin of Mississippi told about the work accomplished there, and the securing of an Archdeacon through the generosity of Philadelphia in contributing $1,000.

A letter had been received from the Church of the Crucifixion, appealing for warm clothing for the children, who are unable to attend the services unless sufficiently clad. Garments may be sent to 620 South Eighth street.

Rev. Mr. Warden was then introduced by Dr. Grammer and gave an interesting talk on conditions of life in Porto Rico, where he has lived and labored for the Episcopal Church for the past six years. The Roman Catholic religion was the only one known on the island until 1898, since when many denominations have entered and established churches. There are now four Episcopal churches, three chapels, and five other places of worship, with four parochial schools, fifteen Sunday schools, and a hospital—the doors of which have been closed for six months as there is no physician of our communion to do the work. As only $25,000 a year is contributed for the support and maintenance of these churches, etc., they are not generously provided for, and Mr. Warden asked for a Baptismal Font for use in the Chapel of St. Paul's Mission, started two years ago. It was moved and seconded that $25 be given by the Auxiliary for the purpose.

At the conclusion of Mr. Warden's address, Mr. Connolly told very briefly of his struggle to gain an education in the mountains of North Carolina, and of his present work in an Industrial School at Penman, which was started three years ago, and has over 100 children. He is trying to raise $1,000 for the completion of the main building, which is now being constructed.

It was announced that Mrs. Bradford, of the Lighthouse, would speak at the next meeting of the Auxiliary.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

J. B. MACALISTER,
Secretary pro tem.

Memorial Flower Fund.

In April of last year a member of the congregation suggested that we start a Memorial Flower Fund. This was done at once and the alacrity with which the members of the church responded was an evidence of their approval. It is hoped that this interest may manifest itself again during the coming church year. Any contributor desiring to commemorate any loved one on the Sunday nearest to the date selected last year, is requested to notify Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. The following dates of 1913 have been taken:

The following dates were taken in 1912:

January 5.—
January 12.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
January 19.—

January 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
February 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
February 9.—Miss Van Dusen.
February 16.—Dr. Fell.
February 23.—
March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
March 9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
March 16.—Miss Townsend.
March 23, Easter Day.—St. Stephen's Congregation.
March 30.—Mr. Anderson.

The following dates were taken in 1912:

April 7.—Easter Sunday.—St. Stephen's Congregation.
April 14.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
April 21.—Mrs. William B. Campbell.
April 28.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D.
May 5.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
May 12.—
May 19.—Miss Laura Bell.
May 26.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
June 2.—Miss E. Shellenberger.
June 9.—
June 16.—
June 23.—
June 30.—In Memoriam.
July 7.—
July 14.—
July 21.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
July 28.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
August 4.—
August 11.—Mr. Clayton.
August 18.—In Memoriam.
August 25.—Miss Laura Bell.
September 1.—Miss Townsend.
September 8.—
September 15.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
September 22.—Miss Wilkins.
Stpember 29.—Mrs. Arrison.
October 6.—
October 13.—Miss Maulsby.
October 20.—Mrs. Shible.
October 27.—Miss Helen Shellenberger.
November 3.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
November 10.—Mrs. Morris.
November 17.—Miss Townsend.
November 24.—Miss Eisenbrey.
December 1.—Mrs. Atmore.
December 8.—Misses Davis.
December 15.—
December 22.—Miss Emily Bell.
December 29.—

A Lenten Resolution.

What better resolution could we form for the approaching season, than a determination to bring the highest motives to bear upon the smallest affairs—to make ourselves realize that nothing in the realm of morals is too small for motives that take hold of eternity, It is in little things that the battle of life is lost or won; little self-denials, little self-sacrifices, little charities of thought or speech, little acts of self-control or resolution, forming in us gradually the Christian character, or little self-indulgences, little enmities, little vacillations and little compromises preparing us for some dreadful fall. Well did Bunyan know human experience when he portrayed Christian as having had before his desperate conflict with Apollyon many little slips in his walk, of which he took but small note. When I say that we should try to bring great motives to bear on small duties, it is not meant that we should always claim them, or profess them as if they were the sole reasons for our conduct. It is Pharisaism or cant to look around for the highest motive in sight, and then claim it as the range-light by which we are steering. We are drawn along by many motives. Often expediency and righteousness lie obviously in the same direction. But our life cannot be strong or unified unless we can bring the highest to bear on all of it. This is what religion means: an effort to connect our finiteness with infinity and to steady ourselves in this tossing world of Time by conforming to the cosmic and eternal order. It is a mistaken, though popular, theory that the lower motives can be more safely trusted to do the work. A real motive of a low order is more efficient than a sham motive of religion as the poorest fire of peat will warm more than the picture of a fire. But when the higher motive is really present it brings along with it a higher power. It unites the man's whole nature, and brings in like a tide from the great ocean of being, the forces of God.

The great trouble with us is that we do not bring God in enough, and so do not live in His sight, or by His power, or in His fellowship We do not knead the motive of religion sufficiently into our lives. Let us try to realize this Lent that there is nothing too small for God's assistance—that He will not only take care of our souls when they leave these bodies, but that He will help us to rule the body and care for it rightly; and that His glory is involved in whatever we do, whether we eat or drink, or work or play, and that His power can be procured according to our faith. He that is faithful in little is faithful also in much.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings Feb. 5th and Feb. 19th in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

Donation from Mrs. H. F. Master to help with their work, $1.00.

Lenten work has been cut out and we will gladly welcome any who would like to help with the work and spend a social evening.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in January:

From Miss M. E. Schaeffer	$1 50
From Mrs. H. F. Martin	25
From those receiving shoes	5 65
	$7 40
Expended for shoes	2 10
Balance	$5 30

Donation from dear old Santa Claus of two large boxes of shoes and overshoes. Many thanks and Happy New Year from those who are wearing the shoes he sent.

From Miss M. Swift, shoes and overshoes.

Have given out in January 22 pairs of shoes and 14 pairs of overshoes.

The Sunday School Building.

An acorn doesn't grow into an oak over night, such phenomenal growth is the peculiarity of gourds, such as overshadowed Jonah, and suddenly withered away, but neither does an acorn grow without the quickening influence of the sunlight. It will not germinate in total darkness. In the same way the idea of a better building for our institutional work must be brought out into the light and kept before the minds of our people if it is to fructify. There is some soil that is not rich enough in nutritive elements to produce anything under the influence of this idea; the earth lacks richness. But it may be that we have in St. Stephen's some soil in which this seed may bring forth and bear abundantly. Certainly there is no finer memorial that could be erected than a fine four-story building on the site of our Sunday School Building with a commodious and accessible room for meetings on the ground floor, with Sunday School rooms and guild rooms on the two floors above, and a gymnasium on the fourth floor, with a basket-ball cage on the roof. It is a splendid vision. May some generous donor make it a blessed actuality

Church Discipline.

There is great ignorance of the laws of our Church on this subject. Perhaps it may be advisable to make a few elementary explanations. In practice there is no discipline of the laity. People who have lost faith in Christianity forsake its temples. Those who are openly breaking the moral law sever their connection with the Church, and cease to come to its communion. Rubrically, the rector has the right to refuse to give the communion to an open and notorious evil-liver, or to one who has done any wrong to his neighbor by word or deed, so that the congregation be thereby offended. In such cases the excommunicated person has the right of appeal to the ordinary, that is to say, to the Bishop of the Diocese. Sometimes in small communities, where the life of each one is a page that is scrutinized by all, the scandal given by the participation of a detected hypocrite is so great that the minister may have to excommunicate or threaten excommunication. Usually a threat is enough, In the main people who defy public opinion openly by immorality do not care to deepen the stain by an hypocrisy that will deceive no one. The public opinion of the community holds the keys of discipline.

In the case of a clergyman who has violated his ordination vows there is a regular order of procedure laid down in the Canons. Some people have a way of asking, Why doesn't the Bishop do this, or do that? as if the Bishop were armed with complete authority to admonish judicially, suspend, or degrade clergymen —and ought to bestir himself and exercise his divinely given power of the keys. The fact of the case, however, is that we are not under such ecclesiastical despotism as such queries and fault-findings suggest. Our Church is Protestant, as well as Episcopal, and believes in protecting the rights of the individual by placing him under the law.

In Pennsylvania we have quite an elaborate machinery for the trial of a clergyman—not a bishop, for the trial of bishops is regulated entirely by the Canons of the General Convention. There is a Chancellor to preside at the trial, a Church Advocate to act as official prosecutor, and a body of elected clergymen, from whom the triers or jury are to be chosen Such a court, however, cannot be convened by the Bishop at his own option. Two clergymen and

a lay communicant must charge in writing a clergyman of the diocese with violating a specified law of the Church. The Bishop can stop the procedure, at this point, if he chooses, or he may allow it to continue. But he cannot make the presentment. The reason of this is that he is to act as a kind of Court of Appeal, since the sentence of the court must be approved by him, if it is condemnatory, and he has the privilege of mitigating the sentence.

The Bishop can, however, appoint a Committee of Inquiry, and if a sufficient number present the person under scrutiny for trial the regular procedure is followed. No clergyman can be degraded to a lower degree. If a Bishop be degraded he is put out of the ministry. A priest cannot be reduced to the diaconate; he must go out of the ministry. All the orders must be filled by righteous men.

In case a clergyman resigns from the ministry, the Bishop can accept his resignation and depose him, if there be no moral causes for the step; but in other cases he is required to consult the Standing Committee. Such, in general, is the law. In special cases an Appellate Court is provided No system can meet the requirements of all cases perfectly, but any system is infinitely better than the arbitrary power that a certain school in the Church teaches should belong to the Bishop. Yet strange to say, no one calls out more loudly than the ritualist for the protection of the law against the Bishop, when the Episcopal view differs from his own. This school of thought reverences bishops chiefly when they are dead. For my part, I believe in a government of law and am heartily in sympathy with the constitution of our Protestant Church, which makes both the Bishop and the presbyter subordinate to the Church's legislation. C. E. G.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
SOCIAL HOUR AND SONG SERVICE, 7.45 to 9 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
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TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
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BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 8 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

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House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

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Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
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Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Dale.

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Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

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Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce St., at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

March 2.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
9.—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
16.—Palm Sunday.
17.—Monday before Easter.
18.—Tuesday before Easter.
19.—Wednesday before Easter.
20.—Maundy Thursday.
21.—Good Friday.
22.—Saturday.
23.—Easter Day.
24.—Monday in Easter Week.
25.—Tuesday in Easter Week.
30.—First Sunday after Easter.

Parish Register.

BAPTISMS.

Feb. 2.—William Erick Baur.
Gertrude Marion Baur.
16.—Robert William Brawner.

CONFIRMED.

Jan. 26.—Louise Boddie Chidester.

MARRIAGES.

Feb. 4.—Elwood Myers and Cora I. Murray.

BURIALS.

Feb. 4.—Baby Plumb.
25.—Howard H. Higham.

Offerings Received from February 2, 1913, Quinquagesima to February 23, 1913, Third Sunday in Lent.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$36 82	
Parochial Maintenance	37 98	
Missionary Box	119 22	
Diocesan Missions	35 23	
Domestic Missions	43 03	
		$272 28
Diocesan Mission received through collectors		523 95

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$83 75	
Parochial Maintenance	145 43	
Missions	61 74	
Foreign Missions	2 96	
Colored Missions	5 67	
Missionary Box	36 28	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 00	
Theological Education	.30	
Work Among Our Boys	.30	
Benevolent Society	1 05	
Episcopal Hospital	.10	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	.60	
Domestic Missions	86 87	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 25	
		427 30
		$1,223 53

SUMMARY.

Charities	$120 57
Parochial Maintenance	183 41
Missions	61 74
Missionary Box	155 50
Diocesan Missions	559 18
Domestic Missions	129 90
Foreign Missions	2 96
Colored Missions	5 67
St. Stephen's Farm	1 00
Theological Education	.30
Work Among Our Boys	.30
Benevolent Society	1 05
Episcopal Hospital	.10
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	.60
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 25
	$1,223 53

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Schedule of Lenten Services.

The noonday Lenten Services every day at 12.30, under the charge of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The speakers for the remainder of Lent are as follows:

Saturday, March 1.	Rev. R. H. Hord, St. Michael's, Germantown.
Monday, March 3. Tuesday, March 4. Wednesday, March 5. Thursday, March 6. Friday, March 7.	Rev. Herbert Shipman, Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York.
Saturday, March 8.	Rev. H. M. Medary, The Advocate, Philadelphia.
Monday, March 10. Tuesday, March 11. Wednesday, March 12. Thursday, March 13. Friday, March 14.	Rt. Rev. Philip Mercer Rhinelander, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.
Saturday, March 15.	Rev. Norman P. Levis, The Incarnation, Philadelphia.

HOLY WEEK.

Monday, March 17. Tuesday, March 18. Wednesday, March 19. Thursday, March 20. Friday, March 21.	Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
Saturday, March 22.	Rev. F. R. Cannon, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

During Lent there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday morning at 10.15, except the first Sunday of the month, when the hour will be 11.

HOLY WEEK.

Evening Prayer every day except Saturday, at 5 P. M.

On Thursday before Easter Holy Communion will be celebrated at 5 P. M.

On Good Friday, Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 10.30.

On Easter Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 A. M.

Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4 o'clock.

The Easter Carol Service of the Sunday School and Burd School will be held on Sunday, March 30th, at 4 P. M.

At the March meeting of the Vestry, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, an organized movement exists within the Protestant Episcopal Church having for its object the change of its official title;

AND WHEREAS, in our judgment such change would only result in a division of our Church and in a straining of those fraternal ties which bind us to Christians of other communions;

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, herewith protest most earnestly against any action which may have in view the change of our Church's name, and request our representatives in the Diocesan Convention to use such efforts as they may deem proper to retain the present name of our Church.

We feel certain that by this action the Vestry expressed correctly the mind of the people of St. Stephen's, and we think the resolution most opportune. A concerted movement is on foot to change our Church's name. The title that we have lived under for over a century and a quarter, the whole period of our existence as a self-governing Church, is to be thrown over, and some new and arrogant title like the American Catholic Church is to be assumed. Such is the scheme. The main objection to our name, which is endeared to those who love our Church, as she now is, by a thousand tender associations, is that it classes us with the Protestant division of Christendom. Those who have derived their knowledge of Church History from the Tractarians of Oxford regard the Reformation as a great mistake, in judgment, if it is not to be regarded as a manifestation of that sin of schism, from which we pray to be delivered. Newman and Pusey, it will be remembered, refused to subscribe to the memorial to Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer, that stands near Balliol College. Their disciples of course dislike the name Protestant, and adopt the Roman view on this, as on many other subjects, and regard it as a designation of incipient infidelity. How preposterous it seems that such giants in faith as Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, Ridley and Hooper were victims of the first stages of the paralysis of doubt. Because they cast away the husk, therefore they were losing their appetite for the grain. Because they recognized error, therefore they were losing the capacity to discern the truth. Such is the theory of this school. Under the guidance of such theories over six hundred clergymen of the Church of England with Newman at their head, went over to the Church of Rome. In my judgment they understood the logic of their own position. If Protestantism is something of which we ought to be ashamed, then the proper procedure is to return to Rome. But there is a large party that shrinks back from submission to Rome, and yet desires to repudiate the term Protestant. On examination it will be found that the features of Rome to which they chiefly object—are the Infallibility of the Pope, or the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, all doctrines which have been formulated since the Reformation, and in the Nineteenth Century, or it may be to some features in the Tridentine Decrees, and that they have little sympathy with the fundamental positions of the reformers, that God forgives the believing penitent freely, that Jesus Christ has so revealed God to us, that we may go directly to him by faith without any human mediator, and that the Scriptures are the authoritative and sufficient guide to the mind of Christ, without the aid of tradition.

These were the views of the Reformers, are the doctrines of our Articles, are the affirmations of Protestantism. But these views have lost meaning and influence with most sacramentarians and sacerdotalists. Consequently they wish to drop the name Protestant that expresses them. On the other hand, the adjective Catholic, whose proper meaning is Universal, has acquired from its partisan use in our Church as the title of the so-called Catholic party the very signification that they desire of sacramentarian and sacerdotal. As Roman Catholicism is both sacramentarian and sacerdotal, so are these Anglo-Catholics

sacramentarian and sacerdotal, with a difference that is so slight that an amendment of a Canon a few years ago, sent nearly a score of them out of this diocese, it will be remembered, into the Church of Rome. In my judgment it is certain that the dropping of the title Protestant, and the assumption of the title Catholic will be regarded by the Protestant world as a repudiation of the Reformation, and an endeavor to adopt a position closer to Rome, and further off from our Protestant brethren. It will be impossible to resist this interpretation in the light of the steady assimilation of the celebration of the Communion in these Anglo-Catholic Churches, to the sacrifice of the mass.

Now the great body of the laity of our Church is Protestant. They accept these ritual developments as mere changes of ecclesiastical fashions, and efforts to increase the aesthetic attractiveness of our services. When, however, they realize that our Church is being fashioned into another pattern, they will either disrupt her, or they will drop out and turn to other households of faith.

The gravity of the processes that are at work in many clerical minds must not be minimized. Hitherto the Protestant Episcopal Church has been large enough to hold men of the school of Bishop White and men of the school of Bishop Seabury, men who admired Jewell, and men who admired Land. Let this repudiation of the title Protestant be brought about and this term Catholic in its necessarily partisan sense, as applied to a national church, he adopted, and the most comprehensive church in Christendom will have lost its breadth. There will be room in it for only one school.

The narrowing influences which have forced out of the Church of England so large a part of the conscience and intelligence of England will do a similar work in our Church and we shall see ourselves preyed on by the Roman Church, to which we will constantly contribute larger and larger bodies of recruits, and regarded with disfavor by our Protestant brethren as a Church disloyal to its own past, and anxious to dissociate itself from them.

What is needed is to awake the laity to the position. They must make their voices heard. They must use their power. Unfortunately the General Convention is not truly a representative body. The little dioceses, like Marquette, have the same vote as a great diocese like Massachusetts. In most of the dioceses the delegates pay their own expenses, and only rich men of comparative leisure can act as lay deputies. The diocesan conventions elect deputies for local and personal reasons, without regard to their views on the great questions at issue. It therefore becomes the duty of the Vestries to let the Church know the views of the congregations, that they represent, to elect men to the Diocesan Convention who will oppose this change of name, and to use every endeavor to bring about the election of deputies who will resist this proposed change. Some Vestries have already passed similar resolutions, and it is hoped that the movement may extend throughout the diocese.

On Easter Day the Envelope-Year will close, and immediately thereafter will begin a new year. Our packages are now being printed and will soon be distributed. The great need now is to gain the co-operation of our members, and attendants who have not yet accepted the system. It has the following good arguments.

Firstly, it accords with the Apostolic injunction that everyone should on the first day of the week contribute as God hath prospered him.

Secondly, it cultivates a habit of giving.

Thirdly, it enables us to give to our own church and also to help others at every service.

Fourthly, it has greatly increased the offerings wherever it has been tried.

Fifthly, it increases love to the Church and loyalty to religion, since we love the cause for which we make sacrifices.

Sixthly, it distributes the burdens and makes everyone feel that he is an integral part of the congregation.

Seventhly, it prevents the Church from losing our offerings on the Sundays when we may be absent.

Will those who are not now using the envelopes, kindly let me know whether they will accept and use a package?

Musical Program

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MARCH 2.

A. M.
Offertory, "There shall be no night" *D. D. Wood*

3.30 P. M.
"Olivet to Calvary," 1st Part ..... *Maunder*

4.00 P. M.
Magnificat, E flat ..... *Barnby*
"Olivet to Calvary," 2d Part ..... *Maunder*

MARCH 9.

A. M.
Te Deum, B minor ..... *Buck*
Benedictus Chant.
"If with all your hearts" ..... *Mendelssohn*

3.30 P. M.
Serenade ..... *Schubert*
Andante 5th Symphony ..... *Beethoven*
Canon ..... *Schumann*

4.00 P. M.
Magnificat, E flat ..... *West*
"Blessed is he" ..... *Gounod*
"Thus saith the Lord" ..... *Haendel*

MARCH 16.

A. M.
Benedicite in F ..... *Martin*
Benedictus Chant.
"The Palms" ..... *Faure*

3.30 P. M.
"The seven last words on the cross" *Otto Malling*

4.00 P. M.
Magnificat in C ..... *Fanning*
"God is a Spirit" ..... *Bennett*
"My hope is in the Everlasting" .... *Stainer*

MARCH 23.

A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in G ..... *Calkin*
"Gloria in Excelsis" ..... *Gounod*
"Hosanna" ..... *Granier*
"Sanctus" ..... *Gounod*

3.30 P. M.
March ..... *Lemmens*
"Spring Song" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"Spring Song" ..... *Wagner*
"Pilgrim's Song" ..... *Batiste*

4.00 P. M.
Magnificat in A ..... *Martin*
Nunc Dimittis in E flat ..... *West*
"Gloria in Excelsis" ..... *Gounod*
"Behold I show you a mystery". *D. D. Wood*
"I know that my Redeemer liveth .. *Haendel*
"Hallelujah Chorus" ..... *Haendel*

MARCH 30.

A. M.
Te Deum in C ..... *Gounod*
Jubilate Bb ..... *Stanford*
"Power Eternal" ..... *Rossini*

4.00 P. M.
Carol Service.

A Noble Memorial to Mr. Horace Magee.

At the meeting of the Vestry on March 3d, the Accounting Warden, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, informed the Vestry that Mr. James R. Magee had placed in his hands $25,000, the gift of his sisters, Miss Fanny S. Magee, Miss Anna J. Magee and himself, as a memorial to their brother Horace, and a contribution to the permanent endowment fund of St. Stephen's Church. This splendid gift has been acknowledged by the Vestry in a suitable resolution, in which they have expressed the gratitude not only of themselves, but also of the whole congregation. The memorial could have taken no form more helpful. A church cannot be maintained in the position which St. Stephen's occupies in the heart of the business section without the aid of a large endowment to provide the necessary equipment, and the income of this gift will be a most substantial assistance. It comes from a family that has already given a most unusual number of beautiful memorials to our Church, the great stained glass window in the east wall of the transept, the Mosaic over the Altar, and the great organ, and now comes this addition to the endowment. No gift could be a more appropriate memorial to their brother. Deep and abiding was his affection for St. Stephen's. He showed his solicitude for its welfare in many generous ways, and this gift, we know, comes to us not only as the gift of his brother and sisters, but also as their voluntary fulfilment of purposes they knew to be long cherished by their brother, and so in a sense as a gift from him also. Deeply indeed is the name of Horace Magee graven among the names of the benefactors of this Church. May St. Stephen's show its gratitude by its faithful service and so make this benefaction a source of blessing to many.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church at their stated meeting of March 3d, 1913:

"*Resolved*, That the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen do hereby send their sincere thanks to Miss Fannie S. Magee, Miss Anna J. Magee and Mr. James R. Magee for their generous gift of $25,000, to be added to the Endowment Fund of this Church, and in accordance with their expressed wishes, the principal sum shall be permanently invested, and held in our Endowment Fund as 'The Horace Magee Memorial Fund,' the income therefrom to be applied to the general expenses of the Parish."

All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

The Missionary Study Class, in charge of Mrs. Charles B. McLean, meets on Thursday mornings at 11 o'clock in the Guild Room of the Parish House. Subject—"The progress and condition of Missions in Japan."

The annual Parochial Meeting will be held according to our custom on the second Monday after Easter, April 7th, at 8 P. M. All the societies and organizations connected with the Church, from Vestry down, are requested to attend, and the members are asked to sit together as far as possible.

Notice has been sent to the presidents and secretaries, and reports will be read as usual. Please make a note of the evening, and reserve it for this important congregational meeting. The invitation to be present is extended to everyone who is in any way connected with St. Stephen's.

The Wood Memorial.

It would indeed be gratifying to the committee in charge of this fund, if the entire amount, $2,500, might be in hand on Easter Day, March 23d, which marks the third anniversary of Doctor Wood's death.

It will be seen by the report of the treasurer, Mr. C. Howard Colket, that $600 is still needed to complete this fund. There ought to be no difficulty in securing this amount by Easter, and it is earnestly hoped those who have not already contributed will speedily respond to this appeal, that there may be no delay in honoring the memory of this distinguished musician, who gave so many years of valued service to this Parish and the community.

David D. Wood Memorial Fund.

Contributions in the order in which they were received:

Andrew Wheeler	$10 00
Adam Geibel	5 00
Miss Anna Farrell	1 00
F. Gutekunst	5 00
Mrs. H. G. Fisher	5 00
Miss M. Josephine Hecker	1 00
William H. Hansell	5 00
Miss Gertrude Reess	2 00
Miss Jane C. Tuttle	1 00
D. H. Ezerman	5 00
Cash	2 00
Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.	15 00
John F. Maher	5 00
John H. Carr	2 00
Miss Susanne P. Billings	5 00
Miss Nora M. Burke	5 00
John W. Trinkle	100 00
Miss Hepsey N. Wells	5 00
G. Bond Cochran	10 00
Miss Isabell Small	5 00
Rev. John K. Lewis	2 00
John G. Whilldin	5 00
Miss A. W. Denney	5 00
Miss Virginia Henderson	5 00
William C. Young	5 00
Mrs. Bessie Husted Glover	1 00
Miss Marion C. Ritchie	1 50
Andrew Luck	10 00
Miss Delia P. Gibson	1 00
Lewis L. Forman	25 00
Miss Agnes M. Matthews	3 00
David S. Bispham	10 00
Miss Carrie H. Matchin	2 00
Mrs. John Bunting	1 00
Uselma Clarke Smith	12 50
J. Hunter Ewing	25 00
William H. Castle	20 00
Cash	10 00
Strickland L. Kneass	5 00
Miss Bertha Hubenthal	1 00
Miss Charlotte Pennypacker	10 00
Mrs. E. F. Lineaweaver	5 00
Mrs. Hermann H. Grebe	10 00
Dr. Elwood Worcester	25 00
Dr. Carl E. Grammer	10 00
The Misses Headman	5 00
Miss Louise Betts Edwards	5 00
Arthur L. Church	5 00
The Misses Maulsby (Additional)	20 00
Leon S. Adger	5 00
St. Stephen's Sunday School	37 00
	$481 00
Previously acknowledged	$1,418.00
	$1,899 00

The Parish Visitor's Report.

The past winter having been unusually mild we have not had the suffering from hunger and lack of fuel that generally attends a severe winter, but we have other cases equally urgent, for instance,—three sisters, living alone in a tiny house, dependent for everything upon the wages that one could bring in for the other, who was the housekeeper, had a stroke of paralysis, so the other sister had to give up her position and nurse the ill one as well as do the housework. The landlord is kind in this particular case and is willing to wait for the rent, as they have been his tenants for many years and always paid promptly.

Another case is that of an old man, eighty-six years of age, and who is an epileptic as well as a sufferer from hemorrhage of the lungs, though still clings to life, mumbling often to himself: "I will live," and yet what does life hold for him. Miss Gebhard's memorial does a great deal for his comfort.

I would like to ask for $20 with which to buy a sewing machine for a poor woman. She is compelled to earn her living and also support a blind daugther.

These are a few of the cases that we have in charge. Then there are the hospital cases to visit, the school children as well as the infirm and the discouraged. Truly our Lord said: "The poor ye have always with you."

K. H. L.

King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle have their next meetings March 5th and March 19th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, 8 o'clock. The Circle is very busy with their Lenten sewing.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in February for shoes:

Miss Laura Bell	$1 00
From those receiving shoes	3 35
Total	$4 35
Expended for shoes	1 50
Balance	$2 85

Have given out in February, 20 pairs of shoes and 12 pairs of overshoes.

The St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been holding a series of monthly meetings during the winter at which addresses have been made upon the various forms of social work which are being conducted in the city of Philadelphia.

On March 11, 1913, at 8 P. M., it is expected to have an address delivered by Mr. Thomas St. Clair Evans, who has charge of the Y. M. C. A. work at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Evans has helped to make the Y. M. C. A. a living factor in the life of the University of Pennsylvania, and has helped to develop amongst the students there a useful type of Christian life and character. He is going to talk about this work. The subject is one which is exceedingly interesting, and it is to be sincerely hoped that not only all of the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be present on the evening in question, but that as many members of the congregation as can will also be present.

The series of talks have not only proved entertaining, but exceedingly instructive. The first address, though somewhat out of the course, was delivered by Dr. Charles Emory Johnson, who gave a most useful talk on the Panama Canal. His peculiar knowledge of this subject gave him a special fitness for the delivery of this address, and those who heard it learned much about the Canal which doubtless had never occurred to them before.

The second address, which was delivered in January, was given by Mr. David Terry, of the Society for the Protection of Children from Cruelty. It was a source of great gratification to know that such a work of love is being conducted in this City of Brotherly Love; that the aim of this work is to encourage the parents to love the children rather than to take the children and make of them institution-made men and women.

At the third and last meeting of the Brotherhood, on February 11th, Mrs. R. R. P. Bradford, of the Light House Mission, spoke upon the wonderful work which that institution has rendered in Kensington. The splendid inspiration of her work was felt by all present, and the discussion of her visit to us has been such as to make anything more said but repetition. Those who were not present are to be sympathized with in having missed an opportunity to hear a soul-inspiring and uplifting work well described by one of its founders.

The aim of the Chapter in arranging for these addresses is to bring to the people of St. Stephen's Church knowledge of that which is being done in the various forms of social activity in our city, and to help our Rector in his splendid efforts to make St. Stephen's Church an active influence for a better Christian life in this community.

It is to be sincerely hoped that all who may read and hear of these addresses will make a special effort to be present on the evening of March 11th, at 8 P. M.

I. S. R.

The men of the congregation ought to be especially interested in the address on Tuesday, March 11th, as some suggestions may be made that may enable us to reach out successfully and gain some of the large student population that resides near our Church.

C. E. G.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The February meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met in the Parish House Feb. 20th at eleven o'clock. The president was in the chair and there were thirty-one members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report showing a balance of $49.30 was accepted.

The representatives of the various committees gave reports of their meetings held during the month at the Church House.

Miss Anna Magee, treasurer of the United Offering, is making a great effort to have seven hundred dollars as St. Stephen's gift at the next tri-ennial offering, which is to be held in October, 1913. Miss Magee reported that there are now 140 women missionaries, supported by this offering, who receive an average salary of about $550 a year.

After the various reports were given, Mrs. R. P. Bradford, of the Light House Mission, was introduced by Miss Bell, and gave a most interesting talk of her work in the Neighborhood House in the northeast section of Philadelphia. This work is philanthropic as well as Christian and is entirely to supply uncommercialized recreational opportunities for the working people.

There is the saloon whch Mrs. Bradford thinks is the most degenerating place of amusement. In Philadelphia there are 2,000—in the community surrounding the Light House there are 116. The small theatre is next in degenerating influence—the bill boards tell us enough. Of the moving picture houses there are 150. The dance halls are totally unsupervised, there being no laws regulating these places in Philadelphia.

Many of the athletic clubs furnish a weekly prize fight. There is also the pool room, the amusement park and the excursion boat. All these offer recreation, but they all draw money from the pay envelope.

The Light House Mission has reading rooms; classes for teaching whatever the young people want; a music school; trained nurses for the sick, and Mrs. Bradford has instituted savings funds, fuel funds, etc.

There is an average membership of 400 men, 400 girls and 800 boys, and the work is supported by voluntary contributions entirely.

The Auxiliary gave $25 to this work.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish House, March 20th, at 11 o'clock.

MARY DEHAVEN BRIGHT, *Secretary.*
Per B. E. H.

Memorial Flower Fund.

In April of last year a member of the congregation suggested that we start a Memorial Flower Fund. This was done at once and the alacrity with which the members of the church responded was an evidence of their approval. It is hoped that this interest may manifest itself again during the coming church year. Any contributor desiring to commemorate any loved one on the Sunday nearest to the date selected last year, is requested to notify Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. The following dates of 1913 have been taken:

Jan. 5.—
12.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mrs. Ernst.
26.—Mrs. Taylor.
Feb. 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
9.—Miss Van Dusen.
16.—Dr. Fell.
23.—
March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
16.—Palm Sunday.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Mr. Anderson.
April 6.—Miss Townsend.
13.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
20.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
27.—Dr. Grammer.
May 4.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
11.—
18.—Miss Townsend.
25.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
June 1.—
8.—
15.—
22.—
29.—
July 6.—
13.—
20.—Dr. and Mrs. Fell.
27.—
Aug. 3.—
10.—
17.—
24.—
31.—
Sept. 7.—
14.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
21.—
28.—
Oct. 5.—
12.—Miss Maulsby.
19.—Mrs. Sheble.
26.
All Saints Day.—Mrs. Arrison.
Nov. 2.—
9.—
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Miss Eisenbrey.
30.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 7.—
14.—
21.—
28.—

Burd School.

The Burd School Chorus, under the direction of Miss Mary E. Barclay, wishes to announce their second annual concert to be given at the school, 63d and Market streets, on Saturday evening, April 5th, 1913, at 8 o'clock. The chorus will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Bonner, contralto, and Mr. Howard B. Stavers, bass. Admission, 40 cents. We hope all of our friends who are interested in the work which is being done at the school will make a special effort to be present.

The money obtained from the concert will be used to help pay for a new piano which was very much needed, and for special lessons in voice for two members of our chorus.

ORA M. HARNISH,
Principal.

The Sunday School.

We are hard at work on the Bible Characters of the Old Testament and the History of the Hebrew People, as arranged by the Sunday School Association of the Diocese. It is not an easy course of study, but therein is pos-

sibly better, as it requires more earnest application to get the contained truth. We left the more interesting study of the events in the Life of Paul and the Apostles with reluctance, but we see the advantage in our present lessons, as they will lead us to a better appreciation and understanding of the New Testament and the Life of Christ. The first Sunday in January and the first Sunday in February, the Superintendent reviewed the Old Testament from Genesis and the story of the Creation to the Life of Elijah by means of our lantern, and some one hundred and fifty illustrations. This review will continue in April.

The first Sunday in March the review was laid aside for a Missionary study by means of the lantern and pictures. Some fifty beautifully colored slides were shown illustrating the Life of the Great African Missionary and Explorer, David Livingstone. The one hundredth anniversary of his birth is to be universally celebrated during the coming month.

On Sunday afternoon, March 30th, at four o'clock, in the Church, the Easter Carol service of our School and the combined Burd School will be held as usual and we expect the brightness and joys of former festivals and invite all to be present, including our friends and former teachers and scholars.

The recent confirmation by Bishop Garland on Sunday morning in our church was a most cheering sight to many of our teachers. Their prayers and faithful teaching during the past year was rewarded by seeing many of their scholars confirmed—to see the year's fruitage ripened and accepted in that beautiful morning consecration.

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

The members of the Girls' Friendly Society, whose Lenten work is cutting from the various magazines interesting reading matter, short stories, etc., and arranging them in a convenient form for use of the sick in hospitals, report that they are entirely out of periodicals and would greatly appreciate gifts of a number of the smaller magazines, the larger ones, such as the *Home Journal, Home Companion* and *Saturday Evening Post* not being adapted for this purpose because of size.

It is hoped there will be a speedy response to this appeal, that the work may go on uninterruptedly. All magazines for this work to be sent to the Parish House, marked for "Girls' Friendly Society."

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Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder,

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Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Arthur Hood.

Basses.

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale.

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James Carrigan,
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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
SOCIAL HOUR AND SONG SERVICE, 7.45 to 9 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
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Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 8 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, Mrs. Croxton, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, the Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Dale.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President. —Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley, Miss Zeilin.

Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.

President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Mrs. Howard Butcher.
Assistants.—Mrs. C. Miesse, Miss Anna Farrell.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

April 6.—Second Sunday after Easter.
13.—Third Sunday after Easter.
20.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
25.—Friday, St. Mark Evangelist.
27.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.

Parish Register.

BAPTISMS.

March 9.—Edna Jane Dorothy Sullinger.
Raymond Hattman Lieby.
William Edward Womelsdorf.

MARRIAGES.

March 5.—Howard R. Sines and Emilie W. Costigan.
6.—Charles S. Samuels and Olga A. Wise.
18.—John T. Robinson and Elizabeth E. Wenzel.
26.—Michael Hewitt and Hattie Weyhenmeyer.

BURIALS.

March 17.—Stephen N. Winslow.
25.—Robert T. Martin.
27.—Mrs. Sarah A. Cornwall.

Offerings Received from March 2, 1913, Fourth Sunday in Lent, to March 30th, 1913, First Sunday After Easter.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASIN, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$50 31	
Parochial Maintenance	37 06	
Missionary Box	106 19	
Easter Decorations	53 56	
City Missions	30 76	
St. Stephen's Farm	235 26	
Philadelphia Fund for the Flood Sufferers	130 00	
Sunday School	10 51	
		$653 65

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$124 71	
Parochial Maintenance	301 93	
Missions	211 33	
St. Stephen's Farm	1,178 75	
Theological Education	.10	
Work Among Our Boys	.80	
Benevolent Society	1 45	
Episcopal Hospital	1.80	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1 35	
Domestic Missions	32 84	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 15	
Diocesan Missions	25 25	
Foreign Missions	1 55	
Colored Missions	1 25	
Indian Missions	.05	
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	180 85	
City Missions	45 34	
Easter Decorations	66 81	
Missionary Box	2 72	
		2,181 03
		$2,834 68

SUMMARY.

Charities	$175 02
Parochial Maintenance	338 99
Missions	211 33
Missionary Box	108 91
Easter Decorations	120 37
City Missions	76 10
St. Stephen's Farm	1,414 01
Philadelphia Fund for the Flood Sufferers	130 00
Sunday School	10 51
Theological Education	.10
Work Among Our Boys	.80
Benevolent Society	1 45
Episcopal Hospital	1 80
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1 35
Domestic Missions	32 84
Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 15
Diocesan Missions	25 25
Foreign Missions	1 55
Colored Missions	1 25
Indian Missions	.05
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	180 85
	$2,834 68

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Offerings Received During the Church's Financial Year, April 1, 1912, to March 31, 1913.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$360 93
Parochial Maintenance	470 45
Missions	14 23
Missionary Box	323 01
City Missions	69 05
St. Stephen's Farm	416 31
Sunday School	34 37
Benevolent Society	67 18
Theological Education	27 71
Work Among Our Boys	16 00
Episcopal Hospital	28 27
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	31 80
Aged and Infirm Clergy	48 22
Foreign Missions	24 45
Bishop's Offering	45 69
Colored Missions	7 74
Diocesan Missions	35 23
Domestic Missions	43 03
Easter Decorations	53 56
Philadelphia Fund for the Flood Sufferers	130 00
	$2,247 23

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$1,002 54
Parochial Maintenance	1,765 39
Missions	1,106 79
Missionary Box	79 47
City Missions	75 48
Benevolent Society	140 96
St. Stephen's Farm	2,166 37
Theological Education	31 61
Work Among Our Boys	114 07
Episcopal Hospital	334 76
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	91 86
Aged and Infirm Clergy	241 44
Foreign Missions	82 61
Colored Missions	39 54
Domestic Missions	196 05
Easter Decorations	75 82
Indian Missions	48 14
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	713 55
Diocesan Missions received through the Rector	632 31
	$8.938 76
	$11,185 99

SUMMARY.

Charities	$1,363 47
Parochial Maintenance	2,235 84
Missions	1,121 02
Missionary Box	402 48
City Missions	144 53
Benevolent Society	208 14
St. Stephen's Farm	2,582 68
Theological Education	59 32
Work Among Our Boys	130 07
Episcopal Hospital	363 03
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	123 66
Aged and Infirm Clergy	289 66
Foreign Missions	107 06
Colored Missions	47 28
Domestic Missions	239 08
Easter Decorations	129 38
Indian Missions	48 14
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	713 55
Diocesan Missions	667 54
Sunday School	34 37
Bishop's Offering	45 69
Philadelphia Fund for the Flood Sufferers	130 00
	$11,185 99

Note.—Statement includes two Easter offerings, April 7, 1912, and March 23, 1913.

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Offerings received at St. Stephen's Church.

Financial year ending	March 31, 1912.	March 31, 1913.
Charities	$1,496 79	$1,363 47
Parochial Maintenance	1,920 99	2,235 84
Missions	1,046 37	1,121 02
Missionary Box	366 38	402 48
City Missions	67 50	144 53
Benevolent Society	194 13	208 14
St. Stephen's Farm	1,114 05	2,582 68
Theological Education	30 97	59 32
Work Among Our Boys	128 11	130 07
Episcopal Hospital	282 15	363 03
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	102 89	123 66
Aged and Infirm Clergy	153 89	289 66
Foreign Missions	74 36	107 06
Colored Missions	31 95	47 28
Domestic Missions	186 06	239 08
Easter Decorations	215 95	129 38
Indian Missions	38 36	48 14
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	203 10	713 55
Diocesan Missions	587 12	667 54
Sunday School	19 86	34 37
Bishop's Offering	78 71	45 69
Phila. Fund for the Flood Sufferers	.....	130 00
	$8,339 69	$11,185 99

Note.—Year ending March 31, 1913, includes two Easter offerings, April 7, 1912. and March 23, 1913.

The Wood Memorial Fund has reached such dimensions that a meeting of the committee will soon be called to determine the form which the memorial shall assume. The large number of persons who have contributed is of itself a great tribute to Dr. Wood. Three years have passed since the Easter when he entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God, but his memory is still fresh and fragrant and the affection that he awoke by his brave, loving character, still glows warmly in many loyal hearts. The following is the list of the contributors since the last report:

DAVID D. WOOD MEMORIAL FUND.

Contributed in the order in which they were received:

Herbert S. Drew	$5 00
Cash	5 00
Selden Miller	20 00
Mrs. Walter J. Freeman	10 00
Miss Margaret Sneddin	1 00
Miss Anna R. Parker	1 00
Miss Mary Tweedie	2 00
W. Warren Shaw	5 00
Thos. E. Shoemaker	10 00
Miss Gertrude L. Klinger	5 00
William J. Boehm	5 00

Arthur Peterson	25 00
Miss Elsie B. Wood	20 00
Samuel Campbell	5 00
H. O. Burdette	10 00
Miss Julia Garrett (additional)	25 00
Mrs. O. C. Adger	1 00
Julian F. Adger	5 00
Miss Jennie Roberts	1 00
Miss May Porter	5 00
Mrs. J. Ernest Goodman	5 00
John G. Ingle	10 00
Oscar Streland	5 00
Miss E. L. Mendenhall	3 00
Miss Jennie M. Carroll	2 00
Cash	3 00
Mrs. John O. Sheatz	10 00
The David D. Wood Memorial Association	10 00
Mrs. David D. Wood	30 00
Mrs. Carl Royer	10 00
Chas. Johnson	2 00
A. A. Cannon	1 00
E. G. Gardner	10 00
Joseph Smith	5 00
Cash	1 00
James M. Dickinson	2 00
J. H. Estep	5 00
O. H. Burdette	5 00
Dr. Irvin J. Morgan	15 00
Charles L. McKeehan	25 00
Miss Clara Hess	5 00
Charles F. Sladen	2 00
C. E. Haskell	100 00
Rev. C. A. R. Janvier	2 00
J. Albert Caldwell	50 00
	$484 00
Previously acknowledged	1,899 00
	$2,383 00

C. HOWARD COLKET,
Treasurer.

These reports, made at the Parish Meeting, April 7th, will make pleasant reading and tell their own story. The year has been marked by faithful and fruitful service, and by harmonious co-operation. We have much for which to be thankful. The splendid addition of $25,000 to our Endowment as a memorial to Horace Magee is a great help.

The report of the Accounting Warden was made orally, and told us that we held our own. He praised the working of the Envelope System, and his eucomiums were borne out by the report of Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., which is contained in this issue, in more detail than he gave it to the Parochial meeting. The meeting itself was attended by a larger number of pew-holders than usual, but the attendance of the Girls' Friendly was not quite as large as last year.

While it is very disturbing to have the schooling of the girls at the Burd School broken up by measles and other infectious diseases, we are fortunate in the happy issue of these sicknesses, and in the absence of any fatal case. Moreover, the school will now be immune for some time from these diseases.

Mr. William Edwards, who is now a student at the Divinity School, but will be ordained Deacon at the close of the session, has been permitted, by the Bishop, to accept the position of assistant at St. Stephen's and will begin at once to act as lay-reader.

On visiting a sick boy, I found THE PARISH NEWS lying beside him. He said that he had read every word of it, and looked forward to its coming. I am afraid that there is but little in this PARISH NEWS that will cheer the lonely or comfort the troubled. Yet the figures of these reports may bring a message of consolation if we remember that this is a record of works of love and good-will. These gifts flow out of fountains of kindness, loyalty and affection. If God creates such tender and loyal natures, how good must He be Himself, how safe we are in His hands, how certain we can be that He will not suffer us to be tempted or pressed down by more than we are able to bear. Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord. C. E. G.

Altar Society.

The Altar Society presents its twenty-ninth annual report, as follows:

The Superintendent reports a purple stole given to St. Stephen's by Miss Isabel Collins, through Miss Carpin. A Fair Linen Cloth, three Purificators and two Chalice Veils, all partly worn, were given to Miss Neilson for the Rev. Mr. Bannell, of Greely, Colorado. A set of white book markers and partly worn Altar linenware also were given to Miss Neilson to dispose of at her discretion.

In April of last year, Miss Laura Bell suggested the idea of a Memorial Flower Fund. This met with an immediate response, thirty-eight Sundays of the year have been subscribed for by members of the congregation.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand April 8th, 1912	$9 77	
Balance of Special Fund transferred	3 93	
Received for Memorial Flowers	102 00	
Received from Dr. Grammer	45 00	
From Collections for Easter Flowers.	75 00	
		$235 70

EXPENDITURES.

Flowers	$89 50	
Silk and Linen and Ribbon	6 87	
Fruit	3 50	
Palms	4 30	
Dusters, Whisks, etc.	2 90	
Calendar and Postals	1 75	
Mending Linens	2 00	
Easter Decorations	75 00	
		185 82
Balance on hand April 7th, 1913		$49 88

AGNES M. F. NOBLIT,
Treasurer.

ANNE E. EISENBREY,
Superintendent.

Memorial Flowers.

The cost of flowers for the Altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and address to Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street.

Jan. 5.—
12.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mrs. Ernst.
26.—Mrs. Taylor.
Feb. 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
9.—Miss Van Dusen.
16.—Dr. Fell.
23.—
March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
16.—Palm Sunday.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Mr. Anderson.
April 6.—Miss Townsend.
13.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
20.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
27.—Dr. Grammer.
May 4.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
11.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
18.—Miss Townsend.
25.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
June 1.—
8.—
15.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
22.—
29.—
July 6.—
13.—
20.—Dr. and Mrs. Fell.
27.—
Aug. 3.—
10.—
17.—
24.—
31.—Miss Helen Shellenberger.
Sept. 7.—Mrs. Lane.
14.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
21.—
28.—
Oct. 5.—
12.—Miss Maulsby.
19.—Mrs. Sheble.
26.—
All Saints Day.—Mrs. Arrison.
Nov. 2.—
9.—
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Miss Eisenbrey.
30.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 7.—Miss Davis.
14.—
21.—Mrs. Petry.
28.—

Missionary Box Committee.

The Missionary Box Committee reports as follows:

DR.

1912.		
April 8.—Balance on hand	$10 77	
1.—Interest	3 27	
Oct. .—From St. Andrew's Brotherhood Collections	275 29	
Envelope System	27 88	
Dec. 9.—Estate of A. Marion Knight	10 00	
30.—Envelope System	64 19	
1913		
Feb. —Contribution from Mrs. Hand	1 00	
		$392 40

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BOXES SENT FROM DEC., 1912, TO FEB., 1913.

1912.		
Dec. 4.—Bishop Restarick's Appeal for boys clothing in Honolulu	$15 00	
21.—Box to the Rev. Alonzo Morgan. Portsmouth, Va.	100 00	
Feb. 12.—Box to the Rev. L. R. Combs, Ottoman, Virginia	129 43	
Box to the Rev. Mr. Ware, Bolivar, Tenn.	90 00	
22.—A donation to the Rev. Mr. Ware to help repair the church roof, Bolivar, Tenn.	10 00	
Box and expressage to Ottoman, Virginia	2 20	
	$346 63	
Balance on hand	45 77	
	$392 40	

ALBERTA S. VAN DUSEN,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
April 6th, 1913. ROBERT T. BOYD.

The United Offering is a continual one, made every three years at the time and place of meeting of the General Convention, when the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions has its Triennial Service.

Who gives the United Offering?

It is given by the women and girls of the American Church and its Missions, not auxiliary members only, but all women.

The United Offering of 1910 represented the gifts of eighty-seven dioceses of the American Churches.

There are at present about 300 missionaries receiving stipends from the Board of Missions. Of these 140 are supported by the United Offering. The proportion of Domestic to Foreign workers is about two to one, but the salary of the latter is much larger.

When we asked what is the best thing about the United Offering, that in twenty-one years it grew from $2,000 to $243,000, and in those twenty-one years it brought into the treasury of the Board of Missions $911,000.

We are glad our United Offering has helped so far, but there is not one of us but knows that if every woman in the Church for twenty-one years had given thankfully according to her means, the total would have been far beyond any such sum as this.

But the large part of our United Offerings made in the years 1898, 1904, 1907, 1910 has been devoted to the care of women at work in the mission field and in the course of the fourteen years, since 1898, 1,413 salaries have been paid; $310,420 have been expended for this purpose in the Domestic field, and $338,691 for the Foreign. The Foreign receives $28,270 more than the Domestic.

The United Offering Annual Presentation Service will be held in the Church of the Holy Apostles, 21st and Christian streets, on Thursday, May 1st, at ten-thirty o'clock.

At the last auxiliary meeting I reported	$200 00
Received since then	50 00
	$250 00
Received in 1911-1912	400 00
Making a total received for the last 3 years	$650 00

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

April 7, 1913.

Report of the Sunday School.

The strength of our Sunday School is best shown in our Annual Easter Carol Service, which this spring had to contend with a showery afternoon and the absence of most of the Burd School scholars owing to illness. Nevertheless, at this service on March 30th, the Sunday afternoon following Easter, we overcame our difficulties and at 4 P. M. our Processional Hymn was heartily rendered, when the united school forces marched happily into the church and filled both sides of the middle aisle. Dr. Anthony, our musical leader, tells us that the Carols were never better sung, and with the aid of the older scholars of the Burd School, whom we were fortunately able to have present, we were able to sing the two part carols, even better than last year.

Dr. Grammer cheerfully received the mission offerings of the classes separately, and the unusual zeal of several, helped very much to bring our sum total very creditably high, as shown by our secretary and treasurer's report herewith.

The Primary Department, under the guidance of Miss Corrigan, Miss Goss and Miss Elsie Traul, so well rendered their Easter Carol that the Rector requested its repetition. Rev. Mr. Cannon earnestly addressed us and the resplendent electrical lighted Cross, with its beautiful flowers, so well arranged by Mr. Kirkpatrick, added its brightness and cheer to this happy occasion.

Our Christmas exercises and play—our festival occasions—and many social evenings, all help to keep the school well together and interested. The "Cross and Crown" system of awarding badges, certificates and buttons, for constancy in attendance, has been useful during the past year. While we miss the use of up-to-date moving pictures, yet with lantern slides we have been able each month to illustrate and review our lessons, or present an illustrated missionary talk—notably, "The Life of David Livingstone," and during "Holy Week," "The Life of Christ," showing the beautiful Copping pictures and Tissot's realistic scenes.

Our Cradle Roll is very much alive under the care of Miss Sinclair and this year's list of confirmed scholars was most creditable to the teachers and pleasing to our Rector. We have been fortunate in adding Miss M. Corrigan and Miss Brown to our list of faithful teachers, as well as to have the renewed assistance of Miss Dale. The School has made a good response in its contribution towards the appeal for a memorial to David D. Wood, and is very grateful for the fine portrait of its former musical leader, recently presented by Mrs. Wood.

While our building is much out-of-date, we can say it is well filled with an earnest and loyal school, and considering its disadvantages, keeps well to its tasks and, besides, takes its part in outside activities. We had representatives in last fall's parade of Sunday School Scholars, (and about twenty-five of our young men and older boys were in the big Bible Class Demonstration of last October tenth, not forgetting the part our young people took in the great Musical Festival last October at Convention Hall. All the events together with the teachers' supper and the successful "Retreat" last June, when the Rector, teachers and officers spent several days at St. Stephen's Farm, keep us together with live interest. So that with the Farm, the Summer Outings, the continuous Sunday morning sessions, summer and winter, we can happily report that while we may not be increasing in numbers, we are at least progressing in Bible study and in the development of Christian character.

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

RECEIPTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PURPOSES.

1912.		
June	1.—Amount received from Dr. Grammer	$50 00
Dec.	5.—Amount received from Dr. Grammer	75 00
1913.		
Jan.	6.—Amount received from Church Collection 12-22-12, for Christmas Festival	113 81
March	24.—Amount received from Church Collection for Easter Decorations	42 38
		$281 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Lesson Books. etc.	$28 86
Printing	11 80
Prizes	5 00
Lantern slides, etc., for illustration purposes, reviewing the lessons	21 75
Summer excursion, Christmas Festival, and Easter Anniversary	167 29
Balance on hand	46 49
	$281 19

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS.

Amount of collections from Sunday School Scholars from April to June, 1912, and from October, 1912, to April, 1913, not including Advent	$125 63
Amount of Collections from Sunday School Scholars, Advent	18 62
Interest on above	1 46
Amount of Collections from Sunday School Scholars, Lenten	125 00
	$270 71

DISBURSEMENTS.

1913.		
Jan.	18.—Paid J. Lee Patton, Treasurer, for support of the work of the Sunday School Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania	5 00
	Paid E. H. Bonsall, Treasurer, Contribution to the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association	5 00
April	7.—Paid J. Hunter Ewing, Treasurer, for Missions	260 71
		$270 71

W. J. KIRKPATRICK,
Sec'y and Treas.

The Alpha Kappa Society.

This society of the young men of the Sunday School, whose function is the advancing of the social life of the school, reports that it has given two evenings of entertainment and instruction, sending out cards of invitation to the members of the school as well as to the members of our Girls' Friendly Society.

The first occurred Wednesday, December 4th, when one of its members, Charles H. Moore, presented an illustrated lecture on "Panama," showing with beautiful lantern slides the progress of the Isthmus Canal. The second entertainment, to which invitations were sent out as usual, was on Tuesday evening, January 28th, when our Chaplain illustrated the previous summer's Outings—scenes on our Farm—the class picnics, and other happy memories of the good old summer time.

We are planning for a closing of this season's activities with another "Social Evening" for Thursday, May 1st, in the Sunday School Room. The Treasurer reports expending $9.64 for the costs of the above entertainments and that he has remaining in the treasury, April 7th, 1913, $7.75.

W. S. BROWN,
Treasurer.

The Work Among Our Boys.

The Boys' Club and United States Senate meets every Friday evening during the winter at 7.30 and adjourns at 8.15 for athletic instruction and games under Mr. Fountain, the physical instructor. We are all indebted to Mr. Boyd, of the Vestry, for his kindly interest and attendance at our meetings. The modified Basket Ball has added much interest un-

der the guidance of Mr. Fountain, and while it was started rather late this season for the boys to get it in full swing, yet by next winter they should be able to compete in the fastest league games. The first team has lost no game thus far, though the younger team has. We have competed with the Morton Boys' Club, the Cherry A. C., the Calvary Presbyterian Boys' Club, The Trinity M. E., the First United and the Second Baptist Boys and expect to take part in the Interchurch Athletic Meet of next May, wherein we carried off so many medals last year. We are planning for an athletic exhibition in our Sunday School Building for the last Friday evening in April, and hope our friends will help us by their presence. We are very grateful to all who have so kindly helped by their subscriptions to the funds for "Our Boys' Work," and append hereto our account of the receipts and expenditures with the balance on hand:

April 15, 1912.—Cash Balance $12 26

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 4, 1912.—Per Mr. Ewing	$20 00	
Dec. 13, 1912.—Per Mr. Ewing	95 00	
April 19, 1912.—Net Proceeds from the boys games, admissions, dues, etc., to April 7	8 60	
		$131 50
		$143 76

EXPENDITURES.

The Physical Instructor for April and May, 1912	$20 00	
The Physical Instructor for November, 1912, Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar., 1913	50 00	
April 26, 1912.—Three trees for farm.	1 50	
May 7, 1912.—Interchurch Meet Entries	3 50	
June 4, 1912.—Flowers, T. Reed's funeral	2 00	
July 5, 1912.—Repairs, Burd School door	3 50	
August, 1912.—Boys on Farm	8 80	
December, 1912.—Rack ball and cue points	2 25	
January, 1913.—Basket Ball and Fixtures	8 95	
Feb. 1913.—Lantern Slides of Farm, Outings, etc.	9 85	
April 4, 1913.—Repairs to Lantern, Lenses	7 50	
		$117 85
Cash on hand April 7, 1913		$25 91

Respectfully,
G. H. STREAKER.

The Ladies' Visiting Committee for the Burd School report a normal condition there, and the monthly visits have been made and the health and happiness of pupils and teachers noted. We think it would be hard to find a similar institution where brighter faces or a happier atmosphere prevailed.

A chance visit was made by one of the ladies on the eve of the Hallow E'en festivities. Faces were bright with anticipation. The hall was really beautiful. Praise is due to the girls for the industry and ingenuity with which they attained elaborate results and the visitor quite longed to remain and take part.

The interesting and successful concert by the Penn Charter Glee Club was repeated this year.

In February measles broke out and the school was quarantined. Those who could went to their homes or were placed outside as opportunity offered. Mr. Van Dusen gained admission for two in Y. W. C. A. About twenty of these exiles were entertained by Mrs. Boyd at her home on Saturday afternoon, April 5th. They were glad to see Miss Harnish again and to be in a friendly and homelike atmosphere.

On behalf of the Committee,
AMY P. WARREN LAUTERBACH.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The records of attendance at the Noon-Day Lenten Services show that we had a total attendance of 19,670. As on some days the numbers were only estimated, and could not be accurately counted, we may call it 20,000, with an average of 500 a day, or eliminating the Saturdays which are recognized as days of poor Lenten observance, the average for the other days was 533. The greatest congregation was on Good Friday, when the utmost capacity of the Church was reached. We had four Bishops with us, the Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Williams of Michigan, Bishop Talbot of Bethlehem and Bishop Garland. We are grateful to them and to all who aided in the services. There is every reason to believe that much good seed was sown.

Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Junior Brotherhood has been meeting on Sunday evenings at 7.30 twice a month during the past winter, and adjourning in time to take part in the Sunday evening song service and social hour. The Junior Chapter has really grown to an intermediate or senior chapter. It is being planned to advance those who will, into the Senior group, and get in younger boys who are now growing up in the Sunday School. Some of the members are looking forward to the annual Brotherhood convention next October in New York, which is to be held just previous to the General Church Convention and which promises to be the largest ever held. It is hoped that many of our Chapter may be able to go.

G. H. STREAKER,
Director.

The Bell Ringers' Guild.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School and the following members, Elsie Traul, Anna Watson, Lena McEwen and Mary Duffy, together with Charles H. Moore, make up the Guild that undertakes to chime our Peal of Bells. Mr. Moore rings them Sunday morning and asists at their ringing during the noonday lenten services and the others in turn.

Garment Society.

The following is the report of the Garment Society for the season of 1912-1913:

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$42 63	
Received from Mrs. Judson	1 50	
" " The Rector	10 00	
" " Sales of Clothing	18 50	
		$72 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchased 78 garments	$42 26	
Balance	30 37	
		$72 63

46 garments received from the Needlework Guild of America.
503 garments distributed.

JULIA DEM. LAMMOT
President.

The Aid Society.

The Aid Society held its meetings as usual on Friday mornings during Lent. The activities of this society being confined to the Lenten season, it is astonishing how much work is accomplished, as the membership is small, numbering this year seventeen, only.

Two hundred and sixty-six articles were made and left for Miss Lewis to distribute in her work among the poor of the Parish.

Treasurer reports $35 received.

Bills paid	$33 52
Balance on hand	1 48

E. K. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Yearly Report of the Parish Visitor.

At this time, the closing of the Church year, the Parish Visitor offers her report with a deep sense of personal gratitude for the many blessings received, as well as the many undertakings which have been most successful.

The winter being unusually mild, suffering from the lack of fuel and proper clothing has not been so great.

Measles and mumps have gone the rounds, keeping a number of our Primary children away from their accustomed places in the Sunday School.

Seven persons have been placed in different hospitals during the year through the influence of Dr. Grammer and friends of the congregation.

One poor woman with a diseased breast was placed in a hospital where she had to have it removed. She was found nursing her child almost to a day, before going to the hospital. It is very deplorable to think that with all the instruction given to the poor about the care of their children, that so many do not realize the responsibility upon them.

Nine tons of coal were distributed during the year, and these were given by Mr. Wm. Hollar, Mrs. A. Hewson, Mrs. Walter Douglas and Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Milk has been sent daily for the past year to a few sick people, until it was thought they could do without it.

During the winter olive oil has been sent where it has been ordered by a physician, and where very greatly needed. Groceries were sent on an average of at least two or three orders a week to needy ones, and for many of these we owe to our generous friend Mr. Samuel Moore.

A very deserving woman who earns her living by taking in sewing was made extremely happy by receiving an Easter gift of a $25 sewing machine, paid for by Mrs. Samuel Austin and Mr. Colket.

Two good warm lounging robes with other

necessities were bought to make two sick men comfortable.

Thirteen babies had their first outfits made by St. Stephen's Aid Society. We are most grateful to the ladies who made these garments during the Lenten Season.

Thanksgiving, twenty-four families were remembered by receiving a basket of provisions or some other form of necessity.

We are also glad to acknowledge a memorial of $10 by Mrs. Gebhard, which will be given to a young man just recovering from typhoid fever.

One hundred and forty Christmas baskets were sent out the day before Christmas, making many very happy.

Three hundred and two dollars were received in cash this year for specialized charities and was disbursed according to request.

It is pleasant to mention the dancing class this winter, formed for the older boys and girls of the Sunday School and for members of the Girls' Friendly. The class meets every Thursday evening from eight o'clock to ten. It is supervised by the Parish Visitor. The attendance has been good. The enjoyment of the young people is beyond words, and the deportment is all that could be desired.

Visiting the Sunday School scholars, the sick, the hospitals, the discouraged, as well as the regular routine duties has made up the year's work.

The Parish Visitor wishes to thank the donors for the gifts of half worn clothing and all who have helped her work in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

K. H. Lewis.

Mothers' Meeting.

The officers of the Mothers' Meeting feel that they can present a very encouraging report for the season about to close. We have a membership in good standing of 139. Our attendance during the season has ranged between 78 and 100. Seven times it has gone above the 100 mark, and only four times below the 78 mark, and that in very bad weather.

We feel that this shows a real appreciation of the benefit to be received at the meetings, a belief which is confirmed by the regret expressed by the members when compelled to be absent, and the pleasure they show in the meetings.

Our season opened as usual on the first Thursday in November. On the first Thursday in December we held our Annual Sale of useful and fancy articles; the object being to provide some needed furnishings for St. Stephen's Farm. At this sale we made $160, a most creditable sum in view of the fact that this sale is patronized almost exclusively by the friends of the members; none of them persons of wealth.

A sale for the same purpose was held last year, the special object being to provide a carpet for the floor of the Living Room at the Farm. Not only was this done, a very handsome and durable carpet being furnished and laid, but the room was papered and painted; the housemother's room papered, 40 yards of rag carpet, which had been sewed by the Mothers was woven; a large and handsome flag with streamer bought to replace the worn-out flag at the Farm, and 24 warm comfortables for the beds were bought. The Mothers feel very proud of their work, and so do the officers.

The Mothers feel this deep interest in the Farm because it is to them a source of great happiness and pleasure. During the season all members had the opportunity offered them to visit the Farm, and six groups of women averaging fifteen to a group, were sent out Thursday after Thursday to spend a happy day there, the expense of the trip being defrayed by our Rector. In addition to this a large number of the Mothers spent a week's vacation there, sometimes with and sometimes without children; a week free from care and full of rest. Therefore the Mothers' Meeting feels that its life is closely interwoven with that of the Farm.

The first portion of each of our meetings is devoted to religious exercises, earnestly entered into and enjoyed by our members. The second portion is devoted to entertainment, and many friends have kindly helped us in this part of our work, by recitations, singing, impersonations, readings, illustrated talks, etc., all of which have been highly appreciated. Every once in a while we entertain ourselves: at Christmas with a Christmas party, and on Valentine's Day with a Valentine party, all of the members entering into the spirit of the evening with enthusiasm. On Holy Thursday we have a Communion Service in the Church. We have been very fortunate this winter in having an excellent accompanist in Miss Adelaide Wallace, who has been most faithful and helpful. We have had, through the kindness of the Rector, a dumb waiter put in the Guild Room, enabling us to serve our refreshments with more ease. The carrying up and down of more than a hundred cups and saucers from the kitchen had become a serious problem, and we have found the dumb waiter a great help and convenience.

The Benevolent and Savings Funds under the care of Miss Oldden have prospered, and the Coal Savings Fund under the care of the president has been, as always, a great success.

We feel that we can thank God for the blessing He has bestowed on this helpful and happy work.

Mrs. Henry P. Taylor, *President.*

E. E. Holman, *Secretary.*

The Sewing School.

The Sewing School held its opening session on the first Saturday in November, with an enrollment of twenty-five little girls. During the first part of the term, that is, until January, the attendance was good; since that time, however, we have had a small attendance, an average of twelve; due to two causes, first, the prevalence of contagious diseases—measles and mumps; second, and more serious, most of these little girls go to work at the age of fourteen, and as several of them reached that very mature age during the fall and winter, they left school and found employment, which, of course, takes them out of the sewing school also.

Some of the children are too young to make garments and have been taught simple stitches and their application. Some of the older girls have made underwear; others have dressed dolls. This latter is a favorite occupation and the members of Miss Zeilin's class have done this work very well under her faithful, careful instruction.

The absence of the older girls has affected the saving fund, which has not been so well patronized as usual.

We have greatly missed one of the sweetest influences of previous years—the visits of Miss Wilkins and her helpful talks to the older girls, most of whom are now members of the Girls' Friendly Society.

The closing session of the school will be held on next Saturday afternoon, April 12th, at half past two o'clock, and we cordially invite all the friends of the school. *President.*

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

While the King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church consists of only about twelve or fifteen working members, those few have been very faithful this past year, and the work accomplished has been varied and has brought happiness to quite a number of people.

In the fall they sent some clothes, some Christmas toys, etc., to a poor colored family in Warminster. These people were known to some of the girls who visited the Farm last summer.

A donation of aprons, scrap-books and candy was also given to the Willing Day Nursery.

Flannel skirts and other articles of clothing have been given to the Country Week Association and the Sheltering Arms; and two rugs will be given for use in the King's Daughters' room at the Farm.

About the middle of December, twenty-five poor children were entertained. Games were played, and after refreshments had been served, each child was given a toy and some candy to take home.

A donation of groceries was also given toward the Christmas baskets which the Church gave out; and flowers have been sent to the sick at various times.

This society has had no entertainments of any kind for a couple of years, so that their only source of income has been the annual legacy left by Mr. Patton,—amounting to $66.82, and the dues received from members. When this is taken into consideration, it will be seen that, though few in number, the society has really accomplished something worth while, besides having spent several evenings in a social manner, when work was laid aside.

The following is an account of receipts and disbursements:

Money received during the year:		
From legacy, Mr. Patton's Estate, Interest	$66 82	
Donation from Mrs. A. F. Martin—to help with work	2 00	
Cash from a friend	1 00	
Dues from members	6 35	
From members, for Christmas Party	3 50	
Groceries for Church Christmas Baskets valued at	1 00	
For flowers for the sick	1 00	
		$81 67
Money expended during the year:		
State dues	$1 20	
County dues	.60	
International dues	1 20	

Flowers for the sick	2 25	
Helping poor families	1 00	
Christmas Party	3 50	
Groceries given for Church Christmas Baskets	1 00	
Material for sewing, and incidentals	32 10	
		$42 85
Balance on hand		$38 82

Report of Shoe Fund.

RECEIVED.

From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	$25 00
Donations from church members	5 00
From those receiving shoes	12 90
	$42 90

EXPENDED.

For shoes	39 50
Balance on hand	$3 40

Have given out to women and children 110 pairs of shoes, and 100 pairs of overshoes.

A number of half-worn shoes have been donated and Santa Claus sent one large box of shoes and overshoes at Christmas, otherwise we could not have given out so many shoes for so small an amount of money.

The children are very cute at times. On one occasion a six-year old boy came with his sister for a new pair of shoes. His mother had sent word that he was *not* to wear the new shoes home, but he thought differently; and under no circumstances could he be persuaded to take the shoes off. Dr. Grammer, who happened to be on hand at the time, interceded for the little fellow, and wrote a note to his mother, in order that the sister might not be punished for allowing her brother to wear the shoes. The child went home rejoicing. We hope the Rector did not encourage disobedience.

A Request from the Church Periodical Club.

A letter from a clergyman's wife in the State of Washington, asks us if we can send her the *St. Nicholas*. They used to get it, but have not received it for a year—and "it seems like losing a friend."

Perhaps there is a boy or girl in some of the families who see this notice in the PARISH NEWS that would like to help in this part of St. Stephen's missionary work.

A boy or girl who would enjoy the business-like practice of regularly sending the paper by mail—and to the far West.

A. FARRELL, *Librarian.*

Report of the Benevolent Society.

The Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church opened November 20, 1912, and closed April 2, 1913.

We feel that the Society has advanced in many ways, the attendance has been good. We have a number of new members in the cutting department who have done most difficult work, and the hospitals are kind enough to write us that the garments are well cut and the sewing strong and neat. 2,693 articles were finished. Miss Gebhart, who was faithful in her work of parceling for years, wrote us her home duties were so arduous that she had to send in her resignation. If she can return at any time we will give her a warm welcome.

Each year, when the season comes to close, we are sorry to part, and glad when November returns to take up the work which is very dear to us. Our Treasurer reports:

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November 6, 1913.—Balance on hand	$176 29
Interest on Legacies	140 56
Donations	105 00
Sales	153 04
Offertories	158 51
Interest on deposit with Commonwealth Title Ins. and Trust Co.	1 00
	$734 40

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Disbursements (paid women for sewing and material purchased)	$591 63
April 1, 1913.—Cash balance on hand	$142 77

GRACE V. LUCAS, *Treasurer.*

CORNELIA L. EWING, *Vice-President.*

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary has held six stated meetings during 1912-1913, and the final meeting for the season will be held on Thursday, April 17. The attendance has been generally good, with the exception of the meeting held on Maundy Thursday, when only fifteen members were present, just half the usual number.

During the winter, several speakers have addressed the Auxiliary, among them Archdeacon Windiate of Tennessee, who spoke of the work of the Church in the South; Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Ancell, of Sanchow, China, who gave a most interesting account of present conditions in that new Republic; Rev. Frederick Warden, of Porto Rico, who spoke so eloquently of the urgent need for a font in St. Paul's Mission Chapel that the Auxiliary immediately contributed the necessary sum for its purchase. Mr. Conolly told of educational struggles in the mountains of North Carolina, and of his efforts in establishing an Industrial School at Penland, N. C. At another meeting Mrs. R. R. P. Bradford explained her work at the Light House Settlement in the northeastern section of Philadelphia.

One morning Mrs. Thomas Neilson, president of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, discussed the apportionment plan, giving many illuminating points on the subject, and Mrs. Thomas Roberts made a statement in regard to the Emery Fund, appealing for contributions in recognition of Miss Julia C. Emery's devoted service of many years as secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary has tried in a humble way to help all of these enterprises which were brought to his notice, and through its delegates has faithfully filled the pledges made toward the apportionment. The delegates have given detailed reports of the monthly meetings attended at the Church House, and general interest has been shown by the members in the work of the Auxiliary. The loss sustained by the death of a valued member in Miss Wilkins has been deeply felt, and the long illness and consequent absence of the secretary, Miss Bright, has brought other members forward to take her place from time to time.

The Treasurer reports recipts of	$647 45
and expenditures	636 00
Balance	$11 45

In order to make the members acquainted with the deaconesses and students of the Church Training and Deaconess House, a tea has been arranged for their reception at St. Stephen's Parish House, on Saturday afternoon, April 12, from four until six o'clock, so as to have the opportunity to look into the faces of these young women entering on their life work, to clasp their hands and to wish them God speed.

With the heartfelt hope that all the women of the congregation might feel sufficient interest to co-operate with those already enlisted in the work of the Auxiliary, this report is respectfully submitted.

LAURA BELL, *President.*

Girls' Friendly Society.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was opened as usual on the first Monday in October by the Rector of our Parish, the Rev. Carl E. Grammer.

The following week a meeting was held at the residence of Dr. Grammer to appoint a branch secretary, to succeed the late Miss Maria T. Wilkins. A new office of treasurer was created and plans outlined for the coming winter.

The membership of the branch to date consists of:

Working Associates	9
Honorary Associates	24
Members	127
Probationers	7
Married Branch Helpers	32
Total Membership	199

According to our custom, on the first Monday in the month Dr. Grammer or Mr. Cannon have conducted G. F. S. services in the church.

On March 10, Mrs. Cooper entertained us with an illustrated lecture on the Shoshone Indian School, Wind River, Wyoming. An interesting and enjoyable feature of the lecture was specimens shown of bead and leather work made by these Indians.

At our Christmas entertainment this year we had the great pleasure of entertaining the mothers of the members.

On March 31 Mrs. Newlin's band afforded us an enjoyable evening with games.

Our Annual Entertainment takes place this year on Monday evening, April 14, the proceeds of which it is proposed to send to Mrs. Wetmore, of Christ School, Arden, for her work among the mountain whites of North Carolina.

During the Lenten season the members sewed garments which will be sent to The Sheltering Arms.

Reading, travel talks and embroidery have been carried on by the different associates.

The Literature Class have read and studied, Kidnapped, by Robert Louis Stevenson; The Life of St. Francis of Assisi, by Mrs. Oliphant.

Classes have been held in millinery, elocution and sight singing.

The Married Branch Helpers have met Wednesday afternoons during Lent and made booklets for hospitals.

The girls who avail themselves of taking supper on Monday evenings have prepared a large box of clothing, neckwear and many other useful as well as fancy articles to be sent to Mrs. Wetmore.

The Treasurer reports:

Total Receipts	$226 95
Total Expenditures	161 52
	$65 43

of which
$ 2 00 is in the Magazine Fund
29 25 is in the Beneficial Fund
34 18 is in the General Fund.

It has now been over seven months since our late beloved Branch secretary was, by God's allwise providence, taken to her eternal rest. Words fail to express the kindness, tenderness and lovable disposition of one whom to know was a blessing indeed. To those so fortunate her memory should be a most worthy example to try to emulate her many benefactions, faithfulness and good will to this our loved society.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Secretary, pro tem.

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APRIL 6.

A. M.
God so loved the world ..... *Stainer*
3.30 P. M.
Selections from "The Creation" ..... *Haydn*
4.00 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *West*

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APRIL 13.

A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Stanford*
Benedictus ..... *Beethoven*
Hear my prayer ..... *Mendelssohn*
3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Aria ..... *Bach*
Toccata ..... *Dubois*
Prelude, "Parsifal" ..... *Wagner*
4.00 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
The Woods ..... *West*
Jerusalem ..... *Mendelssohn*

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APRIL 20.

A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Gounod*
Benedictus Chant.
Hear ye, Israel ..... *Mendelssohn*
3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Largo ..... *Haendel*
Allegretto ..... *Godard*
Pilgrims' Chorus ..... *Wagner*
Traumerei ..... *Schumann*
4.00 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Parker*
Seek ye the Lord ..... *Roberts*
Out of the depths ..... *Capel*

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APRIL 27.

A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... *Buck*
Benedictus Chant.
Lovely appear ..... *Gounod*
Organ Recital.
Sonata No. 1 ..... *Mendelssohn*
Allegro.
Andante.
Allegro.
A. M.
Prayer ..... *Guilmant*
4.00 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Clough Leighter*
Lord how long wilt thou forget me . *Pflueger*
Keep us ..... *Haendel*

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1024 Spruce Street.

REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER,

Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.

Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

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Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Mr. Robert T. Boyd.

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Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder,

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Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Arthur Hood.

Basses.

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale.

Verger.

James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
SOCIAL HOUR AND SONG SERVICE, 7.45 to 9 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 8 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, Mrs. Croxton, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. W. K. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Lineaweaver, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Baird, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, the Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Dale.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary, Miss Annie Denney.
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss France McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

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Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Sewing Class.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley, Miss Zeilin.

Meets Every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.

President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce St., at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar.

May 1.—Ascension Day (Thursday).
4.—Sunday after Ascension.
11.—Whitsunday.
12.—Monday in Whitsun Week.
13.—Tuesday in Whitsun Week.
18.—Trinity Sunday.
25.—First Sunday after Trinity.

Parish Register.

BAPTISMS.

April 6.—William Cooper Scott Thomas.
13.—David Charles Elliott.
13.—Hattie Augusta Brisbow.
25.—John Hart Forney.
28.—Robert Craig Atmore.
28.—David Guy Anderson.

BURIALS.

April 11.—Wm. H. Davis.
15.—John Gay.
22.—Marie Louise Baird.
26.—Margaret Young Blanchard.

Annual Report of the Accounting Warden.

RECEIPTS.

April 1, 1912. Balance on hand		$1,950 39
Pew Rents		7,540 33
Income from Endowment		5,597 33
Endowment of Pews		528 23
Endowment of Music		49 50
Rudder Memorial Fund		574 44
Lathrop Legacy		6 92
S. B. Wylie Mitchell Vault		17 32
Female Benevolent Society		342 83
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters		133 64
Campbell Memorial Fund		168 50
Cleemann Endowment Fund Income		492 02
Deficiency Fund (Parish Expenses)		3,280 00
Parochial Expenses		2,914 12
Lenten Offerings	$148 52	
Episcopal Hospital	363 38	
Foreign Missions	112 11	
Colored Missions	47 43	
Colored People of the Diocese	5 00	
Diocesan Missions	693 29	
Domestic Missions	220 29	
Indian Missions	48 14	
City Missions	144 03	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	289 76	
Bishop's Offering	84 22	
Missions in Envelopes	1,279 57	
Theological Education	59 32	
Special Objects		3,495 06
Easter Decorations		245 59
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment		131 13
Sunday School		23 86
Donation for Firemen		5 00
Cleemann Memorial in Church		50
Work Among our Boys		148 68
Missionary Box		672 79
Charities		1,360 70
Choir		6 00
Donations for Wood Memorial and Interest on Deposit		1,594 67
Bells		100 00
Endowment Fund from Envelopes (Principal)		722 61
Horace Magee Memorial Fund		25,000 00
Donations for Western Flood Sufferers		105 00
Fire Insurance		887 46
Interest on Deposits		66 49
		$58,161 11
April 1, 1913. To Balance		$5,666 49

PAYMENTS.

Rector	$6,000 00	
Assistant	450 00	
Assistant	120 00	
Pulpit Supply	225 00	
Verger	1,200 00	
Parish Visitor	600 00	
Salaries		$8,595 00
Rent of Rectory		1,350 00
Account of Choir		3,937 31
Lenten Offering	148 52	
Episcopal Hospital	361 01	
Foreign Missions	186 32	
Colored Missions	80 13	
Colored People of the Diocese	5 00	
Diocesan Missions	550 00	
Domestic Missions	573 32	
Indian Missions	86 50	
City Missions	144 28	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	438 00	
Bishop's Offerings	124 40	
Missions in Envelopes	1,310 12	
Theological Education	27 97	
Church Work among the Deaf	7 00	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	466 77	
Sustentation Fund	102 35	
Missionary Apportionment	412 50	
Special Objects		5,024 19
Lathrop Legacy	6 92	
Female Benevolent Society	292 15	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	100 23	
Special Objects		399 30
Electric Lighting, Power and Gas	385 61	
Coal	314 50	
New Carpet	192 33	
Care of Organ	150 00	
Fire Insurance	221 71	
Fire Escape	147 81	
Repairing and Painting Church	771 30	
Expense	1,319 98	
Expense Account		3,503 24
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment		113 81
Sunday School		18 86
Easter Decorations		234 54
Campbell Fund		185 00
Charities		1,360 70
Missionary Box		367 36
Work Among our Boys		115 00
Bells		555 64
Donations to Firemen's Fund		140 00
Donations to Wood Memorial		1,594 67
Horace Magee Memorial Fund		25,000 00
Balance in Penna. Co.		5,666 49
		$58,161 11

Respectfully submitted,
J. HUNTER EWING, *Warden.*

St. Stephen's Farm.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

RECEIPTS.

April 1, 1912. Balance on hand		$17 73
The Easter Collections:		
Cash	$234 47	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	500 00	
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	50 00	
Mrs. Susan R. Taylor	5 00	
Mrs. Rebecca E. Pancoast	25 00	
Mrs. A. P. Colket	5 00	
Mrs. Ernestine M. Schell	5 00	
Miss Isabella De Coursey	5 00	
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing	25 00	
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	50 00	
J. Hunter Ewing	250 00	
	$1,159 47	
Donations from:		
J. Austin McDowell	$100 00	
Clara Farrar Smith	10 00	
Joseph Carrell, Jr.	10 00	
Edward R. Robbins	10 00	
William H. Hollar	100 00	
E. J. Moore	500 00	
John Graff	5 00	
Emory McMichael (for linoleum in dining room)	64 00	
Samuel Moore Jr. (ice cream bills for season)	47 64	
Dr. Carl E. Grammer	10 00	
Mary E. Atmore	10 00	
	2,026 11	
Loan		1,000 00

SOLD FROM THE FARM.

Milk	$62 55	
Pigs	58 50	
Cows	37 00	
Wheat	37 35	
	195 40	
Cash returned by Superintendent		3 09
Proceeds sale of old piano		10 00
Interest on Bank deposits		6 03
		$3,258 36
April 1, 1913. Balance		$89 32

HOUSE EXPENSES.

PAYMENTS.

House Supplies	$548 15	
House Superintendent	170 00	
Assistant	60 00	
Additional Help	43 50	
Papering, painting and repairs	65 76	
Repairs to chimney	32 50	
Repairs to range	20 97	
Carpenter work as per contract	204 50	
Linoleum	64 00	
Coal	35 71	
Telephone	46 05	
Plumbing	74 41	
Printing	1 25	
Tickets	18 80	
Doctor and medicine	11 70	
		$1,397 30

FARM EXPENSES.

Farm Labor	$403 11	
Bran, Cattle Feed, etc.	181 60	
Seed	31 28	
Fertilizer	25 00	
Hardware	49 81	
Lumber	6 14	
Toll	19 13	
Horse hire and blacksmith	53 95	
Taxes	85 42	
Engine	115 00	
Water tower tank engine house and setting engine	318 05	
Repairs to pump, pump house and carpenter work	122 17	
Batteries for engine and oil	7 20	
Insurance on Live Stock	28 70	
		1,480 81
Attorney and Appraisers' fees		290 93
Balance in Bank		89 32
		$3,258 36

Respectfully submitted
J. HUNTER EWING, *Treasurer.*

The Wood Memorial.

At a meeting of the committee held April 30th, it was unanimously agreed to erect a white marble mural monument in St. Stephen's Church in memory of David D. Wood. A sub-committee, consisting of Dr. Grammer, Mr. Wm. L. Austin, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. C. Howard Colket and Mr. Uselma Clarke Smith, was appointed to select the sculptor and arrange to have the work begun at once in order that the memorial may be completed by next Easter. The treasurer of the fund, Mr. C. Howard Colket, 2008 Delancey street, will be very glad to receive contributions for this memorial.

DAVID D. WOOD MEMORIAL FUND.

Contributions in the order in which they were received:

Harry B. Rumrill	5 00
John T. Lewis, Jr.	10 00
St. Stephen's Sunday School (Additional)	5 50
W. D. Neilson (In memory of Robert Henry Neilson and Thomas Neilson)	25 00
Mrs. Philip D. Clifton	10 00
	$55 50
Previously acknowledged	2,383 00
	$2,438 50

Musical Program

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MAY 4.

A. M.

Offertory, "Unfold" ..... *Gounod*

3.30 P. M.

"St. Cecelia" ..... *Gounod*
Kyrie.
Gloria.
Benedictus.
Agnus Dei.

4.00 P. M.

Magnificat ..... *West*
Sanctus ..... *Gounod*
Credo ..... *Gounod*
Hold thou my hand ..... *Gounod*

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MAY 11.

A. M.

Te Deum, B minor ..... *Buck*
From the Darkness ..... *Rossini*

3.30 P. M.

Organ Recital.
Romanza ..... *Haydn*
"Fixed in his everlasting seat" ("Samson") *Haendel*
Larghetto ..... *Mozart*
Barcarolle ..... *Hoffmann*

4.00 P. M.

Benedic Anima ..... *Wood*
Oh for a closer walk ..... *Foster*
Hark, hark, my soul ..... *Shelley*

MAY 18.

A. M.

Te Deum in G ..... *Calkin*
How long wilt thou forget me? .... *Pflueger*

3.30 P. M.

Organ Recital.
Andantino ..... *Lemare*
Pastorale ..... *Guilmant*
Grand Chœur ..... *Dubois*
Cavatina ..... *Raff*

4.00 P. M.

Deus Misereatur ..... *Goury*
There shall be no more night ..... *Wood*
The King of love ..... *Gounod*

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MAY 25.

A. M.

Te Deum F ..... *Morley*
Lord, we praise thy holy name ..... *Rossini*

3.30 P. M.

Organ Recital.
Allegretto ..... *Gounod*
Finale ..... *Guilmant*
Adagio ..... *Guilmant*
Finale ..... *Wagner*

4.00 P. M.

Magnificat ..... *Martin*
Still, still with thee ..... *Foote*
O come ..... *Martin*

The Farm.

The greatest problem in the administration of the Parish now is the Farm. It does splendidly in providing cheap or free outings for many people, and it is a fine form of social service; but it is also a great source of expense and it is now in debt one thousand dollars. Enough money has been raised, if all our usual contributions come in, to run it successfully next summer; the great need, however, is to get the property into such condition that the farm will carry itself. The plan adopted by the Vestry is undoubtedly the right one, namely, to get a good tenant, who can support himself by the farm, and pay in services rendered and in produce. In this way the parish is relieved of the expense of paying a man, and of the cost of running the place. We are now behind not because our plan was mistaken, but because we failed to secure the right kind of tenant. We were mistaken in our man. We have good hopes that we now have the right tenant. He is known in that community, and bears a good name; we have tried him for some months, and he has proved faithful and industrious. I wish that it were possible to raise a thousand dollars to improve the fences, to put the buildings in good order, and to equip the tenant with a suitable outfit, so that the place could be put in better shape, and we could feel assured that we had launched him on an enterprise that was bound to be successful, with fidelity and energy on his part.

Nothing worth speaking of has been done to this property in the way of repairs for years. It is poor stewardship to let it run down. Eventually we shall probably sell it and use the income of the money to give outings in some other way, and at some new place; but as long as we hold the property, it is unwise to let it deteriorate. The response to my appeals has been so generous and prompt, that I venture to make a special appeal for the farm. Why can't we raise this indebtedness and put the place in a good condition? If this were done, I should feel that the parish was in splendid shape. It would be a wise investment for the parish and would relieve the rector and vestry of one of their chief anxieties.

I ought to explain that the treasurer carries that thousand dollars on his books as a loan, but that it is a loan that he has himself made us to cover this debt, and I am sure that the congregation does not want him to carry our debts in this way. If we make an exertion, we can pay that off. Perhaps some of our wealthier members may feel sufficiently interested in giving summer outings to their less prosperous fellows, and give us enough to set the place in good working condition. May God grant it. He has given us many blessings. Our cup would be overflowing if we could get the Farm in good shape. C. E. G.

With this number the PARISH NEWS will cease for a season, until it resumes its mission in the fall. We have had a good winter. The congregations have increased, the offerings through the envelopes have grown, the endowment fund has been augmented by the splendid gift of $25,000, the money has been raised for the memorial to our late organist, Dr. David Wood, the Lenten Services were well attended and were harmoniously conducted, and the speakers delivered good messages. The Burd School had sicknesses, but all passed off well in the end. The Social Hour and Song Service has proven a valuable addition to our Sunday services. St. Stephen's is doing well. Let this be known abroad. Let us fix our minds on the positive work done, on the splendid work of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Girls' Friendly, the Benevolent Society, the Mothers' Meeting and the Boys' Club. It is not possible in all these multifarious activities that everything should be done in a way that will suit everybody. There must be much mutual concession and mutual deference. There is a wholesome criticism that helps, but there is also an unwholesome criticism that is one-sided, and captious, sees only the deviations from the ideal, and takes no account of the difficulties of the task, and the limitations of human nature; that sees only the mote in the brother's eye, and sees it out of all proportion because of the beam in the critic's eye. Let us be on our guard against this. Let us preserve the spirit of concord that has marked St. Stephen's. Let us be loyal to those who are doing the work and esteem them highly for their work's sake. The great trouble with "calamity-howlers" is that they tend to become calamity bringers. The way to hurt a down-town church is to keep on talking about its problems and difficulties. The way to help a down-town church is to come to church regularly, to spread abroad an atmosphere of kindness, and to take a cheerful view of things. One of the

chief requisites in a successful church-worker is hopefulness, and one of the chief duties in all departments is freedom from a spirit of censoriousness. However it may mask itself as zeal for the good of the church, this spirit of captious criticism is in reality an injury to the cause, and is due to a lack of love and faith. A poor machine that is well oiled and tended can do more effective work, than the best machinery, that lacks the necessary lubricant and tears itself to pieces, as it does its work. Let us pray that our church may abound in hope and in good will.

"Telephoning."

Some years ago there was a clever little book published with the title "Don't," giving advice on numbers of points of etiquette, speech, or conventionality. It is a pity that it did not have a special section in regard to the telephone. In that case, perhaps, the advice would run somewhat in this fashion:

1. Don't telephone your friend at his meal hour unless the matter is of supreme importance. He is entitled to leisure from business of all kinds during meals.

2. Don't forget that telephone calls take precedence of everything else, and, if writing will answer the purpose just as well, choose that method of communication.

3. Don't begin by asking—Who is at the 'phone? People don't care to give their names to anonymous invisible interrogators, especially do they resent the necessity of such introduction of themselves if their names are demanded in tones of magisterial authority. This is a good model: "Is that Filbert 3708? Mr. A. wishes to speak to Mr. X. Y. Z."

4. Don't keep people waiting. If you use an agent to get the other person for you, try to get there as soon as the person you summon; his time is presumably as valuable as yours.

5. Don't fail to leave your name and number—if you want to be called up. It is also well to leave these clues, even if you announce that you will "call up" again, since it may best suit the convenience of the other party to 'phone you up and dispose of the matter at once.

6. Don't be prolix.

7. Don't mumble your words.

8. Don't forget that the telephone carries tones as well as words, and study to be gentle in speech.

The dancing class on Thursday nights has proven a great success. A small fee is paid by the members which helps to defray the expenses of the music. The attendance is large, and the behaviour of the boys and girls has been all that could be desired. The spirit of the evening has been a spirit of order and cheerful friendliness. I am certain that the young people are made to feel by such gatherings that religion is not the represser of the human instincts of sociability and joyousness, but a friend and cheerer, as well as a solace and guide. Miss Lewis presides, and has gatherd around her faithful and loyal assistants.

Constantine's Edict of Toleration.

As this year is the 1600th anniversary of Constantine's Edict of Toleration in 313 A. D., special services are being held in some of our churches. To the people who believe that Mediaeval Christianity was in spite of some human defects, a rightful expansion of the Gospel principles, the great work of Constantine will seem ever memorable. Although thinkers of this class have not been friends of toleration still they make much of the great Edict, which first granted to the people of the Roman Empire the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences—*et Christianis, et omnibus liberam potestatem sequendi religionem quam quiscunque voluisset.* But these commemorators of the past are really not thinking so much of the principle of that Edict as of the exemption that Christianity thereby gained from persecution, and its speedy promotion to the position of the authorized and authoritative religion of the Empire, with the power to persecute heretics and schismatics. On the other hand, those who like Milman, the great historian of Latin Christianity, see in the career of Constantine the first advance to the military Christianity of the Middle Ages, and believe that by its adoption by the Roman Empire, a modification was wrought in the pure religion of the gospel, will commemorate the first Christian Emperor with less enthusiasm. While they must admit that the blend of Christianity and Roman Law and philosophy that followed was indispensable for the social progress of man, and the education of the barbarous nations of Europe in a kind of Christian legalism, nevertheless they recognize that we have not yet fully emerged from the influence of that stage, and

their gratitude for the service that it rendered at first, is lessened by the trouble that it gives us in continuing so long. Many feel that it would have been well if the conversion of the Roman Empire had been less official. We cannot forget that it was not really until the 18th century that the principles of religious liberty were properly understood and taught. After all toleration is a poor thing in religion. One might as well talk of tolerating a man in the use of his eyes or legs, or arms, as tolerating him in the use of his reason. What is needed is liberty and charity, not toleration. It must not be forgotten that this Edict was made possible by the great victory of Constantine over Maxentius at the Milvian bridge, near Rome, in October, 312. Before this battle Constantine was said to have seen the cross in the sky with the inscription, *in hoc signo vinces.* After this vision he constructed the labarum or Christian standard, which consisted of the first two Greek letters of Christ's name, written upon one another so as to form a cross. The story of the vision is told by Lactantius and Eusebius,—the earlier account is the simpler. Dillinger and Newman believe in the story in the amplified form, but the modern view is that the clouds took the shape of a cross.

Report of Treasurer Woman's Auxiliary.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$20 85
From members	294 75
From envelope system	419 45
Total	$735 05
Collected for the Julia C. Emory Fund	$58 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Luncheon	$10 00
" Diocesan Committee	101 00
" Foreign Committee	190 00
" Domestic Committee	138 75
" Indian Committee	100 00
" Colored Committee	135 00
" General Missions	4 50
Balance on hand	$55 80
	$679 25

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Woman's Auxiliary Tea.

A tea was given by Miss Laura Bell, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Parish for Deaconess Carter, Deaconess Clarke and Deaconess Mills on Saturday afternoon, April 12th. Despite the rain, seventy guests assembled at the Parish House, which was decorated with palms and flowers, and the students of the Church Training and Deaconess House walked through the church to examine the monuments and memorial windows and tablets. Mrs. David D. Wood sang a "Lullaby" composed by Dr. Wood for little Elsie, who played the accompaniment for her mother. Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Charles McKeehan, Miss Sanders and Miss Emily Bell assisted in receiving and pouring tea, and the members of the congregation were glad to meet Deaconess Carter who has lately come to the Deaconess House, 708 Spruce street, succeeding Deaconess Sanford. Deaconess Clarke is also in residence there, and Deaconess Mills soon goes to Alaska to fill the position formerly occupied by Deaconess Carter. Several of the graduating class go to Alaska and China, and others to the domestic field nearer home.

The Sunday School.

On the first Sunday in May there is due scholars, who have been constant in attendance for the past three months, a bronze button. It is hoped that many besides those who were successful in winning the gold button prize of last year will be among the winners of these beautiful "Cross and Crown" awards for the coming year.

On Sunday morning, May 4th, the Superintendent will review the lessons, using the stereopticon illustrations and we hope for a good and early attendance of our scholars, teachers and friends to see the pictures, which will be thrown on the screen shortly after ten o'clock.

The midweek social evening under the guidance of Miss Lewis is attracting many of our scholars and being well conducted gives them a happy time.

Many are looking forward to a pleasant evening, May 7th, when the Alpha Kappa will entertain their friends.

Miss Sinclair is made happy by the addition of three names to the cradle roll and so the Sunday School is keeping very much alive. Several scholars took part in the musical event at Convention Hall for the benefit of the blind and at the coming Musical Festival of May 27th, to be held at the great hall, Broad and Allegheny avenue, some fourteen of our

scholars will sing in the large chorus from the city Sunday Schools, numbering probably five thousand and led by Mr. Lincoln.

Brotherhood of St Andrew.

Several of the Juniors are planning to attend the Convention to be held in New York City next October, the first to the fifth inclusive. The Annual Spring Meeting of the Philadelphia Local Assembly of the Brotherhood will be held on Saturday afternoon and evening, June 8th, and it is hoped that many of our Juniors as well as Seniors will try and be present. It will be held at the beautiful suburban Grace Church, at Mt. Airy, and it is likely that Bishop Rhinelander will be with us.

Among Our Boys.

Our boys will give their Annual Entertainment on Friday evening, May 2d, in the Sunday School room, playing an exhibition game of basket ball with boys from Incarnation Church, besides an exhibition of athletics, and the showing of many interesting pictures on the screen. It is hoped that many of their friends will try and be present.

Burd School.

Owing to illness at the school during March and April the concert of the Burd School Chorus, which was announced for April 5th, had to be postponed, and will now be given on Saturday evening, May 10th, at 8 o'clock. The Chorus, which is under the direction of Miss Mary Elizabeth Barclay, will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Bonner, contralto, and Mr. Howard B. Stavers, baritone.

We hope our friends have not become impatient with our unavoidable delay and as many as can will be present.

ORA M. HARNISH,
Principal.

Memorial Flowers.

The cost of flowers for the Altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and address to Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street.

Jan. 5.—
12.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mrs. Ernst.
26.—Mrs. Taylor.

Feb. 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
9.—Miss Van Dusen.
16.—Dr. Fell.
23.—

March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
16.—Palm Sunday.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Mr. Anderson.

April 6.—Miss Townsend.
13.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
20.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
27.—Dr. Grammer.

May 4.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
11.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
18.—Miss Townsend.
25.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.

June 1.—
8.—
15.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
22.—
29.—

July 6.—Mr. C. Howard Colket.
13.—
20.—Dr. and Mrs. Fell.
27.—

Aug. 3.—Mr. Joseph Clayton.
10.—
17.—
24.—
31.—Miss Helen Shellenberger.

Sept. 7.—Mrs. Lane.
14.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
21.—
28.—

Oct. 5.—
12.—Miss Maulsby.
19.—Mrs. Sheble.
26.—

All Saints Day.—Mrs. Arrison.

Nov. 2.—
9.—
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Miss Eisenbrey.
30.—Mrs. Atmore.

Dec. 7.—Miss Davis.
14.—
21.—Mrs. Petry.
28.—

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SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church for a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Miss O. M. Harnish.

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BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 9 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

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Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

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Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

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Secretary.—Miss Annie Denney.

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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce St., at any time.*

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NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

October 5.—20th Sunday after Trinity.
12.—21st Sunday after Trinity.
18.—St. Luke's Day.
19.—22nd Sunday after Trinity.
26.—23rd Sunday after Trinity.
28.— St. Simon and St. Jude.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

May 18.—Irene Evelyn Bodie.
28.—Ervin George Kerr.
July 20.—Caroline Dunn.
August 4.—Catharine Lewis Buschman.
17.—Marie Elizabeth Watson.
17.—Jennie Singer Watson.
September 11.—Walter Edmund Seighman.
14.—George Streaker Moore.
21.—William Edward Watson.
25.—Charles Pleasants Lineaweaver.

MARRIAGES.

May 27.—Wm. George Allison and Florence Susan Bateman.
June 11.—Joseph Bricker and Jessie K. Wolf.
23.—Herbert R. L. Lister and Elizabeth Durkin.
25.—Ray L. Erb and Mary Elizabeth Barclay.
26.—Clarence Day Teekle and Florence N. Beatty.
August 13.—M. Walter Young, Jr., and Ada Virginia C. Stevens.
September 1.—Charles H. Kunz and Clersia Livina Flinn.
17.—James B. Andrews and Elizabeth H. Flury.

BURIALS.

May 5.—J. Sandert Carr.
14.—Amanda M. Crumbuger.
16.—Margaret Maria Parmalee.
June 11.—Agnes C. Lane.
13.—Mary Fotterall.
7.—Wm. Howard.
July 10.—Helen Miller Rice.
10.—Hacheg Papajian.
12.—Matilda Kinsley.
22.—Alice D. Goss.
24.—James Ames Osborn.
2.—Henry A. Pintard.
August 14.—Wm. H. Mann.
18.—James Francis Wallace.
September 3.—Jane Jamison.
4.—J. R. Benton Willing.
5.—Wm. Eric Baur.
6.—Jane Smith.
18.—Elisa Florence Lineaweaver.

Offerings Received from April 6, 1913, Second Sunday after Easter, to September 28, 1913, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Indian Missions	$31 11	
Charities	125 38	
Parochial Maintenance	145 07	
Our work among boys	12 11	
Benevolent Society	22 49	
		$336 16

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Indian Missions	$54 05	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	3 60	
Easter Day Decorations	2 30	
City Missions	.75	
St. Stephen's Farm	565 98	
Theological Education	8 99	
Our work among boys	79 43	
Parochial Maintenance	547 86	
Benevolent Society	65 43	
Charities	306 56	
Episcopal Hospital	1 20	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	.55	
Missions	491 71	
Domestic Missions	14 12	
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Foreign Missions	.20	
Colored Missions	.25	
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Treasurer.

David D. Wood Memorial.

The sub-committee appointed last spring to select a sculptor for a suitable memorial to Dr. Wood has arranged with Mr. Charles Grafly, of this city, to do the work, which is promised to be completed by Easter of 1914. Mr. Grafly's reputation as a sculptor is too well known to need any comment in these columns. It might be stated, however, that he has been selected to model the statue of the "Pioneer Mother" which will be the central figure at the fine arts display at the Panama Exposition. As the following financial account will show the full amount of $2,500 has been raised, the sum needed to cover the cost of the memorial. An additional amount of $200 is required to pay for postage and printing, for the restoration of the wall of the church after the memorial has been inserted, and finally for an electric light lantern. To date there have been 238 contributions received in response to the 2,025 circulars sent out by the committee. It is hoped that the many friends and pupils of Dr. Wood who have not yet contributed toward the memorial will do so at once. Contributions should be sent to C. Howard Colket, treasurer, 2008 Delancey street.

Contributions in the order in which they were received:

Henry La Barre Jayne	$10 00
Mrs. A. G. Cowgill	10 00
American Organ Player's Club	25 00
Mrs. Samuel Ward	5 00
Mrs. A. Reed McIntire	10 00
The H. W. Gray Co.	25 00
	$85 00
Previously acknowledged	$2,438 50
	$2,523 50

The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I return to my work among you after an unusually restful and refreshing summer. The month of July I spent with my family in a delightful retreat on Echo Lake in Monroe county, among the foothills of the Pocono Mountains; but in August I traveled westward for a change of scene, and occupation. For the last five years I have been the President of the Indian Rights Association, and it was felt by the Executive Committee that it would increase the efficiency of our organization if the President visited some of the Indian reservations and saw conditions with his own eyes. In compliance with this view I went out with our secretary, Mr. M. K. Sniffen, leaving Echo Lake on August 4 and returning on September 4. Of that month I spent ten days in Oklahoma, visiting the Cherokees, Creeks and Seminoles. The rest of the trip was occupied with visiting the Navajos and Hopis in New Mexico and Arizona. I had the opportunity of seeing the celebrated Snake Dance of the Hopis and inspected a number of Navajo hogans. In New Mexico we were entertained by Miss Thackera in the Episcopal Hospital near Fort Defiance. This hospital has an accomplished physician in charge and a fine equipment in many ways, but is greatly in need of an interpreter. Miss Thackara has prayers regularly, but as the people cannot understand English, they can not worship God with their understanding and are prone to look on the whole as a species of incantation. One day Miss Thackara heard a patient in a ward chanting the whole Venite with remarkable accuracy, without understanding a word of it. Through the generosity of a Philadelphian pipes were laid and water was brought to this hospital. Would that some conducting medium could be procured for the water of life. Miss Thackara's example counts for much, but it would mean more if she could reveal the inner springs of her character. In Arizona we were entertained for a week by Mr. W. R. Johnston in the Presbyterian Hospital at Indian Wells, where he and his wife are doing a noble work for the physical and spiritual needs of the Indians. Mr. Johnston is also a sturdy and able champion of their rights. He carried us around among the people, and enabled us to appreciate the situation of those Indians who have settled off the reservation. Greatly are these aborigines in need of education and religion. Neither the Government nor the churches have done their full duty by them. It is a great mistake to think that they are decreasing and will soon vanish from our midst; the Navajos have multiplied since 1867 A. D. from 9,000 to 28,000.

Before turning eastward I had the pleasure of seeing the most marvelous river in the world, the yellow and turbid Colorado, rushing with fierce energy to the sea at the bottom of its vast canyon, a mile below the surface of Arizona's lofty plateau. Wonderful are the rich tints of the stratified rocks through which the determined stream has carved its way from its sources east of the Rockies that it

may pour its waters into the Pacific Ocean. Awe inspiring are the far-reaching vistas opened up by the slanting rays of the westering sun as they shoot down into the numerous radiating canyons where the evening mists first begin to gather. Still more marvelous is the revelation of the lengthy and stupendous processes whereby this continent has been shaped. No spot in the world can be more instructive to the geologist than this great canyon on whose rocky walls are hung in their true proportions the colored charts of the geologic eras. Grand as is this famous scenery however there was to me something unearthly about it. The outlook is downward and not upward. These mountains do not swell towards the heavens, but rise towards the beholder from the depths of the earth. No bright cascades leap down these rocks or wave gaily at the sport of the wind across the face of these precipices as in the Yosemite. All is stern and awe-inspiring. The vast fissure seems the entrance to a Purgatorial underworld. Through such splintered rocks, down such precipitous chasms Vergil might have led the dauntless Florentine, or Orpheus might have traveled to regain Eurydice. Looking across the rocky spires, the rude cones, and truncated pyramids I seemed to stand beside some sacred city of the most primitive of religions, some Benares of the stone-age, a city of temples of a cult that antedated by ages the poetic pantheon of Greece, and even the philosophic and nebulous deities of hoary India. Emotions of awe and worship seemed to have heaved up these temple-like rocks; but emotions too strong and undefined to express themselves in intelligible forms, or shapely structures, being instincts rather than convictions. All my journey westward had been a traveling backward into the Past: first back to the pioneer days of America, and then on the reservations back to the days of the patriarchs who like the Indians of Arizona, pastured their flocks and herds beside desert springs. But at this mammoth canyon, I seemed to have gone back beyond the age of man. Like the giant sequoia of California, it seemed to belong to the age of the Icthyosauros, the Pterodactyl and the Mastodon, to an age of vaster dimensions, and harsher conditions. The face of Nature here lost all trace of benevolence, or purpose and spoke only of ever-during and illimitable force. Methought that I stood close to the origin of the continent, and just beyond lay the beginning of time, and that unknown date, when chaos began at the Divine word to shape itself into a kosmos.

Our parish has suffered severely this summer through deaths. Three call for special mention. Mrs. Lineaweaver was a member of the Missionary Box Committee, and her presence and assistance will be greatly missed, a wonderful mother and thoughtful friend. Miss Julia Garrett, who died August 31st, was one of our most helpful members. To her gift of $3,000 we chiefly owe the re-decoration of the church. She contributed regularly to the deficiency fund, and was especially liberal in her contribution to the Church Work Fund of the Rector, to which she sent $500 last fall. We shall sorely miss her aid. We are grateful that she left the church $2,000 in her will. If that instrument had been drawn up later and Miss Garrett had known more of our institutional work, she would probably have left us more. The Rector never appealed to her for any cause in vain. The sad death of Miss Jane Jamison is a great grief to us all. Responsive and friendly, kindly and affectionate, she must have borne burdens of loneliness and depression of which none ever knew. It is awful to think how she was suffering in mind and spirit, and all without our knowledge. It is good to believe that God's mercy is over all his works.

"My own hope is the sun shall pierce
The thickest cloud, earth ever stretched
That after last returns the first
Though a wide compass round be fetched,
That what began best can't end worst,
Nor what God blessed once prove accursed."

Our new assistant, Mr. Edwards, took up his duty in July, and has been faithfully at his post all summer. He will live at 908 Spruce street, and is rapidly becoming acquainted with the people. It is pleasant to have the son of a minister, trained from childhood in the ways of our Church, ministering at her altars. A number of minor repairs and improvements have been made in the church edifice, and it is believed that it is in unusually good condition. May this new year of work be a season of unusual efficiency. Some of our chief problems have been solved: one of the last the conduct of the farm, is in a fair way of solution, largely through the energy of Mr. Boyd, and the selection of the right kind of tenant. May all this equipment be faithfully utilized for the doing of good to man, and the manifestation of the Divine life.

Sincerely your friend and rector,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Farm.

In response to the invitation sent out by the committee to visit "The Farm" and see it in readiness for the summer's work, sixty-five members and friends came out on opening day, June 14th. Those who saw the Farm for the first time were charmed with the beauty of the surroundings, and the home-like atmosphere of the house. The Farm is indeed delightfully situated, and has all the advantages of a pleasant country home.

Each week, from the opening until the close, we have had with us at various times members of our congregation, Sunday School, Girls' Friendly Society, Mothers' Meeting and Boys' Club.

A number of enjoyable events have taken place during the summer—first the annual Sunday School picnic on June 28th, when the officers, teachers and scholars, about 125 in all, came to Neshaminy by trolley, and were conveyed in busses and hay wagons to the woods adjoining the house, where lunch was served. And it was a happy company that sat down to enjoy it. There was blue sky and sunshine the early part of the day, but in the middle of the afternoon a heavy shower sent us indoors, where the good times were continued. Later on the sun smiled once more, and all went home under clear skies.

The Sunday School teachers also greatly enjoyed their week end visit as guests of the Rector.

Another delightful outing was the picnic of the Hatboro Episcopal Sunday School to Willow Grove. It has been the custom ever since the Farm first opened, for our people to attend the morning service at this church, each Sunday during the summer, so these good people feel that we belong to them in a measure. They are most generous, and we are invited each year to attend this annual outing as their guests.

Now, Fourth of July is a gala day at the Farm, for our Girls' Friendly Society is with us then. Many of the girls come for one or two weeks during the summer, but the house is filled to overflowing at the Fourth of July and Labor Day also. This year there were forty-six girls, many of them have been coming since the house was first opened, and the recollections of the good times spent at the "dear old Farm" are indeed happy memories. This society has shown great interest in the work of the Farm this summer. Through their efforts $17.50 was realized through the sale of candy and voluntary contributions.

As usual, "Our Boys" were with us during the last two weeks of August, under the care of Mr. Streaker and Mr. Edwards. It is needless to say there was some life at the Farm during these two weeks. With baseball, swimming, tennis, croquet, and nature study every minute was taken up, and then in the evenings straw rides, corn roasts, moving pictures on the lawn, besides games in the parlor, all reported having had a rousing good time.

And last, but not least, our good friends, the Mothers, who have so generously spent $127.31 (part of the proceeds of their Fair held last November) in supplying so many needed articles for the Farm, and renovating the bath room. It is indeed largely through their efforts that the house has been made so comfortable and attractive. The Mothers came in parties of twelve to twenty each Thursday, when a special dinner was served, and then afternoon tea. Most of them can leave the city but for a day, and are so grateful for the opportunity thus afforded them of enjoying the delights of the country.

The Benevolent Society donated a most generous supply of lovely table linen, towels and bed spreads, thus filling a very great need which was much appreciated.

There were numerous gifts from friends—prizes for the Girls' Friendly Society, two rugs and table covers for the King's Daughters' room, a chamber set for the Girls' Friendly room, donation $5.00, candy, fruit for preserving, medicines, baseball outfit, a number of books, games, and magazines, vases, bric-a-brac, etc.

This season the Farm has been rented to a young man, who has proved himself to be efficient, honest and trustworthy, and the outlook is most encouraging. It is sincerely hoped that the problem of supporting the additional expense of farming has now been solved.

Each year as we review the work of the Farm, it is always gratifying to hear that so many have enjoyed the comforts of our summer house, and the many expressions of appreciation for the benefits received. This year the work has gone on much the same as in former years. We feel that many have been benefited, that much good has been accomplished, and that we can truly say we have had a most successful summer.

The number of guests entertained during the summer follows:

	Inside the parish.	Outside the parish.
For 3 weeks	2	..
" 2 "	47	31
" 1 "	146	13
" 12 days	1	..
" 10 "	14	9
" 4 "	37	1
" 3 "	24	5
" 2 "	47	1
" 1 "	218	..
	444	60

So that 2,398 days of pleasure were given to 504 persons, and 322 extra meals served.

E. D.

The Sunday School.

The regular sessions of the school closed on Sunday, June 22d, and the annual picnic was held on Saturday, June 28th. For a change the Farm in Bucks county was selected as the place. The children, together with Dr. Grammer, the Superintendent and the Secretary, the teachers and some of the parents went out by street cars to Neshaminy and were carried from there by busses to the Farm. After a lunch in the woods various games were played, and towards the close of the day ice cream and cake were served on the lawn. The picnic was a great success. Our only regret was that more of the parents of the children were not with us. By invitation of the Rector the teachers remained over for their second annual retreat at the Farm, when a teachers' meeting was held.

The summer sessions of the Sunday School began on June 29th, and were held each Sunday morning during July, August and September, at 9.45. The Superintendent was in charge and united the departments in one big class, teaching a most interesting series of lessons suitable to vacation times, on "God in Nature," from our regular Diocesan Course, as arranged by Mrs. Loman. Mr. Edwards frequently came to our assistance with appropriate addresses and the summer went happily by with probably the best attendance we have yet had in these months. We sorrowfully note the sad death of Helen Rice. The six weeks of the Daily Vacation Bible School, under the care of Miss Nodine, probably aided the Sunday School. Miss Lewis gave us faithful assistance and the Farm kept us bright with vacation opportunities for all. An excursion to Wildwood on Saturday, July 19th, made a merry day for many by the sea.

The regular winter sessions began on Sunday morning, September 28th, with a good attendance and a very promising outlook. Most of the teachers were with their classes and we gladly welcomed to our teaching force Miss Williams and Miss Grammer. We have selected for study, a graded series of lessons from our regular Diocesan course—"The Earthly Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ." This should be a very interesting continuance to the course of last winter, "The History of the Hebrew People." We hope to illustrate the lessons at intervals with scenes from the life of our Lord by our electric lantern. We need several men teachers, particularly for adult classes of the young men and older boys.

Our Rally Day will be Sunday, October 12th.

We will participate in the Sunday School Demonstration of October 4th. Many of our scholars and teachers will be taken in autobuses to this Seventh District Assembly at Washington Square at 3 P. M., on that afternoon, when the many Sunday Schools of our city will have their fourth Annual Parades and meetings in the public squares.

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

Our Boys.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew will advance most of its members into the Senior Chapter this fall and hopes to draw into its membership from the Sunday School another and younger group of boys.

The Alpha Kappa will resume its meetings on October 24th. The Boys' Senate with its athletic meetings will open for the winter season Friday evening, October 17th.

Some twenty-five of our boys spent a delightful vacation at the Farm this past August, from the 16th to 30th, organized for the time into Boy Scouts and divided into three patrols, "The Eagles," "The Bulls" and "The Bears." A number of ball games were played with the Orange boys, the boys of Christ Home and with a neighboring camp. This year the relay, delivered a letter by bicycle from the Farm to the Hatboro Editor, a distance of over three miles, in a little over eleven minutes.

An all day visit to Camp Pennypack was a most happy occasion. The weather was very pleasant and the days flew rapidly by, with sports and games, hikes and visits to the nearby swimming pools. Miss Dale was most patient and kind, and no one will forget the boys' banquet on the last evening, with its gifts for everybody and its speeches from everyone.

The Church-in-the-Woods, now in its seventh year, had an attendance each Sunday afternoon of from 150 to 200. The Orange boys' band led our processional on one Sunday. Mrs. Wood was our soloist, Miss Durnall our organist and Reverends Mr. Hall, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Schmalhorst and Dr. Oettinger came to our assistance with helpful addresses. We are greatly indebted to all our friends who have helped us to have these happy days at St. Stephen's Farm.

G. H. STREAKER.

The Girls' Friendly.

The fall meeting of the Girls' Friendly will be held on the first Monday in October, the 6th.

Daily Vacation Bible School.

Through the liberality of a member of the congregation the Daily Vacation Bible School was held at St. Stephen's for six weeks during the summer. The total enrollment was 60. The daily average attendance was 24. This was the first year for a school of this kind at this church. It was in charge of Miss Charlotte W. Nodine, principal, and two assistants, a manual training teacher and a kindergarten teacher. Being situated in a business section of the city it was a hard task to get the children. The enterprising principal gathered up enough children from the "highways and byways" to form a sufficient class, and met with any number of amusing experiences.

When the school was in session the principal told Bible stories and on the following days had different pupils repeat the stories to determine what impression had been made on their minds. The giving of "Habit Talks" was another good feature of the program every day. In these talks the teacher gave suggestions as to good manners, cleanliness, kindness and things that should be avoided. The teaching of hymns and songs was also included in the day's program. Raffia and reed work for the girls and hammock making for the boys were popular manual tasks.

Many of the children wanted the school session to be prolonged and begged on the last day of school to have such a school again at St. Stephen's next summer.

On the evening of August 14th the children gave an exhibition. The Bible stories, "The Finding of Moses" and "King Solomon and Queen of Sheba" were given by Miss Nodine with the assistance of her pupils who wore costumes in keeping with the characters they took. The wand drill showed how gymnastic exercises can be combined with music. Other features of the program proved interesting.

The main objects of these Daily Vacation Bible Schools are: to keep the children off the streets for six weeks in summer; to keep their hands busy; to eliminate quarrels and instil patriotism; to teach Bible stories; to put a church in happy relations with the foreign community.

The amiable characteristics of the colored people are so inadequately recognized that it gives me pleasure to tell of the heroism exhibited this summer by our colored cook. In getting out of a boat she slipped and fell into the water, which was quite deep. As she fell she was caught so that she was only immersed up to her waist. Her position, however, was very awkward, as her back was turned to the boat, and she was unable to help herself. There was no man in the party, and Mrs. Grammer and my daughters, the occupants of the boat, found it very difficult to pull her in without upsetting it, as she was quite heavy. To Georgiana unable to swim, unfamiliar with boats, the peril appeared extreme; but in her excitement she did not forget that others were involved and cried out: "You had better let go of me; I am old, I may drag you in." After a time they managed to get her into the boat, when she explained that she had often heard that drowning people were apt to drag in their rescuers, and was resolved that she would not bring ruin to others.

Musical Program

OCTOBER 5.

11 A. M.
Offertory.
God so loved the world .....*Stainer*
3.30 P. M.
Selections from "Elijah" .....*Mendelssohn*
With augmented choir.
Recitatif and overture.
Chorus, "Help, Lord"
Duet and Chorus, "Zion."
Tenor Solo, "Ye people."
Bass Solo, "Lord God of Abraham."
Quartet, "Cast thy burden."
4 P. M.
Chorus, "Yet doth the Lord."
Alto Solo, "Oh rest in the Lord."
Duet, Soprano and Bass, "Art thou come."
Chorus, "Blessed are the men."
Chorus, "Thanks be to God."

OCTOBER 12.

11 A. M.
Te Deum, E flat .....*Buck*
Offertory.
Oh come every one that thirsteth
Mendelssohn
3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
2nd Sonata .....*Mendelssohn*
Grave.
Adagio.
Allegro.
Communion G, Batiste.
Finale A, Salome.
4 P. M.

OCTOBER 19.

11 A. M.
Te Deum E .....*Mosenthal*
Offertory, "Lovely appear" .....*Gounod*
3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Fugue in F .....*Haendel*
Aria .....*Bach*
Allegretto .....*Guilmant*
Finale .....*Guilmant*
4 P. M.

OCTOBER 26.

11 A. M.
Te Deum B minor .....*Buck*
Oh God have mercy .....*Mendelssohn*
3.30 P. M.
Organ recital.
Maestoso (Hors et vita) .....*Gounod*
Andantino .....*Lemare*
Allegretto .....*St Saens*
Finale .....*Wagner*
4 P. M.

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HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
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Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, Mrs. Croxton, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Mrs. L. L. Smith, Miss Baird.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Bright.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. Lewis H. Van Dusen, Mrs. F. W. English.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Boards—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Hein, Miss Dale.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Children's Friend Society.

President and Treasurer.—Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, 127 South Fifth Street.
Secretary.—Miss Annie Denney.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. McPherran, Miss Edwards, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Sausser.

Girl's Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

SEWING CLASS.

President.—Mrs. Eastwood.
Associates.—Miss Lewis, Miss Daley, Miss Zeilin.

Meets every Saturday at 9.30 A. M., in the Parish House.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

Kitchen Garden.

Meets every Saturday from 11 to 12.30, in the Sunday-School room.

President.—Miss Margaret Culbertson.
Assistant.—Miss Florence Spruance.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's days are Tuesdays, for matters of church administration, and Thursdays for pastoral conferences on moral and religious subjects. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints Day.
2.—24th Sunday after Trinity.
9.—25th Sunday after Trinity.
16.—26th Sunday after Trinity.
23.—Sunday next before Advent.
30.—1st Sunday in Advent (St. Andrew).

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

October 19.—Arthur Edward Howard.

MARRIAGES.

October 15th.—Bartholomew Rus and Ethel Eveline Grimley.
October 15th.—Charles Bruning and Ethel Anna Shumaker.

BURIALS.

October 7.—Louisa Florence Joyce.
14.—Alberta Dilg.
20.—Albert N. Loughead.
24.—Sophia Kraft Lindenmeyer.

Offerings Received from October 5, 1913, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity to October 26, 1913, Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities		$35 08
Parochial Maintenance		60 55
		$95 63

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Theological Education	$1 40	
Our work among boys	19 45	
Parochial Maintenance	194 14	
Benevolent Society	50	
Charities	95 82	
Missions	128 20	
Domestic Missions	50	
Indian Missions	1 35	
		$441 36
		$536 99

SUMMARY.

Charities	$130 90
Parochial Maintenance	254 69
Theological Education	1 40
Our work among boys	19 45
Benevolent Society	50
Missions	128 20
Domestic Missions	50
Indian Missions	1 35
	$536 99

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

The congregation will note that an addition is made to our staff of clergy by the appointment of the Rev. Hubert W. Wells as one of our assistants. Mr. Wells has been for a number of years the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, a church made famous by the long rectorship of Bishop Lee, but in latter years he has become more and more interested in the application of Christian principles to social problems. Last spring he accepted the secretaryship of the City Club in this city. The position proved so congenial that he resigns charge of St. Andrew's on the first Sunday in November. Henceforth his main energy will be given to social service, but he desires to maintain his position in the ranks of the clergy, and his right to participate in the Church's conventions. We feel that a man of such a spirit has a message for the Church, and are glad to place him on our staff. It ought to be explained to the congregation that the position, except as to some small canonical requirements which will be duly met, is purely honorary, and will not add to the burdens of the Vestry. Mr. Wells is given a seat in our Chancel, will have a part in our service, when he is able to attend, and will take such other duty as may be requested of him by the Rector and his engagements will permit. A cultured theologian, a thoughtful and well-read student of social problems, an ardent spirit, an eloquent and moving preacher, it is a pleasure to have such a man on our staff. It may be expedient in view of the number of clergy on our staff to explain exactly the relation of these ministers to the parish. In a word, they are all workers under the direction of the Rector. Financially, the parish is under the charge of the Rector and Vestry; but spiritually the congregation is under the jurisdiction of the Rector, as the following Canon clearly lays down.

CANON 16.

Sec. 1. The control of the worship and the spiritual jurisdiction of the parish are vested in the Rector, subject to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Canons of the Church, and the godly counsel of the Bishop. All other ministers of the parish, by whatever name they may be designated, are to be regarded as under the authority of the Rector.

Sec. 2. For the purposes of his office and for the full and free discharge of all functions and duties pertaining thereto, the Rector shall, at all times, be entitled to the use and control of the Church and Parish Buildings with the appurtenances and furniture thereof.

Loyalty Where It Is Due.

It is a matter of surprise that people do not feel more obligation to associate themselves with a Church that stands for what they believe in. Many people, who will profess that one of the supreme tasks of the Church is more efficient social service, often worship for the convenience, it may be, of avoiding a little longer walk on Sunday morning at a Church where all that sort of service is derided as futile; or they may be believers in the necessity of re-stating the everlasting gospel in the terminology of our own day, and on inquiring under what modern and enlightened preacher they are refreshed by such views, you learn that for special reasons they listen Sunday after Sunday to the sermons of the Rev. Mr. Stand-pat-on-all-the-old-forms of dogma.

Some one asked Mrs. Carlyle on one occasion to allow him to bring a very charming liberal bishop to call on her, and to his surprise was refused permission. "No," explained Mrs. Carlyle, "he may be very charming, and very liberal; but I cannot stand a liberal-minded man wearing that absurd costume; that is the mixing of things which I call The Great Bad." I do not agree with the philosophical and caustic wife of the great Scotch seer, in thinking liberality out of place in a bishop, for I know of no conjunction more entirely delightful than breadth of view and the Episcopal office; but I am quite in accord with her in thinking that the mixing of things is the great bad.

People who are laboring all week in the interest of modern social and ethical ideals should belong to a Church where those ideals are upheld, justified and illustrated. If they go for motives of convenience, or habit to a Church where such ideals are either ignored or antagonized, their life lacks harmony and consistency; there is too great a gulf between Sunday and Monday, for any good message to pass from the one over to the other, and there is the mixing of things which Mrs. Carlyle called the Great Bad. "Unite my heart," prayed the Psalmist, and this unity of heart is only possible where life is laid down on consistent lines. The bearing of these remarks is that there are a great many people who approve what St. Stephen's stands for in Philadelphia, who would be happier and more consistent if they would unite themselves with St. Stephen's. I meet them every day; people who admire the position of our Church, its theological breadth, its ecclesiastical liberality, its attitude toward the Reformation and the Bible and complain to me pathetically that the Church to which they belong is just the opposite of St. Stephen's on all these points. I do not believe in seeking to pull people out of other Churches, and have been brought up in a strict school of clerical ethics in such matters, but I can but think that such people deprive Sunday of much of its blessing by making it a day of repulsions and reactions, instead of a season of reinforcement and encouragement. People who believe in development in doctrine and ethics owe their encouragement and aid to a Church that stands today as it has stood for a generation, for progress in these directions.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Our Brotherhood of St. Andrew was represented at the Annual National Convention, October 1st to 5th, in New York City, by W. J. Kirkpatrick, Chas. H. Moore, Jas. Carrigan and G. H. Streaker. Over 2,600 men and boys registered, thus, far exceeding in numbers any recent convention. At the Corporate Communion, on the Sunday morning of the closing day, over two thousand members were present, representing Chapters from Maine to California. The great Cathedral of St. John the Divine presented an inspiring scene, when, at 7.30 on Sunday morning, this large assembly of our Brotherhood from all parts of our country took part in this sacred service.

The following additions have been made to our Church this past month. Some of them are old members who have returned to us; some of them are new members entirely, and some of them are worshipers who have attended our services more or less for years, and have now definitely taken their place among us. To all we give a hearty welcome.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mrs. C. Gardeicke.
Isaac H. Jones, M.D.
Mrs. Williams.
Miss Williams.
Miss Katherine Fetzer.
Mrs. Anna Smith.
Charles McLeester.
Miss Harriet E. Parker.

Musical Program

NOVEMBER 2.

11 A. M.
Offertory.
There is a Green Hill Far Away....*Gounod*

3.30 P. M.
Selections from Gaul's "Holy City."
No Shadows Yonder.
Eye Hath Not Seen.
I Heard a Voice.
Let the Cherubic Hosts.

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
These Are They.
My Soul is Athirst.
Blessed.

NOVEMBER 9.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat.....*Buck*
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord....*Garrett*

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Fourth Sonata .....*Mendelssohn*
Allegro.
Allegretto.
Andante.
Allegro
Traumerei .....*Schumann*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E .....*Parker*
God is a Spirit .....*Bennett*
O Come Before His Presence.....*Martin*

NOVEMBER 16.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E .....*Mosenthal*
If With All Your Hearts.....*Mendelssohn*

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Andante Fifth Symphony .....*Beethoven*
(By Request.)
Overture ..... *Rossini*
Song Without Words .....*Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in F .....*Clough Leighter*
He Has Said to All the Unhappy
Gounod
Awake ..... *Borton*

NOVEMBER 23.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E .....*Parker*
Thou Visiteth the Earth .....*Calkin*

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Prelude "Parsifal" .....*Wagner*
Canzonette } .....
Grand Choeur } *Guilmant*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in G .....*Noble*
Oh, Lord, My Trust is in Thy Mercy....*Hall*
Hear Ye, Israel .....*Mendelssohn*

NOVEMBER 30.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B flat .....*Stanford*
The People that Walked in Darkness
Haendel

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Tocatta and Fugue (d) .....*Bach*
Spring Song .....*Wagner*
Nocturne ..... *Chopin*
Allegretto ..... *Goddard*

4 P. M.
Magnificat A .....*Foster*
He Watching Over Israel .....*Mendelssohn*
I am Alpha and Omega.....*Stainer*

Requests for choir or organ numbers may be addressed to Mr. Thunder at the church.

To the Men of St. Stephen's Church.

An Informal Dinner of the men associated with St. Stephen's Church will be given under the auspices of St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Tuesday evening, November 11th, at Dooner's Hotel, 10th and Chestnut streets, at seven o'clock.

All men in any way connected with St. Stephen's Church are earnestly invited to attend this dinner. The price of the dinner will be one dollar ($1.00) and subscriptions may be sent to Mr. William H. Hansell, chairman of committee, 904 Provident Building, Philadelphia.

All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

Albert Loughead.

Although it had been long foreseen that Albert Loughead could not recover from the tuberculosis that had fastened itself so firmly upon him, his sudden collapse and death on Saturday, Oct. 18th, came as a great shock to his friends. Educated in the Parish School, a member of the Sunday School, in Miss Lindenmeyer's class, and a communicant, every one felt that St. Stephen's had a special responsibility for him, when he lost both parents about five years ago.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Mearns, a home was provided for the orphan boy, till the progress of his tuberculosis made it impossible to keep him in their house with due regard to the health of their children. Then he made various experiments in earning a living and seeking health, driving wagons and going to sanitaria, but always finding in St. Stephen's the circle of his friends and in the home of the Mearns the affection given to a blood relation. In the summers of 1911 and 1912 he helped Miss Dale at St. Stephen's Farm, endearing himself to everyone by his tact, cheerful courage and kindness. Last fall he was so weak that it was necessary to put him in the home for consumptives at Chestnut Hill. There he had the assurance that his Church would care for him and provide for all his wants, and his Sunday School teacher, and Sunday School classmates brightened his days by visiting him with beautiful fidelity. He was also cheered by the visits of Miss Lewis and other friends, as well as by the clergy of the parish. He met all with a beaming smile and with warm affection. The beauty of his character was manifest in his tender solicitude for those he loved, and in his gentle patience. On Monday, Oct. 20th, he was buried from St. Stephen's Church, and a large congregation was present to testify to the strength and extent of the affection that his character had inspired. His example and influence will long be felt in the Parish. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Memorial Flowers.

The cost of flowers for the Altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and address to Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street.

Jan. 5.—
12.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mrs. Ernst.
26.—Mrs. Taylor.

Feb. 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
9.—Miss Van Dusen.
16.—Dr. Fell.
23.—

March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
16.—Palm Sunday.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Mr. Anderson.

April 6.—Miss Townsend.
13.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
20.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
27.—Dr. Grammer.

May 4.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
11.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
18.—Miss Townsend.
25.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.

June 1.—Mrs. Kaller.
8.—
15.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
22.—
29.—Miss Lucy T. Miller.

July 6.—Mr. C. Howard Colket.
13.—
20.—Dr. and Mrs. Fell.
27.—Mrs. Lindenmyer.

Aug. 3.—Mr. Joseph Clayton.
10.—
17.—
24.—Miss Laura Bell.
31.—Miss Helen Shellenberger.
Sept. 7.—Mrs. Lane.
14.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
21.—
28.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 5.—Miss Laura Bell.
12.—Miss Maulsby.
19.—Mrs. Sheble.
26.—
All Saints Day.—Mrs. Arrison.
Nov. 2.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
9.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Miss Eisenbrey.
30.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 7.—Miss Davis.
14.—
21.—Mrs. Petry.
28.—

St. Stephen's Church Work Fund.

The Rector appeals to the members and attendants of St. Stephen's for their annual contributions to the Church Work Fund. The work will he hampered unless $1,400 shall be contributed. For that amount the Rector earnestly asks. It is through this Fund that the Rector conducts his office, publishes the PARISH NEWS, employs the services of a stenographer, advertises the Sunday services, provides stationery and printing for the Church's work and societies, and furnishes equipment and needed money to the various organizations and in general is able to act as the head of a large Church rendering the community many kinds of services. This unusually large expenditure for equipment was made possible by the liberality of the late Miss Garrett in contributing five hundred dollars to this Fund and provided a dumb waiter, that connects the kitchen with the room below, solid oak rack for the hats and coats of 65 more members of the Girls' Friendly, an electrical equipment in the Sunday School Building for the same society and numerous chairs and tables that were greatly needed.

Statement of Church Work Fund 1912-1913.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October, 1912	$6.78
Contributions and receipts	2,061.19
	$2,067.97

EXPENDED.

Services of a secretary	$163.79
Sunday School	193.00
Church Societies	209.01
Bell Telephone	56.48
Parish News	299.83
Other printing	114.06
Advertising services in newspapers	200.80
For various purposes, through the Verger	59.62
Social Service	67.21
Equipment for societies	379.45
Expenses of Wood Memorial Committee	55.32
General office expenses, for stationery, aid in chancel and organ in summer and sundry occasions	204.75
Special expenditures	43.50
Balance on hand	21.15
Total	$2,067.97

I think it proper to call attention to the moderate expense at which the PARISH NEWS is published, and the secretarial work is done The income from the advertising has yet to be deducted. A newspaper in this city has offered to do our advertising for $200 a year and this method has been recommended by a committee. Yet we have been able to publish our services in two papers, the Public Ledger and The Evening Bulletin for about that amount.

This Fund is kept in a separate bank, apart from the Communion Alms, and all expenditures are made by check. The account is audited by the assistant.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Sunday School.

October has been a busy month in our school. On Saturday afternoon, the fourth of the month, we took part in the Annual Parades of the Philadelphia Sunday Schools. Eleven schools of our seventh district assembled at Washington Square and led by St. Andrew's Boys' Band and they all marched around the Square, this being followed by addresses, music and singing in front of the great portico of the historic old First Presbyterian Church, as our part in the city-wide demonstration. We went there in large autobusses with flags and banners flying, to the number of about seventy, including some twenty of the Burd School, who sang an anthem in the musical part of the program.

Our "Rally Day," Sunday, October 12th, cheered everybody's heart, as in response to the rally postals and the school was filled with large reunited classes of faithful teachers and scholars, whom our Rector heartily addressed.

The death of Albert Loughead, and his beautifully pathetic funeral service in the Church on Monday, October 20th, showed the deep affection which underlies the success of our school. Dr. Grammer most touchingly brought this out in his address to the school and at the service. The teachers, scholars and mothers tenderly, sympathetically, responded and we learned again the lesson, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," when from our midst another scholar of St. Stephen's was called into God's Eternity.

Our session of October 19th, was particularly marked by a sincere devotional spirit, and we feel that the ten minutes of intercessory prayers which the teachers had before the school opened, had much to do with it.

On Sunday, November 2d, our lesson on "The Life of Christ," will be illustrated with the lantern. We have secured some beautiful lantern slides showing scenes from the journeys of Jesus, as they are to-day. We cordially invite anyone who may desire to be present at 9.45 A. M.

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

The Boys' Club and United States Senate.

The Boys' Senate reassembled for the winter sessions on Friday evening October 17th, and re-electing new officers, made James Stork presiding officer, George Krimmel secretary, Nicholas Schulgen chaplain and Frank Tunney sergeant-at-arms. After discussing plans for the winter, they adjourned for athletic games. They will meet each Friday evening as heretofore.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

The summer, with its heat and drought, is ended. There was much suffering, of course, and evening after evening the inmates of the crowded tenements sat on the front steps or on the pavements trying to get fresh air. All that were able flocked into the open, but there were some, of course, who were too sick or infirm to follow the example of the hardier, and panted with the stifling heat in their close, ill-ventilated rooms. We did what we could to relieve their suffering, which is always so great in a large city during the heated term.

We rejoice that we could send so many to the Farm, and some on excursions down the river, and through the bounty of some big generous hearts, three were sent to Atlantic City. How lovely it is when those to whom much is given are so willing and glad to extend their help to those who have nothing, and who do not forget the unfortunates even when away on their own vacations.

One interesting, yet unfortunate case I am tempted to give here:

A mother of four children was taken seriously ill. The children attend our Sunday school and we were apprised of the case at once. The mother had to be removed to the Hahnemann Hospital and was operated upon; in the meantime we were helping the family to keep together in their little home, when the husband and father was taken ill and he, too, had to be sent to the hospital. We did all we could for the children and when the mother returned to her home she was able in a little while to take a position, which was secured through the influence of Mr. Edwards, and which is paying her nine dollars a week. The husband returned home from the hospital but was compelled to go back again.

Another interesting case, and one most urgent in its need for relief: a young woman in the city lost her position and having no relative, was alone. We took care of her and kept her from despair. She has now a position which is paying her twelve dollars a week.

We are so thankful for the orders for groceries, as they help us much in relieving cases where so much is needed, especially where there is illness in a family.

We were also able to buy an air cushion for a dear old lady, and although only needed for a short time, it was a great relief and much comfort to her.

Now, winter is coming, and Thanksgiving will soon be here. I should be so glad to receive help of money or supplies in order to send out a few baskets.

A concert and dance by the Girls' Friendly Society will be given in the Sunday School Building on Monday, November 24th, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of St. Stephen's Farm. Tickets, 25 cents.

MRS. H. SPENCER LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

The congregation's attention is called to the fact that the Thanksgiving Day Service will be held at 10.30 A. M., instead of 11 A. M.

The Mother's Annual Sale and Fair will be held on the first Thursday in December, from 3 P. M. until 9 P. M.

It is earnestly hoped that the congregation will bear this date in mind. Any donations will be gratefully received.

The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Farm—possibly for a new bath room.

King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters held their first meeting on October 15th, with ten members present. During the summer season our Circle lost some of its most faithful members. Mrs. Parmalee has passed away. She was a member of our Society for many years, and, although prevented, on account of her age, to attend the meetings during recent years, always remembered us, and gave willingly towards Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets. We shall surely miss her. Mrs. Crombarger also was a very dear friend to us all, and as long as her health allowed, she came regularly to the meetings. She and Mrs. Martin, another willing contributor, have died during the past year. Two of our members have had deaths in their families during the summer,—Sarah Kingsley having lost her mother, and May Jeffries her grandmother,—so that with all the pleasure of the vacation period, there has also been much sadness for some of us. Those who are left will have to work with renewed energy, as at best we are few in number, and there are always many who need help. The next meetings will be held November 5th and 19th, and new members will always be made very welcome.

BERTHA TUDOR WALSHE,
Secretary.

Shoe Fund.

The Shoe Fund Society will start Tuesday, November 4th. Miss Townsend and Mrs. Vanderslice will be at the Parish House every Tuesday morning from half past ten until twelve o'clock. Donations of shoes or money for this work will be very acceptable, for Jack Frost will soon be around.

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REV. HUBERT W. WELLS.
REV. WILLIAM Y. EDWARDS.
The Hazlehurst, 910 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
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MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. William H. Hollar, Mr. C. Howard Colket,
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Mr. Robert T. Boyd.

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Basses.

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James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 9 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Miss Townsend, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Boards—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girl's Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce St., at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 7.—2nd Sunday in Advent.
14.—3rd Sunday in Advent.
17.—Ember Day.
19.—Ember Day.
20th.—Ember Day.
21.—4th Sunday in Advent (St. Thomas).
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—St. Stephen.
27.—St. John, Evangelist.
28.—Holy Innocents.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

November 19.—Rachel Ann Murphy.

MARRIAGES.

November 5.—John Stewart Bower and Elsie Nevin Shapley.
November 20.—Leon Jean Louis Bessiere and Delphine M. F. Villermaux.

BURIALS.

November 15.—John S. Wood.
15.—William Bulkau.
18.—John Smith Walker.

Contributions to the Church Work.

Miss Catherine T. Rynard	$25 00
Miss Anna B. Townsend	5 00
Frances W. Gibhart	10 00
A. D. A.	20 00
Miss Fanny S. Magee	25 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	25 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
Mrs. John C. Brown	10 00
H. H. Barton, Jr.	25 00
Emory R. Johnson	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Howard Colket	25 00
Edward R. Fell	10 00
Mrs. Nicholas Petry	5 00
Miss Louise Betts Edwards	5 00
Samuel N. Lewis	20 00
John W. Trinkle (In memory of his wife, Mary W. Trinkle)	150 00
Wilber F. Rose	10 00
Beauvean Borie	25 00
Mrs. A. Brunner	25 00
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell	50 00
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	50 00
Mrs. Robert E. Atmore	50 00
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr.	25 00
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	15 00
J. Austin McDowell	50 00
Wm. E. Haydick	20 00
Wm. A. Hollar	25 00
Miss Emily Dutilh ($1.50 for Flower Committee.)	6 50
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25 00
In Memoriam	25 00
Total to date	$781 50

Offerings Received from November 1, 1913, All Saints' Day to November 23, 1913, Next Sunday Before Advent. (This Account Does Not Include Offerings of November 27, 1913, Thanksgiving Day or November 30, 1913, First Sunday in Advent.)

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$50 73	
Parochial Maintenance	45 31	
Benevolent Society	12 63	
		$108 67

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Theological Education	$.55	
Our Work Among Boys	6 05	
Parochial Maintenance	128 15	
Benevolent Society	52 13	
Charities	56 57	
Episcopal Hospital	.95	
Missions	97 76	
Indian Missions	.25	
		342 41
		$451 08

SUMMARY.

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Missions	97 76
Theological Education	.55
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Indian Missions	.25
Benevolent Society	64 76
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All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

It is our purpose to make the PARISH NEWS less a record of what has occurred in the Parish during the past month, and more of an announcement of what is to be done in the coming month. The historical features will not be obliterated. Our "shut-ins," and distant members will still be able through this little monthly to keep informed of the life of the Parish. But the aggressive note will be more distinctly sounded, and the call to service will be more clearly given.

To accomplish this we shall have to condense our reports of meetings and limit ourselves to the essential or novel features. We shall also need the assistance of the various workers that we may get our Calendar of the events or meetings in the Parish for the month ensuing.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the Month.)
Organ Recital ..... 3.30 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.
(The course this season is on the fundamentals of Christianity.)
Social Hour .....7.45 to 9 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M. in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M. in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society, from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
Litany, 12.15 P. M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month at 11 A. M.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

SPECIAL NOTICES FOR THE MONTH.

On December 4, the mothers will hold a fair, 3 P. M. to 10 P. M.
On December 26, the Sunday School celebration will be held in the Sunday School building at 8 o'clock.
On December 29, the Girls Friendly will have its Christmas entertainment.

The Sunday Afternoon Services

The Rector has been delivering on Sunday afternoons a series of addresses on some of the fundamentals of Christianity. As Coleridge has well observed, "Truths of all others the most awful and interesting are too often considered as so true that they lose all the power of truth and lie bed-ridden in the dormitory of the soul side by side with the most debased and exploded errors." It is the duty of the preacher to command these invalided truths to rise and walk.

Sometimes, however, the difficulty is that the great truths are like missionaries in a strange land and express themselves in a tongue not understood by the people. Then it becomes the duty of the Christian teacher to act as an interpreter and translate their message into the vernacular of the multitude. Such is the task that the Rector has set himself on Sunday afternoon. He will emphasize the important truths of religion and if necessary will restate them in modern terms. Thus far his addresses have been (1) on the immanence of God; (2) the uniqueness of man; (3) the nature of sin, original and actual; (4) the true meaning of repentance; (5) the relation of grief to repentance.

The course will continue to deal with such fundamental conceptions as faith, regeneration or conversion, and grace—which will occupy the remaining Sunday afternoons of 1913.

Music will be given, as heretofore, a larger place in the afternoon than in the morning service, and there will be two anthems, one after the Third Collect and one during the offertory. The address will occupy about twenty minutes, and will be given on first Sunday of the month as well as on the other Sundays. The service is intended to be a season of devotion and religious instruction. It ought to be particularly useful to young people seeking confirmation, and to people in whose ears the ancient phraseology of religion has lost much of its meaning.

A good idea of the nature of the discourses on Sunday afternoons will be afforded by a *précis* of the discussion of original sin. Our modern moral philosophy will not admit for a moment that an unconscious child can be guilty of any sin. Old divines might talk of the duty of repenting of Adam's sin; but such language has lost all meaning for us, who do not believe in the historicity of the story of the Garden of Eden. The old doctrine of Original

Sin thus lacks both a historical and philosophical basis. The only intelligible meaning for us for the phrase is original imperfection. We are born imperfect and have a long and painful process through which we must pass to attain our full moral stature. What used to be considered a sense of the sinfulness of our nature is rightly considered only a sense of our inchoateness. Just as the bashful child called on to play a piece of music in the presence of some finished musician is overcome with a sense of the crudity of its performance and the meagreness of its gifts, so are we early made to realize that we are only feeble bunglers at the great task of living soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Such consciousness is painful; but it is also wholesome and helpful, and contains, if rightly and not morbidly treated, the seeds of subsequent growth and development. To deepen it into a consciousness of guilt is, however, repugnant to our sense of justice and has a tendency to alienate us from God. We realize that there is no injustice in God's setting us a task; we cannot, however, but feel that it would be unjust in God to count us sinners because of another's offence. Take away entirely this sense of sin of origin, and make it plain that God calls on us through this sense of imperfection to work with Him in moulding the imperfect and disorganized self into moral beauty and inward harmony, and we realize at once that we have herein a task worthy of the sons of God, and have no sense of alienation from our Father.

Memorials

When the Arrison window shall have been placed near the font, and the space between the two windows that look into the ambulatory on the north side of the Church shall have been filled with the bust of Dr. Wood, there will not remain many more windows or spaces available for memorials. The two windows just referred to could be made glorious by rich glass behind which electric lights could be placed so that the colours of the glass could be thrown out into the Church The great rose window in the transept and the windows over the reredos also afford splendid opportunities for memorials; but these two last would necessarily be very costly, on account of their size and the necessity for the best workmanship in such important windows. Then our space for memorials will soon be exhausted unless we can utilize the small round windows of the east wall, and the windows in the galleries.

There is one form of memorial, however, that appeals to many people fully as much as any window or bust or tablet, and that is the endowment of the pew where the dear one who is to be commemorated once sat; so that for all time it will bear his or her name and help to maintain the Church of his or her love. There are several such endowed pews in St. Stephen's and this is the proper time for increasing their number. A lady told the Rector just the other day that she intended to endow a pew in memory of her mother. It is hoped that such a purpose may take the effective shape of a provision in the will. There are many benevolent designs, which for lack of such action their currents turn away and lose all quality of fulfilment. If we can add every year several endowed pews to our list we shall be able to transmit to those that come after us a Church that has been wisely prepared for changed conditions, a Church that will be able to continue the work as well as hold the memorials of a former generation.

The "Social Hour" on Sunday evening has been resumed, and it is pleasant to welcome back so many of our old friends. On two Sundays in November, Dr. Anthony and Mr. Manypenny kindly sang, and other members of the choir have promised their assistance. It is our purpose, this year, to reduce somewhat the time spent in singing familiar hymns, give more time to social converse, to special musical features and to the closing devotional exercise —though this last will still be brief. Our great aim will be to have such variety as may sustain interest and such freedom as may enable the Rector to know his visiting friends better.

In the statement of expenditures from the Church Work Fund—$299.83 was given as the cost of publishing the PARISH NEWS. After the income from advertisements shall be deducted, the net expense of this monthly will be reduced to $150, and as an energetic friend has undertaken to increase the advertisements, it is hoped that the net expense this year may fall still further and be below a hundred dollars. Such a medium of advertising is certainly quite worth the while of people who deal in memorials and Church furnishings and find in the Churches their chief customers. We intend to make the paper more valuable to our advertisers and to the Church by circulating it more widely.

As a rule the Rector is principled against Church Fairs. They are costly ways of raising money, and they are not educative in the best mode of giving. An exception, however, is found to all general rules, and the fair that will be given by "The Mothers," on December 4th, from 3 P. M. to 10 P. M., is such an instance. The articles that will be presented for sale represent honest work, and it is sincerely hoped that the congregation will not leave the purchasing to the same people who did the work; but will take an interest in the fair and patronize it liberally. The object the mothers have at heart is the improvement of the much-loved Farm in Bucks county.

Benevolent Society.

The Benevolent Society opened Wednesday, November 5th, with a good number of officers and women. The dear old Pennsylvania Hospital, as usual, had its work there in time for us to give it right out. This promptness is partially due to one of our ladies who takes a great interest in that hospital. Next week we hope to return it, and begin on the Episcopal Hospital. The Jefferson, as well as several other hospitals, has asked how much we can do for it, so there is no fear of our wanting work. We are sorry that one of our ladies will have to leave us, as her husband is in the army and they are ordered away in January. She will be greatly missed not only for her work, but for herself. We hope some day to get her back. The work has become very great in this society, growing each year, and in each department getting better. It is wonderful to see how dependable the members have become and how faithfully they give of their time each Wednesday, foregoing many pleasures that they may be in their places. Ruskin said a man who made a railing to go around a church was elevated, whereas one who made one for a saloon was lowered. Knowing the good we are doing for the sick and suffering in the hospitals we feel that our society has elevated all its members as well as helped the receivers of work and the hospitals of the city.

CORNELIA L. EWING,
Vice-President.

November 22, 1913.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS.

The first meeting for the winter of 1913-14 of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Parish House on Thursday, October 30th, at eleven o'clock, thirty-two members being present, including one new member.

Miss Anna Magee, treasurer of the United Offering reported the total triennial offering in New York this year as $307,500, the largest amount ever received by the Board of Missions. St. Stephen's contribution was $650. Miss Magee has $40 towards the next offering.

Miss Farrell, librarian of the Periodical Club, made a request for donations of the Cosmopolitan, Everybody's and Punch. Dr. Grammer announced two resignations among the officers of the Auxiliary—Miss Washington, vice-president, and Miss Bright, secretary.

Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan was nominated and elected vice-president, and Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr., secretary.

Mrs. F. W. English gave a short, interesting talk on the inspiration of the meetings she attended of the General Convention.

Mr. Daito, of Tokyo, Rector of St. John's Church, reported on his field, one of the fifteen districts of Tokyo and the "darkest spot, morally of all Japan."

There is a population of 250,000 people. It has 314 Buddhist temples, 28 Shinto temples and hundreds of bazaars and theatres. St. John's has one hundred communicants. The building will only seat sixty people and Mr. Daito is in this country to raise $15,000 with which to build a larger church. The sum of $25 was voted to him by the Auxiliary.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

The November meeting was held on Thursday, November 20th

The Treasurer reported a balance of $50.17. The United Offering Fund has now reached $86.

We were fortunate in having two able and interesting speakers: Deaconess Colesberry, of St. Martha's House, and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. St. Martha's House is situated at Eighth street and Snyder avenue, where Deaconess Colesberry and her co-workers try to bring joy, sympathy, proper amusements and material aid to the poor and unhappy people in that section.

They have a Kindergarten, two Home Classes for the girls, a Mothers' Club, a Library, a Dispensary and the largest Junior Auxiliary in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Taylor told a sad story of the suffering at Roanoke Rapids, N. C. The people are dependent upon the cotton industry for work, but men, women and children cannot average three days' labor a week, because of illness.

Mrs. Taylor is trying to raise funds to build a hospital, Roanoke Rapids being in a section of 100 square miles in which there is not one place to care for the sick.

The Auxiliary voted $25 to each of these appeals.

Arrangements are being made to have Mrs. Gardiner, of Lawrenceville, Va., address the next meeting, which will be held in the Parish House December 18th, at eleven o'clock

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

The St. Stephen's Church Periodical Club is in need of subscriptions of periodicals. If you have a magazine or paper that you can spare, will you send it to one of our missionaries or to some member of his family? Anything in the way of literature is acceptable, grave or gay.

The librarian of St. Stephen's Branch of the Club will give you the name and residence to which you can send it. Please address Miss A. Farrell, care St. Stephen's Parish House, 9 S. Tenth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Received from Mr. Potter's Estate in October, through Mr. Hunter Ewing, $33.41.

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings December 3d and December 17th, in the Guild Room, Parish House, 8 o'clock.

November 6th, $5.00 was contributed to the maintenance of the Door of Blessing, 648 North Thirty-third street, which is a home for women just out of prison, established in memory of Mrs. Wheeler.

The King's Daughters have been making some fancy articles for a fair in December to surprise one who has been a kind friend to them. Bibs and skirts and rompers are also in work basket and will be given where needed.

Shoe Fund.

Received in November:	
From Church Fund, through Dr. Grammer	$25 00
Donation, Mrs. Hand	1 00
Those receiving shoes	1 00
Total	$27 00

Thanks to all who sent shoes in during the summer, as their names have been lost. Have given out since opening about ten pairs of shoes and two pairs of overshoes.

VIRGINIA VANDERSLICE.

The Sunday School.

On Friday evening, November 14th, the teachers met around the supper table in the Parish Guild Room with Dr. Grammer at the head of the table. Nearly all were present. At the meeting after supper in the Rector's room, committees were appointed to take care of the Christmas Festival. The Festival will be held on Friday evening, December 26th, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday School room. Carol practice will begin the first Sunday in December.

On Sunday, November 23d, silver badges were awarded to thirteen of the scholars for nine months' constant Sunday School attendance, up to the first Sunday in November, and the gold button will be due the first Sunday in February next. The school had an unusually good attendance and Mr. Edwards made the presentation address. The new plan for awarding these buttons is now in operation for those who may wish to begin with this winter's session.

Mr. H. Fenton Cooke and his assistant are volunteering to help us with violin and cornet whenever they can and we are very grateful for their kind musical help.

The teachers and scholars are now earnestly studying the "Life of the Christ" and the first Sunday morning in January the Superintendent will review the lessons using the lantern and pictures.

On the first Sunday in December, at 9.30 A. M., the teachers and officers will meet for ten minutes of intercessory prayer.

The Alpha Kappa Society.

The Alpha Kappa are planning for the entertainment of the Sunday School and their friends early in December, with a "Trip to Labrador," and in January, with "Memories of the Good Old Summer Time," illustrated with the best of the old summer outing pictures and many new pictures from the Farm vacations and other pleasant summer memories of the scholars and members of the Girls' Friendly Society during the past season.

Parish Visitor's Report.

To all those who contributed money and made it possible for others to have a real Thanksgiving Day, we offer our grateful thanks. Through the generosity and thoughtfulness we were able to fill baskets of good cheer and raise a Thanksgiving hymn in some very desolate and needy homes.

The decoration of fruit in the church on the Day of the Feast of Thanksgiving is never wasted; first it gladdens the eye of all the church-goers, then it refreshes the poor and the sick, in whose homes it finds its way.

Hoping that our friends will be interested enough in our work to follow us into some of the homes we are visiting, we will take them part of one day on our rounds.

A family whose poverty has caused us much anxiety is composed of father, mother and five children. The man earns nine dollars a week and they pay ten dollars a month for rent, which leaves twenty-nine dollars a month for food and clothing for seven persons, and with the high cost of living, and the doctor's bill, there must be a great deal of "doing without." The mother is not yet able to sit up since the birth of the last child at Easter time, as she is paralyzed from the waist down and the doctor at the hospital gives no hope for her ultimate recovery. The Shut-in-Society has promised us a wheeled chair and we are hopeful that she will be able to use it and move around the little home. Although to human wisdom recovery is impossible, yet with God all things are possible, and so we pray in faith for her recovery.

The next visit will take us into one room where the father lies ill and where the mother does laundry work to support the family, consisting of herself, husband and six children. The early part of the week she washes the clothes, ironing them the latter part. On Sunday she has a day off. She has the children to prepare for Sunday School and has also to get their clothes ready for the coming week that they may attend the public school. The children are all too young to be of much help, and she also must attend to the wants of a small baby. It is indeed a wonder with the laundry work she has to do, attending to these children, a sick husband and a small baby, that she will be able to bear up under this terrible load. There are three rooms in the house, but she is compelled to be in the one room continuously in order to be near the sick husband and baby; and so we pass on from day to day.

The Commended Members' Club of the Girls' Friendly Society.

MY DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

I want to thank you for making the Commended Members' Club G. F. S. welcome at St. Stephen's Parish House. As we are not a Branch, only a Club we have no Parish home. For twelve years we held our meetings at Grace Church; when that was closed we were homeless. Then Miss Wilkins, of St. Stephen's, came to our help, and this is our third winter with you. The members of the Club are British girls who have been commended to the G. F. S. in the United States. Many of them live out on the P. R. R. as far as Bryn Mawr, some in Germantown, and it is a good thing for them to have a resting-place and a supper when they come to town on their "day out."

A number of them work down town and they can conveniently stop at the Club on their way home; some live in West Philadelphia as far out as 54th street.

There is no Parish House so convenient as St. Stephen's; it is so near the two railroad stations.

I have thirty-five names on my book and

only two of these have mothers in this country. So you can see that my work is somewhat different from that of an ordinary Associate. I give them away when they marry and look after them when they are sick. One of my girls has been for ten years in the hospital for consumptives. One has just gone as missionary to China and a third is doing good work in Roxborough as a visiting nurse.

Yours gratefully,

ELLEN HORNER.

Nov. 14, 1913.

MY DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

You have kindly permitted me to write a letter of appeal for your church magazine. Geographically, our Parish covers a large area extending from 59th to 70th street and beyond. Also north and south from Market street to Overbrook. Not many years ago this was open country with a few houses here and there, now it will soon be as densely covered with houses as any part of the city. Here we have a unique opportunity to do a great work for God and for humanity. But we cannot work without tools. One essential to-day is an attractive church building. This is in part being supplied to us in the creation of a Memorial to good Bishop Whitaker, but for lack of money the committee has had to strike out of the plans all provision for a tower, and for vestries. An altar has been donated, but there is no provision for pews, a reredos, a lecturn, a litany desk and many other things.

At our committee meeting last week no steps were taken to provide an organ for this new church as there seemed no prospect of paying for it.

Our old worn out Hymnolia would be worse than none in a church built to seat 675 persons. Could St. Stephen's undertake the $3,000 necessary for the organ and save us and the Diocese from the humiliation of opening the Memorial Church without instrumental music? To-day our membership is over 200 and our Sunday School 350.

Very gratefully yours,

WM. SMYTHE,

Missionary-in-Charge.

Memorial Flowers.

The cost of flowers for the Altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and address to Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. It will be assumed unless notice is given to the contrary that these subscriptions for Memorial Flowers for special Sundays will be continued annually on date specified or on the Sunday nearest to it, therefore post cards will be sent to subscribers when their contributions are due.

Jan. 5.—
12.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mrs. Ernst.
26.—Mrs. Taylor.
Feb. 2.—Mrs. Noblit.
9.—Miss Van Dusen.
16.—Dr. Fell.
23.—
March 2.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
9.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens.
16.—Palm Sunday.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Mr. Anderson.
April 6.—Miss Townsend.
13.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
20.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
27.—Dr. Grammer.
May 4.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
11.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
18.—Miss Townsend.
25.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
June 1.—Mrs. Kaller.
8.—Miss Emily Dutilh.
15.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
22.—
29.—Miss Lucy T. Miller.
July 6.—Mr. C. Howard Colket.
13.—
20.—Dr. and Mrs. Fell.
27.—Mrs. Lindenmyer.
Aug. 3.—Mr. Joseph Clayton.
10.—
17.—
24.—Miss Laura Bell.
31.—Miss Helen Shellenberger.
Sept. 7.—Mrs. Lane.
14.—The Misses Kirkpatrick.
21.—
28.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 5.—Miss Laura Bell.
12.—Miss Maulsby.
19.—Mrs. Sheble.
26.—
All Saints Day.—Mrs. Arrison.
Nov. 2.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
9.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Miss Eisenbrey.
30.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 7.—Miss Davis.
14.—
21.—Mrs. Petry.
28.—

Musical Program

DECEMBER 7.

11 A. M.
Prayer ..... *Metcalf*

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Meditation in F sharp ..... *Guilmant*
Maestoso ..... *Gounod*
Allegretto G ..... *Haendel*
Andante ..... *Mozart*

4 P. M.
Cantate Dominum ..... *Garrett*
Deus Misereatur ..... *Garrett*
The Twilight Shadows Fall ..... *Wood*
Repentance ..... *Gounod*

DECEMBER 14.

11 A. M.
Te Deum G ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate G ..... *Calkin*
God is a Spirit ..... *Bennett*

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Benediction ..... *St. Saens*
Cantilene ..... *Guilmant*
Invocation ..... *Guilmant*
Schiller March ..... *Meyerbeer*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E ..... *Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis in E ..... *Barnby*
Come Holy Ghost ..... *Atwood*
Gloria ..... *Gounod*

DECEMBER 21.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in F ..... *Morley*
Benedictus in F ..... *Vogrich*
Oh Thou That Tellest ..... *Haendel*

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Fixed in His Everlasting Seat..... *Haendel*
Romanza ..... *Haydn*
Caprice ..... *Guilmant*
Nocturne ..... *Chopin*

4 P. M.
Bonum Est ..... *Gouvy*
Benedic Anima ..... *Wood*
I Waited for the Lord ..... *Mendelssohn*
Lord, God of Abraham ..... *Mendelssohn*

DECEMBER 25.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... *Buck*
As it Began to Dawn ..... *Martin*
Sanctus ..... *Gounod*

DECEMBER 28.

11 A. M.
Te Deum C ..... *Gounod*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Nazareth ..... *Gounod*

3.30 P. M.
Organ Recital.
Offertory on Christmas Hymns ... *Guilmant*
Allegretto ..... *Tours*
Andantino ..... *Lemare*
March ..... *Meyerbeer*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E ..... *Parker*
Bonum Est in E ..... *Parker*
Christmas Carols:
Sleep Holy Babe,
Good King Wencelaus,
Holy Night,
Jesus Meek and Mild.

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REV. WILLIAM Y. EDWARDS.
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Vestry.

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Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Mr. Robert T. Boyd.

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Tenors.

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Basses.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thos. C. Martindale.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 9 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.00 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Miss Townsend, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

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Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Clayton, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Boards—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girl's Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
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HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Circumcision.
4.—2nd Sunday after Christmas.
6.—The Epiphany.
11.—1st Sunday after Epiphany.
18.—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
25.—Conversion of St. Paul (3rd Sunday after Epiphany).

Parish Record.

MARRIAGES.

December 10.—Robert E. Kagel and Marie Domenico.
December 11.—Richard W. Nelms and Jessie N. Lauvaux.
December 20.—Robert E. Hunt and Ethel Wilson.
December 24.—John W. Baker and Vera Forster.

BURIALS.

December 16.—Augusta Bowers.
December 17.—Dr. James MacAlister.

Contributions to the Church Work Fund.

Miss Elizabeth Jones (In memory of George Jones)	$5 00
Miss Laura Bell	10 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Mrs. Oliver Judson	10 00
Mrs. Alfred Tucker	15 00
Mrs. Dudley Lane	5 00
H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
W. Gardner Crowell	25 00
	$130 00

The sum total received for the Christmas Baskets was $310.00; $297.00 of this amount was expended. An itemized account will be given later.

Offerings Received from November 27, 1913, Thanksgiving Day to December 28, 1913, Sunday after Christmas.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$15 65	
Parochial Maintenance	94 04	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	37 44	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	58 11	
Episcopal Hospital	41 72	
		$246 96

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Theological Education	$.60
Our Work Among Boys	2 55
Parochial Maintenance	172 01
Benevolent Society	10 22
Charities	116 10
Episcopal Hospital	221 97
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	64 96
Missions	110 60
Domestic Missions	.20
Aged and Infirm Clergy	128 42
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Foreign Missions	.10
Indian Missions	1 05
	$833 78
	$1,080 74

SUMMARY.

Charities	$131 75
Parochial Maintenance	266 05
Missions	110 60
Theological Education	.60
Our Work Among Boys	2 55
Benevolent Society	10 22
Episcopal Hospital	262 69
Domestic Missions	.20
Aged and Infirm Clergy	186 53
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	102 40
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Foreign Missions	.10
Indian Missions	1 05
	$1,080 74

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

December 29, 1913.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—

Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the Month.)
Organ Recital ..... 3.30 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.
(The course this season is on the fundamentals of Christianity.)
Social Hour .....7.45 to 9 P. M.

MONDAY.—

Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)

Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—

Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M. in the Guild Room.

Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M. in Sunday School Building.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—

The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society, from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
Litany, 12.15 P. M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.

THURSDAY.—

Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month at 11 A. M.

FRIDAY.—

Boys' Club, 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

SPECIAL NOTICES FOR MONTH.

The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held at St. Stephen's Church, on Monday evening, January 19, at 8 o'clock.

Bishop Kingsolving, of Brazil, will speak on the World for Christ. A large attendance is earnestly requested.

Miss Denny's Bible Class will give an entertainment on Wednesday evening, January 28th, 1914.

All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

The Episcopal visitation for the administration of the Ancient and Apostolic Rite of Confirmation will occur on the morning of the Second Sunday in Lent, March 8th.

Confirmation classes will be held on Saturday nights at 7.30 P. M., and will last 45 minutes, beginning with Saturday, January 31st.

A cordial invitation is extended to those who have not made this personal confession of allegiance to Jesus Christ to attend the class. No one will commit himself by attending. The question of decision will be left to the last. The first meetings will be of an explanatory nature. The nature of the Church, its claims, its teachings and position will be explained first, and later on the motives and spirit by which this rite will become a means of grace.

It is regretable that there is not a different form of service for those who have ratified their baptism in some other household of faith. Our present office lacks applicability, when it is used to bring into our fold a layman who has been for years a communicant and faithful Christian worker in some other Church. In time a suitable office will undoubtedly be passed. But a historic Church is necessarily conservative in such reforms. It prefers to retain the ancient rites, with all their sacred associations, and to use them with regard to their general spirit and intent without any emphasis on details or peculiarities of phraseology. In time these details will be modified, but in the meantime liberal people must be willing to treat old forms liberally.

In spite of the incongruity of the phrasing of the Confirmation service, I am always glad when communicants who come to us from other churches consent to be confirmed. They usually feel that they have made themselves more completely one with us by that act.

I exhort no one, however, to take the step who feels that it will be an act of disloyalty to his own past. Confirmed or not, I welcome all heartily to the Lord's Supper, who truly repent and intend to live in love and charity with the neighbors, and to lead a new life following the commandments of God.

C. E. G.

The Envelope System.

I want to call the attention of all our worshipers and new members especially to the Envelope System. If they have not been using it, we should be delighted to provide them with the package containing the envelopes for the next three and a half months. This is a good time for making beginnings. New members are invited to give their names to the Rector or Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., and the package will be sent to them. They will then know something of the satisfaction that comes from systematic giving and will feel themselves more closely linked to St. Stephen's. The result will be twice blessed, blessing the user of the envelopes and blessing the Church he attends.

Remarks at the Unveiling of the Arrison Window.

St. Stephen's has long been famous throughout the country, for its beautiful marmorean monuments, and in the last two decades a number of richly colored and original windows have taken their place beside them. Next Easter-tide we hope to place a bust of Dr. Wood on the north wall under the gallery, and this morning we unveil a window which is presented to the church by Mrs. Annie D. Arrison in memory of her husband James M. Arrison, and her three sons, James Maurice, Charles Eugene, and William Ernst. The window is by the great firm of Tiffany, which was also the maker of the Pancoast and Atmore windows. The subject, as you will see, when the grandson of Mrs. Arrison, James M. Arrison, 3d, shall unveil the window at the close of my remarks, is Jesus welcoming the children. Nothing could be more appropriate for a window next to the sacred font at which children are officially received into the congregation of Christ's flock and signed with the sign of the cross. The theme is most suggestively and appropriately treated. In most pictures of this incident the mothers of the children are inserted and often the objecting disciples also. But in this window the designer has with a wise insight confined our attention exclusively to Jesus and the children. In this way our thoughts are carried beyond the historical occurrence to the great truth that it so beautifully expressed. We are reminded that our beloved dead, far removed as they are from our ministrations, are safe in the care of the Great Father, whose supreme revelation of Himself to the world was and is through that the strong and loving Teacher of Galilee, who said Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. All this is subtily and exquisitely suggested by the omission of any figure of woman or disciple in this memorial, and the representation simply of Jesus receiving and blessing the children. A record of undying love thus becomes an expression of unfaltering faith. It is an anticipation, as well as a memorial.

"Full of hope and full of heartbreak.
Full of all the tender pathos
Of the Here and the Hereafter."

As long as the sunlight shall pour through this richly colored glass, these consoling suggestions will stream out upon the worshipers within these sacred walls.

To this present generation, however, it will also bring along with this general message of consolation many definite and fragrant memories. It will speak of a patriotic citizen, whose blood derived from the Netherlands through ancestors who left that home of civil and religious freedom and settled in Pennsylvania in Colonial days, beat with a strong pulse of devotion and courage in the hour of his country's peril; who was one of the first members of the Union League; who enrolled himself at a great crisis in Captain Chapman Biddle's company for State defence; of a Christian merchant who entered our Church in the prime of his life, as the chosen home of his spirit; of a faithful vestryman of St. Matthew's Church for many years; of a regular worshiper in St. Stephen's, and a loyal member of this Parish from the time of Dr. McConnell to the day of his death.

It will speak of three sons, the pride and joy of their parents' hearts who grew up in this Church, consecrated to God in baptism, nurtured by our Church's ministrations, honored by prizes and rewards in our best institutions of learning, and then cut off in their brave youth or in the flower of their young manhood's promise.

It will bring to our minds one of our loyal members, one of our banner-bearers in missions in the hard field of work among the colored race; a widowed mother who has known how to retain fellowship in spirit both with those who walk in the common light of day, and with those, who transfigured by faith and love, have passed on before into the Paradise of God.

With gratitude for this gift which links such sacred memories and hopes with so much beauty of color and charm of design, I formally accept this window in the name of this Church. The congregation is requested to face the window and to remain facing in that direction during the singing of the hymn that I shall presently announce. The window will now be unveiled. [The Hymn was No. 179.]

Musical Program

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JANUARY 4.

11 A. M.

God so Loved the World ..... *Stainer*

3.30 P. M.

Organ Recital.
Larghetto (1st Symphony) ..... *Spohr*
Canzona ..... *Guilmant*
Finale ..... *Schumann*
Serenade ..... *Schubert*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in A ..... *Foster*
Nunc Dimittis in A ..... *Foster*
Consider and Hear Me ..... *Pflueger*
King All Glorious ..... *Barnby*

JANUARY 11.

11 A. M.

Te Deum in B flat ..... *King Hall*
Benedictus in C ..... *Buck*
He Shall Feed His Flock ..... *Haendel*

3.30 P. M.

Organ Recital.
Prayer and Cradle Song ..... *Guilmant*
Fugue in D ..... *Guilmant*
Allegretto ..... *Thomas*
Aria ..... *Bach*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in C ..... *Gadsby*
Nunc Dimittis in C ..... *Gadsby*
Seek ye the Lord ..... *Roberts*
Hark, Hark, My Soul ..... *Shelley*

JANUARY 18.

11 A. M.

Te Deum in B minor ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in F ..... *Garrett*
The Prodigal Son ..... *Van de Water*

3.30 P. M.

Organ Recital.
Adagio (1st Symphony) ..... *Mendelssohn*
Caprice ..... *Guilmant*
Nuptial March ..... *Guilmant*
Largo ..... *Haendel*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in G minor ..... *Noble*
Nunc Dimittis in G minor ..... *Noble*
God is Love ..... *Shelley*
Still, Still with Thee ..... *Foote*

JANUARY 25.

11 A. M.

Te Deum in E ..... *Parker*
Benedictus in F ..... *Vogrich*
Like as a Hart ..... *Allitsen*

3.30 P. M.

Organ Recital.
Funeral March ..... *Guilmant*
Musette ..... *Haendel*
Barcarolle ..... *Hoffman*
Finale ..... *Wagner*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in E flat ..... *West*
Nunc Dimittis in E flat ..... *West*
Like as a Hart ..... *Novello*
Turn ye Unto Me ..... *Costa*

Requests for choir or organ numbers may be addressed to Mr. Thunder at the church.

Obedience to Rules.

On one occasion a great fire broke out in New York when General Grant was visiting that city and the General hastened out unattended and unknown to witness the conflagration. He had hardly taken his stand at a spot favorable for sightseeing, when a policeman came up and ordered him sharply off. The great soldier did not introduce himself and claim any personal exemption from the city's regulations in regard to spectators but obeyed at once and without a word. He knew the necessity of general rules and the obligation of obedience. It was because he knew so well how to obey that he was able also to command.

There is no more important lesson for us to learn than this duty of subordination of self to the rules laid down by authority. Sometimes the rules may not seem wise to our judgment, because we are prejudiced, or fail to take in the whole situation. Sometimes they may seem unjustifiable, because they are really poorly conceived and poorly executed, but in either case it is our duty and our wholesome discipline to observe them till they are repealed by the rightful authority. Society ceases to be an organism, and becomes a mere mob, if every one takes the law in his own hands and keeps it or breaks it as he sees fit.

Besides the teaching that is done by word in our Sunday School and societies there must be the teaching of a wise and firm discipline. Rules should be few, but these few must be enforced and loyally observed. Kind feeling and courtesy ought to suffice for most exigencies, but there will be something wanting in our spirit, a lack of tonic in our atmosphere, if the duty of obedience is not placed in its proper place, obedience not to a person, but to the law framed for the good of all.

The Rector's Bible Class.

As was announced incidentally in the sermon on Bible Sunday, the Rector will have a Bible Class for ladies this winter. He has decided to begin the first week in February, and to continue it through the first week in April. There will be nine sessions, enough for a brief course. The time that has been tentatively selected is Wednesday morning, from 11 to 12 o'clock. Further announcements will be made from the Chancel and also in the February issue. All persons who will seriously consider joining the class are requested to send their names to the Rector, and if there is any preference as to day or hour, it will be helpful if it shall be indicated.

The Sunday School.

On the first Sunday in the new year the Superintendent will review the course of lessons on the Life of the Christ, using the lantern and showing some forty or more pictures, illustrating the course of lessons we have been using this fall and winter. Anyone interested is cordially invited to be present at our regular morning session, 9.45, January 4th, 1914.

Mr. Schoonover has promised us an evening in January with an illustrated lecture on his experiences canoeing, exploring and sketching in Labrador. The date will be announced later. He has not only captured a former teacher of our school (now his wife) but has caught most artistically the beauty and wild charm in this northern country, and we hope all of our Sunday School and its friends will learn the date and be present.

Miss Denny's Bible Class will give an entertainment on Wednesday evening, January 28th, 1914. It is to be a play, given under the leadership of Mr. Hall, entitled, "Mr. Spriggs' Trip to Europe." Contributions of 25 cents will entitle our friends to be present. As the purpose is a Sunday School one, it is hoped many will be there.

The contributions to the moving picture booth are in the hands of Mr. Carrigan, who will be glad to receive any gifts towards supplying this urgent need, which the fire underwriters now require.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The entertainment held on November 24th in the Sunday School Building in aid of the Farm was a complete success, financially and socially, the proceeds amounting to $71.25. The success of the entertainment was entirely due to the kindness of those who participated, to all of whom we are much indebted.

I. E. W.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received in December:

From Mrs. H. P. Taylor	$.50
From Miss M. M. Schaeffer	1 50
From Mrs. Galbraith	1 00
From those receiving shoes	7 20
Total	$10 20
Expended for shoes in December	9 31
Balance	$.79

Gave out in December, 24 pairs of shoes and six pairs of overshoes.

Santa Claus has again visited St. Stephen's, not only with provisions but with shoes for the little ones, and overshoes to keep the little feet dry. We thank him kindly and hope he may have a bright and Happy New Year.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting December 18th, in the Parish House.

The committees had a great deal of active work done during the past month to report.

The Missionary Box Committee had appropriated $75 to Colored Missions; $40 to the Indian Hope Committee, and $45 to the Domestic Committee. The boxes have all been sent so that they will be received before Christmas.

Miss Magee now has $110 toward the United Offering.

Mrs. Gardiner, of St. Paul's School of Lawrenceville, Va., gave a talk on the work done for the colored boys and girls in that Industrial Institution. There are 200 boys and 130 girls who board at the school and 130 pupils who attend the night school.

A fee of $25 was voted to St. Paul's by the Auxiliary.

Arrangements are being made to have Rev. J. H. Kobayashi, of Japan, address the next meeting.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Parish Visitor's Report.

We have had a joyous Christmas because we were able to give many families much happiness. One hundred and thirty-three homes rejoiced with us when they opened their Christmas baskets and found therein a turkey or chickens, potatoes, celery, cranberries, apples, oranges, tea, sugar, a large mince pie and a box of candy.

Almost all of those who received baskets were the ones who were doing their best to help themselves.

Christmas must surely have been a blessed one to St. Stephen's people because it was through them that all these people were made happy. The King's Daughters of St. Stephen's gave one of the baskets and extra groceries. Mr. Craig Atmore contributed mince meat enough to make 162 pies. Mr. Clement Restein sent us a barrel of choice turkeys. A very lovely offering was made by Miss Culbertson's Sunday School Class. The money donated bought a suit of clothes, which were greatly needed by a little boy. He will wear them to Sunday School as well as to public school. I am sure that the young girls of the class who took the suit to him must have returned to their homes with happy hearts, thankful that they were able to do so much for this little boy, particularly after they had seen the dark and dismal court in which he lived.

Through the generosity of Miss Dankleman we were able to provide special delicacies for some of the baskets.

The toys which made happy hearts among the Infant School were given by Mrs. Colket and Mrs. Austin.

It will be interesting to know into what homes our baskets enter, so I will speak of one case, that of a woman who has not been able to come to church for some time as she is a constant sufferer from rheumatism, which has distorted her hands and bent her back nearly double. I found her sewing hard and thankful for the work. She makes flannellette night-dresses, makes two button holes in each, stitches braid on collar and yoke; for each dozen garments she is paid sixty cents. I asked her how long it took her to make a dozen, and she replied that she could make one and a half dozen in two days if she worked at night. That means two days' work, including thirty-six button holes, as well as completing the garments for ninety cents.

KATE H. LEWIS.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings January 7th and 21st in the Guild room of the Parish House at 8 o'clock. At the last meeting money was collected from each member for groceries to be sent to the church to help fil'

the Christmas baskets. $4.00 was expended for this purpose. Six postal albums were filled and will be sent to homes or hospitals where most needed. This Circle, although small, is always ready to aid in any good work.

The Sunday School Christmas Entertainment was held on Friday evening, December 26th, and it was a great success. The following were in the caste:

"THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS."

A musical play in two parts.

Under the Direction of the Superintendent.

MISS CHARLOTTE NODINE .....*Musical Leader*
MR. CHARLES H. MOORE .....*Stage Manager*

(Words and Music by Mrs. Yale and Mr. Adam Geibel.)

CHARACTERS IN THE PLAY.

Dorothy, who sells her doll to give a present to her mother .....*Ethel Fowler*
Ada, who whispers her wishes in Billikin's ear .....*Gertrude Bixler*
Frances, who sings about Brother Bill's stocking .....*Helen Melman*
Margaret, who tries to keep away the Sandman .....*Anna Bixler*
Jack, a singing boy afraid of spooks, *Morris McCoughin*
Ned, who wants a gun, a watch and chain, *Wm. Ahtes*
Another Margaret, fond of jig-saw puzzles *Margaret McCoughin*
The Disguised Fairy and "Spirit of Christmas" .....*Miss Culbertson*
Capt. Blowhard, full of tales of the sea, *Mr. C. Moore*
Santa Claus and Sandman .....*Mr. Streaker*
The Billikin, to whom you whisper your wants .....*Richard Moore*
The Spook, who later becomes a reindeer, *Charles Moore, Jr.*
Reindeers, special from Alaska, *Jos. Bushman & Co.*
Dressmakers.—*D. Bixler, Irene, Ruth, and others from the Primary School.*
Defenders, gallant and brave Rough Riders, Wireless Operators and Wigwag Men.—*James Merchant, Frank Wenrich, Roland Kuhn, Wm. Watson, Wm. Scherzer and others.*

The Racial Missionary Episcopate.

It is a source of gratification and encouragement that the amendment to the Constitution that would make it possible to set apart different races in a racial missionary district was nearly carried at the last General Convention. The provision is intended to apply to the colored people in the South, who can not obtain admittance to the Diocesan conventions and themselves ask for a bishop and convention of their own under the control of the General Convention. A petition for such an organization was presented by the colored people at the General Convention in Boston in 1904, and was referred to the Diocesan Conventions for their consideration. In Pennsylvania a committee was appointed, whose report, presented by Dr. Grammer, favored such an amendment. In the General Convention in Richmond, when an amendment to create such a missionary district was offered by Dr. Grammer, as an exponent of the views of the dioceses of Pennsylvania, North Carolina and East Carolina, the measure was almost ignominiously defeated after a long and animated debate. That convention was the first in the South after the Civil War, and there was the greatest aversion to any legislation on this question that was not cordially endorsed by all the Southern dioceses. The proposal was renewed in the General Convention at Cincinnati in 1910. The sentiment in favor of the measure had by that time grown to such an extent that it was only by the demand for a vote by orders that the proposed amendment was defeated in the House of Deputies. It was noticeable that many of the Virginia and South Carolina clergy favored it. At New York the amendment passed by a large majority in the House of Bishops, and failed in the House of Deputies, because the committee appointed by the chair was a sectional and ill-chosen committee. The whole matter was finally referred to the House of Deputies to a commission, which is to report at the next Convention. The ultimate passage of the amendment now seems assured. It is not only the mills of the gods that grind slowly—the General Convention, which has not all eternity to work in, is incredibly slow in many things. Yet, like Galileo, we can confidently asseverate. "Nevertheless it does move."

A good resolution for the New Year:

"I am only one
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the somethnig I can do."—*Edward Everett Hale.*

Memorial Flowers.

1913.
Dec. 7.—Miss Davis.
14.—Miss L. Eisenbrey.
21.—Mrs. Petry.
28.—Miss Emily Bell.

1914.
Jan. 4.—Mrs. Colket.
11.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
18.—Mrs. Ernst.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noblit.
8.—Miss Van Dusen.
15.—Dr. and Mrs. Fell.
22.—Miss Gebhart.
March 1.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
8.—Miss M. Wallace.
15.—Mrs. Clemens.
22.—
29.—Mr. Anderson.
April 5.—Palm Sunday.
12.—Easter Sunday.
19.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
26.—Dr. Grammer.
May 3.—
10.—Mrs. Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Mrs. Colket.
31.—Mrs. Hollar.
June 7.—Miss Dutilh.
14.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
21.—
28.—Miss May Miller.
July 5.—Mr. Colket.
12.—
19.—Dr. and Mrs. Fell.
26.—Miss Lindenmyer.
Aug. 2,—Mr. Clayton.
9.—
16.—Miss Wallace.
23.—Miss Laura Bell.
30.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept. 6.—Mrs. Lane.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—
27.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 4.—Miss Laura Bell.
11.—Miss Maulsby.
18.—Mrs. Sheble.
25.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
8.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
15.—Miss Townsend.
22.—Miss Eisenbrey.
29.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 6.—Miss Davis.
13.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
20.—Mrs. Petry.
27.—Miss Emily Bell.

All Can Help.

This little paper will fly across the broad Atlantic and come to some of our members as news from their distant home-land. It will be opened in many a sick room in our city and read by eager eyes, that long for a sight of the dear familiar Church and for a place again in its busy activities. To all it will come as a call for service. To those who are enjoying life's large opportunities, it appeals for co-operation and assistance as it spreads before them its long list of societies; and from those who are invalided by years or sickness it asks the assistance of their prayers. Who can tell what a help it would be, if at the hour of service those who cannot meet with the congregation should unite with it in spirit, and read over portions of the Morning Prayer, and offer a fervent petition to the Father of Spirits, that he would send down upon St. Stephen's the spirit of service and of fellowship.

The congregation is praying for them, and they must pray for the congregation. We must not be selfish in prayers and commune with God only about our own personal needs. Let the prosperous resolve that happiness shall not make them superficial and shallow, engrossed with their own culture, or pleasure and let the sick and care-laden also highly resolve that they will not allow grief to narrow their sympathies and interests, and make them selfishly neglect the common good. Let this PARISH NEWS bring one message to all: God's work is going on in the world, see that you have a part in it some way.

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He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
O, be swift my soul to answer him! be jubilant my feet.
Our God is marching on.

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Clergy.

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S. T. D., *Rector.*
1024 Spruce Street.
REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER.
REV. HUBERT W. WELLS.
REV. WILLIAM Y. EDWARDS.
The Cambridge, 1030 Spruce Street.
Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
9 S. Tenth Street.
Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. ROLAND S. MORRIS, *Rector's Warden.*
Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. Wm. Rice Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar, Mr. C. Howard Colket,
Mr. Wm. H. Hansell, Mr. Robert T. Boyd.

Organist and Director.
Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder.

CHOIR.

Sopranos.

Mrs. Helen Frame Heaton, Miss Marthe M. Mulcey, Miss Margaret B. Swartz, Miss Catharine Gleason, Miss Gertrude A. Dohmen, Miss Mary Showell, Miss Anna T. Mann.

Altos.

Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Miss Edna Hunsicker, Miss Clara Will, Miss Elsie de Y. Eggman, Mrs. Geo. Walker.

Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Leon Smith.

Basses.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thos. C. Martindale.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 9 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Miss Townsend, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Boards—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girl's Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce St., at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 1.—4th Sunday after Epiphany.
2.—Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
8.—Septuagesima.
15.—Sexagesima.
22.—Quinquagesima.
24.—St. Matthias Apostle.
25.—Ash Wednesday.

Parish Record.

MARRIAGES.

January 19.—Charles L. Cook and Beatrice MacMullin Bullen.
January 21.—James Everett Bacon and Elizabeth Cleeman Clayton.
January 22.—Daingerfield Groome and Edna Spotswood Flynt.
January 26.—John M. Whayne and Frances M. Given.

BURIALS.

January 5.—S. Weir Mitchell.
January 15.—Thomas Jefferson Byles.
January 17.—Mary C. Mitchell.
January 19.—Olivia F. Berens.
January 24.—Catharine Mitchell.
January 24.—Theodore P. Farrell.
January 27.—Samuel Jamison.

Schedule for Lent, 1914.

February 25, Ash Wednesday.—Right Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.
February 26. Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Bethlehem.
February 27. Rev. W. T. Capers, Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia; Bishop-elect of West Texas.
February 28. Rev. Crosswell McBee, St. John's, Lansdowne, Pa.
March 2 to 6 inclusive. Right Rev. Chas. D. Williams, D. D., Bishop of Michigan.
March 7. Rev. Joseph H. Earp, Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
March 9 to 13 inclusive. Rev. Elwood Worcester, Ph. D., of Emmanuel Church, Boston.
March 14. Rev. Nathaniel Groton, St. Thomas, Whitemarsh.
March 16, 17, 18. Rev. Elliott White, St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.
March 19, 20, 21. Rev. Hubert W. Wells, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
March 23 to 27 inclusive. Rev. J. Howard Mellish, Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.
March 28. Rev. C. Rowland Hill, St. Matthias, Philadelphia.
March 30, 31 and April 1. Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D. D., Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia.
April 2, 3, 4. Rev. Charles Fiske, D. D., St. Michael's Church, Baltimore.
April 6 to 10. Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
April 6 to 10. Rev. W. Y. Edwards, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Offerings Received from January 4, to January 25, 1914.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$30 10	
Parochial Maintenance	63 93	
Foreign Missions	31 36	
		$125 39

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Theological Education	$0 50	
Our Work Among Boys	1 50	
Parochial Maintenance	148 83	
Benevolent Society	.75	
Charities	54 00	
Episcopal Hospital	.62	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1 97	
Missions	72 30	
Domestic Missions	50 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	7 87	
Foreign Missions	70 83	
Colored Missions	25 00	
Indian Missions	25 00	
		$459 17
		$584 56

SUMMARY.

Charities	$84 10
Parochial Maintenance	212 76
Missions	72 30
Theological Education	.50
Our Work Among Boys	1 50
Benevolent Society	.75
Episcopal Hospital	.62
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1 97
Domestic Missions	50 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy	7 87
Foreign Missions	102 19
Colored Missions	25 00
Indian Missions	25 00
	$584 56

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
January 26, 1914. *Treasurer.*

Account of Christmas Dinners, 1913, for the Poor of the Parish.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from 1912 account	$59 73

CONTRIBUTORS.

Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	$5 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5 00
Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd	2 00
Mrs. Timothy B. Clemens	1 00
Mrs. Nicholas A. Petry	1 00
Miss Clara Farrar Smith	5 00
W. Haydock	5 00
Miss Alverta S. Van Dusen	1 00
Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.	2 00
Edward R. Fell	1 00
Miss Laura Bell	2 00
Mrs. William H. Hollar	5 00

William H. Hollar	5 00
Charles N. Van Dusen	2 00
Miss Katharine Mayne	1 00
Miss Emily Bell	2 00
Miss Ella H. Headman	1 00
Cash (Not designated)	22 50
Cash (Not designated)	7 85
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Mrs. James M. Arrison	5 00
Mrs. George LeRoy Irwin	1 00
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	10 00
Mrs. George L. Crawford	2 00
Mrs. C. M. Hand	2 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	5 00
Mrs. Louise S. Austin (Mrs. Samuel H. Jr.)	5 00
J. I. Lineaweaver	5 00
The Misses Magee	5 00
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing	10 00
Beauveau Borie	5 00
Mrs. Thomas Armstrong	1 00
Miss Elizabeth L. Williams	1 00
Miss Isabell DeCoursey	5 00
Miss Pauline Carpen	1 00
Miss Mary E. Bean	.50
In Memory of Miss Jane Jamison	10 00
Miss Frances Tyson	1 00
Misses Davis	2 00
M. Schaeffer	1 00
M. M. Coppuck	1 00
Emory R. Johnson	1 00
Miss Ella R. Divier	2 50
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr.	5 00
Miss Elsie M. Walter	1 00
Miss Josephine Hecker	.50
Miss Marguerite McC. Walter	.25
Miss Katharine E. Walter	.25
Mrs. A. G. Brunner	10 00
Miss A. Wallace	2 00
A. P. Shannon	5 00
Rev. and Mrs. Chas. E. Milnor	1 00
Miss M. Wallace	2 00
Miss Carrie DeRonde	1 00
Cash (Not designated)	54 42
Mrs. William Ernst	2 00
John Graff	2 00
Mrs. Heberton	2 00
Miss Lewinberg	1 00
Miss Frances Strolbringer	.25
Cash	2 00
	$319 75

Expenses	$296 81
Balance on hand	22 94
	$319 75

Donations:—
Mr. Craig Atmore, 140 lbs. mince meat for the pies.
Mrs. Clement Restein. One barrel of turkeys.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the Month.)
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.
(The course this season is on the fundamentals of Christianity.)
Social Hour ..... 7.45 to 9 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society, from 10 A. M. to 12 M. Litany, 12.15 P. M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month at 11 A. M.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY.—
Confirmation Class, 7.30 P. M.

All notices to be announced from the Chancel or requests for special prayers should be written out plainly and signed, that the person responsible for them may be known, and sent to the Vestry room before the service. Nothing but a serious emergency can justify sending up a notice or request during the service.

The Episcopal visitation for the administration of the Ancient and Apostolic Rite of Confirmation will occur on the morning of the Second Sunday in Lent, March 8th.

Confirmation classes will be held on Saturday nights as 7.30 P. M., and will last 45 minutes.

The Rector's Letter.

Confirmation will come this year on the second Sunday in Lent. The Confirmation class is invited to meet in the Vestry room at 7.30 on Saturday night. The session will last 45 minutes. No one commits himself by attending. The members of the Sunday School are particularly invited. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, is the call of the Spirit of God. What a splendid thing it is to bring to God a life still in the bud, and ask Him to make it blossom into full and fragrant bloom. It would be an unspeakable pleasure to all if some of our older members, so helpful in so many ways, would come, as seeking to follow in the steps of Him who taught us the way, who brought us the light, who showed us the life. No man professes to be stronger or better or more aspiring than others by coming forward for confirmation. The step has nothing self-righteous or boastful about it. It is a profession of humility, of the need of bracing our wills by committing ourselves on the right side, and of dependence on human fellowship and friendship for the aid that association brings.

According to the custom of years the collectors will visit the congregation this month, for their contribution to Diocesan Missions. We are pledged to raise $600 for this purpose. Out of this fund we also pay our quota to the Sustentation Fund—about $125. There are other demands. It is necessary to raise at least $750. Let us all do our best. He that soweth liberally shall reap also liberally. If the times are hard for us, they are also hard for the missionaries. The high cost of living affects them, too. Please enter contribution yourself in the book the collector will present.

The projected Bible class will begin on Thursday, February 5th, at 11 A. M., and will meet regularly in the Parish House on that day and hour, except on the third Thursday of the month, when the Woman's Auxiliary has its regular monthly meeting. The session will last to 12 o'clock. The course will be on some of the Old Testament prophets. The messages of Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Jonah will be discussed. The form of the teaching will be conversational, and questions from the members of the class will be invited. Use will be made of *Sermons, Epistles and Apocalypses of Israel's Prophets,* by Professor Kent, of Yale; but the only text book needed by the class is a Bible, that can be marked up—the American Revised Version preferred. A class of at least twenty ought to be formed for the best work. It is pleasant to know that some of the women of the congregation would like the class to meet in the evening. Another year that may be tried; but so many assurances of attendance on Thursday morning have been received that it would be unwise to make any change now. The class ought to be helpful for life, as well as for knowledge, but the benefit will be derived not from hortatory teaching, but from a clearer insight into the meaning of our sacred books, and a better comprehension of the Divine method of leading the race. The invitation is general. Anyone who may care to take the course is invited. It will be re-assuring, if those who intend to join will send their names to the Rector.

While Ash Wednesday will not begin till the very end of the month, February 25th, the congregation will be interested in seeing the schedule that has been arranged. These services are intended *urbi et orbi,* for the residents of Philadelphia, and for the strangers within our gates; but surely they are particularly entitled to the loyal support of the members of St. Stephen's parish. These speakers have a good message, let us see that they have a good audience. Let us come not in a critical spirit, comparing speaker with speaker; but with a real desire to receive spiritual uplift and with a real purpose of heart to come out of Lent more in love with goodness and more resolutely determined to pursue it.

It may be worth while to explain our acknowledgment of gifts in this paper. The purpose is distinctly not to make known the givers or the amounts of their gifts. The object is to prevent mistakes, and for the sake of those of us who receive and disburse the money, to use all possible safeguards so that the accounts can be checked up. Money is often handed in at different times and places and to different persons. It is difficult with the best intentions to prevent errors and oversight. No other system is so helpful as a public accounting.

In the case of a special appeal such as Archdeacon Phillips made, when the money is transmitted to some special treasurer, it has not been our custom to acknowledge the gifts here.

It is gratifying that over $300 was secured

by that appeal in St. Stephen's. There is no colored church of any kind in that part of the city, and as the negroes are moving into that section rapidly we will have a fine chance to develop and train a good congregation. The committee in charge hope to have the building erected by a colored contractor and colored mechanics.

The death of Doctor and Mrs. Mitchell has been a loss to the city of Philadelphia, but outside of their own family circle, they will be missed nowhere more sorely than in St. Stephen's Church. It is impossible to replace them. They have left behind them the splendid legacy of their example, and we must trust God to bring it about that the inspiration of their lives will not be lost. It has been a privilege to know such a gifted and powerful man as Dr. Mitchell, with his wonderful versatility and great achievements, and it has also been a benediction to be associated with such a brave and loving nature as Mrs. Mitchell's. The life beyond is all a mystery to us, but we believe that they are united elsewhere, and that for them to die has been gain.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell,

By the death of Dr. Mitchell Philadelphia has lost its most distinguished citizen, who occupied, in this city, by virtue of his birth, civic loyalty, and manifold gifts, very much the same place that Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes held in his day in Boston. Dr. Mitchell showed his patriotism by his arduous service in the Government's hospitals during the Civil War. His love of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia is manifest in all his writings. Learned in the history, antiquities and social traditions of his native state and city, he was zealous to record them in literature, and to bring to proper recognition the contribution of this section to the national life. As a scientist he distinguished himself by his researches in the chemical and physiological action of the venom of snakes and in the effect of atmospheric pressure on the nerves.

As a physician he probably gained his most enduring fame by breaking into that dim borderland where body and spirit react upon each other, and discovering new methods of treatment. By his scientific use of the imagination he was able, as a practitioner, to penetrate to the secret troubles of many a diseased mind. Deeply was he interested in the welfare of his great profession, of which, like his distinguished father before him, he was such an eminent member. The remarkable prominence of physicians in the social life of Philadelphia is probably chiefly due to the city's great medical schools with their famous specialists; but a contributing factor of importance has undoubtedly been the multifarious gifts, activities and social leadership of Dr. Mitchell. While Dr. Mitchell's fame as a physician was European, it is probable that in America he was most widely known as a man of letters. A great student of Shakespeare, his chief devotion was to poetry, in which he made his first literary essays. Though he won high praise from scholars by the finish of his exquisitely worded and imaginative verse, he failed in some way to secure popular appreciation. In his novels, however, he gained a remarkable success, and was widely read and highly appreciated. His last novel, "Westways," describes the social conditions in Pennsylvania before the Civil War and the development of a bashful lad, in chapters that are in themselves charming and instructive, and as the production of a writer in his eighty-fifth year are remarkable and indeed have been rarely paralleled. Another such instance of prolonged creative productivity, it is hard to find.

The parents of Dr. Mitchell belonged to old St. Andrew's, when it was one of the great centers from which evangelical doctrine and spirit spread forth over the country. The great evangelical leader, Bishop Meade, of Virginia, was often in his father's home. The evangelical conception of the Gospel, as essentially simple, remained with Dr. Mitchell to the end. He loved order and beauty, the dignity of worship, the refinements of culture; but he did not care for subtilties of doctrine, or elaborate schemes of dogma. He thought that the sermon ought to aim at influencing life. Sometimes he would suggest to his rector a topic or a text for a sermon, and in such cases the theme would always be simple and practical.

After his second marriage he joined St. Stephen's. Of all his rectors he made warm and admiring friends; but the great clerical friendship of his life was with Phillips Brooks. The well-known carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," owes its composition to Dr. Mitch-

ell's urging. Dr. Brooks had appealed to him to compose a Christmas hymn, but Dr. Mitchell declined on the ground that he could not write verse during the season of professional engagements, and insisted that Dr. Brooks ought to assume the task himself. The result was the carol, that was always especially dear to Dr. Mitchell for its association with his friend as well as for the beauty of its musical verse and exquisite sentiment.

During my rectorship, his growing deafness prevented him from hearing sermons with facility. Yet he did not give up his habit of church-going, and on a rainy day, when it was unwise for Mrs. Mitchell to attend the service, he was almost unfailingly in the family pew, and would come into the vestry at the close of the service to invite the rector to a walk. In these conversations he would reveal the wide and diversified interests of a man of letters, the trained powers of observation of the scientist and the delicate fancy of the poet. The readers of "Hugh Wynne" will recall how often the hero of that most popular of Dr. Mitchell's novels, mentions his aversion to speaking of the deep things of religion. The reserve of Washington on religious subjects is also frequently pointed out in that story. Dr. Mitchell seemed to feel with the men of the eighteenth century in this matter. Latterly, however, in our walks he turned the conversation more towards religion. After the death of one of his friends, who was a thorough agnostic, Dr. Mitchell spoke strongly of his aversion to this negative position and his own definite faith. His books show that he was clear on the great fundamentals of God, duty and immortality. But when I urged him to prepare a brief statement of a physician's religious belief, he shrank from setting up as a teacher of religion. Perhaps he thought that he made a sufficient profession of faith, when, in response to the Church's invitation, he came to the communion table and partook of the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood.

Like Sir Charles Bell and Sir James Paget before him, he exemplified the truth of the latter part of Lord Bacon's famous saying: "A little philosophy inclineth men's minds to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion."

One of Dr. Mitchell's most remarkable attributes was his genius for friendship and capacity for social converse. He seems to have had friendly relations with all the great physicians, surgeons and leading men of letters of his time. The evidence can be found in the biographies of Phillips Brooks and in the letters of Charles Eliot Norton as well as in the numerous tributes in the press of Philadelphia.

At one of his birthdays, Dr. Howard Furness referred to him as "in friendship consummate." The great literary triumvirate of Philadelphia in the last decade was Dr. Horace Howard Furness, Dr. Henry C. Lea and Dr. S. Weir Mitchell. All three were great friends. I have heard from Dr. Mitchell many encomiums on the literary achievements of his fellow triumvirs.

Like Charles Kingsley, who also was a poet and novelist and also was distinguished as a man of letters outside of his professional activities, Dr. Mitchell was in taste and temper aristocratic, but on principle a believer in popular government and the elevation of the masses. Through his gifts of imagination and temperament he understood and could portray the great French noble of the old regime with his courage, his pride, his superiority to popular opinion, but he also realized the essential selfishness of that society. On all great public questions he rang true to the fundamental principles of our Government. His strong and constructive mind, that shunned the misty cloud-land of metaphysics, admired a great architect of state like Hamilton in preference to Jefferson with his philosophical generalizations; but he never allowed his tastes and his admirations to dominate his judgment and seduce him into the strange by-paths affected by so many gifted men who love to walk remote from the vulgar herd and so lose the common touch. Under all Dr. Mitchell's social, literary and scientific culture, one felt the man. He was more than a great leader in the city's life, more than a great physician, and man of letters—he was also a great man, a tower of strength in time of trouble, a loyal friend, a faithful steward of many talents, a true servant of God.

Eleven days after the death of Dr. Mitchell, died his beloved wife, Mary Cadwalader Mitchell, in her seventy-ninth year. Mrs. Mitchell was a daughter of General Thomas Cadwalader and a granddaughter of Nicholas Gouverneur, of New York. Almost her first act after her father's death was to purchase the pew in which he had sat and present it to St. Stephen's Church, subject to her own use for

life. After the death of her only child, Maria Gouverneur Mitchell, she gave $10,000 towards the purchase of St. Stephen's farm in Bucks county, where summer outings are given to members of the parish. The tablet by St. Gaudens to the north of the reredos is in memory of this daughter, who was a zealous worker in the Church. Mrs. Mitchell herself came regularly every Wednesday to the Benevolent Society's meetings and spent about two hours over the books. She was also a member of the board of managers of the Church Home for Girls at Angora, and actively interested in the girls themselves. Every Sunday afternoon when she was in the city and not too ill to go out of her house (and in the latter case she always sent a substitute), she spent from two to three hours reading aloud in the wards of the Orthopedic Hospital where her husband's work had deeply interested them both. Mrs. Mitchell revealed herself to all who came in contact with her as a person of unswerving integrity of character, cheerful fortitude, great unselfishness and sound judgment. In her great bereavements her faith shone forth like a beacon light on a stormy night. No word of repining fell from her lips. She thanked God gratefully for the companionship, broken off for a season. She expressed the steadfast purpose of taking up at once her life's tasks as usual. "I will be back again in my place helping you, soon," were almost her last words to her rector. She felt that she owed it to Dr. Mitchell's memory to go on bravely—but she hoped that it would not be for long.

Her heart's desire was fulfilled when she was taken from earth on January 15th.

They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided.

"We give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of these Thy servants, who having finished their course in faith do now rest from their labors."

CARL E. GRAMMER.

[These resolutions were adopted by the Female Benevolent Society. The first was sent to Mrs. Mitchell after the death of Dr. Mitchell.]

To Mary Cadwalader Mitchell, our oldest and best beloved member:

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His omniscient wisdom has called to rest your husband, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, revered as a distinguished physician and as a man of letters, who both by his high order of ability and by the distinction that he brought to this city had endeared himself to his fellow citizens; now we in behalf of the co-workers with you in the Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church, extend to you, in your great loss and bereavement, loving sympathy, and in these few lines convey to you the knowledge that you are enshrined in the hearts of each one of us.

St. Stephen's Benevolent Society.

Signed:
ELLA V. D. BOYD.
EMMA CRAWFORD.
CORNELIA L. EWING.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has taken to rest our much loved sister, Mary Cadwalader Mitchell, whose Christian character, exemplified in a life of daily usefulness, should inspire each and everyone of us to a more sincere and consistent effort toward better living;

Now, we, the members of the Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church, desire in this minute to publicly record our sense of irreparable loss in our separation from one who is so deeply enshrined in our hearts. The regularity of Mrs. Mitchell's attendance and her devotion in most faithfully keeping the records of this, her favorite society, for over thirty years; her great executive ability, her wonderful personality and ever cheerful disposition caused the work to grow and expand continuously and made her an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact. We mourn her loss. We shall sorely miss her; but are the more resigned since in leaving us she went to join her husband, who had passed on only a few days before her.

The Female Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church.

MARY PAGE GRAMMER.
CORNELIA EWING.
ELLA V. D. BOYD.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular meeting Thursday, January 15, in the Parish House, with thirty members present.

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McCollin and Mrs. Lucas gave interesting reports of the activities of their committees on Domestic, Colored and Diocesan Missions.

A letter from the Church Periodical Club was read, which should make all members anxious to donate magazines regularly to some person in the mission field. This letter was a grateful acknowledgment from a teacher whose life was brightened much by the reading matter which she could not have had but for the kindness of a friend. The Librarian of the Club will be glad to furnish names to anyone wishing to donate magazines.

Miss Magee has received $32 towards the United Offering, making a total of $143.

The annual election of officers of the Auxiliary occurs in January. The present officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. J. H. Kobayashi, rector of St. Margaret's School in Tokyo, Japan, gave a short address. St. Margaret's school was opened thirty years ago under American management. Ten years later it passed over to Japanese management. There are forty girls who are boarders in the school, and 230 who attend the day school.

Mrs. B. S. Cooper, who spent a year in South Dakota, will address the next meeting on her work among the Arapaho Indians.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM.

Since the last meeting of the Auxiliary, St. Stephen's has been called to mourn the loss of one of her most devoted and faithful members, Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell. Her love for the Church was unfailing from her childhood, to the day of her death, and seemed to grow stronger and deeper until the end.

In St. Stephen's work she found her greatest pleasure and never was she absent from it, unless prevented by failing health.

Gentle, benevolent, pure in heart and life, she exemplified to her associates and friends the beauty of holiness.

Singularly unobstrusive, amiable and loving, she inspired affection by her own beautiful life.

Years of constant intercourse with her in the performance of her duties in the Church of her love, endeared her to all of us, and now that God has taken her to Himself, our hearts are filled with sorrow, but with thankfulness for the bright and beautiful example she has left us.

F. S. M.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings February 4th and February 18th in the Guild room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

This Circle have been working on bibs, outing flannel skirts and filling some postal card albums for the sick.

January 22d was a social evening as all were so interested in Miss Clayton's wedding they did not feel like settling down to sewing. They were surprised by a call from the Rev. Mr. Edwards, which they all enjoyed.

The Thoughtful Circle of King's Daughters held their regular monthly meeting January 6th, their first meeting in the New Year. The members of the Circle were more than pleased to have present with them their President, Miss C. F. Dallett, and our Rector. The regular monthly meeting of the Circle will be held Tuesday evening, February 3d, at 8 o'clock.

The Sunday School.

On Monday evening, January 19th, the Sunday School Institute and Association of Teachers of our Diocese had an unusually fine missionary meeting in our Church. The Rev. L. N. Caley presided, introducing the Rev. T. Capers, of Holy Apostle's Church, who spoke practically, earnestly and ably of the ways and means to create the best missionary spirit in our Sunday Schools. Bishop Kinsolving, of Brazil, was the next speaker and was full of enthusiasm in his address on "The World for Christ." Mr. Longshore, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, very kindly volunteered as organist and brought their choir of excellent singers, so that the music and addresses were all inspiring.

We have introduced a register in our school which shows the number in attendance each Sunday as well as the previous Sunday and the corresponding dav a year ago, together with the same registering of the offering. It has proved excellent. With it we show a large dial whose hour hand indicates our aim of 250 scholars for the coming year. The minute hand shows the number on the roll, and the second hand the new scholars procured each session. The first day the dial was put in, it showed an addition of three scholars, and the next Sunday seven new members. This is most encouraging, and at this rate we will soon reach our aim.

Some six of the younger boys are preparing to be taken into the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew on probation, so that the spiritual activities of the boys of the Sunday School are progressing along with the social and other activities.

The Cross and Crown Gold Badge is now due to a number of our scholars who have been faithful in attendance from February 1, 1913, to the first Sunday in February, 1914.

Teachers and officers will kindly note that the first of February will be our Sunday for ten minutes of intercessory prayer previous to the morning session.

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

Musical Program

FEBRUARY 1.

11 A. M.
Offertory. O Lord Correct Me ..... *Haendel*

4 P. M.
Magnificat, E flat ..... *Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis, E flat ..... *Barnby*
Grieve Not ..... *Stainer*
The Prodigal Son ..... *Van de Water*
(By request.)

FEBRUARY 8.

11 A. M.
Te Deum, E flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in D ..... *Colkin*
Spirit of God ..... *Schnecker*

4 P. M.
Bonum Est, D flat ..... *Goudy*
Benedic Anima in E ..... *Wood*
The Lord Give Ear ..... *Rheinberger*
Repentance ..... *Gounod*

FEBRUARY 17.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Mosenthal*
Benedictus ..... *Vogrich*
O Rest in the Lord ..... *Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E ..... *Parker*
Nunc in E ..... *Parker*
The Twilight Shadows ..... *Wood*
Ho Every One ..... *Martin*

FEBRUARY 24.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate ..... *Stanford*
If With All Your Hearts ..... *Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in C ..... *Martin*
Nunc in C ..... *Martin*
The Path of the Just ..... *Roberts*
My Song Shall Be ..... *Mendelssohn*

On Wednesday, January 28th, the young ladies of Miss Denney's class, under direction of Mr. Hall, gave a most delightful presentation of Mr. Spriggs' Little Trip to Europe, Mr. Hall playing Mr. Spriggs, Miss Sherrard, Miss Wilder, Miss Snedden, Miss Corrigan and Mrs. Nissen, each playing their part most acceptably. It was the general opinion it was one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever given in the Sunday School. The proceeds will be devoted to Sunday School purposes. The entertainment was followed by a dance. The incidental music was furnished by Miss Nodine.

A. W. DENNEY.

A letter has been received by the Rector asking if any use could be found for old clothes. We have a garment committee that disposes of second hand clothing with discretion. Anyone having an old overcoat that lies unused in the wardrobe, is invited to decide at once, whether it would not be better on the back of some one during these next three inclement months. Old coats, old trousers, old shoes, old hats, old garments, old clothes of any kind can be used. Send them to the Parish House to the care of Miss Lewis and the proper committee will receive them.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in January for shoes	$3 15
Expended in January	2 21
Balance	$0.94

Have given out in January, 29 pairs of shoes, and 10 pairs of overshoes. Santa Claus' shoes fit so nicely this year, they please the children very much, especially the little girls with their shiny tips, only they are a little jealous of the boys, for they think Santa Claus is more fond of boys, for in the large box he sent there were a few more boys' than girls' shoes. However, every child that has come we have been able to give a pair of shoes to and the work is more satisfactory every year.

On Snow Shoes in Labrador.

Mr. Frank E. Schoonover, artist and writer, has kindly consented to give us an illustrated lecture on his experiences in a winter trip to Hudson Bay on snow shoes. He will show by his beautiful lantern pictures, just how the Indian trapper lives, travels and catches his fur-bearing animals. Anyone interested is cordially invited to be present in the Sunday School Building, rear of Church, on Tuesday evening, February 3d, at eight o'clock. No cards of admission required. Everyone welcome.

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Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thos. C. Martindale.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 9 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Boards—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girl's Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce St., at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 1.—1st Sunday in Lent.
8.—2nd Sunday in Lent.
15.—3rd Sunday in Lent.
22.—4th Sunday in Lent.
25.—The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
29.—5th Sunday in Lent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

February 11.—John Pleesants Walker.
February 18.—George Washington Lancaster.

MARRIAGES.

January 30.—William Lee Dickson, Jr., and Caroline Louise Clarke.
February 7.—Norman Haslet Schoch and Miriam Jarvis Lang.
February 18.—William M. Pedrick and Magdalena E. Engel.

BURIALS.

January 30.—Gertrude Marion Baur.
February 7.—Mary Anna Wilkins.
February 11.—Josephena W. Gebhart.
February 11.—Anna D. White.
February 16.—Louisa M. Hoffman.
February 21.—Josie Violet Hodgson.

Schedule for Services at 12.30 Daily, Lent, 1914.

February 25, Ash Wednesday.—Right Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.
February 26. Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Bethlehem.
February 27. Rev. W. T. Capers, Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia; Bishop-elect of West Texas.
February 28. Rev. Crosswell McBee, St. John's, Lansdowne, Pa.
March 2 to 6 inclusive. Right Rev. Chas. D. Williams, D. D., Bishop of Michigan.
March 7. Rev. Joseph H. Earp, Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
March 9 to 13 inclusive. Rev. Samuel McComb, D. D., of Emmanuel Church, Boston.
March 14. Rev. Nathaniel Groton, St. Thomas, Whitemarsh.
March 16, 17, 18. Rev. Elliott White, St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.
March 19, 20, 21. Rev. Hubert W. Wells, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
March 23 to 27 inclusive. Rev. J. Howard Mellish, Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.
March 28. Rev. C. Rowland Hill, St. Matthias, Philadelphia.
March 30, 31 and April 1. Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D. D., Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia.
April 2, 3, 4. Rev. Charles Fiske, D. D., St. Michael's Church, Baltimore.
April 6 to 10. Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
April 11. Rev. W. Y. Edwards, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Offerings Received from February 1, 1914, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany to February 22, 1914, Quinquagesima Sunday.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$36 68	
Parochial Maintenance	59 66	
Diocesan Missions	25 89	
		$122 23

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

St. Stephen's Farm	$1 35	
Theological Education	.15	
Our Work Among Boys	.80	
Parochial Maintenance	132 35	
Benevolent Society	.60	
Charities	53 44	
Episcopal Hospital	.85	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	1 10	
Missions	59 13	
Domestic Missions	.10	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 30	
Diocesan Missions, received thro' the Rector and Envelopes	582 42	
Foreign Missions	2 97	
Missionary Box	.10	
Indian Missions	.05	
		$836 71
		$958 94
For the completion of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge		1 00
		$959 94

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Treasurer.

Acknowledgments of Contributions for Diocesan Missions.

Miss D. E. Paulin	$5 00
Mrs. Judson	5 00
Mr. O. B. Judson	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Campbell	10 00
The Misses Magee	40 00
Mr. J. A. McDowell	5 00
Miss McDowell	5 00
Mrs. Pancoast	5 00
Mrs. Seth Caldwell, Jr.	5 00
The Misses Eisenbrey	10 00
Mrs. Lautenbach	2 00
Miss Dutilh	5 00
Miss Mary Wallace	5 00
Miss Adelaide Wallace	5 00
Mr. Francis Wallace	5 00
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Mr. C. L. McKeehan	5 00
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Mrs. Vanderslice	2 50
Mrs. Armstrong	5 00
Miss Coppuck	1 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	5 00
(In Memoriam)	5 00
Miss Townsend	5 00
Mrs. Albert Caldwell	5 00
The Misses Maulsby	10 00
Mrs. Richardson	25 00
Miss Laura Bell	5 00
Miss Emily Bell	5 00
Mrs. DeCoursey	5 00
Miss Rynard	5 00
Mrs. Arrison	5 00
The Misses Davis	15 00
	$482 00
Other contributions	131 31
	$613 31
Charles Lineaweaver	5 00
Mrs. John K. Walker	5 00
Mrs. Margaret T. B. Clemens	5 00
C. P. Lineaweaver	5 00
Mrs. Mary E. Wigfall	2 00
Mrs. George D. Crawford	5 00
William E. Haydock	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Boyd	5 00

The Rector's Letter.

Dr. Johnson has always been regarded as one of the sages of our race. When not provoked by argument or bound, by prejudices, or delighting in opposition, he had the great gift of treating serious questions in a weighty and manly way. His words about church membership in his famous essay on Milton are worth recalling: "To be of no church is dangerous. Religion, of which the rewards are distant, and which is animated only by faith and hope, will glide by degrees out of the mind, unless it be invigorated and re-impressed by external ordinances, by stated calls to worship and the salutary influence of example." Is not this counsel worth heeding?

Confirmation will fall on the second Sunday in Lent, at the morning service. It is a useful custom to have confirmation classes, and as a rule it would be a mistake for a young person to be confirmed without first entering a class. But it is not well that a free man should be tied down by rules. The door of opportunity is still open, and in the case of adults, where the great requirement is not information and instruction, but decision that will conquer procrastination, and courage that will overcome the inertia of habit, attendance on the class is by no means an essential prerequisite. Adults are specially urged not to wait till another season. It is particularly pleasant to have people confirmed who have long found in St. Stephen's a spiritual home, but have never formally connected themselves with it. Their more regular membership will make the church mean more to them. While such additions do not lengthen our cords, they strengthen our stakes.

The great aim in making up a confirmation

class is to secure a band of candidates really in earnest. Church members, who are triflers, or shirkers, professors and not doers of the word are only a hindrance to the cause. Jesus always let volunteers understand clearly the nature of His service. He came to seek and save, but He did not try to save any man in his sins. He made it clear that discipleship meant separation from sin.

To our prospective class our Sunday School and societies have made their usual large contribution. It is good to find that this year, as well as last, the Social Hour on Sunday night has made its contribution and thereby given a proof of the value of its meetings. At these social hours we are particularly gratified when the medical students drop in upon us. They live so near, and yet, as a rule, are so far from our reach.

The special Lenten task that I should like to set before the congregation is an increase of our contributions to missions.

The diocese expects large things of us and it will not hurt us to attempt to do our very best. We are helped in our task of supporting this church by endowments, and it therefore is peculiarly incumbent to do our utmost to help others who have no such aid. I suggest that all of us seek to increase, according to the measure of our ability, our contributions this Lent in the pocket marked missions. This is my first suggestion. The second is like unto it: I suggest that all those who do not use the envelopes, make a Lenten resolution to co-operate with this scheme faithfully, and that those who have not received a package, ask for it now, and use the envelopes through Lent, without waiting till the new cartons are issued the Sunday after Easter. Let us not lose the blessing that comes from faithful giving. A religion that costs nothing in self-denial, is found to be worth nothing in temptation or trial. A church that we do not help, is powerless to help us much. The church is like the world, largely what we make it, a savour of life unto life, or of death unto death. It is through the deepening of faith that giving brings that the giver is supremely blessed.

In closing let me say a word about the observance of Lent. Our position has made it impossible, hitherto, to make much of our afternoon services. The cars in the afternoon hours are too crowded to make it feasible for our distant members to use them. There used to be a rule in the Jewish synagogue that a certain number of people were required for a service. At college special courses would be granted, if a certain number would agree to take them. This is the way in which I would provide services. I do not believe in multiplying services that are not really needed, and then calling on the church members to stand loyally by arrangements in which they were not consulted, and in this way heaping tasks on shoulders already overladen. It seems to me that the people ought to express their wishes. If a number of people want a special Litany service, on Friday or Wednesday, either in the morning or afternoon, let them express their wishes and I will endeavor to meet them. Until Mr. Edwards is advanced to the presbyterate, as I prefer to call it, since our word priest is only the Greek term presbuteros, written small, it is difficult to multiply communion services. Personally I believe that quality in communions is far more important than quantity; but I shall endeavor to meet the needs of people of diverse religious preferences and tastes.

It will be greatly appreciated if the members of the church who can attend the midday services will come to their own church. We have secured a splendid band of speakers, and should give them the encouragement and support of our presence. We regret that Dr. Worcester can not be with us, but no one in the church could take his place as acceptably as his genial and gifted associate and coworker, Dr. McComb, who will take the dates assigned originally to Dr. Worcester.

As I think of the work of the parish, I thank God for the peace and harmony that reigns among us, and feel that in this Christian concord, we have a token of God's blessing and a pledge of usefulness in His service.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Rector's Bible Class began on Thursday, February 5th, at 11 o'clock, in the Guild Room of the Parish with an attendance of 56. The subject of the lecture was Hebrew prophecy before Amos, and the political conditions that prepared the way for the first of the literary prophets. At the second session on February 12, there the attendance was 63, the subject was the Message of Amos.

On Thursday, the 19th, the class was praetermitted in favor of the Woman's Auxiliary, which meets statedly on the third Thursday in the month. The third session on Thursday, February 26th, was devoted to Hosea. The attendance and interest indicate that this Bible Class fills a real need in the Parish, and will become a permanent feature of our winter work. The invitation to join is general. There is room for about twenty more members. The only textbook required is a Revised Version of the Scriptures—the American Revision is preferred.

Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader as executor for Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, has informed the Rector that Mrs. Mitchell bequeathed to the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's $5,000 clear of all taxes. By this thoughtful bequest Mrs. Mitchell will in perpetuity aid our church, and continue the work she loved.

"For years beyond our ken,
The light she left behind will lie
Upon the paths of men."

Such a gift is in keeping with the tenor of her whole life. It will be a great and needed assistance to the Vestry.

The exact date of the unveiling of the Wood Memorial can not be finally determined, but the plan is to have this ceremony on the second Wednesday after Easter, April 22nd, at 8 P. M. The speakers and participants will be announced later. About a hundred dollars more is needed to defray the expenses of the memorial service, provide a lantern to hang in front of the bust, and care for the incidentals. The treasurer of the fund sends the following statement:

DAVID D. WOOD MEMORIAL.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

F. H. Longshore	$5 00
J. Fred Wolle	5 00
Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton	3 00
Mrs. F. W. Aiken	5 00
	18 00
Previously acknowledged	2,523 50
	$2,541 50

A Snowy Day.

There is only one snowy day mentioned in the Bible,—the snowy day on which the redoubtable Benaiah, the son of Jehoida, slew a lion in a pit; but there are numerous snowy days in the history of St. Stephen's, when men went out into the snow and slew the lion of sloth. Certainly there have been several such snowy days in the present rectorship. None of us can forget December 26th, 1909, when there was such a heavy fall of snow in the night that all the car lines were blocked except the Ridge Avenue line, which an energetic official kept open by running the cars all night. Dr. Wood managed to get to the church by the Reading Railroad and found that all his choir had contrived in some fashion or other to be in their places. What a glorious service we had! No curtailing, no skimping, everything done heartily as unto the Lord, and every person present feeling that it was a privilege and achievement to be there; every one responding in the Psalter, everybody saying Amen to the prayers, everybody exchanging greetings, every one resolving that if he ever stayed home from church, he would not let his absence occur on such a glorious occasion, when all the earth was a transfiguration mount, and wore vestments white and glistening, such as no fuller on earth can white them.

Another such day was Monday, February 23, 1914. It had started to snow, the readers will recall, Sunday night, and all day long the feathery flakes descended, very light and almost dry as powder. The wind swept them off the pavement and piled them up on the snow banks, and blew them into the faces of the passers-by. It was a night to make the fires glow and the arm-chair desirable, but it was also the night of the Girls' Friendly. The Rector wondered how many would be present in such weather, on a night in which one would hardly drive the dog that bit him out into the cold, so he bundled himself up and like the Monk of St. Bernard suggested in Excelsior, attended by his faithful hound—in this case a most accomplished and refined water spaniel—ran down to the Parish House. And found—what think you? The iron grating closed, the windows dark? Not at all; light was blazing out from the upper windows, a cheerful sound of many voices was heard when the door was opened and on ascending the stair, 42 members of the Girls' Friendly were discovered celebrating with their secretary, Mrs. Lucas, the legal holiday of the Father of our Country. Could anything have been more cheering? Forty-three in all—think what a fine number! Four more

than the 39 articles, to be Ecclesiastical; three more than the 40 thieves, to revert to Ali Baba's immortal story; four more than 40 stripes save one—43, a numeral combined of two numbers, one of which being a perfect square, typifies the city that is four square, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the other the mystic number of the Trinity, and the two added together, making 7, the sacred number that cannot be factored—you see I understand the mystic science of numbers.

Forty-three persons, in brief, to whom the Girls' Friendly meant something so worth while, so cheering, so wholesome, so helpful, so grateful and comforting—like Epp's Cocoa—that neither snow, nor wind, nor cold could keep them at home. Is not it good to know we have such a Friendly Society?

King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle.

King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings, March 4th and March 18th, in Guild Room of Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received for shoes from Miss Laura Bell	$1 00
From those receiving shoes	2 75
Total	$3 75
Expended for shoes	2 25
Balance	$1 50

Have given out in February, 15 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes. It is very amusing to see some of the children wrapping their new overshoes in paper very carefully, intending to walk home in the slush and snow because they are new and shiny. Christmas time, a very poor little girl was given a pair of shoes which had patent leather tips, the child was delighted and kept saying, are these for me, turning them over and said aren't they pretty? Not having any shoes, one can imagine her delight.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its regular meeting Thursday, February 19th, in the Parish House. In spite of the stormy day seventeen members were present, and the usual reports of the various committees were given. The treasurer reported a balance of $105.10.

Miss Farrell urged members to join the Church Periodical Club by sending at least one magazine to some one in the mission field.

Miss Bell made a special request that all members of the Auxiliary read the book, "Emergency in China," which is to be the text book of the Mission Study classes during Lent.

Mrs. B. S. Cooper, of Washington, gave an interesting talk on her work among the Arapahoe and Shoshone Indians near Wind River, Wyoming, in the diocese of Bishop Thomas. Mrs. Cooper is trying to raise funds to build a comfortable church home and industrial school at Wind River. The land has already been purchased through the efforts of the Indians themselves. The mission was established thirty-one years ago by Rev. Mr. Roberts, who is still there. Mrs. Cooper was voted $25.00 by the Auxiliary.

The next stated meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish House, March 19th, at 11 o'clock. Miss Charlotte Nodine will talk of her work in the Daily Vacation Bible School of St. Stephen's Parish.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

The death of Dr. Snively at Nice France, was announced in the February daily papers. Born at Greencastle, Pa., Dr. Snively gained his title of Doctor by his graduation from the school of medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. After a short career as a practitioner of that art, Dr. Snively took a course at Berkeley Divinity School and was ordained to our ministry. For twenty years he was Warden of the Burd School for Girls, and as such one of the assistants to the Rector of St. Stephen's. He had the art of making friends, and endeared himself to all who knew him. In 1909 he resigned and went to France, where he took charge of the Episcopal Church. He leaves behind a son, the Rev. Alfred de Forest Snively, an Assistant at Christ Church, Springfield, Mass., and three daughters—Misses Margaret and Muriel, and Mrs. Edward Cosbey, whose husband is the Rector of Trinity Church, Collingdale, Pa.

Musical Program

MARCH 1.

11 A. M.
Offertory. O Divine Redeemer ..... *Gounod*

4 P. M.
Cantata in E flat ..... *Garrett*
Deus ..... *Garrett*
O My Vineyard ..... *Gounod*
It is Enough ..... *Mendelssohn*

MARCH 8.

11 A. M.
Benedicite ..... *Martin*
The Ninety and Nine ..... *Campion*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E flat ..... *Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Barnby*
He Hath Said ..... *Gounod*
Keep Me Lord Forever Thine ..... *Costa*
(By request).

MARCH 15.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Stanford*
Lord We Praise ..... *Rossini*

4 P. M.
Cantata ..... *Wilson*
Deus ..... *Parker*
Hide Thy Face from My Sins ..... *Miller*
(By request.)
Come Unto Him ..... *Haendel*

MARCH 22.

11 A. M.
Te Deum, B minor ..... *Buck*
Jerusalem ..... *Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Garrett*
Nunc ..... *Garrett*
Grieve Not ..... *Stainer*
Sing ye Praise ..... *Mendelssohn*

MARCH 29.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Rosenthal*
Prayer ..... *Metcalf*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Clough-Leighter*
Nunc ..... *Clough-Leighter*
Send Out Thy Light ..... *Gounod*
(By request.)
Lord How Long ..... *Mendelssohn*

Requests may be addressed to Mr. Thunder at the church.

The Sunday School.

Mr. Kirkpatrick and the Superintendent represented our school at the Church House, February 24th, when the male officers of our Diocesan Sunday School Association met at a dinner conference, to consider their responsibilities and make better plans for more successful leadership.

At the County Association's Older Boys' Congress, of February 27th and 28th, held in the auditorium of the Central Y. M. C. A., with Director of Public Safety Porter, the Rev. W. T. Capers and others as speakers, the boys who were delegated from our school, were Robert Brown and James Merchant, who are expected to report the proceedings to our school, our superintendent being chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

In the second year's awarding of gold badges for constancy of attendance at Sunday School for one continuous year up to the first Sunday of this February, we have had the pleasure of awarding these beautiful emblems to Miss Myrtle Traul, Miss Mabel Ditman, Miss Gertrude Cairns, Miss Dorothy Minster and Miss Edna Vreeland, as well as to Mr. Carl Powers, Mr. John Seeds, and Mr. Wm. Pedrick. Most of these being successful for two years have received the fine encircling gold wreath. Miss Gray and Miss Pearse received a gold badge for this year.

It is most pleasing to note the presence of our older scholars, meeting with the Rector in his Confirmation Class on Saturday evening. There are several more, particularly among the older boys, who should decide to take this important step at once and not let this season's opportunity pass by without their decision to stand up for the Christ.

Five of the younger boys have been taken into the Junior Brotherhood on probation, and meet regularly the second and fourth Sundays of the month and expect to be taken into full membership by the Rector in a special service about the first of April.

e first Sunday in March our course of Lesson Study, on the Life of Jesus, will be reviewed from the platform and our stereopticon will be used, illustrating with a number of beautiful pictures. Any one interested will be cordially welcome in our Sunday School room at 9.45 A. M., March 1st

It is proposed to have our teachers meeting the first Friday in each month, at 8 P. M., in the Parish House, the next one to take place Friday evening, March 6th.

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

St. Stephen's Aid Society will hold its meetings in the Parish House on Friday mornings during Lent, at 10 o'clock. The object of this work is to provide baby garments to be distributed by Miss Lewis in her work among the poor of the Parish. Members of the congregation are earnestly requested to assist with this work.

G. K. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Our Tiffany Windows.

Our church has now three fine specimens of the Tiffany window, namely the Pancoast window, that has recently been provided with a protective back of thick glass, and also generally renovated, the Atmore window, "Nicodemus Visiting Jesus by Night," and the Arrison window, "Christ with the Children." These three brilliant windows, together with the striking and original McDowell window, make the south wall of our church full of color and message. At our request, an expert has pointed out the distinctive merits of the Tiffany windows.

His first point is that the Tiffany process and endeavor is not imitation, but original creation. In his judgment the English and German schools of stained glass aim at copying and emulating the mediæval period. Their method is the old method of flat surfaces of even thickness upon which the colors are painted. The drapery is drawn, there is much shading, and most of the designing is upon the glass. The dominant note is repression rather than expression of feeling. While this glass has a charm of its own, it is a charm that is largely dependent upon the association of ideas. Using conventionalities of treatment that have been hallowed and endeared by illustrious examples through the centuries, it places its pictures, so to speak, at the end of a lovely vista, and while it twines around them the charm of antiquity, also binds them by its limitations. The Tiffany windows, on the other hand, aim at expressing modern ideas in a fresh and living way, our critic claims. The American school has sought to find out new ways and aimed at developing the art. In pursuit of this goal, Mr. Louis C. Tiffany discovered in 1875 a process for making a new kind of glass which he called Favrile glass, a term derived by softening a consonant, from the old English word fabrile, which means "hand-made." By a very thin film-like corrosion of the surface this glass is given a wonderful rainbow iridescence which is equal to the effect of corrosion upon Pompeian and other ancient glass through burial. The Tiffany windows are made entirely on the mosaic method, without the intervention of paint, stains or enamels. The perspective is secured by the use of several platings or layers of glass of various colors. The leading now forms much of the design, which was formerly painted in. The adherents of this school claim for it that it has effected an emancipation for the cult and opened doors that have hitherto been closed to glass workers.

Over and above these artistic merits, it is pointed out that these windows are peculiarly fitted to commemorate Americans in American churches, since they are designed by American artists, made of American glass, in American workshops, by American artisans. The beauty of the windows speaks sufficiently for them, and this last consideration would carry us, like St. Paul's ill-fated ship, to a place where two seas meet, and divergent economic theories contend. I only mention it, that we may learn of the associations that go with these Tiffany windows as well as the artistic ideals and processes of the makers. No one can doubt that they are great ornaments to our church.

Memorial Flowers.

The cost of flowers for the Altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and address to Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. It will be assumed unless notice is given to the contrary that these subscriptions for Memorial Flowers for special Sundays will be continued annually on date specified or on the Sunday nearest to it, therefore post cards will be sent to subscribers when their contributions are due.

1914.
Jan. 4.—Mrs. Colket.
11.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
18.—Mrs. Ernst.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noblit.
8.—Miss Van Dusen.
15.—Dr. Edw. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Gebhart.
March 1.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
8.—Miss M. Wallace.
15.—Mrs. Clemens.
22.—
29.—Mr. Anderson.
April 5.—Palm Sunday.
12.—Easter Sunday.
19.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
26.—Dr. Grammer.
May 3.—
10.—Mrs. Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Mrs. Colket.
31.—Mrs. Hollar.
June 7.—Miss Dutilh.
14.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
21.—
28.—Miss May Miller.
July 5.—Mr. Colket.
12.—
19.—Mrs. Edw. R. Fell.
26.—Miss Lindenmyer.
Aug. 2,—Mr. Clayton.
9.—
16.—Miss Wallace.
23.—Miss Laura Bell.
30.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept. 6.—Mrs. Lane.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. James T. Lineaweaver.
27.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 4.—Miss Laura Bell.
11.—Miss Maulsby.
18.—Mrs. Sheble.
25.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
8.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
15.—Miss Townsend.
22.—Miss Eisenbrey.
29.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 6.—Miss Davis.
13.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
20.—Mrs. Petry.
27.—Miss Emily Bell.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the Month.)
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.
(The course this season is on the fundamentals of Christianity.)
Social Hour .....7.45 to 9 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Noonday Service, 12.30.
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Noonday Service, 12.30.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society, from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
Noonday Service, 12.30.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.

THURSDAY.—
Noonday Service, 12.30.
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month at 11 A. M.
On other Thursdays the Rector's Bible Class.

FRIDAY.—
Noonday Service, 12.30.
Boys' Club, 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY.—
Noonday Service, 12.30.
Confirmation Class, 7.30 P. M.

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Clergy.

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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER.
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REV. WILLIAM Y. EDWARDS.
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Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
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Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. Wm. Rice Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar, Mr. C. Howard Colket,
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Sopranos.

Mrs. Helen Frame Heaton, Miss Marthe M. Mulcey, Miss Margaret B. Swartz, Miss Catharine Gleason, Miss Gertrude A. Dohmen, Miss Mary Showell, Miss Anna T. Mann.

Altos.

Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Miss Edna Hunsicker, Miss Rosa M. Will, Miss Elsie de Y. Eggman, Mrs. Geo. Walker.

Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Leon Smith.

Basses.

Dr. Geo. Conquest Anthony, Mr. Wm. J. Martin, Mr. Thos. C. Martindale.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 9 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks Co., Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Mrs. Irwin, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Miss Paullin.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Boards—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girl's Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 5.—Sunday next before Easter.
6.—Monday before Easter.
7.—Tuesday before Easter.
8.—Wednesday before Easter.
9.—Maundy Thursday.
10.—Good Friday.
11.—Easter Even.
12.—Easter Day.
19.—First Sunday after Easter.
25.—St. Mark, Evangelist.
26.—Second Sunday after Easter.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

March 22.—Harry Joseph Stetler.
March 22.—William Bradford Stetler.
March 22.—Mary Anna Stetler.

BURIALS.

March 7.—Catherine Haase.
March 10.—Wray H. Irwin.
March 13.—Katherine Lewis Bushman.
March 14.—John Lambert Cadwalader.
March 16.—Stephen B. Fotterall.

Noon Day Speakers for Holy Week, 1914.

April 6 to 10. Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
April 11. Rev. W. Y. Edwards, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

St. Stephen's Church Week Day Services, Holy Week, 1914.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday — 12.30 P. M. Noon Day Service. 5.00 P. M. Evening Prayer.
Thursday, 12.30 P. M. Noon Day Service.
5.00 P. M. Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M. Holy Communion for Mothers' Meeting.
Good Friday, 10.30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
12.30 P. M. Noon Day Service.
5.00 P. M. Evening Prayer.
Saturday, 12.30 P. M. Noon Day Service.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the Month.)
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.
Social Hour .....7.45 to 9 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society, from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month at 11 A. M.
On other Thursdays the Rector's Bible Class.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

Offerings Received from March 1, 1914, First Sunday in Lent to March 25, 1914, Fifth Sunday in Lent.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$21 63	
Parochial Maintenance	65 90	
Missionary Box	115 87	
Colored Missions	24 15	
Bishop's Offering	45 96	
		$273 51

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$100 37	
Parochial Maintenance	227 60	
Missions	99 80	
Our Work Among Boys	.30	
Benevolent Society	5 95	
Episcopal Hospital	.65	
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	1 85	
Domestic Missions	76 25	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.55	
Diocesan Missions	28 42	
Foreign Missions	.90	
Colored Missions	23 15	
Missionary Box	18 40	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	3 10	
City Missions	.10	
		$587 39
		$860 90

SUMMARY.

Charities	$122 00
Parochial Maintenance	293 50
Missions	99 80
Our Work Among Boys	.30
Benevolent Society	5 95
Episcopal Hospital	.65
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 85
Domestic Missions	76 25
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.55
Diocesan Missions	28 42
Foreign Missions	.90
Colored Missions	47 30
Missionary Box	134 27
Easter Decorations	3 10
City Missions	.10
Bishop's Offering	45 96
	$860 90

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Offerings Received During the Church's Financial Year, April 6, 1913, Sunday after Easter to March 29, 1914, Fifth Sunday in Lent.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$315 25	
Parochial Maintenance	534 46	
Our Work Among Boys	12 11	
Benevolent Society	35 12	
Episcopal Hospital	41 72	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	37 44	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	60 24	
Diocesan Missions	25 89	
Foreign Missions	31 36	
Colored Missions	24 15	
Missionary Box	185 42	
Indian Missions	31 11	
Bishop's Offering	45 96	
		$1,380 23

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$787 06	
Parochial Maintenance	1,551 44	
Missions	1,060 85	
St. Stephen's Farm	567 33	
Theological Education	12 19	
Our Work Among Boys	110 03	
Benevolent Society	135 58	
Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church	3 60	
Episcopal Hospital	226 24	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	70 43	
Domestic Missions	141 17	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	139 39	
Diocesan Missions, part rec'd thro' Rector	615 89	
Foreign Missions	75 00	
Colored Missions	48 40	
Missionary Box	27 85	
Indian Missions	81 75	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	5 40	
City Missions	.85	
For the completion of Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pa.	1 00	
		$5,661 45
		$7,041 68

SUMMARY.

Charities	$1,102 31
Parochial Maintenance	2,085 90
Missions	1,060 85
St. Stephen's Farm	567 33
Theological Education	12 19
Our Work Among Boys	122 14
Benevolent Society	170 70
Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church.	3 60
Episcopal Hospital	267 96
Sunday School Christmas Festival	107 87
Domestic Missions	141 17
Aged and Infirm Clergy	199 63
Diocesan Missions	641 78
Foreign Missions	106 36
Colored Missions	72 55
Missionary Box	213 27
Indian Missions	112 86
Easter Decorations	5 40
City Missions	.85
Bishop's Offering	45 96
For the completion Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pa.	1 00
	$7,041 68

NOTE.—As Easter Day did not come within this period there is no Easter offering in this account.

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

The Envelope System.

The package given out last April will be exhausted on Easter day, and a new carton will be sent out for use on the Sunday after Easter. It is a good time, therefore, to inquire how the system is working. Our records show that 276 persons accepted the envelopes, and that of these 172 used them faithfully. By death, removal and other causes, 31 are accounted for. 73 persons used the system only fitfully. It is pleasant to think of those 172 faithful, conscientious ones. It is good to note how unfailingly their envelopes came in, and in how many cases both pockets brought in a contribution. I am sure that the Church means much to such contributors and that they are of incalculable value to the Church. We feel cer-

tain that we can rely on those members to accept the envelopes for another year, and will send them the packages without any inquiry.

Of the 31 accounted for by various causes, some died during the year. In most cases the checks indicating the return of the envelopes runs along until it ceases on the Sunday before their deaths. These members were found faithfully discharging their tasks, according to our record, when the summons came to go up higher.

Our hope is that the 73 who returned their envelopes only occasionally, and at hap-hazard will this year conscientiously take up this duty. It is our duty to help on the Kingdom for which we pray, and how can we perform that duty, if we do not aid the Church that spreads the tidings and upholds the banner. It is our desire that everyone who joins the Church should have a package and use it with regularity. If children are old enough to confess Christ publicly, they are old enough to give something regularly. The smallness of the gift is nothing, if it be commensurate with ability, so it be regularly offered. Every regular attendant on the Church ought to get a package. Requests can be left with the Rector, or Mr. Edwards, or the Verger, or the Treasurer of the Envelope Fund, Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building.

I ought to add that twelve persons sent in a lump sum their contributions to cover the collections indicated on the envelopes for the whole year.

To the "Shut-Ins."

As I write these words your faces come before me. Some I see quite clearly, for we are well acquainted; some I know but imperfectly, and have been so unfortunate in my hours of calling that I am rarely able to see them; some are only names to me, and I know of their existence through the kind offices of others. Different indeed are your homes; some living in stately houses and waited on by constant attendants, some lying in retired bed rooms, in patient endurance of many lonely hours; some are young and only laid aside for a time, and are expecting a speedy return to the full activities of life; some carry a burden that Time can only make heavier, the benumbing weight of years; some sustain with a serenity a heavy infliction, that has been so long endured with patience, that life would hardly seem real without it; to some it seems a great unreality that they who were lately so full of life in every limb should be bound down in this way; some would have everything it might seem that life has to give, if they had but health, and some are wondering what life has for them that they should be kept lingering here; some in pain, and some in dumb numbness, some in loneliness and some surrounded by helpers who cannot reach the trouble; but all alike in that you are shut-in; that you are separated from the privilege of common prayer and praise; all alike in that you are compelled to sit on the side lines and watch the games; all alike in that you have to fight against weariness and depression, and introspection, and spiritual foes within and without that seek to weaken your faith and hope, and try to trouble the waters of your peace. What message can this little paper bring to you of cheer and courage?

Well, first of all, note that this is the April issue. I know that during this last stormy March with its clouds and winds and changing skies and frequent and heavy snowfalls, you often wondered whether the calendars had not made a mistake and we were actually back in mid-winter.

A girl in Baltimore wrote a poem to March that began—

> "O, naughty March who all these years
> Hast frightened April into tears!"

I can quite understand that to the invalid in the sick room, it must have seemed as if March with his pranks had gone even further and scared gentle April entirely away. How distant seemed last month, the delicate beauty of the fragile jonquil, the sweet fragrance of the shy arbutus, the twitter of the birds and the tender green of unfolding leaves. Yet April is here and all these joys will soon return to earth. Already we have had a foretaste of them. Let us then be of good courage and hope that all our trials at last will pass away, transmuted into blessings by the same mysterious power that changes the wind that blows such a bitter blast in March into the balmy breezes of April. He who changes fierce winter into gentle spring, and the dark night into the gladsome day, can change the limitations that bind us like fetters into graces of faith and hope and patience that will adorn us like stars.

There is one other message that I should like this little paper to speak to you, and that is an assurance that God is not angry but is full of tender sympathy and care. In Mrs. Oliphant's Life of Edward Irving, we are told that that extraordinary man of God, in his parochial visits when he was the assistant of Dr. Chalmers in Glasgow used to salute his parishioners as he entered their homes with the Oriental greeting, "Peace be to this house."

Although the Rubric before the office of the Visitation of the Sick, directs that the minister of the Parish "coming into the sick person's house shall say, Peace be unto this house, and to all that dwell in it," one shrinks from such an un-American greeting. When the Apostles wished "Peace," they adopted the usual salutation of their day and gave it a deeper significance. We are more in accord with their method when we use the conventional and usual modes of greeting and seek to give them reality and heartiness. But this little paper can enjoy the license that belongs to literature, and can without assumption of sacerdotal functions, or straining after effect, bid you the ancient Oriental greeting. "Peace be unto you," is our salutation, to you in your quiet room. Let peace reign in your heart. Let us believe that God is our friend, and that no harm can come from Him to us. Let us be at peace. Let us listen to the inner voice which like a watchman walking through an ancient town at night, proclaiming his message of assurance, tells us "all is well."

The Noon Day Lenten services are so near the end with this issue that it is not too soon to congratulate the congregation on the privilege that it has enjoyed of hearing such helpful messages. Bishop Williams has won a place for himself in Philadelphia as the large attendance proved. A prophet of social righteousness he has gained a hearing in this great emporium of trade and center of manufactures. Dr. McComb, unfortunately, was called away before he had quite completed his course, but he made a profound impression. Mr. Melish's congregations grew slightly in spite of the great Bible Conference, and eloquent speakers elsewhere. Last Lent he spoke for us twice, but this was the first time that we had any adequate opportunity to hear a preacher whose modern message is enforced with the earnestness of the great days of evangelicalism. We hope that the Bishop of Michigan, the clergy of Emmanuel Boston, either Dr. Worcester or Dr. McComb and Mr. Melish will come to us for many a Lenten season. We are also indebted to the local clergy for their invaluable assistance, to Dr. White, of St. Mark's for his three addresses on Love, and to Dr. Tomkins for his fervent and fruitful messages, and to our kind friends who took the trying duty of making the addresses on Saturdays. Dr. Fiske is yet to come, while I write this. We are especially grateful to him for consenting to address us on the three days just before the heavy duties of Holy Week. When I contrast our Lenten services vivified and energized by such prophetic teachers with the prosy monotony of much Lenten preaching, I feel that St. Stephen's is richly blessed indeed. Where pleasure is conjoined with hearing the message ought to sink deep into the heart and bring forth abundant fruit in the life. In the character of the addresses, this seemed to me one of our best Lenten seasons. The attendance was, according to our records, as good as it used to be in the days before the Garrick theatre services were inaugurated.

The ushering was done with marked absence of any fussiness or bustling. There was about the whole service an atmosphere of quiet, decorum and devotion. So would we have it always. The spirit of the prophets should be subject to the prophets.

Many little additions that fail of acknowledgment are made to our equipment by kind friends; but the painting of the kitchen in the third story by Mrs. H. P. Taylor, and the new stove that was given us by Mr. Jos. B. VanDusen cannot be received without a word of thanks in spite of the modesty of the donors. These generous friends have often helped us before and in these their latest gifts they have made more attractive and useful a room that renders valuable services to many societies. I once heard a celebrated rector say that he would rather have an Altar to Baal in his church than a kitchen stove. He evidently forgot that Jesus fed the multitude through his disciples after teaching and overlooked the so-

cial nature of the Lord's Supper. To-day almost every church has a kitchen, and it would be well if it also had a gymnasium. We realize that a church is a social centre as well as an oratory and a hall for teaching.

The Wood Memorial will be unveiled with appropriate exercises on Wednesday, April 29th, at 8 P. M.. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. Frederick Wolle, the celebrated interpreter of Bach, who was a pupil of Dr. Wood's by Mr. Allen, the head of the Perkins Institute, Boston, who was associated with Dr. Wood in his work at the Institution for the Blind at Overbrook, by the Rev. Dr. McConnell, and the Rector. Mr. Thunder will be in charge of the music, and pupils of Dr. Wood will be at the organ. The choir will be enlarged for the occasion. Programs will be printed later and cards of special invitation will be issued to subscribers. The memorial will be unveiled by Elsie Wood.

DAVID D. WOOD MEMORIAL.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Miss Ella L. Beerhalter	$1 00
Miss Frances G. McCollin	1 00
Miss Delia Kroneberger	1 00
Miss M. E. Wood	2 00
Miss R. A. Lowenberg	1 00
Miss A. B. Townsend	3 00
Rollo F. Maitland	6 00
"In Memoriam"	5 00
Jas. B. Ely	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Henry Woodward	1 00
Miss Josephine Hammer Kreider	1 00
Albert Hammer Kreider	1 00
Mrs. Jno. A. Wood, Jr.	1 00
Mrs. Agnes Reybold	1 00
Charles J. Dryfuss	2 00
Miss Minnie Gerber	2 00
Mrs. M. C. Williams	2 00
F. H. Taylor	5 00
	$41 00
Previously acknowledged	2,541 50
	$2,582 50

On the Monday after Easter at 8 o'clock will be held the regular annual parish meeting. All members of the Church are invited to attend, and all societies are requested to assemble in their usual manner. Reports should avoid unnecessary details and give general results.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The stated meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held March 19th. There were thirty members present.

After the usual reports from the committees, Mrs. E. C. Grice gave a talk on the Daily Vacation Bible Schools of Philadelphia, and Miss Nodine told of the school which she directed in St. Stephen's Parish last summer.

Mrs. Grice says a large percentage of 230,000 school children are on the streets in summer and she feels that churches being untaxed property should open their doors, and our young college men and women who have vacations should be willing to give two hours a day for six weeks helping entertain and instruct these children.

There were sixty in St. Stephen's school last summer. They are told Bible stories and taught to make hammocks and baskets and the girls are taught sewing. The articles made are given to the hospitals. Miss Nodine needs only $175 to maintain her school in St. Stephen's. The Auxiliary voted her $25.

The next regular meeting will be held April 16th.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

At the March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's the cause of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools was presented by one of the officers, Mrs. Grice, and also the teacher of our own branch, Miss Charlotte W. Nodine, These schools are conducted for six weeks during the summer and aim to keep the children off the streets, give them pleasant and profitable occupations, and to teach them Bible stories which in many instances the children hear for the first time.

Our branch costs one hundred and seventy-five dollars to run and of this amount forty-six dollars was raised by the Auxiliary. If any of the readers of the PARISH NEWS care to contribute to this cause they may send such to Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St., who will be glad to receive it and turn it over to Miss Nodine at the proper time.

Musical Program

APRIL 5.

11 A. M.
Offertory, "The Palms" ..... *Faure*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E flat ..... *Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis in E flat ..... *Barnby*
God That Madest Earth and Heaven . *Naylor*
Abide with Me ..... *Liddle*

APRIL 12.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in G ..... *Calkin*
Sanctus ..... *Gounod*
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth . *Haendel*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E flat ..... *West*
Nunc Dimittis in E flat ..... *West*
Gloria in Excelsis ..... *Gounod*
Behold I Show You ..... *Wood*
Hosanna ..... *Granier*
Hallelujah ..... *Haendel*

APRIL 19.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Benedictus Chant.
Hear My Prayer ..... *Mendelssohn*
(By request)

4 P. M.
Carol Service.

APRIL 26.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate, B flat ..... *Stanford*
My Hope is in the Everlasting ..... *Stainer*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in G minor ..... *Noble*
Nunc Dimittis in G minor ..... *Noble*
O Lord God ..... *Berwald*
God is a Spirit ..... *Bennett*

Requests may be addressed to Mr. Thunder at the church.

The Sunday School.

On March 29th our Sunday School Clock registered an enrollment of 201 scholars, which is encouraging, as we are thus steadily climbing to our aim of 250 members at the close of this winter's session. We believe this can be accomplished if teachers, scholars and officers keep this vision before them and earnestly try to bring in new scholars.

Bishop Rhinelander's visit of Sunday, March 8th, to administer Confirmation, was new in respect to its being held at the morning service. It brought out most of the Sunday school and the teachers' hearts were cheered with the fruitage, as they saw their scholars among those to be confirmed. We would like to have seen more of the boys in the class.

The success of the recent "Older Boys' Congress" of Philadelphia was echoed in our school when our two delegates, Robert Brown and James Merchant, made their reports of its proceedings—Robert to the Main School the first Sunday in March, and James to the Primary School the following Sunday.

As a result of the earnest efforts of Miss Denny's Bible Class in their recent entertainment, we were enabled to pay twenty-five dollars which they kindly donated towards the payment of the new scenery bill of last December.

Bad weather interfered with our teachers' meeting in March, but we hope for a good attendance the first Friday in April to complete the plans for our Easter Carol Service, which is to be held as usual the first Sunday after Easter, April 19th, at 4 P. M., in the Church, together with the Burd School. We are hoping for good returns with our Lenten boxes and the offerings for Missions. We trust that every teacher and officer will be present at our preliminary meeting for prayer on the first Sunday in April at 9.30 A. M., in the lower room of the Sunday School Building.

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

Parish Visitor's Report.

With the approach of spring all nature seems glad, and we human beings rejoice as well, for everything will look brighter and happier, and even poverty and trouble are less hard to bear when it is near.

One of the many trials of life is loneliness. We find it everywhere, for most everyone is more or less so at times, but it is harder when coupled with poverty. Some of our people who are left destitute, have outlived every tie of relationship, and with deprivation and loneliness, it becomes a difficult task for us to encourage and soothe at times.

There is one case of particular interest, that of a woman, who at one time had all she needed and wanted, within reason. She traveled abroad, and as long as her mother lived she had every comfort, but at her mother's death the money left to her vanished, through mismanagement and trusting others to invest it for her. Not having had business experience she fell into the hands of some dishonorable people who left but enough interest out of her principal to pay a small board of twenty weeks out of the fifty-two a year. She is not fitted for any employment and her mental state is pitiable. We want to place her in a Home, but that means her name will have to be put at the end of a long waiting list, even though she passes the required examination. Through Dr. Grammer she is being looked after.

One dear old lady, over eighty years of age, living in a room over a machine shop with the noise of the different machines buzzing and thumping all day, is the dearest, loveliest old soul we know, smiling and happy, and just simply praying and trusting in God that He may take her home while she is able to remain in the room of which she is so fond. When we gave her the half ton of coal we wondered where she could put it, but on opening the various boxes, a shoe box and a barrel, etc., there was her coal neatly stowed away. The only time she can read her little book of versicles, which is one of her greatest pleasures, is while the sun is shining in her window, when she hastens to get her book, fearing to lose one glimmering ray. May her nightly prayers for release be answered soon.

Another case is a woman on her back with the rheumatism; the neighbors come in and wait upon her; the doctor is kind, and the druggist supplies her medicine free of charge, and with what assistance we can give, she manages to live. We could mention many others.

The past winter has seen a number of people out of work. Some of them have never known what it was to be unemployed before. Hardships and struggles have been long and severe, but we hope all will feel encouraged as the cold weather leaves us, and spring is with us again.

We are very thankful for all the help we have received, or shall receive, to relieve suffering and poverty around us.

H. K. Lewis.

Lowell's Admirable Reply.

When James Russell Lowell was our United States Minister to England, he was in attendance at a public meeting in London at which some of the speakers of the evening took occasion to sneer at religion, saying that they could get along without it, and deprecated its influence upon men. The following was the poet's splendid answer:

I do not think it safe. I am formulating no creed of my own; I have always been a liberal thinker, and have therefore allowed others, who differed from me, to think also as they liked; but at the same time I fear that when we indulge ourselves in the amusement of going without religion we are not, perhaps, aware how much we are sustained at present by an enormous mass all about us, of religious feeling and religious conviction; so that, whatever it may be safe for us to think,—for us who have had great advantages, and have been brought up in such a way that a certain moral direction has been given to our character—I do not know what would become of the less favored classes of mankind if they undertook to play the same game. Whatever defects and imperfections may attach to a few points of the doctrinal system of Calvin,—the bulk of which was simply what all Christians believe,—it will be found that Calvinism or any other ism which claims an open Bible and proclaims a crucified and risen Christ, is infinitely preferable to any other form of polite and polished skepticism, which gathers as its votaries the degenerate sons of heroic ancestors, who, having been trained in a society, and educated in schools, the foundations of which were laid by men of faith and piety, now turn and kick down the ladder by which they have climbed up, and persuade men to live without God, and leave them to die without hope.

The worst kind of religion is no religion at all; and these men, living in ease and luxury, indulging themselves in the amusement of going without religion, may be thankful that they live in lands where the gospel they neglect has tamed the beastliness and ferocity of the men, who, but for Christianity might long ago have eaten their carcasses like the South Sea Islanders, or cut off their head and tanned their hides like the monsters of the French Revolution.

When the microscopic search of skepticism which has hunted the heavens and sounded the seas to disprove the existence of a Creator, has turned its attention to human society, and has found on this planet a place ten miles square where a decent man can live in decency, comfort and security, supporting and educating his children unspoiled and unpolluted; a place where age is reverenced, infancy protected, manhood respected, womanhood honored, and human life held in due regard,—when skeptics can find such a place ten miles square on this globe, where the gospel of Christ has not gone and cleared the way, and laid the foundations, and made decency and security possible, it will then be in order for the skeptical literati to move thither an there ventilate their views. But so long as these very men are dependent upon the religion which they discard, for every privilege they enjoy, they may well hesitate a little before they seek to rob the Christian of his hope and humanity of its faith in that Saviour who alone has given to man that hope of eternal life which makes life tolerable and society possible; and robs death of its terrors and the grave of its gloom.

Memorial Flowers.

The cost of flowers for the Altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and address to Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. It will be assumed unless notice is given to the contrary that these subscriptions for Memorial Flowers for special Sundays will be continued annually on date specified or on the Sunday nearest to it, therefore post cards will be sent to subscribers when their contributions are due.

1914.

Jan. 4.—Mrs. Colket.
11.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
18.—Mrs. Ernst.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noblit.
8.—Miss Van Dusen.
15.—Dr. Edw. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Gebhart.
March 1.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
8.—Miss M. Wallace.
15.—Mrs. Clemens.
22.—
29.—Mr. Anderson.
April 5.—Palm Sunday.
12.—Easter Sunday.
19.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
26.—Dr. Grammer.
May 3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Mrs. Colket.
31.—Mrs. Hollar.
June 7.—Miss Dutilh.
14.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
21.—
28.—Miss May Miller.
July 5.—Mr. Colket.
12.—
19.—Mrs. Edw. R. Fell.
26.—Miss Lindenmyer.
Aug. 2,—Mr. Clayton.
9.—
16.—Miss Wallace.
23.—Miss Laura Bell.
30.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept. 6.—Mrs. Lane.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. James T. Lineaweaver.
27.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 4.—Miss Laura Bell.
11.—Miss Maulsby.
18.—Mrs. Sheble.
25.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
8.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
15.—Miss Townsend.
22.—Miss Eisenbrey.
29.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 6.—Miss Davis.
13.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
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THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF
The Mothers' Meeting *and* the Benevolent Society
of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

April 20th, 1914

These reports, which were read at the annual parochial meeting, April 20th, were by an unaccountable oversight omitted from the May PARISH NEWS, and are published in this form for the information of the congregation and the friends of these two societies.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

Mothers' Meeting.

The president of the Mothers' Meeting is happy to report a prosperous year. We have 143 members on our roll, with 137 in good and regular standing. During the good months of the season we had an average attendance of from 90 to 100; during the bad months of February and March our attendance averaged 70 to 75, which is good when it is remembered that our members come from all parts of the city and are mostly tired workers. There has been a most encouraging interest taken in the meetings; all joining heartily in the devotional period, and showing great pleasure in the entertainments provided by kind friends who sang, read, recited, and gave interesting talks or showed travel pictures.

Our Annual Sale, held on the first Thursday in December, netted us $146.25. The object of this sale was to provide more bathing and toilet facilities at St. Stephen's Farm.

Before the Farm was opened last year, the proceeds of the preceding sale were expended for porch and other chairs, lawn swing, hammock, lamps for parlor and dining room, necessary linen, dishes, silver, papering, and general replenishing and house repairs. Part of the balance left was used in painting the kitchen in the Parish House.

During the summer a number of the Mothers spent a happy holiday week at the Farm, and every Thursday a party of from 16 to 18 went up for the day. The Farm is very dear to the hearts of the Mothers, and it gives them great joy to return some of the benefits which they reap from it.

The different funds which are part of the work of the Mothers' Meeting, the Coal Savings Fund, the Beneficial Fund and the Savings Fund have been well kept up. We have lost one member by death.

The officers of the Meeting are satisfied that the work has the blessing of God, and that it adds to the well-being and pleasure of its members.

MRS. HENRY P. TAYLOR, *President.*
E. E. HOLMAN, *Secretary.*

Benevolent Society.

It is hard to believe that another winter is over and that our Society is closing for the summer. There have been sad and happy incidents connected with the season; a member who was dear to everyone in the Society was taken from us by death, but her influence will long continue with us, and we know it would

have been her wish to be taken before her usefulness came to an end.

We opened November 5th, notifying the hospitals a short time before, and the Pennsylvania, Episcopal, Jefferson, Presbyterian, Hahnemann, Howard, St. Timothy's Woman's, Church Home, Angora, Presbyterian Orphanage, Home for Destitute Children, Lincoln Institute and St. Stephen's Farm responded. The last work was given out April 15th. There were twenty-four active members who attend to the work and twenty-seven who do the sewing. In a little over five months we have made 5,257 articles. We have always tried to get up to 4,000 before, but never able to accomplish it. This year we are 1,257 over what we thought we could do. There are two good reasons for this; we have learned that to be successful we must be systematic, and each one give the best that is in her. Then in the last few years we have seven new members (one has had to leave) the others are doing such good work that instead of only parceling and giving the work out, we are now willing to cut out the garments whenever the hospital wishes us to do so.

We are very grateful to the Hospitals. If we do a great deal for them, they do as much for us in supplying the material. They could not be more kind in their expressions of appreciation of the way it is done: "the sewing is beautiful"; "it would cost them a great deal to have it done; and ready made garments would not wear as well." One writes: "The Managers of the Hahnemann Hospital Association desire to extend to the ladies of St. Stephen's Guild their sincere and earnest thanks for all the garments made by you. If it were not for your kindness and that of our other friends, we would find it difficult to keep many of our charity patients properly clad."

God's blessing seems to be with us, there is the same loving spirit that is the marked characteristic of the Society each year: To help others, to do good and love each other; this is growing as well as the work, and we can continue to call ourselves The Benevolent Society.

CORNELIA L. EWING,
Vice-President.

St. Stephen's Female Benevolent Society.

Brought forward from April, 1913, to start work in November	$103.08
Church Collection	142.80
Contributions, legacies, etc.	305.52
From Dr. Grammer	30.00
Interest on money deposited	2.21
	$583.61
Sales for fiscal year	174.14
	$757.75
Paid out to women for sewing (averaging 22 women each week) from November 12th to April 15th	$485.74
Paid out for material, etc.	218.90
Total	$704.64
	$757.75
	704.64
Balance	$53.11
This balance is composed of—	
Cash in bank	$43.35
Cash on hand	$9.76

Ella S. Hansell,
Treasurer.

Mr. Van Dusen's report of the offerings was incorrectly printed in one item, so that the balance was not justified by the figures as printed. The report is therefore, published again this time correctly.

Offerings Received from Wednesday, April 1, 1914, to April 26, 1914, Second Sunday after Easter.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$69 22	
Parochial Maintenance	13 86	
Missions	19 26	
St. Stephen's Farm	199 48	
Missionary Box	47 35	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School Festival	10 06	
City Missions	39 19	
		$398 42

Envelope System:

Charities	$112 70	
Parochial Maintenance	151 22	
Missions	107 46	
St. Stephen's Farm	724 31	
Theological Education	25	
Our Work Among Boys	1 05	
Benevolent Society	60	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	161 50	
Episcopal Hospital	65	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	35	
Domestic Missions	2 07	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 20	
Diocesan Missions	1 70	
Foreign Missions	85	
Colored Missions	6 82	
Missionary Box	1 37	
Indian Missions	15	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School Festival	93 79	
City Missions	29 55	
		$1397 59
		$1796 01

SUMMARY.

Charities	$181 92
Parochial Maintenance	165 08
Missions	126 72
St. Stephen's Farm	923 79
Missionary Box	48 72
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School Festival	103 85
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JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR., *Treasurer.*

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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63rd and Market Sts.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss O. M. Harnish.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother remaining unmarried at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Holy Communion, Second Sunday in month, 9 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Sunday, 4.00 P. M.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)
Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10.30 A. M.
All the services and the Sunday School are open to the public, and it is hoped that the Burd School Chapel will be made the church home of those in the neighborhood. Send your children to the Sunday School and they will be welcome.

St. Stephen's Farm.

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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*
House open from June 15th, to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Miss Paullin.

DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.

INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.

DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.

Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Boards—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. Geo. H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Margaret Culbertson, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girl's Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Mrs. F. W. English, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Chas. Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce St., at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of

dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the

pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

May 1.—S.S. Philip and James Apostles.
3.—Third Sunday after Easter.
10.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
17.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
18.—Rogation Monday.
19.—Rogation Tuesday.
20.—Rogation Wednesday.
21.—Ascension Day.
24.—Sunday after Ascension Day.
31.—Whitsunday.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

April 26.—John W. Keller, Jr.

MARRIAGES.

April 20.—Theodore L. Dietrich and Jennie Humphreys.
April 25.—Frederick A. Myers, Jr., and Margaret Kur Culbertson.

BURIALS.

April 2.—Rachel A. Murphy.
7.—John S. Salter.
20.—James P. Scott.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the Month.)
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.
Social Hour .....7.45 to 9 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society, from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month at 11 A. M.
On other Thursdays the Rector's Bible Class.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

Offerings Received from Wednesday, April 1, 1914, to April 26, 1914, Second Sunday after Easter.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$69 22	
Parochial Maintenance	13 86	
Missions	19 26	
St. Stephen's Farm	199 48	
Missionary Box	47 35	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School Festival	10 06	
City Missions	39 19	
		$398 42

Envelope System:

Charities	$112 70	
Parochial Maintenance	151 22	
Missions	107 46	
St. Stephen's Farm	724 31	
Theological Education	25	
Our Work Among Boys	1 05	
Benevolent Society	60	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	161 50	
Episcopal Hospital	65	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	35	
Domestic Missions	2 07	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 20	
Diocesan Missions	1 70	
Foreign Missions	85	
Colored Missions	6 82	
Missionary Box	1 37	
Indian Missions	15	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School Festival	93 79	
City Missions	29 55	
		$1397 59
		$1796 01

SUMMARY.

Charities	$181 92
Parochial Maintenance	$181 92
Missions	126 72
St. Stephen's Farm	923 79
Missionary Box	48 72
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School Festival	103 85
Theological Education	25
Our Work Among Boys	1 05

Benevolent Society	60	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	161 50	
Episcopal Hospital	65	
Sunday School Festival	35	
Domestic Missions	2 07	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 20	
Diocesan Missions	1 70	
Foreign Missions	85	
Colored Missions	6 82	
Indian Missions	15	
City Missions	68 74	
		$1796 01

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR., *Treasurer.*

Annual Report of the Accounting Warden.

RECEIPTS.

April 1, 1913, Balance on hand	$5,666 49	
General Endowment	5,139 17	
Rudder Memorial Fund	588 35	
Cleeman Endowment Fund	492 02	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund.	1,050 82	
Endowment of Pews	459 70	
Endowment of Music	49 50	
Pew Rents	7,258 78	
Parochial Maintenance	2,163 28	
Deficiency Fund	2,950 00	
Endowment Fund from Envelopes (principal)	8 10	
Principal—Endowment of Pews (received from Pa. Co.)	2,590 25	
Principal—Endowment Fund (received from Pa. Co.)	707 28	
Principal—Rudder Memorial (received from Pa. Co.)	437 50	
Principal—Mortgage Paid off	1,600 00	
Principal—Wilkins Legacy for St. Stephen's Farm	404 80	
Principal—Wilkins Legacy for Girls' Friendly	404 80	
Interest on Deposits	141 28	
		$32,112 12
Church Account	148 50	
Campbell Memorial Fund	17 32	
S. B. Wylie Mitchell Vault	6 92	
Lathrop Legacy	304 34	
Female Benevolent Society	133 64	
Girls' Friendly and Kings Daughters		
		610 72
Endowments for specified objects in the Parish		
Easter Decorations	6 35	
Sunday School	10 51	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	132 87	
Work Among Our Boys	122 14	
Missionary Box	213 27	
Charities	1,105 08	
		1,590 22
Collections for special objects in the Parish		
Episcopal Hospital	267 96	
Sunday School for Missions	260 71	
City Missions	1 75	
Indian Missions	112 86	
Diocesan Missions	644 78	
Domestic Missions	162 86	
Foreign Missions	106 46	
Colored Missions	72 65	
Missions	642 66	
Apportionment Fund	440 64	
Bishop's Offering	45 96	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	204 63	
Theological Education	12 19	
		2 976 11
Collections for special objects in the Diocese and outside		
Western Flood Sufferers	25 00	
Washington Memorial Chapel	1 00	
		26 00
Miscellaneous		
		$37,315 17
1914.		
April 1, To Balance		$6,570 72

PAYMENTS.

Rector	$6,000 00	
Assistant	800 00	
Pulpit Supply	60 00	
Verger	1,370 00	
Parish Visitor	662 50	
Rent of Rectory	1,350 00	
Account of Choir	4,132 59	
Electric Light, Power and Gas	366 86	
Coal	200 00	
Care of Organ	150 00	
Painting and Plastering Sunday School and Church	596 26	
Insurance on Boiler	45 00	
Expense Account	1,405 01	
Investment of Principal		
" Endowment Fund	1,631 00	
" Endowment of Pews	2,590 25	
" acc. Rudder Memorial	437 50	
" in Mortgage and Stock	2,402 50	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	643 54	
Sustentation Fund	123 75	
		$24,966 76
Church Account		
Campbell Memorial Fund	157 00	
Female Benevolent Society	348 32	
Girls' Friendly and Kings Daughters	170 60	
		675 92
Endowments for specified objects in the Parish		
Lenten Offerings	125 00	
Sunday School	15 51	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	196 69	
Work Among Our Boys	100 00	
Woman's Auxiliary	150 00	
Missionary Box	305 78	
Charities	978 88	
		1,871 86
Collections for special objects in the Parish		

Episcopal Hospital	270 11	
Indian Missions	112 86	
Diocesan Missions	1,031 53	
Domestic Missions	106 94	
Foreign Missions	105 91	
Colored Missions	25 35	
Colored Missions of the Diocese	100 00	
Missions	552 25	
Missions in the Diocese	106 23	
Apportionment Fund	440 64	
Bishop's Offering	45 96	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	202 13	
Collections for special objects in the Diocese and outside		3,099 91
Western Flood Sufferers		130 00
Balance in Penna. Co.		6,570 72
		$37,315 17

Respectfully submitted,

J. Hunter Ewing, *Warden.*

St. Stephen's Farm.

Cr. Cash Contributions.

Receipts.

April 1, 1913, Balance on hand		$89 32
The Easter Collections—		
Cash	$543 44	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	400 00	
" H. Spencer Lucas	50 00	
" Rebecca E. Pancoast	25 00	
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing	25 00	
" Clara Farrer Smith	10 00	
H. H. Barton, Jr.	100 00	
Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.	50 00	
Dr. Carl E. Grammer	10 00	
Robert T. Boyd, Jr.	5 00	
J. Hunter Ewing	250 00	
	$1,468 44	
Donations from—		
J. Austin McDowell	$100 00	
Matilda Maulsby	100 00	
E. J. Moore	500 00	
Laura Bell	10 00	
Samuel Moore, Jr., (ice cream bills for season)	55 55	
		2,233 99

Donations for Repairs.

From Envelopes	$15 75	
Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell	100 00	
" J. W. Schell	5 00	
" H. Spencer Lucas	10 00	
Miss Wallace	50 00	
Dr. Carl E. Grammer	10 00	
J. Hunter Ewing	100 00	
		290 75
From Girls' Friendly Society to build new bathroom		72 75
Loans		800 00

Sold from the Farm.

Potatoes	$5 50	
Calf	10 20	
		15 70
Cash received from Superintendent		122 56
Interest on Bank deposits		4 90
		$3,629 97
April 1, 1914, Balance		$1 67

Dr. House Expenses.

Payments.

House Supplies	$882 27	
House Superintendent	200 00	
Assistant	16 00	
Additional help	129 10	
Coal	28 14	
Telephone	41 75	
Printing, etc.	11 50	
Tickets	18 35	
Board for Horse	40 00	
Doctor and medicine	15 05	
		$1,382 16
Papering, painting and repairs	$153 77	
Repairs to chimney	24 75	
Repairs to range	24 39	
Repairs to wagon	70 35	
Carpenter work as per contract	233 44	
Plumbing	30 59	
		537 29

Farm Expenses.

Cattle feed, etc.	$21 00	
Seed	24 67	
Hardware	28 19	
Lumber	24 62	
Toll	8 09	
Harness, repairs, blacksmith	21 25	
Taxes	90 16	
Oil, etc.	10 37	
Lawn mower	35 75	
Two horses	310 00	
Insurance on Live Stock	19 75	
		593 85
Fire Insurance ($8,000 for three years)	115 00	
Loans of 1912 paid	1,000 00	
Balance in Bank	1 67	
		$3,629 97

Respectfully submitted,

J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

It is not necessary that the Rector should make any comment upon the conditions revealed in these reports, as they tell their own tale with sufficient clearness. The Treasurer's report shows that we are ahead in our financing of the Church: our expenses were met by our income, and a balance is left on hand.

This condition is due partly to economies, partly to the income from the Endowment of $25,000 given in memory of Horace Magee, and chiefly to the Envelope System. An analysis of the contributions from the Envelopes reveals that only thirty per cent. of the offerings goes to parochial maintenance, while seventy per cent. is given to charities and missions within and without the Diocese. I wish that we could have contributed more largely to the Diocesan Apportionment for Missions and have come closer to the sum that the Diocese would like us to contribute. It is, however, impossible, and would be harmful, in my judgment, to check all voluntary gifts for special objects. Nearly every society in the Church reports increased work.

Our annual Parish Meeting, the second Monday after Easter, was fairly well attended, as annual meetings go, but not quite as largely as in past years. The threatening weather probably kept away many of "the Mothers." I wish that the pew-holders of the Church would come out in larger numbers to these meetings. In the country the Church is naturally a social centre and bond of fellowship. In the city it can only perform this function by creating a parochial consciousness through meetings of this kind.

The Vestry has been formally notified by Miss Harnish, the Superintendent of the Burd School, that she will resign her position on the first of September to pursue a course of special study in the University of Wisconsin. An appropriate minute will doubtless be adopted by the Vestry at its next meeting. As this is the last issue of the Parish News until the Fall, it is proper that it should contain some recognition of Miss Harnish's great ability, as an organizer and administrator. The changes in the school under her were of a radical character, so far as the instruction was concerned. The children were not secluded from life under instructors of their own but were introduced into life by sending them to the public school, and by dressing them like other children. In every way the effort was made to assimilate their lives to normal conditions. Reforms in government were inaugurated, and modern methods were brought into the institution. Great economies were introduced, and the school has been run without exceeding its income. Moreover, the affection of the girls has not been lost under the strain of readjustment, but has been won and kept, and the tone of the school has been improved. Miss Harnish's work has been sound as well as brilliant. She will leave behind her a splendid record, and will carry into her new field the promise of large achievement and the best wishes of all at "The Burd School," and of her friends in St. Stephen's Church.

On Wednesday, the 29th, the Portrait Tablet of David Duffle Wood, Doctor of Music, for forty-six years the organist and choirmaster of St. Stephen's Church, was unveiled with addresses by Dr. J. Frederick Wolle, of Bethlehem, Pa., by Mr. Andrews, Warden of the American Guild of Organists, by Mr. Edward E. Allen, the principal of Perkins Institute, Boston, by Dr. McConnell and Dr. Grammer. A prelude on the organ was played by Mr. Maxson.

Except Dr. Wood's favorite Hymn, "He leadeth me," which was sung at the beginning of the exercises, all the other music was Dr. Wood's own composition. The anthems were, In the Beginning, The Magnificat, "Behold I show you a mystery," "There shall be no night there," and "The Twilight Shadows Fall."

The music was in charge of Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder. The organists of the various numbers, all pupils of Dr. Wood, were:

Mr. Rollo F. Maitland.
Mr. Frederick Maxson.
Mr. Uselma Clarke Smith.
Mr. S. Tudor Strang.

The singers consisted of the Choir of St. Stephen's, supplemented by many other former pupils and singers under Dr. Wood.

The portrait bust is the work of Charles Grafly, of Philadelphia, and is a work of unusual charm, as well as a fine likeness of Dr. Wood. The Church was filled to its utmost capacity, and the music and addresses, which we have not time even to summarize if this monthly is to appear on time, made the occasion one long to be remembered, as a tribute to a great artist and a noble man. Great thanks are due to all who participated in the arrangements, especially to Mr. Colket, the Treasurer of the Committee, and to Miss Dale, the Secretary, whose zeal has been a source of inspiration to all who came near her.

The inscription on the tablet reads:

DAVID DUFFLE WOOD
Doctor of Music,
Organist and Choirmaster of this Church, March 28th, 1864—March 25th, 1910.
Musician. Composer. Hero.
Erected by friends and pupils.
There shall be no night there.

The following musical organizations were represented by specially appointed committees:

* American Guild of Organists.
* American Organ Players Club.
Choral Society.
Eurydice.
Fellowship.
Fortnightly.
Hayden.
Manuscript Society.
Matinee Musicale.
Mendelssohn.
Musical Art Club.
Musical Fund Society.
Orpheus Club.
Philadelphia Music Club.
* Philadelphia Music Teachers Association.
Philadelphia Orchestra.
Treble Clef.
* Dr. Wood was a member of these societies.

The Envelopes Once More.

There are over 900 people who are attendants or communicants of St. Stephen's or members of some of its societies. About 600 of that number are regular worshipers at the Church. Surely, out of such a number we ought to have 300 people taking the envelopes and using them.

Beginning at the Vestry and going down to the members of the last Confirmation Class, every really faithful and earnest Church member ought to co-operate with the system. Some of the older members send a check in lieu of using the envelopes.

It is greatly to be desired that those who accepted the envelopes last year and only used them occasionally irregularly, will apply for a package again and co-operate with it with more assiduity and may I say fidelity.

It is gratifying to learn of the success of any of our band, and the congregation, which knows Miss Jane Harper as the sometime editor of the PARISH NEWS will be interested to learn that she has been promoted to the responsible post of acting secretary of the Public Education Society.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

St. Stephen's Aid Society held its meetings as usual on Friday mornings during Lent. At the beginning the outlook was not encouraging as many of our former members were not able to help us this year. Timely assistance, however, from the members of the King's Daughters and the diligent co-operation of a little band of earnest workers succeeded in filling our closet with the usual number of baby garments. It is gratifying to report that 191 articles were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand from 1913	$1 50	
Received	30 00	
		$31 50
Bills paid		28 74
Balance on hand, April, 1914		$2 76

E. K. CAMPBELL,
President.

Report of the United Offering.

What is the United Offering? It is a Thank Offering, and it is placed on the Altar at the Triennial Service of Thanksgiving at the time when the Woman's Auxiliary has its Triennial Meeting, which is the time and place where the Church holds its General Convention.

Resolved, That the United Offering of 1916 be given to the Board of Missions to be devoted entirely to the training, testing and sending and support of women for mission work at home and abroad, and to the care of such who are sick and disabled.

Our last United Offering has just been made. It brought in over $300,000 for Woman's Work. Had every woman communicant given five cents a week during the three years, it might have been $3,000,000 or more. How great a result from such a small contribution.

The United Offering of Pennsylvania amounted to $38,705. This was the largest offering made by any one Diocese, and the largest one made by Pennsylvania. The whole amount offered from all the Dioceses and Missionary Districts was $300,000.

Mrs. Thomas considered the Presentation Service the most important factor of the United Offering. We cannot emphasize it too strongly, or make it too prominent a feature. Let us do our utmost to make this service worthy of this great Diocese.

The Presentation Service of The United Offering will be on Thursday, April 30th, at 10 A. M., at the Church of the Saviour, 38th street, above Chestnut street.

I have to report $200.00.

ANNA J. MAGEE.

April 21, 1914.

Altar Society.

The Superintendent of the Altar Society submits the Thirtieth Annual Report as follows:

The members of the Chancel Committee, of which there are 17 members, have performed their regular duties throughout the year.

Four sets of book markers for the Bible and Altar Prayer Book were presented by Mrs. H. P. Taylor. During the year four small book markers were made for the Altar Prayer Book and four more Prayer Books to be used in the Chancel were purchased.

The Secretary reports 43 subscribers to the Memorial Flower Fund, there being now only three Sundays available for other applicants.

L. K. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Balance on hand, April 1, 1913	$49 88	
Received for Memorial Flowers	63 00	
Received from Dr. Grammer	25 00	
Received flowers for Ellicott McConnell tablet	6 00	
From the Collection for Easter flowers	75 00	
		$218 88

EXPENDITURES.

Flowers for the year	$85 25	
Embroidering linens and book marks.	10 00	
Removing stain from Fair Linen	1 50	
Repairing Flagon	8 50	
Fruit	4 80	
Palms and freight	6 10	
Calendar and dusters	1 47	
Flowers for McConnell tablet	6 00	
Easter flowers	75 00	
		$198 62
Balance on hand, April 18, 1914		$20 26

AGNES M. F. NOBLIT, *Treasurer.*

Yearly Report of the Parish Visitor.

During the past year the greater part of our work seems to have been especially prosperous. Each week brings its round of duties, visiting hospitals, the well and the sick at home, distributing clothing and other necessaries to those in need. Seventeen persons were admitted into different hospitals through some influential people, the Episcopal, Hahneman and Jefferson being especially kind. The latter hospital is now treating a homeless man in almost a princely manner for him, we think.

A man and woman we were compelled to place in the Norristown Hospital for the Insane and we regret to say that we are given no encouragement as to their ultimate recovery.

A family of nine we have been assisting for months. The mother was the only support, doing laundry work. When sickness and death entered this family Miss Frances Gebhart's and Mrs. John K. Walker's memorials helped greatly in taking care of them. Through Mr. Roland Morris, the husband has been admitted to the Home for Consumptives at Chestnut Hill.

Seven whole tons and sixteen half tons of coal were distributed during the year and these were given to us by Mr. William Hollar, Mrs. A. Hewson, Miss Lockhart and through the kindness of Miss Anna Daley.

Milk has been sent out daily to some of the sick. Prescriptions filled for some who were unable to pay. A wheeled chair and other necessaries were secured for a woman who has been paralyzed since the birth of her last child. She is only 32 years old and the mother of four other children. It is a hopeless case, as the physicians give her no encouragement.

Groceries were sent out on an average of two or three times a week and we were greatly helped in doing this by Mr. Samuel Moore; in fact, we could not have done so much without his assistance.

A debt of gratitude is due Mr. Edward G. McCollin, who is helping us in a law case involving tedious work and much of his valuable time.

At Thanksgiving, twelve families were remembered by some of the ladies of the congregation.

A number of persons who shared in the Christmas dinner-baskets this year was as large as ever. The Guild Room had the usual appearance of good cheer when all the baskets were displayed there. Some members of our congregation visited a few poor families as Santa Claus, much to the delight of the children, taking useful things to wear as well as toys and candies.

Miss Culbertson's Sunday School class gave the Parish Visitor a glad surprise when it acted as Santa Claus by donating five dollars for a suit of clothes for a little boy who attends our school.

We wish to thank the donors for the gifts of half-worn clothing sent us for our Garment Society. We think this Society does most excellent work. It is open every Tuesday morning during the winter from half past ten to twelve and a number of times during the winter on Thursday evenings from six to seven o'clock, which thus gives an opportunity to those who cannot come during the morning hours. Dr. Grammer gives to the President, Miss Lammot, a sum of money to be invested in garments for which heretofore the Society has charged a small amount to those who could afford to pay, but with the increased cost of living, many seem to be unable to do even this, and in consequence, the work is almost entirely charity. On behalf of its President I wish to make a plea in the interest of this work. If a small donation of $1.00 a year could be given by a number it would encourage the President and help her greatly.

Mrs. Richardson donated five new double blankets, which were distributed where greatly needed.

One very interesting feature of our winter's work was the dancing class, consisting of about fifty young girls and boys. The Parish Visitor had charge of these classes in order that no objectionable dances be allowed and that early hours be observed. We have been visited by different members of other churches who, upon leaving us, expressed great pleasure at our success in the direction of affording clean, healthy amusement for the young. Mrs. Dudley Lane has kindly taught the dances.

Two hundred and twenty-six dollars have been received for Specialized Charities.

As I look back over the year that has passed, I am very thankful to my Heavenly Father for the health and strength He has given me to do this work, and the great assistance from St. Stephen's congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
K. H. Lewis.

Report of the Garment Committee.

The following is the report of the Garment Committee for the year ending 20th of April, 1914:

Receipts.

Balance	$30 37	
Received from Dr. Grammer	25 00	
Sale of Clothing—Rummage Sale	10 00	
		$65 37

Disbursements.

Bought 55 garments		$37 50
Balance		27 87
		$65 37

During the year there were 585 garments and five pairs of blankets given away.

Julie de M. Lammot,
President.

Report of Shoe Fund.

Money received from Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	$25 00	
Donations from Church members	4 00	
Received from those receiving shoes	14 85	
		$43 85
Expended for shoes		42 55
Balance		$1 30

Report for the year from May, 1913, to April, 1914.

Received from good old Santa Claus two large boxes of shoes and one box of overshoes. The bright patent leather tips won the admiration of the children, and some would walk the length of the Guild Room, when trying them on, to see how they looked.

Have given out during the winter 125 pairs of shoes and 100 pairs of overshoes.

It has been a very happy and successful year. Many thanks to all who donated shoes.

Musical Program

May 3.

11 A. M.
My hope is in the Everlasting ..... *Stainer*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Barnby*
O Lord God ..... *Berwald*
Jerusalem ..... *Mendelssohn*

May 10.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Lord God ..... *Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Parker*
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Parker*
I waited for the Lord ..... *Mendelssohn*
Prayer ..... *Metcalf*

May 17.

11 A. M.
Cantate Dominum ..... *Garrett*
Deus Misereatur ..... *Garrett*
There shall be no night ..... *Wood*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Noble*
Nunc ..... *Noble*
God that madest ..... *Naylor*
O Rest in the Lord ..... *Mendelssohn*

May 24.

11 A. M.
Te Deum, E flat ..... *Buck*
Benedictus Chant, Be thou faithful *Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Mosenthal*
Deus ..... *Parker*
He has said ..... *Gounod*
Lord most holy ..... *Rossini*

May 31.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Stanford*
Benedictus Chant, Lord we praise ... *Rossini*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Leighter*
Nunc ..... *Leighter*
Consider and hear me ..... *Pflueger*
Repentance ..... *Gounod*

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Receipts.

Report for the year from May, 1913, to April, 1914.

Interest received from Mr. Patton's Estate (through Mr. Hunter Ewing)	$66 82	
Dues received from members	4 25	
Received for Christmas baskets	2 50	
Received from members of Circle, as a donation toward getting an old lady, who is paralyzed, in a home	1 00	
		$74 57

Disbursements.

State dues and International dues	$2 40	
County dues	60	
Sent Mr. George Wharton Pepper, for "Door of Blessing," a home for women just released from prison	5 00	
Donation sent to Mrs. Dallas (for Miss Green) to help her in getting in a home	1 00	
Rugs for the "Farm"	2 00	
Christmas Baskets	2 25	
Country Week Association	50	
Flowers for sick	50	
Poor woman in need	1 00	
Materials for sewing	38 07	
		$53 32
Balance		$21 25

Although this circle is small in number, you will see that with very little money we have really accomplished a great deal.

Besides the donations already mentioned, we have made and given to the Mothers' Meeting a number of fancy articles for their fair.

We also helped the Aid Society with their Lenten sewing.

We have also finished, and expect to send in the near future, a number of bibs, aprons and postal albums to the Day Nursery and other homes or hosiptals.

The circle is particularly interested at present in a poor famly in Camden, whose name was given to us by Miss Lewis. We expect to send some clothing and groceries to this family in a few days.

Altogether, about 100 articles of clothing have been made, or given away by this circle.

David D. Wood Memorial.

Subscriptions.

Miss Maude Beith	$1 00
Mrs. W. Massey Blackburne	1 00
Mrs. Winifred W. Emanuel	10 00

Joseph C. Wagner	1 00
George B. Young	1 00
Caleb Foster Wright	1 00
S. E. Simmons	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Shepard K. Kollock	2 00
John F. Joline	2 00
Mrs. Hannah O'Neill	1 00
Miss Florence O'Neill	1 00
Miss Elizabeth O'Neill	1 00
T. Edgar Shields	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Jones	2 00
Miss Katharine Mayne	1 00
E. R. N. Delfino	1 00
Elmer E. Wood and family	8 00
Mrs. J. Monroe Kinnebrew	1 00
Mrs. Dee Johnson	1 00
S. S. Widney	1 00
Mrs. Chas. Edward Locke	5 00
Mrs. W. Henry Sutton	1 00
Cash	1 00
Philip D. Clifton	2 00
Cash	5 00
	$62 00
Previously acknowledged	2582 50
	$2644 50

Girls' Friendly Society.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society opened for the season on the first Monday in October. At this time Dr. Grammer gave an interesting account of his visit to the Indians in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

Working Associates	8
Honorary Associates	24
Members	110
Probationers	20
Married Branch Helpers	38
Total Membership	200

According to our custom, Dr. Grammer, or Mr. Edwards, have conducted G. F. S. services in the church on the first Monday evening in the month.

A room has been furnished in the Cape May Holiday House in loving memory of Miss Maria T. Wilkins; and through the efforts of the members of the Branch an entertainment was given from which $72.75 was realized. This amount was sent to the Treasurer of the Farm to be used toward defraying the expenses of a new bath room.

At Christmas we again had the pleasure of entertaining the mothers of the members, and at this time the Elocution class gave an excellent entertainment.

Miss Laura Bell gave a talk on "The How and Why of Missions," and on April 6th our first vice-president, Miss Margaret C. Maule, visited our Branch and gave a short but very interesting talk on "Social Service in the G. F. S."

The Lenten sewing has been done as usual, and this year the garments will be sent to the Episcopal Hospital and the House of The Holy Child (colored work).

The Married Branch Helpers have met during Lent and made booklets and scrap books for the hospitals.

Classes have been held in Elocution and Millinery, the latter class being taught by one of our own members.

Reading, travel talks and embroidery have been carried on by the different bands.

The Literature class have read and studied "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Three faithful Seniors prepare supper on Monday evening and each week from twenty to thirty-five girls avail themselves of this always enjoyable meal.

The Treasurer reports:

Total receipts	$273 16
Expenditures to date	148 10
Balance on hand	$125 06

Of which—
$2 30 is in the Hospital Magazine Guild
$29 25 is in the Beneficial Fund.
$93 51 is in the General Fund.

There are now more than sixty Senior members in St. Stephen's Branch (a girl being admitted as a Senior after she has been a member in good standing for five years) and to their faithfulness and loyalty the Branch Secretary feels that the strength of the Branch is largely due.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$55 80	
Receipts for the year—		
From members	247 00	
From envelope system	478 89	
To interest	3 80	
		$785 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Printing	12 50	
To Luncheon	3 00	
To Daily Vacation Bible School	25 00	
To Diocesan Missionary Society	90 00	
To Foreign Missions	204 50	
To Domestic Missions	150 44	
To Indian Missions	134 63	
To Colored Missions	146 32	
		$766 39
Balance on hand		$19 10

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Sunday School.

Our Annual Easter Carol Service on Sunday, April 19th, 1914, at 4 P. M., in the Church brought out the strength of the school in teachers and scholars, with but few missing. We gladly noted the presence of many former scholars. Friends, parents and members of the Church came out in goodly numbers.

We were indeed glad this year to have with us the Burd School, leading the procession and looking well and happy. As usual, they most heartily helped to sustain the Carols, to the satisfaction of our musical leader, Dr. Anthony, particularly in the higher notes of his two part composition.

Dr. Grammer most cheerily conducted the service and with apt words and quotations brought out many smiles as the offerings were duly reported by each class. To the pleasure of all, the Superintendent gave out the good news that our Lenten Offerings for Missions had surpassed last year, as per the Secretary's report which follows. This means keen interest and much self-denial on the part of scholars and teachers and the hearty response is most encouraging.

Our Secretary, Mr. Kirkpatrick, deserves much credit for successfully completing the arrangements, particularly the Cross and flowers and the new electrical display, "Alive for evermore," as suggested by the Rector. This was illumined just at the right moment by Mr. Carrigan, as The Roman Soldier hymn came to a close. The Primary Department, with Miss M. Corrigan, Miss Goss and Miss Traul in charge, added to their well sung part, a pretty effect in waving flowers.

We are pleased to report an enrollment of 203 scholars, which the new Sunday School Clock-of-Membership now registers, and we are aiming for many more before the summer sessions begin. Besides we have a list of twenty teachers and officers.

Looking back over the past year, we find much to encourage. Miss Williams and Miss Grammer have been added to our force of faithful teachers. Our studies in the Life of Christ have been most valuable. Every two months we have reviewed the lessons using lantern illustrations. The Christmas festival and play; the entertainment by Miss Denny's class; the Thursday night social evening under Miss Lewis; the kindly interest of Mr. Boyd and Mr. Edwards in the Boys' Meetings; the teachers' meetings for prayer, planning and discussion—all have helped much to keep us happily and loyally united.

Our school takes part in the Annual Sunday School Parade, the Musical Festival and the advance movements of the combined Philadelphia Sunday Schools. Never has our Diocesan Association of schools had a better Missionary Meeting than was held this winter at St. Stephen's. Our boys compete athletically with other schools. Our Junior Brotherhood boys were represented in the recent examination by the Local Assembly, and our two delegates to this winter's Congress of Philadelphia Older Boys, made good reports of its proceedings to the school.

The Annual Retreat of the teachers and the excursion were held at the Farm. The summer sessions of the school and its seashore outing were well attended.

The faithfulness of the teachers was rewarded by a goodly number of scholars in the recent Confirmation service.

We believe this number would be greatly increased if the lower rooms were occupied by additional adult Bible classes for men and women. With a keener interest and more of our adult members of the Church enrolled with the school as Bible students we believe the younger classes would thereby be very much stimulated.

There is room for growth far beyond the present capacity of our building. We will gladly welcome any newcomers desiring to assist in the development of our school and help to preserve the vigor of this part of St. Stephen's Parish, where we are endeavoring to advance through Bible study the Christian ideals, not only with our little ones and the junior groups but also with adult classes.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

April, 1914.

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS.

Amount of collections from S. S. scholars from April 6, 1913, to April 19, 1914, (not including Advent)	$136 52
Amount of collections from S. S. scholars, Advent	18 11
Interest on above—Saving Fund Account	1 91
Amount of collections from S. S. scholars, including Burd School—Lenten Offering	181 72
	$338 26

DISBURSEMENTS.

1914.		
April 22.—Paid George W. Jacobs, Treasurer, Advent Offering	$18 11	
April 22.—Paid J. Hunter Ewing, Treasurer, Missionary Offering	138 43	
April 22.—Paid George W. Jacobs, Treasurer, Lenten Offering	181 72	
		$338 26

SUMMER OUTING.

(Picnic to Farm, June 28, 1913.)

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from Dr. Grammer acc. expenses	$60 00
Amount received from Dr. Grammer bal. expenses	8 12
	$68 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Chartering cars (2) Philadelphia Traction Co.	$34 00	
P. & R. R. Co., 2—26-trip tickets to Johnsville	16 70	
Extra fares by R. R. and Trolley	3 92	
Paid for Prizes	3 00	
Paid for Ice Cream	10 50	
		$68 12

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

(December 26, 1913.)

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from Church collections	$121 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Candy	$73 14	
Paid for Decoration	4 00	
Paid for Entertainment	21 05	
		$98 19
Balance in hands of Treasurer		$23 50

RECEIPTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PURPOSES.

1913.	
May, Balance as per last report	$46 49
Dec. 20, Amount received from Dr. Grammer	75 00
1914.	
Feb. 25, Amount received from Church collections, per J. Hunter Ewing	15 51
April 20, Amount received from Church collections, April 19, P. M.	16 60
	$153 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Lesson Books, Printing, Prizes, etc.	$121 07	
Paid for Contribution to the S. S. Association of the Diocese	5 00	
Paid for Lantern Slides	4 50	
Paid for Electrical Decoration, Easter Anniversary	5 00	
		$135 57
Balance in hands of Treasurer		$18 03
Easter Anniversary expenses unpaid		$41 30

W. J. KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary.*

Missionary Box Committee.

ALBERTA S. VAN DUSEN, *Treasurer.*

The committee reports as follows:

1913.	DR.	
April 5.—Balance on hand	$45 77	
May 1.—Interest	1 84	
Oct. 15.—Envelope System	43 94	
Oct. 15.—From St. Andrew's Brotherhood collections	261 84	
Dec. 9.—Contribution from Major T. Morris Knight	10 00	
		$363 39
	CR.	
April 14.—Box sent to the Rev. Vincent G. Griffith, Norman, Oklahoma	39 40	
Dec. 5.—Box to St. Mary's Mission School for Indians, Rosebud Reserve, So. Dak.	28 71	
Dec. 5.—Box to the Rev. J. M. Bates, Red Cloud Neb.	42 57	
Dec. 6.—Special Appeal from the Bishop	5 00	
Dec. 6.—Box to Mrs. Arthur Taylor Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	44 69	
Dec. 9.—Box to the Rev. G. Clement King, Seattle, Wash.	67 52	
Dec. 10.—Box to the Rev. Lewis Wilford, Bismark, No. Dak.	33 50	
1914.		
Jan. 6.—Check to Mrs. James Arrison, for box in the colored field	75 00	
Feb. 26.—Clerical Suit to the Rev. W. J. Brown, Neligh, Neb.	25 00	
		$361 39
Balance		2 00
		$363 39

Examined and found correct.

ROBERT T. BOYD.

April 6, 1914.

The Church Periodical Club.

The Librarian of the St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club sends the following requests for periodicals to the PARISH NEWS, in the hope that some of these magazines can be supplied by its readers.

The names and addresses of the clergymen making the requests can be obtained from the Librarian, Miss Farrel, 308 Penn St., Camden. *The Outlook* is asked for by a clergyman in Alaska. *Punch* is needed in an institution where there are invalid soldiers. Hymnals, Prayer Books, *Outlooks* are in demand for a reading room and circulating library in Valdez, Alaska. Others are two *Literary Digests,* three *Garden Magazines,* two *North American Reviews,* a *Spirit of Missions, Ladies Home Journal, Good Housekeeping* and *The Atlantic Monthly.*

Memorial Flowers.

The cost of flowers for the Altar is one dollar and a half each Sunday, which amount should be sent at the same time with your name and address to Mrs. William B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. It will be assumed unless notice is given to the contrary that these subscriptions for Memorial Flowers for special Sundays will be continued annually on date specified or on the Sunday nearest to it, therefore post cards will be sent to subscribers when their contributions are due.

1914.
Jan. 4.—Mrs. Colket.
11.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
18.—Mrs. Ernst.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noblit.
8.—Miss Van Dusen.
15.—Dr. Edw. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Gebhart.
March 1.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
8.—Miss M. Wallace.
15.—Mrs. Clemens.
22.—Mrs. Brown.
29.—Mr. Anderson.
April 5.—Palm Sunday.
12.—Easter Sunday.
19.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
26.—Dr. Grammer.
May 3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Mrs. Colket.
31.—Mrs. Hollar.
June 7.—Miss Dutilh.
14.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
21.—
28.—Miss May Miller.
July 5.—Mr. Colket.
12.—
19.—Mrs. Edw. R. Fell.
26.—Miss Lindenmyer.
Aug. 2,—Mr. Clayton.
9.—
16.—Miss Wallace.
23.—Miss Laura Bell.
30.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept. 6.—Mrs. Lane.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. James T. Lineaweaver.
27.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 4.—Miss Laura Bell.
11.—Miss Maulsby.
18.—Mrs. Sheble.
25.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
8.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
15.—Miss Townsend.
22.—Miss Eisenbrey.
29.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 6.—Miss Davis.
13.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
20.—Mrs. Petry.
27.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

At the seven meetings held by the Woman's Auxiliary during 1913-1914, a number of speakers have made addresses concerning various fields of missionary activity and the work of the Church in general, and the appointed delegates have brought monthly reports of the stated meetings held at the Church House.

In October, Rev. P. C. Daito, of Tokyo, told of his efforts in bringing light to one of the darkest spots, morally, in the Japanese capital, and of his wish to raise funds with which to build a larger church in the district of Asakusa.

Mrs. F. W. English spoke informally of the meetings of the General Convention, with special reference to the United Offering.

Deaconess Colesberry, of St. Martha's House, situated at Eighth street and Snyder avenue, described the life and conditions of this settlement, and a plan is already formulated to hold a Diocesan Fair for this work in December next at Horticultural Hall, when all parishes are to be represented, and a committee has been appointed in St. Stephen's Auxiliary to participate as requested. Mrs. Arthur Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, gave a moving account of the desperate condition of the people she is struggling to uplift, and Miss Henrietta Gardiner spoke of St. Paul's Industrial School for Colored Boys and Girls at Lawrenceville, Virginia.

Rev. J. H. Kobyashi, of Tokyo, head-master of St. Margaret's School, made a short address on conditions in Japan during the past thirty years and gave details of this school for girls. At another meeting Mrs. B. S. Cooper gave an interesting talk on her work among the Arapaho Indians in Wyoming, and in March Mrs. E. C. Grice and Miss Charlotte Nodine spoke of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools in this city and of the one conducted at St. Stephen's, and expatiated on the good influence

exerted by these schools, by keeping the children off the streets and instructing them in Bible stories and hammock making during the hot, idle summer days. Such philanthropic work forms the foundation for better character and helps to keep the children out of reformatories, or later on, the prison.

During the year, the number of members of the Auxiliary has been decreased by death, and a few new members have been made welcome. The attendance has been uniformly good, fifteen being the smallest and thirty-two the largest number present. Each committee has had a speaker to represent it and contributions have been made to as many of the appeals as possible. The Treasurer reports having disbursed $698.89 among the several committees, with a small balance on hand for contingent expenses.

As missions indicate spiritual wealth, so no member of the Church can afford to lightly thrust aside or disbelieve in such an investment, and the opportunity is offered to all the women worshipers in St. Stephen's Parish to ally themselves with the Woman's Auxiliary, and become co-workers with those who are doing what they can in the Master's service.

LAURA BELL,
President.

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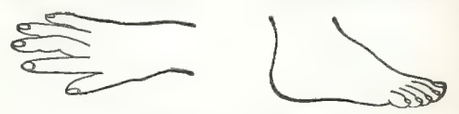
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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Miss Helen Leighton.

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Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Alpha Kappa Fraternity.

C.—
P. C.—Wm. Rowe.
P.—Robert Snyder.
Q.—Dr. Grammer.
T. & P. Q.—Winfield Brown.
A.—George H. Streaker.

BOYS' CLUB.

Every Friday at 7.30 P. M.
Associate.—Mr. Streaker.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

October 4.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
11.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
18.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. (St. Luke, the Evangelist.)
25.—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
28.—St. Simon and Jude.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

May 10.—Lourine Clarissa Kunz.
17.—Gibbons Tatnall.
June 21.—Wallace D. Heaton.
July 12.—Arthur Edward Brawner.
Aug. 4.—Charles Tuckerton Haines.
Sept. 20.—Gertrude Catherine Kane.
20.—Anna May Watson.
22.—George Joseph Papp.

MARRIAGES.

April 29.—James M. Valentine and L. D. Rose.
May 6.—Frederick Rosenberg and May O. Weber.
9.—Ernest Joseph Ellis and Jane Brown.
12.—Charles K. Olberg and Lillian King.
June 3.—Henry Kuhler and Louise Frendenberger.
9.—Charles Morey and Anna M. Hertzog.
20.—Robert D. Jenks and Maud M. Lowery.
July 21.—George W. Haywood and Clara Sturn.
25.—Wm. H. Ballinz and Katharine Laub.
25.—George A. Penrose and Margaret Christie.
Aug. 29.—William Mason Fogg and Jane C. Fife.

BURIALS.

June 6.—Elizabeth A. Ford.
6.—Joseph Bushman.
30.—Sarah A. Best.
July 11.—Elizabeth M. Hand.
30.—Virginia Simmer.
Aug. 3.—Blanch G. Yates.
6.—Catherine M. Richardson.
18.—Charles T. Haines.
25.—F. Sully Darley.
31.—Mary M. Languish.
Sept. 9.—John Williamson Lane.
16.—Elizabeth B. Hepburn.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School .....9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon .....11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address .....4.00 P. M.
Social Hour .....7.45 to 9.00 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month, at 11 A. M.
On other Thursdays the Rector's Bible Class.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

Offerings Received from May 3, Third Sunday after Easter to September 27, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$84 85	
Parochial Maintenance	83 38	
Missions	10 85	
Theological Education	11 21	
Our Work Among Boys	17 10	
Indian Missions	20 03	
Sunday School	11 50	
		$238 92

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$230 14	
Parochial Maintenance	376 25	
Missions	272 73	
St. Stephen's Farm	44 40	
Theological Education	25 58	
Our Work Among Boys	76 50	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	9 30	
Domestic Missions	10	
Foreign Missions	10	
Colored Missions	30	
Missionary Box	05	
Indian Missions	33 21	
City Missions	65	
Sunday School	55 04	
		$1124 35
		$1363 27

SUMMARY.

Charities	$314 99
Parochial Maintenance	459 63
Missions	283 58
St. Stephen's Farm	44 40
Theological Education	36 79
Our Work Among Boys	93 60
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	9 30
Domestic Missions	10
Foreign Missions	10
Colored Missions	30
Missionary Box	05
Indian Missions	53 24
City Missions	65
Sunday School	66 54
	$1363 27

JOSEPH B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

David D. Wood Memorial.
Final Report of the Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Total contributions	$2,705.11
Interest on deposits	57.00
	$2,762.11

PAYMENTS.

Memorial Tablet	$2,500.00
Printing 3200 circulars and stationery	41.66
Stamps	61.35
Printing 1000 programs and halftone	39.50
Engraving 500 invitations	17.75
Electric wiring and lantern	63.24
Expenses of Mr. Thunder	19.35
Plaster cast	10.00
Sundries	9.26
	$2,762.11

L. HOWARD COLKET,
Treasurer.

The Rector's Letter.

Little did we think, when the summer dispersed the congregation, that we should reassemble under such altered conditions, the whole Eastern hemisphere convulsed by the most stupendous war of the ages, and the commerce of the globe half-paralyzed by the shock of the embattled hosts.

We who can see so little into the future, must not expect to understand the ways of Providence in permitting such strife and desolation. We are compassed about with

Musical Program

OCTOBER 4.

11 A. M.
Te Deum .....*Horatio Parker*
Benedictus .....*Beethoven*
How Lovely Are the Messengers That Preach Us the Gospel of Peace .....*Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat .....*Stainer*
Nunc Dimittis .....*Stainer*
Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord *Mendelssohn*
Grieve Not the Holy Spirit .....*Stainer*

OCTOBER 11.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B Minor .....*Buck*
He Has Said to All the Unhappy....*Gounod*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in C .....*Stainer*
Nunc Dimittis in C .....*Stainer*
Jesus Word of God Incarnate .....*Mozart*
Repentance .....*Gounod*

OCTOBER 18.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E .....*Mosenthal*
O Rest in the Lord .....*Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E Flat .....*Barnby*
I Will Lay Me Down .....*Gadsby*
All Men .....*Mendelssohn*

OCTOBER 25.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E Flat .....*Buck*
If With All Your Hearts .....*Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in D .....*Tours*
Nunc in D .....*Tours*
Lord, How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me? *Mendelssohn*
Awake ..... *Borton*

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mysteries, but we must hold fast to the firm conviction that the Lord reigneth, that He maketh the wrath of man to work out His ultimate designs, and the remainder thereof he doth restrain. Dreadful as were the excesses of the French Revolution, they had both a retributive and a regenerative nature. In the ravages of the Napoleonic campaigns much feudalism perished. Let us hope that in a similar way God will through this war, bring about the destruction of militarism, and will teach nations the dangers inherent in ideals of dominion and supremacy and in the exploitation of other peoples.

Whatever we may think of the merits of the situation, the soldiers and sailors, the widows and the orphans, who are to suffer, were not individually responsible. They have been caught up and dashed down by vast forces outside of themselves. The people of England were not responsible for the Triple Entente, that would have drawn England into this war, irrespective of the neutrality of Belgium. The people of Austria were not consulted whether they would forego any designs upon the sovereignty of Servia, rather than enter upon a European conflict. The people of Russia were not asked whether they wanted this campaign. The German nation was not inquired of, before the neutrality of Belgium was violated, or Austria was given a free hand to deal with Servia as she pleased.

These alliances, and policies, are determined by cabinets and rulers. Indeed, it appears as if they are largely settled before parliaments or legislative assemblies are consulted. National pride is then aroused to stand by national leaders and the voices of moderation and conciliation can no longer be heard. All these humble and private folk are victims of the situation.

Let us be sorry for all of them. Let us keep our hearts open to the appeals from all sides for sympathy and prayer. May God in his power over the hearts of men, soften the pride of man, and bring these contentions to a speedy end.

In the meantime, let us do what we can to spread abroad peace and good will on these Western shores. Let us not believe all the sensational reports we read. The newspapers like Blanche Amory must have sensations. Truth is the daughter of Time. Let us hold our judgments in suspense, until all the evidence is in. Let us show our dislike of militarism not merely by declaiming against it; but by exalting the lowly and meek. Let us avoid bringing up the subject where it may create alienations, and especially, let us keep it out of the societies of the Church, which is meant to be a house of prayer and service for all peoples. Let us also be brave, under the

financial difficulties of the situation, thanking God, that we are not sucked down into this fearful maelstrom of blood. Let us bear our burdens cheerfully, and try to help those in worse case and so follow Christ.

While I am writing these words a phone message comes to me that Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, our senior Vestryman in point of service died to-day, September 29th, at Bournemouth, England, just before embarking for home.

His son, Mr. Emmott Caldwell, has taken passage for England to join his mother. Mr. Caldwell's connection with St. Stephen's ran back to the days of Dr. Rudder and Dr. Ducachet. He was a member of our Music Committee of the Vestry, and was deeply interested in the preservation of St. Stephen's in its position as a downtown church, ministering in various ways to the needs of the city. Mr. Caldwell was also a vestryman of the American Church in Paris. He spent much of each year in that beautiful city. He will be mourned by many friends on both sides of the water, as an appreciative critic of art, an able business man, a kind friend, a loyal churchman. Our sympathy goes out to his family and to Mrs. Caldwell, to whom he always showed such lover-like devotion. May God support her heart in this great sorrow.

In August we lost our oldest member by the death of Mrs. C. M. Richardson at Atlantic City, where she was spending the summer. Though she had long been unable to attend Church she kept her pew to the last, and made her regular contributions to the Church.

Mr. Wm. H. Hansell of the Vestry is her grandson.

In September the long sickness of Mrs. W. Horace Hepburn came to an end. When I came to St. Stephen's she was the embodiment of vigor and life, abundant in labors in the Benevolent Society, of which she had been for years the Directress, and apparently destined for many serene years of faithful service. It has been sadly otherwise for this last year of suffering, and we can but rejoice that she has been delivered from her pain. A tribute from a dear friend is published in another place.

By resolution of the Vestry in June, a number of extensive repairs were made in our Church property according to plans submitted by Mr. Hollar, under whose efficient direction the work was done. The cushions were renovated in all the pews, new cement side-walks and paving were put down between the Church and the Sunday School, iron posts set up to protect the pavement, the bell towers cemented within and a new slag floor put under the bells, so that the shutters may be taken out of the windows without injury to the property. All these improvements will be paid for out of our current receipts.

As a special contribution Mrs. H. P. Taylor, who is so abundant in thoughtful gifts, has replaced the old wooden washstand in the vestry by a modern basin of the most approved pattern, providing, in addition, the most tasteful equipment, and crowning it all with a little medicine closet for special emergencies. I do not believe that the Church property has been in such good condition for many years.

The report of the Farm will particularly interest everyone. Miss Dale had a narrow escape from a fatal accident; but was able to continue the work after a rest of three weeks at Atlantic City. She showed remarkable recuperative power. We are profoundly grateful that the injuries were not of a permanent character. Our thanks are due to Miss Elizabeth Bockius, and to Mrs. Hillis, who helped us out.

The presence of the Burd School girls in the Church, and in the Sunday School is a real inspiration to those who preach and teach, and will undoubtedly add much to the service. We are glad to learn that they like the new departure. The new Supreintendent, Miss Leighton, has been received in a cordial and hearty way, that has been the best tribute to the depth and value of Miss Harnish's influence.

Miss Harnish herself has begun her studies at the University of Wisconsin.

Times of strain and stress are times of unusual spiritual blessing. When the earth shakes, then men seek foundations that cannot be moved. When the sky is dark, then the vast worlds of space, invisible by day, shine out in all their starry splendor. Let us utilize this season of trial by learning its lesson, and by establishing closer relations with God.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

Mrs. William Horace Hepburn.

Once again it becomes our sorrowful duty to record in these columns the "passing" of another of the leading and essentially useful members of our Parish-family.

For many years—in fact from early girlhood until her superb health began to fail, a few years ago—Mrs. Hepburn was actively engaged in the various organizations of St. Stephen's Church. She was one of the Board of Managers of the Infants' Home, her practical brain diverting, and her nimble fingers planning the comfortable little garments; the while her true artistic taste found bent in guiding the embroidery classes and stitching herself, some of the fine altar-cloths yet in use.

Born Elizabeth Barry Hayes, Mrs. Hepburn was the only child of Elizabeth Hickman and Barry Hayes, prominent in Washington official life during Franklin Peirce's administration, when he was the chief clerk of John W. Forney, then Speaker of the House of Representatives. Through her father she was a direct descendant of Commodore Barry—long-termed Father of the United States Navy.

As wife, mother, friend, our sister at rest, evidenced in her daily, hourly, life the beautiful Christian faith she early professed and steadfastly adhered to. Truly may those of us who mourn her sing with the poet:

"Thou art gone to the grave—but 'twere wrong to deplore thee
When God was thy ransom, thy guardian, thy guide;
He gave thee, and took thee, and soon will restore thee,
Where death hath no sting, since the Saviour hath died."

The Farm.

The Farm opened on June 15th, for the seventeenth season and we are glad to report a most successful summer; indeed the best for a number of years. For the first two weeks when mothers and their young children were with us, the house was not crowded, it never is at that time, but from July 4th until Labor Day almost every week we had an average of 31 to 37 guests. It no doubt will be interesting to know that of this number there were from 12 to 19 children each week, the remainder being the older girls, and elderly women. As the house comfortably accommodates only 31 we were at times very much crowded, but did not mind it in the least and all managed to have the usual good time. Of course the boys were with us as usual during the last two weeks in August.

While St. Stephen's Parish always has the preference, we are very glad to welcome outsiders, when there is room. This year there were fewer from outside and a large increase in the number from our own parish.

Altogether 96 members of the "Mothers' Meeting" came for a day's outing. Each Thursday was "Mothers' Day"—and there were also a number of our people who found what a delightful spot it was to spend Sunday—so every Thursday and Sunday the dining-room was filled to overflowing—from 53 to 60 visitors on these days.

Our people greatly appreciate the privilege of having this splendid summer home where there are so few restrictions and so many pleasures, and where they are just as one "big happy family" having a sense of ownership without the responsibility. Of course there are a few rules that all well regulated families must observe, regular hours for meals, rising and retiring.

Those who visited the "dear old Farm" as it is affectionately called, found many new things to surprise and delight them. The house, the barn and out-buildings so beautifully painted and then the fine new bathroom placed there largely through the efforts of our Mothers' Meeting and Girls' Friendly Society.

Mr. John Cadwalader visited the Farm on opening day and donated $50.00 to the work. This generous contribution was added to the fund for this new bath room.

Another bathroom has always been one of our greatest needs and the donors may well feel proud of this splendid addition to the equipment of the Farm. The house is now quite modern and unusually attractive.

We have had several visitors from other parishes, who had heard of our Farm and wanted to see just how it was conducted. All expressed themselves as delighted with the house and surroundings and were especially pleased because of the entire absence of anything institutional.

Through the generosity of our treasurer, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, we have enjoyed many good things, chief among them being the automobile trips, which this year replaced the time honored straw-rides. A large automobile truck belonging to a neighboring farmer was engaged on different occasions. These trips proved so popular that we believe the straw-ride is now a thing of the past.

The house mother is especially grateful to the ladies of the Benevolent Society, who provided so generously for the linen closet. It was such a comfort to have linen enough and to spare, and no need to fear delay in delivery of the laundry.

The lovely fire screen and fire place fittings, a gift from Mrs. Henry P. Taylor's house party, was much enjoyed, particularly during the recent cold weather when a fire was a constant necessity. Mrs. Taylor also sent an oil heater to help keep us warm.

Through the kindness of Mr. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Ewing, Mrs. David D. Wood and several members of the G. F. S., we were able to pay for a splendid talking machine which Mr. Boyd secured for us at a very reasonable figure. Mr. Whilldin gave $10.00 for new records. With this money we secured the best records from the repertoires of such artists as Schumann-Heink, Louise Homer, Alma Gluck, Maud Powell and others. Strange as it may seem these were the favorite records, to almost the entire exclusion of rag-time. Of course the dance music was always in demand.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

Drugs.—Mrs. Henry P. Taylor.
Paper and Envelopes.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.
Repainting Van Dusen Room and New Matting.—Van Dusen Family.
Victor Records and Magazines.—The Misses Shellenberger.
Napkins.—1 Dozen.—Mrs. Hoey.
Candy on Opening Day.—Mr. Robert T. Boyd.
Candy on Fourth of July.—Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen.
Prizes.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Doylie.—Miss Widman.
Magazines.—Mrs. Wigfall.

The number of guests entertained during the summer follows, but the pleasure given cannot be estimated:

	Inside the Parish	Outside the Parish
For 3 weeks	7	
" 2 "	60	28
" 1 "	149	25
" 10 days	9	
" 4 "	2	
" 3 "	74	
" 2 "	24	3
" 1 "	224	
	549	56

And it is greatly to be regretted that so few of those whose efforts and interest make this possible are able to see the happiness resulting from their thoughtful generosity.

A Visit to the Farm.

He who repents of his sins of omission, is heartily sorry, and willing to do penance, deserves to be forgiven.

The Farm has been in the possession of St. Stephen's Church for seventeen years, and each year every member has received a most cordial invitation to go out and visit it. I never availed myself of the opportunity until this summer, because I had pictured in my mind a large, bleak, barren, rambling house, close to the public road where automobiles and farm wagons passed in steady procession, raising clouds of dust; one scrawny tree offering little or no shade; a sun-scorched lawn that was more forbidding than inviting, and the woods, with overgrown underbrush only reached after a long, hot, tiresome walk of some twenty minutes—such was my imagination of St. Stephen's Farm.

You who have been there and know better, can fancy my delightful surprise at the charming place I found it to be, when I made my first visit on the opening day in June.

A party of fifty or more left the Reading Terminal in a special car and upon reaching Johnsville, two large omnibuses conveyed us to the Farm.

I can only describe my sensations as a series of surprises. The first when these omnibuses turned out of the public road into a private driveway some 500 yards distant, where we drew up beside a most comfortable, inviting house, newly painted, nestling down under great stately trees whose magnificent branches spread over the roof, giving the most delightful protection from the heat of the sun; a splendid, roomy porch was filled with large, comfortable rocking chairs. Instead of a barren, rambling house, we found a superbly up-to-date mansion, with all modern improvements—many of which were due to the efforts of the Mothers, Girl's Friendly, and King's Daughters. The dormitories are a model of neatness and comfort. The dining-room, with a seating capacity of sixty, is ideal in its appointments. The splendid kitchen, is a model of cleanliness, and presided over by a typical Southerner who knew how to prepare good things, as I afterwards found out. The library is filled with most interesting books. The reception rooms are spacious, with linen-covered furniture that is most inviting. In fact, the entire house gave evidence of some master management that knew how to "keep house."

The next surprise was the lawn—instead of being "sun scorched," there was a perfect green carpet running far down towards the public road, filled with fruit and shade trees—under which were swings, hammocks, chairs and benches. Nothing could have been more inviting or restful, than a quiet day under the shade trees of this perfect lawn.

Then there were a number of outer buildings—the barn filled with hay and grain; the wagon house with no end of conveyances; a shed that seemingly had all the up-to-date farm machinery; the windmill and tank with a capacity of 5000 gallons; the spring house with a cold stream of water running through it for the milk pans; the ice house; corn crib; chickens, ducks and geese by the hundreds; a neat cottage for the farmer with great rose trees climbing to the second story.

The next surprise was the woods—how contrary to all I had fancied. Within two minutes' walk we stepped into a charming grove of stately trees, whose branches protected us from the rays of the sun; the cool, refreshing breeze bringing to us all the "woodsy" fragrance that is so delightfully refreshing. The soft, brown, rustling carpet of last year's leaves was most restful to our feet, and what a joy to scuff them up as we sauntered through this charming retreat. Right in the heart of this magnificent woods were seats erected, where Divine services are held Sunday afternoons. Nothing could be more impressive than to worship under Nature's gothic arches with the evidence of God's hand on all sides.

Here, too, we found a chattering, babbling brook that scolded us for not coming to visit the Farm long ago, and laughed at us for our remorse over the lost opportunities of many such delightful visits that we might have had—as this never-to-be-forgotten day in June. I told that babbling brook that it was a good-for-nothing lazy thing. Instead of chattering nonsense, it ought to be working for the Farm, by cutting the wood, pumping water, churning, running a dynamo, washing and thrashing, as there was a natural basin opposite the spring house where a dam could easily be constructed, and this vain busybody put to work for the benefit of the Farm. I thought I heard it murmur "Barkus is willin'."

We resolved then and there that instead of going to Maine for our vacation as planned, we would spend it here—at this most charming and attractive place. Since "men" are not domiciled at the Farm, we interviewed the farmer, Mr. Dager, and his gracious wife, who cheerfully consented to house us, while the hospitable table of the Farm bade us welcome. So early in August we betook ourselves, bag and baggage, to more thoroughly enjoy what we had just a taste of in June. Nothing could exceed the restful enjoyment of that perfect week. It gave us the opportunity to fully appreciate what the Farm meant and why such efforts had been made to keep it up.

Here we grasped the broad minded spirit of liberality that had prompted those who had contributed so generously to its maintenance. Here we comprehended why the Vestry and those in charge were so willing to devote their time and energy to further its success. Here we witnessesd the perfect, unalloyed happiness and understood how much benefit it was to those weary, hard-working mothers, whose daily toil offered so few pleasures in life. Here we heard what it meant to the little waifs in their exclamations of unbounded happiness, many of whom, had never seen the green fields, or knew how the vegetables grow. One little chap told such a pathetic story when he said: "Oh! how clean it is, I never had sheets on my bed in all my life." Here we realized the perfectly unique happiness of the girls, who in their exuberance of youth, abandon themselves to all the pleasures at their command, and be it said to their credit, there is not an instance on record where there has been the least cause for criticism or censure. Here we understood not alone the physical benefit to be derived by the girls at the Farm, but the healthy, moral uplifting atmosphere they enjoyed in their hourly contact with one whose dignity and refinement so eminently fit her for the office of house mother. The tact to control; the gift to entertain; the judgment to manage judiciously; is most pronounced in Miss Dale, and St. Stephen's is to be congratulated in having one who possesses the qualifications that have made the Farm an ideal home.

So my sins of omission are summed up in seventeen years of neglect of what I now realize is one of the greatest adjuncts to St. Stephen's Church. All honor to those who have been so untiring in their efforts to further its success, and all shame to those who have missed their opportunity as I have; but I mean to do penance, by helping to raise the means for some much needed additions to this splendid resort that has been of such incalculable benefit. I purpose giving an Old Folks' Concert some time during the winter, which I promise shall be a novel, quaint, as well as a most enjoyable entertainment, reviving the old time singing as well as costumes and manners of the day of our great-grandfathers. I shall expect every other like omissioner of St. Stephen's not only to join hands with me in doing penance for their shortcomings, but to make this entertainment a crowning success.

LOUIS H. HALL,

The Daily Vacation Bible School.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held at St. Stephen's for six weeks during the summer, beginning with July 6th, and closing August 14th. This was the second year for a school of this kind at this church and it was a real success. The total enrollment and daily attendance more than doubled that of last year. Total enrollment, 121. Daily average attendance, 40. The nationalities represented in the school were: Americans, Irish, Hebrews, Russians, French, Italian, Polaks, Hungarians and Germans. The school was in charge of Charlotte W. Nodine, principal and two assistants.

There is no doubt that there are numbers of children living in this business district. The principal spent her afternoons searching for the children in these "highways and byways." In order to insure their safe passage across Market Street, a policeman was asked to take particular care of the children going to and from school. The school gained publicity by means of arrangements made with a moving picture theater, to have thrown upon the screen the announcement of the school. As all children patronize the "movies" this proved an excellent help to enroll new children.

The school was open from 9.30 to 11.30 A. M. Five days a week. Session opened with devotional exercises. Then came a two minute "habit talk," in which the children are told the necessity of having clean hands, clean mouths and clean hearts. The Bible period followed.

Emphasis was especially placed upon the Bible this year. More time was devoted to it. The children not only heard a new Bible story every day, but some child or children told the Bible story of the previous day. They were taught a number of verses and chapters of the Bible and on the last day of school were able to recite them all. Next on the program, was a half hour of music, in which the children were taught catchy songs and famous hymns. The remainder of the time was devoted to manual training. The girls had a sewing class this year, which was very popular. The boys made hammocks and articles out of reed and raffia. Before dispersing the children saluted the flag and sang "America." Just before the closing exercises, five minutes of the time were given to an educational record on the Victrola which was loaned by a friend.

Many of the children wanted the school session to be prolonged and begged on the last day to have such a school again at St. Stephen's next summer.

On the evening of August 12th, the children gave an exhibition. The Bible story "The Shepherd Boy—David" was given by Miss Nodine with the assistance of her pupils, who wore costumes in keeping with the characters they took. The story was ended, by the singing of the 23rd Psalm by six girls. The wand drill showed how gymnastic exercises can be combined with music. Other features of the program proved interesting.

The main objects of these Daily Vacation Bible Schools are: to keep the children off the streets for six weeks of the summer; to keep their hands busy, eliminate quarrels, and instill patriotism; to teach as many Bible stories in six weeks as a Sunday School could in seven months; to put the Church in happy relations with the foreign community.

The Sunday School.

The Annual Picnic of Saturday June 20th, held at the Farm, closed the winter season of the school. It was conceded the best we ever held. Two trolleys carried us to Hatboro.

Christ Home bus, with our own, was not sufficient to hold us all. Some had to walk. It was a clear beautiful day and every one was happy.

The summer sessions were held as one big class every Sunday, under the leadership of the Superintendent. We took the words and teachings of Christ as the series of lesson studies and for many Sundays illustrated with some beautiful slides we were fortunately able to secure. Our attendance averaged fifty scholars. One excursion to Wildwood had a number of older scholars present who had a delightful day by the sea.

The Farm in all its regenerated interests was very helpful to the school. The scholars coming and going to and from Warminster with happy, healthful experiences and words of praise for Miss Dale's kind hospitality. The writer as usual held services at the Farm each Sunday afternoon and during August in the Woodland. Thus allied, the summer Sunday School is indeed appreciative of the Farm.

The Daily Vacation Bible School, so ably conducted by our Miss Nodine, this year doubled in numbers and had a number of our scholars in attendance.

September has arrived very rapidly and on Sunday, September 20th, the regular winter sessions began again with unusually large attendance, though we missed some of our teachers. The regular Diocesan course of lesson study on "Church History" was taken up in regular class study.

Saturday, September 26th, was a Red-letter day in our school history. Owing to the keen interest in the Fifth Annual Parade of Philadelphia's combined Sunday Schools, 90 of our school took part. Rev. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Kirkpatrick leading, were joined by our Rector who happily and most inspiringly marched with the school, which he says was the best in line.

Over 100,000 men, women and children from Philadelphia Sunday Schools came out on the streets (almost equaling the great Annual Assemblies of Brooklyn), and made his not only a remarkable peace demonstration, but the greatest assembly of the united Sunday Schools Philadelphia has ever had. Your Superintendent, who had been chosen this year's leader of the affair, was cheered by the hearty response and fine showing of our own school, in the countermarch and review on Broad Street, in which 30,000 took part. The Burd School with loyal enthusiasm, including their new Superintendent, Miss Leighton, most willingly and graciously led St. Stephen's in the march. When our school returned by the kindness of Mrs. H. P. Taylor, ice cream and cake was served.

We are in every way trying to "Keep Step with God's Truth" and marching on for "The Prince of Peace." Sunday, September 27th, found the school in regular winter session, with the addition of all the members of the Burd School, who will now be in regular attendance. Dr. Grammer, with helpful and keen interest, adjusted the enlarged and the new classes so that the good prospect of a happy season is before us.

Rally Sunday will be held October fourth, when we hope every teacher and pupil will be in their classes, with many new ones present. Awards will be made as usual. The teacher's meeting will be held once a month. Rev. Mr. Edwards and Dr. Grammer have promised every assistance possible and the winter outlook is fine for a deeper study of God's Truth and the winning of many more souls to the cause of the Christ.

Members and attendants at our Church will be very welcome, not only into our classes, but to our force of teachers and workers.

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle will have their first meeting Wednesday, October 21st, in the Guild room at quarter of 8 o'clock. New members will be welcomed and after having such a long vacation it is hoped all will be ready for work, whatever our hands find to do.

At the closing in June all had a very social evening.

Shoe Fund.

If it meets with the Rector's approval, the Shoe Closet will open the first Tuesday in November.

Mrs. Vanderslice will be in the Guild room from 10 to 12 o'clock to give out shoes to the very needy.

Have given away since report, about six pairs of shoes.

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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Church Warden.*
Mr. Roland S. Morris, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Herbert M. Ellis.

Basses.

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. William J. Martin, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

Trustees.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendent.
Miss Helen Leighton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Burd Chapel Services.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.
All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

Officers.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

Managers.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

Cutting Committee.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

Parcelling Committee.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

Distributing and Paying Committee.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

BOYS' CLUB.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
(Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity).
8.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
15.—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
22.—Sunday next before Advent.
29.—First Sunday in Advent.
30.—St. Andrew's Day.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

October 11.—Muriel Charlotte Van Dusen.
14.—Clemendell H. Dolby.
14.—Willard T. Dolby.
25.—Elisabeth Magdalena Pedrick.
28.—Lucy C. Douglas.

BURIALS.

October 10.—Edwin Hutter Shannon.
14.—Mary J. Robinson.
15.—Mary Mayne.
19.—James Albert Caldwell.

Offerings Received from October 4, 1914, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity to October 25, 1914, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

The Red Cross Society (and special envelope)	$188 64	
Parochial Maintenance	78 34	
		$266 98

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Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Regular Notices for the Month.

Sunday.—
Sunday School .....9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon .....11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address .....4.00 P. M.

Monday.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

Tuesday.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

Wednesday.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.
Boys' Club, Juniors, 7.30 P. M.

Thursday.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month, at 11 A. M.

Friday.—
Boys' Club, Seniors, 7.45 P. M.

Saturday.—

Memorial Flowers.

1914.
Jan. 4.—Mrs. Colket.
11.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
18.—Mrs. Ernst.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noblit.
8.—Miss Van Dusen.
15.—Dr. Edw. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Gebhart.
March 1.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
8.—Miss M. Wallace.
15.—Mrs. Clemens.
22.—Mrs. Brunner.
29.—Mr. Anderson.
April 5.—Palm Sunday.
12.—Easter Sunday.
19.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
26.—Dr. Grammer.
May 3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Mrs. Colket.
31.—Mrs. Hollar.
June 7.—Miss Dutilh.
14.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
21.—Miss Gebhart.
28.—Miss May Miller.
July 5.—Mr. Colket.
12.—Mrs. Nicholson.
19.—Mrs. Edw. R. Fell.
26.—Miss Lindenmyer.
Aug. 2.—Mr. Clayton.
9.—Mrs. Heberton.
16.—Miss Wallace.
23.—Miss Laura Bell.
30.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept. 6.—Mrs. Lane.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. James T. Lineaweaver.
27.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 4.—Miss Laura Bell.
11.—Miss Maulsby.
18.—Mrs. Sheble.
25.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
8.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
15.—Miss Townsend.
22.—Miss Eisenbrey.
29.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 6.—Miss Davis.
13.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
20.—Mrs. Petry.
27.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Church Work Fund.

The Rector appeals to the members and attendants of St. Stephen's for their annual contributions to the Church Work Fund. This is a fund which enables the Rector to help the various societies and administer the work of the Parish with freedom. In the years before he came to the Church, a fund of $1,600 was regarded as necessary, and annually contributed. By various measures, such as the insertion of advertisements in the Parish News, and the provision of flowers for the altar by subscription, the demands on this fund have been lessened and all that is asked for this year is $1,200. Inasmuch as many of our faithful contributors have passed away, it will be necessary that all who have hitherto given should continue their gifts. The Rector will be glad to welcome some new contributors to his official purse. The record of receipts and expendi-

Musical Program

November 1.

11 A. M.
The Souls of the Righteous.....*Foster*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in A .....*Stainer*
Nunc Dimittis in A .....*Stainer*
God so Loved the World.....*Stainer*
What are These? .....*Stainer*

November 8.

11 A. M.
Te Deum .....*Parker*
Jubilate in F .....*Garrett*
How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?...*Pflueger*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in C .....*Martin*
Nunc in C .....*Martin*
The Twilight Shadows .....*Wood*
Hark! Hark! My Soul .....*Shelley*

November 15.

11 A. M.
Te Deum .....*Garrett*
Jubilate in B Flat .....*Stanford*
No Shadows Yonder .....*Gaul*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in B Flat .....*Stainer*
Nunc in B Flat .....*Stainer*
Evening Hymn .....*Rheinberger*
O for a Closer Walk .....*Foster*

November 22.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B Flat .....*Stanford*
Benedictus in F Flat .....*Beethoven*
Jerusalem .....*Mendelssohn*
4 P. M.
Magnificat in E Flat .....*Barnby*
Nunc in E Flat .....*Barnby*
Saviour When Night Involves the Skies .....*Shelley*
Hymn of the Apostles .....*Gounod*

November 29

11 A. M.
Te Deum in C .....*Stanford*
Benedictus in E Flat .....*Stainer*
The People That Walked in Darkness, *Haendel*
4 P. M.
Magnificat in C .....*Stanford*
Nunc in C .....*Stanford*
Grieve Not .....*Stainer*
Jerusalem .....*Gounod*

tures which has been duly audited is given below:

Receipts.

Balance		$21 15
In Response to the Appeal, already acknowledged to the Parish News		911 00
Special Gifts		239 94
From Advertisements in Parish News		290 00
		$1462 09

Disbursements.

Sunday School	$187 92	
Church Societies	139 75	
Services of Secretary	110 41	
Bell Telephone	94 35	
Advertising Church Services in Newspapers	104 90	
Ministerial Assistance	65 00	
Social Service	20 00	
Various Purposes Through the Verger	41 97	
Special Music at Social Hour and Elsewhere	85 00	
Printing of Parish News	363 57	
Other Printing and Stationery and Mailing	138 78	
Sundries	83 14	
Balance on Hand	27 30	
		$1462 09

The Sunday Afternoon Address.

Within the past few years a rapidly increasing body of thoughtful men and women, inside and outside the Church, have learned to appreciate and appropriate the results of a thorough, constructive application of modern historical and literary methods of study to the Old Testament. Time is demonstrating more and more clearly that these methods, instead of destroying are revealing anew the permanent significance of those ancient records. Such was the testimony of the class who studied last Lent some of the prophets under the guidance of the Rector.

What is true of the Old is destined to prove true of the New Testament. The gospels, like the historical books of the Old Testament, embody older oral and written sources, which reflect the earliest impression that Jesus's personality and words made on the minds of his followers. It is important to distinguish and separate these oldest records from the later variant accounts which blur or conceal the original portrait. The more vital the ques-

tions involved, the more important is it that the records be carefully studied and tested by the most thorough methods known to historical or literary research.

Last Sunday afternoon the Rector began such a course to run for several months. He has denominated his theme The Gospel behind the Gospels. In his first lecture he pointed out concisely the sources of our knowledge of Jesus outside of the Gospels, and dwelt more at length on the characteristics of the Four Gospels, and the written and oral sources that underly them. It is hoped that the course will meet a real need and will be well attended. The laity are entitled to know the methods and conclusions of our great Biblical scholars. The result will be a strengthening of faith in the fidelity of their teachers to the truth, and a conviction that the Church is qualified to teach, since she is continuing to learn.

The Envelope System.

One of the great advantages of this system is that it enables a man to know how much he gives. Many people really think the aggregate of their giving during the year is larger than it is. The demands come separately and are responded to separately, and memory thinks the total must be high. At a collection for charitable objects in Cleveland, a man who thought that he had been doing very well, investigated how much he had been giving to social objects and found that his total gifts to eight organizations only amounted to $75. "You don't say so," he exclaimed, "well, put me down for $500 right away."

Have you ever added up your contributions to the Church's various missions and charitable enterprises, and ascertained what proportion your gifts bear to your income? If you have never made up such an account, it is safe to say that you will be astonished. We are apt to magnify our contributions in the glass of memory.

A man who uses the envelope system regularly told me the other day that until he accepted a package of envelopes he did not realize how many Sundays could pass without any contribution from him, if he happened to be absent from the city. Nor did he give any particular thought to the object of the offertory. He simply gave as a piece of good form or Christian propriety. Now he takes an interest in doing his part and fulfilling his resolve to give not less than a certain definite sum every Sunday.

This is always the experience of the envelope-users. We hope that not a single member of the Church—from the Vestry down to the last communicant who has been placed on our list—will be without his package of envelopes, and that all will use them faithfully. Packages can be procured from the treasurer of the Envelope Funds, Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, 12th St., or from the Verger. Not only will our contributions be greatly enlarged if this suggestion is generally followed, but there will be more regularity in attendance on the Church services, and greater earnestness in worship. Conscientiousness in giving will give reality and earnestness to the religious life, and manifest anew the truth of our Master's great utterance: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Diocesan Fair in behalf of St. Martha's House, Corner of Eighth and Snyder Sts,

This fair will be held at Horticultural Hall in the afternoons and evenings of Dec. 3, 4 and 5. All the churches of the Diocese are expected to take part, and booths have been assigned around to the various parishes. St. Stephen's has been asked to take the booth at which aprons and neck-wear will be sold. This means that the ladies of this congregation are requested to provide these articles and to deck and manage the booth. At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in May, this commission was accepted, and the following committee was appointed: Mrs. Grammer, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Miesse and Miss Paullin with authority to add others to their number. Everything must be in shape by the 20th of November, the costume of the aids must be agreed upon, and the badges and booth-decorations must be provided. Each Church has to furnish the necessary equipment of its booth and the articles to be sold. Mrs. Grammer has on hand $16 that have been contributed, and about a dozen articles. It is necessary that the ladies of the congregation should bestir themselves in this matter, if St. Stephen's is to fulfil its part in upholding this excellent Settlement House in behalf of which the whole Diocese is exerting itself. Articles should be sent to the Rectory, 1024 Spruce street, marked for the Diocesan Fair. Only one piece of neck-wear has thus far been contributed.

Those who have attended the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary and heard the moving address of Deaconess Colesbury will recall that this Settlement house is doing a great work of social service in a splendid manner, and is deepening its influence by the religious spirit in which it is discharging the manifold social functions of such a house. Religion is presented in this Settlement House, not so much as the mother of arts and refinement as the basis of character and the spring of helpful service. It is one of the best institutions of the Diocese.

Minute Adopted by the Vestry in Memory of Mr. J. Albert Caldwell.

By the death of Mr. J. Albert Caldwell, St. Stephen's loses its senior vestryman in point of service. During the rectorship of Dr. Rutter, Mr. Caldwell joined St. Stephen's, about 40 years ago, and in 1884, over thirty years ago he was elected to the Vestry. As chairman of the Music Committee during Dr. Grammer's rectorship, he rendered the Church important service and was of great assistance to the Vestry. St. Stephens always had a warm place in his heart, and he ever evinced a lively interest in the maintenance of a well-equipped church down in the heart of the business section of a great city. The head of a great business which required a unique combination of financial and artistic gifts, a great connoisseur of art, a traveler intimately acquainted with Europe and especially with France he always preserved a remarkable freedom from any trace of ostentation or assumption. In his tongue was the law of kindness and in his manner simplicity and friendliness. A thoroughly loyal churchman, a lover of our Church's ways and courts, greatly will he be missed at St. Stephen's in the deliberations of the Vestry and at his favorite service, the early Communion on Sunday. To his family so suddenly and so heavily bereaved we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Mr. Selden Miller.

A tribute must be paid here to Mr. Selden Miller, who was for two years the organist at St. Stephen's. A favorite pupil of Dr. David Wood, to whom his manner was always most beautiful and his loyalty great, Mr. Miller was a true artist. He had unique skill in blending tones into a rich harmony and was a manifest master of his chosen instrument. If years and health had been his portion he would have made substantial contributions to our hymn-music. His music for *"Come my soul, thou must be waking"* is a masterpiece. Fortunately we have some copies at St. Stephen's. If it has not been published it should be brought out by some publisher. He also composed a thrilling and soaring tune for the evening hymn *"Saviour, when night involves the skies."* If there are among his manuscripts any other hymn tunes, they ought to be examined by some competent judge, for the world would be the poorer for the loss of compositions of such manifest genius. The music of these morning and evening hymns has remarkable elevation, charm, and originality. It is to be hoped the score of the evening hymn, which he once promised us, can be procured, that we may possess at St. Stephen's these mementos of this gifted, thorough and lamented musician.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The first meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held on Tuesday, October 27th. There was a good attendance and a number of new members were introduced. The date of the annual banquet was set for the third Tuesday in November, the 17th, and the place agreed upon was Dooner's Hotel.

A committee was appointed to take charge of the banquet, with Mr. William H. Hansell, 110 Beacon Lane, Merion, Pa., as chairman. Subscriptions will be $1 a plate. All men attending St. Stephen's are cordially invited. The hour will be 7 o'clock. It is hoped that there will be the largest attendance on record in our Parish at such banquets. Strangers are invited to join this Brotherhood and thereby to enter into fellowship with the Church.

Christmas Gifts for the Bereaved Children of Europe.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor has been specially interested in the ship that is being laden with Christmas gifts for the children whose homes have been desolated by this European war. Aided by the members of her Home for Aged

Couples and by the Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters of St. Stephen's she has collected over 380 useful garments of various kinds. There are no frills and furbelows—all is substantial, useful and comfort-giving; warm comforters, woolen helmets and all kinds of wear for little folks. The Sunday School took up a collection and sent ten dollars—a contribution that shows how readily children respond to a definite appeal. A label bore this inscription:

From Mrs. Henry P. Taylor,
648 N. 10th Street.

Through St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church,
10th Street above Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

King's Daughters of Church, through Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, contributed 35 garments.

Home for Aged Couples, 1723 Francis Street, Miss M. Shreve, Matron; Mrs. Bryant, Nurse, with help of the old ladies of Institution; made 200 garments.

Other garments made by some few members of the Church and friends. Total number of garments, 380.

$10.00 collected by Sunday School scholars of St. Stephen's P. E. Church.

Every article is marked and tagged with ages, etc. Mrs. Taylor expresses thanks to Mrs. Rose Gensheimer and Mrs. Mary Tompkins for cutting out some 250 garments, and to Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice, Mrs. M. Traul, Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mrs. A. Fledra, Mrs. Neuschwander, Mrs. T. W. Hedley, Mrs. Mary T. Robison, Miss R. Lowenberg, and others for helping make garments.

To the Sunday School scholars for collecting $10.00.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The summer has passed, and now the real work of the Parish Visitor begins in earnest, for the days are shorter and the cool autumn weather which we have now, will soon settle into the cold winter days and colder winter nights when more help will be needed for the unemployed and unfortunate.

The past summer has not been quite so hard on them, for the hot sunshine was often tempered by the cool breezes that came from the river. Then there is the Farm to which we have sent a number of families and excursions down the river, which helped the little sick babies so much and their poor tired mothers.

This summer was not so hard on the poor, for most of their time was spent out of doors and fruit was plentiful and cheap as a rule. But when the wintry blasts come, and sickness knocks at the door and the family all huddle together in one or two ill-smelling, badly ventilated, poorly lighted little rooms, wanting coal, shoes, food and clothing, then their sufferings begin.

In making the daily visits to the homes of the poor, in nearly every household we find some member out of work or on short time, and in some cases having absolutely no support, the father having lost his employment on account of the times. But God's ways are not our ways and we can only hope and pray that He will show us a way to help lighten their burdens and bring a little cheer into their troubled hearts.

We would like to call attention to the Garment Society by telling the congregation that clothing of all kinds is very acceptable. Also old linen or old muslin is acceptable.

K. H. Lewis.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its first meeting of the season on Thursday, October 22d, with thirty-two members present.

There were reports given from several of the committees and plans for the Diocesan Fair in December were discussed at some length.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $49.35 and Miss Anna Magee has already collected $22.00 toward this year's United Offering.

Dr. Grammer read a paper which told of the work our Parish is doing and paid a high tribute to our Parish Visitor, Miss Lewis.

Beulah E. Hollar, *Secretary.*

The Diocesan Fair.

A Diocesan Fair in aid of St. Martha's House (8th St. and Snyder Ave.) is to be held on the afternoons and evenings of December 3d, 4th and 5th, 1914, in Horticultural Hall.

The general chairman is Miss C. T. Stocker, 311 So. 13th St. St. Stephen's has assumed the responsibility of a booth at which will be sold aprons and neckwear of all kinds. It is hoped a large donation will be received by the committee. Articles should be sent to the Rectory in November.

Committee:
Mrs. Grammer,
Chairman.
Mrs. S. H. Austin.
Mrs. Catherine Miesse.
Miss Paullin.

King's Daughters.

Money Received in October from Mrs. H. P. Taylor	$5 00
Cash Received	2 50
Total	$7 50

October 21st was the first meeting of the King's Daughters this season.

This was a busy evening, for they were going to sew for the Christmas Ship for the poor little orphans that have lost their fathers and brothers in this dreadful war. It took some hustling to get all the work finished that was planned.

Nineteen skirts were made for Mrs. Taylor.

The King's Daughters' donation was 13 skirts, stockings, 2 slumber robes, 4 little dresses, 1 large wrapper, knitted scarf and many other necessary things. But we must not forget the kind friends who helped us sew and donated material to help us to do more. Miss M. Schaeffer, Miss Elizabeth Jones, the Misses Deleys, Miss Florence Wilder, Mrs. Catherine Phillipps, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Bucarl, the two Mrs. Farradays, and one kind friend whose name is not known.

Thanks to all, for we know the kind thoughts that went into each garment given and made.

The next meetings will be November 4th and November 18th.

Shoe Fund.

November 3d, Mrs. Vanderslice will be in the Guild Room from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Sunday School Notes.

On "Rally Day," Sunday, October 11th, we had present 180 scholars and teachers. Our registry board showed an enrollment of 208 from last season. We are aiming to attain 300 this winter, which we will accomplish if everyone feels personally responsible for bringing at least one new scholar. Our teaching force has added to it Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss Dorothy Grammer and Miss Daly, as well as the assistance of some of the Burd School teachers and their older pupils.

The first meeting of the teachers was held October 9th at the Rectory, and gave an opportunity for all to discuss the plans for the winter. At a well attended meeting of teachers, on Sunday evening, October 25th, in the Guild Room, the lesson studies for the coming month were expounded by the Rector who gave much information out of his large knowledge of the "History of the Early Church."

Several of the teachers attended the Annual Teachers' Institute of our Diocese on Monday, October 19th, at Holy Apostles Church, gaining valuable information on the value of trained teachers, on music appropriate for Sunday Schools, and particularly attentive were they to Dr. Boynton's valuable address on the Psychology of Childhood, which he made so clear and attractive.

Our offerings of October 25th as wisely suggested by Dr. Grammer, go to the destitute little ones in warring Europe, by way of the "Christmas Ship." The hearty response to his appeal shows the sympathetic loyal hearts of our school. The contribution was $10.00.

With the Christmas tide approaching all are full of the possibility to make this the best season our school has ever had. We owe much of this renewed enthusiasm to the regular presence of the Burd School pupils and to their earnest, appreciative interest.

The weekly activities of "Our Boys" were inaugurated Friday evening, October 16th, with Mr. Edwards, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Streaker present. A good, strong letter was read from the Rector and Mr. Richard H. Wallace, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania, took charge of their games and physical instruction. The younger boys meet on Wednesday evenings. The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets twice a month and is taking in a number the younger boys on probation. Their last meeting was October 25th at their Director's home, where they met representative boys from other chapters.

The Dancing Class which is held in the Sunday School Building on Thursday nights under the supervision of Miss Lewis, will begin on the first Thursday in November, at the usual hour, 8 P. M.

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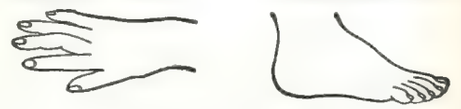
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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss Helen Leighton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

St. Stephen's Farm.
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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.
All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Miss Headman, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Noblit.
Secretary.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch, Elsie F. Clair.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

BOYS' CLUB.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 6.—Second Sunday in Advent.
13.—Third Sunday in Advent.
16.—Ember Day.
18.—Ember Day.
19.—Ember Day.
20.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
21.—St. Thomas Apostle.
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—St. Stephen, Martyr.
27.—St. John, Evangelist.
(Sunday after Christmas).
28.—The Innocents.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

November 1.—Irma Olga Dunn.
15.—George Edward Ludwig.
15.—Carl Newlin Braun.
17.—Ruth Viola Devlin.

MARRIAGES.

November 2.—George Max and Mary F. Strubinger.

BURIALS.

November 6.—James R. Magee.
17.—Francis C. Dade.

Offerings Received from November 1, 1914, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity to November 29, 1914, First Sunday in Advent.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$33 46	
Parochial Maintenance	63 10	
Missions	31 73	
Benevolent Society	31 71	
Episcopal Hospital	60 20	
		$220 20

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:—

Charities	$100 93	
Parochial Maintenance	211 33	
Missions	145 41	
Theological Education	1 05	
Our Work Among Boys	11 90	
Benevolent Society	67 35	
Episcopal Hospital	345 38	
Indian Missions	1 11	
Sunday School	9 13	
		893 59
		$1113 79

SUMMARY.

Charities	$134 39
Parochial Maintenance	274 43
Missions	177 14

Benevolent Society	99 06
Episcopal Hospital	405 58
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JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School .....9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon .....11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address .....4.00 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.
Boys' Club, Juniors, 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month, at 11 A. M.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, Seniors, 7.45 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

Memorial Flowers.

1914.
Jan. 4.—Mrs. Colket.
11.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
18.—Mrs. Ernst.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noblit.
8.—Miss Van Dusen.
15.—Dr. Edw. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Gebhart.
March 1.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
8.—Miss M. Wallace.
15.—Mrs. Clemens.
22.—Mrs. Brunner.
29.—Mr. Anderson.
April 5.—Palm Sunday.
12.—Easter Sunday.
19.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
26.—Dr. Grammer.
May 3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Mrs. Colket.
31.—Mrs. Hollar.
June 7.—Miss Dutilh.
14.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
21.—Miss Gebhart.
28.—Miss May Miller.
July 5.—Mr. Colket.
12.—Mrs. Nicholson.
19.—Mrs. Edw. R. Fell.
26.—Miss Lindenmyer.
Aug. 2.—Mr. Clayton.
9.—Mrs. Heberton.
16.—Miss Wallace.
23.—Miss Laura Bell.
30.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept. 6.—Mrs. Lane.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. James T. Lineaweaver.
27.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct. 4.—Miss Laura Bell.
11.—Miss Maulsby.
18.—Mrs. Sheble.
25.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.
Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
8.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
15.—Miss Townsend.
22.—Miss Eisenbrey.
29.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec. 6.—Miss Davis.
13.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
20.—Mrs. Petry.
27.—Miss Emily Bell.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50:

St. Stephen's Day, Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Annunciation, Ascension Day, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

Musical Program

DECEMBER 6.

11 A. M.
God is a Spirit.....*Bennett*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E Flat.....*Barnby*
Nunc in E Flat.....*Barnby*
Crossing the Bar.....*Barnby*
Hymn of the Apostles.....*Gounod*

DECEMBER 13.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in A.....*Rosenthal*
Benedictus in F.....*Beethoven*
Oh for a Closer Walk with God.....*Foster*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E.....*Parker*
Nunc in E.....*Parker*
There Shall be no Night.....*Wood*
Ho Every One that Thirsteth.....*Martin*

DECEMBER 20.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E.....*Parker*
Jubilate in G.....*Calkin*
Lord How Long?.....*Mendelssohn*
4 P. M.
Magnificat.....*Martin*
Deus.....*Parker*
Jesus Word of God.....*Mozart*
God that Madest Earth and Heaven
Naylor

DECEMBER 25.

Te Deum in E Flat.....*Buck*
Jubilate.....*Stanford*
In the Beginning.....*Wood*

DECEMBER 27.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B Flat.....*Stanford*
Jubilate in E.....*Parker*
Nazareth.....*Gounod*
4 P. M.
Carol Service

The Baird Memorial Window.

On Sunday, November 15th, the congregation saw for the first time the new window in the transept in memory of Mrs. Baird. There was no formal unveiling, but the Rector called attention to it at the time of giving out the notices in the following words:

In spite of the darkness of this rainy day, which obscures the brilliancy of its tones, the congregation has doubtless generally observed the new medallion rose window over the gallery in the transept. This beautiful memorial, the production of The Tiffany Studios, and consisting of Tiffany Favrile and jewel glass throughout, resembles in color the celebrated stained glass of the thirteenth century. The windows in the gallery will be covered for several Sundays in order that the delicacy of this window's color scheme may not be injured by contact with their cruder tones.

This exquisite memorial is given to St. Stephen's Church in memory of Marie Louise Baird by her mother, Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan, her sister, Mrs. Louis J. Magill, and her brother, Charles L. McKeehan. On a small window below the Rose Window—invisible, I regret to say, from the body of the church—is this inscription:

"To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Marie Louise Baird, 1871—1913."

It was Mrs. Baird's inborn love of the beautiful that led her family to a memorial of this nature instead of one that many would consider more useful. As all her friends will remember, she loved flowers and all beautiful things, thought them worth while for her own sake and liked Emerson's characteristic remark about flowers, that "they are always fit presents because they are a proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world." A faithful member of the Chancel Committee, who took great interest and pleasure in having it neatly and appropriately in order for the service, it is most fitting that the light from this window should fall full upon that chancel which she arranged so often for the early communion, at which she was confirmed, as I love to recall, during my rectorship, and where I read at her funeral the great words of unconquerable hope of our Burial Service. It is a beautiful memorial of a sensitive and exquisite spirit.

The Church Work Fund.

The Rector acknowledges the following contributions to the Church Work Fund. It will be recollected that he called attention to the fact that he has asked for $1,200, which is much less than was requested in former years. He has received just $700. He hopes that those who have hitherto contributed to this fund will send in their contributions, and that some new contributions will come in. This fund enables the minister of the church to act freely in many directions, and is of great service.

Miss Catherine T. Rynard	$25 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Mrs. John Coates Brown	10 00
Miss Bella Townsend	5 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00
Wm. E. Haydock	20 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
James F. Wallace	10 00
Beauveau Borie	25 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	50 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	20 00
Mrs. Nicholas Petry	2 50
C. Howard Colket	25 00
J. Hunter Ewing	25 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Miss Laura Bell	10 00
Mrs. O. B. Judson	10 00
H. H. Barton, Jr.	25 00
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	5 00
Mrs. A. D. Arrison	20 00
Dr. Edw. R. Fell	10 00
Miss Louise B. Edwards	5 00
Edward G. McCollin	5 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	25 00
Miss Fannie Magee	25 00
Wm. J. Kirkpatrick	5 00
Emory R. Johnson	5 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25 00
Mrs. Olivia Ernst	10 00
J. W. Trinkle (in memory of his wife, Mary W. Trinkle)	150 00
A Friend	50 00
Miss Katherine Fetzer	5 00
Miss Margaret V. D. Clemens	2 50
Wilbur F. Rose	10 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Carl E. Grammer	15 00
	$700 00

The Christmas Baskets.

According to our custom, baskets holding a Christmas dinner for ten persons will be distributed on the morning of the day before Christmas to the holders of cards. Envelopes for special offerings for this purpose will be distributed through the pews. Christmas is a time when happiness and good cheer should be diffused. Let us spread peace and good will among men, by relieving the pressure of poverty at this season. Let us see that the children of the poor enjoy a bountiful Christmas dinner.

The congregation will be interested to learn that Sunday morning, March 7th, has been appointed for Confirmation in St. Stephen's. The visitation will be by Bishop Garland. We are gratified that the Episcopal visit will not fall close upon the Christmas festivities, as was the case last year. There ought to be a good class this March. The Rector already has the names of some candidates, and will be glad to hear of others. The time for the meeting of the class will be announced later.

Student teams from the University are going to make addresses throughout the city during December in order to arouse interest among the young men in particular in the approaching campaign of the Rev. William A. Sunday. The Rector has invited a team to come to St. Stephen's on the evening of December 13th, at 8 P. M. Whether the meeting will be held in the Church or Parish House will be announced later. The day and hour, however, are definitely determined on. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to hear these University men bear their testimony.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary met November 19th with twenty-four members present.

The treasurer reported a balance of $27.85, and Miss Magee has collected $34 towards the United Offering. The various committees reported the mission work done during the month.

Archbishop Booth was the speaker of the day. He is one of twenty-two workers under Bishop Funston in Idaho, and is here hoping to collect $10,000 to pay the debt on a hospital at Boise, which was opened originally for sick clergymen but which has developed into a large State institution. The sum of $30 was voted by the Auxiliary towards the fund.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Secretary.*

James R. Magee.

The sympathy of the whole congregation goes out to Miss Fanny and Miss Anna Magee in the great bereavement that has come upon them in the loss of their only surviving brother, James R. Magee. Ever since the death of his brother Horace, Mr. James Magee's health had been very precarious. His affectionate nature received a shock in his brother's sudden death from which he never recovered. Close as is the tie between a married couple, there are some elements of even closer union in the case of unmarried brothers and sisters, who live all their days together under one roof. In their case all relations and connections are shared equally and all early associations are the same. A union that began in the cradle continues unbroken to the grave. The separation from his brother Horace, whom he greatly admired as well as tenderly loved, seemed to have sapped the very sources of Mr. James Magee's vitality. While he was always cheerful and made a good fight, he never recovered from the shock. After a service at the house at which Mr. Miller and I officiated he was buried by the side of his brother at West Laurel Hill, on November 6th.

Together with his brother and sisters he conferred many beautiful and valuable gifts upon St. Stephen's, and we have lost in him a benefactor who could be counted on in every emergency. The love and loyalty of this devoted family for St. Stephen's can never be forgotten by the people who worship within its walls. It is indeed impossible that it should pass out of mind; as long as that wonderful Venetian Mosaic of Halliday's gleams above our Altar as long as that great organ's thunder-music rolling shakes the figures blazoned on the panes; as long as the Vestry find their burdens lightened by the contributions of this family to the Endowment Fund.

It is fitting that we should recall at this time that Mr. James R. Magee bore his share in these splendid gifts though he always stood unobtrusively in the background. Whatever comfort may lie in the sympathy of our entire congregation belongs to his sisters. May God strengthen and console them with a hope full of immortality and an unfaltering faith, that love can never lose its own.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The removal of the Van Dusen family to West Philadelphia from Logan Square seemed nothing but a misfortune to the parish, since their new home is further from the Church. The greater distance, however, has not affected in any way the regularity of their attendance, and the change into a more modern house has brought benefits in the shape of presents of valuable pieces of furniture and equipment to the Burd School, the Rectory and the Church. The latest of these gifts is a splendid curtain for the stage in the Sunday School Room, which meets a long-felt want. If our people will move into modern houses into which they cannot carry all of their furniture, this example is to be commended to them.

The Burd School can hold a good deal of furniture. We have a house out at the farm, where carpets and chairs come in handy, and there are besides many poor people who would welcome articles for which the dealer would give hardly anything.

A man whose children go to our Sunday School was run over by an automobile last week—the wheel passing over his leg above the knee. Before he had regained his normal balance, while he was still in the excitement and anxiety of the accident, the agent of one of these accident insurance companies persuaded him to sign a release of all claims against the owner of the automobile for the paltry sum of $15. It is really an outrage that the laws should recognize any paper signed at such a time and under such circumstances. I have persuaded the man not to cash the check, and urged the repudiation of a contract secured by undue pressure and surprise. A lawyer of reputation has taken the case. Where there are no means, and no legal friends, I commend the poor to the Legal Aid Society—the Ludlow Building, 16th street between Market and Chestnut. As President of the Society I can vouch for its officials as trustworthy and efficient. Its activ-

ities are steadily increasing. In October of this year it had 376 cases. Of these:

Matrimonial and Domestic Difficulties were	61
General Advice	58
Wages	61
Collections	35
Landlord and Tenant	28
Neighborhood Quarrels	6
Negligence	12
Decedents' Estates	18
Real Estate	10
Recovery of Property	26
Custody of Children	8
Insurance and Beneficial Claims	10
Criminal	16

$775 was recovered for clients.

An injury ought not to be treated as a means of extorting money from the rich. No man ought to be encouraged in extortionate, unjust or vindictive claims; but at the same time the necessities of the poor ought not to be traded upon. An inequitable settlement ought not to be wrung from their fear, and their extremity. Before signing a release, disinterested advice should be sought.

Shoe Fund.

Money Received in November from Church through Dr. Grammer	$25 00
From those Receiving Shoes	3 35
Total	$28 35
Expended for Shoes	16 76
Balance	$11 59

Donations of shoes from Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Campbell and several other kind friends whose names were lost from paper.

Many thanks to all.

Have given out to women and children in November about 20 pairs of shoes and six pairs of overshoes.

We hope that Santa Claus will not forget us this year, and that he will remember that both the women and little girls wear very WIDE SHOES.

King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle.

Received through Mrs. Hunter Ewing, in October, Interest from Mr. Patton's Estate.	$50 28

The next meetings of this Circle will be December 2d and December 16th, in Guild Room of Parish House, 8 o'clock.

They are now making a few things for the Mothers' Fair and making Christmas boxes for the children. Come and help. All are welcome.

The Church Periodical Club of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will send early in December, through the united effort of its branches in the various churches of Philadelphia, a library of books to the Church of the Advent, Farmington, Minnesota.

Commentaries and dictionaries as well as books of lighter reading are most acceptable. Books of travel, standard fiction and children's books—any usable book, old or new, that the readers of the PARISH NEWS can spare. They may be sent to St. Stephen's Parish House and marked "For the Church Periodical Club." Please notify the librarian of St. Stephen's Branch of your contribution as it is desirable that each Branch should have a record of all the donors and their contributions.

The Club will send also a Christmas Box to the same destination. Any articles for this box may be sent to the Epiphany Chapel, 17th and Summer streets, Philadelphia.

ANNA FARRELL,
Librarian, St. Stephen's Church Periodical Club.

Sunday School Notes.

Our enrollment is steadily increasing. Four new scholars were added on the last Sunday in November and the hour hand of our membership clock is slowly climbing to the goal of 300.

At the Temperance Sunday session of early November, the Rev. Mr. Lee, a missionary to China, visited us and the same morning the Rev. J. D. Hall, of the Galilee Mission, gave us one of his enthusiastic talks. It was interesting to all to learn that both these clergymen had been pupils of our Rector at the theological seminary.

An improvement well worth noting is that so many more are present and in their classes when the opening hymn is sung. Another cheerful note is to record the hearty response that was made by the school to the appeal for the "Christmas Ship," when ten dollars were raised, and two Sundays later fifteen dollars was again raised to help fill the "Thelma"—the two mercy ships that went out from America full of substantial sympathy for the sufferers in the dreadful European war.

While it is pleasant to note the success of the boys in their basket ball games on Wednesday and Friday evenings, it is also cheering to say that several did not forget the corporate communion of early Sunday morning, November the 29th. And many of the Juniors on St. Andrew's Day went to the annual meeting of the Brotherhood at St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia, heartily enjoying the meetings and the good supper that was served.

The spirit of the Christmas season is with us. Some thirty of the scholars and teachers are busy in rehearsal every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, preparing a musical play, under the leadership of Miss Nodine, Mr. Moore and the Superintendent. The carol practice will begin December 6th, under Dr. Anthony. The committees have been appointed and the Festival will take place on Tuesday evening, December 29th, for the Primary Department and their mothers and friends, and for those of the Main School on Wednesday evening, December 30th. Two evenings have been arranged for so as to have room for all who may wish to come, and we look forward to a happy Christmas-tide.

The next teachers' meeting will occur on Saturday evening, Jan. 2, 1915. Let us begin the new year with every teacher present.

Not Quite Fair.

The official title of our Church was omitted on the signs of the Diocesan Fair for the benefit of St. Martha's Settlement House. For all the public could tell from the notice boards, the fair might have been a Roman Catholic or Moravian enterprise. These churches also have dioceses. It was decided in the General Convention that the name of our Church should not be changed. Why can not our people stand loyally by that decision? Even on the tickets of admission where there is abundance of printing, there was no room for the official title, or our popular designation. I know of no reason for objecting to our name, that is not either snobbish or sacerdotal. As I object to sacerdotalism and cannot bear snobbishness, anywhere, and especially abhor it in religion, the peculiar indefiniteness of these notices does not commend itself to me. In such joint enterprises, it is not fair to avoid our official name because of party preferences.

A woman whose husband addressed her simply as "You," complained bitterly that she had no name. I don't call you by your name, explained the husband, because I don't like it. But I dislike having no name, she replied. The dog has a name, the cat has a name, even the horse has a name; I alone am nameless, she wailed. But she was not alone—the Episcopal Church is also nameless in this fair for St. Martha's Settlement House.

The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church will hold its annual sale of useful and fancy articles on Thursday, December 10th, from 3 to 10 P. M. in the Parish House. It is hoped that the ladies of the congregation will encourage the mothers by patronizing this sale. It would be a pity if our little boat should be swamped by the big steamer of the Diocesan Fair. Let us have a good turn out.

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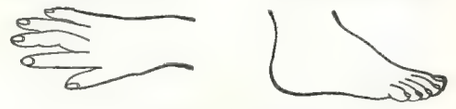
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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
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Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch, Miss Elsie F. Clair.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.
Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

BOYS' CLUB.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Circumcision.
3.—Second Sunday after Christ.
6.—The Epiphany.
10.—The First Sunday after Epiphany.
17.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
24.—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
31.—Septuagesima.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

December 1.—Charles F. Ziegler.
21.—Mary F. Suiler.

Offerings received from December 6, 1914, Second Sunday in Advent to December 27, 1914, Sunday after Christmas.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$21 91	
Parochial Maintenance	28 16	
Missions	31 45	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	36 97	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	47 74	
		$166 23

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:—

Charities	$66 58	
Parochial Maintenance	91 51	
Missions	86 21	
St. Stephen's Farm	25	
Theological Education	50	
Our Work Among Boys	1 45	
Benevolent Society	2 55	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	50	
Episcopal Hospital	9 82	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	66 30	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	161 15	
Indian Missions	50	
City Missions	25	
Sunday School	2 00	
		489 57
		$655 80

SUMMARY.

Charities	$88 49
Parochial Maintenance	119 67
Missions	117 66
St. Stephen's Farm	25
Theological Education	50
Our Work Among Boys	1 45
Benevolent Society	2 55
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	50

Episcopal Hospital	9 82	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	103 27	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	208 89	
Indian Missions	50	
City Missions	25	
Sunday School	2 00	
		$655 80

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Contributors to the Christmas dinner for the Poor of St. Stephen's Parish 1914.

Balance on hand January 1, 1914		$22 94
Miss Alverta S. Van Dusen	$1 00	
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hollar	5 00	
Emory R. Johnson	2 00	
W. R. Hasenpat	1 00	
Mrs. E. S. Palmer	25	
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	10 00	
J. Hunter Ewing	10 00	
The Misses Magee	5 00	
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr.	5 00	
J. S. Whilldin	5 00	
Mrs. B. Reath	3 00	
Miss Emily Bell	2 00	
Charles N. Van Dusen	2 00	
Miss Katherine Mayne	1 00	
Mrs. Alberta Reath	1 00	
H. H. Bilyeau	1 00	
Mrs. E. C. Shapley	1 00	
Mrs. Edward Kerscher	75	
Miss M. Josephine Hecker	50	
Miss M. J. Holt	50	
Harry Johnson	50	
Miss Mary E. Bean	50	
Miss Laura Bell	2 00	
Mrs. Adelaide V. Brunner	10 00	
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd	2 00	
Mrs. Timothy B. Clemens	1 00	
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5 00	
Dr. Edward R. Fell	1 00	
Miss Alice M. Hutchings	5 00	
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00	
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	5 00	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	5 00	
Mrs. Horace Sheble	3 00	
William Rice Taylor	5 00	
Mrs. William Rice Taylor	5 00	
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, Jr.	5 00	
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing	10 00	
Mrs. Oliver A. Judson	4 00	
Mrs. C. E. Noblit	2 00	
Miss Ella R. Davier	2 00	
Mrs. H. H. Bilyeu	1 00	
Mrs. E. Holman	1 00	
M. M. Coppuck	1 00	
Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Milnor	1 00	
Mrs. Maxwell	1 00	
Mrs. Grace	25	
Mrs. B. Daggan	05	
Miss Lucy F. Irwin	1 00	
A. B. Shannon	5 00	
Frank Wilbur Smith	1 00	
F. Pancoast Reath	1 00	
A. D. A.	3 00	
Mrs. E. Dankelman	2 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Beauveau Borie	5 00	
Mrs. C. Howard Colket	2 00	
William Hillis Ruhl	2 00	
Mrs. Joseph Clayton	2 00	
Mrs. M. Baldwin	1 00	
The Misses Shellenberger	5 00	
Mrs. James Suydam	5 00	
Mrs. Gerald DeCoursey	5 00	
Mrs. James M. Arrison	3 00	
Miss E. L. Williamson	1 00	
Miss Ella H. Headman	1 00	
Mrs. Thomas Armstrong	1 00	
		$191 30
Cash "Not Designated"		103 52
Total		$317 76

Disbursements

Hauling		$1 75
8 bags potatoes, 16 bushels	$11 20	
8 bags	80	
1 barrel sweet potatoes	2 25	
2 bags onions	3 00	
		$17 25
62 lbs. tea, ½ lb. packages.	$15 63	
125 lbs. sugar, 1 lb. packages	6 25	
		$21 88
125 lbs candy		15 00
100 ½ bushel baskets	$4 17	
150 paper bags	27	
150 poultry sacks	90	
50 50-lb. sacks	75	
2 bales tree stands	1 40	
3 balls twine	30	
Hauling	1 25	
		$9 04
795 lbs. chickens @ 18c.		143 10
4 boxes of oranges	$8 00	
1 crate of cranberries	1 15	
2 barrels apples	5 00	
		$14 15
Baking 195 mince pies @ 9c.		17 55
Hauling	$1 25	
Delivering 6 baskets	1 50	
Extra help cleaning rooms at Parish House	4 00	
Watchman, night of 12-23-14	2 00	
Tags	15	
Extra dinner purchased for poor woman and her family who could not come to Parish House the day of distribution.	2 00	
		$10 90
		$250 62
Balance on hand December 29, 1914		$67 14

Donations:—

Mr. Clement Restein:
1 barrel of turkeys containing 200 lbs.

Musical Program

January 3.

11 A. M.
Offertory, Nazareth ..... *Gounod*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Parker*
Carol Service, repeated by request:
Nowell, Nowell
Sleep, Holy Babe
Good King Wenceslas
Silent Night
Jesus Meek and Mild

January 10.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate in E ..... *Parker*
He Shall Feed His Flock ..... *Haendel*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in B Flat ..... *Stainer*
Nunc ..... *Stainer*
Jesus Word of God ..... *Mozart*
God that Madest Earth and Heaven, *Naylor*

January 17.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B minor ..... *Buck*
Benedictus ..... *Beethoven*
O Saviour of the World ..... *Goss*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Martin*
Deus ..... *Parker*
Come Unto Him ..... *Gounod*
Rejoice ..... *Haendel*

January 24.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B Flat ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate in B Flat ..... *Stanford*
Awake Thou ..... *Allen*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Leighter*
Nunc ..... *Leighter*
The Path of the Just ..... *Roberts*
Art Thou Weary? ..... *Chadwick*

January 31.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E ..... *Parker*
Benedictus ..... *Beethoven*
Beloved if God so Loved Us ..... *Barnby*

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Tours*
Nunc ..... *Tours*
To Thee I Lift Up My Soul ..... *Hall*
Cherubim Song ..... *Tschaikowski*

Mr. Craig Atmore:
150 lbs. mince meat.

The Misses Davis:
1 barrel of apples.

Mrs. Dankelman:
1 large basket of preserves.

136 baskets were distributed to the worthy poor.

Regular Notices for the Month.

Sunday.—
Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.

Monday.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

Tuesday.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

Wednesday.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.
Boys' Club, Juniors, 7.30 P. M.

Thursday.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month, at 11 A. M.

Friday.—
Boys' Club, Seniors, 7.45 P. M.

Saturday.—

The Rector's Letter.

The Rector acknowledges the following additional contributions to the Church Work Fund. It will be recollected that he has only asked for $1,200, which is much less than was requested in former years. He hopes that those who contributed to this fund in former years will not fail him this season. New contributors are also solicited. This fund enables the Rector to act freely in many directions, often justifying him in stirring up committees to go ahead with the assurance that he will come to their aid, if they shall need his assistance. An account of the expenditures is published annually.

Robt. J. Boyd	$5 00
Samuel N. Lewis	20 00
Miss Elizabeth H. Smith	5 00
Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton	5 00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Moore	25 00
Mrs. Lawrence Lewis Smith	5 00
	$65 00
Already Acknowledged	$700 00
Total to date	$765 00

Ash Wednesday will come this winter on the 17th of February, and Confirmation will fall on March 7th, the Third Sunday in Lent, at the morning service. The Confirmation class will begin on Friday, January 22, at 8 o'clock in the Vestry. Some names have already been handed in, and I will be glad to hear either directly, or indirectly, of other candidates. It is a mistake to wait for a convulsive religious experience before taking such a step. The supreme requirement is a real desire to commit one's self to the service of God, the courage to pledge one's self publicly to His loyal obedience, and humility that seeks the aid of fellowship. The one essential is a dedication of self to following in the steps of Jesus of Nazareth, in faith and loyalty. All things else will be added.

The full report of the fund to provide Christmas dinners for the poor is rendered in the financial reports by Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., with characteristic fullness and accuracy. The chief responsibility for the efficient discharge of this helpful task fell upon Mr. Van Dusen, Miss Lewis and our Verger. A number of helpers came to their assistance in filling the baskets on Wednesday night, but the main work devolved upon the three whom I have mentioned. The money of the congregation would have gone but a little way without their care in purchasing and distributing, and all their careful arrangements would have come to naught if the congregation had not come to their assistance with its usual generosity. It is good to see, on reading the acknowledgments, how numerous were the contributions. There are, of course, many contributors whose names are not given because their envelopes contained no indication of the giver. The acknowledgments are published in this way, simply as a means of publicly rendering account for money entrusted to us, and so keeping up an excellent custom. Each basket contained on an average dinners for ten persons, so that we can be said to have given out 1,360 dinners, which is doing pretty well for one church. Just think how many people were made happy on that day by the energy and liberality of St. Stephen's people. Surely such work is well worth while. The Church has her faults; she is not yet perfect; but surely the world would be harder and more cheerless without such ministrations.

It will be of interest to know that the average cost per basket was $2.40.

The revival services of the Reverend Mr. Sunday will affect different people differently. Let us remember that it takes a great many different kinds of people to make a world. That much of the seed will wither away after it is subjected to the heat of life's trials has been predicted. We need not be surprised if some tares of superstition and bigotry be sown along with the good seed. No one doubts to-day that the Great Awakening of the 18th Century under the Wesleys and Whitefield contained its full share of crudities and errors; nevertheless it was a manifest working of the Spirit of God, acting on imperfect men. Let us not fall into the sin of the Scribes and Pharisees of praising the prophets of a former day, and condemning the pioneers of God in our own time. We ought to be anxious to be able to approve of the work of this Evangelist. Surely we are not so good, that we need not seek for assistance from every quarter. I am much gratified that over $650 have been subscribed in St. Stephen's for the guaranty fund of this campaign. The students who reported on the influence of Mr. Sunday at the University of Pennsylvania at an informal service in St. Stephen's on December 13th, prepared us to expect great things.

A man who stirred up the undergraduates in a college so that they made morning prayers obligatory on every student twice a week, must be a man of extraordinary spiritual endowments. May God send him to Philadelphia in the fullness of the Spirit, endued with power from on high to make us walk worthy of the calling wherewith we are called, even to be the lights of the world, and the sons of God manifest upon earth.

Improvements continue to be made in the furnishings of the Church. What with our new cushions, new carpet in the pews, and new covers for the back of the pews, the color scheme of our ground floor is particularly harmonious and attractive. All through the main body of the Church book-racks have been placed in the pews, and 250 hymnals and prayer books have been provided. It is hoped that these last, which have been stamped with the name of the Church, will enable the visitors to join more generally in our worship. It will be appreciated if the books be placed in the racks at the end of the service.

Two great improvements remain yet to be made, and then, I think that we can say that our Church edifice will be in first class condition. We need a new roof, which should be of copper, that the Church with all its valuable memorials may be made as safe as possible against fire. The second improvement is not so important as this provision against fire; but it would be a wonderful improvement in the rendering of our services. I refer to the elevation of the whole Chancel about two feet. It is surprising to me that this alteration has never been seriously considered. The Chancel is much too low for an effective rendition of the service. During the reading of the psalter and at the opening address, when the congregation is standing, the head of the officiating minister at his post outside the Chancel rails, is only a few inches above the people. Back under the galleries they cannot see the face of the reader. The whole Chancel is so low that it is necessary to climb up into the pulpit to make the briefest address. Its dignity would be wonderfully enhanced by greater elevation. My idea would be to raise the whole chancel, altar, reredos, and all, two feet or twenty inches. The two additional steps could be placed at the head of the aisle, as was done in my old church in Norfolk, where they had exactly the same problem and met it very successfully,—or the first pews all around could be sacrificed, if the occupants would agree to move back a pew, and there might be a couple of steps running all around the Chancel, parallel to the rails and about a yard away from the present step. This would be the best solution. The increase in the impressiveness of our beautiful Chancel and in the effectiveness in the rendition of our service would be something wonderful. I wish that it could be seriously considered. Of course nothing could or would be done, without the approval of those whose memorials would be involved.

Above every other financial undertaking, however, the supreme task of the year in our Parish ought to be raising the apportionment. When we were asked to give $4,967.20, as our proportionate share of this diocese's contribution to the cause of missions, the amount was so far in excess of our powers that it was disheartening. Besides it did not seem just or reasonable that outsiders should tell the parish how much it was in a position to give and insist against our protest upon their estimate. Giving is, in the last analysis, a voluntary act, and the most urgent beggar will do well to remember that the most generous people resent dictation and extortion. All the defects of the apportionment system—and it has some serious drawbacks—were brought to the fore by the persistence of the diocese in making such an unreasonable request of St. Stephen's. The methods whereby the parishes who did not meet these demands were in a sense blacklisted, were not methods that win. They seemed to savor more of the Jewish than of the Christian dispensation.

The committe in charge of the matter has, however, had the great gift of learning from experience, and of keeping an open mind to criticisms and suggestions, that were not captious but based on reason and the nature of things. The new apportionment for St. Stephen's is $2,657.01, and I am exceedingly anxious that we should raise this sum even to the last cent—the rather amusing proof of the precision with which our financial strength is estimated. The basis of the new apportionment, I ought to explain, is our income from the congregation, without regard to the income from the endowment. It is true that the parish is not as wealthy as it once was, but then it is also true that the property was never in such fine condition, and that the endowment

has increased nearly $50,000 in the last nine years. With the assistance of our endowment, we are in such good shape that we ought to do more for others.

Last year, from September 1, 1913, to September 1, 1914, we contributed from the Parish, $1,290.41; from the Sunday School, $181.-72 and from the Woman's Auxiliary, -383.30 —making in all $1,855.52. If the Sunday School would make an effort, it could easily give $250 ,and the Woman's Auxiliary and congregation could raise the remiander—$2,-407.01. All these figures are derived from the Treasurer of the Board of Missions in New York.

Out of this Apportionment Fund all the regular expenses of our Board of Missions are defrayed. It pays the salaries of our Missionary Bishops, and our other missionaries, and supports the regular work. Gifts for cpecial purposes, not included in the list of the Board's engagements do not count, of course, upon the apportionment. There ought to be some "specials" for we ought to give to the appeals that excite our interest and the heart should not be stifled; but the regular engagements of the Board must be met, and we are not doing our part, if we are not working zealously for that great end. After all, our religion does not mean much, unless we are trying to spread its message of faith and hope and love, and it will cease to mean what it may now mean if we cannot make some effort and sacrifice for it. Let us as a parish try to do our part. It would be a proud and happy experience for your Rector if at the end of the tenth year of his pastorate he could say, "And St. Stephen's, in addition to its large charitable and benevolent work of various kinds, has met its apportionment."

I wish every member of the Parish a Happy New Year. CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Diocesan Fair.

The fair planned by the Board of St. Martha's Settlement House in conjunction with about forty of the Episcopal churches in this Diocese came off early in December at Horticultural Hall and in spite of the quaking fears over new conditions and new interests evolved by the great European war proved a great success.

A committee from St. Stephen's was appointed by the President of our Auxiliary, Miss Laura Bell, consisting of Mrs. Grammer, chairman, and Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Miesse and Miss Paullin. Our Secretary, Mrs. Hollar, Jr., sent out notices of the Fair to every woman in the congregation asking for donations of aprons and neckwear, the useful and salable articles that the committee had chosen. The response was most generous and came from members of the Auxiliary, the Benevolent Society, the Sunday School, the Burd School, the Girls' Friendly, the Mothers' Meeting, the King's Daughters and also from those who are not affiliated with any societies.

Two very large donations, the first from the head of the Benevolent, and the second from the head of the Mothers' Meeting, put us on our feet, so to speak. Another large donation from two sisters who worked all summer, thinking we were to have a fancy table, was wonderful—so beautiful and varied and useful were the gifts. Many of these articles were sold privately, some of them never even reaching the Hall. All of them enriched the Fair and sold well.

Money, too, was given most generously and enabled us to buy a large supply of neckwear which we sold at a considerable profit, although in no case above the retail price at the stores. What was left over after expenses were deducted went to swell the receipts of our table.

The Chairman had no anxiety in regard to the tickets or the booth. Mrs. Meisse, ably seconded by the Verger, took charge of the tickets, and between them about sixty-five dollars' worth was sold. The entire responsibility for the booth was assumed by Mrs. Austin. It was so pretty and was so much praised that we were all intensely gratified. The table was converted into a pergola, covered on top and the sides with boughs of brightly-tinted apple blossoms of paper—a labor of love indeed, for the cutting of thousands of blossoms and putting them on boughs must have been a task of many weeks' duration. The electric lights put in by our Verger made the booth brilliant by bringing out the colors and assisted in the sales by displaying our wares to full advantage.

Another labor of love was the making of the caps and bunches of blossoms by our young people for the aides to wear as part of their uniform.

These pretty decorations worn with the white dresses gave brilliancy to our party and earned us many compliments.

St. Stephen's part in the Fair did not stop with our booth, for our Girls' Friendly contributed twelve helpers to the ice cream table.

As to our aides we feel that we cannot thank them enough, our young people whose vivacious interest and presence brightened us up. Our Treasurer, always on hand, clear-headed and firm; our workers who straightend up the booth, marked articles and sold and wrapped with undiminished enthusiasm for three days and evenings—all gave us courage and substantial help.

The accounts of the Fair as a whole are not yet settled, but it is understood that the amount raised is at least eight thousand dollars.

Our sales at the booth amounted to $331.71. A final check of $52.00, sent to Miss Stocker, General Chairman, brings our proceeds up to $383.71. With tickets sold in our congregation the whole amounts to $448.00. We are told that up to date ours is the banner church.

The following members of the congregation sent money, the total amounting to $136.50.

Mrs. Fell
Misses Magee
Miss Farrell
Mrs. H. P. Taylor
Mrs. H. H. Barton
Miss L. B. Edwards
Miss McDowell
Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. C. Craig Atmore
Mrs. Geo. Crawford
Miss F. Gebhart
Mrs. Arrison
Miss Theodora Butcher
Mrs. Sheble
Misses Kirkpatrick
Misses Davis
Mrs. Mendenhall
Mrs. Robert Atmore
Mrs. Baldwin
Mrs. E. J. Moore
Mrs. Samuel Moore
Mrs. W. R. Taylor
Miss Dutilh
Mrs. Samuel Lewis
Mrs. Isaac Lowry
Mrs. C. H. Colket
Mrs. Seth Caldwell

The following sent donations of articles:

Mrs. Orr
Mrs. Shapley
Miss Laura Bell
Miss Emily Bell
Miss Llewellyn
Mrs. C. H. Colket
Miss Olden
Miss Elizabeth Washington
Mrs. H. P. Taylor
Miss Cornelia Ewing
Miss Hecker
Strawbrige & Clothier, through Mrs. Hollar
Mrs. Wigfall
Mrs. Brunner
Miss Denney
Mrs. O. B. Judson
Miss Sinclair
Misses Wallace
Miss M. E. Bean
Miss Ella Headman
Miss Marion Headman
Mrs. E. Neuonschwonder
Miss V. Zeilin
Mrs. C. W. McKeehan
Miss Colston
Miss Townsend
Mrs. M. C. Ertel
Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell
Mrs. Robert Boyd
Mrs. Montgomery
Mrs. E. Martine
Miss M. C. Streigel
Mrs. Gerald DeCoursey
Mrs. E. E. Holman
Mrs. Armstrong
Miss Williamson
Mrs. Donehower
Miss Taggart
Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford
Mrs. Arrison
Mrs. Catherine Miesse
Mrs. S. H. Austin
Mrs. H. McK. Moore
Mrs. W. H. Hansell
Mrs. Rosa M. Will
Mrs. Mellor Tyson
Mrs. Benj. Reath
Mrs. Albert Pancoast
Misses Sanders
Mrs. Kenneth Crawford
Mrs. Rose Lumley
Mrs. Minna Frank
Mrs. Vanderslice
Miss Bertha Walsh
Mrs. John K. Walker
Miss Mary Cherboni
Mrs. John Coates Browne
Mrs. J. B. Clement
Mrs. H. S. Lucas
Mrs. Nicholas Petry
Miss Van Dusen

A number of packages came without names and so could not be acknowled,ed.

Signed: MAY W. PAGE GRAMMER.

The Sunday School.

The important events of the Sunday School are first the changing of the system of lessons —by vote of the teachers we return to the Blakeslee plan—and then the Christmas festivals. Some thirty scholars and teachers have for six weeks been making these preparations and as this goes to press we can report the Primary Department's entertainment a good success in spite of bad weather and, of course, the Main School on Wednesday evening, December 30th, should prove the same. With appreciation for all those who have worked so hard on the decorations, the candies and the play, we give the programs of the two evenings as the best way to record them, the play being the same each night.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT
Tuesday Evening, December 29th, 1914

PROGRAM

Prayer.....Rev. W. Y. Edwards
Recitation, "How I could keep a Christmas Secret," by Shirley Edwards, of the Burd School
THE CHRISTMAS SMILE
A Play
Candies for all the members of the Primary Department
GOOD-NIGHT!

MAIN SCHOOL

Wednesday Evening, December 30th, 1914

PROGRAM

Carol, "Hear the Bells of Christmas," No. 3
Prayer.....Rev. Joseph L. Miller
Carol, "The Christ Child's Lullaby," No. 5
Greetings.....By the Superintendent
Carol, "Thanks to God," No. 11
An Address.....By the Rector

THE CHRISTMAS SMILE

A Musical Play by Members of the School

CANDIES

By the Committee: Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Vanderslice, Miss Durnall, Mr. Turner and Mr. Hein
Good-night Carol
Christmas Farewell, No. 12

Dr. C. Conquest Anthony, Musical Leader
Miss Charlotte W. Nodine, Pianist

CHRISTMAS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

A Musical Play by the Sunday School under the direction of the Superintendent

Musical Leader, Miss Charlotte W. Nodine
Stage Leader, Mr. Charles H. Moore

THE CHRISTMAS SMILE

In One Scene—The Home of Mr. Tinkle the Toy-maker

The story briefly is, that Mr. Tinkle is anxious to sell his wonderful mechanical toy "Jackie" to Santa Claus for a large sum of money. But he will not buy until the best kind of a smile is painted on its face; that is, the real Christmas smile, the smile that makes others happy.

Characters

Tinkle, A Toy-maker, inventor of "Jackie" the mechanical man .....Mr. Charles H. Moore
Rosie Tinkle, his daughter, an amateur photographer, Miss Sherrard
Susanna, another amateur photographer, Gertrude Bixler
Joanna, another amateur photographer..Anna Bixler
More Daughters, Mary Coll, Dorothy Bixler, Florence Elsner
Sherlock, a would be detective....Morris McCaughin
Hemlock, another who tried to take the toy-man's place, William Ahtes
Bright Eyes, a smile peddler.....Marion Benson
Blue Eyes, another smile peddler.....Florence Coll
Princess of Faraway, Queen of the Fairies, Mary Bushman
Fairies:—Elizabeth Bushman, Lucy Troehler, Katherine Miller, Irene McGinty, Jennie Miller, Elizabeth Shields
Mrs. Tobey, the mother of the Tobey boys, Miss Minnie Corrigan
The Tobey Boys, the future greats:—Frank and Risdon Wenrich, John McGinty, Harry Shields, John Smith, Roland Kuhn
Fairy Tots, from the Burd School, who have been shopping:—Isabel Harman, Shirley Edwards, Dorothy Ziegler, Mary MacCormack, Mildred Bryan
Santa Claus, Buyer of the toy-man "Jackie," Mr. George H. Streaker
Eskimo Joe, "Me-tink-he-fine".....Joseph Bushman
"Jackie" the wonderful toy-man..Charles Moore, Jr.
Sunday School Decorations by Miss Lindenmayer, Charles Lindenmayer, Charles Marbert and Robert Brown.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its December meeting on Thursday, the 17th, in the Parish House, twenty-three members being present.

Reports were given of meetings attended and work accomplished during the month.

Mrs. Grammer gave a detailed account of the Diocesan Fair, held on December 3, 4 and 5, for the benefit of St. Martha's House. Through the Fair, contributions and the sale of tickets St. Stephen's raised for this splendid object $445.00.

Rev. George P. Mayo, of the Blue Ridge Industrial School, Virginia, gave a graphic talk on the industrial work being done for the people of that district and of its wonderful influence for moral and spiritual uplift.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st, when the Rev. Charles L. Betticher, of Alaska, will be the speaker.

ALBERTA S. VAN DUSEN,
Sec. pro tem.

The Epiphany meeting of the Pennsylvania Woman's Auxiliary will be held in St. Stephen's Church on Monday, Januarv 11, 1915, at half after two o'clock. Bishop Lloyd and Archdeacon Mellon, of Mexico, will make addresses, and a large attendence is expected, as the announcement is made in all the parishes, and the delegates and all interested in missions are cordially invited to be present. Bishop Lloyd has personally visited manv of our mission stations all over the world.

King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle.

Donations received:

From Mrs. E. W. Moore.....	$2 00
From Members of the Circle.....	3 00
Total	$5 00

At the last meeting of this Circle it was decided that we would help fill as many baskets as there was provision to fill.

$5.40 was expended and four of Miss Lewis's very poor families were treated to all kinds of good things, such as jellies, canned goods, sugar, celery, cakes, cornstarch and many other things too numerous to mention, with the hope that they would all have a Happy Christmas and enjoy their dinner.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in December for shoes, $1.45. Donation of three large boxes of shoes and overshoes from Santa Claus, who never forgets the children at Number 9 South Tenth Street. He comes a day or so before Christmas, but the Guild Room was so filled with turkeys and all sorts of good things for the Christmas baskets that it was impossible to open the boxes until after Christmas. But those children who needed shoes were supplied from the stock on hand, so all were made happy and wish to thank Santa Claus and wish him a very Happy New Year.

An Appeal from the Galilee Mission.

GALILEE MISSION, 823 VINE ST.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1914.

MY DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

We are to take possession of our new house for converts this week—located at 1016 Callowhill street, and you remember I spoke to you about the furnishings, etc. We are in great need of such things right now. A few churches have agreed to furnish a room and have the name of the church or individual placed on the door. The Board estimate that $50 will be sufficient for such room. Single beds are the only kind that can be used to any advantage. It might be that some one who is going to make a change in his housekeeping would be glad to furnish a room from what he has on hand. I think that could be arranged also. This is to be a home where young men can live at a small cost with all the quiet influence of the Church thrown around them—like a Brotherhood House. A word to some one in your parish or a note in your parish paper would be very much appreciated by the Mission and the Board of Directors.

Yours very sincerely,
J. J. D. HALL.

Parish Visitor's Report.

"The poor ye have always with you' 'is a truth that I realize more and more fully each day as my life is spent almost entirely among them, and when I see their struggles against the fearful odds of poverty, the numbness that sometimes seems to crush all spirit into a dumb patient endurance suddenly lifted by help, I am cheered almost as much as they.

The one hundred and thirty-six Christmas baskets we sent out lifted many more than one hundred and thirty-six such burdens and the Christmas cheer brought sunshine and hope once more into many hearts and homes. No doubt these people felt that the baskets were a forerunner of better times for them.

One case is especially appealing. A widow who has three sons is struggling with the help of the oldest boy to make a living. This son is a good boy and sends his mother during the winter half of his wages—$2.50 a omnth. He makes his living on a farm and earns in winter $5.00 a month. The summer time is better, for then he can send his mother $6.00 a month, being half of his wages. The next bov, sixteen years of age, is entirely blind, having lost his sight by being run over by an express wagon when he was very young. His head was injured, producing nervousness and paralysis as well as blindness, making him helpless in everv way towards making a living. The youngest boy attends the public school. This woman wants work by the day. She says she can do plain sewing. Her case is certainly a sad one. Is there anyone who can get her some work to do?

K. H. LEWIS.

November 5, 1914.

ST. STEPHEN'S P. E. CHURCH,
10th & Chestnut Sts.,
Philadelphia.

Dear Friends:

The Child Federation desires to send its cordial acknowledgment of the large contribution sent through you to the Christmas Ship.

The response to the original appeal has been far beyond our expectations. The articles were all carefully chosen, and in most cases very appropriate.

We have received $6,140.41, and have forwarded 116,000 articles to the Ship Jason.

We may be sure that many unfortunates will be cheered not only by the physical comfort which comes to them, but also by the beautiful spirit of sympathy which prompted the sending of the gifts.

Yours truly,
MARION R. ROBINS,
Chairman, Women's Committee.

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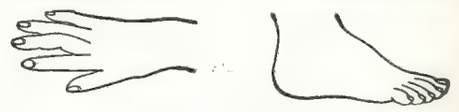
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1024 Spruce Street.
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REV. JOSEPH L. MILLER.
REV. HUBERT W. WELLS.
REV. WILLIAM Y. EDWARDS.
The Cambridge, 1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
9 South Tenth Street.

Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. ROLAND S. MORRIS, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. Wm. Rice Taylor,
Mr. William H. Hollar, Mr. C. Howard Colket,
Mr. William H. Hansell, Mr. Robert T. Boyd.
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,

Choir.

Organist and Director.
Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder, 10 S. 18th St.

Sopranos.

Mrs. Helen Fraeme Heaton, Miss Gertrude A. Dohmen, Miss T. M. Forney, Miss Margaret K. Fowler, Miss Winifred Horscroft, Miss Florence E. Bushnell, Miss Ethyl G. Pearl.

Altos.

Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Miss Elsie Marshall, Miss Rosa M. Will, Miss Alice D. Smith.

Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Herbert M. Ellis.

Basses.

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Elmer P. Sacrey, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale, Mr. Fred. Ellis, Mr. Carl G. Zimmermann.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.
Telephone—Filbert 4438 W.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss Helen Leighton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.
All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas. Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.
Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch, Miss Elsie F. Clair.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.
PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.
Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

BOYS' CLUB.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2.—Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
7.—Septuagesima.
14.—Quinquagesima.
17.—Ash Wednesday.
21.—First Sunday in Lent.
24.—St. Matthias Apostle.
26.—Ember Day.
27.—Ember Day.
28.—Second Sunday in Lent.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

January 8.—Frances Lineaweaver.
14.—Melva Floy Hudson.

FUNERALS.

January 7.—Adam E. Wiegand.
12.—Ruth Viola Devlin.
12.—Richard D. Minster.
19.—Hardy W. Jones.
19.—Lizzie Mann Bond.
26.—Frances E. Lanigan.

Speakers at the Noonday Lenten Services

FEBRUARY 17, ASH WEDNESDAY:
Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.

18:
Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.

19:
Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

20, SATURDAY:
Rev. Wm. R. Turner, Rector of St. Paul's, Overbrook.

22-26:
Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, LL.D., Bishop of Michigan.

27, SATURDAY:
Rev. W. Arthur Warner, Home Missionary Society, Phila.

MARCH 1-5:
Rev. Randolph H. McKim, LL.D., Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C.

6, SATURDAY:
Rev. John H. Chapman, St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill.

8-12:
Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross, D.D.,
Union Theological Seminary.

13, SATURDAY:
Rev. Joseph H. Earp,
St. Paul's Memorial Church.

15-19:
Rev. J. Howard Melish,
Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.

20, SATURDAY:
Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton,
St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, Pa.

22-26:
Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D.D.,
Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.

27:
Rev. James B. Halsey,
St. Timothy's, Roxboro.

29, 30, 31:
Rt. Rev. Theodotus Capers,
Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas.

APRIL 1, 2:
Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D.,
St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

3:
Rev. Wm. Y. Edwards,
St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Offerings Received from January 3, 1915, Sunday after Christmas to January 31, 1915, Septuagesima Sunday.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$40 08	
Parochial Maintenance	104 19	
Foreign Missions	35 69	
		$179 96

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:—

Charities	$52 46	
Parochial Maintenance	153 79	
Missions	82 89	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 15	
Theological Education	05	
Our Work Among Boys	75	
Benevolent Society	40	
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	25	
Episcopal Hospital	63	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	3 83	
Domestic Missions	50 20	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	8 54	
Diocesan Missions	10	
Foreign Missions	78 17	
Colored Missions	25 10	
Missionary Box	20	
Indian Missions	25 05	
City Missions	10	
Sunday School	35	
		483 91
		$663 87

SUMMARY.

Charities	$92	94
Parochial Maintenance	257	98
Missions	82	89
St. Stephen's Farm	1	15
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JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—

Sunday School .....9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon .....11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address .....4.00 P. M.

MONDAY.—

Girls' Friendly Society.

(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)

Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—

Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.

Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—

The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.

The Benevolent Society from 10 A. M. to 12 M.

The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.

First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.

Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.

Boys' Club, Juniors, 7.30 P. M.

Musical Program

FEBRUARY 7.

11 A. M.
Art Thou Weary? .....*Chadwick*

4 P. M.
Cantate Domino .....*Garrett*
Deus Misereatur .....*Garrett*
The Radiant Morn .....*Woodward*
The Lord is my Light .....*Parker*

FEBRUARY 14.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G .....*Rosenthal*
Benedictus in C .....*Buck*
As Pants the Hart .....*Spohr*

4 P. M.
Magnificat .....*Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis .....*Barnby*
God is Love .....*Shelley*
The Heavens are Telling .....*Haydn*

FEBRUARY 21.

11 A. M.
Benedictus .....*Martin*
Benedictus .....*Barnby*
Ye Shall Dwell .....*Stainer*

4 P. M.
Bonum est .....*Salvayre*
Benedic anima .....*Wood*
From Thy Love .....*Gounod*
Whoso Dwelleth .....*Martin*

FEBRUARY 28.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E Flat .....*Buck*
Benedictus in G .....*Buck*
Lead Kindly Light .....*Biederman*

4 P. M.
Magnificat .....*Stainer*
Nunc .....*Stainer*
Hark! Hark! My Soul .....*Shelley*
The Wilderness .....*Goss*

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month, at 11 A. M.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, Seniors, 7.45 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

During the Lenten Season there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday at 10.15 except on the first Sunday of the month.

Additional weekday services will be provided by the clergy if a sufficient number of persons desire them.

Memorial Flowers.

1914.
Jan. 4.—Mrs. Colket.
11.—Misses Kirkpatrick.
18.—Mrs. Ernst.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noblit.
8.—Miss Van Dusen.
15.—Dr. Edw. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Gebhart.

March 1.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
8.—Miss M. Wallace.
15.—Mrs. Clemens.
22.—Mrs. Brunner.
29.—Mr. Anderson.

April 5.—Palm Sunday.
12.—Easter Sunday.
19.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
26.—Dr. Grammer.

May 3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Mrs. Colket.
31.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 7.—Miss Dutilh.
14.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
21.—Miss Gebhart.
28.—Miss May Miller.

July 5.—Mr. Colket.
12.—Mrs. Nicholson.
19.—Mrs. Edw. R. Fell.
26.—Miss Lindenmyer.

Aug. 2.—Mr. Clayton.
9.—Mrs. Heberton.
16.—Miss Wallace.
23.—Miss Laura Bell.
30.—Miss H. Shellenberger.

Sept. 6.—Mrs. Lane.
13.—Misses Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. James T. Lineaweaver.
27.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 4.—Miss Laura Bell.
11.—Miss Maulsby.
18.—Mrs. Sheble.
25.—Girls' Friendly Memorial.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
8.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
15.—Miss Townsend.
22.—Miss Eisenbrey.
29.—Mrs. Atmore.

Dec. 6.—Misses Davis.
13.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
20.—Mrs. Petry.
26.—St. Stephen's Day, Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
27.—Miss Emily Bell.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50:

St. Stephen's Day. Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Annunciation, Ascension Day, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

The Rector's Letter.

Confirmation will fall on March 7th, at 11 A. M. Bishop Garland will be our visitant. The class meets on Friday nights at 8 o'clock, in the Vestry. No one commits himself to a decision by attending its sessions. The Rector will be glad to make an arrangement for a private conference with any one whose engagements will not permit attendance upon the class.

On Sunday, February 14, the offering will be for Diocesan Missions. According to our parochial custom collectors will visit the communicants the week before the offering and ask contributions, which will be formally presented on Sunday. $750 are asked of St. Stephen's. As we have already contributed $37.76, we have $712.24 to raise. It is a goodly sum, but we can accomplish it if every one does his best. Out of this money are paid the salaries of our clergy who minister to congregations in the poorer sections of the city.

We have never failed to raise the amount required of us for Diocesan Missions, and must not fail this year. Don't ask yourself whether others are doing their part. Who can tell how much others ought to do? What right have we to decide for others or judge others. Let us see to it that we do our part. The deputies went to the Diocesan Convention and voted that the Diocese should increase its appropriations on account of the growth of the work, the high cost of living, and the poor salaries of the missionaries. Not a dissentient voice was heard. Now is the time to show our approval of these sentiments by contributing generously. Every communicant who can afford it, is expected to contribute $5. It is hoped that our wealthier members will help out with larger contributions. We have done so well in so many directions that I trust we shall not fail to raise this $750. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

OUR NOON DAY LENTEN SERVICES.

We have secured splendid speakers for this Lent at our Noonday Services. The six speakers who will bear the chief burden are: Bishop Williams of Michigan, Dr. Randolph H. McKim, Dr. G. A. Johnston Ross, Mr. Howard Melish, Dr. Tomkins and Bishop Capers.

Of these Bishop Williams, Mr. Melish, and Dr. Tomkins are old friends of our Lenten attendants. Bishop Capers is well known in Philadelphia as the rector of the Holy Apostles for over a year. I do not know that Dr. McKim has ever given a series of addresses in Philadelphia. As president of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies for three General Conventions, and the leading Rector of Washington he is one of the most prominent and influential clergymen in our Church. It will be a great pleasure to have him in the pulpit of St. Stephen's.

Dr. Johnston Ross is well known in this community as a former minister of the Presbyterian Church at Bryn Mawr. From that important post he went to Canada, and he is at present one of the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New York, a seminary that for the learning and eloquence of its faculty ranks as one of the greatest theological schools in the world. This Presbyterian clergyman has been invited into our pulpit under the canons of our Church and with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese, in the firm conviction that by the road of such courtesies the unity of the Christian world can be made manifest and increased. By his presence, as well as by his words Christian fellowship will be spread abroad.

With much regret I here announce that I will not be able to have a Bible class this Lent. A rector that receives so much assistance from his brethren among the clergy in the Noonday Lenten Addresses cannot refuse to help others in their Lenten services. I have felt compelled to accept a number of engagements and will be gone for a whole week in March after the Confirmation delivering a series of addresses in Detroit, Michigan. This long absence would seriously interfere with the class towards the end of Lent, and the duties incident to gathering together and instructing candidates for Confirmation would make it difficult to find time in the early weeks of Lent. With reluctance I have therefore deferred the class to the fall, about the first of November. Then there will be no Tabernacle services to attract the crowds, and no evangelistic enterprise to concentrate our enegies upon the fundamentals and first principles. The religious life that has been warmed and vitalized, will then be ready for more light and guidance. The results of the Higher Criticism can be communicated without producing controversy. Everything has its own season. A period when the whole force of the community is being thrown upon the work of rescue and revival, is not in its prevailing temper a time favorable to re-adjustments and re-statements. The course that I had projected on the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament will be an admirable theme for next fall.

A mission study class will be conducted by Mrs. John Coates Browne. The text book will be, "The Social Aspect of Foreign Missions," by William H. Faunce, President of Brown University.

The meetings of the class will be held at such a time as the majority may decide upon. The opening session will be on Saturday at 11 o'clock. It is hoped that the attendance will be large. There is no better way of keeping Lent than joining such a class.

C. E. G.

Remarks of the Rector at the Reception of the Price Memorial Window, January 10, 1915.

Although the system of lighting is only tentative and the last touches have not yet been given, I receive to-day without any special service, in accordance with the wish of the donor, the memorial window presented to St. Stephen's in loving memory of the late William S. Price by his daughter, Mrs. Mortimer Brown.

It is the product of the Tiffany Studios which have supplied so many beautiful windows to our church, and embellishes greatly a wall that needed more beauty and color. The subject is Gamaliel the great lawyer, "had in reputation of all the people," as the inscription records—pleading before the Council against any persecution of the Church. The great jurist is portrayed at the climax of his address, when after a learned appeal to history to show that if this counsel or this work be of men it will come to naught, he warns the tribunal, that "if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found to fight even against God." The subject is quite original, I believe, in church windows. The Church has rightly taken great care to distinguish herself from the Synagogue; but it would be a great mistake to overlook our indebtedness to the Law in preparing the way for the Gospel. The Russian Church places the patriarchs among its saints, and St. Isaac's is one of the most famous of the Russian churches. The way for the religion of grace and mercy was prepared by a religion of law and exact justice. This is one of the lessons enforced by this picture of a Jewish Council on the window of a Christian Church.

Another truth almost as important should be connected with Gamaliel. Although he is known in the Church chiefly through this incident, and as the teacher of Saul of Tarsus, Gamaliel is celebrated even to this day in the Synagogue, without any regard to these ecclesiastical incidents. A learned student of Greek literature, and a descendant and disciple of Hillel, the greatest of the Rabbis who endeavored shortly before the time of Christ to develop the ethical and universal elements of Judaism, Gamaliel is ranked by the Jews as the first of the seven Rabbans. This great teacher of St. Paul, the theologian of the Apostles, should constantly remind us, as we recall that he drew his wisdom from Greek culture, and the logic of the schools, as well as from the Old

Testament, and a national Faith how numerous were the fountains that supplied the streams that watered the historical roots of our religion. Greece as well as Palestine, Reason as well as Tradition and Faith united to give us Christianity.

The chief lesson, however, of the incident is, of course, the noble teaching that the proper defence of the truth is her own weapons of reason, and that all religious persecutions, or contentious proceeding against heresy are mistakes. As St. Stephen's has always been famous for the freedom of its pulpit, we are especially pleased to have this scene emblazoned on one of our windows.

Singularly fitted as is the subject to suggest lines of thought in harmony with all that St. Stephen's stands for, it is also a memento uniquely appropriate to William S. Price. Of English ancestry, Mr. Price inherited by birth deep-seated affection to the Episcopal Church. This preference he confirmed and grounded on a dogmatic and historical basis by studies in history, liturgics and canon law. A lawyer by profession, in active practice for many years, and possessed with a passion for justice and for correct legal procedure as a shield wherewith to protect the innocent, rather than in its aspect as a sword to smite the guilty, he was naturally fitted by canonical learning and by temperament for the part which he bore in a number of important Ecclesiastical trials as chief counsel for the defense. Born in 1817, at the time of his death in the winter of 1912, he had reached the great age of 95, and had been for years the Nestor of Philadelphia's celebrated bar. A court scene, in which a great lawyer is speaking for the defence and appealing both to precedents and ultimate principles, for the protection of the Church is surely the most appropriate memento possible of such a lawyer and churchman.

Mr. Price's interest in the Church was not, however, restricted to her tribunals, archives, dogmas and claims. Early in life he was a member of Mr. Arthur G. Coffin's once famous Bible Class. Later on he became a Sunday School teacher himself. For half a century he was a Vestryman of Trinity, Southwark, and for most of that period represented that parish in the Diocesan Convention. For many years he held the responsible post of Chancellor of the Diocese.

In the days of his vigor he took an active part in civic and national affairs and to the end he retained his interest in public concerns, and the movements of the Church's life. Having conversed with people who knew Benjamin Franklin, having been confirmed by the patriotic White, the first Bishop of Pennsylvania, and having spent all his life in the heart of this great city, on or near Washington Square, he possessed unrivaled intimacy of knowledge respecting many incidents of our civic and ecclesiastical history. He bore the infirmities of age, which came upon him very late and very gradually, with the dignity that belongs to simplicity and an entire absence of pose, and without a word of repining. Generous to the poor and to his friends, helpful to those in trouble, reticent about his own trials and disappointments, utterly and entirely devoted to the welfare of his only daughter and sole surviving child, he bore the burden of his years with a fortitude and patience that were, it seemed to me, characteristic of the simpler and more stoical days in which he was born, when men were more patient than we are to-day, amid the perplexities and disappointments of life, because they realized more adequately than we in our sciolism the limitations of the finite mind of man.

This memorial is erected in the Church where her father worshiped for 34 years, by a daughter who evoked the tenderest love of a father's heart, and repaid it with an equal filial devotion.

A Marvelous Cure.

At a meeting recently held at Bishop Rhinelander's of those interested in the leper "Hospital of the Resurrection of Hope," at Kumamoto, South Japan, we were told of the complete cure of one of the patients, a young girl, whose little sister of seven years is now being treated in the Hospital for the same disease.

Many of these poor sufferers are no longer without hope and those with whom the disease is too far advanced for this, are cared for and looked after instead of being shunned and neglected according to the custom of their country heretofore.

Miss Ridell, who carries on this wonderful and unselfish work under the auspices of Anglican and American Bishops, has appealed most earnestly for funds to continue it.

It is proposed to collect from our parishioners $10.00 to provide food for one day for the hospital: the day chosen to be "St. Stephen's Day."

Two hundred dollars would make us perpetual members of the "Daily Bread League," and St. Stephen's Church would always be associated with this great work.

Several of the Philadelphia churches have followed this suggestion.

Contributions may be sent to Miss Elizabeth C. Washington, "The Lincoln," 1222 Locust street, Philadelphia.

An Appeal.

The Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church is one of the oldest in the Church, and one of the most successful until this year, when we are in need of money to get materials and pay our women, of whom we have over thirty on our list.

This year so many are sending large sums of money abroad and giving so generously, that we feel if they knew more about us they would be glad to help us.

The hospitals send us materials to cut out, or the garments ready to be made. We like to give each woman who sews for us one dollar's worth of work each week. We return the garments free of charge. It is a double charity. Last year we made over five thousand articles. This year, however, the hospitals have not money to send us enough work. What we would like to do would be to find out from each hospital what they need most, to get the material and have our ladies cut them out and so supply our women with the work they so much need. This procedure would also show the hospitals that we appreciate what they have done for us.

It is hard for us to understand with our many blessings what it means to be cold and hungry, and some of our women are often that though they are very brave and uncomplaining about it. This is women's work and we feel that the women of the Parish who are not in the Society should know about it. We would like them to come in any Wednesday between 10 and 12 o'clock and see us.

CORNELIA L. EWING.

This appeal will, I hope, meet with a generous response. Contributions may be placed in the offertory on Sundays, marked for the Benevolent, or may be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. William H. H. Hansell, Merion, Pa.

C. E. G.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Twenty-seven members were present at the meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, held in the Parish House, January 21st.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $35.46, and Miss Anna Magee reported $51.00 collected for the United Offering during the last month, making a total of $122.00. The Missionary Box Committee reported two boxes of men's clothing having been sent during the past month through the kindness of Miss Magee.

On motion of Dr. Grammer, duly seconded and carried, the officers of the Auxiliary were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. Charles E. Betticher, of Fairfax, Alaska, was the speaker of the day, and the sum of $25.00 was given by the Auxiliary for scholarships in this great mission field.

The next meeting will be held February 18th, and Bishop Tylor, of North Dakota, will be the speaker.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle received $5.00 in January from Mrs. Highmar to help with their work.

This Circle has been sewing on clothing for the last two meetings for the Children's Hospital when finished. They also gave a donation to the Queen of the Belgians Fund for milk for women and children.

Have also given out clothing to several families.

The next meetings will be February 3d and February 17th, in the Guild Room, Parish

House, quarter of 8 o'clock. It is expected that Miss Nina Rogers, County Treasurer, will spend one of these evenings with the Circle, and talk of the work done by others.

Shoe Fund.

Money Received for Shoes in January.....	$2 60
Expended for Shoes	1 18
Balance	$1 42

Gave out in January, 25 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

Miss Townsend was very much interested in a poor family of six, who were without everything—food, clothing and shoes. Several kind friends gave them three pairs of shoes and three pairs were given from St. Stephen's Shoe Closet. The little boy had not been able to go to school and when he got the shoes he danced for joy.

The Sunday School.

We miss the presence of the pupils of the Burd School, and are pleased to learn that the ill ones are convalescing and that early February will find them all back in their classes.

While the boys come in smiling on Sundays full of the joys of their basket ball games on Wednesday and Friday evenings, yet we are pleased to report many have not forgotten the main purpose of the school, and five have already entered their names for the Rector's Confirmation Class. Of course we are happy to speak of even a larger number of the girls of our school who are to be confirmed this season.

On Thursday evening, February 11th, at 8 o'clock, in the Parish House, Miss Nodine is arranging for the meeting of the Junior and Primary Workers' Union of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Dr. Grammer will preside. Bible stories will be illustrated. Mrs. Barber, Miss Adair, Mrs. Lohman and the Rev. Dr. Foley, of the Divinity School, will make addresses, and it is hoped that all of our teachers will try and be present.

The stormy night of January 31st prevented a large attendance at the monthly teachers' meeting, when the Rector repaid those who braved the storm by outlining and suggesting plans for the lesson studies of the coming month.

The Junior Brotherhood.

The boys of the Junior Brotherhood meet twice a month and send delegates to the Round Table Conference of this section of the Diocese and have made good reports to their Chapter. Three who have been on probation for several months will soon be formally admitted to the Brotherhood by the Rector.

Men for the Tabernacle Meetings.

On Sunday evening, February 14th, reservation will be made for men of the Seventh District, in which our Church is located, for seats at the Sunday Tabernacle. Any wishing tickets for these reservations should apply early to Mr. Carrigan.

Junior and Primary Workers' Union of the Diocese of Pennsylvania has a meeting at the Parish House, Thursday evening, February 11th. Subject for the evening: "Bible Story Telling." Presiding officer, Rev. Carl E. Grammer. Other speakers: Dr. Foley, of Philadelphia Divinity School; Miss Adair, Normal School; Mrs. Barber, Miss Nodine.

Churchmen's Conference.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1915

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
TWENTY-FIRST AND CHRISTIAN STREETS

PROGRAM

General Theme:—*The Mission of the Church.*

3.00 P. M. *The Meaning of Membership,*
Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, Bishop of Pennsylvania.

4.00 P. M. *Teaching His Laws,*
Franklin Spencer Edmonds, Esq., Phila.

5.00 P. M. *Regenerating Society,*
H. D. W. English, Pittsburgh.

6.00 P. M. *Supper.* Price 60 cents.

7.30 P. M. *Proclaiming the Gospel.*

(a) By personal service—Hubert Carleton, General Secretary Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Boston.

(b) At Home and abroad—Geo. Sherwood Eddy, Secretary for Asia, International Y. M. C. A.

Hymn, "The Son of God, Christ Jesus."

(*The words by* BISHOP SPALDING)

The Son of God, Christ Jesus,
He is my Lord and King,
To Him my every talent
Most willingly I bring.
The life which most shall please Him
That life I long to live,
The strength I need to serve Him,
That strength He'll freely give.

The Son of God, Christ Jesus,
Was ever true and bold,
The body's every weakness
He constantly controlled.
And by His help unfailing,
In His most holy might,
Against my lower nature
Unceasingly I'll fight.

The Carpenter, Christ Jesus,
He earned His daily bread.
Of faithful earnest workers
He is the royal Head.
All sloth and lawless action
He'll help me to despise.
The gain of honest labor
Shall be my only prize.

Saviour of men, Christ Jesus,
Oh, Champion of the weak,
Put down the strong and mighty
And give earth to the meek.
Grant me Thy strength and courage
To speed the glad day when
True love and perfect justice
Shall rule the lives of men. Amen.

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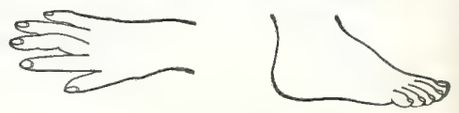
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SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63rd and Market Streets.)

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Miss Helen Leighton.

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BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

St. Stephen's Farm.

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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas. Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch, Miss Elsie F. Clair.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.
Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

BOYS' CLUB.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—John Mearns.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Theodore Hein.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 7.—Third Sunday in Lent.
14.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
21.—Fifth (Passion) Sunday in Lent.
25.—The Annunciation of B. V. M.
28.—Sunday next before Easter.
29.—Monday before Easter.
30.—Tuesday before Easter.
31.—Wednesday before Easter.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

February 9.—Julia Grace Baugh.
14.—Mary Hall Elliott.
16.—Phyliss Douglas Cochran.
28.—Mary H. Pancoast.
28.—Katherine Kennedy.
28.—Elizabeth D. Ertel.
28.—Sydney Gregory.
28.—Harry C. Kelso.
28.—Margaret E. Brown.

MARRIAGES.

January 5.—Jay Myers Kyle and Dorothy Chalmers.
February 20.—Frank E. Reeves and Nina M. Craig.
22.—Herbert U. Gulager and May C. Kyle.

BURIALS.

February 1.—Sutan Brechinneed.
5.—John Dankelman.
4.—Richard L. Randall.
13.—Elizabeth Heim.
26.—Emma F. Dougherty.

Persons Recently Confirmed.

Harry C. Kelso.
Randolp Sailer.
Mabel Watson.
Kate Parsons.
Rosa M. Will.
Helen Weaver McCausland.
James William McCausland.
Gertrude B. Kertchner.
Viola Johnson Downward.
Samuel F. Tompkins.
Warren S. Hood.
Elizabeth Doretta Ertel.
Victoria Florence Gray.

Dorothy Minster.
Audrey Eugenie Anthony.
Florence Madalene Krimmel.
Katherine Tomlinson.
Lillian Brown.
Lillian Eloise Clift.
Estelle E. Rose.
Mary Elisabeth Myers.
Mary Howell Parsons.
Florence H. Elsner.
Katherine Kennedy.
James W. Rice.
Sydney Richard Gregory.
Harry Thomas Sutherland.
James Rudolph Merchant.
David Charles Armhold.
John Henry Ahtes.
William J. C. Brattell.
Robert T. Boyd, Jr.

Speakers at the Noonday Lenten Services

MARCH 1-5:
Rev. Randolph H. McKim, LL.D., Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C.

6, SATURDAY:
Rev. John H. Chapman, St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill.

8-12:
Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross, D.D., Union Theological Seminary.

13, SATURDAY:
Rev. Joseph H. Earp, St. Paul's Memorial Church.

15-19:
Rev. J. Howard Melish, Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.

20, SATURDAY:
Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton, St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, Pa.

22-26:
Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D.D., Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.

27:
Rev. James B. Halsey, St. Timothy's, Roxboro.

29, 30, 31:
Rt. Rev. Theodotus Capers, Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas.

APRIL 1, 2:
Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

3:
Rev. Wm. Y. Edwards, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Holy Week Services.

Monday.—10.00 A. M., 12.30 Noon, 5.00 P. M.
Tuesday.—10.00 A. M., 12.30 Noon, 5.00 P. M.
Wednesday.—10.00 A. M., 12.30 Noon, 5.00 P. M.
Maundy Thursday.—10.00 A. M., 12.30 Noon, 5.00 P.M., Holy Communion; 8.00 P. M., Holy Communion Service for Mothers' Meeting.
Good Friday.—10.30 A. M., 12.30 Noon, and 5.00 P. M.
Saturday.—10.00 A. M., 12.30 Noon.
Easter Sunday.—8.00 A. M., Holy Communion; 11.00 A. M., Holy Communion and Sermon; 4.00 P. M., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

During the Lenten Season there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday at 10.15 except on the first Sunday of the month.

Additional weekday services will be provided by the clergy if a sufficient number of persons desire them.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania has apportioned St. Stephen's Church $2,657.01 for missions this year.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—
Sunday School .....9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon .....11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address .....4.00 P. M.

MONDAY.—
Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on Monday after the first Sunday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—
Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—
The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.
Boys' Club, Juniors, 7.30 P. M.

Musical Program

MARCH 7.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E .....*Rosenthal*
Benedictus in E Flat .....*Stainer*
By Babylon's Wave .....*Gounod*
How Lovely are the Messengers, *Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E Flat .....*Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis in E Flat .....*Barnby*
O Saviour of the World .....*Goss*
Art Thou Weary? .....*Chadwick*

MARCH 14.

11 A. M.
God is a Spirit .....*Bennett*
By Babylon's Wave .....*Gounod*

4 P. M.
Bonum est in D Flat.....*Gowry*
Deus Miserеatur in A .....*Parker*
The Shadow of the Wings .....*Andrews*
Trisagon and Sanctus .....*Hawley*

MARCH 21.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B Minor .....*Buck*
Benedictus .....*Beethoven*
I Waited for the Lord .....*Mendelssohn*

4 P. M.
Magnificat in A .....*Martin*
Nunc Dimittis in A .....*Martin*
Beloved if God So Loved Us.....*Barnby*
O Come Near to the Cross .....*Gounod*

MARCH 28.

11 A. M.
Benedictus in F .....*Martin*
Beneuictus in E Flat .....*Parker*
The Palms .....*Fause*

4 P. M.
Bonum est .....*Mammat*
Benedic Anima .....*Wood*
Jerusalem .....*Parker*
When Thou Comest .....*Rossini*

THURSDAY.—
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month, at 11 A. M.

FRIDAY.—
Boys' Club, Seniors, 7.45 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

Offerings Received from February 7, 1915, Sexagesima Sunday to February 28, 1915, Second Sunday in Lent, Inclusive.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$94 53	
Parochial Maintenance	45 07	
Diocesan Missions	59 81	
Missionary Box	139 52	
Bishop Points Tyler's Work in North Dakota	2 25	
		$341 18

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$98 70	
Parochial Maintenance	110 59	
Missions	84 09	
Theological Education	15	
Our Work Among Boys	35	
Benevolent Society	30	
Episcopal Hospital	60	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	5 20	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 47	
Diocesan Missions, Rec'd. through the Rector and Envelopes	644 23	
Foreign Missions	2 18	
Missionary Box	25 52	
Indian Missions	05	
Sunday School	30	
		$973 73
		$1314.91

SUMMARY.

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Parochial Maintenance	155 66
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Benevolent Society	30
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Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 47	
Diocesan Missions	704 04	
Foreign Missions	2 18	
Missionary Box	165 04	
Indian Missions	05	
Sunday School	30	
Bishop Points Tyler's Work in North Dakota	2 25	
		$1314 91

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Money received for Bishop Tyler's work in North Dakota to help build the Chapel for Paul Yellow Bear:

Mrs. Albert Pancoast	$20 00
Geo. G. Omerly	25 00
Charles L. McKeehan	25 00
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Judson	10 00
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	10 00
Miss Alice M. Hutchings	5 00
Mrs. Adelaide V. Baunner	5 00
Mrs. Annie D. Arrison	5 00
Mrs. Jackson	5 00
Unknown	5 00
Miss Swift	5 00
Mrs. J. E. Grammer	4 00
Miss Eccles	1 00
Unknown	50
Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor	25 00
Mrs. E. Armstrong	1 00
William H. Brown	1 00
Miss Elisabeth C. Washington	5 00
Mr. John Stevens	1 00
	$152 50

1915 Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50.

St. Stephen's Day, Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Annunciation, Ascension Day, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

Jan. 3.—Mrs. Colket.
10.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mrs. Ernst.
24.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
31.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 7.—Miss Van Dusen.
14.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
21.—Miss Gebhart.
28.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 7.—Miss M. Wallace.
14.—Mrs. Clemens.
21.—Mrs. Bruner.
28.—Palm Sunday.

Apr. 4.—Easter Day.
11.—Mr. Anderson.
18.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
25.—Dr. Grammer.

May 2.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Mrs. Colket.
30.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 6.—Miss Dutilh.
13.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Miss May Miller.

July 4.—Mr. Colket.
11.—Mrs. Nicholson.
18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
25.—Miss Lindenmayer.

Aug. 1.—Mr. Clayton.
8.—Mrs. Heberton.
15.—Miss Wallace.
22.—Miss Laura Bell.
29.—Miss H. Shellenberger.

Sept. 5.—Mrs. Lane.
12.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mr. James T. Lineaweaver.
26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 3.—Miss Laura Bell.
10.—Miss Maulsby.
17.—Mrs. Sheble.
24.—Girls' Friendly Society.
31.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
7.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Miss Eisenbrey.
28.—Mrs. Atmore.

Dec. 5.—Miss Davis.
12.—Miss Eisenbrey.
19.—Mrs. Petry.
26.—Miss Emily Bell.

Owing to a mistake the list for 1914 was published in the February PARISH NEWS.

A Financial Statement and Appeal.

The income for the expenses of St. Stephen's is derived from three sources: first, from the interest on our endowments; secondly, from the pew rents, and thirdly, from the envelopes. There is a mistaken and hurtful notion abroad that our endowments are sufficient to maintain the Church and that St. Stephen's is in no need of helpers. The interest on our endowments will not pay one third of our expenses this year. Those who are interested in St. Stephen's and in all that it stands for in the Episcopal Church and in this city are urged to take pews or sittings and so assist the Vestry in meeting their responsibilities. Every communicant or regular attendant should accept a package of envelopes. Those who can not afford the regular price of sittings are urged to speak to Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., who will be glad to assign them seats with the understanding that they will do their part through the envelopes. A religion for which we make no sacrifice is a religion of little power to sustain or console. The following letter has been sent to everyone who is not on our lists, or is not using the system regularly. If you have not received it and do not use the system, please let the rector know:

MY DEAR PARISHIONER:

System is as necessary in the Church as in secular affairs. It forms good habits, and it also produces results of value. Even the most spontaneous acts, such as prayer, need to be cultivated and performed according to some rule. This principle holds good of our giving. Only by regularity can we gain the habit of worshiping the Lord with our substance, or give a worthy amount to the maintenance and extension of the Church. To attain these important ends we have the Duplex Envelopes at St. Stephen's.

The system has worked well; but we can do much better. There are many who have not accepted the boxes or make no use of them; others who have taken them use them only fitfully. Let us resolve this year that every envelope in our box shall carry an offering into the Church's treasury. Let us try to put something into each pocket every Sunday. Thirdly, Let us endeavor to get every one in the Church to accept a package of envelopes.

Let us give according to our abilities: the poorer members not discouraged by the necessary smallness of their gifts, and the richer not wearied by the number of the demands that come upon them from many quarters, but giving as God hath prospered them.

The money placed in the pocket marked simply "Missions" will go to the Apportionment. $2,657.01 are asked of St. Stephen's for this object, from Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary and congregation. Let us do our best. The Board of Missions assumed definite obligations and looks to us to aid in their fulfilment. May God give us the spirit of liberality. Let us not economize in our charities; but let us sacrifice our pleasure and self-indulgences for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

If you are willing to co-operate won't you sign the enclosed card, and return it to me at your earliest convenience in the self-addressed envelope which you will find enclosed?

Your friend and rector,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

A Need at the Farm.

Now that the Vernal Equinox is approaching, and the sun is climbing higher in the skies, our thoughts turn to the Farm, and the needs of our establishment there. The new bath room was a great improvement last summer, and it would be splendid if we could continue the good work by putting in a new range. Fire and water are two great essentials of life. Our tanks and bath rooms are fine: but our old range is inadequate and a source of trouble. A fine double oven range can be purchased and put in for $110. Gifts for this object will be heartily welcome. Perhaps some warm hearted person may give us the whole sum. It is a benefaction that will reach many people.

On Quinquagesima Sunday, the Church was presented by Mrs. Henry P. Taylor with a new purple altar cloth, together with antipendia, stoles and book marks to match. All are beautiful and richly decorative. The Altar Cloth in particular is a fine and costly work of art. The thistles upon it are most exquisitely shaded and very artistically disposed. While the lily, the symbol of purity, has long been the favorite flower for altar decorations, there is much to be said for the thistle. Christianity came as a

message to the lowly and no plant is more lowly than the humble thistle. What an admirable symbol it is of duty, so painful if half-heartedly assayed, but so prompt to reward courage. The emblem on our decorations should bring to mind Tennyson's lines in the ode to Wellington on the path of duty:

"He that walks it, only thirsting
For the right, and learns to deaden
Love of self, before his journey closes,
He shall find the stubborn thistle bursting
Into glossy purples, which outredden
All voluptuous garden roses.
He that ever following her commands
On with toil of heart and knees and hands
Thro' the long gorge to the far light has won,
His path upwards and prevailed,
Shall find the toppling crags of Duty scaled
Are close upon the shining table-lands
To which our God Himself is moon and sun."

I should like to connect those lines in your minds with the new hangings; but it may be that I shall not succeed in establishing that connection. Of this, however, I am more confident, and that is that wherever Mrs. Taylor is known people will think of her with respect softened by affection, and with an affection that is made uplifting by respect.

Malcolm M. Coppuck.

By the sudden death of Mr. Coppuck on the morning of February 26, St. Stephen's lost one of its most faithful attendants. About six years ago he came to our church, taking with great liberality a pew in the middle aisle, though there were only two in his household. If he was in town, and in reasonably good health he could be counted on to occupy that pew at both the Sunday services. In spite of his great age it took more than a rainstorm, or frozen pavements to keep him away. He loved the courts of the Lord's house. He was the oldest employé of the city at the time of his death, and had reached his 82d year, but there was always a certain buoyancy about him to the end. At heart he was an artist. He showed predominance of this bias in a certain detachment from the sordid side of existence, as well as in his devotion to the arts that embellish life. Though he was a painstaking official, a perfect mine of information about his bureau, his energy and interests could not be exhausted or bound down to his departmental tasks. In his earlier days he sang a fine bass, and belonged to an excellent choir. At one time he used to give public readings. His taste in art carried him beyond the sterile realm of criticism into the fruitful region of practise. His home was adorned by the tasteful productions of his brush and pencil. Of these accomplishments he made no display, for he was a man of great modesty, and also of a certain lightness of touch that made anything like pomposity or parade impossible. The sweetness of his nature was shown in his criticisms which always took the form of appreciations. His commendations were, however, full of discrimination and insight, as for example he never failed to emphasize in his analysis of any reading the supreme importance of correct emphasis. It is pleasant to recall that St. Stephen's with its fine choir, its exquisite memorials, and dignified service was a congenial home to him. His love for the Episcopal Church was strong and intelligent. Her ways were to him ways of pleasantness. He had no desire to see her conformed to an Italian pattern. Neither did he like the army of the Lord to move without any regular order. He wanted the Christian host to march along, keeping step, the band playing and the banners waving. He had the gift of making friends, and soon became a dear and valued friend of his rector. The reality and depth of his piety was shown in his fortitude in trial and in the consistency of his life. In the supreme crisis of our national existence, he came to the assistance of his country and fought to preserve the integrity of the Nation. True patriot, loyal church member, congenial and affectionate friend, greatly will he be missed.

It is an additional bereavement that his cousin, Miss Coppuck will return to Mount Holly, N. J., now that his home is broken up, and we shall lose from our midst one who had made for herself a place in the affection and activities of the congregation. May she often revisit us.

Sunday School Notes.

The visit of Mr. Tewfik Hararah, the Syrian refugee, to our school, with his interesting story of his country and the persecution of his people, and the address of Bishop Tyler, of North Dakota, to our scholars has filled us full of the missionary spirit, and we expect good results to be shown in offerings to be made in our Lenten Boxes. We hope to record at our Easter Carol service at least $250.

It is particularly cheering to visit the Rector's Confirmation Class and see so many of our older boys as well as an even greater number of the older girls of the school attentive to the instructions preparatory to their full admission to membership in the church. This fine fruitage of the year's work and study makes the clergy, the teachers and officers very happy.

The Junior Brotherhood.

At a recent Communion service of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, held at St. Stephen's Church, at 8 A. M., some 80 older boys assembled with the Bishop. We were represented by two delegates.

On March 16th, in the Guild Room, there will be held a supper and meeting of all the directors and leaders of Junior Brotherhood work in this Diocese. Our Director, as President of the Junior Department, will preside. Mr. Edmund B. McCarthy, president of the Philadelphia Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will make an address with others of the Junior Committee.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The mild weather that has just passed has been a great boon to the poor for the reason that the coal baskets have been empty which could not be filled; and yet many a larder has been empty too.

There are so many of the unemployed that it is a wonder how their families can obtain sufficient to eat.

One little boy who was anxious to help his father, who was out of work, found a place where he could sell candy after school. It was in a moving picture show and he could make ten per cent. commission. The proprietor put a white jacket on him and filled his tray and the little boy went out with a heart full of happiness. The first day he made thirteen cents; another day eighteen cents, all of which he carried joyfully to his father. At last great luck came to him,—he actually made fifty cents, as two young men came to him for candy and gave him a half dollar to change. When he reported this fact to the proprietor he was informed that the coin was a counterfeit and he was told he must accept the counterfeit for his wages. The poor boy's heart was broken. Children's troubles are very real and the sorrow of that night so weighed on his little soul that it destroyed his faith in humanity. It was such a blow to him to think that he would have to face his parents and tell them of his bitter disappointment.

A waitress in one of the department stores earns $3.50 a week, plus the fees which she formerly was accustomed to receive, but now there is very little given in fees and fewer people are taking luncheons and she is now asked to take a day off now and then. She has two children to support and they could not come to Sunday School as they did not have suitable clothes, but we were fortunate in being able to get some for them from our Garment Society.

Another pitiful case is that of a man dying with tuberculosis. He has a wife and three young children. When able, he held a position in a printing office but had to give it up about Christmas time on account of his failing health. All this family has to depend upon is the $5.00 a week which one of his children is able to earn. They are getting behind in their rent too, I am sorry to say.

These are only a few of the many, many cases that need assistance, and we have very little money with which to help them.

K. H. Lewis.

The congregation's attention is called to the chief missionary magazine of the Church—*The Spirit of Missions*. The late Bishop Whitaker used to say, "People care so little about missions, because they know so little about them." The missionary magazine of the Church records the greatest enterprise in

the world—the advance of Christ's Kingdom among nations. Every church family should subscribe for it. Published by the Board of Missions, 281 Fourth avenue, New York.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their next meeting March 17th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

At one of the meetings it was voted to give Miss Townsend a small donation towards the digging of the well in North Dakota for St. Elizabeth's school, for all the water used for drinking and other purposes had to be carried four miles.

During the past month the King's Daughters have been busy making bibs and outing skirts for the Day Nursery and the hospitals. On February 3d they had the pleasure of having Miss Rogers, treasurer of the Philadelphia County Union of King's Daughters, visit the circle and give the members some idea of the many and varied ways in which other circles are working "In His Name." Before closing the meeting, tea and crackers were served, and all who were present felt repaid for coming out on such a stormy night.

During Lent the King's Daughters will sew on garments for the Aid Society, and will be very much pleased to welcome any who would care to help sew.

BERTHA TUDOR WALSHE,
Secretary.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received:

From Miss Laura Bell	$1 00
From Miss N. E. Schaeffer	1 50
From Mr. Wm. Hasenpat	5 00
Money from those receiving shoes	3 90
Total	$11 40
Expended in February and last of January	6 15
	$5 25

A large box of gentlemen's shoes have been received from the Misses Magee.

Have given out in February, 15 pairs of shoes and 8 pairs of overshoes.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were thirty-seven members present at the February meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The committees all had full reports of work done and help given by St. Stephen's. The Treasurer reported a balance of $44.96, and Miss Anna Magee reported $18. collected towards the United Offering during the last month.

Miss Anna Magee offered a resolution of thanks to our dear Mrs. H. P. Taylor, for her generous gift of The Altar Cloth. It is a beautiful and an appropriate memorial for St. Stephen's Altar, where it will be used at the services during the Lenten season.

Bishop Tyler, of North Dakota, was our speaker. There are four Reservations in North Dakota representing a population of twelve thousand Indians. At Fort Berthold the Church Mission is only a mud hut, and Bishop Tyler hopes to raise $700 with which to put up a comfortable frame building. The Auxiliary voted him $25, and Dr. Grammer gave him $25.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish House March 18th, at eleven o'clock, when it is hoped to have Miss Sarah Conway make an address, telling of her work in Liberia.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR,
Secretary.

St. Martha's Fair.

St. Martha's Fair sends a notice thanking St. Stephen's for her part in the fair and informs us that after all expenses were met the proceeds were $8,600. Of this St. Stephen's share as reported is $447.51. Owing to some late payments several dollars were sent in at the last moment so our share was really $450. We hoped that we could raise nearly five hundred dollars and we feel that we have come near the high mark we set for ourselves, for which we are sincerely grateful to all our helpers.

M. W. P. GRAMMER.

The Church Periodical Club held an all-day conference at the Church House on Thursday, February 25, when sixty representatives of parish branches met for exchange of experience, encouragement and inspiration in their work, beginning at nine o'clock with the Holy Communion with the Bishop as celebrant. It was regretted that Miss Fisher, the Diocesan Librarian, could not be present on account of illness. Miss Thomas, Executive Secretary of the central office, attended all day, and was most helpful in her suggestions, answers to questions, and address describing the workings of the central office.

If all the parishioners of all the churches could have heard the words of appreciation of this work, coming from the recipients of the literature sent out, and from our bishops and clergymen who are co-operating, they would immediately be passing on their good magazines.

If you have any that you are willing to send regularly each month, or, next best, any "strays" (but not over three or four months old), books, music—church or secular—Victrola records that you have no room for, send a postal to the Librarian of St. Stephen's Branch, Miss E. H. Smith, 225 South 40th street(or telephone Preston 3109W) and she will tell you what to do with them.

There is a girls' school in South Dakota that would much like to receive *The Designer* regularly. A clergyman wants the *Literary Digest,* and one more *Spirit of Missions* could be used.

A Letter from Mrs. Ancell.

KULING, CHINA.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

There are so many to whom I want to send greetings and a little report of our work in Yangchow that I am taking advantage of the vacation time to write you a joint letter, for the busy days of regular work in Yangchow leave scant time for writing.

Mr. Ancell and I have had a very enjoyable four weeks together in this lovely spot in the mountains; he left last Saturday, and I expect to follow next week.

Even here in this out of the way spot we are much excited about the war news, and get the daily telegrams reporting the progress of events. It is hard to realize in this peaceful spot that such things can be going on in the world. We await with interest the results in China itself as well as in Europe.

The past year has been a very busy one but with much to encourage in the work. The new chapel for the boys' school was completed in time to use when the term began in September, 1913, and has proved such a joy and blessing. The new dormitory for the boys' school was completed at Christmas time so that this past term we have had seventy-six boys. The boys' day school was full, too, with thirty-four boys, and in the girls' day school, also a new building, completed in time for the last term's use, we had twenty pupils. The new building for our girls' boarding school was just about completed when we left in July, and we are expecting to open this school September 9th. We will be able to accommodate about twenty-five girls but do not know yet how many will come to us at the start.

Last September we were made glad by the coming of two new ladies for our station. Mr. Sinclair returned from furlough with his bride, and Miss Althea Bremer—a graduate of the Woman's College of Baltimore—came to prepare for the girls' boarding school work. During this first year of her language study she has been such a help in the boys' school by teaching two English classes a day.

It has been encouraging to see many of the boys in the boarding and day schools come out on the side of Christianity. Several have been confirmed, and a number more baptized and there are many inquirers. Three little girls in the day school gave their names as inquirers in June—the first to come from the girls' school.

One of the pleasures in the year's work has been the forming of a boys' choir from among the Christian boys of the boarding school. They have done very well and it has added much to the dignity and helpfulness of our Sunday service to have this choir.

The little band of Christian women have been so faithful in coming to their weekly class for the study of character, and some of them are learning to read. Last February I had the joy of having a Bible-woman come to help me in the work; she was a Soochow woman so has had to learn a new dialect, but she has studied hard and is able to make herself understood quite easily now. She has been such a help already. The social work among the women, mostly from the families who have boys and girls in the schools, has taken two afternoons a week. On Tuesdays I am always

"at home" to the Chinese ladies after lunch, and have anywhere from five to forty callers—and once this spring I had seventy-five. The women seem to enjoy coming and often stay two or three hours.

After the usual tea and refreshments have been served and we have talked about the weather, local conditions in Yangchow, politics, schools, etc., they are delighted to look at pictures, especially some stereoscopic views of Palestine, listen to the piano, and look at its inside workings, and make a tour of the house, especially of the bedrooms where they are always interested in the foreign beds and the bath tubs and the mirrors! A Chinese woman rarely sees herself in a glass larger than a good sized hand glass—and when she has a chance to see herself in a full length mirror, the effect is often comical to watch! The frequency with which the foreigner uses the bath tub is always a matter of comment, and a daily bath —"even in winter"—is quite beyond their comprehension!

Often there is time and opportunity for some serious conversation, on these "at home" afternoons, but the real object of these occasions is to get on friendly terms with the ladies who come, that it may open the way to more important things later. The Christian women often come and help me with these social occasions, and now that I have a Bible-woman she always comes to help. During the winter I have entertained in this way over three hundred ladies and children, with their thirty-five servants.

On Wednesday afternoon I return as many of these visits as I can, though of course I cannot begin to return them all. One Wednesday a month, instead of going out to pay calls, I have an evangelistic meeting for women in the little chapel of our women's building, an old Chinese house adapted for the purpose. My Chinese teacher is busy for days before writing the personal invitations to this meeting of which we send out fifty or sixty to the friends made through this social work. The ladies are invited to come to the women's rooms at 2.30 to "drink tea" and afterwards attend a meeting; refreshments are served and a social hour spent most pleasantly. Then when all have arrived they are invited into the chapel and a simple Gospel service is held. The Christian women help in these meetings and the non-Christian women listen most attentively. We usually have an attendance of from forty-five to sixty.

How I wish I could take you into our Sunday schools, of which we have two. At 9.30 Sunday morning we have an orderly Sunday school made up of the pupils of our boys' and girls' day schools, with an enrollment of fifty-four, and in the afternoon a Sunday school for the little children who live all around us, mostly very poor children. Here we have from eighty to one hundred and twenty, such a restless, ragged, dirty-faced lot with sore eyes and heads, but oh! so bright and with such infinite possibilities for good! It would warm your hearts to hear and *see* the zeal with which they sing "Jesus loves me" and "Precious Jewels." The Christian boys from the schools and the Christian women help in teaching these children, and it is splendid training for them to have a share in this work.

Here in Kuling this summer we have had a most interesting and helpful convention, taking a week, on the subject of "Evangelism." Reports from all over China seem to indicate how ripe the time is for a large and widespread evangelistic movement. Splendid results were reported from the meetings held last fall for students in the government schools by Mr. Mott and Mr. Eddy, as a result of which some four thousand students have this past winter been gathered into classes for regular Bible study; and some thirteen hundred have connected themselves with the different churches. There are several large campaigns planned for this coming fall and winter for both men and women in government schools, especially in Fukien Province—where most careful and prayerful preparations are being made for conserving the results by preparing a large number of native Christians to take Bible classes, so that as many as possible of those who attend the meetings and manifest interest shall afterwards be gathered into classes for regular Bible study. Will you not follow this work with your prayers and pray for a rich ingathering during the coming months?

My love and greetings go to you all—I am only sorry that time and strength forbid my sending this message to each of you in a more personal form.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANCES P. ANCELL.

Mrs. B. L. Ancell,
Yangchow, China.

The Unitarians and Mr. Sunday.

The opposition of Mr. Sunday to the Unitarians is easy to understand for while his spirit is broad his theology is narrow and intolerant; but the campaign that the Unitarians are waging against him, and also against Orthodoxy, if I may use that term, is more extraordinary. To those who know Unitarianism only through Channing, and Martineau, it will be incomprehensible that a liberal theology should be advocated in such a narrow spirit. But there are in truth, or perhaps I should say there were, really two schools of Unitarianism, the one represented in America by Channing, and the other by Theodore Parker. The former school is more positive and constructive, the latter more negative and destructive. The former is sympathetic with the spirit of the churches, the latter is more closely allied to the Ethical Societies. The coryphaeus of the latter school, Theodore Parker, stood aloof in scornful and amazed disdain from the religious revival that swept over America in his day, a revival in which a liberal inside the Church like Henry Ward Beecher heartily joined. The spirit of the scornful Parker, rather than mild and healing temper of Martineau seems to possess the Unitarianism of Philadelphia at this time. How far they are out of touch with one of their own wisest and most saintly prophets can be seen in the following quotation from James Martineau's biography, pp. 218-222:

Many of us conceive that little practical importance is to be attached to the numerical distribution of the Godhead in the conceptions of men; and that while the moral and personal qualities which they venerate and trust and aspire to imitate, are truly august and divine, it is of small moment by what name or names they may be called. I cordially subscribe to a sentiment in a sermon preached before the Association on Wednesday, viz., that our Trinitarian brethren in their devotions, bow, like ourselves, before the mental image of an infinite perfection. If so, and if the real object of every man's worship be the conception of Deity in his own mind, then must two persons, standing before the same vision of perfection, both exercise the same devotion, both revere the Holy and Divine, whatever name they may pronounce, and whatever number they may annex. Admit the idea within to be the same, and the whole question becomes one of mere names. We, who have our descent from forefathers of Calvinistic belief—who pride ourselves on their heroism and their faith—who, confessing that they had not the nobility of rank, boast of their better nobility of conscience, should be the last to deny the tendency of the system from which we are now estranged, to produce great and most excellent minds. And to admit this is to damp all the fuel of sectarian zeal. . . . .

I confess that I cannot attribute our want of progress, as a sect, to defective ecclesiastical arrangements, so much as to the spirit of our religious system, and to the state of mind in which that system has it origin and support. The one great function of a religious body is, I apprehend, to generate *faith*—an absolute reliance that is upon *internal* convictions and truths of religion and morals, in opposition to *external* expediencies,—an undoubting self-abandonment, in action and affection, to some great idea worth living and dying for. Every sect has prospered, and deserved to prosper, in proportion as it has produced this disposition; it has failed and deserved to fail, in proportion as it has produced the opposite, and excited the critical, sceptical, disorganizing temper. Moral power appears to me to develop itself in the transition from unbelief to belief, and to disappear in the change from belief to unbelief; depending much less than we are apt to suppose on the absolute truth and logical consistency of the opinions embraced. To this fact, all the great moral revolutions in the history of civilization seem to bear witness. . . .

With these views of the true office of a body of religious reformers, I cannot but lament that Unitarianism has a sceptical origin: that it began with dissuasives from belief, removing successively objects of human veneration and reliance, and, on the whole, characterized in the eyes of others by its success in proving how few things need be regarded as wonderful and divine. To this spirit, impressed upon our system at first, we are indebted for such accessions of adherents as it receives. The doubters and unbelievers of other and less reasonable churches constitute the new forces of our own: we grow by men's lapses from their previous convictions; and thus a critical, cold, and untrusting temper becomes silently diffused, unfavourable to high enterprise and deep affections. Moreover, when at length this spirit vanishes, and the genuine sentiments of personal religion acquire power, their effect upon our consolidation, as a sect, is the very reverse of their action in orthodox churches. With those who esteem error to be no less fatal than sin, the growth of piety inflames sectarian zeal; with us, who attach no terrors to the involuntary mistakes of the sincere, it is otherwise: the pure

perceptions and natural instincts of the pious heart detect and love the good and great in the spirit of other churches; becoming more devout in mind, we feel ourselves not *more*, but far *less* discriminated from the true Christian of every faith; and our sectarian zeal undergoes inevitable decline. And, thus as a mere theological denomination, we profit by the scepticism of other sects, and lose by the piety of our own. Conceiving, then, that the causes of our defective social influence lie thus deep, I have no sanguine expectations from any principle of sectarian union or schemes of mechanical organization. The proper use of organization, surely, is to direct into proper channels and reduce to a steady and calculable power, an exuberant energy and wild force already existing. But it can create nothing; the symmetrical aggregation of dead atoms can kindle no life; and the spontaneous vigour of our separate churches must, I apprehend, be much increased before they have a superfluity of power to shed upon the weak and the depressed. . . .

We should turn our attention, I respectfully suggest, not to orthodoxy, which has a faith and is satisfied with it, but to indifference, and unbelief and sin, which have it not and are satisfied without it. On these we should make aggression, in the power of our positive religion, bearing down upon them with the persuasion of the Divine Paternity, and Human Brotherhood, under the sense of the sanctity of duty and the grandeur of immortality. We should deal with them with singleness of aim, as if left alone with them in God's world to cure them,—as if unconscious of the presence of other sects. Permitting an activity thus to flow, not from our perception of the false, but from our persuasion of the true, our own spirit of disinterestedness would grow; we should acquire more noble faith ourselves, and thus win the only title God bestows to meddle with the faith of others. The sole case in which, I conceive the employment of proselytizing missionaries is desirable, is when the popular systems of Christianity have produced an uneasy, sceptical, and irreligious state of mind, and we can therefore go forth to construct, not to destroy, to reassure and not to unsettle, to replace the barrenness of doubt and aversion by the divine fertility of love and trust.

Dr. Martineau still further elaborates his position in a letter, pp. 224-226:

I by no means think all sorts of faith equally excellent, irrespective of their success in approximating to the truth. Nevertheless, I do think the distinction between *faith* and *no-faith* incomparably more important than that between one kind of faith and another; and in the gradation of excellence should arrange them thus—1st, true faith; 2nd, false faith; 3rd, no faith at all; regarding the second not so much in the light of a palliative evil, as in that of a limited good. In order to explain this, I would distinguish between physical or scientific truth, and religious or mysterious truth. The former of these being necessarily finite and calculable, is appreciable by human faculties, and the mind may have a precise representation within itself of the reality, and the conception of any scientific fact that is *not true*, is inevitably false, so that the understanding would be in a better state without such conception. But religious truth, having reference solely to things infinite, is surely inappreciable by our minds. It belongs to deeps beyond our experience. And neither nature nor revelation can enable us to think correctly of that which transcends the limits of the very souls they condescend to teach. Our truest faiths, then, are in—not the truth, but our most happy modes of representing the still absent truth to ourselves; modes either self-acquired, or imparted by revelation. All these modes are but symbols of the great reality; more or less noble, solemn, sublime; and in this respect only, more or less true. For all are but substitutes or approximations replacing in our finite minds the infinitude that cannot enter them. Hence it appears to me that neither absolute truth, nor absolute falsehood, but only comparative excellence, can be predicated of any form of religious belief prevalent among us; and while we all of us *misconceive* the reality, they only *contradict* it who have no *faith*. Others may form but poor and unworthy ideas of things infinite, but these alone say 'there is no infinite,'—a notion which, amid all the creeds which miss the truth, can alone be called the belief of a lie,—of the most gigantic of lies. The least approach or tendency to this condition of mind, the least check to the feelings of trust and worship, the lapse towards a state of negation in religion, I regard as a profounder error than can take place within the limits of any Christian form of faith. Hence my aversion to proselytising. It is impossible to carry on this work without disorganising a man's present faith; and it is so much more certain that you will produce disbelief of what he has venerated, than belief of anything more worthy of reverence, that if I saw his faith quietly sanctifying his heart and life, I would let it alone, though it differed from that I loved myself; not, you observe, because I think error will do as well as truth, but because I suspect that his present state of mind, with all its errors, may yet be truer than any which I can substitute by a process involving the perils of a disintegrated faith.

Experience, moreover, appears to me to teach that there is a relation which it is very dangerous to disturb, between the general condition of a man's mind and character, and the particular form of faith which he adopts; and that his belief spontaneously adjusts itself to his moral and spiritual wants. On religious subjects the vital truth or falsehood of a faith seems to me to depend upon this relation, rather than to be a thing extrinsic to it and absolute; so that if we could look at another's creed not with our eyes, but with his, we should see it *true*, not *false*. And conversely, if we were to turn out his creed, and put in our own instead,—not being able to give him our mental eye—the coloured glass of our thought and affection,—through which to view it, we might present him with that which, by the very attempt at transference, passed from truth into error. For myself, the more I study the beliefs of those from whom I differ, not in the spirit of controversy but of sympathy, the more I endeavour to seize the point of view and feeling of those who hold them, the more do I see of essential sanctifying heart-truth in them, though the form into which they are thrown is one to which neither my reason nor my interpretation of Scripture can yield assent. I rejoice with thanksgiving that they can do for others what they cannot do for me. With this conception, that all Christian faiths are but symbols of unapproachable realities, I do not expect that there will be any ultimate and universal agreement in one form of doctrine. There seem to me to be foundations in the very constitution of our minds for different modes of thinking on the same great subjects. For example, the doctrine of Free-will, and that of Necessity, are as old as human speculation, and have made no approach to any settlement. They represent, and surely will always maintain, two schools of religious sentiment, each fulfilling an important function, and finding congenial minds. Indeed, to every object of mystic contemplation there are an infinite number of sides, and it is much if our poor minds can even fix a full gaze on *one*. How, then, should there not be many views? God grant us all some true glimpse, to guide us through a world which else has little light!

With such a Unitarianism I feel a deep sympathy, nay further to its teachers I owe a debt of great respect and gratitude. But such Unitarianism would not advertise itself by printing attacks on the Virgin Birth, or by opening a temporary bureau in opposition to a religious campaign however much its leader might have attacked them elsewhere.

The ethics of business is that a salesman may praise his own goods, but must not defame the products of other firms. Hostile criticism of other religious teachers is both illiberal and unethical, however advanced in theology the critics may be and whether they be Unitarians or Episcopalians. People cannot be narrow and broad at the same time.

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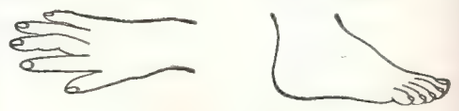
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas. Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Brown, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch, Miss Elsie F. Clair.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.
Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

BOYS' CLUB.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary.—Theodore Hein.
Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Anna Farrell.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 *to* 11, *and the rest of the week, daily,* 11 *to* 12. *Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan,* 801 *Spruce Street, at any time.*

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April* 26, 1855, *requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 1.—Maundy Thursday.
2.—Good Friday.
3.—Easter Even.
4.—Easter Day.
5.—Monday in Easter Week.
6.—Tuesday in Easter Week.
11.—First Sunday after Easter.
18.—Second Sunday after Easter.
25.—St. Mark, Evangelist.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

March 14.—Margaret Louise Kelley.
19.—Mary Edna Dodge.

MARRIAGES.

March 1.—Ashton S. Tourison, Jr., and Edith Shellenberger.
5.—Frank Joseph Reis and Isabella Walls.
20.—William Harold Poore and Emily Bailey Warren.

BURIALS.

March 1.—Malcom M. Coppuck.
6.—Adam Neeley.
10.—George W. Fitler, Jr.
19.—Hettie Oldden.

Offerings Received from March 3, 1915, Noon Day Lenten Service, to March 28, 1915, Palm Sunday, Inclusive.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$13 60	
Parochial Maintenance	49 89	
Missionary Box	171 98	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	42 63	
Colored Missions	69 63	
Bishop's Offering	51 63	
Bishop John Points Tyler's Work in North Dakota	10 00	
Rt. Rev. William Theodotus Capers, D.D. work in West Texas	93 26	
		$502 62

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$105 90
Parochial Maintenance	146 10
Missions	111 92
St. Stephen's Farm	2 25
Theological Education	87
Our Work Among Boys	2 49
Benevolent Society	2 64

Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	2 24	
Episcopal Hospital	1 17	
S. S. Christmas Festival	2 43	
Domestic Missions	74 79	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 22	
Diocesan Missions	1 62	
Foreign Missions	1 22	
Colored Missions	26 49	
Missionary Box	4 50	
Indian Missions	88	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	46 01	
City Missions	2 24	
Deaconess House	87	
Sunday School	2 49	
		$540 34
		$1042 96

SUMMARY.

Charities	$119 50
Parochial Maintenance	195 99
Missions	111 92
Missionary Box	176 48
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	88 64
Colored Missions	96 12
St. Stephen's Farm	2 25
Theological Education	87
Our Work Among Boys	2 49
Benevolent Society	2 64
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	2 24
Episcopal Hospital	1 17
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Domestic Missions	74 79
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 22
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Foreign Missions	1 22
Indian Missions	88
City Missions	2 24
Deaconess House	87
Sunday School	2 49
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	$1042 96

JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

Offerings Received During the Church's Financial Year, from April 1, 1914, Noon Day Lenten Service, to March 28, 1915, Palm Sunday, Inclusive.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$357 65
Parochial Maintenance	465 99
Missions	93 29
St. Stephen's Farm	199 48
Theological Education	11 21
Our Work Among Boys	17 10
Benevolent Society	31 71
Episcopal Hospital	60 20
S. S. Christmas Festival	36 97
Aged and Infirm Clergy	47 74
Diocesan Missions	59 81
Foreign Missions	35 69
Missionary Box	358 85
Indian Missions	20 03
Easter Decorations	52 69
Bishop's Offering	51 63
City Missions	39 19
Sunday School	11 50
Bishop John Points Tyler's Work in North Dakota	12 25
Rt. Rev. William Theodotus Capers, D.D., Work in West Texas	93 26
Red Cross Society	188 64
Colored Missions	69 63
	$2314 51

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$866 66
Parochial Maintenance	1454 37
Missions	1010 74
St. Stephen's Farm	772 41
Theological Education	30 50
Our Work Among Boys	116 47
Benevolent Society	73 94
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	173 79
Episcopal Hospital	358 25
S. S. Christmas Festival	78 11
Domestic Missions	127 16
Aged and Infirm Clergy	173 58
Diocesan Missions, Rec'd Thru Envelopes and the Rector	647 65
Foreign Missions	82 52
Colored Missions	58 71
Missionary Box	31 64
Indian Missions	61 15
Easter Decoration for Church and Sunday School	139 80
City Missions	32 79
Deaconess House	87
Sunday School	93 19
	$6384 30
	$8698 81

SUMMARY.

Charities	$1224 31
Parochial Maintenance	1920 36
Missions	1104 03
St. Stephen's Farm	971 89
Theological Education	41 71
Our Work Among Boys	133 57
Benevolent Society	105 65
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	173 79
Episcopal Hospital	418 45
S. S. Christmas Festival	115 08
Domestic Missions	127 16
Aged and Infirm Clergy	221 32
Diocesan Missions	707 46
Foreign Missions	118 21
Colored Missions	128 34
Missionary Box	390 49
Indian Missions	81 18
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	192 49
City Missions	71 98
Deaconess House	87
Sunday School	104 69
Bishop's Offering	51 63
Bishop John Points Tyler's Work in North Dakota	12 25
Rt. Rev. William Theodotus Capers, D.D., Work in West Texas	93 26
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Musical Program

APRIL 4

11 A. M.

Te Deum in E Flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in E ..... *Parker*
Behold I Tell You a Mystery ..... *Wood*

4 P. M.

Gloria in Excelsis ..... *Gounod*
Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Barnby*
The Twilight Shadows Fall ..... *Wood*
Break Forth Into Joy ..... *Barnby*
Hallelujah Chorus ..... *Haendel*

APRIL 11

11 A. M. (Easter Music repeated by request).

Gloria in Excelsis ..... *Gounod*
Te Deum in E Flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in E ..... *Parker*
Behold I Tell You a Mystery ..... *Wood*
Hallelujah Chorus ..... *Haendel*

APRIL 18

11 A. M.

Te Deum in E ..... *Rosenthal*
Jubilate in B Flat ..... *Stanford*
When Thou Comest ..... *Rossini*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in E ..... *Parker*
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Parker*
Seek Ye the Lord ..... *Roberts*
Jerusalem ..... *Gounod*

APRIL 25

11 A. M.

Te Deum ..... *Stanford*
Benedictus ..... *Beethoven*
Cherubim Song ..... *Tschaikowski*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in B Flat ..... *Stainer*
Nunc Dimittis in B Flat ..... *Stainer*
God is a Spirit ..... *Bennett*
Hear My Prayer ..... *Mendelssohn*

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—

Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address ..... 4.00 P. M.

MONDAY.—

Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on first Monday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—

Committee on Shoes, Mrs. Vanderslice, 10 A. M., in the Guild Room.
Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month, in the Vestry, at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY.—

The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
The Benevolent Society from 10 A. M. to 12 M.
The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, in the Guild Room at 7.30 P. M.
First and third Wednesdays, the commended members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Supper at 6. Meeting at 7 P. M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.
Boys' Club, Juniors, 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY.—

Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M., in the Guild Room.
Miss Lewis's Dancing Class, 8 to 10 P. M., in the Sunday School building.
Woman's Auxiliary on the third Thursday in the month, at 11 A. M.

FRIDAY.—

Boys' Club, Seniors, 7.45 P. M.

SATURDAY.—

1915 Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50.

St. Stephen's Day, Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Annunciation, Ascension Day, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

Jan. 3.—Mrs. Colket.
10.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mrs. Ernst.
24.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
31.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 7.—Miss Van Dusen.
14.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
21.—Miss Gebhart.
28.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 7.—Miss M. Wallace.
14.—Mrs. Clemens.
21.—Mrs. Bruner.
28.—Palm Sunday.

Apr. 4.—Easter Day.
11.—Mr. Anderson.
18.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
25.—Dr. Grammer.

May 2.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Mrs. Colket.
30.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 6.—Miss Dutilh.
13.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Miss May Miller.

July 4.—Mr. Colket.
11.—Mrs. Nicholson.
18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
25.—Miss Lindenmayer.

Aug. 1.—Mr. Clayton.
8.—Mrs. Heberton.
15.—Miss Wallace.
22.—Miss Laura Bell.
29.—Miss H. Shellenberger.

Sept. 5.—Mrs. Lane.
12.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mr. James T. Lineaweaver.
26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 3.—Miss Laura Bell.
10.—Miss Maulsby.
17.—Mrs. Sheble.
24.—Girls' Friendly Society.
31.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
7.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Miss Eisenbrey.
28.—Mrs. Atmore.

Dec. 5.—Miss Davis.
12.—Miss Eisenbrey.
19.—Mrs. Petry.
26.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Rector's Letter.

We have great reason to thank God for a fine Lent. In many ways it has been the best series of noon-day services that we have had in St. Stephen's during my rectorship. Indeed when we bear in mind that in former years these services were joint affairs, enlisting the co-operation of the Diocesan Committee of the Brotherhood, without any Garrick theatre services near by, while now they are entirely conducted by St. Stephen's Church, and have on all sides of them similar services conducted in church and theatre, by Lutherans and Presbyterians, as well as by Episcopalians, it is not too much to say that our splendid Lenten attendance was the most remarkable in the history of the Parish. Usually there is a sag in the middle of the season, and the attendance falls off; but this Lent the Church was filled through the entire period, and the daily attendance averaged about 700.

One cause of this success was undoubtedly the splendid list of speakers, men with a real message. The presence of Dr. G. A. Johnston-Ross was a great attraction, as well as a manifestation of brotherly feeling that was generally appreciated. Another cause was the great increase of religious interest spread abroad throughout the city by the "Sunday" services at the Tabernacle. A noon-day meeting of people interested in that campaign was held through most of Lent on Market street, a few doors east of 10th street, but such

religious gatherings do not hurt the churches. The earnestness of feeling that they create, helps the cause. Our attendance grew till on Good Friday we had the people packed and banked in the galleries and aisles with an attendance of about 1,200.

Behind such a manifestation of interest there must be a reaching forth of many souls after God and Duty.

The attendance on Sundays has also shown signs of steady growth. If old members have been taken from us by death, new members have come to us by Confirmation and transfer. The Confirmation class was the largest for years, and there are still a half a dozen people awaiting Confirmation, having been prevented by various causes from being present on the day of the Episcopal visitation. If we have lost pew-holders we have also gained new ones. There is every reason to rejoice in the prospects of St. Stephen's.

This Sunday, April 11th, is the first Sunday with the new package of envelopes. There are many who use them very faithfully. But I wish that more could find it in their heart to co-operate with a system which has done so much for the Church. I take up my bound volume of the PARISH NEWS and turn to the record of offerings for March, 1907, before that system was inaugurated. March in that year included five Sundays, the last being Easter day, and the total of all the gifts was only $1,671.40, of which $724.20 was for the Farm, and $34.14 went to Parochial Maintenance. Compare this with Mr. Van Dusen's report for this past March.

Easter this year was a day when the streets were full of snow, yet our offering was $1,639, about equal to the Easter offering eight years ago, with the offerings of the four previous Sundays added to it and the Good Friday offering to boot. Truly that was an ebb tide and since that day the waters have been running in another direction.

I ought to explain (for there seems some misunderstanding on this point) that no pledge for any definite amount on each Sunday is exacted of those who accept the envelopes. All that is asked is a promise to use the envelopes faithfully.

In the very same number of the PARISH NEWS in which I find these data about the March offerings eight years ago, there is a note that Mr. James Carrigan has become our Verger. His ninth year began with us on the first of this April. Surely April played us no tricks eight years ago when it brought us James Carrigan.

Much of the money given to special appeals went directly to the Treasurer, Mr. Ewing, and did not pass through the hands of Mr. Van Dusen. The total amount given to two missionary bishops was over $500.

While I am grateful for the generous response to the moving appeals of Bishop Tyler and Bishop Capers, we must not forget that the Board of Missions has assumed definite obligations and is expecting us to help them out. $2,500—to speak in round numbers—is asked of St. Stephen's. I don't know anything that would gratify me more than raising this amount by September 1st, so that I could close the tenth year of my rectorship with the joyful and grateful consciousness that St. Stephen's had done her full share in maintaining the general missionary work of the Church. You have done magnificently in responding to special appeals and increasing your contributions to Diocesan Missions—it only remains for us to contribute more generously to the Board's general work.

During March I learnt, while on my visit to Detroit, that Miss Oldden, the secretary of our Mothers' Meeting, and one of our senior parishioners, had been taken from us by an unexpected collapse, just when she seemed to be recovering from an attack of illness. A serene and beautiful character, loving, self-controlled, wise, faithful, greatly will she be missed at the Mothers' Meeting. After her death her envelopes were sent in by her executor. She had filled them with thoughtful provision to the end. One envelope, marked "Savings for Easter," showed that she made a habit of laying aside little sums from time to time for her Easter offering. *Moriens reminiscitur Argos.*—Dying he remembered his native land, was said of a Greek hero. But Miss Oldden living bore in mind her Heavenly Citizenship, and was seeking to the end to hasten the coming of the Heavenly Kingdom. She belonged to that happy band so exquisitely described by Gray in the immortal Elegy:

Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife
Their sober wishes never learned to stray.
Along the cool sequestered vale of life.
They kept the noiseless tenor of their way.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

I learn from unofficial sources that Miss Oldden bequeathed $200 to the Benevolent Society.

Before I close this letter I should like to say a word to the stranger within our gates. There are many people who attend St. Stephen's who never really enter into the fellowship of the Church. They may be studying at the Medical College and have neither time, nor money to spare, so they may not feel equal to joining any societies. Dependent as they are on parents, they may shrink from taking the envelopes. Well, if I had a son at college I should like him to connect himself with the Church where he worshiped. I am sure that we should be delighted to get into closer touch with these attendants. I shall not in such cases say a word about the envelopes. "We seek not yours; but you." You are not yet earners—all that we ask is that you let us know of your existence by coming in and becoming acquainted.

But there are other strangers in our gates, people living in boarding houses, who would be distinctly benefited if they would take the envelopes and assume some of the responsibilities of Christian people. One of the great evils of boarding is that boarders regard themselves as exempt from public duties. A boarder may live in Philadelphia for years, and never identify himself with the community remaining a stranger in its gates to the end. This is an injury to the city and an injury to the boarder. Life is impoverished by this failure to take root, and character is weakened by avoiding burdens. No finer service could be rendered to the community than anchoring people who are drifting along. The envelopes help to this end where they are taken.

For very good reasons the annual parochial meeting is deferred till the last Monday in April, the 26th instant, at 8 o'clock. The officers of the various societies are requested to prepare their reports for that meeting. It will be appreciated if these reports are put in suitable form for publication in the May issue of the PARISH NEWS. The whole congregation is earnestly invited to attend this annual gathering.

With Easter greetings to all.

Yours cordially,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

A comedy, entitled "The Prince of Liars," will be given by the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church, for the benefit of their Mission Fund, in the Sunday School Building, in the rear of the Church, on Monday evening, April 19th, 1915, at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents. Tickets can be obtained from Mr. Carrigan.

The Church Periodical Club is grateful for the new contributors from St. Stephen's since the appeal in the last PARISH NEWS. But there are still opportunities for helping along. There are now special calls for the *Literary Digest, Cosmopolitan* and *Punch*.

Don't throw away your magazines when the family has read them; and don't give them to the Salvation Army, as they only sell them for waste paper. The Librarian, Miss E. H. Smith, 225 South 40th street, will suggest names of recipients.

The Sunday School.

After the joys of the Confirmation season, the school now looks happily forward to our Easter Carol Service on Sunday, the next after Easter, April 11th, at four P. M. The carols we are practicing each Sunday morning, under the leadership of Dr. Anthony, are certainly among the best the school has ever sung in the Church. We will be especially pleased if our many friends and all our church folk who are interested will honor us with their presence. We are also made happy in having this yearly event an occasion for the reunion of former scholars, teachers and others once interested who have moved to other parishes. We hope many will again with the same thought reunite with us at least for this afternoon.

On Tuesday evening in Holy Week, in order that our teachers and scholars might feel the importance of this sacred week, we had the Life of Christ reviewed by our Superintendent, and illustrated by over 100 beautiful lantern slides, many of which were especially painted for this occasion. Miss Nodine at the piano and Morris McCaughin with his violin made the musical part a success.

The Junior Brotherhood.

We have changed our meeting time to 9 A. M., the second and fourth Sunday of each month, with good results.

The Junior Directors of the Diocese had their Annual Dinner Meeting in our Guild Room on Tuesday, March 16th, at 6 P. M. Some forty sat down to the table, with representatives from twenty-five Junior Chapters. The speakers were Mr. McCarthy, of the Philadelphia Local Assembly; Mr. Zesinger, of Girard College; Mr. Hubbs, of St. Michael's; Mr. Brightly, of St. Simeon's, and Dr. Wilkinson, of St. Paul's Memorial, with our Junior Director presiding. Nearly every one took part in the conference which successfully followed. We are particularly grateful to the young women of the Sunday school who so graciously served the good things at the table, and to Mr. Clayton for the use of the decorative plants.

The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's has lost a valued officer in the death of Miss Oldden. At the meeting of March 18th the following minute was passed:

"The members and officers of the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church desire to express their great grief in the loss which they have sustained in the death of Miss Hettie Oldden, their treasurer and beloved friend, and their thanks to God for the privilege of having been associated with one whose lovely character and steadfast Christianity set us so noble an example.

"Her faithfulness to duty, her cheerful patience, her loving-kindness which was that which 'thinketh no evil' and 'hopeth all things'; her gentle spirit and her readiness to help in any way she could, endeared her to us all, and give us the assurance that she was and is one of those of whom our Saviour said: 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'"

MRS. HENRY P. TAYLOR, *Pres.*
ELIZABETH E. HOLMAN.

March 18, 1915.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Twenty-two members were present at the March meeting of the Auxiliary, held the 18th, in the Parish House.

We have not had much money this winter for missions, but our Committee on Colored Missions reported having sent $53 to St. Paul's School in Virginia, and Miss Townsend, of the Indian Hope Committee, has raised $20 towards the fund for the artesian well of St. Margaret's School in North Dakota.

Miss Conway, a Philadelphian, now a missionary to Liberia, was our speaker. One must indeed be divinely called when she goes to so lonely a field. Last summer Miss Conway was for six weeks the only white woman within forty miles of Roberstport. She is in St. John's School there, and in addition to her teaching the natives, she in one year treated 5,800 cases that were brought to her dispensary, and made 650 visits to the sick, often walking many miles to administer to such cases.

The women of St. Stephen's hope to send a box to Miss Conway in May. Contributions may be sent to the rectory. They want blue denim for suits for the boys and gingham for the girls and Christmas presents for them all. The Auxiliary voted $10 towards Miss Conway's work.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held April 15th, at 11 o'clock.

BEULAH EVANS HOLLAR, *Secretary.*

King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle.

Received interest from Mr. Patton's Estate, $33.41, through Mr. Hunter Ewing.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle have their next meeting April 21st. in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

The Lenten sewing was not finished until April 7th, owing to some of the members being sick and some not able to come on account of having work to do in the evenings.

Shoe Fund.

Money Received from those Receiving Shoes in March	$3 10
Expended in March	1 15
Balance	$2 95

Have given out in March 25 pairs of shoes, and six pairs of overshoes.

A few second-hand women's shoes and children's would be very acceptable, as we are running short in sizes.

Many children have been made happy with new shoes for Easter and all have been helped.

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1024 Spruce Street.
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REV. HUBERT W. WELLS.
REV. WILLIAM Y. EDWARDS.
The Cambridge, 1030 Spruce Street.

Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
9 South Tenth Street.

Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.

Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. ROLAND S. MORRIS, *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. William H. Hansell, Mr. Robert T. Boyd.
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,

Choir.

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Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder, 10 S. 18th St.

Sopranos.

Mrs. Helen Fraeme Heaton, Miss Gertrude A. Dohmen, Miss T. M. Forney, Miss Margaret K. Fowler, Miss Winifred Horscroft, Miss Florence E. Bushnell, Miss Ethyl G. Pearl.

Altos.

Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Miss Elsie Marshall, Miss Rosa M. Will, Miss Alice D. Smith, Miss M. A. Stewart, Mrs. F. D. Brown.

Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Herbert M. Ellis, Mr. Nathan Hoffmann. *Basses.*

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Elmer P. Sacrey, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale, Mr. Fred. Ellis, Mr. Carl G. Zimmermann, Mr. Walter Tanner, Mr. Floyd D. Brown.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.
Telephone—Filbert 4438 W.

Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss Helen Leighton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.
Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him.)

BOARD OF VISITORS.
Mrs. Howard H. Bilyeu, Miss Cornelia Ewing, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. John Coates Browne, Miss Mary Wallace, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.
All meetings at Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.
President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Mrs. George L. Crawford.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Josephine Lewis, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Williams.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 N. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas. Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Josephine Lewis, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Corrigan, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Mr. Hein, Miss Nodine, Miss E. Williams, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch, Miss Elsie F. Clair.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Sanders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.
PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and *Secretary.*—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Providcnt Fund.—Miss H. Oldden.
Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Miss Newhall, Miss Harper, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. J. Sanders Reed, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.
Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

BOYS' CLUB.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary.—Theodore Hein.
Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

May 1.—S.S. Philip and James Apostles.
2.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
9.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
10.—Rogation Monday.
11.—Rogation Tuesday.
12.—Rogation Wednesday.
13.—Ascension Day.
16.—Sunday after Ascension Day.
23.—Whitsunday.
24.—Whitsun Monday.
25.—Whitsun Tuesday.
26.—Ember Day.
28.—Ember Day.
29.—Ember Day.
30.—Trinity Sunday.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

April 13.—Willington Iva Sikes.
25.—James Irwin B. Tanner.
25.—Frances Ann Andrews.

MARRIAGES.

April 5.—John E. Pfalzgraff and Anna L. Shaw.
21.—George T. Townsley and Elizabeth H. Haase.

BURIALS.

April 13.—Amelie S. Ware.
19.—William S. Beatty.

Offerings Received from April 2, 1915, Good Friday, to April 25, 1915, Third Sunday after Easter, Inclusive.

Offerings Placed in Alms Basins, Exclusive of the Envelope System.

Charities	$15 87	
Parochial Maintenance	75 64	
St. Stephen's Farm	163 87	
City Missions	30 72	
Benevolent Society	46 85	
		$332 95

Envelope System:

Charities	$58 01
Parochial Maintenance	124 19
Missions	130 58
St. Stephen's Farm	1,083 51
Theological Education	57
Our Work among Boys	1 14
Benevolent Society	54 82
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Ch.	334 47
Episcopal Hospital	1 23
Sunday-School Christmas Festival.	1 36
Domestic Missions	2 58
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 13

Diocesan Missions	1 55	
Foreign Missions	1 03	
Colored Missions	9 20	
Missionary Box	2 01	
Indian Missions	57	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	17 03	
City Missions	34 45	
Deaconess House	42	
Sunday School	94	
		$1,860 79
		$2,193 74

Summary.

Charities	$73 88
Parochial Maintenance	199 83
Missions	130 58
St. Stephen's Farm	1,247 38
Our Work among Boys	1 14
Benevolent Society	101 67
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Ch.	334 47
Episcopal Hospital	1 23
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	1 36
Domestic Missions	2 58
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 13
Diocesan Missions	1 55
Foreign Missions	1 03
Colored Missions	9 20
Missionary Box	2 01
Indian Missions	57
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	17 03
City Missions	65 17
Deaconess House	42
Sunday School	94
Theological Education	57
	$2,193 74

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

For the Church Year from April 11, 1915, First Sunday after Easter, to April 23, 1916, Easter Day, Inclusive.

Carton contains sixty envelopes:—

60 Pockets for objects within the Parish.
59 " " " outside the Parish.

Inside the Parish.

32 pockets for Parochial Maintenance.
18 " " Charities.
2 " " Our Work among Boys.
2 " " Benevolent Society.
2 " " Sunday School.
1 " " Sunday School Christmas Festival.
1 " " Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School.
1 " " St. Stephen's Farm.
1 " " Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Ch.

60 "

Outside the Parish.

48 pockets for Missions, Penna. Apportionment.
1 " " Indian Missions, Penna. Apport.
1 " " Theological Education.
1 " " Episcopal Hospital.
1 " " Aged and Infirm Clergy.
1 " " Foreign Missions, Penna. Apport.
1 pocket for Diocesan Missions.
1 " " Missionary Box.
1 " " Domestic Missions, Penna. Apport.
1 " " Deaconess House.
1 " " Colored Missions, Penna. Apport.
1 " " City Missions.

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Philadelphia, April 26, 1915.

I herewith submit the following report for the Envelope System for the Church Year from April 19, 1914, First Sunday after Easter, to April 4, 1915, Easter Day. As of this date.

117 Parishioners returned (used) every envelope.
25 " " " 54 "
12 " " " 53 "
9 " " " 52 "
7 " " " 50 "
1 " " " 49 "
4 " " " 48 "
5 " " " 47 "
5 Parishioners returned (used) from 40 to 50 envelopes.
6 Parishioners returned (used) every envelope, late subscribers.
3 Parishioners returned (used) every envelope until death.
1 Parishioner returned (used) every envelope until left Parish.

195
15 Parishioners did not return (use) any envelopes.
18 Parishioners returned (used) about one-half of the envelopes.
5 Parishioners returned (used) about one-third of the envelopes.
17 Parishioners returned (used) from 1 to 11 of the envelopes.

250 Subscribers to the System.
Each carton contained 56 envelopes.

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Receipts.

April 1, 1914, Balance on hand		$6,570 72
General Endowment	$5,545 71	
Rudder Memorial Fund	585 59	
Cleemann Endowment Fund	492 02	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund.	1,100 67	
Endowment of Pews	495 15	
Endowment of Music	49 50	
Pew Rents	6,739 33	
Parochial Maintenance	1,981 86	
Deficiency Fund	1,145 00	
Donation for lamps	31 20	
Interest on Deposits	129 10	
Easter Decorations	192 49	
Sunday School	104 69	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	115 08	
Work among our Boys	133 57	
Church Account		18,840 96

Musical Program

May 2.

11 A. M.
God So Loved the World ..... Stainer

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Barnby
Nunc Dimittis ..... Barnby
The Twilight Shadows ..... Wood
The Heavens Are Telling ..... Haydn

May 9.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G ..... Mosenthal
Jubilate ..... Stanford
If With All Your Hearts ..... Mendelssohn

8 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Parker
Nunc Dimittis ..... Parker
Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God.. Stainer
A Song in the Night ..... Woodman

May 16.

11 A. M.
Te Deum, B minor ..... Buck
Benedictus ..... Chant
There Shall be no Night There ..... Wood

8 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Stanford
Nunc Dimittis ..... Stanford
Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord ..... Mendelssohn
The Hymn of the Apostles ..... Gounod

May 23.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... Calkin
Benedictus ..... Chant
Lord We Implore ..... Rossini

8 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Stainer
Nunc Dimittis ..... Stainer
Ave Verum ..... Mozart
Fierce Was the Raging Billow ..... Noble

May 30.

11 A. M.
Te Deum, Eb ..... Buck
Jubilate ..... Nevin
Where's the Cold Heart ..... Rossini

8 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Noble
Nunc Dimittis ..... Noble
He Has Said ..... Gounod
The Lord Is My Light ..... Parker

Principal—Endowment Fund		
" " (Envelopes) Fund	373 79	
" (Penna. Co.) Fund	1,010 00	
" (Mary Cadwalader Mitchell)	5,000 00	
(do for care of Mitchell Monument)	500 00	
" (Julia Garrett Legacy)	2,003 33	
Principal Account		8,887 12
Campbell Memorial Fund	173 50	
S. B. Wylie Mitchell Vault	17 32	
Lathrop Legacy	6 92	
Female Benevolent Society	239 29	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	153 44	
Income on Endowments for specified objects		590 47
Missionary Box	390 49	
Charities	1,224 31	
		1,614 80
Missions	1,242 46	
Indian Missions	81 18	
Foreign Missions	118 21	
Domestic Missions	127 16	
Colored Missions	128 34	
Pennsylvania Apportionment.		1,697 35
Episcopal Hospital	418 45	
City Missions	71 98	
Diocesan Missions	712 46	
Bishop's Offering	51 63	
Advent Offering	18 11	
Lenten Offering	181 72	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	226 32	
Theological Education	41 71	
St. Stephen's Farm	23 76	
Special Objects in Diocese		1,746 14
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Phila.		55 00
Red Cross Society		188 64
Bishop Tyler's Work in N. Dakota		170 75
Archdeacon Russell's Industrial School		72 00
Bishop Capers' Work in West Texas		118 26
Deaconess House		87
Burley Trust		1,052 00
		$41,605 08
1915		
April 1st, To Balance		$3,280 70

Payments.

Rector	$6,000 00	
Assistant	1,000 00	
Verger	1,400 00	
Parish Visitor	750 00	
Rent of Rectory	1,350 00	
Choir	4,166 00	
Electric Light, Power and Gas	382 35	
Coal	287 25	
Care of Organ	150 00	
Cushions and carpets for pews	1,082 34	
Repairs to pavement and roofs and new storm door	1,393 39	
Expense Account	1,175 26	
Donation to Farm	750 00	
Fire Insurance	811 35	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	573 17	
Sustentation Fund	94 30	
Deficiency Fund 1915-16 returned.	100 00	
Easter Decorations	103 85	
Sunday School	66 54	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	103 62	
Work among our Boys	150 47	
Church Account		$21,889 89
Principal-Endowment Funds invested		8,166 84
Campbell Memorial Fund	300 00	
Female Benevolent Society	243 53	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	187 19	
Special Objects in Parish		730 72
Missionary Box	261 69	
Charities	1,231 01	
Special Objects		1,492 20
Missions	1,006 66	
Women's Auxiliary (Missions)	200 00	
Indian Missions	80 30	
Foreign Missions	115 00	
Domestic Missions	115 88	
Colored Missions	107 59	
Pennsylvania Apportionment.		1,625 43
Episcopal Hospital	417 67	
City Missions	142 63	
Diocesan Mission	819 09	
Bishop's Offering	51 63	
Advent Offering	18 11	
Lenten Offering	181 72	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	225 10	
Theological Education	108 55	
St. Stephen's Farm	15 43	
Special Objects in Diocese		1,979 93
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Phila.		55 00
Red Cross Society		188 64
Archdeacon Russell's Industrial School		72 00
Loans to the Farm		1,100 00
Burley Trust		1,023 23
Balance in Penna. Co.		3,280 70
		$41,605 08

Respectfully submitted,

J. HUNTER EWING,
Warden.

St. Stephen's Farm.

CR. Cash Contributions.

RECEIPTS.

April 1, 1914, Balance on hand		$1 67
The Easter Collections, Cash	$275 14	
" Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollar	50 00	
" Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	50 00	
" Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	50 00	
" Adelaide V. Brunner	25 00	
" C. Howard Colket	5 00	
" Mrs. C. Howard Colket	25 00	
" Mrs. Saml. H. Austin, Jr.	25 00	
" Mrs. Caroline R. Tucker	20 00	
" Wm. E. Haydock	20 00	
" Dr. Carl E. Grammer	10 00	
" Mrs. Thomas Armstrong	10 00	
" Miss Laura Bell	10 00	
" Miss Emily Bell	5 00	
" Robert T. Boyd	10 00	
" Mrs. Jas. M. H. Arrison	5 00	
" Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	5 00	
" Miss Alberta S. Van Dusen	5 00	
" W. Gardner Crowell	5 00	
" A. P. Shannon	5 00	
" Miss Mary L. Wallace	5 00	
" Miss Isabella Davis	5 00	
" Miss Margaret Davis	5 00	
" Miss Elizabeth Davis	5 00	
" Chas. A. Van Dusen	5 00	
" Martha A. McDowell	5 00	
" Rev. Joseph L. Miller	5 00	
" Jno. T. Lewis, Jr.	5 00	
" Mrs. Jno. T. Lewis, Jr.	5 00	
" Miss Ella Headman	5 00	
" Dr. Edw. H. Fell	5 00	
" Mrs. Geo. R. Crawford	5 00	
" J. Hunter Ewing	250 00	
	$925 14	
Donations from E. J. Moore	$500 00	
" Cash (C. Howard Colket).	25 00	
" Mrs. Rebecca E. Pancoast	25 00	
" Miss Francis W. Gebhart.	10 00	
" Miss Henrietta W. Sanders	5 00	
" Miss Isabel De Coursey	5 00	
" Cash	13 00	
	$1,508 14	

Donations for Repairs.

From Mothers' Meeting (New Bath Room)	120 00	
Jno. Cadwalader	50 00	
Girls' Friendly Society	10 00	
Church	750 00	
		930 00

Wilkin's Endowment		15 43
Loans, due to the Church		1,100 00
Extra Telephone calls paid by R. M. Dager		3 58
Cash returned by Superintendent		6 52
Interest on Bank Deposits		4 57
		$3,569 91
April 1, 1915, Balance		$74 97

DR. House Expenses.

PAYMENTS.

House Supplies	$596 07	
House Superintendent	200 00	
Assistant	21 00	
Coal	28 35	
Telephone	43 23	
Printing, &c.	10 75	
Tickets	20 00	
Drugs	4 20	
		$923 60
Papering, painting, repairing, etc.	800 76	
New bath room, plumbing, etc.	385 05	
Repairs to range	8 48	
Repairs to wagon	38 90	
Plumbing	12 10	
		$1,245 29

Farm Expenses.

Wages	60 50	
Hardware	13 51	
Lumber for Chicken House	9 86	
Toll	92	
Blacksmith	13 00	
Taxes	99 31	
Oil, &c.	12 63	
Plumbing	8 54	
Repairs to Engine	22 30	
Cesspool	32 00	
Horse	232 50	
Insurance on Live Stock	20 98	
	$526 05	
Loans of 1913 paid	800 00	
Balance in Bank	74 97	
	$3,569 91	

Respectfully submitted,

J. HUNTER EWING,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Receipts for Missions.

Amount of collections from Sunday School Scholars from April 6, 1914 to April 11, 1915, inclusive (omitting summer months)	$141 58
Interest on above, Saving Fund Account	1 47
	$143 05

Amount from Sunday School Scholars for Belgian sufferers—		
October 25, 1914	$10 00	
November 8, 1914	15 00	
		25 00
		$168 05
Amount received special for the relief of Belgian babies		6 04
Amount of collections from Sunday School Scholars—Lenten Offering		178 29
		$352 38

Disbursements.

Oct. 26, 1914.—Paid Mrs. Henry P. Taylor for relief of Belgian sufferers via Christmas Ship	10 00
Nov. 9, 1914.—Paid Philadelphia National Bank for Belgian sufferers, via Ship Thelma	$15 00
Feb. 2, 1915.—Paid Charles E. Beury, Secretary of Sub-Committee of the Belgian sufferers for the relief of Belgian babies	6 04
Apr. 22, 1915.—Paid J. Hunter Ewing, Warden Missionary collections and int'r'st.	143 05
Apr. 22, 1915.—Paid J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, Lenten Offering	178 29
	$352 38

SUMMER OUTING.

(Picnic to Farm, June 20, 1914.)

Receipts.

June 20, 1914—	
Received from Dr. Grammer	$40 00
Received from W. J. Kirkpatrick to make up deficit	4 52
	$44 52

Disbursements.

Chartering two cars, Philadelphia Traction Co.	$34 00	
Extra car fares	72	
Prizes awarded to children	2 50	
Ice cream and expressage	7 30	
		$44 52

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

Receipts.

August 11, 1914—	
Amount transferred from Christmas Fund, a/c being balance as per last report	$23 50
December 11, 1914—	
Received from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, Church collection for Sunday School Festival	103 62
	$127 12

Disbursements.

Expenses, Christmas entertainment, two evenings, December 29, 30, 1914.	17 05	
Printing programs, etc.	7 50	
Expenses for candies	92 43	
		$116 98
Balance to credit Christmas Fund a/c		$10 14

SUNDAY SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Receipts.

Balance as per last report		$18 03
1914		
Oct. 19.—Amount from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, (Easter Decorations)		28 85
Oct. 19.—Amount from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, (Sunday School Exps.)		66 54
1915		
Apr. 16.—Amount from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, (Easter Decorations)	$88 64	
Less amount returned to Rector for Church Decorations	50 00	
	$38 64	
Amount from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, Sunday School Expenses	38 15	
		$76 79
		$190 21

Disbursements.

Easter Anniversary expenses 1914 unpaid as per last report:		
Printing Easter Carols	$15 50	
Floral Decorations	23 80	
Due Treasurer	2 00	
		$41 30
Cradle Roll Cards	1 00	
Magazines, Lesson Leaflets, etc.	50 28	
Postals and Printing	5 50	
Lantern Slides	4 50	
Flags for decorating Sunday School room	4 20	
Lesson Books	22 60	
Easter Carols, etc.	18 80	
Floral Decorations	22 60	
Contribution to the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association	5 00	
		$175 78
Balance to credit		$14 43

W. J. Kirkpatrick, Secretary.

Regular Notices for the Month.

SUNDAY.—

Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon ..... 11.00 A. M.
(Communion on the first Sunday in the month.)
Evening Prayer and Address after May 1, 8 P. M.

MONDAY.—

Girls' Friendly Society.
(Supper at 6; Bands meet at 7; Regular meeting at 8 P. M.)
Vestry Meeting on first Monday in the month at 4 P. M.

TUESDAY.—

Garment Committee, 11 A. M. to 12 M., in Sunday School Building.

WEDNESDAY.—

The Rector will be in the Vestry from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Altar Guild, first Wednesday of every second month, at 11.15 A. M.
Boys' Club, Juniors, 7.30 P. M.

THURSDAY.—

FRIDAY.—

SATURDAY.—

1915 Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50.

St. Stephen's Day, Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Annunciation, Ascension Day, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

Jan.	3.—Mrs. Colket.
	10.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
	17.—Mrs. Ernst.
	24.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	31.—Mrs. Noblit.
Feb.	7.—Miss Van Dusen.
	14.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
	21.—Miss Gebhart.
	28.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
March	7.—Miss M. Wallace.
	14.—Mrs. Clemens.
	21.—Mrs. Bruner.
	28.—Palm Sunday.
Apr.	4.—Easter Day.
	11.—Mr. Anderson.
	18.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
	25.—Dr. Grammer.
May	2.—Miss Dutilh.
	9.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	16.—Miss Townsend.
	23.—Mrs. Colket.
	30.—Mrs. Hollar.
June	6.—Miss Dutilh.
	13.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
	20.—Miss Gebhart.
	27.—Miss May Miller.
July	4.—Mr. Colket.
	11.—Mrs. Nicholson.
	18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	25.—Miss Lindenmayer.
Aug.	1.—Mr. Clayton.
	8.—Mrs. Heberton.
	15.—Miss Wallace.
	22.—Miss Laura Bell.
	29.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept.	5.—Mrs. Lane.
	12.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
	19.—Mr. James T. Lineaweaver.
	26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct.	3.—Miss Laura Bell.
	10.—Miss Maulsby.
	17.—Mrs. Sheble.
	24.—Girls' Friendly Society.
	31.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
Nov.	1.—Mrs. Arrison.
	7.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	14.—Miss Townsend.
	21.—Miss Eisenbrey.
	28.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec.	5.—Miss Davis.
	12.—Miss Eisenbrey.
	19.—Mrs. Petry.
	26.—Miss Emily Bell.

Rector's Letter.

The Parish Meeting on Monday, April 26th, was a great success. In spite of the threatening skies, and a little shower of rain just before the hour of meeting, the attendance was the largest that we have ever had. All the reports were most encouraging, and showed a steady growth in efficiency, in zeal, and in fraternal spirit. It was very pleasant to have some of our new members manifest a desire to participate in our Church's life, and attend this annual gathering. It was sad to miss some of the dear familiar faces of former annual meetings, Mr. Miller's absence was particularly felt; but the good news brought by Mr. Colket that he was improving brightened a meeting that might otherwise have been saddened by his absence and illness.

Besides the contributions recorded in their report, "the Mothers" have donated to the Farm a new range, costing $110. Mr. Boyd, for the Committee on the Farm, desires me to bring to the attention of the congregation the following needs, that perhaps some member of the congregation can supply out of their household goods. Many people pay storage on furniture for years when they might give it to some needy institution and so save themselves storage charges, and at the same time make the things of some real use. The special needs of the Farm are: furniture for the parlor, and carriage harness. The old harness will never be needed by your automobile. Why not send it to the Farm?

In acknowledging the munificent gift of an altar cloth from Mrs. H. P. Taylor, I omitted to mention the name of the accomplished embroiderer. Mrs. Taylor wishes the congregation to know that these hangings are the work of Miss Harriet Ogdon Morison, No. 330 S. 19th street, who is as anyone who sees the new altar cloth can see, a great proficient in Ecclesiastical embroidery.

For the sake of the members of the congregation who were absent from Church last Sunday, or were not present at the Parish meeting, a more explicit statement ought to be made about Mr. Miller's sickness. On Monday, April 20th, he went to a chiropodist for treatment of what he thought was only a slight trouble. The skilful chiropodist declined to treat the ailment and referred him to his physician. A small wound had refused to heal, and there was danger of mortification. A surgeon was called in, and Mr. Miller was at once put to bed and committed to the care of a trained nurse. At the time when this paper goes to press all the indications favor recovery.

This sickness has made all the people of St. Stephen's realize how much Mr. Miller has meant to the old Church, and I trust that it has also brought home to him how much the old Church cares for him. Long may he be preserved to a serene and benignant old age.

The Committee on the Farm are planning for an opening day on the first Saturday in June, the fifth proximo. Hitherto the opening has been so late that many of the farm's most generous benefactors have never been present on the opening day. We have therefore brought the date forward about two weeks. The opening for guests under the usual conditions will be held, however, at the same time as in former years. In the interval of two weeks the committee hope that enough boarders can be procured to meet the expenses of keeping the house open. During this period the board will meet the expenses of keeping the house open.

It is hoped that a party of ten at least can be secured. For terms, please address Miss Elizabeth Date, 1713 N. Park Ave., who will be in charge for the summer.

I cannot close this letter without an expression of gratitude to God for a year of great prosperity and steadily increasing harmony and deepening zeal. May God help us to sow seed that may bear an abundant harvest in time and in eternity.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

Report of St. Stephen's Benevolent Society.

The Benevolent Society opened November 19, 1914, with our usual number to cut out, parcel, give out the work, and do the sewing. Owing to the war, and so much money being sent to Europe, our funds ran very low, and for a short time we could only give out 50 cents' worth of work instead of $1.00 a week, so we put an appeal in the PARISH NEWS, and materials and cut-out garments came from every direction, but we do not think the women of the congregation, who do not take part in the work, quite realize our need of money. We pay the women for the sewing each week about $30, then it takes more money to buy material for the women who only sew well enough to make household articles. We are very grateful to everyone who had helped us, but as we are open five months it takes a good deal, but we feel it is well spent, as we have finished six thousand one hundred and sixty-five articles, and sewed for the Pennsylvania Hospital, the Episcopal, Jefferson, Presbyterian, Howard, Hahnemann, St. Timothy's, The Women's, The Chestnut Hill, The Women's Medical, The Church Home for Children, The Presbyterian Orphanage, The Diocesan Fair, St. Stephen's Farm, The Home for Aged Couples, The Philadelphia Home for Infants, the Children's Homœopathic, The Southern Home for Destitute Children, The West Philadelphia Hospital for Women, and through the Busy Bee Society The Children's Sea Shore Home, Atlantic City.

We wish to thank Mr. Boyd for a good order for aprons and caps, and Mr. Bilyeu for a large order for aprons for some of the Strawbridge & Clothier employes, and many ladies of the congregation for the private orders, and Mrs. Williams, who has managed this department so well that we are sorry to feel that she is returning to Baltimore and will not be with us next year. Miss Coppuck, since her cousin's death, has gone back to Mt. Holly. She was faithful and cheerful and we all miss her.

We have had the same happy, contented spirit in the Society that we have always had, everyone working for the good of the Society and to help each other, each one taking so much responsibility in her position that each one contributes to the success of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA L. EWING.

Treasurer's Report of St. Stephen's Benevolent Society, from November 11, 1914, to April 21, 1915.

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Balance from last year		$53 26
Collections		243 53
Dr. Grammer (Church Work Fund).		125 00
Miss Ewing	$200 00	
Mrs. Taylor	4 00	
Mrs. Van Dusen	2 00	
Mrs. Brunner	10 00	
Miss Gebhart	10 00	
Mrs. Atmore	5 00	
Miss Washington	5 00	
Sundry Gifts		236 00
Sales		212 78
		$870 57
Balance in Bank		$13 81

DR.

Paid to women for sewing	$592 81
Paid for materials	263 95
Balance in Bank	13 81
	$870 57

Ella S. Hansell, Treasurer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary has held seven stated meetings since the last annual parochial meeting, beginning in October, 1914, when the Rector, Dr. Grammer, read a paper concerning the work of Miss Lewis, the Parish Visitor, and gave many interesting and pathetic details of some of the home surroundings of those visited. Plans were also discussed for the Diocesan Fair, which took place in December, and St. Stephen's booth realized a goodly sum for St. Martha's House.

Domestic Missions have occupied more attention than any other at the meetings this season, and Rev. Samuel B. Booth, working under Bishop Funston in Idaho, addressed the Auxiliary in November, making an earnest plea for a hospital. He was followed a month later by Rev. George P. Mayo, of the Blue Ridge Industrial School, Virginia, who dwelt on the excellent work done by the school in raising the spiritual and moral tone at the same time introducing practical industrial methods of employment among the mountain people.

Rev. Charles E. Betticher, of Fairbanks, Alaska, always comes like a fresh breeze to revive and inspire his hearers, who listened attentively to his account of the progress made in the work carried on in that far distant section of the country since his last visit here.

Bishop Tyler, of North Dakota, was the speaker at the February meeting, and, by his eloquent manner, aroused much interest and enthusiasm for his work among the Indians, and received substantial aid.

The only report from foreign lands was given in March by Miss Sarah E. Conway, who had returned from Liberia for a brief stay before again resuming her arduous duties in Africa. Her collection of the clothes, ornaments, etc., worn by the natives was very interesting, and it is hoped the women of the Auxiliary will respond to the request to send donations of denim, gingham, etc., to provide the boys and girls with more suitable articles of attire, as well as to give them games and toys for Christmas, all such articles to be sent to the rectory before May first.

The final meeting for the season was held on April 15th, when Miss Emily Bell gave an account of the history of the Bishop White Parish Library Association, and Miss Elizabeth Washington outlined the work of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society, thus familiarizing the members of the Auxiliary with the object of these two organizations, of which Miss Bell and Miss Washington are the representatives of St. Stephen's.

It is a pleasure to record that St. Stephen's was chosen as the Church in which the Epiphany meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on January 11th, and the large attendance was both gratifying and encouraging; in addition to the clergy of St. Stephen's, Bishop Garland, Bishop Lloyd and Archdeacon Mellen were in the Chancel and made addresses, while several young women members, under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth P. Grammer, officiated as ushers and aids for the offertory.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary has a membership of 107. Two were lost by death, and one by removal, and ten new members were added during the year. The largest attendance was in February, when there were 37 present to hear Bishop Tyler; smallest attendance in March, when 22 were present, and the average attendance has been 27.

The Treasurer has disbursed $563.12, and reports a balance on hand.

The Mission Study Class, conducted by Mrs. John Coates Browne, held six meetings during Lent, the book studied being "The Social Aspects of Foreign Missions," by W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University. Ten members were enrolled and the hours spent in studying and discussing this subject were full of interest and profit.

While endeavoring to faithfully perform their duty as delegates by attending the monthly meetings at the Church House and reporting them at the meetings of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, the delegates nevertheless sometimes feel overwhelmed by the numerous appeals made, to which they are unable to respond owing to lack of sufficient funds, but in every case they have tried to give a little to the most urgent needs and to fulfil the annual pledges made.

As the active work at meetings is discontinued for a few months, would it not be possible to stimulate the interest and employ some part of the summer vacation by each member trying to accumulate a small sum to produce at the first meeting in the autumn, as the result of her individual effort to fulfil these pledges? Whatever is worked for brings more happiness and better results than that which comes with comparative ease, for the reflex action of

energy expended in the proper frame of mind, brings a spiritual uplift which more than compensates for any additional exertion. This would be a little labor of love to help in the great work assigned to all the followers of Christ, the work of extending His kingdom, for that is His command, and each one can do her share by knowing about missions and by supporting missions. With the hope that this suggestion may be well received and acted upon this report is respectfully submitted.

LAURA BELL,
President.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Receipts.

On hand at opening of year	$19 10
Receipts for the year—	
From members	272 00
From envelope system	296 12
Through Dr. Grammer	107 00
To interest	3 11
Total	$697 33

Disbursements.

Diocesan Missions	$39 00
To Luncheon Fund	3 00
To Printing	16 75
To Foreign Missions	96 00
To Domestic Missions	121 00
To Indian Missions	116 00
To Colored Missions	209 12
To Missionary Apportionment	50 00
Total	$650 87
Total Receipts	$697 33
Total Expenditures	650 87
Balance on hand	$46 46

Ella Headman, Treasurer.

Missionary Box Committee.

The Committee reports as follows:

DR.

1914	
Feb. 27.—Balance from last report	$2 00
June 1.—Interest	1 06
Oct. 3.—Collections from St. Andrew Brotherhood Lenten Services	232 77
Oct. 3.—Envelope System	28 92
Dec. 11.—Contribution from Major T. Morris Knight	10 00
1915	
Jan. 21.—Dr. Grammer	10 00
	$284 75

CR.

1914	
Oct. 29.—Box to the Rev. Geo. A. McLucas, Salmon Falls, New Hampshire	$110 00
29.—Box to the Rev. V. C. Griffith, Norman, Oklahoma	52 83
29.—Work in the Colored Field, Through Mrs. James M. Arrison	75 00
1915	
Jan. 22.—Box to the Rev. H. E. Henriques, Park City, Utah	35 00
13.—Expressage	1 38
April —Balance on Hand	10 54
	$284 75

Examined and found correct.

Robert T. Boyd.

April 12th, 1915.

Six suits of men's clothing and two pairs of trousers were given by the Misses Magee.

One stole and cassock given by the Rev. Henry McKnight Moore.

ALBERTA S. VAN DUSEN,
Treasurer.

The United Offering.

The United Offering is a Thank Offering for every woman, whether she is an able worker, rich or poor, young or old. Every annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary has several pages devoted to the United Offering. The United Offering is a part, and a very important part, of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. One half of the twenty-two women workers in Alaska are supported by the United Offering. The total number of the women missionaries is 302. There are still 99 in the domestic field and 56 in the foreign field who are supported by the Board of Missions.

Last year the Lenten Offerings of our Sunday Schools amounted to more than $180,000. How does this six weeks' offering of the children of the church compare with the three years' offering of the women ($306,000)?

Recent information from the Recording Secretary at the Church Mission House is to the effect that our triennial offering would need to be $500,000 in order to pay the salaries of every woman worker in the domestic and foreign fields. Surely, even that amount would be a small Thank Offering from some 500,000 women communicants of the Church. An average of only one dollar for three years.

Received in 1914	$200 00
Received in 1915	225 00
Making a total received	$425 00

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

Report of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society held its first meeting for the season of 1914-15 on Monday evening October 5th.

Dr. Grammer was present and made a short address of welcome to the members and associates.

On the first Monday in each month a religious service has been held in the church, conducted either by Dr. Grammer or Mr. Edwards.

At our Christmas entertainment we again had the pleasure of entertaining the mothers of our members, and, for the first time, some of the children of our Married Branch Helpers.

The Branch this year has tried to do more Social Service Work and, in addition to the regular Lenten sewing, which has been sent to the Church Home at Angora, the members at Christmas filled 30 large stockings, 15 for girls and 15 for boys; each stocking for girls contained a doll whose clothes were made with buttons and button-holes so that they could be dressed and undressed, a box of candy and a number of small toys; those for boys, one large toy, a box of candy and a number of small toys. The pleasure of preparing and filling these stockings will long be remembered. They were sent to the children in the Alms House, and a letter received from the Social Worker there told us that it was the "very nicest donation ever received since she had been in the hospital."

Fifteen dressed dolls and a large box of toys were also sent to the Protestant Episcopal City Mission.

The members of the Branch made and sent, through the Emergency Aid Committee, for the Red Cross work, 160 slings, 11 pairs of night-slippers, and 3 knitted scarfs.

In response to an appeal from our Diocesan President, $8.20 was also sent to the Red Cross Fund.

The Married Branch Helpers have made 383 booklets for the hospitals.

On Washington's Birthday, Miss Anne M. Earle entertained the members with an illustrated lecture on "Quaint Corners in France and Belgium."

Monday in Holy Week, Miss Earle again favored us with a lecture on the "Passion Play of Oberammergau," when the beautiful pictures and Miss Earle's impressive description of the play were greatly appreciated.

Two of our faithful Senior members prepare supper every Monday evening.

The Millinery Class, taught by one of our own Senior members, continues to be very popular.

The Saving Fund, in charge of Miss Wallace, has about 35 depositors with accounts ranging from a few cents to quite substantial sums.

The Literature Class has this year taken the Art Course, using Caffin's book, "How to Study Pictures."

St. Stephen's Branch now numbers—

124	Members
11	Probationers
38	Married Branch Helpers
7	Working Associates
19	Honorary Associates
199	Total Membership

The Treasurer reports:

Total Receipts	$299 87
Payments	143 46
Balance	156 41

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

Burd School.

The Burd School has at present fifty pupils —of these forty-six are resident, four non-resident, one being in training in St. Timothy's Hospital, one at Lebanon Valley College, one at Simmons College, Boston and one a governess in Chestnut Hill. No children have been admitted since August, 1914. Two girls will be graduated in June, one finishing a course at Miss Hart's school for training kindergarten teachers, and one taking up dressmaking. Of the remaining, eighteen girls are attending the High School, twenty-three in the Grammar School, and one in the School of Industrial Art.

Twenty-eight girls are receiving piano lessons, and all are receiving lessons in folk-dancing. In addition to these activities the girls share in the housework and those who are old enough do their own sewing.

The Student Government Club consists of twelve girls, and the Girls' Guild ten. The former body holds meetings every two weeks with the Superintendent to discuss school matters and current topics. The Guild holds meetings on Sunday evenings at which a member presides and gives a short talk.

Wednesday evening at 7.15 a service is held in the Chapel by Mr. Edwards. The girls attend Sunday School and morning service at St. Stephen's Church.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN LEIGHTON,
Principal.

Annual Report of the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church, 1914-1915.

The Mothers' Meeting reports a prosperous season's work. We have 167 names on our roll, and of these 136 have been in good and regular attendance. We have found that the hard times this winter have lowered our average attendance since February, but as the loss has been principally among those who live at such a distance that two car-fares are necessary, we do not wonder at it.

We had our Annual Sale in December, netting from it the very good sum of $100.25. As this amount represents almost entirely efforts of our members and the patronage of their personal friends, we feel that it is very creditable.

During Lent, the Mite Collections taken up were dedicated to the work of Bishop Tyler in North Dakota, and the President was able, at the end of the season, to send him a cheque for $19.61 as the result. It is a great pleasure to the officers of this branch of the Church work to feel that our members are glad to give as well as to receive.

Ninety members of the Mother's Meeting were sent on one-day excursions to St. Stephen's Farm. These are great days for our Mothers, some of whom also had the pleasure of spending a week.

We have to thank the kind friends who came and entertained us at our meetings by recitations, singing, reading or giving us interesting talks. Some entertainment has been provided at each meeting.

The Meeting lost two members by death during the year: Mrs. S. M. Best and Mrs. Christina Eagan. It also had a great sorrow in the death of its beloved Treasurer of the Benevolent and Savings Funds, Miss H. Oldden, who was taken from us March 16th. This is a sorrow which will remain with us for long, for by her loveliness of character, kindness of heart, and sincere interest in everyone, she had endeared herself to all.

MRS. HENRY P. TAYLOR.

Altar Society.

The Superintendent of the Altar Society submits the 31st Annual Report:

Chancel Committee consists of 17 members.

Superintendent reports having received:

Purple Altar Cloth,
Pulpit Fall,
Litany Desk Fall,
Three Purple Stoles,
Fair Linen Cloth,
All the gift of Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Six surplices were made and embroidered for St. Stephen's.

Four Hymnals were purchased for use in the Chancel.

The Secretary of the Chancel Committee reports for Memorial Flower Fund that all the Sundays in the year have been subscribed for.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA E. EISENBREY,
Superintendent.

The Treasurer's statement is as follows:

Balance on hand April 18, 1914	$22 51	
Received from Dr. Grammer	90 50	
" " Mrs. H. P. Taylor for Fair Linen Cloth	20 00	
" for Flowers for Ellicott McConnell Memorial	6 00	
" " Christmas Decorations	39 35	
" " Memorial Flower Fund	94 00	
		$272 36

Expenditures.

Flowers for the Year	$84 50	
Christmas Decorations	39 35	
Dusters	1 00	
Linen for Surplices	22 50	
Linen for Fair Linen Cloth	6 48	
Making Fair Linen Cloth	14 50	
Making and Embroidering Surplices	31 50	
Fruit	4 80	
Calendar	75	
Altar Hymnals and Prayer Book	29 20	
Sundries	2 41	
Palms	5 00	
		$241 99
Balance on Hand April 26, 1915		$ 30 37

E. K. Campbell, Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

St. Stephen's Aid Society held its meetings on Friday mornings during Lent. Our appeal for more workers met with quick response this year and we were glad to welcome a number of new members. The meetings were well attended and a closet well stocked with baby garments was left for Miss Lewis to use in her work among the poor of the Parish. Thanks are due to Mrs. Atmore and Mrs. Austin for their generous donations.

Treasurer reports Balance on Hand from 1914	$2 76	
Balance taken over from an old account	3 15	
Received	25 00	
		$30 91
Bills Paid		24 89
Balance on Hand, 1915		$6 02

E. K. CAMPBELL,
President.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Report for the year 1915:

RECEIPTS.

Interest from Mr. Patton's Estate, (through Mr. Hunter Ewing)	$83 69	
Donations Received	11 25	
Dues from Members	5 00	
From Members, for Christmas Baskets	3 00	
		$102 94

DISBURSEMENTS.

For the Belgium Ship	$11 39	
" State and International Dues	2 50	
" Milk for the "Queen of Belgium" Fund	1 00	
" Well in South Dakota (St. Elizabeth's School)	1 00	
" Diocesan and Mothers' Meeting Fairs	7 25	
" Christmas Baskets	9 25	
" Material for Clothing made for the Hospitals and Day Nursery and other expenses	31 29	
		63 68
Balance on Hand		$39 26

The King's Daughters feel very much encouraged with the work they have been able to accomplish during the past winter, as their interests have been so varied.

In October we did our share towards filling the Christmas Ship for Europe, by making 32 flannel skirts, a few slumber robes, a knitted scarf, and other articles. We were very much indebted to several ladies, not members of our Circle, who helped us finish the work in time.

In November aprons and fancy articles were made for the Diocesan and Mothers' Meeting Fair. At Christmas we made a number of house-shaped boxes, and filled them with candy and nuts, and these were placed in the baskets of groceries and provisions which our members provided.

We have also made a number of bibs and skirts for the Children's Hospital and Day Nursery, and also helped with the sewing for the Aid Society.

We have given away several dresses, overcoats and other articles to the poor, and some socks and baby clothes to Miss Lewis for her work.

Two or three new members have joined us this year, and we have enjoyed having them with us, and also appreciate their assistance.

One evening we had the pleasure of having the Treasurer of the County Union of King's Daughters visit us, Miss Nina Rodgers, and she gave us a very interesting talk on the work of the society generally throughout the city.

Shoe Fund.

Report for the year 1915:

Money received through Dr. Grammer, from Church Fund	$25 00	
Donations from Church Members	6 50	
From those receiving Shoes	13 25	
		$44 75
Expended for Shoes		42 80
Balance on Hand		$1 95

The members of the Church have been very kind and sent in many partly worn shoes, so, with the nice, large box of new shoes and a box of overshoes from Santa Claus, 175 pairs of shoes have been given out, and 80 pairs of overshoes during the past winter.

It has been a very hard winter among the poor, but a very happy one in the work, for all have been so grateful for the shoes, and many sad stories have been told about fathers and brothers being out of work. Every one that called received shoes of some kind to keep Jack Frost away.

The Sunday School for the Past Year.

In spite of April showers, our Easter Carol service in the Church on Sunday afternoon, April 11th, was successful and well attended. The scholars never sang better, the carols being especially well selected by our musical leader, Dr. Anthony. The Rector being particularly apt in his well chosen remarks as the offerings were made by the classes.

The past year has been quite fruitful as shown by the many from the school who were Confirmed on Sunday, March 7th, when Bishop Garland visited us. Our enrollment has been kept up to its usual standard by the addition of the members of the Burd School who began to attend our sessions last fall. Some new scholars have been secured and a number of the older boys and girls have moved away or been lost from the rolls by the usual yearly changes.

The Primary and Intermediate departments are well filled with happy groups of little folk, under the same leadership as last year, with the addition of two teachers from among the older Burd girls.

The School had its summer sessions well attended, besides its interest in the Daily Vacation Bible School under Miss Nodine's leadership. Its annual excursion went to the Farm as well as the vacation outings of many of the pupils. It joined in the great Sunday School Parade of last September—Dr. Grammer leading us in the Broad Street Procession, and nearly all the teachers, scholars and officers taking part. We were represented in the chorus of the May Musical Festival and in the Sunday revival which this winter stirred Philadelphia. Our delegates attended conventions and missionary meetings of our Diocesan and County Associations. Our lectures and social evenings during the weekdays were happy occasions and the Christmas festival probably the best yet.

Our missionary offerings, considering the troublesome times and compared with other down-town schools, are very creditable as you will see by our faithful Treasurer's report, herewith.

With the growing keener interest in things religious, we very much need our Sunday School rooms put in good repair, as well as the bracing of the outer wall. But more than this we need the addition of men and women to supplement our happy younger groups in the modern adult Bible classes. We have two, but we need more.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The re-organized Chapter of Juniors is now made up of the younger boys of our Sunday School from twelve to fifteen years of age, under the same leadership as last year. Our meetings are held at nine A. M. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month before the Sunday School sessions. The boys are interested, are subscribers to the Brotherhood magazine, and two of them will take the examination at the Church House, May 8th, on the "History and Work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew." Three who have been members on probation are soon to be admitted by the Rector into full membership.

The boys attend the general meetings of the Local Assembly of Philadelphia, as well as the Round Table Conferences at homes of members, and were particularly useful at the recent meeting of the directors of some twenty-five of the Chapters of our Diocese, which met in our St. Stephen's Guild Room, along with officers of the Executive Committee.

G. H. STREAKER.
Director.

Report of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held at St. Stephen's for six weeks during the summer of 1914. It began July 6th, and closed August 14th. This was the second year for a school of this kind at this church and it was a real success. The total enrollment and daily attendance more than doubled that of last year. Total enrollment, 121. Daily average attendance, 40. (The total enrollment for 1913 was 60, and daily average attendance 24.) The nationalities represented in the school were: Americans, Irish, Hebrews, Russians, French, Italian, Polaks, Hungarians and Germans. The school was in charge of a principal, manual training teacher and a kindergarten teacher.

There is no doubt that there are numbers of children living in this business district. The principal spent her afternoons searching for the children in these "highways and byways." In order to insure their safe passage across Market street, a policeman was asked to take particular care of the children going to and from school. The school gained publicity by means of arrangements made with a moving picture theatre to have thrown upon the screen the announcement of the school. As all children patronize the "movies" this proved an excellent help to enroll new children.

The school was open from 9.30 to 11.30 A. M., five days a week. Sessions opened with devotional exercises. Then came a two-minute "habit talk," in which the children are told the necessity of having clean hands, clean mouths and clean hearts. The Bible period followed. Emphasis was especially placed upon the Bible this year. More time was devoted to it. The children not only heard a new Bible story every day, but some child or children told the Bible story of the previous day. They were taught a number of verses and chapters of the Bible, and, on the last day of school, were able to recite them all. Next on the program was a half hour of music in which the children were taught catchy songs and famous hymns. The object, in this period, is not merely to secure correct singing, but to influence child nature through obedience to the laws of music and to implant in the child the love of good songs and good music. The remainder of the time was devoted to manual training. The girls had a sewing class this year, which was very popular. The boys made hammocks and articles out of reed and raffia. In the manual period the object was not only to make things but to build character. Slurring over mistakes is discouraged. The child is trained to respect material and property which does not belong to him. Unselfishness is developed in the child. Before dispersing the children saluted the flag and sang "America." Just before the closing exercises, five minutes were given to listen to an educational record on the Victrola which was loaned by a friend.

On the evening of August 12th, the children gave an exhibition. The Bible story, "The Shepherd Boy—David," was given by the principal with the assistance of her pupils, who wore costumes in keeping with the characters they took. The story was ended by the singing of the 23d Psalm. The wand drill showed how gymnastic exercises can be combined with music. Other features of the program proved interesting.

On the afternoon of August 14th this school participated in the eighth annual commencement of the Philadelphia Daily Vacation Bible Schools held at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 22d and Bainbridge streets.

The main objects of the Vacation Bible School are: (1) The children are kept off the streets for six weeks in the summer and as a result their lives are safer, their habits are better and their parents are free from anxiety; (2) the children's hands are kept busy, quarrels are eliminated in their games, patriotism is instilled and as a result their morals improve; (3) as many Bible lessons are taught in six weeks as a Sunday School could teach in seven months; (4) the church is put in happy relations with the foreign community.

The total cost of this school, including salaries and material, was $175, which was raised by voluntary contributions.

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

The Female P. E. Prayer Book Society of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Collections this year amounted to $26.00 from St. Stephen's.

Parish Visitor's Report.

The year's work has drawn to a close and the results in bringing homes to the homeless, relief to the sick, work to the unemployed, consolation to the dissatisfied is happy work. It sounds like a fairy tale for the wand of sympathy that is wielded by St. Stephen's people is not unlike the wand of the fairies of old which brought all good things to worthy and needy people.

Mr. Edwards was the good fairy who saw that a home was opened to a young girl taken from degrading influences, from a mother unfit to rear a daughter, and he placed her in the family of the Rev. Mr. Van Meter in Torresdale, where she is happy, attending school and her reports rank among the first in good conduct and scholarship.

We have received generous aid for our sick from Mrs. A. Brunner, Mrs. A. D. A. and Mrs. Maxwell. They have helped to relieve much suffering for we have had seven tubercular and four paralytics that came under our care. We have eight women pensioners who are disabled, if they are able to get a little work we help them on. If they cannot get work or

are unable to do it we must give more and to *all* of these we give money each month. One of our women, over 80 years of age, whose story is very pitiful, has been sent two to five dollars a month by two ladies unknown to us, and we think they must have heard of her from our PARISH NEWS.

A widow with five children and another one with two are being looked after, and we are doing what we can for them until they can receive help from the Mother's Pension Bureau, which we hope will be soon.

Two deserving women, suffering from varicose veins, after having public attention from the district physician for some time, needed special help so we sent a physician we knew in order that we could keep in closer touch with them and have them more under our care. One woman has entirely recovered, a rubber stocking having been bought for her; the other woman's condition was so very bad the doctor thought it doubtful about being able to save the leg, but we are happy to say it is much improved and we hope in time it will be entirely well. Mrs. A. Brunner came to our assistance with money in doing this work.

One of the young girls in our Sunday School was thrown down several years ago by a playmate, and her knee was hurt and the family being poor they treated the child by home remedies. Her knee grew better, but she was troubled with it from time to time. A few weeks ago, when walking, the leg flew out straight before her, and with difficulty her sister was able to get her home. The two girls were much distressed as they are the sole support of their mother. But Dr. Grammer laid the case before Dr. Hewson with the result that she has been placed in St. Timothy's Hospital under the doctor's care, while Dr. Grammer pays the mother the wages the young girl would earn if she were well.

I think the congregation will remember that about three years ago money was contributed to send a family of six to Scotland, to the wife's family who were well able to assist her. The man was drinking heavily, and we could do nothing with him; we had a very weighty burden in taking care of them. He writes us the following letter in his usual florid style: "Since my return to Scotland, nearly three years ago, I have pushed myself ahead and have nothing to regret for the change which was very timely in saving me from going under altogether. My silence may be taken as more appreciative of the helping hand given me by St. Stephen's congregation than a thousand letters. The present European crisis has led me to the Army Pay Corps, Hamilton, Scotland." He wished us to send him a baptismal certificate of one of the children.

Eight tons of coal were distributed and these were given us by Mr. Wm. Hollar, Miss Daly and Mrs. T., the latter on her wedding day sending a check for three tons of coal, this being a beautiful way in which to celebrate her happiness.

On Thanksgiving, six families were remembered by receiving groceries or some other necessities.

Milk is being sent out daily to sick people, groceries distributed from time to time and for many of these we still owe to our very generous friend, Mr. Samuel Moore.

Sixteen babies had their outfits made by St. Stephen's Aid Society during the Lenten Season.

Miss Gebhard's yearly memorial of twenty-five dollars we are glad to acknowledge—it being used to lift many a burden.

One hundred and thirty-five Christmas baskets were sent out and we have a balance of $60 for next Christmas.

This winter's dancing class formed for the older boys and girls of the Sunday School and for members of the Girls' Friendly has been a great success; we had a very good teacher in Mr. Techlenburg who taught good dancing and kept excellent order, the class had a very refining influence over the young people and was enjoyed by them very much. It meets every Thursday evening, during the season from eight o'clock to ten, and is supervised by the Parish Visitor.

Visiting the Sunday School scholars, the sick, the hospitals, the discouraged as well as the regular routine duties, has made up the year's work.

The Parish Visitor wishes to thank the donors for the gift of half-worn clothing, and for all the favors which have been received. It seems as if the year had been filled with words and deeds of kindness to her from the Rector, Vestrymen and all connected with St. Stephen's Church and this has helped her greatly in her work.

Respectfully submitted,

K. H. LEWIS.

Report of the Garment Committee for Winter of 1914-15.

Receipts.

Balance on hand	$27 87	
Received from Rector	15 00	
Proceeds of Rummage Sale and other sales of garments	4 38	
		$47 35

Disbursements.

Purchase of 59 garments	$29 16	
Balance	18 09	
		$47 35

During the winter there were 568 garments distributed, which included 16 babies' outfits.

JULIA DE M. LAMMOT.

Vacation Bible School.

Again the cause of the Daily Vacation Bible School is before us. After listening to Miss Nodine's able account of the work at the Parochial meeting I think we must all realize the good it does. But I think few people know that the school is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from the members of the Church, as the money cannot be taken from the "Church Work Fund."

If any readers of the PARISH NEWS care to contribute to this cause they may send same to Miss Ella Headman, 118 North 18th street, who will be glad to receive it.

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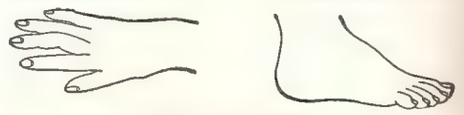
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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.
Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63rd and Market Streets.)

Trustees.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendent.
Miss Helen Leighton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Burd Chapel Services.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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Meets on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.45 A. M.
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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

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President.—Mrs. Campbell.
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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

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Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
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One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints' Day.
7.—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
14.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
21.—Sunday next before Advent.
25.—Thanksgiving Day.
28.—First Sunday in Advent.

Parish Record.

BURIALS.

May 5.—Josephine Lewis.
8.—Carrie Griffin Crate.
11.—Joseph Lyons Miller.
12.—Alice Shaw.
23.—James J. Devlin.
27.—Leonard M. Leonardt.
27.—Louisa Leutschg.
June 14.—Elizabeth Thompson.
July 8.—Louisa H. Platt.
15.—W. D. Clarke.
26.—Samuel F. Gevin.
Aug. 17.—Willington Ira Sikes.
24.—Frederick H. Hart.
Sept. 6.—Daniel Roberts Harper.
30.—Laura Pancoast.
Oct. 8.—Joseph Clayton.
17.—Annie Downie.
21.—Elizabeth H. Wood.

MARRIAGES.

May 8.—Edmond Lafayette Prince, Jr., Louise Adele Hammett.
31.—Wm. H. Knetz, Margaret C. Gallagher.
June 4.—Anders Williams, Frances Emma P. Parish.
9.—Horace D. Freed, Anna M. McAdams.
12.—Wm. J. Stewart, Marion McCreedy.
16.—Robert Laughlin Cunningham, Lucy May Keinath.
28.—Wm. Howard Berg, Ida M. Lenher.
July 2.—Joseph Baldwin Harrison, Annie Medley.
21.—Ernest Graser, Helen Kroll.
Sept. 9.—Edward A. Brady, Rebecca B. Anthony.
16.—George W. Mintzer, Margery Graves.
Oct. 7.—Frederick Leonard, Mildred E. Nash.
7.—Irving Miller, Lucy M. Reinicher.
15.—Arden F. Slaw, Helen J. Outwater.

BAPTISMS.

May 9.—Henry Abbott Flury.
13.—Russell Edgar Wilson.
23.—George Lewis Crawford.
June 7.—Marguerite McCarty Walter.
7.—Elsie May Walter.
Aug. 18.—Harvey Merritt Martin.
22.—John Semple Shinn.

Offerings Received from May 2, 1915, 4th Sunday after Easter, to September 26, 1915, 17th Sunday after Trinity, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope System.

Charities	$121 58	
Parochial Maintenance	164 96	
Theological Education	19 59	
Our Work among Boys	26 79	
Indian Missions	36 04	
Deaconess House	25 00	
Sunday School	16 08	
The Emergency Fund in addition to all Missionary Offerings	201 55	
China Missions	1 00	
		$612 59

Envelope System.

Charities	$229 44	
Parochial Maintenance	382 39	
Missions	335 31	
St. Stephen's Farm	60 22	
Theological Education	31 48	
Our Work among Boys	87 76	
Benevolent Society	14 53	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephens' Church	1 18	
Episcopal Hospital	10	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	13	
Domestic Missions	89	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	08	
Diocesan Missions	13	
Foreign Missions	18	
Colored Missions	82	
Missionary Box	13	
Indian Missions	37 88	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	97	
City Missions	1 11	
Deaconess House	05	
Sunday School	35 75	
		$1220 53
		$1833 12

Summary.

Charities	$351 02
Parochial Maintenance	547 35
Missions	335 31
St. Stephen's Farm	60 22
Theological Education	51 07
Our Work among Boys	114 55
Benevolent Society	14 53
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1 18
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Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	97
City Missions	1 11
Deaconess House	25 05
Sunday School	51 83
The Emergency Fund in addition to all Missionary Offerings	201 55
China Missions	1 00
Episcopal Hospital	10
	$1833.12

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
10th St. above Chestnut.
Philadelphia.

November 1, 1915.

The Vestry appeals to the Congregation for special subscriptions to meet a deficit of $8,000. This debt is chiefly due to the expensive repairs of the last fifteen months. In this period the Church has been upholstered with new cushions and carpeting for the pews, costing $1,441.37, and a substantial roof of concrete and of asbestos tile with copper trim has been put on the entire Church and Parish House, at the cost of $5,542.46. Necessary repairs have also been made to the Sunday School Building.

Our annual income from all sources, including the envelope system, of course, will enable us to meet our regular annual expenses, according to the present outlook; but special exertion is required to meet these repair bills. We who have received a Church so rich in uplifting associations and exquisite memorials, owe it to the generations who shall come after us to keep the property in good condition, and to transmit it to them free from encumbrance.

With confidence that the Congregation will approve these expenditures, we ask them to subscribe an amount sufficient to pay off this debt. All contributions should be sent to Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Accounting Warden, 505 Chestnut St.

Carl E. Grammer,
J. Hunter Ewing,
Wm. H. Hollar,
Committee.

For the further information of the Congregation, the following statement has been prepared at the request of the Vestry, by Mr. William H. Hollar, who is the Committee on Church Property:

During the summer of 1914, it was determined to renew the cushions on the main floor of the Church, at which time it was learned that the material which had been used in the old cushions as well as that used to cover the pews was no longer on sale, with the result that it was found necessary to have enough material made for the cushions as well as to cover the backs of the pews. The new cushions, with the brightening up of the pews generally, have unquestionably added materially to the cheerfulness of the Church.

In reference to the roof which has been placed on the building during the past summer, this very necessary repair should have been made fifteen years ago, as leaks were of frequent occurrence, resulting in constant expense for repairs. This will not seem strange when it is understood that the old roof was composed in part of canvas, wood shingles, tin, galvanized iron, copper and slate.

In pursuance of a resolution of the Vestry your committee made an exhaustive study of the best method of repairs, and as a result of his investigation, placed a new roof over the Church and Parish House, which will be for years thoroughly weatherproof, and is as nearly fireproof as possible. Upon heavy white oak sheathing two inches thick, is placed a covering of asbestos, which in turn is covered with concrete and asbestos tiling. A small, comparatively flat area is subjected to a different treatment. All flashings and gutterings are of copper. It was also found necessary to replace the roofs on the towers. The roof is of a most substantial and durable character and ought to last for years without any but minor repairs.

When the roof was removed from over the north transept, it was found that, owing to leakage, the main girder supporting the same had weakened. The girder was strengthened.

The west wall of the Sunday School Building was found to be 7½ inches out of plumb. As this was a dangerous situation, this wall was strengthened by truss rods of steel, and incidentally, it may be noted that the Sunday school room and entrance hall were repainted.

New sidewalks were placed at the rear of the Church as well as in front of the Sunday School Building. Several metal posts were also placed in order to prevent truckmen from driving heavy trucks on the walks.

Numerous other repairs had to be made, all of course costing money, with the result that we have an interest-bearing debt of $8,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. H. Hollar,
Committee of Vestry on St. Stephen's Church Property.

quent appeals for money, a feature of our service that tends greatly to enhance the dignity of our worship.

The regular demands on the purse call for a fund of $1,500.

The receipts and expenditures are given below. Yours sincerely,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

November, 1915.

Balance on hand, November, 1914	$27 30
In response to the Appeal in the Fall	765 00
Later Subscriptions	168 50
Special Gifts	150 00
Advertisements in Parish News	226 00
Interest on deposits	2 08
Returned from Sunday Campaign Fund	6 30
	$1345 18

Disbursements.

Sunday School	$100 00
Church Societies	200 50
Services of Secretary	106 88
Bell Telephone	114 66
Advertising Church Services in Newspapers	187 50
Commission on Advertising in Parish News	15 00
Repairing Church Piano	13 00
Ministerial Assistance	5 00
Upholstery, laying carpets, etc.	43 72
Services of Bell Ringer	35 00
Playing Organ during August, etc.	27 00
Various Purposes, through the Verger	18 55
Printing Parish News	385 87
Other Printing, Stationery and Mailing	137 36
Hotel Church Directory	10 00
Sundries	60 74
	$1460 78

The Church Work Fund.

The Rector of St. Stephen's has always had a fund placed at his disposal for financing the various societies of the Church and for general purposes. There are many calls upon him as the head of a great organization that this Official Purse enables him to meet. Out of it he finances the PARISH NEWS, and provides stationery, and the services of a secretary for the Church's official business. By various devices such as advertisements in the PARISH NEWS, which have reduced the net cost of our parochial monthly to about $150, the demands on his purse have been somewhat diminished. The old members give faithfully, and it is hoped that our new members will include this fund among the objects to which they contribute. By the Envelope System for specified objects and the Church Work Fund for small sundries, the worship of St. Stephen's is kept from fre-

Our Bereavements.

Since the last number of the PARISH NEWS was published St. Stephen's has lost a number of loved members who linked us with the past, and bound us closer to one another.

On May 8th Mr. Jos. L. Miller was taken from us after an illness of a little over a week. A slight injury to his foot resulted in blood poisoning. His condition rendered an operation impossible, and he gradually sank as the poison spread through his system. The funeral was at St. Stephen's Church, and was conducted in accordance with his express wish by the Rector of St. Stephen's. It was largely attended by the clergy of the diocese, among whom he was widely loved. The burial was in his family lot in Mount Airy.

Joseph Lyon Miller, born Oct. 18, 1845, was

the son of Charles and Mary Miller of Germantown, where his ancestors were early residents. After graduating from the High School, and the Philadelphia Divinity School, he became Rector of a church in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Under Dr. Rudder he accepted an assistantship in St. Stephen's Church. He greatly endeared himself to the congregation, and to the Rectors, with whom he was associated. While he was not without a shrewd insight into human nature and often revealed a canny knowledge of the secret springs of human conduct, there was also an ingenuous kindliness and fresh charm about him, that marked him in any company as one of those spirits whose childlike directness and friendliness age, custom and trial can neither wither nor stale. His faith was simple and strong. He had a strong confidence in the truth that lies behind all forms of Christian thought and was content to leave the ultimate problems of metaphysics to the wisdom of the Creator. Unenvious, natural, gracious, loyal, affectionate, long will he be remembered by those who knew him at St. Stephen's. Between the rectorship of Dr. Worcester and Dr. Grammer he accepted the full charge of the parish for a year. When he resigned his assistantship a loving cup was presented to him by the congregation. For a while he acted as one of the secretaries of the late Bishop Mackay Smith in the Diocesan House. But in the last years he returned to St. Stephen's as one of the staff, and was felt by both congregation and Rector to confer a benediction by his presence in the Chancel.

During his last illness his thoughts turned tenderly toward St. Stephen's, and he added to his will a codicil bequeathing the old Church $3,000. The bequest came too close to his death to be effective under the laws of the Commonwealth, and the residue of the estate, after certain bequests were paid, was left under such conditions that the family could not carry out his wishes.

It is pleasant to know that as the sun of his life was calmly setting and he lay quietly watching earth's lights fade and the stars of our immortal hopes rise to guide him on his way, his thoughts turned lovingly to the Church he had served so long and so loyally.

It was a shock to the whole congregation when Joseph Clayton was taken from us on Tuesday, Oct. 5th. All through August he had been ill, but the deadly nature of his malady was not generally realized. His own spirit was so buoyant and hopeful that up till the last week it was the prevailing view among his friends that he would once more resume his place among us.

Even now it seems impossible that he has been taken from us. Alert, vigorous, quick-moving, it seems impossible that we should never again see his swift and energetic movement, or behold him exercising his executive gift with characteristic vitality and celerity. He had, indeed, an *élan* rarely found in people of English stock. Of English descent he was on both sides, both his parents having been born in England. Born in Philadelphia on St. Andrew's Day, 1856, Joseph Clayton was from his infancy a member of the Episcopal Church.

His old Sunday School teacher, Mr. Henry D'Olier, who was one of his pall bearers, testifies that as a youth he was remarkable for his moral life and devotion to the Church. At an early age he became the Verger of St. Stephen's in 1866. The activity and outgoing energy of his helpful and loyal nature made him many friends in the congregation, and naturally led to his becoming a funeral director. In this business his personal tact, friendliness and sympathy made him many friends, while his executive gifts had a congenial field. By the year 1897 the demands of his business had so increased that he resigned the Vergership, shortly after the beginning of Dr. Grammer's rectorship. Highly laudatory resolutions were passed at the time by the Vestry and various societies of the church, and the congregation presented him as a token of their regard with a purse of $600.

To the Rectors he stood in very close relations, particularly to Dr. McConnell and Dr. Worcester, whose Verger he was for their entire rectorship here. Dr. McConnell did not receive notice of the funeral in time, or he would have come up from Easton, Md., to take part in it, and Dr. Worcester telegraphed that he had sustained a personal loss in his death.

Public-spirited as a citizen, tenderly attached to St. Stephen's, and a devoted father and husband, Mr. Clayton had made a place for himself in the community and in the Church. The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Mrs. Clayton and her daughter, Mrs. Bacon. May the God of all comfort, comfort them with an unfaltering trust in the blessed hopes of our most holy Faith.

Miss Josephine Lewis, the daughter of the late Chief Justice Ellis Lewis of the Supreme Court of this State, had been failing in health for several years and death came to her as a desired release on May the second. A woman of unusual independence of mind and force of character, she enjoyed the respect and affection of many friends and went down into the vale of infirmity with great dignity and Christian resignation. St. Stephen's Church was very dear to her, and owes to her benevolence the Lewis-Campbell fund in memory of her sister, Mrs. Campbell, and a bequest of $2,500 for the endowment of her pew, and of another $2,500 to the Endowment Fund.

In the days of her vigor she took great interest in public affairs and was a faithful member of the committee of our Auxiliary that reports on our Church's work among the Indians. It is good to think that she is free from weakness and infirmity and has entered into a higher and more blessed state of existence.

On Saturday morning, August 21st, Frederick H. Hart and Clarence W. Mearns were riding a motor-cycle swiftly along the Northeastern Boulevard. The two boys, or young men, were great friends and enjoyed one another's society thoroughly. Their homes were close together on Tenth street, they both belonged to St. Stephen's, and they had many friends in common. Fred was employed in his father's business in the well-known restaurant on Tenth street, near Sansom, and Clarence is learning the trade of a plumber. After the day's work they had taken supper together at Mr. Mearn's hospitable board and resolved to enjoy themselves with a spin on the wheel. The expedition that appeared so promising at its suggestion seemed, however, destined to be an almost complete failure. The inner tube of the motor-cycle was punctured three times, and at last was found, on examination, to be thoroughly worthless. Resolved not to lose all the highly anticipated pleasure the companions bought a new tube and as it had by that time reached the hour of eleven, set out to return the motor-cycle to its garage. Under the improved conditions the wheel went so delightfully that they changed their minds and decided to wipe out the unpleasant impression of failure by a successful little jaunt. At the corner of Broad and Girard, however, they had another misadventure and it became necessary to patch the new inner tube on account of a defect in its structure. This check to their pleasure only heightened their determination to get one good, successful spin, and as everything was now beyond all doubt in a good condition, they set out with a fixed determination to close with a splendid success an evening that thus far had seemed to be fated. In their delightful career the minutes flew by unnoted and as they were speeding homeward about one a. m. they crashed into an automobile. Each party was off side, and occupying the centre of the road. It may be that each had swung out to pass some car or cycle. It is uncertain whether Fred or Clarence was riding in front. The crash was so tremendous that both boys were thrown high into the air. Clarence fell on his head and was unconscious for quite a time; but strongly knit and robust, he was able after several weeks in the hospital to return home and is now back again at his trade, spared to his parents and friends we trust for some useful service. Fred, however, was of slighter physique and sustained internal injuries that resulted in his death in a few hours. He never recovered consciousness. A clean-minded, sober and amiable boy, he gave every indication of growing up to be a comfort to his parents a useful citizen and a Christian. The sympathy of this Church and of the whole community has gone out to his afflicted parents.

Something ought to be said in addition to the appeal that has been put out by the Vestry and the official statement of the Committee on Church Property, about the thoroughly workmanlike and durable new roof that has been placed over the entire building this past summer. It will give us a secure covering for a generation to come. Special thanks are due to Mr. Wm. H. Hollar for the careful investigation he made of plans, and the efficient supervision that he gave to the construction. No one knows better than Mr. Hollar what constitutes thoroughness in workmanship, and the Church is exceedingly fortunate in having

Musical Program

November 7.

11 A. M.
God is a Spirit ..... Bennett

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Clough Leighten
Nunc Dimittis ..... Clough Leighten
Awake, Thou that Sleepest ..... Allen
O Where Shall Wisdom Be Found? ..... Boyce
Jerusalem ..... Gounod

November 14.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in C ..... Stanford
Benedictus in C ..... Barnby
Fierce Was the Wild Billow ..... Noble

4 P. M.
Magnificat in A ..... Martin
Nunc Dimittis in A ..... Martin
Saviour When Night ..... Shelley
To Whom Then ..... Parker
Fear Ye Not ..... Buck

November 21.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in F ..... Morley
Benedictus ..... Beethoven
Lovely Appear ..... Gounod

4 P. M.
Magnificat in B flat ..... Stainer
Nunc Dimittis in B flat ..... Stainer
Trisagion and Sanctus ..... Hawley
For He Shall Give His Angels ..... Mendelssohn
Hark, Hark, My Soul ..... Shelley

Thanksgiving Day—November 25.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... Buck
The Woods and Every Sweet-smelling Tree . West

November 28.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B flat ..... Stanford
Jubilate in F ..... Garrett
Consider and Hear Me ..... Pflueger

4 P. M.
Magnificat in A ..... Foster
Nunc Dimittis in A ..... Foster
Incline Thine Ear ..... Himmel
All Men ..... Mendelssohn
The Twilight Shadows ..... Wood

an expert give it so freely and largely of his services.

Nor ought I to overlook the unstinted service of our Verger, who rose at 3 o'clock in the morning to protect our ceiling against damage from a rain that had come on during the night, when the old roof had been taken off and the new roof was not yet in place.

Their generous exertions for the Church will doubtless be matched by the generous gifts with which the congregation will respond to the Vestry's appeal. We have inherited much from the liberality of others; let us transmit our Church free from burdens to our successors.

On Sept. 15, the Rev. Mr. Edwards resigned his assistantship to accept a similar position in Calvary Church, Germantown. The especial attraction of the new field was a mission that has been started by that Church in Germantown, with the expectation that it will rapidly develop into an independent and self-sustaining Church. Here Mr. Edwards will preach on Sunday nights and will be able to exercise his ministry more largely. He was a most acceptable assistant, an excellent reader of the service, an earnest and helpful preacher and possesses a character that won the affection and respect of those who knew him. He carries with him into his new field our affectionate interest and our prayers for his success. May God enable him to make full proof of his ministry. Nothing but a belief that he was in the line of development and increased usefulness could reconcile us to losing him.

It was always a great satisfaction to the Rector of St. Stephen's, that there was connected with his Church a funeral director like Mr. Clayton, whose efficiency was recognized by the richer people, and who was at the service of the poorer members of the Church in the kindest and most considerate way. It is good to know that the business will continue in the hands of Mr. Clayton's heirs, and will be conducted by the same efficient staff.

The attention of the congregation is called to the hour of the Thanksgiving service. According to our custom it will be at 10.30 A. M.

On Thursday, Oct. 28, Miss Conway sailed from New York for our Mission in Liberia. A deaconess of our Church on the fever-haunted coast of West Africa, amid the descendants of the liberated slaves who went back to Africa before the Civil War, under the auspices of the Colonization Society which was fondly believed in those ante-bellum days to open a door for the true solution of the Negro question, Miss Conway has spent her vacation in telling the story of the work of our Church among that heathen-encircled population, which has such a peculiar claim upon our interest and aid. Our Auxiliary gave her a hearing at one of its monthly meetings and she has been enrolled, at her own request, among our communicants. Africa is her field, but St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, is her home church, her Antioch, to which she will return with the reports of her achievements and to which she will look for sympathy and helpful intercessions at the throne of grace. Our interest in her will not be lessened, but will rather be enhanced by the realization that we owe this new member largely to the close attachment that unites her to our Parish Visitor, Miss Lewis, who accompanied her to New York to bid her godspeed on her journey to Gibraltar, where she will take a southbound steamer for Liberia. Let us not forget Miss Conway in our prayers for the missionaries.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24th, at 8 P. M., the Bishop of the Diocese will administer the rite of Confirmation to a special class of adults, which is being prepared by the Rector. Unconfirmed adults are invited to attend the meetings of the class which will be held on Wednesday, 10th and 17th. Two meetings have already been held. It is hoped that people who have been hesitating about this step will embrace this opportunity.

By a resolution offered in the General Convention in New York it was agreed that a nation-wide preaching mission should be held before the next General Convention, and it has been decided by those in charge of the matter to conduct this mission in the two weeks beginning Monday, Nov. 29th. The mission will last one or two weeks, according to the wish of the parish.

St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, St. Andrew's, Old St. Paul's (the City Mission) and St. Luke's and the Epiphany have been placed in one district for the purpose of this mission. After a conference it has been decided that the following services will be held for one week: St. Stephen's, 12.30 Daily Noonday Services (except Saturday), preacher, the Rev. James E. Freeman, D.D.; St. Paul's, Daily Noonday Service (except Saturday), address by the Rectors in the district; St. Peter's, Daily Evening Prayer, 8. P. M., preacher, Bishop Rhinelander. Addresses with reference to the mission will be delivered at St. Luke's and the Epiphany the preceding Sunday, Nov. 28th, and a children's service will be held in the same church at 4 p. m., Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4th.

We are particularly fortunate in having secured as the speaker at St. Stephen's, the Rev. Dr. Freeman, the originator of the scheme. He will not come to us as a stranger. Some five or six years ago he delivered five Lenten Noonday Services for us. It will be pleasant to hear again his stirring message. The special aim of this mission is the evangelization of the churchless and the reclaiming of the wandering.

The Farm.

The Farm opened on Saturday, June 5th, with a large and enthusiastic gathering of members of our congregation and their friends to look over the place which had been put in readiness to receive the guests who were more than ready to come.

From year to year many improvements have been added: this year a new Spear range, a gift from our "Mothers' Meeting," and stationary tubs for the laundry from our "Girls' Friendly Society," so that we feel sure it would be hard to find a better equipped vacation house, and the generous supporters of this splendid work may feel justly proud of St. Stephen's Farm. One good friend remarked on opening day, that there really did not seem to be anything else needed. There are, however, a few things we should like to have—first, more porch room. The present porch is not large

enough to accommodate all our guests and at times we have been very much crowded, but hope that next season we shall have abundant room, as the Rector and Committee have at present, plans under consideration for improvements in this direction. Next, a swimming pool. "Why can't we have a swimming pool?" is a frequent question, and how we long for it, especially on a hot day and Neshaminy Creek a mile and a half away. This is something that has long been urged and we believe the stream running through our land might be utilized. Then we hope that some time we shall have an automobile, but as the purpose of the report is to let you know about the work that has been done at the Farm this past summer, we shall pass over the needs at present and tell you what we have been doing, at least in part. Of course it would be impossible to estimate the amount of pleasure and happiness given to those who visited the Farm, the pleasant memories that will linger; as some of our small visitors have told us, "We think about it all the year and count the weeks and days until it is time to come again." To one dear old lady who enjoyed a vacation for the first time in twenty-five years, it was "heaven." One child of eleven was the happiest little girl you could imagine, because she didn't have to wash dishes for their large family for two whole weeks, and so we might go on and on, for everybody was happy and nobody wanted to go home, except one little girl who was homesick and did go home, but wanted to come back the very next day.

147 children were entertained for one week, and 249 adults.

396 Total for a stay of 1 week.	
Of this number, from our Parish	287
From outside the Parish	109
	396
(Age ranging from 10 weeks to 80 years.)	
For 3 days' outing	71
For 2 days' outing	62
For 1 day's outing	222
Number of extra meals served during the season	396

Good friends have remembered the Farm liberally this season. For gifts which have added greatly to our comfort and pleasure, most grateful thanks are due Mr. Robert T. Boyd, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. E. E. Eakin, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. Henry P. Taylor, Mr. Joseph B. VanDusen, Jr., and the King's Daughters, through Mrs. Vanderslice. The generosity of one good friend made it possible for us to have a sandbox, which gave great pleasure to the little ones, and a see-saw, which was enjoyed by large and small.

The Farm has been of great helpfulness and comfort this past summer, and we believe much good has been accomplished.

E. D.

The Benevolent Society stands greatly in need of more closet space. It may be that some of our parishioners can supply us with some wardrobe or chest of drawers or some suitable piece of furniture that would enable the Society to stow its materials away in a commodious manner. Former householders who are stowing away their furniture might perhaps have just the thing we need. Such persons are requested to confer with Miss Ewing, the Directress of the Benevolent Society.

We are indebted to the Misses Magee for the overhauling and repairing of our organ in the late summer and early fall. Some of the leather work had rotted out or cracked and needed renewing. When the repairs shall be completed, at the cost of $300, the instrument will be in complete order. The generosity that gave this noble gift, far from being exhausted, continues to follow the benefaction. This splendid instrument is greatly admired and adds much to the charm and uplift of our services.

The Sunday School.

In consequence of the repairs being made to the Sunday School Building, the regular organization of the Sunday school under its teachers was delayed till the third Sunday in October. On that day the Rector, Mr. Streaker, Dr. Anthony and Mr. Kirkpatrick were all in their places and the classes were organized. A new teacher has been gained for the boys in Mr. Richard Grant, and a great loss has been sustained by the resignation of Miss Carrigan. A faithful teacher, a true pillar in our Sunday school edifice, greatly will she be missed. While we congratulate her on the enlarged responsibilities that have made necessary this relief from Sunday teaching, we shall miss greatly her presence and helpful example.

It is hoped that the "rally day," Nov. 7th, will be a great success.

The Sunday school, headed by a flag and by the Rector and Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Carrigan, took its place in the great annual Sunday school parade, of which its Superintendent is the Grand Marshal.

The summer Sunday school was maintained all through the summer months, being taught by our faithful Superintendent from the desk. The Daily Vacation Bible School also had its regular summer session in the Sunday School Building under the magnetic leadership of Miss Nodine. Only the practical demands of the work ahead of us for the winter prevent us from enlarging on these useful departments of our Church's work.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received:

Mrs. H. G. Bruner	$2 00
Mrs. W. K. Barclay	2 00
	$4 00
Expended for shoes	$1 50
Balance on hand	$2 50

Thanks are due for ten pairs of second hand shoes received.

On September 18th, twenty children from the lower part of the city were given a trip to the Zoological Gardens through the kindness of Mrs. Hollar. The children were under the guidance of Mrs. Vanderslice, who was assisted by several members of her circle of King's Daughters. After exhausting the wonders of the Zoo the children were regaled with ice cream and cake, and returned to their homes after a most enjoyable afternoon.

1915 Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50.

St. Stephen's Day, Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Annunciation, Ascension Day, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

Memorial Flowers.

1915.	
Jan.	3.—Mrs. Colket.
	10.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
	17.—Mrs. Ernst.
	24.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	31.—Mrs. Noblit.
Feb.	7.—Miss Van Dusen.
	14.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
	21.—Miss Gebhart.
	28.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
March	7.—Miss M. Wallace
	14.—Mrs. Clemens.
	21.—Mrs. Bruner.
	28.—Palm Sunday.
April	4.—Easter Day.
	11.—Mr. Anderson.
	18.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
	25.—Dr. Grammer.
May	2.—Miss Dutilh.
	9.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	16.—Miss Townsend.
	23.—Mrs. Colket.
	30.—Mrs. Hollar.
June	6.—Miss Dutilh.
	13.—Miss Edith Shellenberger.
	20.—Miss Gebhart.
	27.—Miss May Miller.
July	4.—Mr. Colket.
	11.—Mrs. Nicholson,
	18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	25.—Miss Lindenmayer.
Aug.	1.—Mr. Clayton.
	8.—Mrs. Heberton.
	15.—Miss Wallace.
	22.—Miss Laura Bell.
	29.—Miss H. Shellenberger.
Sept.	5.—Mrs. Lane.
	12.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
	19.—Mr. James T. Lineaweaver.
	26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct.	3.—Miss Laura Bell.
	10.—Miss Maulsby.
	17.—Mrs. Sheble.
	24.—Girls' Friendly Society.
	31.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
Nov.	1.—Mrs. Arrison.
	7—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	14.—Miss Townsend.
	21.—Miss Eisenbrey.
	28.—Mrs. Atmore.
Dec.	5.—Miss Davis.
	12.—Miss Eisenbrey.
	19.—Mrs. Petry.
	26.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Dancing Class which is held in the Sunday School Building on Thursday nights under the supervision of Miss Lewis, began on the first Thursday in November, at the usual hour, 8 P. M.

SUGAR AND SPICE
AND
EVERYTHING NICE
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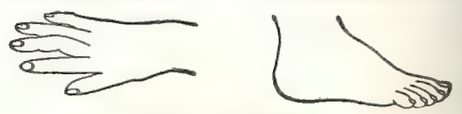
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1024 Spruce Street.
Telephone—Filbert 3939.

Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
9 South Tenth Street.

Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.
Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
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Mr. Wm. Rice Taylor,
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Choir.

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Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Herbert M. Ellis.

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Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.
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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss Helen Leighton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. Howard H. Bilyeu, Miss Cornelia Ewing, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. John Coates Browne, Miss Mary Wallace, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Miss Wallace.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Reifsnyder.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

President.—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart, The Misses Sanders, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Miss Tyson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Richard Grant.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund and Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Newlin, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Miss Dutilh, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Miss Catharine T. Rynard, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. R. N. Thomas, Miss McDowell, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, The Misses Magee, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Pancoast, Mrs. Judson, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Leonard Beale.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary.—Theodore Hein.
Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 5.—Second Sunday in Advent.
12.—Third Sunday in Advent.
19.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
21.—St. Thomas.
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—St. Stephen.
27.—St. John.
28.—Holy Innocents'.
29.—The Sunday after Christmas Day.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

November 17.—Howard Reifsnyder.
Hannah Gillam Reifsnyder.
Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.
24.—Janet Craighead Scott.
28.—Alverta Scott Van Dusen.

CONFIRMATIONS.

November 24.—Emory R. Johnson.
Elmer S. Burruss.
Henry H. Barton, Jr.
Howard Reifsnyder.
Hannah G. Reifsnyder.
Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.
Marie F. Reifsnyder.
Robert Martin Black.
Grace R. Bolen.
Otto Nicolai.
Frank Wilbur Smith.
Rachel Ashton Smith.

MARRIAGES.

November 16.—Arthur L. Hunt and Evelyn B. Hendricks.

BURIALS.

November 5.—Holstein De Haven Bright.
17.—Susan V. Kelly.
27.—Julian H. Hughey.

Contributors to St. Stephen's Church Repair Fund.

Miss Fannie S. Magee	$1,000 00
Mrs. J. Gordon Maxwell	20 00
Miss Emily Bell	25 00
Miss Laura Bell	25 00
Rev. and Mrs. Chas E. Milnor	5 00
Dr. R. E. Fell	10 00
Dr. Herbert Old	10 00
Cash	25 00
Mrs. John C. Browne	20 00
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	50 00
Mr. E. J. Moore	250 00
Mrs. Adelaide V. Brunner	50 00
Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton	5 00
Joseph C. Fox	10 00
Alfred P. Shannon	25 00
C. Howard Colket	100 00
Franklin Fisher	50 00
Miss Idella W. Higham	5 00
Howard Reifsnyder	175 00
Anna Farrell	5 00
Lewis H. Van Dusen	5 00
Craig Atmore	100 00
H. H. Barton, Jr.	175 00
Miss Mary Schaeffer	1 00
Francis W. Wallace	25 00
Rebecca A. Lowenberg	3 00
John G. Whilldin	10 00
Mrs. Jane F. O'Donnel	10 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	50 00
Otto Nicolai	5 00
Ella R. Dwier	5 00
Emory R. Johnson	25 00
Chas. N. Van Dusen	25 00
Mrs. Rebecca E. Pancoast	100 00
M. Josephine Hecker	2 00
Miss E. Corrigan	5 00
W. F. Rose	25 00
Dr. E. W. Rose	25 00
Emma L. Crawford	20 00
Alice M. Hutchings	10 00
Miss Pauline Carpen	5 00
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	15 00
Anna J. Magee	1,000 00
Allen Evans	100 00
Wm. Hillis Ruhl	2 00
Total	$3,613 00

Offerings Received from October 3, 1915, 18th Sunday after Trinity, to November 28, 1915, 1st Sunday in Advent, Inclusive.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$97 47	
Parochial Maintenance	184 26	
St. Stephen's Farm, Church Building Fund	28 31	
Episcopal Hospital	57 20	
Benevolent Society	47 66	
Sunday School	35 91	
		450 81

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$202 55	
Parochial Maintenance	395 04	
Missions	272 64	
Theological Education	1 73	
Our Work Among Boys	31 70	
Benevolent Society	167 66	
Episcopal Hospital	576 46	
Indian Missions	80	
Easter Decorations—Church and Sunday School	20	
Sunday School	63 68	
		1,712 46
		$2,163 27

SUMMARY:

Charities	$300 02	
Parochial Maintenance	579 30	
Missions	272 64	
St. Stephen's Farm, Church Building Fund	28 31	
Theological Education	1 73	
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Benevolent Society	215 32	
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JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Treasurer.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
10th St. above Chestnut.
Philadelphia.

November 1, 1915.

The Vestry appeals to the Congregation for special subscriptions to meet a deficit of $8,000. This debt is chiefly due to the expensive repairs of the last fifteen months. In this period the Church has been upholstered with new cushions and carpeting for the pews, costing $1,441.37, and a substantial roof of concrete and of asbestos tile with copper trim has been put on the entire Church and Parish House, at the cost of $5,542.46. Necessary repairs have also been made to the Sunday School building.

Our annual income from all sources, including the envelope system, of course, will enable us to meet our regular annual expenses, according to the present outlook; but special exertion is required to meet these repair bills. We who have received a Church so rich in uplifting associations and exquisite memorials, owe it to the generations who shall come after us to keep the property in good condition, and to transmit it to them free from encumbrance.

With confidence that the congregation will approve these expenditures, we ask them to subscribe an amount sufficient to pay off this debt. All contributions should be sent to Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, Accounting Warden, 505 Chestnut street.

CARL E. GRAMMER,
J. HUNTER EWING,
WM. H. HOLLAR,
Committee.

For the further information of the Congregation, the following statement has been prepared at the request of the Vestry, by Mr. William H. Hollar, who is the Committee on Church Property:

During the summer of 1914, it was determined to renew the cushions on the main floor of the Church, at which time it was learned that the material which had been used in the old cushions as well as that used to cover the pews was no longer on sale, with the result that it was found necessary to have enough material made for the cushions as well as to cover the backs of the pews. The new cushions, with the brightening up of the pews generally, have unquestionably added materially to the cheerfulness of the Church.

In reference to the roof which has been placed on the building during the past summer, this very necessary repair should have been made fifteen years ago, as leaks were of frequent occurrence, resulting in constant expense for repairs. This will not seem strange when it is understood that the old roof was composed in part of canvas, wood shingles, tin, galvanized iron, copper and slate.

In pursuance of a resolution of the Vestry your committee made an exhaustive study of the best method of repairs, and as a result of his investigation, placed a new roof over the Church and Parish House, which will be for years thoroughly weather-proof, and is as nearly fireproof as possible. Upon heavy white oak sheathing two inches thick, is placed a covering of asbestos, which in turn is covered with concrete and asbestos tiling. A small, comparatively flat area is subjected to a different treatment. All flashings and gutterings are of copper. It was also found necessary to replace the roofs on the towers. The roof is of a most substantial and durable character and ought to last for years without any but minor repairs.

When the roof was removed from over the north transept, it was found that, owing to leakage, the main girder supporting the same had weakened. The girder was strengthened.

The west wall of the Sunday School building was found to be 7½ inches out of plumb. As this was a dangerous situation, this wall was strengthened by truss rods of steel, and incidentally, it may be noted that the Sunday-school room and entrance hall were repainted.

New sidewalks were placed at the rear of the Church as well as in front of the Sunday School building. Several metal posts were also placed in order to prevent truckmen from driving heavy trucks on the walks.

Numerous other repairs had to be made, all of course costing money, with the result that we have an interest-bearing debt of $8,000.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. HOLLAR,
Committee of Vestry on St. Stephen's Church Property.

The appeal for the Church repairs is republished in this number. The noble contribution of $2,000 from Miss Fanny and Miss Anna Magee left $6,000 for the rest of the congregation to raise. The Rector has hoped by dispensing with the assistance of a clergyman at the services for the last two months to save the Church enough to constitute a substantial contribution towards the deficit. Experience, however, has shown that this is too great a drain upon his vitality, and hereafter he will procure assistance at the Sunday services and for some of the weekday demands when they exceed his powers. He hopes that he will be able to procure a regular assistant soon.

As we go to press the Nation-wide Preaching Mission is in progress. While the congregations are not so large as at the Lenten Noon-

day Services (which is to be expected), nevertheless they have been encouraging. We are glad to have Dr. Freeman as a preacher. Hitherto much of Dr. Freeman's energy has gone to the building up of such institutional work as has made St. Bartholomew's and St. George's in New York so famous. The result of this experience has brought to Dr. Freeman the conviction that sufficient emphasis has not been laid upon the simple preaching of the Gospel, as the chief means for building the Kingdom of God. On St. Andrew's Day he gave a most moving testimony on this subject.

A Confirmation class of twelve was presented by the Rector on Wednesday evening, November 24th, consisting of eight men and four women. Bishop Rhinelander was very kind in giving us this additional Confirmation, for the illness of Bishop Garland has thrown much additional work upon him, and there are grave problems pressing upon his attention. The Parish are very grateful for his kindness, and also very grateful to God for the favor He has shown us in the past year, in bringing in so many new communicants.

The Christmas Baskets.

According to our custom, baskets will be distributed on the morning of the day before Christmas to the holders of cards. Envelopes for special offerings for this purpose will be distributed through the pews. Christmas is a time when happiness and good cheer should be diffused. Let us spread peace and good will among men, by relieving the pressure of poverty at this season. Last year about one hundred and forty baskets were distributed, each containing a dinner for from eight to ten people. The Committee on Christmas Baskets is Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Howard Reifsnyder, and James Carrigan.

The Church Work Fund.

The Rector of St. Stephen's has always had a fund placed at his disposal for financing the various societies of the Church and for general purposes. There are many calls upon him as the head of a great organization that this Official Purse enables him to meet. Out of it he finances the PARISH NEWS, and provides stationery, and the services of a secretary for the Church's official business. By various devices such as advertisements in the PARISH NEWS, which have reduced the net cost of our parochial monthly to about $150, the demands on his purse have been somewhat diminished, The old members give faithfully, and it is hoped that our new members will include this fund among the objects to which they contribute. By the Envelope System for specified objects and the Church Work Fund for small sundries, the worship of St. Stephen's is kept from frequent appeals for money, a feature of our service that tends greatly to enhance the dignity of our worship.

The regular demands on the purse call for a fund of $1,500.

Contributions to the Church Work Fund received in November:

Miss Katherine Rynard	$25 00
Mrs. Oliver B. Judson	10 00
Mrs. James M. Arrison	20 00
Mrs. Adelaide V. Brunner	25 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
William H. Hollar	15 00
C. Howard Colket	25 00
Edward R. Fell	10 00
J. H. Trinkle	150 00
Miss Fannie Magee	25 00
Emory R. Johnson	5 00
Edw. J. Moore	50 00
Miss Laura Bell	10 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Mrs. John Coates Browne	10 00
Wilbur F. Rose	10 00
Dr. Elise Whitlock Rose	10 00
Jos. Van Dusen	5 00
Miss Anna Magee	25 00
Miss Mary M. Townsend	5 00
A Friend	10 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	25 00
Miss Louise Betta Edwards	5 00
Mrs. Henry B. Taylor	15 00
Mrs. Mary E. Atmore	50 00
H. H. Barton	25 00
Mrs. Josephine Heberton	5 00
Miss Elizabeth H. Smith	10 00
Mrs. Rebecca Pancoast	25 00
Mrs. Nicholas A. Petry	2 50
Mrs. George L. Crawford	5 00
Carl E. Grammer	15 00
Total	$652 50

A handsome addition to our endowment has been received in the gift of $10,000 from the

estate of the late James R. Magee. The son of a former Vestryman, baptized at our font and bound to the Church by many ties, Mr. Magee was always ready during his lifetime to aid in adorning, and conserving the edifice which contained many of his family memorials, and had been the spiritual home of his kindred for many years. This noble gift is his loyal and generous provision for the old Church after his death. It is a family custom with the Magees to make provision in this way, that the Church of their affection and care should be adequately supported when they shall be gone. This generous gift is, of course, inalienable for any purpose. Only the annual income can be used. Helpful now, the time will come when such a provision will be indispensable. The day has passed when St. Stephen's was a neighborhood Church attended by people living close by, within the sound of its bells, and almost within sight of its battlemented towers. Every year makes it more and more a Church like St. Margaret's Westminster, to use an ambitious comparison, a church whose members come from all parts of the city, a metropolitan parish, a home of social and institutional activities of all kinds, and a central place for gatherings and for evangelistic appeals to busy people. A Church ministering to the shifting elements in our population, to students, to travelers, to temporary denizens of our apartment and boarding houses needs an endowment fund such as we are accumulating at St. Stephen's to enable it to discharge its various functions with dignity and efficiency. Through the noble gifts of Colonel and Mrs. Burd, a splendid beginning was made, and the family of the late James Magee has made the largest and most numerous additions to this original endowment. Their names are bound up indissolubly with the history of the Parish and their helpfulness is felt every time we see the exquisite reredos or hear the rolling thunder of the organ, or are looking for any assistance in caring for their loved church.

It would be a great misfortune if the inaccurate notion were to spread abroad that St. Stephen's is so richly endowed that it does not need the contributions of its members. Safe endowments bring in low rates of interest. Our income from endowments is very little larger than in former days, when the interest rate was higher. The interest on our funds and our pew-rents are not sufficient to meet our expenses and keep the property in good order. We need our envelope system. Moreover, we must provide for the day, which is inevitably approaching gradually, but steadily, when the price of the pew-rents must be considerably reduced. We must face bravely the problem of reconstructing our Sunday School building, which is entirely inadequate. There are many measures, some costly, that might be employed to make the message that goes forth from St. Stephen's more widely heard and more influential in our Church and in our civic life.

It is as a substantial help to this larger service that this addition to our endowment is received with special gratitude. It does not release the congregation from contributing according to their ability to the advancement of the Church, as the great instrument for extending the Kingdom of God on earth: it only opens to us wider horizons and more splendid possibilities.

The Richmond Trial and the Stone Men's Third Degree.

The congregation has doubtless been pained and shocked by the reports in the newspapers of the proceedings at the trial of the Rev. Geo. Chalmers Richmond. It may be helpful to make some statements and explanations. The Church is a great deal more than an Ethical Society; but the inculcation of ethical principles and the development of ethical character is *one* of its chief aims. A clergyman who falls below the ethical standards of ordinary life is certainly out of place at the altar, or in the pulpit of the Church. There is in the Episcopal Church a regular method of procedure to get rid of such persons. In the case of the charges against Mr. Richmond, for conduct unbecoming a clergyman, a certain number of presenters, clerical and lay—the Rector of St. Stephen's being one of the clerical presenters—laid specific charges before the Standing Committee, which acted as a kind of Grand Jury, and certified that the offences charged were of such a character that some discipline ought to be inflicted if they were proven. Thereupon a true bill having been found, the prosecution was taken entirely out of the hands of the presenters and turned over to the Church Advocate, who in this case was assisted by Walter C. Douglas, a member of St. Stephen's

Church as it happened, (for we have a congregation whose members are in demand whenever anything is to be done) and a lawyer of large experience in prosecuting cases in the Federal Circuit Courts. A jury consisting of three clergymen known as triers, was impaneled and the trial began before the Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Henry Budd. This is not the place for any review of the evidence, or for any discussion of the merits of the case. The lawyers have made their pleas, the Chancellor has charged the triers, and the verdict has not yet been rendered.

There can be no possible doubt of the ultimate result. The Chancellor, a strict constructionist of the old school, made no allowance for the practical difficulties of a prosecution that could not compel the attendance of witnesses, and refused to facilitate procedure by permitting all the charges to be presented to the triers. The charges have been divided into sections, and only the first section was presented in the trial before this jury. If Mr. Richmond should be acquitted of these charges there will remain still more serious indictments to be tried.

Of course there are many people who condemn the whole procedure because of the accounts they have read in the newspapers. These reports, however, were very misleading. Mr. Richmond has so fully revealed himself by his various utterances that no one was interested in any evidence that injured his character, or showed the deviousness of his ways. The only part of the proceedings that was "news" was incidents or remarks that seemed to cast an unfavorable light on people regarded as estimable.

The Chancellor is a jurist of learning and a presiding officer of dignity and distinction, but his attitude was unmistakably the old attitude that the chief interest of the judge is not so much to secure substantial justice as to see that the game is played with absolute technical precision. Our personal conviction is that a case was madeout that would subject Mr. Richmond to censure and discipline if he were an officer in the Army or Navy, or a teacher in the Public Schools. We believe that the Triers will sentence him to ecclesiastical discipline of some kind on the present charge, and are certain that if the other charges come to a trial severe discipline will be decreed.

The reason for the difficulty in securing a verdict in the case of a clergyman, however, calls for some explanation. The examination is worth while, for it throws a light into some obscure corners. Roughly stated, the two great obstacles to the successful discipline of the clergy for moral offences are the caste spirit and the theory of the Divine Right of the Episcopate. The clergy feel themselves to be a special order, and are jealous of their prerogatives. Nothing has more intensified this sense of caste than the sacerdotal system and the theory that orders are indelible, once a priest always a priest, a theory held by the people who were deeply offended by the unfrocking of a prominent rector, who resigned a few years ago under heavy pressure. The other great obstacle is the theory held by many of our clergy and bishops that the bishop rules by divine right, and has only submitted to canonical regulations as a measure of administrative expediency, since he is conceived of as deriving his authority, not so much from the contemporaneous Church, as from the age of the Apostles, through a line of regularly consecrated bishops. The Parliament of England had much difficulty in restraining within the limits of the laws of the realm sovereigns like James I and Charles I, who believed that they reigned by divine right, and the Protestant Episcopal Church, organized in its present form on these shores by men like Bishop White, who shared the spirit of our revolutionary forefathers and of the framers of our National Constitution, profited by that experience and erected a number of safeguards against the abuses that would be likely to follow from the holding of such a theory by a bishop. All sorts of checks of all kind were devised. At one time the greater bulk of our canons was concerned with the procedure for the trial of a bishop. If the Right Reverend Father in God takes this affectionate and historic form of address as an exact expression of his relation to his clergy, and seeks to establish a rule of personal authority instead of a government of laws, the clergy naturally feel that the ministry of such a Church would be no place for an adult American, or for a Christian who believed that as the true seed of Abraham we should not be in bondage to any man. In this way the theories of Ministerial Caste and Divine Right of the Episcopacy which are attractive to many people who like a strong rule and well established authority, prove in practice injurious to a successful discipline. The claim that is made that our Bishop can use our Confirmation office without regard to our rubric or precedents, to confirm people who do not intend to become communicants of our Church, because he is something more than a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church by reason of the divine rights of a bishop in the Church of God, is based on the theory against whose workings the checks in our judicial system are intended to protect us.

As long as that theory is held by any considerable number of people in our fold, there will be great difficulty in maintaining a wholesome discipline. Encroachments will be feared from a bishop of such vast and undefined powers. The general spirit of our democratic land will be against a government of so feudal a character, and in sympathy with the defence. A church whose bishops claim powers outside the law, will not find the law an efficient ally in helping them get rid of clerical offenders. There is a close connection between the trial of Mr. Richmond and the decision the Bishop may make as to the honorary chaplaincy of the Stone Men.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's was held on October 21st, when Miss Charlotte Nodine told of the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School, held in the Sunday School Building during six weeks of the summer.

The second meeting of the Auxiliary was held on November 18th, when 28 members were present. The speaker was Archdeacon E. Thomas Demby, of Keeling, Tennessee, who has charge of the colored work of the Diocese of Tennessee.

A letter was read from Rev. G. H. Toop, of the Church of the Holy Apostles, asking for contributions toward the Memorial Fund to Mr. George C. Thomas. It is purposed to build a memorial church, and contributions may be sent to Miss Ella Headman, treasurer, 118 N. 18th street, who will take charge of the subscriptions sent by members of St. Stephen's Church.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

We have had such glorious weather this autumn that we have put apprehension of the coal question into the background. We have been enjoying the warm sunshine and the bright days, feeling with great pleasure the comfort such days must bring to those whose anxieties are real, when Jack Frost arrives with his train of ills, and there is no coal in the bin.

It is so hard to write of anything new when there is nothing new under the sun, as Solomon, the wisest of men, asserts.

Our Lord said, "The poor ye have always with you," and there is the same old story of poverty, sickness, deprivation, drudgery, toil and, coming this winter—Cold and Hunger.

The Parish Visitor has it all on her list, some always at the washtub, or ironing or scrubbing, even when the flesh is being eaten alive by abscess. The look of agony on the face of one such sufferer told its story. And yet if the demand for work, by ill luck or chance, should cease, despair would seize the worker.

Five persons on our list are sufferers from paralysis. My heart goes out to one old woman who is always at the tub washing, never idle in all the years that I have been visiting her, laboring at the hardest of work to support her family. Another case is of a poor man so paralyzed that he is not able to get out of bed, and his wife supports the family.

Now, for the pleasant news: we always have something for which to be thankful, and on Thanksgiving Day we could help quite a number of these sufferers. There were baskets filled with just what was needed, and which was most gratefully received; not always chicken, vegetables and tea, but just what was most acceptable to the recipient. Miss Alice Hutchings, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. William Rice Taylor, Mrs. Atmore and Mrs. Wilson, all sent me money to cheer these, my people, on Thanksgiving Day

K. H. Lewis.

We are indebted to Mr. Alfred Miller for the portrait of his brother—the Rev. Joseph Miller—which now hangs upon the walls of the vestry. It will always be a cherished possession.

Musical Program

DECEMBER 5.

11 A. M.

Thus Saith the Lord .....*Haendel*

4 P. M.

Cantate Domino in E Flat.....*Buck*
Deus Misereatur .....*J. C. D. Parker*
God That Madest Earth and Heaven..*Naylor*
From Thy Love as a Father.....*Gounod*
The Twilight Shadows .....*Wood*

DECEMBER 12.

11 A. M.

Benedicite .....*Martin*
Benedictus in E .....*Barnby*
Thou Shalt Break Them .....*Haendel*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in A. .....*Martin*
Nunc Dimittis in A .....*Martin*
Now the Day is Over .....*Shelley*
Rock of Ages .....*Buck*
God Shall Wipe Away All Tears....*Sullivan*

DECEMBER 19.

11 P. M.

Te Deum in B Flat .....*Parker*
Benedictus in E Flat .....*Stainer*
Rejoice .....*Haendel*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in B Flat .....*Stainer*
Nunc Dimittis in B Flat .....*Stainer*
He Watching Over Israel .....*Mendelssohn*
Crossing the Bar (by request).....*Barnby*
Behold! I Bring You Glad Tidings..*Barnby*

DECEMBER 25.

11 A. M.

Te Deum in E Flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in G .....*Calkin*
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear...*Sullivan*
In the Beginning .....*Wood*
Sanctus .....*Gounod*

DECEMBER 26.

11 A. M.

Te Deum in E .....*Mosenthal*
Jubilate in F .....*Smart*
While Shepherds Watched .....*Martin*

4 P. M.

Magnificat in E Flat .....*Barnby*
Nunc Dimittis in E Flat .....*Barnby*
Christmas Carols:
The First Nowell
Sleep Holy Babe
Good King Wenceslaus
Silent Night
Jesus Meek and Mild

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50.

St. Stephen's Day, Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

1915.

Jan. 3.—Mrs. Colket.
10.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mrs. Ernst.
24.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
31.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 7.—Miss Van Dusen.
14.—Dr. Edw. R. Fell.
21.—Miss Gebhart.
28.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 7.—Miss M. Wallace
14.—Mrs. Clemens.
21.—Mrs. Bruner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
28.—Palm Sunday.

April 4.—Easter Day.
11.—Mr. Anderson.
18.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
25.—Dr. Grammer.

May 2.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
13.—Ascension Day, Mrs. Armstrong.
16.—Miss Townsend.
23.—Mrs. Colket.
30.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 6.—Miss Dutilh.
13.—Mrs. Tourison.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Miss May Miller.

July 4.—Mr. Colket.
11.—Mrs. Nicholson.
18.—Mrs. Edw. R. Fell.
25.—Miss Lindenmayer.

Aug. 1.—Mr. Clayton.
8.—Mrs. Heberton.
15.—Miss Wallace.
22.—Miss Laura Bell.
29.—Miss H. Shellenberger.

Sept. 5.—Mrs. Lane.
12.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
19.—Mr. James T. Lineaweaver.
26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 3.—Miss Laura Bell.
10.—Miss Maulsby.
17.—Mrs. Sheble.
24.—Girls' Friendly Society.
31.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
7—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Miss Eisenbrey.
28.—Mrs. Atmore.

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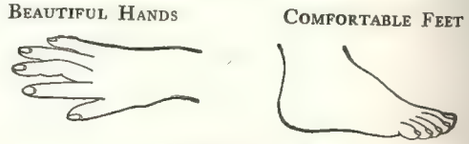
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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss Helen Leighton.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

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All meetings at the Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

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Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

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Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
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Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

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DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
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Secretary.—Miss Bright.
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Altar Society.

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Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

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Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Richard Grant.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

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Treasurer.—James Merchant.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Saturday. Circumcision. New Year's Day.
2.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
6.—Thursday. Epiphany.
9.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
16.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
23.—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
25.—Tuesday. Conversion of St. Paul.
30.—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

December 1.—Adele Elizabeth Lancaster.
5.—Meryl Margaret Hershberger.

BURIALS.

December 1.—Rebecca Waugh.
17.—Thomas Wood Blanchard.
23.—Frank B. Wenrich.

Offerings Received from December 5, 1915, Second Sunday in Advent, to December 26, 1915, Sunday after Christmas.

Offerings placed in Alms Basin, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$38 11		
Parochial Maintenance	60 21		
Sunday School Christmas Festival	37 50		
Aged and Infirm Clergy	69 92		
For maintenance of the Mission Services from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3, 1915	56 49	$262 23	

Envelope System.

Charities	$98 52	
Parochial Maintenance	108 46	
Missions	87 29	
St. Stephen's Farm	28	
Theological Education	37	
Our Work among Boys	2 66	
Benevolent Society	5 21	
Episcopal Hospital	8 86	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	90 57	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	150 21	
Indian Missions	02	
Sunday School	3 16	555 61
		$817 84

Summary.

Charities	$136 63
Parochial Maintenance	168 67
Missions	87 29
St. Stephen's Farm	28
Theological Education	37
Our Work among Boys	2 66

Benevolent Society	5 21	
Episcopal Hospital	8 86	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	128 07	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	220 13	
Indian Missions	02	
Sunday School	3 16	
For the Maintenance of Mission Services from Nov. 29, 1915 to Dec. 3, 1915	56 49	$817 84

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

Account of the Dinner for the Poor of St. Stephen's Parish—Christmas, 1915.

1914. DR.

Dec. 29.—Balance on hand $66 39

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Miss E. L. Williamson	1 00	
Miss Edna Vreeland	10	
Miss A. B. Townsend	1 00	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	10 00	
Mrs. Thomas Armstrong	1 00	
Miss Marion Headman	1 00	
Miss Emily Bell	2 00	
Miss Ella Headman	1 00	
Miss Laura Bell	2 00	
Mrs. James M. Arrison	5 00	
Mrs. I. W. Higham	2 00	
Mrs. C. E. Noblit	2 00	
Mrs. A. G. Brunner	10 00	
Mr. Charles N. Van Dusen	3 00	
Mrs. T. B. Clemens	1 00	
Mrs. William Ernst	2 00	
Mrs. Beauveau Borie	5 00	
Mrs. James Suydam	5 00	
Mrs. J. F. Millar	5 00	
Mr. Robert T. Boyd	2 00	
Mrs. Isabella De Coursey	5 00	
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	5 00	
Miss Mary E. Bean	50	
Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.	1 00	
Mrs. Marie F. Reifsnyder	1 00	
The Misses Magee	5 00	
Mr. William H. Brown	1 00	
Miss Alberta Reath	1 00	
Master Pancoast Reath	1 00	
Mrs. Benjamin Reath	3 00	
Mrs. Joseph Clayton	2 00	
Mr. Andrew Luffbarry	5 00	
Mr. William H. Hollar, Jr.	1 00	
Mrs. E. Dankelman	2 00	
Dr. and Mrs. Edward R. Fell	2 00	
Mrs. H. H. Bilyeu	2 00	
The Misses Davis	3 00	
Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Milnor	1 00	
Miss Lucy Frances Irwin	1 00	
Mrs. Edward Kerschner	1 00	
Miss Anna M. Earle	1 00	
Miss Katharine Mayne	1 00	
King's Daughters	1 25	
Miss Alice M. Hutchings	5 00	
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5 00	
Mr. A. C. Musselman	2 00	
Dr. Carl E. Grammer	3 00	
Miss Washington	1 00	
Mrs. C. D. Reeves	2 00	
Mrs. K. B. Jones	25	
Miss Josephine Hecker	1 00	
Mrs. E. Cooper Shapley	1 00	$265 35
Cash "not designated"		93 16

DONATIONS.

Mr. Clement Restein, 225 lbs. Turkey		
Mr. Craig Atmore, mince meat for 160 pies.		
A friend of the Poor of the Parish, 150 bunches of flowers		
137 lbs. Candy, at 19c.		$26 03
1033 lbs. Chicken, at 19c.		196 27
1 bbl. Cranberries	12 00	
1 crate Cranberries	3 25	15 25
14 bunches Celery, at 50c.		7 00
16 bu. Potatoes, at $1 00	16 00	
8 bags, at 10c.	80	
2 bags Onions, at $1 75	3 50	
3 bas. Sweet Potatoes, at 75c.	2 25	22 55
12 doz. Baskets, at $1 00 per doz.	12 00	
125 Craft Sacks, at $1 00 per 100	1 25	
50 Regular Sacks, at $2 00	1 00	
200 Cranberry Bags	40	
Cartage	50	15 15
1000 Envelopes — "Christmas Donations"		2 00
2 boxes Apples	4 30	
4 bu. Potatoes	4 40	8 70
Baking 160 Pies, at 9c.	14 40	
160 Boxes for Same, at 1c.	1 60	16 00
147 lbs. Sugar, at 6½c.	9 56	
74½ lbs. Tea, at 25c.	18 63	28 19
6 boxes Apples, at $2 00	12 00	
4 boxes Oranges, at $2 50	10 00	22 00
Laurel		4 00
Hauling		1 75
Cash distributed among poor women		10 00
Messengers, carfare, cleaning rooms, etc		10 75
150 loaves of Bread, at 4c.		6 00
152 Baskets, distributed to the worthy poor containing the following articles: Chicken or turkey, potatoes, onions, celery, sweet potatoes, cranberries, apples, oranges, bread, mince pie, candy, tea, sugar, flowers		391 64
		$424 90

King's Daughters, Jelly, Tea and Breakfast Food.

Average cost per basket, including articles donated, $3 42.

Each basket containing sufficient for 12 persons, or 1,824 persons.

Total Debits	$424 90
Total Credits	391 64
Balance	$33 26

Howard Reifsnyder,
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
James Carrigan,
Committee on Dinner.

Miss Kate Lewis, Parish Visitor,
Distributor.

Let us enter the New Year with courage and cheerfulness. We have a great Captain and a glorious cause, and are living as the hymn runs,

In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.

Let us take counsel of our hopes and not of our fears. Evil is easily defeated if we resist its beginnings. Anyone can refuse the first glass of whiskey. A habit in the gristle, not yet hardened into bone, is easily overthrown.

Let it be our rule to take care of the little things of the present, knowing that the great things of the future will take care of themselves.

Like a sawyer's work is life.
'Tis the present makes the flaw.
And the only field for strife
Is the inch before the saw.

Let a man live trustfully, cheerfully, each day discharging with happy assiduity the day's task in Heaven's fructifying light, and the end of that man will be an enlarged manhood, and a fruitful life. We live in the midst of obscurities, mysteries, perplexities, tragedies, but to the eye of faith there is revealed behind the checkered scene a beneficent purpose slowly evolving and destined at the last to manifest itself in fullness and glory.

Sursum corda!

On Wednesday, January 19th, a subscription dinner will be given at Dooner's Hotel in honor of the Rev. Frederick B. Keable. The men of the congregation are invited to join and are requested to send their subscription of a dollar a plate to Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr., 109 S. 3d street. Promptness on their part will greatly facilitate the work of the committee in charge.

It is hoped that everyone will read carefully the report of the Committee on Christmas Dinners. Never have we sent out such baskets or so many of them. The value of the articles donated amounted to $128, and the total cost of the dinners was $519.64. One hundred and fifty-two baskets were given out, containing dinners enough for 1,824 persons. Surely this was a case of passing comfort and good cheer around. We came to the task of providing these dinners with a comfortable balance from last year. We are left with a balance of only half that amount for next year; but I expect that when all the envelopes come in we shall have the old balance on hand again.

A delightful feature in our giving this year was the exquisite and fragrant little bouquet that went out with every basket—providing refreshment for the mind, while the other contents of the hamper supplied the more elementary and bodily needs.

The Rev. Frederick John Brymer Keable, who became a minister of St. Stephen's Church on the first of January, is the son of George B. and Caroline Couchman Keable, of Wimbledon, Surrey, England. Born in the old country, he came to the United States in 1889. His theological course was taken at St. Andrew's Divinity School, Syracuse, N. Y., under the learned and eloquent Bishop Huntington. After charges in New York, the last of which was at Jordan, N. Y., where he was rector from 1900 to 1904, organizing a parish and building a church, he became the vicar of St. Timothy's, Eighth and Reed streets, Philadelphia. After this experience in institutional work in a down-town church, he became rector of St. Luke's, Bustleton, in 1909. His success in this last parish was quite unusual, his organizing gifts were signally manifested, and he showed great capacity for winning the friendship of the men of the community. In June, 1908, he married Miss R. Ethel Whid-

den, the only daughter of Maria S. and the late John Bender Whidden, of Philadelphia.

The Rector considers himself unusually fortunate in securing as an associate a man of Mr. Keable's ripe experience, and unusual pastoral gifts. He wishes him to be considered by the congregation something more than an assistant in the sense in which the excellent young men who came to us fresh from theological seminaries are considered assistants, and that the congregation should regard him in the true light of a minister associated with the Rector in his work, and entrusted with a large measure of responsibility in the administration of the various activities of the parish. It is a hope and belief that this new addition to our staff will be an element of great power in extending our work.

The wife of a minister is not part of the official staff, but she is, nevertheless, an important factor in his work, and Mrs. Keable has been such an invaluable assistant to her husband in St. Luke's, Bustleton, that we hope she will find a field for her activities in St. Stephen's, also. The congregation, we are sure, will give them both a most cordial welcome. Invitations will go out in the course of a week to a banquet to be given to Mr. Keable by the men of the congregation, on Wednesday, January 19th.

Christmas at St. Stephen's is always associated in my mind with Dr. and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell. They always made a point of inviting the Rector's children to their Christmas tree. Just before his death Dr. Mitchell took a long walk with the Rector after the church service. As they strolled along the subject turned on the Doctor's own religious beliefs, which he said were definite and strong. At the same time he owned that religion was such a personal matter that the reasons which were convincing to one man might seem to have very little value to another.

Being asked whether Sir Charles Bell, the great surgeon and Christian, had any modern successors in his preëminence both in science and religion, Dr. Mitchell spoke of Sir James Paget, and recommended his biography as a work of great merit. Many other things were said which are not suitable for publication, but the whole conversation was full of suggestion and stimulus; so it can readily be seen that the return of this season necessarily brings back to mind the great place which Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell had in our regard.

Miss Frances Fisher, one of the members of the congregation, has compiled, at our request, some local references from Dr. Mitchell's novels. We think that the congregation will be interested in them.

PHILADELPHIA IN THE DAYS OF HUGH WYNNE.

I. BUILDINGS IN PHILADELPHIA PROPER.

Bank Hill Meeting House.—Front street, above Arch.

Christ Church and Graveyard.—Second street, south of Arch.

Academy.—Founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1750, the beginning of our present University, Fourth street, south of Arch.

Warehouses.—On Front street, and at mouth of Dock Creek.

London Coffee House.—High and Front streets.

Carpenters' Hall.—At end of Carpenters' Alley, just a little back of Chestnut street, where the Congress of 1774 met.

Independence Hall.—Between Fifth and Sixth, on Chestnut street. On the present Independence Square, were then old tumbledown houses.

The Prison.—Sixth and Walnut streets.—An unfinished building, the windows on Sixth street overlooking the Potter's Field—now called Washington Square.

"The Bag of Nails."—An Inn on Front street.

Bettering House.—Eleventh and Spruce—where troops were stationed.

Old St. Peter's Church.—Fourth and Pine streets.

(Note.—The houses of Philadelphia were of red brick with white trimmings and Doric doorways.)

II. ARRANGEMENT OF CITY STREETS.

On the North.—Race or Sassafras—called Race because of the races held there. Mulberry—later known as Arch, because of the arched bridge crossing it. High—now known as Market.

On the South.—Chestnut—in the early days known as Wynne street. Walnut street. Spruce street, Pine street, etc.

Beginning at the River.—Dock Creek—now Dock street, Front street and numbered streets running out to Broad street. From Broad street to the Schuylkill and from Callowhill to South street was the Governor's Woods.

The Ferries.—The three ferries over the Schuylkill: Upper Ferry at Callowhill street, Middle Ferry at High street, and Lower Ferry at Gray's Lane—now known as Gray's Ferry Road.

III. OUTSIDE THE CITY.

On the North.—Germantown and Chestnut Hill, where the people had their summer homes and farms. Cliveden and Mount Airy, where one could see "the range of hills beyond the river, where lay Valley Forge and Whitemarsh." The little old house at Belmont "looking over the trees to the quiet Schuylkill." "Woodlands," near Lower Ferry, the country seat of James Hamilton; the yellow and white mansion standing on a hill above the river. To-day it is a cemetery. Bartram's Gardens: The beautiful home and grounds of the famous botanist, John Bartram, extending from the Schuylkill to the old Darby Road. The mansion and some of the rare plants and trees may still be seen to-day.

Blue Bell Inn.—A tavern on the old Darby Road. It was passed by Hugh Wynne when he journeyed that way to join his army.

The Indian Rights Association—The Armstrong Association—The Legal Aid Society.

Many members of the congregation doubtless often receive circulars and appeals from these three organizations and I wish to say a word in regard to my connection with them. Soon after I came to Philadelphia I was invited by my friend, Mr. Herbert Welsh, with whom I had become acquainted down in Virginia, to join the Executive Committee of the society of which he is the founder and chief spirit. Having been always interested in the protection and advancement of backward and dependent races I accepted the position and eventually became the president, with the Honorable Joseph Choate as honorary president. At one time the work of the Executive Committee took much time, but it is now on such a basis that this society does not need much attention from me. Having gone out to the Indian country two summers ago, I have gained sufficient insight into conditions to be able to keep up with affairs by reading our office reports and attending the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee. I may go out next summer to inspect another section of the Indian country. Problems created by the growth of a sense of racial solidarity in peoples and by racial antagonisms are some of the most serious of the problems before the Church and before the State. My association with this philanthropic society has taught me much. Such a voluntary and independent society is absolutely necessary if the Christian conscience of our Nation is to make itself felt in the administration of Indian affairs. The Indian Rights Association is a National organization.

My second important extra-parochial organization, the Armstrong Association, is entirely local in its nature, but the problem that it seeks to help to solve is perhaps our most serious national problem. Named after General Armstrong, the founder of Hampton School, this Philadelphia organization endeavors to help the Philadelphia negroes to establish themselves on a sound economic and industrial footing. My interest in the amiable and backward colored people has been lifelong. A son of the Border States, I have known from childhood something of their feelings, and their difficulties. At the instance of Dr. Frizzell, I became the president of this association in my third year in this city. I know no society that does a larger work in proportion to the capital and labor expended. The chief burden of responsibility is borne in this organization by Mr. John Thompson Emlen.

The Legal Aid Society is an organiation to give free legal advice to the poor. We require, it is true, a small fee of 25 cents from each applicant for counsel, but we do not think that such a small pledge of good faith deprives us of the right to call ourselves a society giving free legal assistance to the poor. The office is 34 S. 16th street. There the Society's salaried attorney gives legal advice freely to needy, perplexed people involved in legal difficulties, in the same way that a medical doctor gives advice to the sick at a dispensary.

At the annual meeting we have been thanked by an employer for our just handling of claims for damages, and as the appended report shows we render aid to cases sent from many societies.

These three societies represent my chief activities outside of the parish. I am examining chaplain on the first 300 years of Church History, but otherwise I hold no diocesan office of any significance. I have never put my church lists at the disposal of these societies,

holding those lists as sacred trusts to be used only for the Church's work. I hope, however, if any appeals from these societies come to any members of the congregation that they will be carefully read. I publish herewith a brief statement of the purposes of the Indian Rights and Armstrong associations, and the November office report of the Legal Aid Society.

The Indian Rights Association was organized in Philadelphia, December 15, 1882, as a result of a visit of Messrs. Henry S. Pancoast and Herbert Welsh to the Sioux Indians, by about thirty gentlemen, who met in response to an invitation from the late Hon. John Welsh—

"To take into consideration the best method of producing such public feeling and Congressional action as shall secure to our Indian population civil rights and general education, ... and in time bring about the complete civilization of the Indians and their admission to citizenship."

The object of the Association, as defined by its constitution, is "to secure to the Indians of the United States the political and civil rights already guaranteed to them by treaty and statutes of the United States, and such as their civilization and circumstances may justify."

The Association has over one thousand members and contributors, and expends annually about $9,500. The strength of its work has been the direct study of facts, gained by sending representatives to the Indian reservations for that purpose.

Its formation was really the outgrowth of the invitation of Bishop Hare to Messrs. Pancoast and Welsh to visit the Sioux Indians and learn of the conditions under which the Red Men were living. Speaking of its work, Bishop Hare said:

"The Indian Rights Association as a free and independent society has given to the cause of Indian rights disinterested ability of a high order. It has brought to light hidden things of darkness. It has made officials feel that they were under the public eye. It has made ears attentive to cries for help which otherwise had been deaf, and it has given faithful officials the reward and help of knowing that they would have in all their right measures strong public backing. Without it the friends of the Indian would feel that by definite, earnest effort they could accomplish but little and were beating the air."

Another distinguished observer, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, in referring to "its very excellent work," states:

"Everybody knows how badly the Indians have been treated for generations, and certainly this unhappy remnant is entitled to be looked after and defended, as no other organization that I know of can do so well as the Indian Rights Association.

The influence of the Association has steadily developed from the beginning, and its accurate and extensive knowledge of Indian affairs is generally recognized by officials of the Government, and others. Within two weeks after his inauguration, President Wilson gave a hearing to a delegation from the Association regarding the appointment of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The Association has the unique record among philanthropic organizations, of never having been in debt during its existence.

The Armstrong Association of Philadelphia is working in a practical way for the 100,000 colored people in and about the city.

There are three kinds of social work—ameliorative, preventive and constructive. The giving of alms is ameliorative. The care of defective and dependents, etc., is an example of the preventive. The development of economic opportunities and of education are examples of the constructive. It is the aim of the Armstrong Association in its work with the colored people, on account of the great and pressing needs of the race to deal as much as possible with the constructive.

Public meetings are held among both colored and white people to educate them in the needs of the colored race and the importance of this kind of work among them.

During the fiscal year of 1914-15, the Armstrong Association helped 583 persons to secure jobs, or placements, amounting to $63,253, an increase over 1913-14, from 455 in number and $39,920 in amount. During the past two months, October and November, the number was 288, as compared with 115 in 1914, and the amount $9,429, as compared with $7,890 of 1914. These figures show a very healthy increase. The industrial secretary is constantly seeking new opportunities for skilled workers, and the $63,253 worth of jobs were for 25 different kinds of work, and though the larger number is unskilled, a very large amount—$51,653—was for contracts. The following young colored men are now working as apprentices: 4 carpenters, 2 plumbers, 2 electricians and 2 painters and paper hangers. The figures show large increase but do not at all indicate the full amount of work secured by colored mechanics through the Association this year, because when a man has once secured a customer through us, he goes to him direct.

Education used in the broader sense is so vital that the Association has employed a Home and School Visitor to give her assistance in making the largest school attended by the colored children in Philadelphia at 16th and Lombard streets, an experiment station and a model of what may be accomplished. She made about 1,000 visits last year, and has established a Working Women's Club which meets regularly, and which held its annual meeting in the spring in Witherspoon Hall. She held an educational demonstration attended by 3,000 persons, at which the Baby Saving Show was exhibited, and also arranged for Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities and managed the Clean-up Week Campaign, helped with the Fresh Air Class, and is now engaged in endeavoring to raise $6,000 for a Model Housekeeping Center. The spirit underlying all these activities is to make the school as much of a community center as possible for the parents and to interest them in the school and give them faith in it.

The Association had charge of the Model Fourth of July celebration held at the school last summer, at which about 2,800 men, women and children were present.

A club of colored girls attending the High School has been formed by our Employment Secretary. They meet regularly twice a month, on Saturday afternoons. Those who wish it are coached in any subject in which they are deficient in the school curriculum. Through our office some have been able to secure work during the summer vacation, or at part time, while they are at school.

Investigations into existing conditions, for their practical improvement, are held each year by the Association. Last year one of our workers visited 41 towns in the suburbs of Philadelphia, studying conditions of living among the colored people. The inquiry was into the housing conditions, opportunities for work, education, churches, time and distance from Philadelphia, etc. All this should be of great practical value to colored people wanting to know where they can best settle.

The Association is about to start another investigation into the number of different kinds of business conducted by negroes in Philadelphia.

The Association has been instrumental, with a number of other agencies, in conducting a Round Table Conference for Work among Colored People in Philadelphia. Over 25 organizations working for colored people are members of this Conference.

Among those on the Board of Management of the Association are: Dr. Carl E. Grammer, president; John T. Emlen, secretary and treasurer; W. W. Frazier, Bishop Levi J. Coppin, Chas. H. Brooks, Dr. Roswell C. McCrea, Dean of the Wharton School of Finance; Roy Smith Wallace, and J. Henry Scattergood.

Attorney's Report to the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Philadelphia for November, 1915.

1. Number of cases	357
2. Number of men clients	113
3. Number of women clients	244
4. Number of colored clients	47
5. Number of interviews at office	755
6. Amount recovered for clients	$649.24
7. Recovery of personal property in cases Nos. 23199-23445.	
8. Sources from which cases came:	
Friends	88
Newspapers	74
Former clients	22
Sent by former clients	23
Direct	6
City Hall	45
Attorneys	6
Magistrates	19
Police officers	8
Clergy	2
County Prison	1
Employment Bureaus	2
New York Bureau of Immigration	1
New York Legal Aid Society	1
New Jersey Legal Aid Society	1
Chicago Legal Aid Society	1
Social Service, Episcopal Hospital	1
Social Service, Jefferson Hospital	1
Other Charities:	
Children's Bureau	1
Colored Home	1
Emergency Aid	1
Germantown Relief	1
Juvenile Court	1
Juvenile Aid	1
Jewish Immigration Society	1
Lighthouse	2
New Century Club	1
Preston Retreat	1
S. O. C.	11
Seamen's Mission	1

Sunnyside Day Nursery	1
Y. W. C. A.	1
9. Letters asking for advice	27
10. Subject matter of cases:	
Adoption	1
Contract	2
Complaints vs. attorneys	6
Criminal	15
Custody of Children	2
Decedents' estates	9
General advice	66
Insurance and benefits	9
Landlord and tenant	21
Loan companies	2
Matrimonial and domestic differences	86
Negligence	13
Neighborhood quarrels	4
Pension	2
Real Estate	11
Recovery of personal property	24
Support	2
Wage claims	63
Other collections	18

11. Nationality of clients:

American	250	Italian	8
Austrian	2	Lithuanian	8
Canadian	1	Norwegian	1
English	5	Polish	6
German	19	Russian	27
Hungarian	1	Swiss	2
Irish	17	Roumanian	4

Comparison: Jan. 1 to Nov. 30	1915	1914
Number of cases	3969	3568
Recoveries of personal property	45	42

Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Philadelphia for November, 1915.

Balance on hand November 1, 1915		$810 14
In office for deposit		9 11
		$819 25
Receipts:		
Contributions	$186 00	
Fees	57 37	
Commissions	37 83	281 20
		$1100 45
Expenditures:		
Salaries	$200 00	
Rent	30 00	
Telephone	5 90	
Postage	12 57	
Office expenses	15 60	264 07
Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1915		$836 38

Harrie B. Price, Treasurer.

The United Offering appeals to you for help in the last year of the triennium.

In the last two years $425 was contributed, and the Board of Missions hope the contributions will be very much larger than ever before. I would like to hand in $500. This amount could be easily reached if every contributor would make the effort on this twenty-fifth anniversary to double her gift, as it must be laid on the altar on the day appointed by the General Convention for that purpose.

Sincerely yours,

ANNA J. MAGEE.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The third meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on Dec. 16th, when twenty-six members were present.

Mrs. Ralph H. North, Diocesan Treasurer of the United Offering, was the speaker and made an earnest appeal for more women to join in making this offering, which may be one expression of our thankfulness.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, Jan. 20th, at 11 o'clock.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Received in October:

Throngh Mr. Hunter Ewing, interest from Estate of Mr. Potter	$33 41
In Memory of Mother	5 00
Donation from Mrs. E. W. Moore towards baskets for Christmas	2 00
From Members of the Circle	2 50
Total	$42 91

Gave out to poor—groceries, fruit and some articles of clothing Christmas.

Next meetings will be Jan. 5th and 19th, quarter to 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Received from Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	$25 00
From those receiving shoes	2 00
Total	$27 00
Expended for shoes	24 50
Balance	$2 50

We have also received from good old Santa Claus, his usual gift of shoes and overshoes for the poor children. Now is the time they need the overshoes. Many that came for shoes last week were almost without a sole. It is impossible to imagine the condition of many of the children's shoes. Thanks, dear old Santa Claus. What would we do without you? May you have a very Happy New Year is the wish of all St. Stephen's poor little children.

Given out in December, 22 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50.

Circumcision, Epiphany, Conversion of St. Paul, Transfiguration, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Andrew's Day and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whit-sunday.

1916.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. Colket.
9.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ernst.
23.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
30.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 6.—Miss Van Dusen.
13.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 5.—Miss M. Wallace.
12.—Mrs. Clemens.
19.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
26.—Mr. Anderson.

April 2.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
9.—Dr. Grammer.
16.—Palm Sunday.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Miss Dutilh.

May 7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Mrs. Colket.
28.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 1.—Mrs. Armstrong.
3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss May Miller.

July 2.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
30.—

Aug. 6.—Mrs. Heberton.
13.—Miss Wallace.
20.—Miss Laura Bell.
27.—Miss Shellenberger.

Sept. 3.—In Memoriam.
10.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mr. J. T. Lineaweaver.
24.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Bell.
8.—Miss Maulsby.
15.—Mrs. Sheble.
22.—Girls' Friendly Society.
29.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
5.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Miss Eisenbrey.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.

Dec. 3.—Miss Davis.
10.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
17.—Mrs. Petry.
24.—Miss Emily Bell.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Musical Program

JANUARY 2.

11 A. M.
God so Loved the World ..... Stainer

4 P. M. (Christmas Music repeated).
Magnificat ..... Barnby
Nunc Dimittis ..... Barnby
O Holy Night ..... Adam
Carols: The First Nowell.
Sleep Holy Babe.
Good King Wenceslaus.
Silent Night.
Jesus Meek and Mild.

JANUARY 9.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B minor ..... Buck
Benedictus ..... Beethoven
Out of the Depths ..... Capel

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Tours
Nunc ..... Tours
Cast Thy Burden ..... Mendelssohn
I Waited for the Lord ..... Mendelssohn
Peace I Leave with You ..... Burton

JANUARY 16.

11 A. M.
Te Deum G ..... Mosenthal
Jubilate ..... Smart
Seek Ye the Lord ..... Roberts

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Parker
Nunc Dimittis ..... Parker
Ave Verum ..... Mozart
O Come ..... Martin
The Marvelous Work ..... Haydn

JANUARY 23.

11 A. M.
Te Deum E ..... Mosenthal
Benedictus ..... Beethoven
Lord, How Long ..... Mendelssohn

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Martin
Nunc ..... Martin
How Lovely ..... Mendelssohn
Rock of Ages ..... Buck
No Shadows ..... Gaul

JANUARY 30.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... Parker
Benedictus ..... Barnby
O Where Shall Wisdom Be Found ..... Boyce

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Stainer
Nunc ..... Stainer
The Sun Shall Be no More ..... Woodward
Fierce Was the Wild Billow ..... Noble
Lovely Appear ..... Gounod

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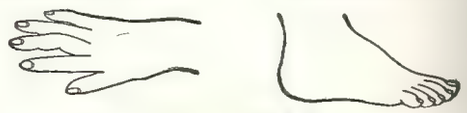
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Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Mr. William H. Hollar,
Mr. William H. Hansell,
Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. Wm. Rice Taylor,
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Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Mrs. Anna C. Becker, Miss Rosa M. Will, Miss Alice D. Smith, Mrs. Floyd D. Brown.

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Services.

SUNDAYS, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION, First Sunday of the Month at 11 A. M., and Third Sunday at 10.15 A. M., also on Festivals and Saints' Days at 12 o'clock.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9.45 A. M.
LITANY SERVICE and ADDRESS, Wednesday 12.15.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 7.15 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Miss Cornelia Ewing, Mrs Howard H. Bilyeu, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Mrs. John Coates Browne, Miss Mary Wallace, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Miss Wallace.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Reifsnyder.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin and Miss Francis McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President.—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, The Misses Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart, The Misses Sanders, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Miss Tyson.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Richard Grant, Mr. Donald Marvin.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund and Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Grammer, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Fannie Magee, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary.—Theodore Hein.
Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

February 2.—Wednesday: Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.
6.—Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.
13.—Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.
20.—Septuagesima Sunday.
24.—Thursday: St. Matthias.
27.—Sexagesima Sunday.

Parish Record.

BURIALS.

William F. Williamson.
Benjamin B. Eyre.

Offerings Received from January 2, 1916, Second Sunday after Christmas, to January 30, 1916, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Inclusive.

OFFERINGS PLACED IN THE ALMS BASINS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$35 10	
Parochial Maintenance	121 93	
Foreign Missions	26 74	$183 77

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Charities	$73 46	
Parochial Maintenance	197 26	
Missions	99 29	
St. Stephen's Farm	70	
Theological Education	10	
Our work among boys	65	
Benevolent Society	102 35	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Ch.	10	
Episcopal Hospital	1 27	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	8 65	
Domestic Missions	50 05	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	20 80	
Diocesan Missions	05	
Foreign Missions	77 59	
Colored Missions	25 06	
Missionary Box	05	
Indian Missions	25 00	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	05	
City Missions	05	
Sunday School	1 20	
		$683 73
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Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Contributions to St. Stephen's Church Repair Fund.

Acknowledged in December Parish News .$3,613 00
Received during December:

Miss Annie W. Denney	$2 00
Miss Isabel W. Franklin	5 00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath	25 00
Clement Restein	25 00
A. D. R.	150 00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Moore	10 00
Miss May E. Bean	2 00
Miss Alverta S. Van Dusen	5 00
The Misses Davis	10 00
Miss Minnie Corrigan	1 00
E. E. Holman	3 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Pyne	3 00
Cash	1 00
Samuel N. Lewis	25 00
	$267 00

Received during January:

Louise Betts Edwards	$10 00
Mary Swift	5 00
E. Bertha Yocum	5 00
Wm. H. Brown	5 00
Girls' Friendly Society	25 00
Miss Mary J. Holt	1 00
Mrs. Eastwood and The Misses Daley	15 00
Howard H. Bilyeu	10 00
	$76 00

From Deficiency Fund Subscribers:

W. H. Hollar	$250 00
Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.	125 00
Wm. H. Hansell	100 00
C. Howard Colket	100 00
Mrs. Robert E. Atmore	100 00
Wm. B. Campbell	100 00
Chas. L. McKeehan	100 00
A. P. Shannon	25 00
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Judson	50 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	100 00
J. Hunter Ewing	250 00
	$1,300 00
Total, Feb. 2, 1916	$5,256 00

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

The month of January, in which the seasons were so curiously mixed, was full of pleasant occurrences. On the feast of the Epiphany, Mr. Keable officiated and preached for the first time in St. Stephen's as the Associate of the Rector. On Saturday, the 15th, a tea was given at the rectory by Mrs. Grammer in honor of Mrs. Keable, and the eight young ladies studying at the Church Training and Deaconess' House, who attend St. Stephen's. Invitations were sent to all the ladies of the congregation who belong to any of the societies which are made up exclusively of St. Stephen's people, and to the officers in the more general organizations. The gathering was large, but it is feared that through carelessness of the mails, or through inadvertence some invitations may have failed to reach the proper persons. The invitations were intended to be general.

On Wednesday, January 19th, at 6.45, the Men's Banquet in honor of Mr. Keable was held at Dooner's Hotel. The Rector acted as toastmaster, with Mr. Keable as the guest of honor at his right, and Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, the Accounting Warden, at his left.

Grace was said by the Rev. Charles E. Milnor, one of the clergymen who has done us the honor to select St. Stephen's as his Church home.

Mr. Milnor is the grandson of one of the most eminent rectors and leaders that the Protestant Episcopal Church ever possessed, the Rev. Dr. Milnor, for many years the rector of St. George's Church, New York. As I sat near Mr. Milnor at the banquet I could but recall that my grandfather, William Sparrow, as an undergraduate in Columbia College, New York, attended Dr. Milnor's Church, and learned under that great Christian lessons of the spiritual life that as Professor of Systematic Divinity and Dean of the Theological Seminary of Virginia he handed on to such men as Phillips Brooks, of Massachusetts, and Alfred Magill Randolph, of Virginia. Strange indeed and far-reaching are the ties that bind us together in one great web, or perhaps I should more Christianly call it one great brotherhood or household. It means much to me personally that I, Dr. Sparrow's grandson, should have the grandson of Dr. Milnor in my congregation. Some time I shall take pleasure in telling the story of Dr. Milnor's remarkable conversion. He was a member of Congress from New York when the light from on high shined upon him, as he meditated on the great themes of man's destiny in the comparative quiet of his rooms in a hotel. It would be interesting to know how many men have turned from the National Legislature to the pulpit as a more efficacious instrument for founding the Kingdom of God upon earth.

The banquet registered our high-water mark in attendance. Eighty-four of us sat down to a dinner that was a revelation of the Messrs. Dooner's kind feeling towards St. Stephen's as well as of their well-known culinary art. Between the courses songs were sung by Dr. Anthony and Mr. Manypenny, accompanied by Mr. Thunder. After a few words of greeting the Rector introduced Mr. Keable as our new Associate and a brother whose praise was throughout the diocese.. Much moved by the friendly welcome of the men who rose in his honor, Mr. Keable made an address that drew the whole company to him by its simplicity, directness and earnestness. His especial appeal was for more workers among the men, and there were clear tokens before the evening closed that his words had not fallen on unheeding ears.

After Mr. Keable, the Accounting Warden, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, was called on for some remarks. Mr. Ewing is a Vestryman and Warden of large experience and his commendations of the spirit of St. Stephen's have special weight and authority. He brought us the agreeable news that the amount contributed to the deficit had now reached $5,250, and that the number of the contributors was eighty-one. This wide distribution of interest and generosity is particularly gratifying.

The Rector's Warden, Mr. Roland S. Morris, was introduced as the sole surviving member of the committee that had extended the call to the present Rector. After some pleasant reminiscences of his trip to Norfolk and his personal ties with the Church, Mr. Morris paid an eloquent tribute to the former rectors of St. Stephen's, who, each in his day and according to the needs of his generation, had lifted up the standard of righteousness and borne onward the banners of truth.

That a new voice might be heard, the Rector then called on Mr. Randolph Sailer. A Princeton graduate and a lawyer, the sudden call did not find Mr. Sailer unprepared. It was inspiring to hear him speak of the pleasure that he had in the new association with the old Church and of his desire to coöperate in our activities, whose number and variety had greatly impressed him.

Mr. Craig Atmore then spoke of his relations to St. Stephen's, and pointed out that this banquet, in addition to its social features, served the purpose of stimulating the loyalty of all the attendants and arousing them to more zeal and fidelity. He also reminded us that while the Church has its problems, business men also have their problems. At this time these latter problems are particularly heavy, and never was the Church more called on to minister to the spirits of men than in these trying days. The last speaker was Mr. Walter C. Douglas, whose participation in the prosecution of a certain cleric living in the Northern Liberties, who has

taken so very much liberty, was referred to by the toastmaster. Mr. Douglas made a very witty speech that excited a great deal of merriment by its admirable parrying and effective, yet kindly, thrusts. A very happy evening closed at a wholesome hour. Everyone agreed that the occasion had been an auspicious inauguration of the activities of 1916 and of Mr. Keable's associateship. Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr., who first brought Mr. Keable and myself together, acted as the treasurer of the committee in charge of the banquet, and, aided by Mr. Carrigan, made all the arrangements.

On Thursday, January 27th, the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Stephen's. The gathering was large, and, as an experiment, the attendants were allowed to get their lunch at some restaurant near by. This arrangement permitted variety in the lunches and saved a great deal of trouble. It ought to be explained that the plan was the choice of the Diocesan officers of the Auxiliary, and was not the suggestion of the Auxiliary of St. Stephen's. The organ was played at all the services by Mrs. Keable. Her excellent playing was much appreciated, as well as the service of the faithful choir.

So much by way of record of our parish life.

Let us now turn to the tasks and interests of February. The astrologers would say that a month which began with the four glorious planets of Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Mercury as evening stars auspicated many good things for those lighted by such resplendent luminaries. Whether it be the influence of those great planets or not, all our skies are just now bright and the rainbow of hope is seen without any background of cloud or rain. One little cloud in our sky has been the indisposition of Miss Lewis; but she took a week's vacation at the solicitation of friends in January, and I have required her to take another week of rest, beginning with Monday, the 7th, in February. Our faithful parish visitor who lives for others must not be allowed to neglect her own health.

Such of her work as can be given to visitors for a month or so, will be entrusted to Miss Margaret Fuller, who has come to us to render some social service under the guidance of the Church, while her parents make their annual winter trip to Florida. Miss Fuller has done much social work under extra-ecclesiastical societies, and now wishes to add to her experience a knowledge of our Church's methods. My friend of college days, Bishop Israel, of Erie, has commended her most warmly to me. It is very generous in Miss Fuller to present her services to our Church, and I hope that we can give her opportunities of rendering help to others and gaining profitable experience for herself.

A special appeal is here made for additional aid in the Benevolent Society. Workers who can cut out garments are greatly needed. Owing to the illness of a number of its members the Society was somewhat handicapped in January. This efficient organization sent out during the past year over 6,000 garments to 17 hospitals and homes. A society that diffuses abroad so much blessing is one of the glories of St. Stephen's and must not be permitted to languish in any department. Instinct with energy, animated with a spirit of concord and wisely guided, it is a society for which to be grateful. It offers a most attractive field of work.

Last November Miss Helen Leighton offered her resignation of the superintendency of the Burd School. The burden of this great responsibility she wished to lay down in order to take up some work whose administrative problems were not so onerous. The task of inspiring the young with ideals has always been particularly attractive to her. While she administered the finances of the Burd School with ability, she nevertheless desired a somewhat different work. After due deliberation the Rector and Vestry accepted Miss Leighton's resignation. The responsibility of selecting her successor has been distributed. The Board of Lady Visitors was asked to suggest a name to the Vestry, which if approved, it would nominate to the Rector for his appointment. The will of Mrs. Burd explicitly states that the superintendent is to be appointed by the Rector on the nomination of the Vestry, and we were scrupulous to carry out the directions of our founder. The Board of Lady Visitors, after careful consideration, presented to the Vestry the name of Miss A. V. Morgan, of Phoenixville, Pa. Her credentials satisfied the Vestry, who nominated her to the Rector at a called meeting . I at once informed Miss Morgan of her appointment and am much gratified that she will take charge not later than February 9th. A member of the Episcopal Church, an administrator of large experience and approved ability, Miss Morgan comes to us with high testimonials as possessing a rare combination of gentleness and force. We believe that she will be a mother to these girls and a systematic administrator of this great trust.

For the first time in all my ministry I am going to take a midwinter holiday. On February the 14th, Mrs. Grammer and I will set out for Florida to spend a clergyman's week of twelve days at Ormond on the west coast as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore. Two years ago we were invited by these kind friends and parishioners to take this trip at this season, but at that time the Confirmation visitation of the Bishop fell early in Lent, and it was impossible to leave. This year, however, everything is propitious. The spring Confirmation will come after Easter, which will be as late as April 23d, so that this absence will not interfere with the gathering together or instruction of a Confirmation class. I have in our associate, Mr. Keable, a clergyman of experience to take my place. The three and a half months during which I conducted the parish without an assistant have proven a heavy drain on my vitality, and some change and rest is judicious. This delightful outing with congenial friends in scenes of great beauty ought to be a splendid preparation for Lent and should give me new energy for my tasks. I am anticipating the greatest refreshment and joy in it, and trust that I may bring something of exhilaration and cheer back with me.

In December the Vestry decided to have some of my Sunday morning sermons stenographically reported that I might publish those sermons whose message seemed of general value. The first of these sermons, "Ill Chosen Guides to a Mistaken Goal," has been distributed in our pews, and mailed to the clergy of the diocese, and to our theological seminaries. The sermon entitled "Ministers, not Priests," will be published shortly. The sermon on the true nature of our Confirmation office will also be printed and distributed. Others will follow, and it is hoped that in this way the message may be spread abroad. One of the great causes of unbelief, not the greatest, for the chief spring of doubt is selfishness and sin; but one of the greatest of the contributing causes is the identification of Christianity with the thought-forms that were created by its union with Greek and Latin civilization, with mediæval feudalism and with the prevailing ideas of the 16th and 17th centuries in the North of Europe. Christianity is something deeper and more vital than any one form can express. To identify it with the Catholic Theology, or the mediæval teachings of Aquinas, or the Thirty-nine Articles is a mistake.

> New occasions teach new duties
> Time makes ancient good uncouth.
> They must upward still and onward
> Who would keep abreast of Truth.

As the sun must loosen the soil from the iron fetters of frost before spring verdure can glorify the fields, so the bonds of dogmatic finality must be burst before the energy of the Spirit of Light and Love can produce its proper developments in the Christian Church. May St. Stephen's help to bring in this more genial and fruitful era by liberating us from bondage and making plain the new insight into the old Gospel.

Before I close I ought to say that the Sunday school, the work among boys and young men, the chaplaincy of the Burd School, and so to speak the chaplaincy of the Mothers' Meeting, and Girls' Friendly, and the editorship of the PARISH NEWS have all been turned over to the competent hands of Mr. Keable. He is studying conditions and will doubtless have some plans ready for promulgation in our next issue.

This letter is already too long, or I should send some special message to the Shut-in members of my flock. They may be "shut in," but they are not shut out. They are in the mind of God. It may be that death itself can alone break their chrysalis state and set them free, to

wander through God's great universe—but they are not shut out of the Master's service. They also serve who only stand and wait. Many a wanderer has been brought home by the knowledge that some patient "shut in" was pining for his return. More things are wrought by simply letting one's light shine, by bearing one's burden, than the restless busybodies of life can ever realize. A little child often leads the aged, and many a patient, aged hand, feeble and trembling, has saved a little child. Youth has its promise and age has its testimony. Let us be patient and trust that God doeth all things well and maketh all things work together for good to the loving and the trusting.

Your friend and rector,
CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Rector acknowledges with thanks the following additional subscriptions to the Church Work Fund, received during December:

Howard Reifsnyder	$100 00
Samuel N. Lewis	15 00
Mrs. E. E. Holman	2 00
John T. Lewis	25 00
Howard Reifsnyder	50 00
J. Hunter Ewing	30 00

DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

Enclosed please find check for twenty-five dollars, from members of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society for the deficit fund for repairs to the church roof. The girls wish to do what they can to help in the work of the parish, and it gives them much pleasure to send this contribution.

Very sincerely,
GRACE V. S. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

January 3, 1916.

Acknowledging a Box.

To-day I have your letter and box containing articles named and they are so pleasing, I do thank you and your Society so much for the nice way that you have helped us out. I would much rather have you select my whole wardrobe at all times were it possible. You have been so kind in trying to please us that I feel that we have known each other long ago. I must say Philadelphia is well termed "The City of Brotherly Love."

While in school a Miss ———, of Philadelphia, paid my tuition and board a whole term. I lost trace of her but am ever grateful to her, and often wish she could know it, but there's no way I suppose other than to help save some others.

I helped three of my own family in school since then and a sister is taking sole care of my baby sister ever since mother's death five years now, which she probably could not have done had I not sacrificed for her.

Now I have five boys and one girl to live for; beside the burden of my husband's work is on me heavily as I learn the pitiable condition they are in.

These people are extremely poor, being in this cotton section and for two years have had the saddest of times for food and other necessities of life. Instead of being able to pay my husband the promised dues they often get him to loan or give to them. This he could not refuse to do where suffering was in sight.

This same crisis has caused my husband to almost lose his farm which is now under a heavy mortgage of $1,400. We prize the little farm because it would be just the thing for the boys to develop later in life.

Please pardon me for turning inside out to you, and thank the ladies of your Society for all the good done us in our time of need. Hoping that God may ever give to you that you may be ever richer for the giving and able to help the needy always, and again thanking you for kindness only God can repay, I am,

Gratefully yours.

Church Periodical Club.

A clergyman in Alaska has written: "The worst thing about living and working out here is the being out of touch with the great world, outside, its work and thought, sociological, political and religious. And this narrowness affects the whole point of view of people here. It is the magazines and other periodicals, with their articles, pictures and advertisements, which to some extent put us in touch with the outside world, remind us that we are not the only spot on the face of the earth, and direct our thoughts into other channels. Very likely a magazine that is sent to Nome ultimately finds its way all over the Seward peninsula, traveling from road house to road house, where travelers are often marooned by blizzards for days, and from cabin to cabin, giving pleasure, information, and, perhaps, inspiration to many persons, sometimes being literally read to pieces."

The Church Periodical Club is a society organized to provide reading matter for those who are unable to obtain it otherwise. The Librarian for St. Stephen's will tell you what to do with your magazines after you have read them.

Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The annual all-day missionary meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. Stephen's, Thursday, January 27th.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 10.30, and a sermon was preached by Rev. Harrison B. Wright, of St. Asaph's, Bala. The day was then given to five thrilling addresses by men who represent very different fields of mission work. Rt. Rev. Paul Jones, Bishop of Utah, spoke of the work among the Indians. Dr. R. B. Tensler, of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, made a wonderful address which could not fail to convert those who are indifferent to Foreign Missions. Rev. Robert W. Patton, of the American Church Institute of Negroes, told of the eight different institutions which this organization supports to educate the negro. Rev. John M. Chattin, of Quakertown, Pa., spoke on rural mission work. He ministers to fifty communicants, only a few of whom speak English, in a district the size of the Diocese of Rhode Island. The Rt. Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas, D.D., Bishop of Wyoming, told of the problems and progress of his work among the Indians and the whites of the isolated mining towns.

The usual offertory at these annual meetings is about $200. This year a sum of $778.09 was collected. This fund will be devoted entirely to missions.

Our new associate's wife, Mrs. Keable, played the organ and organized and directed a choir for the day of members from the various churches in the diocese.

It was a most inspiring and gratifying day. The church was well filled all day and we feel sure if more women of our own congregation had been present, St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary might be increased in membership.

King's Daughters.

Donations received from Mrs. Charles Stein (too late for January Parish News)	$1 00
Dues received from Miss E. Jones	1 00
Total	$2 00

The King's Daughters have sent a donation of $2.00 to Miss Ella Lucas, of Eheart, Virginia, towards building an Industrial School for Crippled Children. They are now busy sewing and knitting garments to be sent to hospitals and day nurseries during the Lenten season. They will have their next meetings February 2 and February 16, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, 8 o'clock. Visitors and helpers gladly welcome.

Shoe Fund.

Donations received from—

Miss M. E. Schaeffer	$1 50
From those receiving shoes	3 85
Total	$5 35
Expended for shoes	1 25
Balance	$4 10

Have given out in January 12 pairs of shoes and 11 pairs of overshoes. Perhaps some of the congregation may have some wide partly worn shoes. Many of the women would be so glad to get them on account of their softness. They rest their poor, tired feet. Any sent to the Parish House marked for Shoe Fund would be very acceptable.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

There were thirty members present at the January meeting when Rev. S. Harrington Littell, of Hankow, China, made an address. The next regular meeting will be held in the Parish House, Thursday, February 17th, at 11 o'clock.

Found.

A Friendship bracelet was found in the church recently. Owner can secure the same by applying to the Verger.

Musical Program

February 6.

11 A. M.
God is a Spirit ..... Bennett

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Barnby
Nunc dimittis ..... Barnby
The Lord Is My Light ..... Parker
Crossing the Bar ..... Barnby
Still, Still with Thee ..... Foote

February 13.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in C ..... Warren
Jubilate in F ..... Smart
Hear My Prayer ..... Mendelssohn

4 P. M.
Magnificat in C ..... Stanford
Nunc dimittis in C ..... Stanford
Evening Song ..... Rheinberger
Great Redeemer ..... Gluck
O Rest in the Lord ..... Mendelssohn

February 20.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in F ..... Morley
Jubilate in E ..... Mosenthal
Be Thou Faithful ..... Mendelssohn

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Clough Leighter
Nunc dimittis ..... Clough Leighter
Incline Thine Ear ..... Himmel
Hymn of the Apostles ..... Gounod
Angels' Trio ..... Mendelssohn

February 27.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G ..... Calkin
Benedictus ..... Beethoven
Jerusalem ..... Mendelssohn

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Stainer
Nunc dimittis ..... Stainer
Grieve Not ..... Stainer
The Sorrows of Death ..... Mendelssohn
God Is Love ..... Shelley

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50. Make checks payable to Mrs. E. K. Campbell.

Circumcision, Conversion of St. Paul, Purification, Transfiguration, St. Matthias, St. Mark, SS. Philip and James, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. James, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthew, St. Luke, SS. Simon and Jude, St. Thomas, and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

1916.
Jan. 2.—Mrs. Colket.
6.—Mr. Keable.
9.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ernst.
23.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
30.—Mrs. Noblit.
Feb. 6.—Miss Van Dusen.
13.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.
March 5.—Miss M. Wallace.
12.—Mrs. Clemens.
19.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
26.—Mr. Anderson.
April 2.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
9.—Dr. Grammer.
16.—Palm Sunday.
20.—Mrs. A. P. Taylor.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Miss Dutilh.
May 7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Mrs. Colket.
28.—Mrs. Hollar.
June 1.—Mrs. Armstrong.
3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss May Miller.
July 2.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
30.—Mrs. Clayton.
Aug. 6.—Mrs. Heberton.
13.—Miss Wallace.
20.—Miss Laura Bell.
27.—Miss Shellenberger.
Sept. 3.—In Memoriam.
10.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mr. J. T. Lineaweaver.
24.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.
Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Bell.
8.—Miss Maulsby.
15.—Mrs. Sheble.
22.—Girls' Friendly Society.
29.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
5.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Miss Eisenbrey.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Dec. 3.—Miss Davis.
10.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
17.—Mrs. Petry.
24.—Miss Emily Bell.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Life's School.

Lord, let me make this rule,
To think of life as school,
To try my best
To stand each test,
And do my work,
And nothing shirk.

If, weary with my book,
I gaze with wistful look
Where posies grow,
O let me know
That flowers within
Are best to win.

Those lessons thou dost give
To teach me how to live,
To do, to bear,
To get and share,
To work and play,
And trust alway.

Some day the bell will sound,
Some day my heart will bound,
As with a shout
That school is out,
And lessons done,
I homeward run.

—*Maltbie B. Babcock.*

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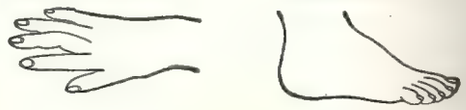
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Services.

The regular Sunday Services during Lent will be:
A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on all other Sundays in Lent.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.
See Special Lenten List.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

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House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
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SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

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Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

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Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

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St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Richard Grant.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund and Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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WORKING ASSOCIATES.

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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary.—Theodore Hein.
Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 5.—Quinquagesima.
8.—Ash Wednesday.
12.—First Sunday in Lent.
15, 17, 18.—Ember Days.
19.—Second Sunday in Lent.
25.—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
26.—Third Sunday in Lent.

Schedule for Lent, 1916.

March 8, Ash Wednesday.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
March 9.—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., Bishop of Bethlehem, Pa.
March 10.—Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz, Jr., Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.
March 11.—Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, Chapel of The Mediator, Philadelphia.
March 13 to 17, inclusive.—Rt. Rev. Chas. D. Williams, D.D., Bishop of Michigan.
March 18.—Rev. John N. Groton, Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, Pa.
March 20.—Rev. George Herbert Toop, Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
March 21 to 24 inclusive.—Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D.D., St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Va.
March 25.—Rev. Chas. W. Shreiner, Church of The Atonement, Philadelphia.
March 27 to 31 inclusive.—Rev. Raymond Calkins, D.D., First Church, Congregational, Cambridge, Mass.
April 1.—Rev. Henry S. Paynter, St. Stephen's Church, Bridesburg, Philadelphia.
April 3 to 7 inclusive.—Rev. John Howard Melish, Church of The Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.
April 8.—Rev. Waldemar Jansen, Jr., Trinity Church Oxford Road, Philadelphia.
April 10 to 14 inclusive.—Rev. Samuel McComb, D.D., The Cathedral, Baltimore, Md.
April 15.—Rev. George Copeland, Trinity Church, Collingdale, Pa.
April 17 to 21 inclusive.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
April 22.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Parish Record.

BAPTISMS.

"Received into Christ's Kingdom."

February 27.—Marie Gillam Reifsnyder.
27.—Harry Frederick Brawner.
27.—Doris Harrison Brower.
27.—William Lewis Scherzer.
27.—Francis Joseph Scherzer.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

February 9.—George Maxton and Marion A. Denmore.
19.—Walter Payne Harvey and Laura Elizabeth Hervey.
21.—Leo. J. Wesbecher and Mabel O. Suart.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the Dead who die in the Lord."

February 3.—Magdalena Krimmel.
6.—Nehemiah Wright.
8.—Sarah Thalia Stoddard.
26.—Isabella V. Hall.
28.—Marie G. Reifsnyder.

Offerings Received from February 6, 1916, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, to February 27, 1916, Sexagesima Sunday, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:			
Charities	$43	24	
Parochial Maintenance	59	09	
Diocesan Missions	26	21	$128 54
Envelope System:			
Charities	$62	13	
Parochial Maintenance	142	87	
Missions	65	50	
Benevolent Society	2	25	
Sunday School Christmas Festival		45	
Aged and Infirm Clergy		25	
Diocesan Missions, Rec'd through the Rector and Envelope System	539	49	
Foreign Missions	3	77	
Sunday School		15	$816 86
			$945 40
Summary:			
Charities	$105	37	
Parochial Maintenance	201	96	
Missions	65	50	
Benevolent Society	2	25	
Sunday School Christmas Festival		45	
Aged and Infirm Clergy		25	
Diocesan Missions	565	70	
Foreign Missions	3	77	
Sunday School		15	$945 40

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Erratum.

February issue, page 4.—Contributions to St. Stephen's Church Repair Fund. For A. D. R., read A. D. A.

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

The record of February includes no special services or celebrations. The late Lent gave us a lengthy Epiphany season, and the societies of the Church have taken advantage of the prolongation of this period between the joyous celebration of Christmas and the numerous services of Lent to settle down to steady work. The Benevolent Society has been taxed to its utmost capacity to meet the calls from the hospitals. The Mothers' Meeting has rejoiced in the interest of the Associate and in the continued strength and efficiency of dear Mrs. Taylor. The Girls' Friendly is adjusting itself to its various problems, and continuing its good work. Among the boys, Mr. Keable is planning and feeling his way towards the best lines of work. In the Sunday school his presence and experience are also being felt for good. With Dr. Anthony's cordial approval, the music of the Sunday school will henceforth be under Mr. Keable's entire charge. So much for administration and Church work.

Some of our friends have felt that St. Stephen's has not advertised its services sufficiently, nor used printers' ink liberally enough in various ways. Through their liberality Mr. Keable is enabled to get out a Sunday leaflet for distribution in the pews. Its pages contain the words of the offertory anthems, and various announcements, as to weekly services and meetings. It is difficult to take in correctly the various details of such announcements, when they are made orally from the Chancel. The memoranda can now be taken home and kept for reference. The devotional tone of the service is more readily preserved by reducing the announcements to a minimum. The subjects of the Morning and Evening Sermons are also published in the Saturday papers with noticeably good results. Better even than these methods of the office is the personal work that some of our members have been doing to bring people to our Church. Happy is the Church where the people have a mind to work. An eager heart can always find its way to the desired goal. The service of love does not exhaust, but cheers and refreshes and therefore can be counted on to last longer than service of any other kind. Let it be reinforced by a sense of loyalty and strong faith in the cause, and a threefold cord of the strongest character will be plaited.

With Lent the Ladies' Aid Society will begin its sessions on Fridays to sew for the poor. Miss Lewis relies on this society to help her out in providing young mothers with layettes. The Mission Study class will also meet—the time to be determined later—with Mrs. Addinell Hewson as the teacher. Mrs. Hewson has attended one of the normal courses and it is with much pleasure that we turn this class over to her for instruction. I hope that it will be large and faithful.

In another place the noonday Lenten services and preachers are given in full detail. We are fortunate indeed in securing again old friends, whose messages have proven so helpful in former years. Bishop Williams of Michigan, Mr. Melish of Brooklyn, and Dr. McComb, now a Canon of the Cathedral in Baltimore, but associated in our minds with Dr. Worcester and the Emmanuel Movement, which, by the way, he is now extending to Baltimore, are all speakers who have secured their own audience in Philadelphia and will be certain of large congregations. The other two speakers are Dr. Bowie and Dr. Calkins. The Rev. Dr. W. Russell Bowie of Richmond, is the rector of the chief church, in many respects, of Virginia's historic capital. A speaker of unusual grace and facility, he has preached before Yale University, and at the annual Conference of the Associated Charities of the United States. He recently declined a call to one of the largest churches in Baltimore. Dr. Raymond Calkins, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, is a Congregationalist minister whose message has reached many hearts. He has been praised highly by Bishop Rhinelander who knew him during his own connection with the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge and has given his canonical consent to Dr. Calkins' preaching in our pulpit.

These services are intended for all men, *urbi et orbi,* so far as we can take hold of this whirling orb, but they are also parish services. Their popularity with the congregation has made any other Lenten services impossible in St. Stephen's. We hope that the congregation will help to spread abroad in them an atmosphere of worship and religious earnestness. They are not meant as religious diversions, but as tonics and strengtheners of the spirit of self-dedication to God's will and service.

The trip to Florida was full of refreshment and instruction for Mrs. Grammer and myself, and the reception that the congregation gave us on our return in the large attendance on a snowy Sunday, and the cordial greetings afterward was heart-warming, and spirit-quickening. It was good to stand again in our quaint old pulpit with the people to the north and the south and the west, and talk about the things that are true, and character forming, the truths that give life meaning and are the deepest source of our belief in immortality. I am glad that I am privileged to serve in a church that was built for the preaching and the hearing of the Word, and not chiefly for architectural effects, for the creation of vistas, and exquisite cross sections, and above all for stately ceremonial functions. Let our church be filled with a listening congregation and I envy not the minister of the most historic fane on earth where Echo, like a pagan deity, wars against the gospel of peace and love, and pillar after pillar, like irremovable pre-conceptions, prevents a clear view of the gospel-messenger. It was good to visit the land of the citron and the vine, where the flowers ever blossom and the beams ever shine. But it was also good to return to the land of the chestnut and oak, where bracing winds invigorate the body and worthy tasks and high enterprises call us from self-indulgence and sloth to do battle for the King of kings.

Speaking of battle and high enterprises naturally turns my thoughts to the problems of our beloved Church. It would argue either blindness or indifference if we did not realize that those who love the Protestant Episcopal Church must bestir themselves if she is not to lose her Protestant character. A determined effort is making to alter the tone and emphasis in her service ,and to re-cast our Protestant organization into a medieval mould. The Sacramentarian view on almost every subject except the Infallibility of the Pope, is essentially Roman Catholic. Our Catechism says the Sac-

raments are two, the Sacramentarians adopt the Roman Catholic definition of a sacrament and increase their number. It makes no real difference whether the theory be Transubstantiation, Consubstantiation, impanation, or the presence of Christ's body be defined as "hyperphysical, super-local and ineffable," all these theories making Christ's abode not the human heart through the spirit of truth, but in some mysterious way attaching Him to the elements, are all, so far as any practical difference goes, one and the same theory. They all function in the same way. Their difference is as insignificant as the difference would be between those who held that the agent was a Brownie and those who favored a Fairy as the explanation of the rising of yeast in the days when such phenomena were ascribed to supernatural agencies. All these theories make the participation of Christ physical and not spiritual. Fasting reception is emphasized and the benefit being conceived of as conferred magically, religion is subtly divorced from morality. Witness the saying of the great modernist Tyrrell, that "a life of very average morality, with frequent sacraments, is more pleasing to God than a life of heroic morality without the sacraments." Witness too Italy and Spain, with their reverence for the sacraments and their low moral tone. I might go on and point out doctrine after doctrine, now being taught in our Church that so far as its practical effect is concerned, functions exactly like the Roman Catholic doctrines. But space forbids.

These sacramentarians have been wisely tolerated by our laws; but they have been mistakenly and slothfully allowed to remain unanswered in our teaching without having the true nature of their system disclosed and the irreconcilability of their dogmas with the Fatherhood and Love of God duly pointed out. The result of this intellectual unpreparedness and mistaken pacificism in teaching has been the growth of this school among our clergy, though, thank God, there is still only a small minority of the laity who really adopt their fundamental principles. To the clergy, however, this system offers many great bribes of power and authority and for their feet it sets many strong and dangerous traps. Many, alas, unwarned have been captured. The siren voice is ever sounding forth from the Living Church and many have listened to the seductive strains, that we occupy the only middle way of safety —alone possess the truth of the gospel in an organization that can bestow sacramental grace, and belong to the only Church that without claiming Infallibility has never erred.

Organized as they are in Catholic Clubs these Sacramentarians have elected many bishops of their own school, and are now endeavoring to alter the Constitution of the Board of Missions as a rebuke to that body for its most limited and conservative participation in the Panama Conference. Unless the Protestant element can organize and see that men of Protestant convictions are elected to our next General Convention, we may expect that the movement defeated by a narrow margin in Cincinnati will be resumed and crowned with complete victory. Our flag of Protestantism will be hauled down. The Church will lose its Protestant title, our governing boards will be filled with Anglo-Catholics and the process of recasting our formularies into a more Catholic pattern will begin. At the end of this road lies ruin. Alarmists are naturally looked on as bores by lazy and short-sighted people. But there is abundant teaching in Scripture that it is the duty of the watchman to warn the city. The end of the prophets who prophesy, Peace, peace, when there is no peace shall be confusion and shame. Alarmists are not out of place, if the danger is real, and attack is imminent. The action of three Provincial Synods in thrusting from the Board of Missions three prominent members who voted in favor of sending delegates to the Panama Conference shows that the fight is on. It is time that the Protestant element awake to the reality of the situation. We need anticipate no disaster if we arouse ourselves fully and at once. Aesthetic considerations, love of novelties, desire for excitement, have led many people to try these new ways and teachings, but at heart they are Protestants and when the true nature of this Sacramentarian teaching shall be made plain they will rise up and save the Church, and we shall be disclosed to the world in our true character as a Church holding fast by the essentials of the gospel and delivered by the Protestant Reformation from the accretions and perversions of the Legalistic and semi-Pagan Middle Ages—not unchurching others who do not adopt our rites and ceremonies, but content to claim simply that we enjoy as well as

others the fullness of our Father's love and care. The contest is a duty; and rightly waged it should be a means of grace. There is no need of personalities or personal animosities. The people who differ from us are honest and consistent and are seeking to advance what they regard as the truth. Let us, too, be honest and consistent and valiant for the truth. God has set us in the lists to fight out this issue and may he give the victory to the larger truth and the most faithful interpretation of the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Shoe Fund.

Cash received from those receiving shoes	$3 50
Expended for shoes	2 75
Balance	75

Many thanks to the kind friends for their partly worn shoes, Mrs. H. I. G. Mink, Miss Bertha Walshe, and a very nice box with no name on, thanks to all. Given out in February, 16 pairs of shoes and 12 pairs of overshoes.

There has been a great demand for overshoes this year and I am sure Santa Claus would be very hapy if he could see the admiration some of the children bestow on them, it is quite funny, almost every one has had a pair and some of them two pair, for it is remarkable how quickly they wear out.

King's Daughters.

Donation received to help with their work $5.00 from Mrs. Ross Miller, who is now living in Brooklyn, but wishes to help in the work of the Circle of which she is a member. The next meetings of this Circle will be March 1st and March 15th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, 8 o'clock.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The February meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was given to reports and letters and election of officers for the ensuing year. The incumbent officers were re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Keable as delegate to the Diocesan Committee. The next meeting will be held March 16th in the Parish House at eleven o'clock. The speaker will be Rev. C. F. Reifsnyder, president of St. Paul's College, Tokyo.

Musical Program

March 5.

11 A. M.
God so loved the world ..... Stainer

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E flat ..... Barnby
Nunc dimittis in E flat ..... Barnby
Jerusalem ..... Gounod
Come Holy Ghost ..... Altwood
Out of the Deep ..... Capel

March 12.

11 A. M.
Benedicite in F ..... Martin
Jubilate in G ..... Calkin
Lead kindly Light ..... Biederman

4 P. M.
Bonum est in D flat ..... Gouvy
Deus Misereatur in A ..... Parker
I will lay me down ..... Gadsby
Lord, from the darkness ..... Rossini

March 19.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in C ..... Warren
Benedictus ..... Chant
For he shall give his angels ..... Mendelssohn

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E ..... Parker
Nunc Dimittis in E ..... Parker
My God my Father ..... Martin
The Lord is my light ..... Parker

March 26.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in F ..... Garrett
Jubilate in F ..... Garrett
Repentance ..... Gounod

4 P. M.
Bonum est ..... Salvayre
Deus Misereatur ..... Gouvy
From thy love ..... Gounod
Lord, how long ..... Pflueger

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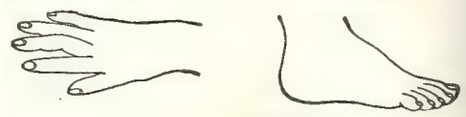
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Services.

The regular Sunday Services during Lent will be:
A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on all other Sundays in Lent.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
LITANY SERVICE, Wednesday, 12.15.
See Special Lenten List.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63rd and Market Streets.)

Trustees.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendent.

Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Burd Chapel Services.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

Board of Visitors.

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House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

Officers.

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Managers.

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Reifsnyder.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
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SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
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Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
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Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

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DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin and Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend, Miss Frances Gebhart.
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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

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Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Richard Grant.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund and Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Charles Stein.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 2.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
9.—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
16.—The Sunday next before Easter.
17.—Monday before Easter.
18.—Tuesday before Easter.
19.—Wednesday before Easter.
20.—Thursday before Easter (Maundy Thursday.)
21.—Good Friday.
22.—Easter Even.
23.—Easter Day.
24.—Monday in Easter Week.
25.—Tuesday in Easter Week (St. Mark's Day.)
30.—First Sunday after Easter.

Parish Record.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the Dead who die in the Lord."

March 17.—Anna L. Trayer.
23.—Edward Shelmerdine Mustin.

Speakers at the Noonday Lenten Services.

April 1.—Rev. Henry S. Paynter, St. Stephen's Church, Bridesburg, Philadelphia.
April 3 to 7 inclusive.—Rev. John Howard Melish, Church of The Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.
April 8.—Rev. Waldemar Jansen, Jr., Trinity Church Oxford Road, Philadelphia.
April 10 to 14 inclusive.—Rev. Samuel McComb, D.D., The Cathedral, Baltimore, Md.
April 15.—Rev. George Copeland, Trinity Church, Collingdale, Pa.
April 17 to 21 inclusive.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
April 22.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Holy Week Services.

Monday.—10.00 A. M.; 12.30 Noonday; 5.00 P. M.
Tuesday.—10.00 A. M.; 12.30 Noonday; 5.00 P. M.
Wednesday.—10.00 A. M.; 12.30 Noonday; 5.00 P. M.
Maundy Thursday.—10.00 A. M., Holy Commun-

ion; 12.30 Noonday; 5.00 P. M., Holy Communion; 8.00 P. M., Holy Communion for Mothers' Meeting.

Good Friday,—10.30 A. M.; 12.30 Noonday; 5.00 P. M.

Saturday.—10.00 A. M.; 12.30 Noonday.

Easter Day.—8.00 A. M., Holy Communion; 11.00 A. M., Holy Communion and Sermon; 4.00 P. M., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

A Week of Prayer for the Churchwomen of the Diocese of Pennsylvania—Authorized by the Bishop.

April 2 to April 8, 1916.

(The topics are suggested by the daily readings of the United Offering page (18) of The Church Missionary Calendar.)

April 2, Sunday—For the spirit or thanksgiving. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" . . . "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving." . . . Ps. 116: 12 and 17.

April 3, Monday—For the drawing together of all Churchwomen ("however remote and isolated") "into the life, love and devotion of the whole" body, through our "most effective agency," the United Offering.

April 4, Tuesday—For the "deepening of the sense of stewardship."

April 5, Wednesday—For the Women Workers. (112 in the domestic and 70 in the foreign field, supported by the United Offering, 68 in the domestic and 49 in the foreign, supported from the general funds of the Board of Missions.)

April 5, Wednesday, 10.30 A. M.—At Grace Church, Gowen avenue, Mount Airy, Special United Offering Service, under the auspices of the Presidents' Association of the Germantown and Chestnut Hill Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. Preacher, The Rev. George Lynde Richardson, of St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia. The offering will be for the United Offering. The women of the Diocese are cordially invited to attend this service.

April 6, Thursday—For a deeper realization of the "personal" and the "sacramental" nature of the United Offering.

April 7, Friday—For "the gift of means," that it may so increase that the Board of Missions may be relieved from the care of all of the women workers.

April 8, Saturday—For "the gift of life." (Men and Women.) (Observe especially the Saturday half-hour for prayer, 11.30 to 12 o'clock noon.)

The Clergy, the Presidents of the Parish Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary and the United Offering Treasurers, will please call attention to, and ask for the observance of, the Week of Prayer. It is suggested that the topics be given in the Parish papers.

Extra copies of this list of topics may be had from Mrs. Ralph H. North, 7301 Boyer street, Mount Airy, Philadelphia.

The Annual Service, with the Presentation of the United Offering, will be held on Thursday, April 27th, at 10.30 A. M., in St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine streets.

There will be a Conference of the Woman's Auxiliary, at 3 o'clock on the same day, in the Assembly Room of the Church House, Twelfth and Walnut streets.

Offerings Received from March 5, 1916, Quinquagesima Sunday, to March 29, 1916, Noon Day Lenten Service.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$44 81	
Parochial Maintenance	48 82	
Domestic Missions	54 52	
Missionary Box	134 26	
Deaconess House	55 45	
		$337 86

Envelope System:

Charities	$106 75	
Parochial Maintenance	193 47	
Missions	79 23	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 60	
Our Work among Boys	60	
Benevolent Society	45	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	5 00	
Episcopal Hospital	50	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 55	
Domestic Missions	31 04	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 15	
Diocesan Missions	51 29	
Foreign Missions	3.55	
Colored Missions	05	
Missionary Box	34 82	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	1 05	
Deaconess House	36 05	
Sunday School	10	
		$548 25
		$886 11

Summary:

Charities	$151 56
Parochial Maintenance	242 29
Missions	79 23
St. Stephen's Farm	1 60
Our Work Among Boys	60
Benevolent Society	45
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	5 00
Episcopal Hospital	50
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 55
Domestic Missions	85 56
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 15
Diocesan Missions	51 29
Foreign Missions	3 55
Colored Missions	05
Missionary Box	169 08
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	1 05
Deaconess House	91 50
Sunday School	10
	$886 11

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

Offerings Received During the Church's Financial Year from April 2, 1915, Good Friday, to March 29, 1916, Noon Day Lenten Service, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$396 18	
Parochial Maintenance	714 91	
St. Stephen's Farm	163 87	
Theological Education	19 59	
Our Work among Boys	26 79	
Benevolent Society	94 51	
Episcopal Hospital	57 20	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	37 50	
Domestic Missions	54 52	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	69 92	
Diocesan Missions	26 21	
Foreign Missions	26 74	
Missionary Box	134 26	
Indian Missions	36 04	
City Missions	30 72	
Deaconess House	80 45	
St. Stephen's Farm, Porch Building Fund	28 31	
Missions, Emergency Fund	201 55	
China Missions	1 00	
Maintenance Fund, for Mission Services	56 49	
Sunday School	51 99	
		$2308 75

Envelope System:

Charities	$830 86	
Parochial Maintenance	1544 68	
Missions	1069 84	
St. Stephen's Farm	1146 31	
Theological Education	34 25	
Our Work among Boys	124 51	
Benevolent Society	347 27	
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	340 75	
Episcopal Hospital	588 42	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	102 71	
Domestic Missions	84 56	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	173 62	
Diocesan Missions	592 51	
Foreign Missions	86 12	
Colored Missions	35 13	
Missionary Box	37 01	
Indian Missions	64 27	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday Schools	19 30	
City Missions	35 61	
Deaconess House	36 52	
Sunday School	104 98	
		$7399 23
		$9707 98

Summary:

Charities	$1227 04
Parochial Maintenance	2259 59
Missions	1069 84
St. Stephen's Farm	1310 18
Theological Education	53 84
Our Work among Boys	151 30
Benevolent Society	441 78
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	340 75
Episcopal Hospital	645 62
Sunday School Christmas Festival	140 21
Domestic Missions	139 08
Aged and Infirm Clergy	243 54
Diocesan Missions	618 72
Foreign Missions	112 86
Colored Missions	35 13
Missionary Box	171 27
Indian Missions	100 31
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	19 30
City Missions	66 33
Deaconess House	116 97
Sunday School	156 97
St. Stephen's Farm, Porch Building Fund	28 31
Missions, Emergency Fund	201 55
China Missions	1 00
Maintenance Fund, for Mission Services	56 49
	$9707 98

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

I can hardly realize that the third Sunday in Lent has passed. Easter, and the Confirmation Visitation of the Bishop, which will come this year on the Sunday after Easter will soon be upon us. The first meeting of the Confirmation Class was held at 8 o'clock on Friday, March 24, and the class will meet on the successive Fridays hereafter till the Confirmation, with the exception of Good Friday. We began with five, and I shall be disappointed if we do not reach 20, at least, in spite of the fact that we had a Confirmation in the fall. It is a sign of humility and not of self-sufficiency to be confirmed. The self-sufficient do not realize their need of Christian fellowship, and of a public avowal of allegiance to Jesus Christ. It is the lowly in heart, the humble, the meek-spirited and yet aspiring, that turn to Jesus as a Captain, and seek to be enrolled in the sacramental host of his followers. Confirmation

comes every year as a great recruiting season, and the call it sends forth is, Who is on the Lord's side? May many answer that summons to a decision.

Our envelopes run from Easter to Easter, and the committee in charge will soon be sending out the new cartons. We ought to have at least 300 faithful users of this system. I should like everyone connected with the Church to coöperate with this plan that enables us to put some conscience and system into our giving. Those who have returned their envelopes faithfully will receive a package without any inquiry. Those who have only used the envelopes occasionally will be asked, by a circular letter, whether they will not endeavor to be more constant in their use. Envelope-users who have changed their residence are requested to inform me or Mr. Keable, or Mr. Van Dusen of their new address. Some faithful givers accustomed to this system send a lump sum to cover the Sundays that they are behind. It would be a great saving of trouble in such cases if the money were distributed by the giver in the various pockets. Suppose a man has been absent five Sundays and sends $5.00 with the last envelope, or with all five envelopes. Does he wish that money distributed into all the ten pockets, 50 cents on each side, or does he wish it to go for the offering announced on the day he puts the bill in the plate, with his envelopes? The treasurer of this fund, with his co-worker spends hours keeping the records of these envelopes and dividing up our gifts according to the various objects to which they are contributed. Everything possible should be done to lighten their tasks. Let each one distribute his gifts into the various pockets. I hope that we shall have many new names on our lists, and that more of our members will agree to contribute in this systematic way. To be an envelope-user is a title of honor, and a sign of real cooperation and fellowship in service.

Lent has brought us many helpful lessons; the noon-day services have been well attended, the preachers have delivered messages of beauty and power. Let us endeavor to live up to the high level of these great appeals. To whom much is given, of him shall much be required. For two weeks I have been obliged to be absent most of the week-days delivering Lenten addresses in other cities, but I look forward to being in St. Stephen's from this time on without interruption, to attending the noon-day services and to preaching myself during Holy Week.

On my journey to Charleston I had a most interesting experience. When I went into the dining car, the head waiter placed me at one of the small tables, where I was joined, when I had nearly finished my dinner, by a stranger, with whom I soon entered into conversation. He was a business man on his way to Florida for a much needed rest. Not more than five weeks back he had lost his mother and sister. Though he was seeking a change of thought and scene, he evidently found it a relief to unbosom himself freely to a perfect stranger. His mother, about whom the talk began, seemed to me such a remarkable woman, that I asked him to join me in the observation car, and tell me more about her after dinner. To this he agreed, and we sat together till 10 o'clock while his heart unburdened itself to me. Each of us sat wrapped in a thick veil of anonymity, in a kind of confessional box. Never shall we see or hear one another again, our paths are wide apart, our spheres of activity very different, our respective names unknown. I trust that he derived some comfort from my profound interest in him and that some of my counsels or words of sympathy and fellowship may prove helpful to him. I for my part can never forget his earnest face, and the powerful and troubled nature that was revealed to me as the train tore its way through the darkness of the night.

Most of all shall I remember his mother. Truly the world knows nothing of some of its noblest spirits. Her husband was the captain of a merchant ship, a Scotchman by birth, and a man of thorough efficiency and high character. His square-rigged ship made voyages from America to Calcutta and various East Indian ports. At one time it visited Archangel in Russia. The wife accompanied the husband on these voyages, and had her children with her, till the son who told me the story reached the age of thirteen. On board ship she kept the children about her, that they might not talk too freely with the sailors, directed their studies and shared their various interests. A profoundly religious woman, she had family prayers. On Sundays she conducted a religious service. In fact, she undertook the general pastoral care of the crew, nursing the men who fell sick and had to endure her husband's crude therapeutics, and making for them presents for distribution at Christmas. On one voyage she converted by her example and teaching an unusually rough crew of 14 and brought them into a new life. Her husband was a man of high probity and sterling sense, but he was not a member of any church till late in life. He recognized his wife's superior religious endowments and supported her in all her ministrations. It was plain, as her son talked of her, that she had been an incarnate conscience and a revelation in the flesh of the Divine compassion and tenderness to her family and the ship's crew. Later on the captain gave up the ship and entered into business with his accumulated capital. In this new kind of navigation, where he had no Mercator's projection on which to chart his course, and his ability to calculate the latitude and longitude was of no avail, his enterprise came to shipwreck. Undaunted by disaster he tried selling an encyclopedia, as a book agent; but as he confessed to his son, he seemed to have no gift for commerce, since he only sold one copy, namely, the one he bought himself, so he betook himself to the management of men in a ship-building firm. Here his gifts of command had a suitable field. He rapidly rose to the top and obtained a splendid salary. He had died some years before leaving his wife and daughter a comfortable competence. The wife continued on shore the loving ministrations that she had rendered others on shipboard. The inmates of a hospital near her home became her special charge, and she used to work all year to present each of the 140 occupants of the beds with a present on Christmas day. She always had a special tenderness for the poor street-walkers, whose painted faces only excited her tender longing to help them. "God is sorry for them," she used to say, and she would ask them to take a cup of tea, and would talk kindly to them. She was of New England stock, and belonged to the Congregational Church. After her death, her son found in her desk the diary that she kept when a girl. Profoundly was he stirred as he read how she recognized that she was not beautiful; indeed, she counted herself homely, and in entry after entry noted that she must not allow herself to imagine that the attentions of this young sailor meant anything serious. So she kept guard over her heart, and sought, loving and tender-hearted though she was, to exhibit that reason and self-control that should mark the children of the Ruler of the Universe.

Wonderful and sacred did this gracious woman stand before my imagination as her son talked of her. Poor son! He had married in a moment of impulse a woman of quite a different character—a wife who wanted to drown his soul in hogsheads of strong drink, and preferred to the celestial harmonies of a religious home the clatter and revelry of roysterers. Happiness had been impossible for him with such an enemy of all his ideals, and mocker of all his holy aspirations. At last he had torn himself away, and besought the law to grant them a separation from a union into which he now believed that not God but the devil had yoked them. Pending litigation he was fleeing southward for rest, for change, for peace. But the image of his mother went with him. To her his speech returned again and again. I joined with him in her praise. Truly she was one of God's saints. Think of her journeying round the world with her husband and children, taking all these chances of disaster and disease. The latter was no slight peril. On one occasion smallpox broke out on board and half the crew died. The only physician was the captain aided by some medical book compiled for such rough practice. There was she by his side nursing, praying, consoling and cheering. Think of her shut up with her little ones in the narrow ship with those rough men, hearing their loud voices as they came aboard after their sprees on shore, daring their scorn and ribaldry as she revealed her inmost soul in tender appeals to their higher nature, sharing with them, in all the perils of the storm, of the rocky headland, of the treacherous bars of the dangerous flotsam on ocean's shoreless streams. With no spiritual guide but her Bible, and the Spirit of God, with no Sunday services in a hallowed church, no sacramental rites, she managed by diligence in private prayer, and by Bible-reading and Christian service to keep her lamp trimmed and burning, and was able to make a merchant-ship a traveling house of worship and sacred shrine of devotion.

I judged from what her son said that her

managing husband, even when they came ashore still ran the housekeeping largely. Her influence was clearly not derived from unusual efficiency as an administrator, nor did I hear anything that indicated that she was intellectual or witty. She was simply a deep-hearted spiritually minded, loving woman in whom the Spirit of God dwelt richly. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth together until now, writes St. Paul, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. This heroic and loving woman was surely such a manifestation in her day and generation.

Her influence is still the prevailing force in the life of her son. Scarred though he is by a fiery trial like a fruit tree that the lightning has struck and deprived of some of its branches, her son is still a noble and helpful man, and will, I doubt not, in his career be a source of blessing to others.

He has a lofty sense of truth and honor. His business standards are high. In this department of life he has made a success and established himself on the solid basis of unswerving rectitude. His mistake in the case of one woman has not driven him like many weak men, to the desperate conclusion that all women are false and faithless.

His mother's son has inherited ideals and beliefs that will enable him once again to take hold of life, to take root downward and bear fruit upward. May many sons in my Church look back upon mothers of a like faith and devotion.

Yours cordially

Carl E Grammer

From May 15th to June 10th, the "Philadelphia To-day and To-morrow Civic Exposition will be held in the Commercial Museum Building, West Philadelphia. This Exposition will be a collection of exhibits by many diversified agencies engaged in work for the betterment of the city. Application has already been made for space for an exhibit from St. Stephen's, and we hope to visualize some of our work. This is not for the purpose of "boasting ourselves," but for the interest and instruction of the people in general. They need to be shown that a church like ours, that is in the very heart of the business section of the city can be, and is, both inspirational and institutional; not only alive to the deep things of the spirit, but alive also to the everyday needs of man. And so we shall plan to show some of our Religious, Educational, Benevolent, and Social activities.

The Associate will gladly furnish information to anyone about our plans, and will be pleased to receive contributions towards defraying the cost of booth, transportation of exhibit and photographs, etc.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Received (through Mr. Hunter Ewing) interest from Estate of Mr. Pottors	$33 41

The Circle during Lent is sewing for the Aid Society, hospitals and Willing Day Nursery, and has also given a small donation to the Sunday School Ship that is being filled every month with pennies by the school to go to Miss Conway in Liberia.

The next meetings will be April 5th and April 19th, in the Guild Room, 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Received from Miss Laura Bell	$1 00
Cash from Miss Laura Bell	5 00
From those receiving shoes	1 25
Total	$7 25
Expended for shoes	50
Balance	$6 75

Received from Mrs. H. Mink some very nice partly worn shoes. Very many thanks to all kind friends.

Gave out in March, 14 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-five members present at the March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. C. F. Reifsnyder, president of St. John's College, Tokyo, Japan, made an address. St. John's was opened four years ago.

It now has 807 students, sixty per cent. of whom are Christians. There is a campaign going on to raise $20,000 in Philadelphia for new buildings.

The Auxiliary voted $25 and a special gift of $25 was given by a member to the fund.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, April 20th, at 11 o'clock.

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436 Furu-Shinyashiki
Kumamoto
Kiushiu, S. Japan,
21st June, 1915.

My dear Miss Washington:

Thank you very much for your kind letter, and for Postal Order which subsequently arrived, to provide the food in the Leper Hospital of the Resurrection of Hope on St. Stephen's Day, for St. Stephen's Church in Philadelphia.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the 26th December had not been previously appropriated. You mention in your letter that one lady had suggested 15th April as an alternative, and perhaps it may interest you to know that the lady who has until this year provided the food on 15th April writes that she is no longer able to do so. Hence that date also is now open for the first time if anybody wishes to appropriate it. I know only too well how great the demands are on all sides, and our resources are suffering *very much indeed* from this terrible war.

Everything is going on very well at the Hospital. I think it may be of interest to those who contributed the ten dollars for St. Stephen's Day to know that a fine, handsome, young man called at the Hospital recently. No one recognized him. He had been a former patient, and was sent out cured seven years ago. He is still quite well, and is acting as an official on the railway. This is one of the cases where the patient came in time, and had youth on his side. It is most cheering for us, and a great encouragement to go on trying to overcome this most subtle and degrading disease.

We are now in the midst of the rainy season, when things are very damp and warm.

With renewed thanks, believe me,
Ever sincerely yours,
H. Riddell.

Note.

Miss Washington has five dollars toward the ten necessary for St. Stephen's Bread Day, 1916, and as soon as the fund is complete will forward it. F. B. K.

The Christian Year.

With Advent we the year begin,
Prepare the way for Christ the King.
Christmas sees in manger laid,
Jesus in swaddling clothes arrayed.
Twelve days more the Epiphany star
Leads us like wise men from afar.
Ash Wednesday's fast begins our Lent,
Forty days in prayer are spent,
Good Friday sees Christ crucified,
For one and all the Saviour died.
Easter! the Lord is risen to-day,
From the grave the stone is rolled away.
Ascension Day, the Ascended Lord
Is to his home in heaven restored.
The Holy Ghost on Whitsunday
Came down from heaven on earth to stay.
On Trinity the heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Twenty-five Sundays yet remain
Till Advent comes around again.
In these we're taught that we must do
The truths of God, as well as know.

Musical Program

April 2.

11 A. M.
Offertory—Lord we praise thy Holy Name
Rossini

4 P. M.
Magnificat in C ..... Stanford
Nunc Dimittis in C ..... Stanford
Turn Thy face ..... Miller
Sun shall be no more ..... Woodward
The path of the just ..... Roberts

April 9.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in F ..... Garrett
Jubilate in E ..... Parker
Blessed Jesus ..... Dvorak

4 P. M.
Magnificat in E flat ..... Stainer
Nunc Dimittis in E flat ..... Stainer
The Twilight Shadows ..... Wood
There is a green hill ..... Gounod

April 16.

11 A. M.
Benedicite in F ..... Martin
Jubilate in B flat ..... Stanford
The Palms ..... Faure

4 P. M.
Magnificat in A ..... Martin
Nunc Dimittis in A ..... Martin
There shall be no night ..... Wood
Send out thy light ..... Gounod

April 23.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... Buck
Jubilate in G ..... Calkin
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Gounod
I know that my Redeemer liveth ..... Haendel
Hallelujah Chorus ..... Haendel

4 P. M.
Magnificat in B flat ..... Stainer
Nunc Dimittis in B ..... Stainer
Gloria ..... Gounod
Oh Risen Lord ..... Barnby
Break forth ..... Barnby
Behold I show you a mystery ..... Wood
Hallelujah ..... Haendel

April 30.

11 A. M.
Easter music repeated.

4 P. M.
Sunday School Carols.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50. Make checks payable to Mrs. E. K. Campbell.

Circumcision, Conversion of St. Paul, Purification, Transfiguration, St. Matthias, St. Mark, SS. Philip and James, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. James, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthew, St. Luke, SS. Simon and Jude, St. Thomas, and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

1916.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. Colket.
6.—Mr. Keable.
9.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ernst.
23.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
30.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 6.—Miss Van Dusen.
13.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 5.—Miss M. Wallace.
12.—Mrs. Clemens.
19.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
26.—Mr. Anderson.

April 2.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
9.—Dr. Grammer.
16.—Palm Sunday.
20.—Mrs. A. P. Taylor.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Miss Dutilh.

May 7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Mrs. Colket.
28.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 1.—Mrs. Armstrong.
3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss May Miller.

July 2.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
30.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 6.—Mrs. Heberton.
13.—Miss Wallace.
20.—Miss Laura Bell.
27.—Miss Shellenberger.

Sept. 3.—In Memoriam.
10.—Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mr. J. T. Lineaweaver.
24.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.

Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Bell.
8.—Miss Maulsby.
15.—Mrs. Sheble.
22.—Girls' Friendly Society.
29.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
5.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Miss Eisenbrey.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 3.—Miss Davis.
10.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
17.—Mrs. Petry.
24.—Miss Emily Bell.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

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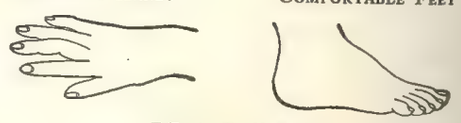
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Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Mrs. Anna C. Becker, Miss Rosa M. Will, Miss Alice D. Smith, Mrs. Floyd D. Brown.

Tenors.
Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Herbert M. Ellis, Mr. Nathan Hoffmann.

Basses.
Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Elmer P. Sacrey, Mr. Carl G. Zimmerman, Mr. Thos. C. Martindale, Mr. Gerald Marvin.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.
Telephone—Filbert 5794 W.

Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.

A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.

P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. John Coates Browne, Chairman; Miss Cornelia Ewing, Mrs. Howard H. Bilyeu, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Miss Mary Wallace, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Miss Wallace.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. A. D. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Reifsnyder.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin and Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend, Miss Frances Gebhart.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. F. B. Keable.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Miss Fannie S. Magee.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President.—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart, The Misses Sanders, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Miss Tyson, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Gerald Marvin.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund and Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin.
Assistant Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Grammer, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Fannie Magee, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Parish Record.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

"Received into the congregation of Christ's flock."

April 9.—George Frederick Myers.
28.—Marie Humphries Wagner.
30.—James Henry Stephens Clemons.
May 2.—Katherine Clabaugh Douglas.
7.—Harriet Motter Kerschner.

CONFIRMATION.

First Sunday after Easter, April 30, 1916.

Mary Frazier.
Mary Tayloe Gawthmey.
May Grace Luffbarry.
Marie H. Wagner.
Blanche V. Kennedy.
Eleanor Hamilton.
Irma Marie Brown.
Marion Ashmead Benson.
Gertrude Hart Bixler.
Anna Marguerite Bixler.
Florence May Coll.
Mary Agnes Coll.
Margaret B. McCaughin.
Emma H. Marbet.
Frederick Charles Le Dent.

From All Saints', Darby.

Reba May Houseman.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 1.—Robert Ferdinand Duke and Dorothy Gilligan.
18.—Jonathan Carlin Shedland and Frances Irene Bitterlich.
20.—Horace Reading Burke and Ethel Louise Crap.
26.—Frederic Henry Vroom and Eleanor Van Benschoten.
May 13.—Charles Fellner and Bessie May Forster.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Ah, no! The universe is not a dream;
This life is not a fragment cast aside;
Each is a part of the eternal scheme,
By which a better life to this is tied.
Departed spirits do but soar above;
The lost on earth, the dear ones whom we love,
Wait till we stand, uprisen, by their side.

"O blessed promise, which the Saviour gave,
Thou fillest us with rapture, ever growing;
Thou shinest over every loved one's grave
On which our sorrowing tears are sadly flowing.
Thou guid'st our weary souls along the road
That leads us heavenward, through faith, to God,
And to a union which no end is knowing."

April 7.—Mary Anna Ahtes.
17.—John Sanford Baker.
27.—Rachel Austin.

Offerings Received from April 2, 1916, Fourth Sunday in Lent, to April 30, 1916, First Sunday after Easter.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$60 90	
St. Stephen's Farm	223 94	
Diocesan Missions	62 60	
Colored Missions	45 92	
Missionary Box	99 92	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	41 85	
City Missions	23 26	
		$558 39

Envelope System:

Charities	$135 49	
Parochial Maintenance	186 01	
Missions	115 17	
St. Stephen's Farm	681 65	
Theological Education	35 11	
Our Work among Boys	2 40	
Benevolent Society	3 10	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	334 33	
Episcopal Hospital	80	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 45	
Domestic Missions	5 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	45	
Diocesan Missions	5 60	
Foreign Missions	1 55	
Colored Missions	40 42	
Missionary Box	2 90	
Easter Decoration, Church and Sunday School	64 34	
City Missions	36 32	
Deaconess House	9 96	
Sunday School	1 40	
	$1663 45	
		$2221 84

Summary:

Charities	$196 39
Parochial Maintenance	186 01
Missions	115 17
St. Stephen's Farm	905 59
Theological Education	35 11
Our Work among Boys	2 40
Benevolent Society	3 10
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	334 33
Episcopal Hospital	80
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 45
Domestic Missions	5 00
Aged and Infirm Clergy	45
Diocesan Missions	68 20
Foreign Missions	1 55
Colored Missions	86 34
Missionary Box	102 82
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	106 19
City Missions	59 58
Deaconess House	9 96
Sunday School	1 40
	$2221 84

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Annual Report of Accounting Warden.

Receipts.

April 1, 1915, Balance on hand.		$3,280 70
General Endowment	$5,014 94	
Rudder Memorial Fund	585 26	
Cleemann Endowment Fund	492 02	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund	1,150 68	
James R. Magee Endowment Fund	6 68	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Endowment Fund	224 98	
Julia Garrett Endowment Fund	83 93	
Endowment of Pews	556 13	
Endowment of Music	49 50	
Pew Rents	6,575 58	
Parochial Maintenance	2,478 95	
Deficiency Fund	1,325 00	
Interest on Deposits	68 49	
Easter Decorations	18 30	
Sunday School	155 97	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	140 21	
Work among Our Boys	151 30	
Repair Fund, repairing, painting and roof	3,980 00	
Maintenance for Mission Services	56 49	
		$23,114 41

Church Account.

Church Account		23,114 41
Principal—Endowment Fund (Envelopes)	335 65	
Principal—Endowment Fund (James R. Magee)	10,000.00	
Principal—Endowment of Pews	710 72	
Principal Account		11,046 37

Campbell Memorial Fund	148 50	
S. B. Wylie-Mitchell Vault Fund	17 32	
Lathrop Legacy	6 92	
Female Benevolent Society	575 42	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	154 86	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	74	
Income on Endowments for specified objects in Parish		903 76
Missionary Box	49 02	
Charities	1,237 04	
Special objects in Parish		1,286 06
Missions	1,187 25	
Indian Missions	100 31	
Foreign Missions	112 56	
Domestic Missions	181 59	
Colored Missions	35 13	
China Missions	1 00	
Pennsylvania Apportionment		1,617 84
Episcopal Hospital	645 62	
City Missions	66 33	
Diocesan Missions	585 96	
Lenten Offering	178 29	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	246 54	
Theological Education	53 84	
St. Stephen's Farm	88 73	
Principal, Wilkins Legacy ac. Farm	400 00	
Special Objects in Diocese		2,265 31
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Philadelphia		60 00
Bishop Caper's Work in West Texas		1 00
Deaconess House		25 47
Missionary Emergency Fund		201 55
Burley Trust		48 00
Loans	5,600 00	
Loans returned by Farm	1,100 00	6,700 00
		$50,550 47

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April 1, To Balance $1,576 72

Payments.

Rector	$6,000 00	
Associates	1,010 00	
Verger	1,410 00	
Parish Visitor	750 00	
Rent of Rectory	1,350 00	
Choir	4,427 50	
Electric Light, Power and Gas	184 28	
Coal	514 34	
Cushions and carpets for pews	359 03	
Repairing, painting, roof and repairs to organ	6,564 51	
Expense Account	1,693 58	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	528 04	
Sustentation Fund	75 48	
Easter Decorations	88 64	
Sunday School	88 57	
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment	100 42	
Work among Our Boys	113 92	
Maintenance for Mission Services	43 99	
Church Account		$25,302 30
Principal—Endowment Funds invested		11,963 20
Campbell Memorial Fund	40 00	
Lathrop Legacy	24 22	
Female Benevolent Society	577 88	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	154 86	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	16 66	
Special Objects in Parish		813 62
Missionary Box	390 74	
Charities	1,356 54	
Special Objects in Parish		1,747 28
Missions	1,126 17	
Women's Auxiliary (Missions)	200 00	
Indian Missions	101 19	
Foreign Missions	116 32	
Domestic Missions	248 79	
Colored Missions	103 18	
China Missions	1 00	
Pennsylvania Apportionment		1,896 65
Episcopal Hospital	648 02	
Diocesan Missions	592 58	
Lenten Offerings	178 29	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	247 76	
Theological Education	58 51	
St. Stephen's Farm	92 69	
Principal invested ac. Farm	409 00	
Special Objects in Diocese		2,226 85
Washington Memorial Chapel	1 00	
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Philadelphia		55 00
Bishop Caper's Work in West Texas		119 26
Bishop Tyler's Work in North Dakota		170 75
Deaconess House		26 29
Missionary Emergency Fund		201 55
Loans to the Farm	1,200 00	
Loans returned	3,100 00	4,300 00
Burley Trust		150 00
Balance in Penna. Co.		1,576 72
		$50,550 47

Respectfully submitted,
J. Hunter Ewing, Warden.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Cr. Cash Contributions.

Receipts.

April 1, 1915, Balance on hand ..		$74 97
The Easter Collections, Cash	$325 33	
" Mr. W. H. Hollar	50 00	
" Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas .	50 00	
" Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.	50 00	
" Mrs. R. E. Atmore	25 00	
" Adelaide V. Brunner	25 00	
" Mr. and Mrs. C. Howard Colket	50 00	
" Mrs. Albert Pancoast ...	25 00	
" Robert T. Boyd	10 00	
" Dr. Carl E. Grammer ...	10 00	
" Mrs. Fannie W. Gebhart.	10 00	
" Mrs. Benj. B. Reath	10 00	
" Mrs. Jas. M. Arrison	10 00	
" Miss Cornelia L. Ewing .	100 00	
" J. Hunter Ewing	500 00	
		$1,250 33
Donations from E. J. Moore	500 00	
" H. H. Barton, Jr.	100 00	
" J Austin McDowell	100 00	
" Dr. Carl E. Grammer .	50 00	
" John Cadwalader	25 00	
" from envelopes	62 29	
		$837 29

Donations.

William H. Hollar (new porch) .	$40 00	
Samuel Moore, Jr.(ice cream bills)	75 84	
		$115 84
Wilkin's Endowment		30 40
From a friend of the Farm for a pair of horses		400 00
Black mare sold		80 00
Insurance for one horse		75 00
Interest on Bank Deposits		4 51
Loans, due the Church		1,200 00
		$4,068 34
April 1, 1916, Balance		$168 19

Dr. House Expenses.

Payments.

House Supplies	$918 14	
House Superintendent	200 00	
Coal	35 72	
Telephone	38 36	
Printing &c.	7 08	
Tickets	20 00	
Doctor and Drugs	22 45	
Wages for man	70 93	
		$1,312 68

Repairs to House.

New chimney, repairing, &c	$277 56	
Plumbing	34 91	
Hardware	35 13	
		$347 60

Farm Expenses

Hardware	2 50	
Lumber and repairs to barn door, new barn gate, &c.	55 20	
Toll	2 10	
Blacksmith, Oil, &c.	6 55	
Plumbing	8 79	
Taxes	108 23	
Harness	63 25	
Two horses	485 00	
Insurance on Live Stock	8 25	
		$739 87
Loans of 1914 paid		1,100 00
Loan to R. M. Dager		400 00
Balance in Bank		168 19
		$4,068 34

Respectfully submitted,
J. Hunter Ewing, Treasurer.

Funds Received by The Rector for Designated Purposes.

Church Work Fund.

May 1, 1915 Balance	$20 52	
Subscriptions to C. W. Fund, Advertising in Parish News	1620 06	
		$1640 58
Disbursed during the Year		1417 69
Balance, May 3, 1916		$222 89

Charities Fund.

May 1, 1915, Balance	$76 47	
Communion Alms, etc.	1388 54	
Interest	1 25	
		$1466 26
Disbursements		$1459 83
Balance, May 1, 1916		$6 43

Audited and found correct by Mrs. E. Donehower and F. B. K.

Funds Received by the Associate.

April 4 Mrs. H. S. L.	$17 50	
May 8 Mrs. H. P. T.	17 50	
		$35 00
May 1 Paid to Williams, Brown & Earle for Stereopticon		$35 00
For Exhibit of "Philadelphia To-day and To-morrow Exposition."		
Mch. 23 C. L. E., Jr.	$25 00	
April 10 E. B.	5 00	
25 C. E. G.	40 00	
May 1 E. H. S.	1 00	
		$71 00
Mch. 24 Paid P. T. and T. Exposition for Transparency ..	$12 50	
April 10 Paid P. T. and T. Exposition for Space	25 00	
10 Paid P. T. and T. Exposition for Booth	24 00	
		$61 50

Bills for photos have not yet been received.

Rector's Letter.

The Parish Meeting was held on the first Wednesday in May, and the reports are published in this issue. It is hoped that they will be generally read, for they are full of encouragement. We have had a good year together. A number of new and energetic members have joined us, and there are many signs that the Church is addressing itself to its task with renewed energy. Mr. Keable has brought to us an administrative energy that is bound to tell. The exhibit that he designed and placed in the Exposition of Philadelphia To-Day and To-Morrow is an indication of his resourcefulness and energy. No one should fail to look it up when he visits the Exposition. Our booth is very near the little Chapel. The Lenten services were not quite so well attended as usual, probably in consequence of the number of new churches in our vicinity that have taken up the custom of Lenten services at noon. The addresses were, however, of an unusually high order.

As I look back on the Lenten addresses of the first years it seems to me that there has been a distinct advance in quality.

I plan to be in residence during July, when Mr. Keable will take his well earned holiday. In June, Mr. Keable and I will divide the duty. I have promised to deliver some addresses at a kind of Summer Theological School in Virginia in that month.

Now that the Garrick theatre services have closed on Sunday night, there ought to be room for a night service at St. Stephen's. I am going to attempt it this year. The afternoon service will not be abandoned, unless it becomes evident from the diminution in the attendance that it is not needed. We shall simply add a night service of an informal character, beginning at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Keable will help us out at the organ, and volunteer singers are solicited. There will be one lesson, some prayers, many hymns and a sermon of a practical or hortatory nature. Constant experimentation is the condition of progress. Such a service ought to gather in people from the downtown hotels and boarding houses if well advertised. From Broad street to the Delaware, there are in this central section of the city only a few churches open on Sunday night. In the large space between St. Jude's and the Nativity at 11th and Mt. Vernon, and St. Peter's on Pine street, St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's are the only Episcopal churches.

The Farm will open as usual in the middle of June—on the 17th, to be exact—with Miss Dale in charge. The formal opening has been discontinued for this season. The people who attend this opening are now fairly well acquainted with the Farm and it seemed more judicious to omit an entertainment that required Miss Dale to begin her residence earlier than was necessary. It may be that a party of the contributors may be gathered together to visit the Farm near the first of July and see the Farm in operation, and not merely in a state of preparation. The day of the Sunday school picnic would be an excellent time.

On March 1st a number of clergy of our Church, from various dioceses, met in the Parish House of Holy Trinity and organized *"The Church League"* of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Randolph Harrison McKim, D.D., LL.D., was elected president and Dr. Floyd Tomkins and Dr. Herbert Shipman were elected vice-presidents. An Executive Committee was also chosen, and I was elected chairman of the Publication Committee. In another place in this issue I print the Declaration of the League. Anyone can join by sending his name to the Rev. Chas. W. Shreiner, 4708 Kingsessing avenue, Philadelphia. A contribution of a dollar at least would be acceptable.

The need for an organization to maintain the Protestant character of our Church will be seen from the existence in our churches of such extreme Romish usages and teachings as are revealed in *The Chronicle* of All Saints', Dorchester, Boston, Mass.

"At the close of the Eucharist there followed a Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the High Altar to the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel. The procession was made up as follows: Cross, torches, banner, choir, cross, lights, banner, forty girls in white dresses and veils carrying flowers, crucifix, lights, acolytes, thurifer and boat bearer, the Celebrant in cope carrying the Blessed Sacrament, attended by the Deacon and Subdeacon vested in dalmatic and tunicle. The choir and the girls completely filled the Lady Chapel and the adjacent aisle with a kneeling host in white, *through the midst of which passed Our Lord in His Sacramental Presence*—all the while the choir and congregation singing the pathetic and soul-inspiring strain of the ancient and ever-glorious 'Pange Lingua.' *The Sacred Host enthroned,* the girls approached two and

two and placed their flowers in a large vase upon the Sanctuary step, leaving them there, a beautiful floral offering to their Lord in the Sacrament of His love. The Altar of Repose was more than had been anticipated in its really regal splendor. Mr. Crump and Mr. Nichols, of Shreve, Crump, Low & Co., had sent as an Easter offering to All Saints the loan of a thousand dollars' worth of wonderful fabrics, candlesticks, and a unique and costly repository. Palms, rose trees and roses and carnations in great profusion added their charm and beauty. The writer has seen wonderful sights in churches in all parts of the world, but he has never seen anything more beautiful than the sight in our Lady Chapel as the Sacred Host passed to the Altar throne waiting for its reception. The devotion of the people was intense; several were moved to tears; all were thrilled by the reality of the Sacred Presence. The splendor of the scene was but the outward expression of the deepest devotion of heart and soul of the entire congregation. All day burned the fifty lights—all day burned the hearts of the devoted souls as they maintained the watch with their dear Lord. Large numbers spent some time there—priests, acolytes, faithful women, devout men, dear children—and some, the whole time. At the close of the day the Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament was sung. The general consensus of opinion expressed has been that nothing has ever done more to deepen the spiritual and devotional life of the people of All Saints than this Maundy Thursday with its unusual and very great spiritual privileges."

The worst feature about the ritualists who introduce such services into our Church is their strenuous determination to alter our formularies, and mould our rites and devotions according to this pattern. I should not care much for these extravagances of Latin theology and devotion, though I think them out of place in a Church that definitely rejected them. The great trouble is that this school does not understand toleration and is steadily working to foist its eccentricities on the whole Church. With great difficulty does the Communion office keep the service of mass out of the private chapels of some of our sisterhoods. We shall witness an assault upon the Communion office at the next General Convention. Sacerdotalism is not content to rest itself upon texts and ancient usages and upon such a logical and rounded system as it can fashion; it longs for Church authority and definite dogmatic instruction set forth in emphatic official utterance. It is this inner spirit and temper of the sacerdotal school, as well as their flagrant partiality for medieval usages, that has necessitated the formation of the Church League. It must be brought home to people that our Church cannot grow, if she allies herself with the obscurantists, the medievalists and the believers in the divine right theory in government, either of Church or of State. God has called us unto liberty, and it is only in an environment of liberty that truth can manifest itself and character develop.

It is hoped that those of our number who travel westward this summer will not fail to inform themselves of the conditions of the Indians. The chat of the travelers in the railroad car and of the people who are trying to exploit the Indian must not be taken as the whole truth. He who carries out with him no general principles on which to string his facts, can never learn wisdom by merely moving about and picking up current reports.

I ought to add that the Church will not be closed on any Sunday this summer, that the Sunday school will continue its sessions and that the Daily Vacation Bible School will be held this year, if the requisite money can be secured. The amount needed is $175. For several summers almost the whole sum has been contributed by one person. It is hoped that many contributions may be secured before the first of June.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Report of St. Stephen's Benevolent Society.

The Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church had their first meeting at the Parish House, October 28, 1915, and opened the session for cutting and giving out work Wednesday, November 3d, with a good attendance.

The Society has done work for the Pennsylvania Hospital, the Episcopal, Jefferson, Presbyterian, Howard, Hahnemann, Church Home for Children, St. Timothy's, Woman's, Chestnut Hill, Presbyterian Orphanage, West Philadelphia Hospital for Women, Home for Infants, Children's Homœopathic, Southern Home for Destitute Children, Woman's Medical College Hospital, and Germantown. We also did a little sewing for St. Stephen's Farm, making in all seventeen. They all acknowledge the receipt of the garments when they are returned, and the superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital wrote: "We enjoy dressing our infants in the pretty slips so beautifully made." The superintendent of the Home for Infants wrote: "It is a pleasure to know my babies are so well cared for." When we think of the comfort that is given in the hospitals by these well made clothes, not only to the children, but the grown up men and women patients, we feel it is worth while to spend one morning a week in the Parish House.

Our number of articles is much smaller this year, only 4,781; but this does not mean that the Society is not so prosperous, but there has been a great deal of illness, making us often six or eight short, and Mrs. Atmore, one of our most faithful attendants, has been at Atlantic City all winter with a member of the family who was not well. Three of our women sew so much better that instead of giving them sixteen towels or dusters to hem we give them three nice garments. We do not regret losing in our count when this is the cause.

There is one thing I should like to mention before closing. It is rather unusual for about fifty women to spend a morning together every week for nearly six months and for me to be able to say in all the years I have been in the Society I have never heard any gossip. We work so hard that we have only time to say good things about each other, and when we look back and remember that we have had such women as dear Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Cleemann in our Society our standards should be high.

Our treasurer reports:

	Cr.	
Balance for Previous Year	$34 50	
Collections and Interest on Legacies	508 94	
Sales	241 87	
		$785 31
	Dr.	
Paid Out to Women for Sewing ...	$540 32	
Paid Out for Material	168 92	
		$709 24
Balance in Bank at close of Fiscal Year .		$76 07

E. S. Hansell, Treasurer.

CORNELIA L. EWING,
May 3, 1916. *Vice-President.*

Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary has held the usual seven meetings of the season, with an average attendance of 25 members out of 122 enrolled; 11 new members joined the Auxiliary during the year, and it was constantly hoped that all the women of the Parish would show an interest in the work of extending missions by coming to these meetings and actively aiding in the support of the workers at home and abroad. They would thus have learned at the October meeting of the good influence exerted by the Daily Vacation Bible School held in the Sunday School building and taught by Miss Charlotte Nodine during six weeks of the past summer, and would feel that St. Stephen's was doing practical service in sheltering children from the hot and dusty streets and teaching them truths from the Bible and elements of citizenship while also instructing them in useful manual labor. This work will continue during the coming summer, and Miss Ella Headman, treasurer, is ready to receive contributions for it at any time.

In November, Archdeacon E. Thomas Demby, of Keeling, Tennessee, spoke of the work among the colored people in Tennessee, and was given $25 for Hoffmann St. Mary's Industrial Institute, of which he is superintendent.

At the December meeting Mrs. Ralph H. North, diocesan treasurer of the United Offering, made an earnest appeal for this thankoffering from women, as the Triennial Presentation would be made in 1916. The full statistics given showed an annual increase, and

when the time arrives for the convention the amount will probably be still more augmented. Only ten dollars were given out of the treasury of the Auxiliary, as so many members contribute individually through the treasurer of the Parish.

On January 30, Rev. S. Harrington Littell, of Hankow, made a stirring address on the subject of the crisis in China and related many incidents of work among the Chinese in the missionary districts, all bearing on the opportunity now open, and the wonderful strides made by the Chinese toward self-support and self-government, Mr. Littell himself now being an assistant to a Chinese priest, the two having exchanged places since the formation of the Chinese church.

A week later, on January 27, the annual all-day missionary meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Stephen's, and a large attendance was present at both morning and afternoon sessions. After the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishops of Wyoming and Utah, Dr. Teusler, of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, Rev. Mr. Patten, of the Church Institute for Negroes, Rev. Mr. Chattin, of Quakertown, Pa., and Rev. Harrison B. Wright, of Bala, all made addresses. The choir was organized by Mrs. D. D. Wood and Rev. Mr. Keable and the organ played by Mrs. Keable. The service was inspiring and profitable to all, and the substantial sum of seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars was added to the cause of missions.

The election of officers, reports of committees and letters read, filled the hour of the February meeting, and in March, Rev. C. F. Reifsnyder, president of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, spoke eloquently and affectionately of the Japanese and of the educational and Christian work carried on in the midst of Buddhism and Shintoism, there being 807 students in the college, of whom sixty per cent. are Christians.

The final meeting was held on April 28, when a long letter was read from an Indian reservation and reports were heard, and, among them, it is a pleasure to record that of the Mission Study Class made by Miss Frances McCollin. A deepening of the spiritual faith is an inevitable result of the study of missions, and the Mission Study Class is one of the greatest factors in enlarging the horizon of thought, faith, love and prayer among those who have been privileged to attend a class regularly and under a competent leader, and St. Stephen's is fortunate indeed in having Mrs. Addinell Hewson to lead the class this year.

The delegates to the Pennsylvania Branch of the Auxiliary have been faithful in attending the monthly meetings at the Church House and bringing back accounts of extended work and many, many appeals. Would that all could be answered, but the treasurer prudently keeps a small balance on hand and reports having expended $693.50, divided among the different committees and in payment of necessary expenses. The Missionary Box Committee, United Offering and Church Periodical Society also report at the monthly meetings of St. Stephen's Auxiliary. Coincident with their effort to contribute to the various pledges, first toward those which count on the apportionment and then for further extension, to specials, all these women who work also pray, and prayer brings forth more love, more service, more gifts, and all are offered in His service and in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA BELL.

President St. Stephen's Woman's Auxiliary.

May, 1916.

The Woman's Auxiliary, Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

On Hand at Opening of Year	$46 46
Receipts for the Year:	
From Members	282 50
From Envelope System	350 00
Through Dr. Grammer	75 00
Interest	2 43
Total	$756 39

Disbursements.

To Printing	$12 50
To United Offering	10 00
To Church Periodical Club	5 00
To Diocesan Committee	60 00
To Foreign Committee	227 50
To Domestic Committee	118 50
To Indian Committee	117 50
To Colored Committee	142 50
Total	$693 50
Balance on hand	$62 89

Ella Headman, Treas.

Report of the United Offering.

It has been written that the year 1916 will be a wonderful year in the history of the world. Why not make it a wonderful year in the history of our United Offering? The Emergency Fund has been completed; other receipts have been increased, and 425 more parishes than last year have met their apportionments. The women of the church can easily crown it all with a very large increase in their triennial offering. Why not? It is our only fund raised by women for women. It is a fund highly valued by the Board of Missions, and the only one in hand before it is spent, and yet after a life of more than twenty-five years, the United Offering is sufficient for the support of only 180 of the 300 women workers, and every year the Board is obliged to appropriate at least $50,000 from the general fund for this purpose. Truly this ought not to be. The last year of every triennial of the United Offering takes on the nature of a "Special." If every woman will give a special thought, a special prayer and a special gift, we shall come wonderfully near the fulfilment of the ideal, and the aim of our Thank Offering.

Received in 1914	$200 00
Received in 1915	225 00
Received in 1916	275 00
Making a total received for 3 years	$700 00

This is the largest amount ever contributed by St. Stephen's.

ANNA J. MAGEE, *Treasurer.*

May 3, 1916.

Missionary Box Committee.

The committee reports as follows:

1915	Dr.		
April	Balance from Last Report	$10 50	
Oct. 16	Collections, from St. Andrew's Lenten Services	358 38	
16	Envelope System	32 40	
			$401 28
1915	Cr.		
Nov. 13	Box to the Rev. Marcus J. Brown, Neligh, Nebraska.	$55 49	
27	Box to Mr. Olive Eagle Feather, Rosebud, S. D.	106 60	
27	Toward Joint Box sent in the Diocese by several Parishes	35 00	
Dec. 16	Box to the Rev. M. E. Baskerville, Charleston, S. C.	86 59	
20	Box to Christ Home, Hatboro, Pa.	67 20	
1916			
April 1	Balance on Hand	50 40	
			$401 28

Alverta S. Van Dusen, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct—Robert T. Boyd.

May 2, 1916.

Annual Report of the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church—1915-1916.

The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church opened its meetings on Thursday, November 4th, with 145 members on its roll. Of these we have lost five by death, and seven by removal or similar causes, while we have had an increase of fifteen permanent new members.

We regret to say that our meetings have not been so well attended as they have in some previous years, our average being only from 68 to 70 members. But when we consider the great amount of illness which there has been everywhere this winter,—all attendances at all society meetings being smaller than usual, we feel that we only share in the common lot, and that we should feel thankful that our meetings have been so interesting as to bring out so many tired women each evening as they have. Our members have been interested and, we believe, happy in the meetings, both in the devotional and entertainment periods. We have had very good entertainments this winter; kind friends have come and helped us at almost every meeting. We have had singing, recitations, readings, lantern pictures with talks, Victrola concerts and chalk artists. Our gratitude is due and is given to those who have given us of their time and talent.

On the 2d of December we had our annual sale, from which we realized, together with the collection which Dr. Grammer had taken for it, about $150.

We record with grief the death of Mrs. Louisa Leutschg, Mrs. Magdalena Krimmel, Mrs. Josephine Wagner, Miss Bella Bucknor and Mrs. Mary Ahtes, all faithful members, some of them for many years.

The Mothers found their usual summer happiness in St. Stephen's Farm, which is to them not only a joy but a living interest, as they are always working for it; the object of their sale this winter was to raise money to assist in improving the Farm. Several members of the Mothers' Meeting spent a week or more at the Farm this summer, and 110 spent a happy day there; Thursdays being "Mothers' Day" at the Farm every week during the summer; from 15 to 18 going up for a jolly outing which no one wishes to miss.

On account of illness, Miss Adelaide Wallace, the treasurer of the Beneficial and Savings Funds, and our accompanist, was unable

to be with us for several months, and Mrs. F. B. Keable very kindly acted as her substitute, to the complete satisfaction of everyone.

The members to the number of 22 used the Coal Savings Fund.

We feel that God has blessed our work this year as in the past, and pray that He may continue to do so.

MRS. H. P. TAYLOR, *President.*
MRS. E. E. HOLMAN, *Secretary.*
May 3, 1916.

Girls' Friendly Society.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society held the first meeting for the season, 1915-1916, on Monday evening, October 4th. At that time Dr. Grammer spoke to the members on the subject of "Cultivating Good Judgment."

In November we celebrated with both pride and pleasure the coming of age in the Branch of our faithful and very helpful assistant treasurer.

At Christmas we again entertained the mothers of the members, and for our Christmas work we prepared and sent forty-four large and well filled stockings to the children of the Philadelphia Hospital; twenty-two dressed dolls and toys to St. Martha's House; a number of postal albums, strings of postcards, scrap books and envelopes of paper dolls to Bishop Theodore Payne Thurston, of Oklahoma, and scrap books to the Municipal and Children's Hospitals. A particularly gratifying letter of appreciation was received from Bishop Thurston, telling of the great pleasure the bright pictures had given the Indians, most of whom cannot read.

On January 24th, the Branch celebrated "G. F. S. Week," carrying out a delightful program which our own literature associate had assisted in preparing and which was used by branches in all parts of this country. We hope to make this observance of "G. F. S. Week" an annual occurrence, as it is designed to further the extension work of the Society and to establish branches in parts of the United States where the need for this work is urgently felt. The weekly suppers continue to be one of the most enjoyable features of our Branch life and hearty thanks are due to the girls who so cheerfully give their services in preparing and serving them.

Successful classes in millinery and elocution have been held each week from November to May.

The Married Branch Helpers met weekly during Lent and continued their work for the Hospital Magazine Guild.

On January 31st, Mrs. Anna B. Scott, cooking expert and food economist, gave a most interesting and helpful talk and by a practical demonstration illustrated how cheaply, but healthfully, the noonday lunch for wage earners could be prepared.

On April 17th, Dr. Edward C. Kirk, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Teeth and the Care of Them."

The Branch now has a membership as follows:

Members	120
Honorary members	22
Married Branch Helpers	44
Working Associates	6
Total membership	192

Of this number 73 are Senior members and 22 Married Senior members.

To be admitted to a Senior membership a girl must have been first a probationer and then a member in good standing for five years from the time of her admission as a regular member.

The Treasurer reports as follows:

May 1, 1915 to May 1, 1916.

May 1, 1915, Balance		$99 65
Receipts from May 1, 1915, to May 1, 1916		415 05
Total		$514 70
Payments		304 97
Cash on hand		$209 73
Which is credited to the following accounts:		
Beneficial Fund	$50 25	
Entertainment Fund	80 95	
Hospital Magazine Fund	2 80	
General Fund	75 63	
		$209 63
Difference in account		10

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

Altar Society.

The superintendent of the Chancel Committee of the Altar Society submits the thirty-second annual report:

Receipts.

Balance on hand, April 26, 1915	$30 37	
Received from Dr. Grammer	49 22	
Received Memorial Flower Fund	87 00	
		$166 59

Expenditures.

Flowers for the year	$104 50	
Linen	1 50	
Calendar	68	
Fruit	5 00	
Credence Cloths	14 22	
Cleaning Stole	75	
Palms	5 00	
Freight charge	1 27	
Girls' Friendly Memorial	5 00	
		$137 92
Balance on hand, May 1st		$28 67

Respectfully submitted,
Emily K. Campbell, Treasurer.

The Chancel Committee consists of nineteen members who have conscientiously performed their duties. During the months of July, August and September a few members of the Girls' Friendly Society took charge of the services on Sundays. The articles made in the past year for St. Stephen's Church were two Credence Cloths.

The secretary of the Chancel Committee reports for the Memorial Flower Fund that all the Sundays in the year and many of the Saints' days have been subscribed for. Members of the Girls' Friendly Society placed flowers in the Wilkins memorial window at Easter, a loving tribute to the memory of Miss Maria Wilkins, who for many years was secretary of this Society.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA E. EISENBREY.

Report of the Burd School Women Visitors.

The Burd School is visited and inspected at least once a week by the Women Visitors, who take this duty in turn and usually go two together.

Our object is to help the superintendent, Miss Morgan, with sympathetic interest, and to encourage the children to cultivate habits of neatness and order which, if acquired in youth, become a second nature, and in womanhood add greatly to acceptability and usefulness.

Our inspection is general, but we have divided ourselves into groups with particular interests. One has its attention directed toward the sanitation of the place and the health of the children. This group is particularly interested in the food supply, the kitchen, dining rooms, bath rooms, dormitories, and the abatement of the fly and mosquito nuisance.

The educational group is particularly interested in the children's school records, the girls' vocational training, and in the sewing room, the library and the study room.

The recreation group hopes to find the means to furnish the little girls' play room prettily and suitably and to brighten and wisely direct the children's recreation hours.

We are pleased with the marked improvement already manifested in the condition of the interior of the buildings, and have prayerful hopes that the title of Burd School Graduate shall mean a woman prepared and trained to enter and take her part creditably in the world's work and interests.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. BROWNE,
Chairman, Committee of Burd School Women Visitors.
May 3, 1916.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

St. Stephen's Aid Society, a Lenten organization, held its meetings as usual on Friday mornings during Lent in the Parish House. The object of this Society is to provide baby garments to be distributed by Miss Lewis in her work among the poor of the Parish. Although an earnest appeal was made for new members it met with little response and we began the season somewhat handicapped in this respect. The few members, however, made a strenuous effort and the result is a closet as well filled as in other years. We wish to acknowledge the coöperation of the King's Daughters and to thank Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Atmore and Mrs. Mink for their generous contributions. Thanks are due as well to Mrs. Holman, who procured the loan of an excellent machine which greatly facilitated the work. Two hundred thirty-five articles were made.

The Treasurer reports:

Balance on Hand from 1915	$6 02	
Received	27 00	
		$33 02
Bills paid		29 00
Balance on Hand, 1916		4 02

Respectfully submitted,
E. K. CAMPBELL, *President.*

King's Daughters' Report for Year 1916.

Receipts.

Interest from the Patton Estate (through Mr. Hunter Ewing) ...	$66 82	
Donations from Friends, to Help with Work	10 00	
Donations from Members, for Christmas Baskets	6 50	
Dues from Members	4 30	
		$87 62

Disbursements.

State and International Dues	$2 80	
Donation to Industrial Home for Crippled Children, at Eheart, Va.	2 08	
Donation to Missionary Boat, to be sent to Miss Conway	1 25	
Amount given toward Repair of Church Roof	6 00	
Amount Expended for Bureau Covers, etc., for King's Daughters' Room at the Farm	2 20	
Expended for Materials and Other Sundries	56 84	
		$71 17
Balance on Hand		$16 45

Donations of various articles of clothing, made by the Circle, have been given to St. Christopher's Hospital, Willing Day Nursery, Children's Hospital and the Sheltering Arms; an infant's outfit was also given to a poor woman. During Lent the Circle has been sewing for the Aid Society. About 75 garments have been made and given away during the winter months; and the president feels that—considering the few members we have—we have done very well.

Shoe Fund.

Monthly report for May:

Received from kind friend	$2 00
From Miss Irene Wilder	1 00
	$3 00

From Miss Florence Wilder and Mrs. H. Mink, shoes.

Report of "Shoe Fund" for Year 1916.

Received through Dr. Grammer, from Church Fund	$25 00	
Donations from Members of the Church	10 00	
Received from those receiving shoes	10 50	
		$45 50
Expended for Shoes		42 15
Balance on Hand		$3 35

Santa Claus gave his usual contribution of two large boxes of shoes and one large box of overshoes. Many partly worn shoes were sent in by members of the congregation, so that we were able to provide shoes for all who applied. About 225 pairs of shoes and 100 pairs of overshoes have been given out. It seems strange, but the children appeared to be particularly pleased with the overshoes this year, and would carry them home, for fear of wearing the shine off. One little girl asked if she and her brother could come next year.

Church Periodical Club.

There are three functions of the Church Periodical Club:

(1) The sending out methodically of the magazines we have read and are willing to pass on to missionaries, teachers and shut-ins. This is done by the regular members of St. Stephen's Branch, this year numbering 28, who have loyally mailed 1,264 magazines to 57 recipients, in regular order.

(2) The gathering and distributing of magazines of all sorts, not complete years, going to hospitals, libraries and reading rooms of mission stations. About the same number have contributed to this work, which is financed by our associate members and special contributions. One thousand one hundred and fourteen have gone out by mail or local express, to 23 reading rooms or social workers who distribute.

(3) Collecting books for clergymen in the mission field, Sunday schools, etc., either sent to them individually or in the United Effort Libraries, which go from the Diocese in boxes of 500 each. This work has not grown as the other two branches have, as we have sent but 76 volumes.

The magazines have been mailed or otherwise delivered to receiving points ranging from the Galilee Mission, our neighbor four squares away at Ninth and Vine streets, to St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo; and between these we have intimately reached friends in Georgia, Hawaii, Honolulu, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Tennessee, Texas, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Our financial receipts from all sources were $22.14, with expenditures in cash of $21.89. The intangible receipts are the new friends we have made and the inspiration received from their letters, which more than balance the credit side with the daily thought and time expended.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH,
Librarian for St. Stephen's.

Parish Visitor's Report.

Another year has passed so quickly that it is hard to realize that it is really gone. It has been so rich in good deeds and generous giving by St. Stephen's people, whose work for God goes on year by year, continually and indefatigably.

"Comparisons are odious," the old saying declares, yet I cannot forbear thinking—(although I may not say it) that there is no Parish in Philadelphia that helps the poor more or responds more spontaneously to the necessities of others than does St. Stephen's. Love of God and the Brotherhood of man seem to be the key-note of action.

Several years ago we had three dear little girls, in whom we were very much interested, and we were forced to place them in the hands of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, as the mother's failings were of such a character she could not be trusted with them. Good homes were given them in the country, with people whom we knew, and they have responded so nicely to the care and attention given them, that they are a great credit to the ones who had them in charge. Their mother would like to have them back with her now, but according to last reports she had not improved and was not capable of having them with her. The Parish Visitor keeps in touch with them.

We had four tubercular cases this year and four paralytics to whom we have ministered. We have eight women to whom we give a certain sum each month if they are too ill to work or are unable to secure work.

A widow with six children and two other widows with two children each are being looked after. We were hoping they would receive help from the Mothers' Pension Bureau, but that is impossible just now.

We distributed 22 tons of coal which were given to us by Mr. Wm. Hollar, Mrs. A. Hewson, Mrs. A. S. Tourison and Mrs. Walter Douglass.

Milk is being sent out daily to sick people, and groceries have been distributed: for these we are indebted to our very good and generous friend, Mr. Samuel Moore.

Layettes for twenty-five poor little babies were made by St. Stephen's Aid Society during the Lenten season.

Miss Gebhard's yearly memorial of twenty-five dollars helped us in many ways. One very important and good act was done with it, by buying a brace for a poor woman who had broken hers and could not afford to buy another.

Fifteen lovely new double blankets were given to us by Mr. Howard Reifsnyder and were distributed to those who were most in need of them. All who received them had been obliged in very cold weather to use children's and men's coats, or anything they could find for additional covering to help keep them warm, so they were very grateful for their wonderful gift, and they all join in sending their warmest thanks and appreciation to the donor.

One dozen new grey sweaters were received, the gift of Mr. Elwood C. Gowdy, an unknown friend. We send him many thanks for his generous gift.

S. Dannenbaum's Sons and Company, having moved their place of business to Nos. 930 and 932 Market street, the rear of which is very close to the rear of St. Stephen's Church, wrote to us, saying they had a lot of kindling wood, which they would gladly send to any of our poor we named, living within ten squares of their place of business. We were very grateful for this offer, as well as the recipients.

On Thanksgiving Day eighteen families were remembered by receiving groceries or some other necessity. One woman wrote as follows: "I now have two sick children with bronchial coughs, and one of my children's eyes got so bad I had to get glasses for him, which cost me $4.70, and their medicine was extra. I could not get my own prescription filled, so I made flaxseed and lemon for my cold but it seems no better. I saved two of the lemons and said, 'If I had enough sugar I would make a lemon pie.' I used the sugar that you sent in the basket and we had our pie. If I only did not need so much medicine and eggs, it would not be so hard for me. Please accept my best thanks. This is the first time I have ever received any help and I trust after this winter is over all will be well."

Within four months we have buried four friends, whom we have been caring for. One was a man who had been ill for fifteen years and confined to his bed for five. Another case was a blind woman to whom Mrs. Weir Mitchell was extremely kind for a long time, and since Mrs. Mitchell's death, Dr. Grammer has

been quite willing that we should carry on her good work as far as we possibly could.

The last one was an old woman, eighty-three years of age, who lived alone in a dark, miserable room for nineteen years, but seemed perfectly happy and thankful for her many blessings "in her declining years," she used to say. Mrs. A. Brunner's gift of money helped us greatly in making those people comfortable, and we were able to do much for them that we could not have done without her help.

One hundred and forty-five Christmas baskets were sent out and a very beautiful thought of Mr. Howard Reifsnyder's was carried out by placing a bunch of flowers on each basket. They were thoroughly appreciated by all who received them. One woman, who was very fond of flowers, told us she had loved and nursed them so fondly, that a few of the sprays lasted three weeks.

Mrs. Austin's donation of Christmas toys furnished presents for all the Infant class and the little children were made very happy. As we had sufficient without using Mrs. Colket's gift of $5.00, it was saved for a special picnic in the summer.

We owe Mrs. Fell a debt of gratitude for timely influence in getting dear Miss Burley placed in the Home for Incurables as a boarder, at a moderate price. Miss Burley has been one of our charges for years, being an invalid, without relatives and a fixed home. Let us all hope that she will find happiness there.

The Dancing Class, formed for the older boys and girls of the Sunday school, and for members of the Girls' Friendly, was much enjoyed by the young people. We had a very good teacher in Mr. Techlenberg, and it was supervised by the Parish Visitor. The class was self-supporting, as all who attended were very willing to pay fifteen cents each to defray the expenses of teacher and pianist.

Visiting the Sunday school scholars, the sick, the hospitals, the discouraged, as well as the regular routine duties, have made up the year's work.

The Parish Visitor wishes to thank the donors for the gift of half-worn clothing, and for all the favors which have been received.

It is beyond her power to express her appreciation for the kindness and sympathetic help she herself received from her many friends in the congregation when she was ill.

Respectfully submitted,

K. H. Lewis.

Garment Committee.

Report of the Garment Committee of St. Stephen's Parish for the year ended May 1, 1916:

Receipts.

Balance	$18 09
From Dr. Grammer	25 00
From Mrs. Judson	2 00
Rummage Sales	6 00
	$51 09

Disbursements.

Bought 63 garments	$30 75
Balance	20 34
	$51 09

Distributed during the year 385 garments for adults and children, and 175 garments for babies.

Julia de M. Lammot,
President.

The Past Year in the Sunday School.

Having been present at St. Stephen's Easter Carol Services for the past thirty years, it seems that they grow "sweeter as the years roll by." Never have the carols been more joyously sung, than on last Sunday afternoon, April 30th, in the church, the Primary department quite excelling all previous efforts. Though we sadly noted the absence of a number of once familiar faces, yet we were cheered by the return of many former members of the school, the presence of a number of our friends and the faithfulness of teachers and scholars in attending this joyous Easter re-union, which so happily shows the strength of our school. The Associate Rector's address, the marshalship of Mr. Kirkpatrick, the presence of Dr. Anthony, the smiles of Dr. Grammer, the happy faces of parents and friends, all added to the success of the occasion and prove that we are yet very much alive.

Our school never closes, summer nor winter. Last summer's sessions, well attended, were held each Sunday in the Guild room, beginning there after the annual excursion to the farm on June 19, 1915. In fact, in summer we have two sessions, one in the morning of each Sunday in the Guild room and one in the afternoon at the Farm—the same lesson being used by the superintendent at both meetings. The many rainy Sundays of last summer prevented the use of the woodland and kept us to the Farm House. Attendance at either the city or the Farm session counted for the scholars in the awarding of the prize badges of honor.

The regular winter school, with the teachers, was resumed on September 19, 1915, just previous to the Annual Review of all Philadelphia Sunday schools, in which in spite of threatening weather we took part. It was October 24th before we got again into our repainted Sunday school rooms.

We were represented at the annual Diocesan Teachers' Institute, and at the Philadelphia County Association's Convention and Pageant of the Sunday schools, held at Convention Hall last fall.

Our lessons have been on The Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings of the Old Testament, with a review at the end of each quarter, illustrated by beautiful stereopticon slides. On "Bible Sunday" we were fortunate in securing a series of lantern slides that well pictured, "How We Got Our Bible." Teachers' meetings and a teachers' supper, when we heartily welcomed the Rev. Mr. Keable, together with athletics, dramatics and the social activities of the week-day evenings, keep all interests keenly awake and full. Our Christmas play, "A Christmas Dream," was one of the best of the past ten years, bringing out old and new talent in expressing the ideals of the giving season.

Our missionary activities have resulted in liberal offerings, showing much self-denial, as per the secretary's report herewith, and quite equaling our former gifts. The Christmas Ship, later called the Mission Boat, under Mr. Kirkpatrick's guidance, together with the financial results of a party given by Miss Daley's class, has raised a special mission fund for Miss Conway in Africa.

Death has visited us and carried away several to God's eternity. Births have added to our Cradle Roll. Cupid has been present and stolen a teacher and several scholars. Baptism has begun the consecrated life for a number, and the Confirmation classes of November and April have had the hearts of teachers, officers and clergy cheered by the reconsecration of many scholars.

The Primary Department, under the leadership of Miss Minnie Corrigan, is full of young life and doing excellent work under the assistance of Miss Lewis, Miss Goss and Miss Pletsch. Our need is for a few more teachers in the Main school. We are planning for a Normal or Teacher Training Class among our developing young people and for a Home Department, so that we can have the hearty coöperation of parents.

We have much to be thankful for and are grateful for the many kindnesses of our friends in the church. Particularly do we appreciate the loyalty of the teachers and their consequent fruitfulness, in the number of their scholars dedicating their lives hopefully and willingly to the cause of our Master, The Christ. Faithfully submitted,

George H. Streaker,
May 3, 1916. *Superintendent.*

Financial Statement of the Sunday School.

Receipts for Missions.

Amount of Sunday School Collections from April 11, 1915, to April 30, 1916, inclusive (omitting summer months)		$138 16
Interest on Deposits		1 58
Amounts of Lenten Offerings, received April 30, 1916		139 76
Anniversary Offering, April 30, 1916		17 05
Amount received from St. Stephen's Dramatic Society		5 00
		$301 55
Special for Miss Conway—our Missionary in Africa:		
Amount received from Sunday School and Friends	$16 51	
Amount received from Miss Anna Daley, Proceeds of Entertainment by Class No. 2	19 30	
		35 81
Total Missionary Offering for the year		$337 36

Disbursements.

1916.		
March 15 Paid George W. Jacobs, Treasurer, Advent Offering	$15 46	
May 8 Paid J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, Missionary Collections and Interest (less Advent)	124 28	
8 Paid J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, Lenten Offering	161 81	
Amount to be Forwarded to Miss Conway	35 81	
		$337 36

Christmas Festival.

Receipts.

1916.	
Jan 13. Amount received from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, on account of Church Collection for Christmas Festival	$100 42

Expenditures.

Jan 13.	Paid George Boyd & Son, for Candy as follows:		
	Main School	$34 15	
	Infant School	6 50	
	Mothers' Meeting and Mrs. Taylor's Class	34 38	75 03
14	Paid E. F. Greathead, printing Program		4 90
14	Paid for Entertainment—Christmas Play		20 49
			$100 42

Sunday School Purposes.
Receipts.

Amount of Balance as per Last Report	$14 43
Amount Transferred from Christmas Fund Account, 1915	10 14
Interest	42
Amount Received from Sunday School for Flowers, 7-1-15	7 05
Amount Received from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, 9-22-15	50 42
Amount Received from J. Hunter Ewing, Warden, 5-8-16	62 63
Amount Received from Scholar, Replacing Lost Prizes	2 35
	$147 44

Expenditures.

1915			
Sept. 11	Paid Expenses Willow Grove Picnic	$10 00	
24	Paid Rupert Kienle, Flowers, Funeral Rev. Mr. Miller		15 00
Oct. 28	Paid Lesson Books		31 47
28	Paid Supplies		37 27
1916			
Mch. 7	Paid Contribution to Philadelphia County Sunday School Association		5 00
7	Paid Lantern Slides		3 10
May 8	Paid Contribution to Sunday School Association, Diocese of Pennsylvania.		5 00
8	Paid Rupert Kienle, Anniversary Decorations		25 10
8	Paid E. F. Greathead, Printing Anniversary Carols, etc.		15 50
			$147 44

Mr. Streaker's Report of Summer Outings.
(Not entering Secretary's Books.)
Summer Outings.
(Picnic to Farm, June 15, 1915.)
Receipts.

From Dr. Grammer	$50 00	
	5 03	
		$55 03

Expenses.

Car Fares to Willow Grove	$39 73	
Wagon Hire from Willow Grove to Farm	6 00	
Prizes	2 30	
Ice Cream	7 00	
		$55 03

(Picnic to Willow Grove, Sept. 12, 1915, and Sundry Expenses Superintendent.)
Receipts.

From Treasurer Sunday School ..	$10 00	
From Sunday School	1 77	
From Summer Sunday School	12 93	
		$24 70

Expenses.

Picnic to Willow Grove	$8 00
Music, 7th District S. S. Review ..	5 00
Delegate to Teachers' Meeting	1 50
Flowers, Fred. Hart's Funeral	2 50
Rally Day Cards	1 20
Slides Stereopticon—Review of Lesson	2.56
Slides Stereopticon—Review of Lesson	2 00
Sundry Expenses	1 94
	$24 70

W. J. Kirkpatrick,
SecretaryTreasurer.

Examined by F. B. Keable, and found to be correct.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Some dozen boys of the Sunday school make up this Chapter, which meets in the Sunday school room at 9 A. M., the second and fourth Sundays of each month. They assist in the work of the school. They take part in the meetings of the Local Assembly. They greatly assisted in making a success of the annual supper meeting to the Directors of Junior Chapters throughout the Diocese, when Franklin Spencer Edmonds as well as the National president and other officers were present.

Four of them are studying to take the examination on Saturday evening, May 6th, at the Church House on the History and Work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The award for the successful paper is a trip to the next convention at Cleveland, Ohio, early next October. Let us hope that one of our boys may be able to go. We can count at least 15 boys of the Junior Brotherhood of Philadelphia who are either at divinity schools or are preparing for the ministry, having received their inspiration largely at these annual gatherings of the Brotherhood men and boys from all parts of the country.

G. H. Streaker,
Director.
Henry Ahtes,
Vice-Director.
James Merchant,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Francis Scherzer,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Farm.

The Farm will open for the season on Saturday afternoon, June 17th. It is hoped that those who so generously support the project, will come out some time during the summer to see the house and the work under full swing.

What has been done at the Farm is familiar to most of you, and need not be dwelt upon. In past years the results have been most gratifying, and we are entering upon our nineteenth season, with renewed hope that it may be a means of greater good than ever before.

Each season a number of repairs are found to be necessary, in order that the house may be kept in good condition. Owing to the increased cost of labor and materials, this year the committee has been obliged to give up plans for some contemplated improvements, so that only a few minor repairs will be made at present.

As things wear out and need replenishing, we have made a list of our absolute needs for this season:

One dozen blankets (single bed size).
Six porch chairs.
Feather pillows.
Two hammocks.
Tennis net and racquets.
Indoor games for rainy days.
Small table for library.

We hope this appeal will meet with a ready response, from the many good friends of the Farm. E. D.

Report of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

During the summer of 1915 there were 84 Daily Vacation Bible Schools conducted throughout the city by the Philadelphia Daily Vacation Bible School Association, of which Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins is president, and John S. Wurts, Esq., the general director.

School No. 22 was held at St. Stephen's Church. The school was in session six weeks, opening July 6th and closing August 13th. This was the third year for the school in our church, and it might also be said it was the banner year for the school. Total enrollment, 130; daily average attendance, 55. Church connection of children enrolled, Protestant, 40; Jewish, 45; Roman Catholic, 40.

The children were between two and fourteen years of age. The nationalities represented in the school were: American, Irish, Jewish, Italian, Armenian, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Ruthenian, Polish, English and German. The principal in charge of the school was Miss Charlotte W. Nodine, assisted by a manual training teacher and a kindergarten teacher.

The children of all nations were so fond of the school that they not only wanted to "stay until dark," but they asked, "Can't we come on Saturdays, too?" or, "Can't we come back in the afternoons?" The principal spent her afternoons making tours of the congested neighborhoods to gather the children, into courts and alleys; into houses where a whole family and more lived in one room, where the babies were lying on the floor, with flies all about their faces.

These strange and needy children soon learned that it was better in school, even in summer, than in the hot and dangerous streets. The parents were assured that the police would help the tots across the streets. The babies were also brought to the school, in order that the older ones might attend. As a result, we often had three or four babies crying at once in different keys. The parents, as a rule, were very glad to let their children attend the Vacation Bible School and were grateful for the interest shown in their children.

An example may be given to show how the children loved the school. On one of the torrid August days a child came late to school, wearing a winter dress. When asked why she was late, she declared her only light dress was dirty and she had no other to wear except a winter one, which she had to look for. She exclaimed, "I think it is better to wear a winter dress than to stay at home."

The school was open from 9.30 to 11.30 A. M., five days each week. The session was opened with devotional exercises. The two minute "habit talk" followed. The children were taught the necessity of having clean hands, clean mouths and clean hearts. These talks were of untold value and made a profound impression upon the children. One day, two little girls had an argument at the close of the session. One became angry and left her companion abruptly, whereupon the latter appealed to the teacher and said, "Ruth is disobeying the lesson you taught about forgiveness. She said she would never speak to me again."

Another illustration of the value of the "habit talk" occurred a few days later. One

of the girls who lives in dire poverty in the neighborhood of Eighth and Race streets, was overheard to say that she wished she had a new pair of shoes. Upon hearing her "wish" several other girls took the teacher into their confidence, saying, "You told us in the story that we ought to help others, so we are going to save our pennies and buy Sarah a pair of shoes." This is Christian work of the highest order.

The Bible period followed the "habit talk." Never before had the children shown such deep interest in the Bible. They seemed to be hungry for it. They were not satisfied with one Bible story in the morning, but begged for two stories and often said their manual work could wait. The children were so interested that several asked permission to take a Bible home over night in order that they might read other stories and to memorize more verses. Owing to their eagerness I was astonished to discover that there were a number of American families that did not have a Bible in their homes. Might I say here, that since then, a member of the congregation has given these children Bibles.

The children not only heard a new Bible story every day, but some child told the Bible story of the previous day. Another feature of the Bible work was the recitation of Bible verses and chapters. On the last day of school they could recite them all. It is wonderful what can be done with children from the streets. A great opportunity is given to influence and mold the lives of the little ones. It was taking little sunbeams and dusting them off, so to speak.

Next on the program was a half hour of music, in which the children were taught catchy songs and famous hymns. The main object in this period is not merely to secure correct singing, but to influence the child nature through obedience to the laws of music and to implant in the child the love of good songs and good music.

The remainder of the time was devoted to manual training. The majority of the girls in the sewing class made dresses, while others made aprons either for themselves or mothers. Boys and girls made hammocks and useful and practical articles of raffia and wood. The object was not only to "make things," but to build character. Slurring over mistakes was discouraged. The child was trained to respect material and property which did not belong to him. Unselfishness was developed in the child.

Just before the closing exercises, five minutes were spent in listening to an educational record on the Victrola, which had been lent by a friend. Before dispersing the children saluted the flag and sang "America." The flag salute made the children feel that they are all American citizens, even though they were not all of American descent. Once when gathering the children from the streets, some said, "Oh, you only want Americans. We're Armenians." The response was, "That's just why we want you; we are going to teach you how to be Americans."

The total cost of the school, including salaries and materials, was $175, which was raised by voluntary contributions.

The chief advantages of the Vacation Bible Schools are: (1) The children are kept off the streets for six weeks in the summer, and as a result, their lives are safer, their habits are better and their parents are free from anxiety; (2) the children's hands are kept busy, quarrels are eliminated in their games, patriotism is instilled, and as a result their morals improve; (3) as many Bible lessons are taught in six weeks as a Sunday school could teach in seven months; (4) the Church is put in happy relations with the foreign community.

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

St. Stephen's Dramatic Club.

St. Stephen's Dramatic Club was organized on January 17, 1916, for the purpose of promoting more friendly relations between the young people of the Church and Sunday school; also to give entertainments for charitable purposes, and to entertain the members of the Parish.

The first of the entertainments was held on March 1, 1916, in the form of a minstrel show, which was a great success, both from a spectator's point of view and the Club's.

The total expenses to date are $36.52, $5.00 of which was donated toward the Lenten Offering of the Sunday school.

We now have in the treasury $28.82, with which to carry on our future work.

At the present time the Club is working on a sketch to be given for the benefit of St. Stephen's Athletic Association.

I may also say that the church-going members have used their influence in bringing the non-church-going members into the Church.

T. J. BELL, *President.*

Athletic Association.

The Baseball Team, arrayed in new suits, appeared on the diamond on Saturday last, and won their second game. At the end of the ninth inning the score was a tie—10-10. Although we were getting hungry another inning had to be played. New energy and snap seemed to possess our boys and they soon added four runs to their score. Their opponents tried hard to bring men home, but were shut out, being unable to score even a single run, in the final inning. This was the first time I had ever seen a game of baseball from beginning to end. And, needless to say, I enjoyed it and was proud of our boys. Proud not merely because they won the game, but because they "played" the game as "young men" should play. Bruised shins and terrific "slides," aching limbs and tired bodies are considered parts of the game. But the self control which each of our players had of himself was a joy to behold. Each player deserves credit, and I would like to mention them all by name. But space forbids. Every fellow played well, and Reed—little, quiet, smiling Reed—won the admiration of us all by his splendid manner as pitcher throughout the entire game. The boys would be very glad of a field to which they might go for their games. Perhaps some member of the congregation has a vacant lot upon which they would permit us to play. If so, we would be pleased if you will notify Mr. Keable.

Notes.

In a few weeks the Daily Vacation Bible School should be opened in our Parish, and for an account of its work in the past year you are referred to the report in this number. This is to suggest that we shall be glad to receive contributions as soon as possible, in order that we may know just what funds we have available for this good cause. Contributions may be sent to Miss Ella Headman, treasurer, 118 North 18th street, or to the Rector and the Associate.

The "Mothers" and the Dancing Class have greatly enjoyed the Victrola which Miss Shannon recently gave to the Parish House.

The new stereopticon given through the generosity of two of our friends is a very useful addition to our equipment. It has already been used, twice in giving illustrated travel talks to the Mothers, and to illustrate the lecture to the G. F. S. by Dean Kirk, of the School of Dentistry of the University of Pennsylvania. This lantern is for Parish purposes and we hope it will be constantly used. It is very economical and of simple operation. Designed especially for use in large parlors, it can be attached to an ordinary incandescent lamp socket, and thus consumes a minimum of electricity.

The number of pockets devoted to various objects according to the envelope system in one year.

	Inside the Parish.
Parochial Maintenance	27
Charities	18
Our Work Among Boys	2
Benevolent Society	2
Sunday School	2
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1
Easter Decorations	1
St. Stephen's Farm	1
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1
	55

	Outside the Parish.
Missions Pennsylvania Apportionment	40
Indian Missions	1
Theological Education	1
Episcopal Hospital	1
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1
Foreign Missions	1
Diocesan Missions	1
Missionary Box	1
Domestic Missions	1
Deaconess House	1
Colored Missions	1
City Missions	1
Benevolent Society	2
Missions (Special	1
	54

Church Pension Fund.

This fund is being collected by the united energies of our Church for the care of the disabled and infirm clergy and for the widows and orphans of the clergy. Five millions are to be secured before the system is put in operation. Of this amount the Diocese of Pennsylvania is seeking to raise one million. Six hundred thousand has already been subscribed. Two of the Vestrymen of St. Stephen's, Mr. Chas. L. McKeehan and Mr. Roland S. Morris, are on the committee. The cause was presented in St. Stephen's on May 21 by Mr. McKeehan. The Diocese will look to St. Stephen's to do its part. It would be well if the contributions to the Church Pension Fund were sent through Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, 505 Chestnut street.

The Church League of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT A LARGE CONFERENCE HELD IN HOLY TRINITY PARISH HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA, ON MARCH 1, 1916.

A DECLARATION AND TESTIMONY.

"Issuing from the Reformation without the loss of her ancient heritage, and baptized afresh in the spirit of the New Testament, the character of our Church became what is now revealed in her name—the Protestant Episcopal Church.

"Confident in her possession of the historic creeds and maintaining her ancient ministry, comprehensiveness became her great characteristic.

'So much that is alien to her history and spirit is now being set forth in her name that loyalty demands of her sons a clear declaration of their allegiance.

"*First.*—We assert, therefore our allegiance to the following principles:

"1. The sufficiency of the one sacrifice of Christ, and his sole mediatorship with God.

"2. The sacred right of the individual soul to an immediate approach to God in Christ.

"3. The supremacy of the enlightened conscience in the individual life as the final court of appeal.

"4. The supremacy of Holy Scripture as the test and warrant of Christian doctrine.

"*Secondly.*—We affirm our loyalty to the following truths, which are clearly indicated in the formularies of the church:

"1. The sacraments as the two alone ordained by Christ himself.

"2. The presence of Christ in the life of humanity, realized in experience and most tenderly realized, by faith, in the feast of His own appointment.

"3. The continuity of the ministry by an historic method as a fact of signal value and authority, and independent of any theories that may be imposed upon it.

"*Thirdly.*—In the face of the present demand, openly expressed by bishops and others, that our Church declare herself that there may be no mistake in her position, we affirm:

"1. This Church has declared herself on these points, historically, specifically and unequivocally.

"2. This Church's unique conception of comprehensiveness cannot be nullified by the effort to include what she has definitely excluded.

"3. This Church has made confident declaration of her position as a result of her belief in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and as a consequence of the characteristic use of sound learning.

"In no spirit of partisanship, but in simple loyalty to the church of which we are members, we invite all persons who, like ourselves, would preserve inviolate the heritage of Catholic and Protestant truth which is embodied in the standards of our Church, to associate themselves with us in membership in the *Church League of the Protestant Episcopal Church* for the purpose of upholding and defending that sacred inheritance."

The following resolution was also unanimously adopted:

"We, the members of the Church League of the Protestant Episcopal Church, believing in the fundamental principles of New Testament Christianity as expressed in the Creeds and in the Prayer Book and as re-affirmed and vindicated by the English Reformation, invite all churchmen to join with us in an educational campaign for the maintenance of these principles and in opposition to certain medieval and Romanizing tendencies within our Church which have been distinctively repudiated by this Church."

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50. Make checks payable to E. K. Campbell.

Circumcision, Purification, Transfiguration, St. Matthias, St. Mark, SS. Philip and James, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. James, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthew, St. Luke, SS. Simon and Jude, St. Thomas, and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

1916.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. Colket.
6.—Mr. Keable.
9.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ernst.
23.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
25.—Miss Crawford.
30.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 6.—Miss Van Dusen.
13.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 5.—Miss M. Wallace.
12.—Mrs. Clemens.
19.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.

April 2.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
9.—Dr. Grammer.
16.—Palm Sunday.
20.—Mrs. A. P. Taylor.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Miss Dutilh.

May 7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Mrs. Colket.
28.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 1.—Mrs. Armstrong.
3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss May Miller.

July 2.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
30.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 6.—Mrs. Heberton.
13.—Miss Wallace.
20.—Miss Laura Bell.
27.—Miss Shellenberger.

Sept. 3.—In Memoriam.
10.—Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mr. J. T. Lineaweaver.
24.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.

Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Bell.
8.—Miss Maulsby.
15.—Mrs. Sheble.
22.—Girls' Friendly Society.
29.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
5.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Miss Eisenbrey.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 3.—Miss Davis.
10.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
17.—Mrs. Petry.
24.—Miss Emily Bell.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

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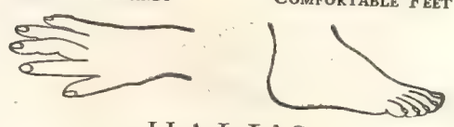
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"The Maidstone," 1327 Spruce Street.
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Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
MR. ROLAND S. MORRIS, *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Charles L. McKeehan,
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. William H. Hollar, Mr. C. Howard Colket,
Mr. William H. Hansell, Mr. Robert T. Boyd.

Choir.

Organist and Director.
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Sopranos.

Mrs. Helen Fraeme Heaton, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Margaret K. Fowler, Miss Winifred Horscroft, Miss Esther M. Hicks, Miss Ella F. Dance.

Altos.

Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Mrs. Anna C. Becker, Miss Rosa M. Will, Miss Alice D. Smith, Mrs. Floyd D. Brown.

Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Herbert M. Ellis, Mr. Nathan Hoffmann.

Basses.

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Elmer P. Sacrey, Mr. H. Stanley Mann, Mr. Thos. C. Martindale, Mr. Gerald Marvin.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.
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Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.

A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.

P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. John Coates Browne, Chairman; Miss Cornelia Ewing, Mrs. Howard H. Bilyeu, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Miss Mary Wallace, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Miss Wallace.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. A. D. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Reifsnyder.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.
FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin and Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend, Miss Frances Gebhart.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. F. B. Keable.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President.—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart, The Misses Sanders, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Miss Tyson, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Taggart, Miss Lindenmeyer, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Grammer, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Gerald Marvin.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund and Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Grammer, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin,

Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Juniors—Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

October 1.—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
8.—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
15.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
18.—St. Luke, Evangelist.
22.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
28.—SS. Simon and Jude.
29.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Parish Record.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

May 21.—John Stewart Bowes, Jr.
Sept. 18.—Alan Crawford Neilson.
18.—Mary Linden Crawford.
24.—Marion Isabella Stewart.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

June 8.—Robert K. Hodgson and Evellyn Bibbs.
24.—John B. Mearns and Margaret C. Gheen.
29.—Thomas J. Bell and Estella E. Rose.
July 19.—Michael I. Widener and Mary H. B. Vickers.
Aug. 2.—Grover Connelly and Flora M. Andrews.
5.—Harry E. Hughes and Minnie E. Webb.
15.—Harry E. Woltman and Sophia L. Witta.
15.—Frederick Kiembring and Anna M. Barrington.
Sept 23.—Henry Knuppell and Laura F. Sherman.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"And the Spirit shall return to God, who gave it."

May 30.—Emma J. Blackwood.
June 14.—Bessie Blanchard Dunne.
22.—Louis H. Hall.
Aug. 7.—Charles L. Franklin.
9.—Thomas M. Durr.
15.—Fannie S. Magee.
28.—Robert W. S. Taggart.
28.—Frederick H. Fluery.
30.—Annie Hewett.
Sept. 7.—Katherine B. Jones.
20.—Edward R. Fell, M.D.

Offerings Received from May 7, 1916, Sunday after Easter, to September 24, 1916, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$77.91	
Parochial Maintenance	124.58	
Our work among boys	21.79	
Benevolent Society	18.75	
Indian Missions	16.29	
Sunday School	13.28	
American National Red Cross Department Non-Combatant Relief	586.88	
Pension Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church	70.00	$929.48

Envelope System:

Charities	$302.54	
Parochial Maintenance	465.43	
Missions	346.96	
St. Stephen's Farm	415.26	
Theological Education	11.83	
Our work among boys	112.24	
Benevolent Society	124.47	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	7.55	
Episcopal Hospital	.60	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	.65	
Domestic Missions	.89	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1.30	
Diocesan Missions	5.57	
Foreign Missions	.55	
Colored Missions	2.07	
Missionary box	.57	
Indian Missions	35.79	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	1.25	
City Missions	1.22	
Deaconess House	.57	
Sunday School	51.02	1888.33
		$2817.81

Summary:

Charities	$380.45
Parochial Maintenance	590.01
Missions	346.96
St. Stephen's Farm	415.26
Theological Education	11.83
Our work among boys	134.03
Benevolent Society	143.22
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	7.55
Episcopal Hospital	.60
Sunday School Christmas Festival	.65
Domestic Missions	.89
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1.30
Diocesan Missions	5.57
Foreign Missions	.55
Colored Missions	2.07
Missionary box	.57
Indian Missions	52.08
Easter Decorations Church and Sunday School	1.25
City Missions	1.22
Deaconess House	.57
Sunday School	64.30
American National Red Cross Department, Non-Combatant Relief	586.88
Pension fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church	70.00 $2817.81

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

It is pleasant once more to address the congregation through the columns of the Parish News. This monthly leaflet is a valuable means of spreading information about the Parish, of recording incidents in the history of our church, and of binding our scattered congregation closer together. We shall be glad to introduce this year a column of personal mention in which items about our members that may be of general interest may be made known to the whole congregation. For example, it is pleasant to remember that one of our Vestrymen, Roland S. Morris, Esq., is one of the deputies to the General Convention. In 1910, St. Stephen's had two vestrymen, and the rector representing the diocese in the General Convention. It must be admitted that this was a larger proportion than could reasonably be expected to be selected from one parish. It is good to have the succession of a deputy from St. Stephen's still continued.

The two special summer activities, the Daily Vacation Bible School and the Farm were both successfully conducted. At the Farm the boys and young men were received for two weeks. Under the efficient leadership of Mr. Keable, and with the coöperation of the boys the two weeks passed without any misadventure. It is a great addition to the usefulness of the Farm that it should give an outing to the class whose physical energies make them feel most painfully the cramping limitations of narrow houses and crowded streets.

There are several tasks that call just now for especial exertion. First of all, there is the envelope system. The number of those using the envelopes has not increased as it should have done. Every communicant should do something to support the Church that ministers to him in spiritual things. It is not obligatory that one should take a pew or a sitting. We are glad to welcome every one to our worship. A cordial reception is extended to all visitors. But everyone should endeavor to assist to the extent of his ability. It is, moreover, helpful to make the contributions regularly according to a system—not waiting for emotional impulses; but guided by conscience and good judgment. The envelope is a helpful system in its reaction upon the giver. It is also helpful to the Church. It gives us a list of active coöperating communicants, to whom all appeals, circulars and copies of the Parish News are sent. It supplies a real working force. Moreover, it has wonderfully increased the offerings of St. Stephen's for all causes. This fall we are going to make an effort to enlarge our list of envelope users. Let this letter be the opening appeal. We shall be grateful, if names of persons who will accept the envelopes be sent to either of the ministers or to Mr. Jos. B. VanDusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, 12th street.

A church ought to be a field for work, as well as a place of prayer. We have a number of openings for those who are willing to enter. The way to usefulness in a church is to serve faithfully in the lowest room, till demonstrated efficiency elicits the invitation, "Come up higher."

In November we shall begin a third Sunday service at 8 o'clock. With popular music and evangelistic addresses and sermons upon the great fundamentals of repentance and faith, it is hoped that these services will meet a real need and call forth a goodly attendance. The four o'clock service will be continued with the usual musical features, somewhat enlarged, and a regular course of Bible lectures will be then given, beginning in November.

There are already three candidates for Confirmation and it is not expedient that they should be kept waiting till the spring. In Advent a Confirmation class will be begun, and the ministers will be glad to receive names.

All of us are deeply concerned in the deliberations of the General Convention now in session at St. Louis. We ought to pray fervently that God would give it the spirit of counsel and a right judgment.

The Church is the agency that makes known the good news of God's love. It is the society of His children who are endeavoring to be conformed to the character of the Righteous Being, of whose nature they partake. It is the lighthouse that warns off the rocks of sin, and indicates the channel into the secure harbor. Naught that impairs its usefulness can be indifferent to us. Everything that adapts it to its high and sacred office must call for our enthusiastic support. The Church of our fathers showed improvements over the Church of our forefathers, and it would be stupid, indeed, to hold that there can be no further amendments or improvements. Not every change is to be opposed. But changes that are due to reaction, to fear, to the idealization of a half-recorded and half-understood past are to be deprecated. This is an age of democracy, of freedom, of reliance upon the nature of man as a child of God, to respond to the message and leadings of his Father. All changes in the direction of flexibility of liberty and democracy are to be received, like strangers who have been introduced by our close personal friends, whereas changes recommended by sacerdotalism and sacramentarianism are to be carefully scrutinized as one would examine an investment recommended by a banking house whose counsels held in former years cost heavy losses. It is safe, it seems to me, to omit the word "obey" in the marriage service, and put the two marital partners on an absolute level. The spirit of Christianity has elevated woman and secured for her larger training, and equipped her to be more of a comrade and associate for man, and less of a toy and dependent. The change is in the line of the exaltation of women, and the humanizing, so to speak, of the bond. It is entitled to respectful consideration, with an inclination to grant it unless strong reason to the contrary can be shown.

Every change, however, in the direction of the Roman Church is to be distrusted. That church has never cleansed itself of the medieval accretions. It has been tried and found wanting.

A Latin country like France that has shown up so splendidly in this great European war, has only attained her national unity and spirit by drawing her schools and institutions more and more out of the hands of that church, and conforming ever increasingly to our American model. Everything Romish, every movement that would break down the helpful separation between Church and State, every effort to foist upon our church practices, usages and teachings of less enlightened days is to be distrusted and examined with a strong prepossession against it.

Take prayers for the dead. Personally, I do not object to them. Indeed, I use them, not because they are medieval or ancient or primitive; but because they are reasonable.

Wherever the spirits of the departed may be, they are in God's care, and He can not be offended if we speak to Him about them. On the other hand, the New Testament is strangely silent about them. People who want to keep the religion of Jesus close to the tone of its Divine Founder, shrink from accretions. Especially do they object to making them obligatory, either on the officiating clergyman or on the congregation. It is a movement away from liberty to make such supplications obligatory in the Communion service; but it is a step towards liberty to permit the use of such collects.

Under a separate heading I shall speak of the bereavements which the Parish has sustained since the last issue of the PARISH NEWS, but I cannot omit here some mention of the loss that the Church suffered in the death of the Rt. Rev. George W. Peterkin, Bishop of West Virginia. He was a true chief pastor of his clergy and people. *Aliorum memor, immemor sui,* as the fine Latin line runs. Ever thoughtful of others, he was thoughtless of self. When he divided the work with his coadjutor, he resigned the Episcopal care of the fine city parishes and took the rough country work for himself. He had always longed, he said, to be free that he might look up the wanderers. He kept a list of all communicants in places where there was no Episcopal Church and sent them his Diocesan paper, received their "envelopes," and arranged his itinerary so as to visit them on his rounds. One summer when I was at the Monroe Red Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, Bishop Peterkin visited the Springs and conducted a special service. He had discovered that these summer resorts lacked ministerial care and preaching, and was touring the mountains to supply the need. Strict with himself, he was tolerant and indulgent in his judgment of others. A soldier in the Southern Army, he exemplified the simplicity of manner that had marked such great captains as Lee and Grant; but he used to remind us that we must not misjudge men of a more decorated and ornamental type of manners, or set them down as necessarily *poseurs* or fops, since the world had many types. There was always something of the soldier about him, frank, direct, simple.

As a trustee of the Virginia Seminary he came to the institution once and delivered a strong address to the students, full of common sense, simply explaining that he had asked for this opportunity because he had in mind some things that in his judgment needed to be said. He never spoke for display, but only took the floor to deliver a message.

In opposition to the omission of the designation, "Protestant" from our name, no one was more influential than Bishop Peterkin. He knew the conditions in his State and the hopelessness of his task of upbuilding our Church, if this name were to be dropped. He had his whole diocese behind him and he spoke with the weight of a Bishop who expressed the mind of his people. The son of one of our Church's saints, the Rev. Dr. Joshua Peterkin, trained in our Church from infancy, himself a splendid example of the thoroughly real and sane piety created by our Church's teaching, and a convinced and stalwart Protestant, with no hankering after a meretricious over-adornment, he spoke out of the fullness of his knowledge, and with a weight of authority that commanded the attention of the whole Church.

Space would fail me, if I undertook to recount his good work, the hospital that he founded, the Church boarding house for boys at the University of West Virginia, of the consecrated builders of churches that he secured, of his Year Book and valuable pastorals, of his relation to the Missions in Brazil, which he visited and took care of in the incipient stage. When he realized that he could no longer discharge the duties of his office, he insisted on resigning the honor. Nothing but the strenuous opposition of his diocese, over which he had presided since its organization, prevented him from carrying out his wish.

All must feel that it was well that he died the Bishop of West Virginia—where he labored so painstakingly and lovingly for so many years. No prelate, but a true New Testament and Protestant bishop, simple in manner, diligent in business, fervent in spirit, ever serving the Lord. In his loving solicitude for those under his care, he reminded one of Goldsmith's description of the village pastor:

> And as a bird, each fond endearment tries
> To tempt its new-fledg'd offspring to the skies,
> He tried each art, reproved each dull delay
> Allur'd to brighter worlds and led the way.

The example of such a man is a blessing to the whole Church. It is good to know that his successor is a man of his own spirit and that the work of Bishop Peterkin will be preserved and extended and not torn down and destroyed.

I should like to tell of various instructive experiences of the summer. One of the most illuminating occurred on a railroad journey. I was traveling with Dr. Caley to deliver a course of lectures on Church History in Bedford, Virginia; when a lady with a foreign accent in the seat ahead of us asked us to tell her the name of the great river that we were crossing. This led to a conversation. She was an Italian who had been brought to this country by her father when she was about fifteen years old and had married in her seventeenth year, an American lawyer, whose death some months ago had left her a widow with one son. On asking her about her Church relations I learned that she had for years been churchless. She explained that when they lived in Naples her father had never cared to bring his children much under the influence of the priests. She had, however, been prepared for Confirmation and gone to confession and to the Communion once. When, however, she received the wafer and it came over her that according to the teaching of her Church, she was swallowing the body and blood of the Son of God, she said that gorge rose up against such a conception and her whole mind revolted at the teaching as incredible and discreditable. She could not accept it or approve it and she never went to Communion again. Such teaching repelled and shocked her. Finding that she was in search of a Church, and that there was no Episcopal Church where she lived, I advised her to join the Presbyterian Church to which her husband had belonged, and to train her son in the teachings of a Church that closely united morality and religion.

After the summer holiday Mrs. Grammer and I enjoyed a delightful tour of twelve days in New England, in the White Mountains and Berkshire, Massachusetts, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore. I trust that the benefit of the summer's rest and this pleasant outing may be manifest in a year of increased efficiency.

We have much to encourage us in Old St. Stephen's. New and zealous members have been added to our numbers, an associate of energy and experience has come upon our staff, and there are many signs of increased vitality. May God give us the spirit of concord, wisdom and zeal and make us a congregation of workers in His Vineyard.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Musical Program

October 8.

11 A. M.
- Te Deum in E flat ..... Buck
- Jubilate in F ..... Smart
- If with all your hearts ..... Mendelssohn

4 P. M.
- Magnificat ..... Noble
- Nunc ..... Noble
- The Twilight Shadows ..... Wood
- When Thou comest ..... Rossini

October 15.

11 A. M.
- Te Deum in E ..... Mosenthal
- Jubilate ..... Mosenthal
- Lovely Appear ..... Gounod

4 P. M.
- Magnificat ..... Tours
- Nunc ..... Tours
- The Twilight Shadows ..... Wood
- All Men ..... Mendelssohn

October 22.

11 A. M.
- Te Deum in B ..... Buck
- Benedictus ..... Beethoven
- Hear my prayer ..... Mendelssohn

4 P. M.
- Magnificat (by request) ..... Stainer
- Nunc (by request) ..... Stainer
- Ave Verum ..... Mozart
- Still, still with Thee ..... Foote

October 29.

11 A. M.
- Te Deum in E ..... Mosenthal
- Jubilate in E ..... Mosenthal
- How long wilt Thou forget me? ..... Plueger

4 P. M.
- Magnificat ..... Clough Leighter
- Nunc ..... Clough Leighter
- Incline Thine ear ..... Himmel
- All men ..... Mendelssohn

Our Bereavements.

During the summer we lost, as may be seen in the notice of funerals a number of our people. Some like Mrs. Katherine B. Jones were only known to a few of us comparatively, since she never was able to work in any of the societies. As her rector I first learned through the envelope system to appreciate her singular fidelity and later on discovered that she was one of those bright and loving spirits who see good in all, not because of blind optimism but largely because they elicit good in all by their own geniality and loving-kindness. The members of longest standing who were taken from us were Mr. L. H. Hall, Dr. Edward R. Fell, and Miss Fannie J. Magee.

Mr. Hall was a man of unusual histrionic gifts, and powers of mimicry. No one more delighted the Mothers' Meeting. Greatly will he be missed at its gatherings. His death was very sudden. Great is the sympathy for Mrs. Hall, a much loved associate in the G. F. S., in her bereavement. Long will Mr. Hall be remembered for his varied gifts.

Dr. Edward R. Fell had long been failing, when he died on September 16th. There was a toughness, a staunchness and steadfastness in his character that seemed to be shared by his body and made it difficult for age or disease to uproot and overthrow his oak-like nature. During the war he served his country as a physician and surgeon in the hospitals. Later on he entered into business. When I became acquainted with him he had largely retired from business and he was to a considerable extent isolated by his deafness, so that he could not mingle freely in general society. For this reason he never came to the annual men's banquet in St. Stephen's, though he always sent his subscription. He never lost his interest in people or great causes. Long after he had ceased to hear the preacher or the reader of the service he continued his Church attendance faithfully. Deep and sincere was his affection for our Church and he always responded readily to its appeals. Of the chivalry exhibited in his beautiful married life, of the purity of his character, I cannot speak with freedom. He and Mrs. Fell gave us a beautiful example of a serene and happy married life. Around her in her bereavement have gathered many women whom she taught in her Sunday school, to sustain her by their loving sympathy.

In the death of Miss Fannie S. Magee, St. Stephen's lost one of its chief benefactors, and one of the oldest and most devoted of its members. The daughter of a former Vestryman, Mr. James R. Magee, baptized in St. Stephen's font, all her life an attendant on its services, confirmed at its chancel rails, a regular communicant at its altar, at one time a teacher in the Sunday school, the first President of the Woman's Auxiliary, an office that she held till the condition of her health compelled her to resign, Miss Fannie Magee held a unique position in our congregation. All of us knew that St. Stephen's was a part of her deepest life-interests and one of the chief objects of her solicitude, love and pride. The eldest of her father's children she was always recognized as peculiarly attached to the Church that held so many of the family memorials.

Next to the family of Col. and Mrs. Edwin Shippen Burd, the greatest benefactors of St. Stephen's have been the Magee family. To it we owe the rich mosaic over the Communion Table, the great double window in the transept, the Eliza J. Magee organ, and the addition of $35,000 to our endowment. In all these gifts Miss Fannie had a part, and in most of them she was the spokesman for the family.

Never can her love and zeal for our Church be forgotten by those who knew her. She was a woman of enduring loyalties, of strong convictions and fervent devotion to her church. Though she had to bear many bereavements and was a person of deep and strong family affection, she retained to the last her peculiar spiciness of wit, her gift of repartee, her ability to sound her own distinctive note. She comes before me as I write, as she sat in her accustomed seat at the annual congregational meeting, interested in all the reports, proud to know that the old Church was holding its own, bearing her weight of years with her own distinctive sprightliness, and (I am thankful to recall) recognized by us all as the most prominent representative of the traditions of the Parish and one of our chief benefactors.

To her youngest sister, Miss Anna J. Magee, the sole survivor of her father's large family, the whole congregation of St. Stephen's extends its sympathy. May God guide, comfort and sustain her.

The Farm.

To give a detailed account of the many incidents at the Farm this past summer would lead to entirely too long an article, so in a brief summary we shall try to tell you just what we have been doing.

To begin at the beginning, the opening on June 17th was entirely different from any we have ever had, and we are prepared to say the most enjoyable. It was the Sunday school picnic of 157 persons that opened the season of 1916. The day was perfect and our only regret was that those whose generosity make the project possible were not with us to see what a good time we had. The good times which began with the Sunday school picnic did not end until the last merry party left on September 18th. We feel that we have had a most successful summer, with an average of 34 guests each week, a total of 442 persons for one week. 474 extra meals were served to day visitors (this includes 82 members of our "Mothers' Meeting" who came out on Thursday during July and the first two weeks in August). Ninety-two persons were entertained for three days, including the Girls' Friendly Society who came as usual for the Fourth of July and the Labor Day holidays. Although the majority of our guests were children, we are thankful to say that we had no sickness. The Farm has been of inestimable value to all who have enjoyed its privileges. A prominent member of a neighboring parish recently wrote that "of all the vacation houses, St. Stephen's has the best reputation." This is very gratifying coming from one who is interested in vacation houses, and who knows.

The religious life was not lost sight of. Besides family worship at the close of each day, we had a service on the lawn with an address every Sunday afternoon. About ten years ago Mr. Streaker inaugurated these meetings and has continued them each year.

Every year the members of our "Mothers' Meeting" and "Girls' Friendly Society" contribute generously toward the comforts of the Farm. This summer the Mothers presented a splendid refrigerator as their gift, and the Girls' Friendly Society three single beds for the dormitory, besides a sum of money to buy records for the Victrola. The boys also did their share toward making the place attractive by clearing the old orchard, and with the fine new swings which came to us through Mr. Keable's efforts, what was once a neglected orchard is now a very attractive playground.

Everybody was glad that the boys were again able to share the pleasures of the Farm. Those who took part in the work have nothing but praise for the way in which they conducted themselves, and while they came to enjoy, and did enjoy everything to the utmost, the time was also profitably spent under Mr. Keable's constant care.

We are grateful to good friends who have remembered us most generously; to Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., for 20 pounds of chocolates, a fine table for the library, chairs and a rug. Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, prizes for the Girls' Friendly Society. Mr. Eakens $10, which was expended for Victrola records and extras. Mr. Robert T. Boyd, a set of quoits and six porch rockers. Friends of Mrs. H. P. Taylor, flower vases. Mr. McCaughan, plants, and through Mr. Keable, a number of indoor games.

E. D.

The Sunday School.

The annual Sunday school picnic to the Farm on Saturday, June 17th, was a delightful treat, by the kindness of our good friends of the Church, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, particularly the luncheon which Mr. Keable so wisely had the teachers happily prepare the night before. Immediately after starting the stormy weather disappeared and 150 were made most grateful for our outing, thanks to the good leadership of our Associate Rector.

The next day the summer sessions of the school began with a good attendance of 100 full of pleasant memories of the picnic. This number diminished as the vacation season advanced, until poliomyeletis caused the Board of Health to stop the attendance of little folk under sixteen, for fear of spreading the contagious infantile paralysis, and our numbers were very much depleted. But many of the older scholars came each Sunday morning in the Guild Room and we studied "The Deeds of Jesus." A session was also held each Sunday afternoon on the Farm. With Mr. Keable in charge, the boys were delighted with their two weeks at Warminster and have been in good attendance at school.

Our first corporate communion of the communicant scholars, by Mr. Keable's good suggestion, was held September 17th, in the church. It was impressive, helpful and well attended.

We now look forward hopefully to our regular winter sessions, which began October 1st, with an attendance of over 100, some forty of the Primary Department being back in their places. The third Sunday in October, the 15th, will be the regularly appointed day for intercessory prayers for Sunday schools in all Episcopal schools. We expect a large attendance. Will the teachers kindly keep in mind Monday, October 16th, when the annual Institute of the Diocesan Sunday School Association will be held at Holy Apostles' Church. There will be an afternoon and evening session with supper, when several hundred teachers and officers of the Association will sit down together.

We are entitled to ten delegates to the County Convention of Sunday schools on October 19th and 20th, and we trust to be well represented, particularly at Convention Hall on the second evening, when the successful pageant of last year will be repeated. This, in Pageant form, will show the progress of Religious Education from the times of the old Hebrew Patriarchs up to the beginning of the Modern Sunday Schools, and from the crude school of Robert Raikes in England, to the latest graded systems in America. Some thirty schools will be in many episodes. The Hall holds 15,000, but even so, those wishing to be present had better let us know early in order to be admitted.

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters' Whatsoever Circle will have their first meeting October 18th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, at a quarter of eight o'clock.

We will be glad to have anyone join in our work this winter.

The sewing basket was put away, all work finished and sent to different homes and hospitals the latter part of June. Then for the closing evening we were to be the guests of our secretary, Miss Bertha Walshe. She had invited all the members of the Circle to spend a social evening at her home.

We had some delightful music on the phonograph and spent a very enjoyable evening.

After such a long vacation we hope all will be ready on the 18th for the winter's work.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

These meetings of the Juniors have been held all summer. Henry Ahtes and the Director represented our boys at the supper conference at the church house in September. We hope to have all at the conference at St. Andrew's, 8th and Spruce, on the evening of October 26th. We will also be represented at the National Convention of the Brotherhood at Cleveland, Ohio, October 4th to 8th, by Mr. Streaker. We will gladly welcome boys, between 12 and 18 years of age, at our Chapter meetings at 9 A. M., before Sunday school, the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Shoe Fund.

The Shoe Fund will open the first Tuesday in November.

The children of the Burd school have all had a pleasant summer and have been in good health; and they have escaped the epidemic. The quarantine was very little discomfort, as they had the beautiful grounds for play. Six of the girls spent two weeks at the Farm, and enjoyed their vacation and very much appreciated Miss Dale's kindness. Screening the building has been very much appreciated by the members of the Burd School family, and has done much toward keeping the children in a healthy condition.

God So Loved the World.

BY GRACE E. UHLER.

For God so loved the world, not just a few,
The wise and great, the noble and the true,
Or those of favoured class or race or hue.
God loved the world. Do you?

God loved the sinful world, not just the good.
Ah, none were good till they had understood
His love for them, and felt the power that could
Make all of life anew.

God loved the world. He saw that we might be
Made like Himself. He stooped to set us free
And did not spare the cost of Calvary.
God loved man so. Do we?

O God of love! Sweep over every soul.
Cast out our pride and envy, take control
Of every passion, lead us to the goal,
Where we shall love like Thee.

From the Woman's Missionary Friend.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50. Make checks payable to E. K. Campbell.

Circumcision, Purification, Transfiguration, St. Matthias, St. Mark, SS. Philip and James, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. James, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthew, St. Luke, SS. Simon and Jude, St. Thomas, and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

1916.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. Colket.
6.—Mr. Keable.
9.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ernst.
23.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
25.—Miss Crawford.
30.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 6.—Miss Van Dusen.
13.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 5.—Miss M. Wallace.
12.—Mrs. Clemens.
19.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.

April 2.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
9.—Dr. Grammer.
16.—Palm Sunday.
20.—Mrs. A. P. Taylor.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Miss Dutilh.

May 7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Mrs. Colket.
28.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 1.—Mrs. Armstrong.
3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss May Miller.

July 2.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
30.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 6.—Mrs. Heberton.
13.—Miss Wallace.
20.—Miss Laura Bell.
27.—Miss Shellenberger.

Sept. 3.—In Memoriam.
10.—Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick.
17.—Mr. J. T. Lineaweaver.
24.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.

Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Bell.
8.—Miss Maulsby.
15.—Mrs. Sheble.
22.—Girls' Friendly Society.
29.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
5.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Miss Eisenbrey.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 3.—Miss Davis.
10.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
17.—Mrs. Petry.
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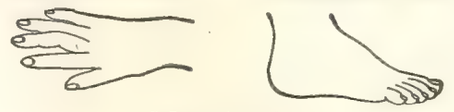
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Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

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Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

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Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
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Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
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Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
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Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
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Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Teachers.
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Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

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President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.
Juniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1.—All Saints Day.
5.—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
12.—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
19.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
26.—Sunday next before Advent.
30.—St. Andrew's Day.
Thanksgiving Day.

	1916
1st Sunday in Advent	Dec. 3rd
Christmas Day	Dec. 25th
	1917
Epiphany (Saturday)	Jan. 6th
Septuagesima	Feb. 4th
Sexagesima	Feb. 11th
Quinquagesima	Feb. 18th
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 21st
Passion Sunday	Mar. 25th
Palm Sunday	Apr. 1st
Good Friday	Apr. 6th
Easter Sunday	Apr. 8th
Rogation Sunday	May 13th
Ascension Day (Thursday)	May 17th
Whitsunday	May 27th
Trinity Sunday	June 3rd

Parish Record.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."
October 8.—John Francis Suttinger.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

October 26.—Ralph S. Marsden and Catherine Mehler.
30.—George F. Haucheus and Helen Mac M. Stutzman.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"The Souls of the rightous are in the Hand of God."

October 23.—John Tomlinson.

Offerings Received from October 1, 1916, Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity to October 29, 1916, Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope Eystem:

Charities	$12.97	
Parochial Maintenance	54.44	
Sunday School	24.08	
Church Pension Fund	5.00	
Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund.	209.21	
Checks drawn to the order of Asa S. Wing, Treasurer for the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund, Special Envelope	547.00	$852.70

Envelope System:

Charities	$116.55	
Parochial Maintenance	242.33	
Missions	176.94	
Theological Education	.70	
Our work among boys	31.01	
Benevolent Society	2.55	
Domestic Missions	19.49	
Indian Missions	1.45	
Diocesan Missions	5.00	
Sunday School	82.31	$678.33
		$1531.03

Summary:

Charities	$129.52	
Parochial Maintenance	296.77	
Missions	176.94	
Theological Education	.70	
Our Work among boys	31.01	
Benevolent Society	2.55	
Domestic Missions	19.49	
Indian Missions	1.45	
Diocesan Missions	5.00	
Sunday School	106.39	
Church Pension Fund	5.00	
Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund	756.21	$1531.03

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

The offerings for the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund amounted to $756.21, not including $517 given by the Armenians at the special service on October 22d.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M., Thursday, December 7th. All members of the Altar Society are urged to be present.

The Associate will consider it a personal favor, if, as soon as you have read this item, you will kindly mail to him a list of your favorite hymns.

The Church Work Fund.

MY DEAR PARISHIONER:

I append a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Church Work Fund. With this purse the Rector conducts his office, publishes the PARISH NEWS, and contributes to various societies in the Church, and moves with freedom. Our old members give faithfully to this fund, and it is hoped that our new members will also contribute to it.

By the envelope system for specified objects, and the Church Work Fund for small and sundry purposes, the worship of St. Stephen's is kept free from frequent appeals for money, a feature of our service that tends greatly to enhance the dignity of our worship.

The regular demands on this purse call for a fund of $1,500.

Yours sincerely,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Oct. 13, 1915	$83.02
Amount received in November in response to appeal	652.50
Later Subscriptions	227.00
Special Gifts	205.00
Advertisements in "Parish News"	215.00
Refund from Mission Study Class	4.00
	$1,386.52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Supper to Convocation	$48.75
Sunday School	62.55
Church Societies	139.22
Services of Secretary, Postage, etc.	187.62
Bell Telephone	75.52
Advertising Church Services in Newspapers.	61.75
Tuning Church Piano	4.00
Ministerial Assistance	45.00
Services of Bell Ringer	57.00
Music during August	30.00
Various purposes through Verger, Sundries, etc.	57.89
Printing "Parish News"	279.83
Other Printing, Stationery and Mailing	243.03
Hotel Church Directory	10.00
Expenses of Civic Exhibit	40.00
Amount disbursed through Mr. Keable	65.00
Parish Meeting	18.43
Assistance to co-operative religious effort	60.00
Music at Mission Service and Entertainment of Speaker	51.00
Special Claim on the Parish for aid	80.00
	$1,616.59

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

In this letter I shall first speak of parish concerns and later on of public matters.

Commencing with Sunday, November 5th, there will be a popular service of song and preaching at St. Stephen's, beginning at 8 o'clock. Distinguished preachers from out of town will preach and celebrated musical artists will enhance the attractiveness of the service. There are no great popular night services in any of our Episcopal churches east of Broad street in this portion of the city. Yet the Garrick theatre is crowded to the ceiling Sunday night after Sunday night during the fall and winter. We believe that just as there is room for both St. Stephen's and the Garrick in the Lenten Noonday services, so there is room for St. Stephen's beside the Garrick in these Sunday night services. A special committee consisting of Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr., and Mr. W. H. Hollar, has raised a purse sufficient to conduct these services on a high plane for a number of months. Mr. Keable is joined in this enterprise with them, and with another committee of men, who have undertaken to make the services widely known, and to bring in the people Dr. Karl Reiland, of St. George's, will preach on the opening night. Among the speakers who have been asked to follow are Dr. Samuel McComb, Dr. Worcester's associate for so many years in Boston, who has been requested to fill the pulpit on the second Sunday in November, Students' Sunday, and Dr. Hogue, of Baltimore, who has established a people's service in the heart of Baltimore in one of the theatres and reached in a wonderful manner the churchless people. No movement of equal vitality and promise has been inaugurated in the parish, in my judgment, since it was first founded. If the services prove a success the usefulness of the parish will be certainly increased fifty per cent.

The afternoon service will be continued at 4 o'clock. The amount of the devotional service will be diminished and the time given for instruction increased. A regular course of lectures will be given by the Rector on the Bible, seeking to show what the modern view of the Bible is, the reason for it, and the lessons that are to be derived from Holy Scripture, by the aid of enlightened methods. He will aim to make it a real Bible class, elevated and helped spiritually by the noble rendition of a high class of devotional music. On the first Sunday in the month, after the Communion, the experiment will be made of giving the choir more time for the rendition of some notable work of musical and devotional genius, and the address will be short. It is believed that our churches ought to be more frequently used and that by due diligence three congregations of different tastes, engagements and needs can be gathered together in a church situated like ours and adequately manned and equipped.

This number of our monthly will appear close upon the election. May God guide the hearts of men to a right decision of the great issues involved, and incline the wills of His people to hear and obey the promptings of His spirit. Nothing finer could be said than this extract from the Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops, which I quote from a Sunday morning paper, believing that most of my congregation, like myself, do not often see the Sunday papers:

America is involved in world-wide confusion which finds its most acute expression in the battlefields of Europe. No self-isolation on our part is possible. The fortunes of the nations are interwoven as the threads of a tapestry.

Interest can never again be sectional. The world is henceforth one, for the time being in a disturbed and suffering unity, in days to come in a unity where order and health will reign. Political expediency may in war time require neutrality of the State, but it cannot hold in leash the sympathies of the individual citizen. A man cannot be passionless and retain his manhood.

"NO GROUNDS FOR SMUGNESS."

The fact that our nation is not at war affords no grounds for smugness. It throws upon us the searching responsibility of exalting the true ideals of peace

and incorporating them in our national life. Nationalism too often assumes the ugly role of group selfishness or false patriotism. Local conditions determine what form this disease will take. Yonder it breaks forth in the scarlet rash of war; here in unconsecrated prosperity which is bound to cause manhood to decay.

The nation that in some quarters, for the sake of gain still chains to the wheels of industry the bodies and souls of her little children, that allows human life to be sacrificed to the inventions of speed and production from lack of costly safeguards, that heeds but listlessly the cry of the poor and oppressed, is not at peace, even though she be not at war. If presently we aspire to act as peacemaker in behalf of the warring nations, let our aspirations be tempered by the reflection that we are tainted with the common disease of which the eruption of war is a symptom.

"God Hates a Godless and Empty Peace."

God hates a godless and empty peace as much as he hates an unrighteous war.

Let it be said that in proportion to her swollen wealth America's contribution to the innocent sufferers in Europe is the merest pittance.

If America comes out of the world disorder richer in purse and poorer in manhood she will bring upon herself the penalty of a debased life, or even of losing her very soul.

No nation, least of all so vast and diversified a one as ours, is justified in trusting to chance for the creation of her national character. She must expect of every one of her citizens some true form of national service, rendered according to the capacity of each. National preparedness is a clear duty. If this service assumes the form of military defense, such can easily become a menace and will surely fall short of pacific effect unless all the productive forces of manhood are at the same moment shaped into social order. The only thorough preparedness is that exemplified by Christ, the preparedness of character based upon life with God.

The nations now at war have as much to teach us as we have to teach them. They rebuke our worship of comfort and money by the daily offering, upon a reeking altar, of life and treasure; they declare to us that intoxicating liquor which is so freely and carelessly drunk in our land, is a national menace to be dispensed with at the cost of lowered revenue, but with the gain of heightened virility; they teach us that food is the staff of physical life, not an invitation to daintiness and gluttony; they rebuke our spiritual poverty by the splendor of their spiritual eagerness which. out of their tragedy, brings new visions from God and breeds new virtues in men; they shame our self-indulgence by a degree of self-sacrifice that is royal.

Greed of possessions, of honor, of pleasure, have literally dethroned God from His supreme place among men. The sole cure is to exalt God.

Thus far the Church has been only strong enough to see and covet, not strong to consummate her ideal. Her own disunion dims her hopes and hinders her progress. A divided Church is powerless to create an undivided world.

We close our words of counsel and exhortation with our faces set toward the dawn. History makes plain to us that man's extremity is God's opportunity. Beneath every pall of tragedy lies hidden the glory of God—new visions of faith, new counsels of virtue—to be revealed to and discovered by those who look not at the things which are seen, but at things which are not seen, and who wrestle with God for a blessing.

A man who fails to vote at a national election because of supineness and indifference ought to lose his right to vote in all local and state matters for a year, and ought to have his taxes increased in some way, as a man who refuses to bear his full share of the burdens of citizenship. There should be some penalty.

It is a pity that the General Convention was not able to accomplish more in certain directions. Its failure to give the colored people of the South the missionary organization which they desire makes one despair of the Episcopal Church as a means of uplifting the Negro. We treat these people, not as a national responsibility but as a purely Southern question. Instead of putting them into missionary districts to be responsible to the whole Church, stimulated, helped and watched by the whole Church, they are placed under a diocesan officer, a suffragan, and are kept under diocesan oversight. We might as well put Hayti in the diocese of Florida and leave its problems to Florida. The colored people who belong to our Church in the South are either old family servants or workers for white people like fashionable barbers, or they are the poorest colored people, to whom our benevolences are an attraction. The bone and sinew, the blood and nerve-power of the race is found in the Methodist and Baptist Churches, where they build their own houses of worship, support their own ministers, and, as the business men of Norfolk told me, have as congregations an excellent reputation for meeting their corporate obligations. We have some eighty negro clergymen, and the self-supporting colored congregations could be counted on one hand, some eight years ago, when I investigated their status with care, and there has been no noticeable improvement.

Some of the changes suggested in the Prayer Book would have been great improvements, but all those of a sacerdotal character were to be deprecated. I need not say that on the whole I am satisfied with the result. A smaller hymnal with the notes will be a great blessing if it is cheap enough for general distribution. It will be the greatest possible aid to congregational singing if the tunes are sufficiently popular and melodious.

I am delighted that no change was made in the Canon on Marriage and Divorce. I believe that marriage is an ethical and spiritual union that can be destroyed by sin, as well as by physical death. The state which determines the law of property also has authority under the guidance of experience and conscience to lay down the law for the protection of the family. The true remedy for the evils of divorce is a national law for marriage and divorce, and a change in our courts whereby the interest of the state will be protected in every divorce suit by the appearance of counsel in the interest of the state. We have no right to wash our hands of the innocent party or to fling aspersions upon injured and upright people by the invidious phrase, "the so-called innocent party." The study of the divorces given in one year in Norfolk convinced me that there were many innocent and wronged people in that seaport town who needed to be given their liberty and saved from the perils of their position.

A stringent law, made in the selfish interest of protecting the Church's skirts, will not carry with it the consciences of people. It will not assist toward that higher ideal of the true, spiritual and ethical nature of marriage to which in the midst of self-will, blindness and self-indulgence, we are nevertheless working our way. Many divorces simply mean that women will no longer consent to be dual wives and to undergo the death in life which once used to be endured by the wives of lecherous and unfaithful men. "Yes," it is said, "let them separate; but let them not remarry." But if they separate they break the letter of the marriage vow in the strict interpretation, just as truly as if they remarried. If the vow is to be taken literally they must not separate. If it is to be taken as mutual, each based upon the other, and upon reason, then it should be treated in a reasonable way.

The innate unreasonableness of sacramentarianism in its attitude toward marriage was manifested, when it could have its way, and refused to allow people who were godparents of the same children, to be joined together in matrimony. I feel convinced that the true defence of marriage lies along other lines and will be discovered in elevating our conception of the State rather than in increasing the disciplinary power of the Church.

The greatest feature of the General Convention was the report of Bishop Lawrence on the Church Pension Fund. Two thirds of the $5,000,000 to be raised before the system could go into effect has been secured, and in the next five months the Church will give itself to the task of raising the balance. I have resolved to accept the counsel of the committee and throw aside all thought of self in the matter. If I alone were concerned, I would not say a word. But this is a large question. Other Churches are following our lead. More and more are great enterprises like railroads, public schools, Carnegie Foundations providing for the old age of salaried employees. We are within sight of a system that will so lift the burden of care from the shoulders of our ministers, that they will certainly be more effective and more hopeful, better able to guide and cheer their people.

St. Stephen's has done something, but I hope that it will do its best for this cause. We ought to have a parish committee and the whole parish ought to be given an opportunity to help. Certainly the calls are many; but then it is these great tasks and enterprises that make life rich and worth living. They are the promised land that invites us to come in and possess it if we are armed with faith and courage in the guiding Deity.

Yours cordially

Carl E Grammer

An Acknowledgment

Some time in the early summer I was asked to send my measurements for a new cassock to a clerical tailor, as the ladies of the congregation, under the leadership of the Altar Society, had contributed a purse to provide the rector with new vestments of silk. Some time was taken in procuring the cassock, and although the Altar Society has been thanked in a letter to its secretary, it does not appear that the part of the other ladies in the congregation has been suitably acknowledged. I therefore take this opportunity to express my hearty appreciation of this thoughtful gift. The old cassock was growing dingy and frayed and this new, fresh, resplendent garment will make me more presentable for ministering in our beautiful chancel. It is a great comfort. It is pleasant to learn that the ladies took a general interest in this furnishing, so to speak, and have subscribed a fund that will also provide me with a new dictionary and the latest edition of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations. My own copy is very old and very tattered. Barrie says that he is not satisfied, if he is thinking of using a quotation, unless he first investigates Bartlett. If it is included in that handbook he discards it. Barrie may perhaps be able to show such detachment from the received literary tradition. For my part I want Bartlett and Palgrave at my elbow whenever I have to write. A scribe instructed unto the kingdom should bring out of his treasury things old as well as new. After all, Bacon is a greater name in literature than Barrie, and his praise of old books can be extended to old quotations, provided they "come pat in."

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Armstrong Association, of which the Rector of St. Stephen's is president, is steadily enlarging its field of activity. The report for July, August and September, 1916, shows 402 positions filled by colored people, with a wage list of $44,137, an increase of over $33,000 over the corresponding period of 1915. The State Bureau of Employment has signified its willingness to coöperate with the Armstrong Association, helping its applicants to find work in mills and factories.

With the endorsement of the Armstrong Association, fifty negro business men have succeeded in inducing the Board of Education to open a course of business training at the night session of the Durham Public School. A number of pupils have registered for this course.

The Home and School Visitor is doing missionary work in Woodstown, Salem, Swedesboro, Marshalton, Morton, and Moorestown, where meetings have been held in the hope of inducing the citizens to start community centers. Interest has been manifested, particularly in Morton and Moorestown. The colored farmers near Woodstown contributed $100 toward the salary of a social worker, and pledged an additional $100.

The Industrial Secretary reports interviews with firms employing a large force of workers. The Grafanola Company has promised to employ colored agents on salary and commission, and another firm has given its colored employees higher wages and better working hours. Statistics are being gathered and a program arranged for the winter months.

The secretary has held a conference with a number of teachers from the Washington public schools to discuss the subject of vocational training in our public schools. He has also assisted in organizing the Inter-High School Association, with a membership of fifty colored students, and has offered prizes for scholarship and improvement. The Progressive High School Girls' Club has already started its fall work, with a membership of 70. Some of these girls have planned to do volunteer social work in the city hospitals during their spare time. Others are to be taught to earn a little money in their leisure hours. Many of the girls are in need of individual instruction in their school work, particularly in geometry, and volunteer helpers will be gladly welcomed.

In a modest way the Armstrong Association is seeking to meet a few of the phases of the race question, which is one of the most serious problems our country has to solve.

If after kirk you bide a wee
There's some would like to speak to ye.
If after kirk you rise and flee,
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.

That one that's in the seat wi' ye
Is stranger here than you, maybe;
All here hae got their fears and cares;
Add ye your soul unto our prayers;
Be ye our angel unawares.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The first meeting of the season of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on October 19th, at 11 o'clock, in the Parish House, 14 members being present.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mr. Keable, followed by words of welcome and encouragement for the winter's work by Miss Bell.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $88.39.

It was moved and carried that $10.00 be given each committee.

Mrs. Colket spoke of an interesting meeting of the Domestic Committee and of the new officers being elected.

Mrs. Hewson read an earnest appeal for the support of the Educational Work of the Diocese. Five dollars was then contributed to this work.

Miss Smith, of the Church Periodical Club, read very interesting and grateful letters from recipients of magazines and books, showing their appreciation and the need for this literature. One thousand two hundred and eighty-two magazines have been sent since the last report.

It was resolved that the following "Appreciation" be spread upon the minutes and a copy be sent to Miss Anna Magee, the sister of the late Miss Fannie Magee:

APPRECIATION.

When the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's was organized by the Rector, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, it was most fitting that Miss Fannie S. Magee should fill the position of president, a new and untried honor, which she accepted with modest hesitation, but, under her management, with the guidance and advice of Dr. Grammer, the Auxiliary grew and prospered, and to-day the members put on record their appreciation of the life-long devotion of Miss Magee to the best interests of St. Stephen's Parish with its many activities, in which she had taken an important part.

As delegate to the Domestic Committee of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, as president of the Missionary Box Committee, and as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's, her thoughts and time were largely given to this kind of church work, and it is therefore with sorrow that the Auxiliary mourns her loss, and she will be greatly missed at the annual meeting of the Parish, where it was her unfailing custom to say a word of commendation and approval to her successor in office.

The members of the Auxiliary send their most sincere sympathy to Miss Anna J. Magee, with the hope that she may be comforted in her grief, and that strength may be given her to carry on the good works which make the name of the Magee family an honored one in the annals of St. Stephen's parish.

LAURA BELL,

President of Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's.

October 19, 1916.

Miss Bell then read a letter from Mrs. Markoe, president of the Diocese, telling of the year's work and asking for coöperation and earnest endeavor among the workers during the coming year, always being guided by the spirit of prayer.

Mrs. Anderson was the speaker of the morning, and in her interesting, human and intelligent way gave a most pathetic account of her work among the lepers of India. Forty years ago this work was started by an Irish Presbyterian and to-day it is world-wide, includes all denominations and is carried on in India, Persia, Africa, the Philippines and other countries. Truly the leper needs the human touch and care of every Christian, as he is the most deplorable creature on the face of God's earth.

After the address the meeting adjourned.

ALVERTA S. VAN DUSEN,

Secretary, pro tem.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50. Make checks payable to E. K. Campbell.

Circumcision, Purification, Transfiguration, St. Matthias, St. Mark, SS. Philip and James, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. James, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthew, St. Luke, SS. Simon and Jude, St. Thomas, and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

1916.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. Colket.
6.—Mr. Keable.
9.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ernst.
23.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
25.—Miss Crawford.
30.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 6.—Miss Van Dusen.
13.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 5.—Miss M. Wallace.
12.—Mrs. Clemens.
19.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.

April 2.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
9.—Dr. Grammer.
16.—Palm Sunday.
20.—Mrs. A. P. Taylor.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Miss Dutilh.

May 7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Mrs. Colket.
28.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 1.—Mrs. Armstrong.
3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss May Miller.

July 2.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
30.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 6.—Mrs. Heberton.
13.—Miss Wallace.
20.—Miss Laura Bell.
27.—Miss Shellenberger.

Sept. 3.—In Memoriam.
10.—Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick.
17.—Miss Crawford.
24.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.

Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Bell.
8.—Miss Maulsby.
15.—Mrs. Sheble.
22.—Girls' Friendly Society.
29.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
5.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Miss Eisenbrey.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 3.—Miss Davis.
10.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
17.—Mrs. Petry.
24.—Miss Emily Bell.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

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The Parish News

Musical Program

November 5.

11 A. M.
God is a Spirit ..... Bennett

4 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Barnby
Selections from "The Redemption" Gounod with Augmented choir of 70 voices from The Choral Society of Philadelphia.

November 12.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B Flat ..... Stanford
Jubilate ..... McCollin
O for a closer walk with God ..... Foster

4 P. M.
Bonum Est ..... Salvayre
God that madest Earth and Heaven ..... Naylor
Abide with Me ..... Liddle

November 19.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E ..... Parker
Jubilate in E ..... Parker
The woods and every sweet smelling tree.... West

4 P. M.
Benedic anima ..... Wood
Trisagion and Sanctus ..... Hawley
Praise Ye the Lord ..... Wagner

November 26.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... Fisher
Jubilate ..... Stanford
Lead, Kindly Light ..... Biederman

4 P. M.
Deus Misereatur ..... Parker
O where shall wisdom be found ..... Boyce
Offertoire ..... Verdi

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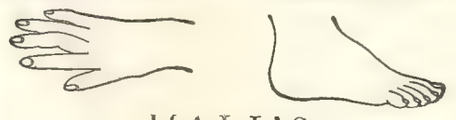
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Mr. Henry Gordon Thunder, A.G.O., 10 S. 18th St.
Telephone—Locust 358.

Sopranos.

Mrs. Helen Fraeme Heaton, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Margaret K. Fowler, Miss Winifred Horscroft, Miss Esther M. Hicks, Miss Ella F. Dance.

Altos.

Mrs. Josephine Stasen Beale, Mrs. Anna C. Becker, Miss Rosa M. Will, Miss Alice D. Smith, Mrs. Floyd D. Brown.

Tenors.

Mr. Charles Manypenny, Mr. Herbert M. Ellis, Mr. Nathan Hoffmann.

Basses.

Dr. George Conquest Anthony, Mr. Elmer P. Sacrey, Mr. H. Stanley Mann, Mr. Thos. C. Martindale, Mr. Gerald Marvin.

Verger,
James Carrigan,
801 Spruce Street.
Telephone—Filbert 5794 W.

Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. John Coates Browne, Chairman; Miss Cornelia Ewing, Mrs. Howard H. Bilyeu, Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd, Miss Mary Wallace, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.

St. Stephen's Farm.
Warminster, Bucks County, Penna.

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President.—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
Directress and Buyer.—Mrs. John Coates Browne.
Treasurer.—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Secretary.—Miss Wallace.
Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. A. D. Arrison, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Miss Magee, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Reifsnyder.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Colket.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
COLORED MISSIONS.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin and Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Mrs. Louis Lautenbach, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Townsend, Miss Frances Gebhart.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Sanders, Mrs. F. B. Keable.
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Missionary Box Committee.

President.—
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President.—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart, The Misses Sanders, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Miss Tyson, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Gerald Marvin, Miss M. Dukes, Mr. Tristram C. Colket, 2nd., Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund and Pianist.—Miss Wallace.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Grammer, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.
Juniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistant.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday: Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 3.—First Sunday in Advent.
10.—Second Sunday in Advent.
17.—Third Sunday in Advent.
20.—Ember Day.
21.—St. Thomas' Day.
22.—Ember Day.
23.—Ember Day.
24.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—St. Stephen's Day.
27.—St. John the Evangelist.
28.—The Holy Innocents.
31.—First Sunday after Christmas.

1917.	
Epiphany (Saturday)	Jan. 6th
Septuagesima	Feb. 4th
Sexagesima	Feb. 11th
Quinquagesima	Feb. 18th
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 21st
Passion Sunday	March 25th
Palm Sunday	April 1st
Good Friday	April 6th
Easter Sunday	April 8th
Rogation Sunday	May 13th
Ascension Day (Thursday)	May 17th
Whitsunday	May 27th
Trinity Sunday	June 3d

Parish Record.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

November 22.—Samuel Leslie Heritage and Lily V. Schwering.

Offerings Received from November 5, 1916, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, to November 26, 1916, Sunday before Advent, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope Stystem:

Charities	$60.03	
Parochial Maintenance	37.97	
Benevolent Society	46.52	
Deaconess House	43.91	
Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund	11.00	$199.43

Envelope System:		
Charities	$68.79	
Parochial Maintenance	158.15	
Missions	95.94	
St. Stephen's Farm	.05	
Theological Education	.35	
Our work among boys	5.25	
Benevolent Society	104.85	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	.10	
Episcopal Hospital	1.35	
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	.05	
Domestic Missions	8.70	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.05	
Diocesan Missions	.05	
Foreign Missions	.05	
Colored Missions	.05	
Missionary Box	.05	
Indian Missions	.65	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	.05	
City Missions	.05	
Deaconess House	31.61	
Sunday School	5.30	481.49
		$680.92

Summary:		
Charities	$128.82	
Parochial Maintenance	196.12	
Missions	95.94	
St. Stephen's Farm	.05	
Theological Education	.35	
Our work among boys	5.25	
Benevolent Society	151.37	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	.10	
Episcopal Hospital	1.35	
Sunday School Christmas Festival..	.05	
Domestic Missions	8.70	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.05	
Diocesan Missions	.05	
Foreign Missions	.05	
Colored Missions	.05	
Missionary Box	.05	
Indian Missions	.65	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	.05	
City Missions	.05	
Deaconess House	75.52	
Sunday School	5.30	
Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund..	11.00	$680.92

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., *Treasurer.*

Subscriptions to Church Work Fund.

Miss Catharine T. Rynard	$15 00
C. Howard Colket	25 00
Howard Reifsnyder	100 00
Miss Ella H. Headman	5 00
W. J. Kirkpatrick	10 00
Wilbur F. Rose	10 00
Dr. Elise W. Rose	10 00
Mrs. Oliver B. Judson	10 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
John T. Lewis, Jr.	25 00
Mrs. D. R. Harper	5 00
Edward J. Moore	50 00
H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
Miss Mary Swift	5 00
Miss Mary DeHaven Bright	5 00
Mrs. W. R. Nicholson	3 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Miss Laura Bell	10 00
John W. Trinkle (in memory of his wife, Mary W. Trinkle)	100 00
Mrs. John Coates Browne	10 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	50 00
Mrs. Edw. Fell	10 00
Miss Williamson	3 00
Mrs. Thos. Armstrong	3 00
Mrs. Jas. M. Arrison	15 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	50 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25 00
Samuel N. Lewis	15 00
Mrs. E. G. McCollin	5 00
Miss Anna Bella Townsend	5 00
Miss M. Schaeffer	2 00
Dr. Herbert Old	10 00
Miss Elizabeth H. Smith	5 00
Miss Ella Divier	2 00
Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford	15 00
Mrs. M. L. Wigfall	2 00
Mrs. Nicholas A. Petry	2 00
Jas. F. Wallace	15 00
Carl E. Grammer	10 00
Frederick B. Keable	5 00
	$752 00

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

The great event of November was the inauguration of the service of music and preaching. Much thought had been expended in arranging these services and in selecting and securing the preachers and musicians. The Committee on the finances was assisted by an excellent Committee on attendance and publicity. Attention was given to details and a large vision lay back of the whole experiment. Still everyone was surprised when a congregation of about 800 filled the Church on the opening Sunday, to be passed by 900 on the second Sunday, and by over 1,000 on the third Sunday. The average was about 850 a night. The music was soothing, solemnizing, uplifting. Mrs. Heaton's clear soprano had a thrilling brilliance, as it rang out, its notes intertwined and interlinked with the wistful longings of the violin, and the angelic purity of the harp's clear tones. Mr. Henri Scott, on the second night, sang with the fervor of a prophet, rolling forth the message from on high. Mr. Douty's tenor was exceedingly satisfying and soothing. Mrs. Mulford is a contralto whose moving, liquid and resonant voice refreshed everyone. The violinists and the harpist gave great satisfaction, and Mr. Thunder's fine qualities as an organist were splendidly manifest. Best of all was the strong devotional spirit of the great congregations, and the heart-stirring messages of our visiting preachers. Dr. Reiland inaugurated the course with a splendid call to a life of vigorous service, enjoining us not to cast the responsibility for our sins on the Devil, but to realize that our destiny and character are in our own hands. We are glad to announce that Dr. Reiland has agreed to preach for us on the first Sunday night in January. I had hoped that Mr. Melish would preach for us on the second Sunday, but could not secure this exceedingly helpful preacher, and was obliged to take his place myself. The third Sunday we had a tender and appealing sermon from Dr. Lyman P. Powell, President of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., and on the last Sunday the Rev. R. W. Hogue, of Baltimore, gave us a sermon, whose passionate earnestness reminded me of the sermon in that saddest of all English poems, Thomson's "City of Dreadful Night." Mr. Hogue recently resigned the rectorship of Ascension Church, Baltimore, that he might give himself more fully than that rectorship permitted to the service of those disadvantaged, defeated or oppressed in the struggle for subsistence. It appears that he is having some difficulty in securing a seat in the convention of the diocese of Maryland. As usual the forces of conservatism and privilege are frowning on the passionate reformer. The dominant elements in our Church, instead of rejoicing in the fervor of spirit, the love of man, the consuming compassion of such a minister of the Word, are troubled by his inconvenient zeal, and are chilling the atmosphere about him. Technicalities, criticism, aloofness, fear are all making thorny hedges across the way he must take. The Church of Rome with wise statesmanship would make such a man the founder of a preaching order; but the Protestant Episcopal Church deprives him of his seat in its diocesan convention, and the Diocesan Missionary Society passes by on the other side of the way.

People may stare as he cries out that he is more concerned over the crucifixion of the children of God that is now going on in the world, than he is interested in the details of the Crucifixion that occurred on a hill shaped like a skull 1900 years ago. But Mr. Hogue is a man with a message. He is not an antiquarian seeking to pass himself off as a thinker or a legalist endeavoring to proclaim the law of liberty in the language of rubrics, canons and ecclesiastical decisions. He is John the Baptist calling us to repentance for the sins and evils of our industrial system.

I intend to preach at these night services as often as my strength will permit. In December I shall preach on the first and last Sunday nights. On Christmas Eve, Mr. Keable will preach and Christmas carols will be sung. This night service seems to meet a great need. We believe that it can be successfully maintained and made a permanent feature in our activities.

The attendance on the Sunday afternoon services has not been diminished in the slightest degree by the third service. On the contrary, the numbers have nearly doubled. The course on "The Modern View of the Bible" is the attraction. Religion must not be bound either to the letter of a Sacred Book, or to the canons of a sacred organization. The Word of God, which is surely another name for the Truth of God, must be allowed to have free course, that His name may be glorified, whether that word breaks forth to us out of ancient manuscripts or from the still more ancient records of the rocks, or from the latest lessons of human experience. The Bible needs to be delivered from the grave clothes in which the literalists have bound it, that the true life in its marvelous literature may be revealed.

The lectures in November were in the nature of an introduction. In December I shall illustrate the nature of the new Biblical learning by examining in the light of its historical and critical principles some of the easier books in the Old Testament, as a preface to our discussion of the Pentateuch.

The Church League continues its activities. Its last meeting was in St. Stephen's on Monday, November 20th, at 10 A. M. The next meeting will be at the Holy Apostles, on Monday, December 3d, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Roland S. Morris and I are on the list of speakers. This League is not animated by any spirit of disloyalty. It is so devoted to the Episcopal Church that it is willing to give energy and time toward preserving its Protestant charac-

ter and toward moulding it into a pattern that will qualify it for large usefulness in an age of democracy and social readjustment.

Our Church is making a supreme effort to establish a pension system for the aged clergy and for the widows and orphans of the clergy. Before the sound and businesslike system of insurance which has been devised can be put in operation five million dollars have to be raised. Of this amount Pennsylvania undertook to provide $1,000,000. $700,000 have already been subscribed, and in the next three months we are going to endeavor to raise $300,000. Yearly subscriptions for five years will be received. St. James, Philadelphia, through its rector, undertakes to raise $40,000 over and above what its members have already subscribed. St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, promises $25,000. St. Mark's promises an additional $15,000. Many of its members have already subscribed largely. I ventured to state at a banquet, as your rector, that I believed that St. Stephen's could contribute $10,000—that is, that we could give $2,000 a year for five years. Last year we had a repair bill of $6,000, and we paid it off in a year and a half. The property is in good condition. We are a united people. With system and general coöperation, the money can easily be raised. I have appointed as the special committee for the purpose Mr. Chas. L. McKeehan and Mr. Roland S. Morris, who are on the Diocesan Committee, and Mr. Craig Atmore, Mr. C. Howard Colket, Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr., and Mr. Howard Reifsnyder. The salaries of the clergy are practically stationary and have been at this same figure for a generation. Their average salary is about $700, far lower than the salaries of engineers and conductors. The demands upon them are innumerable and out of all proportion to their financial ability. This pension system will relieve their burden of anxiety and ought to increase their efficiency. It will also remove a reproach from the Church and enable it to do its duty to those who have given their life to its service. I hope that the appeals and personal solicitations of the committee will meet a general and hearty response. I do not believe that $2,000 a year is beyond our ability; all that is asked is that everyone should do his best.

Much of Mr. Keable's time has been occupied with the arrangements for these third Sunday services; but he will soon devote his energy to bringing our lists and card-catalogues to date. Everyone who has removed to a new address is requested to send in his name. The two great working lists of the Church are the list of pew-holders and envelope-takers. Communicants who do not feel enough interest in the Church either to take seats or to take envelopes must not be hurt if they are not considered part of the Church's sources of power. We are glad to minister to them and help them; but it is clear that they cannot be relied on to help the Church much. This certainly is the rule. So these two lists really represent the working force of the Church. I wish that everyone who really cares for the Church would coöperate with the Envelope System. Anyone sending his or her name to Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, 12th street, will receive a package containing envelopes beginning with the Sunday after the receipt of the request. If the joy of systematic giving were realized there would not be a worshiper who did not take the envelopes and use them faithfully.

In the second week in January we ought to have the annual banquet of the congregation. The matter has been placed in the hands of Mr. H. H. Barton, Mr. E. W. Moore and Mr. Clemens.

The Christmas baskets will be distributed on the Saturday before Christmas. Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Mr. Howard Reifsnyder and Mr. James Carrigan are appointed a Committee on Christmas Baskets. No one was ever injured by being made happy at Christmas. We must collect a larger amount than heretofore if we are to send out the usual number of well filled baskets. High prices are very hard on the poor at this time. Miss Lewis takes great pains to make our list of recipients of baskets such a list as ought to appeal to a charity that is enlightened as well as liberal and diffusive.

Amid these exhortations I must not omit to point out the duty of shopping early, that we may lighten the burden of the clerks about Christmas time. It is sad to think that the season of joy and fraternal affection should be a time of excessive toil, or nervous exhaustion by reason of the dilatoriness of many shoppers, who wait till the last week or days to purchase their presents. He who buys early gets the best goods, the best service and renders a real kindness to others.

Let me close with a word of personal appeal.

A great opportunity lays on us a great responsibility. These splendid Sunday night congregations are showing their influence in the strangers that appear in our morning congregations. These people are not merely listening to the words of the preacher. They are also testing the spiritual tone of the congregation. It may be they are lonely, let us show ourselves hospitable and friendly. They may be depressed, let our dominant note be a joyous courage. It may be they are compassed with doubts, let us not deepen their unbelief by a hard dogmatism, but let us seek to win them by our sympathy, our reverent attitude before the mysteries of life and death, by our stout-hearted resolve to accept the light, from whatever quarter it may break, and however faint may be its rays. In this matter we have no demonstration. We are making a great experiment and we are walking by faith. The Christian life is an adventure, a heroic enterprise, a knight-errantry. It does not consist in playing safe; but in subordinating self to great ends, even to the bringing in of the Kingdom of God, by living a life of love, faith and service. This is the call that comes up to us from these great congregations that have poured into our doors: "Show us the Divine life in your life. Let us hear the Divine Love and righteousness speaking in you and through you." It is a call. It is also a vision. Let us not be disobedient to this heavenly vision.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

To Our Visitors.

Let me address a word to those who may come for the first time to any of our services. St. Stephen's is anxious to serve the community in a large and generous way. Situated in the heart of a great city, it opens its doors freely to all. While it has a system of rented pews, these seats are only reserved at the morning service, and at that service only till after the opening prayer. There are seats for everyone at every service. No one should remain away for fear lest there will be no place or welcome for him. We rejoice at their presence and are helped by their fellowship. This hospitality extends to the Lord's Table, and the sacrament of Christian fellowship. Confirmation is required of those who wish to unite themselves in the recognized and regular manner with the Episcopal Church; but all Christians are invited to come as guests to the Supper of the Lord. All that is required is, that they should "truly and earnestly repent them of their sins past, and be in love and charity with their neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in his holy ways." When we invite all such to draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to their comfort, we mean it. Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Quakers—are all alike welcome.

The night services are intended for everyone; and it is hoped that some of those who attend no church may pass from these popular musical services to the morning worship and adopt St. Stephen's as their place of regular Church home. They will find a hearty welcome if they will make themselves known to the clergy or to any of the staff of the Church or to the ushers. We invite you to worship with us, to Christian fellowship, to the worship of God and the service of men, to the quest of truth and the religion of love.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Christmas Baskets.

Following our custom of several years, baskets containing Christmas dinners will be distributed on Saturday, December 23d. Envelopes for special offerings will be distributed through the pews. In December, 1915, we had a balance of $66.39. This year we start with

a balance of $33.26, and as everyone knows, the cost of almost every article that goes into the baskets is higher than ever. An increase in the contributions as well as in the number of contributors is greatly to be desired. Men may be getting higher wages, but most of our baskets go into homes where there is no man to bring home a "pay envelope." The widows and orphans, the sick and the aged are severely affected by the high cost of provisions.

The old song says, "Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer." Let us diffuse the good cheer and happiness by relieving the needs of our less fortunate brethren.

The Scripture saith: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again."

Even the most timid and skeptical investor cannot question the soundness of this security.

The Committee on Baskets is Messrs. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Howard Reifsnyder and James Carrigan.

Sunday School.

On December 24th the Associate will give an illustrated talk on "The Nativity of Jesus," and the Sunday school will sing the old familiar hymns and carols.

On Wednesday, the 27th, Mr. Streaker and a number of children will present "Christmas in the West."

On the 28th, Thursday, the Mothers' Christmas Party will take place and on Friday, the 29th, the G. F. S.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The November meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Parish House, the 16th, with thirty-one members present.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $47.88 and a fund of $16.00 which she had received for Mrs. Anderson, the speaker at the October meeting, who works among the lepers of India.

Miss Magee has received $43.00 during the last month for the United Offering.

After the usual reports from our delegates, Rev. C. E. Snavely, of Cuba, was introduced and gave an interesting address.

His territory covers an area as long as from Philadelphia to Hartford, Conn., and a hundred miles in width. He covers this field once a month, holding services, looking after Church property and all legal business and planning new work. He is trying to raise $1,500 with which to buy property in Neuvitas, a town which is making a phenomenal growth on account of new roads having recently been opened which connect it with the interior.

The people are making rapid development in education and the Confirmation classes are so large as to make the demand for Church equipment very great. Twelve per cent. of the people could read ten years ago; to-day forty per cent. of them can read.

A fund of $25.00 was voted to Mr. Snavely's work.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

The next meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 28th, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Markoe, the new President of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, will be present and speak on "The Indians." Tea will be served after the business meeting.

The Altar Society.

On Thursday, December 7th, at 10.30 A. M., there will be a special celebration of the Holy Communion, with a brief address to the Society by the Associate.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Money received through Mr. Hunter Ewing from Estate of Mr. Patton	$35 15
Received in memory of Mother	5 00
From Mrs. H. P. Taylor for Clipps and dues	2 00
Miss Flo Schaeffer for Clipping Party	1 95
From kind friends for Clipps	75
Total	$44 85

A Clipping Party will be given by the King's Daughters on the evening of December 6th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House. Come and have a sociable evening and help buy the Clipps.

Shoe Fund.

Money received through Dr. Grammer from Church Fund	$20 00
From Rev. Mr. Keable from Church Fund	5 00
From Miss Laura Bell	1 00
From those receiving shoes	2 00
Total	$28 00
Expended for shoes	12 43
Balance	$15 57

Have given out in November ten pairs of shoes and one pair of overshoes. Donations of shoes from Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Higham.

Mothers' Meeting.

The members of the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church will hold their Annual Sale on Thursday, December 7th, from 3 to 10 P. M., in the Parish House, No. 9 S. 10th street. Admission 10 cents. A sale of useful and fancy articles, cakes, candy, ice cream, etc. The members of St. Shephen's Church are cordially invited to come and help these Mothers who do so much for St. Stephen's Farm. Nothing elaborate for sale.

The Associate will consider it a personal favor, if, as soon as you have read this item, you will kindly mail to him a list of your favorite hymns.

The above item appeared in the November issue of the NEWS and was probably overlooked by our readers. At any rate only three replies have been received. I shall hope for a larger number. May I expect yours? Thank you.

We are indebted to Mrs. H. P. Taylor for a new United States flag for the Parish House.

The Dramatic Association will present a three-act play entitled "Back to the Country Store," on Friday evening, December 8, 1916, at 8 P. M.

Wanted.

A woman wants employment. Formerly a nurse. Good needlewoman; could take entire care of lady's or gentleman's wordrobe, cleaning and pressing. Will furnish references. Moderate wages. Address, Mrs. Sarah Hedrick, care St. Stephen's Parish House.

The sermon on November 26th against the saloon brought to my mind some rhymes—I do not venture to call them verses—that I made several years ago, at the boarding house where I was spending the summer in Virginia. I noticed that on the outside of a window, behind which glowed a lamp on the table, every night a spider spun its web across the pane and caught quite a number of moths. The insect confined its operations entirely to the night time. I composed these lines for my Sunday school children. They may not "adorn a tale," but I think they point a moral. Those who heard the Bishop of Harrisburg speak recall his vivid picture of the lures spread for young men and boys in mining regions by the brightly lighted saloons, and we can see all around us proofs of the devastating power of this institution that Pennsylvania has so carefully removed from the control of the voter.

C. E. G.

The Spider by the Pane.

Across the pane he spins his web,
  Behind it shines the light.
He shuns the rays of wholesome sun,
  And seeks his prey by night.

All day he nestles in his web,
  In corner hid away.
Too wise to try to catch the fly
  That flits around by day.

At times he mends his glitt'ring snare,
  Polygonal in shape,
Concentric lines from radial spines,
  More accurate than tape.

When darkness falls from sunless skies,
  And evening's lamp is lit,
And 'round the pane, the foolish moth,
  And millers wildly flit,

The spider at his central post,
  Then shakes his sticky snare,
And waits in glee to catch the free
  Winged children of the air.

Soon come that way, the insects gay
  And fill the spider's maw,
A deadly light has the pane at night,
  Near web and spider's claw.

L'Envoi.

No law of insect life alone,
  It holds too of mankind.
Not moth or miller only fall
  In snare with light behind.

The warm light streams through window red,
  Within the liquor flows;
Like moths go fluttering through the doors
  The boys and youths and beaux.

The saloon web more victims takes
  Than spiders in the night;
Its snare is harder far to break,
  More poisonous the bite.

For boy and man, too, is the law,
  "To be with safety gay,
To home and slumber give the night
  And have your fun by day."

Downhearted!

Downhearted, Pshaw! there's seldom seen
  A lane without a turning!
Each desert has a spot of green
  In spite of bright Sol's burning.
Your friends have failed you? Well, what then?
  Remember changing Peter;
Sorrow has tried the best of men;
  And life is all the sweeter.

What adds a zest to a summer's joy?
  Is it not a winter weary?
Peace would be tame without alloy,
  Past griefs make solace cheery.
All cannot win, though all must run
  When once life's race is started;
Yet all may hear the words, "Well done."
  So do not be downhearted.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund for the following Saints' Days will kindly communicate with Mrs. W. B. Campbell, 1711 Pine street. Subscription is $1.50. Make checks payable to E. K. Campbell.

Circumcision, Purification, Transfiguration, St. Matthias, St. Mark, SS. Philip and James, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. James, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthew, St. Luke, SS. Simon and Jude, St. Thomas, and Saints' Days following the Greater Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

1916.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. Colket.
6.—Mr. Keable.
9.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ernst.
23.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
25.—Miss Crawford.
30.—Mrs. Noblit.

Feb. 6.—Miss Van Dusen.
13.—Dr. Ed. R. Fell.
20.—Miss Gebhart.
27.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March 5.—Miss M. Wallace.
12.—Mrs. Clemens.
19.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.

April 2.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
9.—Dr. Grammer.
16.—Palm Sunday.
20.—Mrs. A. P. Taylor.
23.—Easter Sunday.
30.—Miss Dutilh.

May 7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Miss Townsend.
21.—Mrs. Colket.
28.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 1.—Mrs. Armstrong.
3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss May Miller.

July 2.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
30.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 6.—Mrs. Heberton.
13.—Miss Wallace.
20.—Miss Laura Bell.
27.—Miss Shellenberger.

Sept. 3.—In Memoriam.
10.—Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick.
17.—Miss Crawford.
24.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.

Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Bell.
8.—Miss Maulsby.
15.—Mrs. Sheble.
22.—Girls' Friendly Society.
29.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
5.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Miss Eisenbrey.
26.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 3.—Miss Davis.
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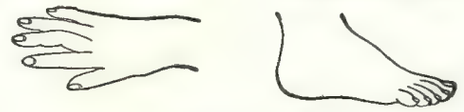

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Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

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President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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Assistant.—Miss Margaret Davis.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 118 No. 18th St.

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Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
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President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Teachers.

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Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
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Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.

Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.
Juniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

One of the clergy of the parish will be at the Parish House, No. 9 South Tenth Street, Mondays from 10.30 to 11, and the rest of the week, daily, 11 to 12. Rector's day, Wednesday. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

January 1.—Feast of The Circumcision.
6.—The Epiphany.
7.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
14.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
21.—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
28.—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

	1917.
Epiphany (Saturday)	Jan. 6th
Septuagesima	Feb. 4th
Sexagesima	Feb. 11th
Quinquagesima	Feb. 18th
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 21st
Passion Sunday	Mar. 25th
Palm Sunday	Apr. 1st
Good Friday	Apr. 6th
Easter Sunday	Apr. 8th
Rogation Sunday	May 13th
Ascension Day (Thursday)	May 17th
Whitsunday	May 27th
Trinity Sunday	June 3rd

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

December 2.—Virginia Lee Stahl.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"The Souls of the righteous are in the Hand of God."

December 13.—William H. Hollar.
18.—Samuel H. Austin.
20.—John R. White.
22.—Letitia R. Armstrong.
22.—Abigail Goodell.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

December 15.—Richard A. Do Err and Irene J. Broad.
22.—Charles A. Williams and Katie Coffka.
30.—Alexander Seraphinidis and Blanche De Vos.

Offerings Received from November 30, 1916, Thanksgiving Day, to December 31, 1916, First Sunday after Christmas.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$66 27	
Parochial Maintenance	80 60	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	37 94	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	51 70	
Church Pension Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church	8 00	
Episcopal Hospital	47 23	
Red Cross Society	20 70	312 44

Envelope System:

Charities	$133 11	
Parochial Maintenance	190 45	
Missions	112 33	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 15	
Our work among boys	4 22	
Benevolent Society	120 81	
Episcopal Hospital	240 40	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	61 71	
Domestic Missions	2 12	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	114 16	
Diocesan Missions	10	
Foreign Missions	10	
Colored Missions	10	
Missionary Box	10	
Indian Missions	17	
Deaconess House	5 52	
Sunday School	6 02	992 57
		$1,305 01

Summary:

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Missions	112 33	
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Benevolent Society	120 81	
Episcopal Hospital	287 63	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	99 65	
Domestic Missions	2 12	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	165 86	
Diocesan Missions	10	
Foreign Missions	10	
Colored Missions	10	
Missionary Box	10	
Indian Missions	17	
Deaconess House	5 52	
Sunday School	6 02	
Church Pension Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church	8 00	
Red Cross Society	20 70	$1,305 01

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Church Pension Fund.

The subscriptions to the Church Pension Fund received to date are as follows:

Charles L. McKeehan	$1000 00
Roland S. Morris	500 00
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Howard Reifsnyder	500 00
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C. Howard Colket	500 00
Mrs. C. Howard Colket	500 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	375 00
Mrs. James M. Arrison	250 00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	120 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	100 00
Miss Magee	100 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	100 00
Mrs. E. W. Moore	100 00
Samuel H. Lewis	100 00
Miss Catharine T. Rynard	50 00
Miss Emily Dutilh	50 00
"Cash"	50 00
Miss Anna Farrell	25 00
Miss Mary De H. Bright	25 00
Miss Emily Bell	25 00
Miss Laura Bell	25 00
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In order that our Parish may fulfill its promise to raise $10,000 by March 1, it is hoped that subscriptions may be sent promptly. Checks (drawn to order Church Pension Fund, Inc.) and pledges should be forwarded to C. Howard Colket, 2008 De Lancey street.

Account of the Christmas Dinner for the Poor of St. Stephen's Parish, 1916.

1915.
Dec. 28, Balance on hand $31 51

Contributors:

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	$10 00
Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr.	5 00
Mr. John G. Whilden	10 00
Mrs. W. C. Douglas	1 00
Mr. William H. Brown	1 00
Mr. Robert T. Boyd	2 00
Miss Emily Bell	3 00
Mr. Charles P. Vesper	50
Miss Katharine Mayne	1 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	3 00
A Friend	10 00
Mrs. Samuel N. Lewis	10 00
Mrs. Henry B. Taylor	5 00
Mr. John H. Watkins	1 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Mrs. Timothy B. Clemens	2 00
Miss Washington	1 00
Mrs. Joseph Clayton	2 00
Mrs. James Suydam	10 00
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, Jr.	10 00
Mr. J. W. J. Davis	1 00
Mrs. E. W. Moore	2 00
Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick	2 50
The Misses Kirkpatrick	5 00
Mrs. Walter Marvin	1 00
Miss Pauline Carpen	1 00
Mr. J. C. Fox	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilbur Smith	1 00
Miss Ella Headman	1 00
Miss Marian Headman	1 00
Mrs. E. Payne	1 00
Mr. Carl Bluert	1 00
Mr. M. J. Kecker	1 00
Miss Isabel W. Franklin	1 00
Mrs. Edward R. Fell	2 00
Mrs. T. Lee	2 00
Mrs. A. M. F. Noblit	2 00
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Miss Alberta Reath	2 00
Master Pancoast Reath	2 00
Mrs. Idella W. Higham	2 00
Mr. Charles N. Van Dusen	3 00
Mrs. Gerald DeCoursey	5 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	10 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5 00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath	5 00
Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	10 00
St. Stephen's Dramatic Club	10 00
Mr. M. M. Roberts	50
A Friend of the Poor of the Parish	50 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Badon	2 00
A. D. A.	5 00
Mrs. Beauveau Borie	5 00
Mrs. W. R. Nicholason	2 00
Mr. E. R. Gowdy	5 00
Mrs. Ashton S. Tourison, Jr.	5 00
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
The Misses MacAlister	1 00
Mrs. Frederic B. Keable	2 00
Mrs. Mortimer Brown	5 00
Mrs. Nicholas A. Petry	1 00
King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church	3 00
Mr. A. Claxton Musselman	5 00
Miss Mary W. Page Grammer	1 00
Miss Myrtle L. Kelly	1 00
Miss M. A. McDowell	1 00
Mrs. Edward Kelly	10 00
Mrs. William H. Hollar	10 00
Mrs. William Ernst	10 00
Miss Eliza K. Sheaff	1 00
The Misses Davis	3 00
Mr. S. G. Haydock	2 00
Mr. John H. Wallace	2 00
Miss Ella R. Divier	2 00
Mrs. Howard Bilyeu	2 00
Cash "not designated"	92 98
Mrs. Josephine E. Heberton	2 00
	$492 99

Donations:

Mr. Clement Restine, 221 lbs. Turkeys.
Mr. Craig Atmore, Mince-meat for 200 pies.
A Friend of the Poor of the Parish, Flowers for the Baskets.

Purchases for the Baskets:

3 barrels Apples		$7 77
1 barrel Cranberries	$8 50	
1 bag Onions	4 25	12 75
62½ lbs. of Tea	21 88	
125 boxes of Rice	8 75	30 63
4 boxes of Oranges	11 60	
4 boxes of Apples	8 60	20 20
120 bunches Celery Hearts		8 40
125 loaves of Bread		6 25
625 lbs. of Chickens		171 08
10 doz. ¾ Eureka Baskets	10 00	
100 ¼ bbl. Paper Sacks	2 00	
50 ¼ bbl. Paper Sacks	1 50	
6 balls of Hemp Twine	90	
200 3-lbs. Cranberry Bags	50	
Cartage	50	15 40
200 Mince-meat Pies baked		20 00
125 lbs. Hand-made Candy Toys		17 50
16 bushels of Potatoes	25 60	
125 lbs. Sugar	10 10	
32 qts. Cranberries	3 20	38 90
Cash, two poor women		4 00
Car tickets		3 50
Cash, poor women		3 00
Helpers		1 70
Hauling, two loads		2 00
Helpers for delivering baskets, cleaning rooms, etc.		5 50 $368 58
January 4, 1917, Balance on hand		124 41
		$492 99

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Reifsnyder,
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
James Carrigan,
Committee on Dinner.

Miss Kate Lewis, Parish Visitor,
Distributor.

125 baskets, distributed to the worthy poor of the Parish, containing the following articles: Potatoes, Rice, Onions, Celery, Cooking and Eating Apples, Tea, Cranberries, Sugar, Bread, one Turkey or Chickens, Candy, Mince Pies, Oranges and Flowers.

Average cost per basket, including articles donated: $3.86.

Each basket containing sufficient for 10 persons, or 1,250 persons.

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I wish all of you A Happy New Year. The old year went out to the music of last Sunday's church bells, and this New Year, I trust,

brought to each one of us some new resolutions; a tighter girding up of the loins and a more fervent laying hold upon the hope that is set before us. There is much to make us thank God and take courage. The Sunday night musical services continue to manifest their attractiveness by drawing large congregations, and continue to prove their value by the increase in the number of strangers, particularly men, in the morning services. The afternoon lectures on the "Modern View of the Bible" have been somewhat broken in upon by the exigencies of the season, but in the course of the month three lectures were delivered. The first showed the tendency of literary productions in the days before printing, to grow in the hands of copyists and editors; the second discussed the meaning of the prophet in the famous prediction in Isaiah VII that a maid shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel; and the third indicated the line of proof for the late authorship of Deuteronomy, that is derived from the usage as to building altars, in the historical books. The course will be continued in January and February except on the first Sunday in the month, when the choir will render with the assistance of members of the Choral Society, some devotional classic of musical genius. On the first Sunday in January the selections will be from Haendel's Messiah.

On January 10th, at 7 o'clock in the new Club House of the City Club, the men of St. Stephen's will have their annual dinner. The committee in charge is Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr., Mr. E. W. Moore, and Mr. T. B. Clemens. Subscriptions are $1.00 per plate. Names and subscriptions can be sent to any of the committee, or to Mr. Keable, or to the Verger. Promptness will be much appreciated. Let us have a good attendance.

The following preachers have been secured for the Sunday night services in January: For the 7th, Dr. Karl Reiland, of St. George's Church, New York, who began the course so auspiciously on the first Sunday in November; for the 14th, Dr. Samuel McComb, now a canon of our Cathedral in Baltimore, one of the authors associated with Dr. Worcester in Religion and Medicine, and a joint inaugurator with Dr. Worcester of the Emmanuel Movement; on January 21st Dr. William Norman Guthrie, Rector of St. Mark's in the Bowerie, New York, and sometime professional lecturer in General Literature in the University of Chicago; author, editor and preacher.

The special task of January and February in the line of Christian benevolence will be securing pledges and contributions to the Pension Fund. The plan is to inaugurate the new system on March 1st. Before it can be put in operation, however, the balance of the five million fund necessary in funds or binding pledges must be secured. Of this balance, Pennsylvania has undertaken to raise $300,000, and it is hoped that St. Stephen's can pledge $10,000. A committee has been appointed to take the matter in hand, consisting of Mr. C. Howard Colket, Mr. Chas. L. McKeehan, Mr. Roland S. Morris, Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr., and Mr. Craig Atmore. Mr. Colket has kindly consented to act as the chairman of the committee. His report of the amount already pledged or contributed is very encouraging. It should be particularly noted that the contributions may be made in the form of pledges, extending over five years. Let us all bear a hand in this great work.

In the early days of this country every man with energy and reasonable health could make enough to provide for emergencies and for old age. But our civilization has grown more complex. In many occupations men are disqualified for activity long before the close of their life, and the remunerations allow of no savings. The social conscience has taken cognizance of these altered conditions, and the pension system, beginning in the Army and Navy, has made its way into the public schools, the colleges and the great corporations. The tendency is more and more to take some of the heavy burden off the back of the individual and cast it upon society as a whole. Business has to insure its operatives against accidents, and railroads make provisions for honorable retirement of its faithful officials. Those of us who have been brought up under conditions where individual responsibility was stressed more heavily might prefer that the remedy had taken another direction and higher salaries should be proposed all along the line; higher salaries for teachers, for employees, for ministers. Much might be said in favor of that method; but the discussion would be doctrinaire and unreal. No one is advocating (excepting certain favored railroad employees) a general raise of salaries. If our ministers are to be more adequately supported, and no one conversant with the facts can think that a man who has spent years in academies, colleges and seminaries, is sustained in a manner commensurate either with his special training or with the dignity of his function in society, by the average salary paid in our Church, then the improvement in his condition must be achieved by coöperating with this Pension Fund. A general pension system will free parishes from the services of ministers who are too old or infirm to be efficient any longer; it will relieve weary and broken men from burdens too great for their failing strength; it will lighten the load of anxiety that depresses the vitality of many a minister as he looks around upon his young family and his self-sacrificing wife and realizes that he is utterly unable to make any provision for their future. Such a Fund will exhibit the Church as a House of Justice and Mercy, and will increase the power of the ministry to cheer, console and lead their flocks. Let us coöperate with it according to our abilities.

It would be pleasant to dwell upon the festivities of the Christmas season, but it will be more to the point if I call your attention to the need of the Benevolent Society for more workers. Under the inspiring and loving leadership of Miss Ewing this Society has steadily grown. Work is given to some forty sewers, and over 6,000 garments and articles of various kinds were made for the hospitals. The standard of work is high, the output large and the benefit far-reaching. Cannot more women of the congregation dedicate two hours every Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 M. to this work of real benevolence?

Special attention is called to the report of the Committee on the Christmas Baskets. Never has the response of the congregation been so generous during my rectorship. The increased price of provisions was exceeded by the increase in your generosity.

I wish to commend particularly to the attention of the congregation the work of the Visiting Nurse Society. A statement of its work is published elsewhere in this number. For two years St. Stephen's coöperated with the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, and the Visiting Nurse Society in conducting clinics and treating cases. We found the nurse supplied by the Society a mainstay of the enterprise and a wonderful worker. Many times Miss Lewis avails herself of the aid of this Society's nurses in caring for our poor. In such cases it is my custom to make a contribution to the Society out of the Communion Alms. I intend to continue the practice. It deserves a large support from churches and from individuals. It is cruel to move some patients to a hospital. One case comes particularly to my mind. The poor old woman was at one time quite prosperous, but through the extravagance of relatives and her own kindness she had been reduced to penury. Friends secured admission to the Leamy Home for her. But all such institutions have to be governed by rules—sometimes entirely too parental and meticulous—but in her case any rules would probably have been regarded as tyrannical. She had at one time been a woman of considerable executive ability and initiative, and the position of dependence, and, as she thought, of subservience, proved intolerable to her independent and wild spirit. She flung herself out of the unbearable relation, and was enduring, when I met her, the severest poverty, in the harshest conditions, with the most unshaken fortitude. In her last illness her supreme desire was to be allowed to die on her own bed, in her own room, surrounded by her faded memorials. Through the kind coöperation of the Visiting Nurse Society we were able to grant her this wish, and and also alleviate somewhat the hardness of her lot, and give her some proofs that she was not totally forgotten or uncared for. Miss Lewis could mention case after case in which these nurses have shown themselves true ministering angels, asking no questions about creed, race, or previous condition, but content to help, to guide and to bless. It is undoubtedly one of the best charities in the city, far-reaching in its amelioration of suffering and in its educational influence.

Yours cordially

Carl E Grammer

William H. Hollar.

The Church has lost one of its most active and energetic vestrymen in the death of Mr. Hollar. The many offices that Mr. Ludovic C. Cleemann occupied were divided around on his death among the Vestry, and Mr. Hollar fell heir to the care of the Church property. By this was meant particularly the Church edifice and Sunday School buildings; but toward the end he was induced to extend his care to the rectory. Accustomed to the large undertakings of great banks, Mr. Hollar had a high standard of efficiency and greatly improved the condition of our property. His first task was to rewire the whole plant. The wiring, which was one of the earliest in any church in Philadelphia, had been considered safe on account of the low voltage without any insulation. This method was condemned by the improved regulations. Mr. Hollar changed the system entirely and ran the new wires through insulating pipes. He was particularly concerned about the perils of fire and was greatly interested in the erection of the fire escape for the Sunday School building. Under his care our sidewalks were repaired, the pews re-lined and re-cushioned, and, most substantial of all our repairs, a new and strong roof placed upon the Church and Parish House. To these improvements he gave his personal attention, and for their efficient supervision he often curtailed his holidays. Those who worked with him will never forget his warm interest in all that concerned the Church. Our Verger, who shared with him the care of the property, remembers with gratitude Mr. Hollar's friendly solicitude to lighten his tasks. Particular mention ought to be made of his great exertions when the buildings close by the Church were burned, to prevent any avoidable damage to our property from falling walls. He saw to it that all the fire insurance money due the Church was expended in such a way that the Church was not a particle the worse for the scorching that it had received.

By the death of his father he had been thrown upon his own exertions early in life. His widowed mother with her children found in this elder son a heroic helper, dauntless, energetic, resourceful. In his own line of business, as a builder of bank vaults and safes he achieved an acknowledged preëminence, and built up a great business, which it is good to learn will descend to his only son, who bears his name. His interest in civic affairs was manifested in substantial ways and he served on a number of important boards. At one time he was the President of the Ohio Society in Philadelphia.

The spirit of his life was manifest in an incident that occurred years ago, when he lived in York, on the banks of the Susquehanna. The river had risen in one of its spring floods and flowing over all its banks had surrounded entirely a house in which dwelt a helpless household of women and children. Cut off from all intercourse for days the dwellers were suffering from hunger. Mr. Hollar offered a reward of $500 to the riverman who would swim out to the house with a rope. The flood was, however, running so strong and was rendered so dangerous by driftwood that to his surprise no one was willing to accept his offer. Whereupon he called out in his impetuous way, "I will do it myself!" and tying a light rope to his own waist, plunged into the raging river and swam across to the house. The act was typical of the man. Such was the strong and active spirit that has been taken from us. Into a more widely separating stream he took his plunge this past month, but we doubt not that on the other shore there were friends waiting him and high tasks. He who fashioneth in the furnace of life these instruments of proof, surely has in mind purposes that reach beyond this transitory experience on earth.

The whole congregation realize the gratitude that we owe to him for his labors of love, and unite with me in sympathy with his sorrowing family. CARL E. GRAMMER.

Resolution of the Vestry on the Death of Mr. William H. Hollar.

Resolved, That by the death of Mr. William H. Hollar the Vestry of St. Stephen's has lost one of its most efficient members. Liberal in his gifts of money, Mr. Hollar was still more generous with his time, energy and ability. Under his careful planning and active supervision the Church buildings were brought to their present improved condition, and to his administrative judgment and skill many large interests of the corporation were entrusted. Prompt, decisive, helpful, deeply interested in the common weal and in our Church, a thorough sympathizer in all the ideals for which St. Stephen's stands, greatly will he be missed by his coworkers in the Vestry and congregation who sympathize with his sorrowing wife and children, as participators with them in this bereavement.

Signed: J. Hunter Ewing,
John T. Lewis,
Roland S. Morris,
Committee.

The Church's Purpose.

I have been astonished at the number of people who have expressed surprise and pleasure over the invitation to visitors in our last issue of the PARISH NEWS. Such an invitation was only a statement of the fundamental purpose of a Church. The first object of a Church is not to raise money. That is a mere means to an end. A hospital is not run for money, or a college, or an art school, neither is a Church. The great aim of a Church is to awaken men to the living of the higher life. As a means to that end it contributes to the necessities of the poor. The needs of the body must be satisfied if the soul is to expand. All of man's nature must be helped if he is to be raised so St. Stephen's sends out Christmas baskets, provides shoes for poor children, and secondhand garments for the ill-clad, and aids the hospitals and the sewing women through its Benevolent Society.

But man does not live by bread alone. People become depressed and melancholy, or soured, embittered and warped unless their souls are cheered by friendship. Those in prisons of loneliness or despondency must be visited as well as the prisoners behind iron bars. The Church, therefore, invites men to fellowship and says: "Here's my hand my trusty frere. Let us walk together toward the Heavenly Zion, singing part-songs as we tread our pilgrim-way. Let us have sweet fellowship together. Our hopes, our fears, our aims, are one, our comforts and our cares." Above all let us worship together. Does your soul, like mine, yearn for communion with God, as the hart panteth for the water-brooks. Let us not be ashamed to own to one another that we feel ourselves weak and are anxious for help from on high.

Let us together draw nigh to God, and unite the flickering flames of our feeble devotions till they rise into a great bonfire of ardent aspiration, a beacon fire, that will light the distant scene and guide the feet of wanderers in darkness and loneliness. It may be they will come in out of the darkness and join us in the warmth and light and friendship of those who stand close to the fire. This is what the Church bells ring out. Come in out of darkness to light—out of loneliness to fellowship—out of the prison of self into the freedom of communion with God.

This is the Church's purpose and end.

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary had an interesting meeting Dec. 28th. Contrary to the usual custom, the meeting was held in the afternoon and Miss Bell, the president, was our hostess to afternoon tea.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $77.63 and a special fund of $15 for the Rev. C. E. Snavely, of Cuba, who was our speaker at the November meeting. The committees reported on their various activities during the month, and Miss Magee reported a total of $82 for the United Offering.

Mrs. Markoe, President of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and President of the Indian's Hope of the Diocese of Philadelphia, gave a thrilling and appealing address on the Indians. She has given many years to this work and feels that of the three great problems of America—"the Indian whom we found here, the Negro whom we brought here and the Immigrant whom we invited here"—the one in which we have most completely failed is our duty to the Indian.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, January 18th, at 11 o'clock.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Sec'y.*

The Sunday School.

Christmas in the Sunday School was a happy time. The Sunday before we had the old, old story illustrated by Mr. Keable with the use of the lantern. All departments of the school enjoyed the beautiful pictures and heartily sang the carols, as they did again on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, when we held the Annual Christmas Festival. The feature

of this occasion for many years past has been the Christmas play. This year our scene was laid at Rollins, Wyoming: "Christmas in the Far West" was the title, and our young folk, full of dramatic and musical talent, made this, as our critics say, "the best yet." The Rector, with his big knowledge of Indian life, was most kindly appreciative of the efforts of our scholars to tell and sing the Christmas story, as Indians, cowboys, ranchers and nursery-rhyme-people. After six weeks of faithful and careful rehearsal it proved a good success. We are indebted to the constancy and earnestness of all who took part, and particularly to our musical leader, Miss Charlotte Nodine.

We are all very grateful to our good friends of the Church who made possible by their generous contributions our festival, not forgetting the delicious box of candies to each scholar. By a good suggestion of our Associate Rector we also demonstrated the value of giving. Contributions from the classes made possible the purchase in the name of the school of a goodly supply of provisions for needy families.

The first Sunday in the new year, a New Year Lesson will be given by Mr. Keable, and on the 14th, the second Sunday, the last quarter's lessons will be reviewed and illustrated with the lantern by Mr. Streaker.

We are getting new friends, new teachers, new scholars and new inspirations, and not forgetting our old ones, for we wish to all a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

G. H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

There will be a meeting not only of the Junior members but we desire all boys over twelve to be with us in the Sunday School room at nine o'clock Sunday morning, January 14th. The Chapter is growing. The boys take part in its exercises and work and are planning big things for their part in the coming Convention of the National Brotherhood in our city.

It is a pleasure to note the presence of so many, not only of our older girls of the Sunday School but the older boys and young men, at the Church services.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Proceeds of Clipping Party, Dec. 6th	$28 14
Donation from Rev. and Mrs. Keable	1 50
Total	$29 64
Expenses of Clipping Party	4 25
Balance	$25 39
Expenses for the Holidays—	
For Christmas basket at the Church	$3 00
Box of fruit and jelly for sick woman	75
Toys, candy and fruit for poor children	1 25
Total	$5 00

The King's Daughters will have their next meeting, January 17th, in the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Donation from kind friend	$5 00
From those receiving shoes	3 00
	$8 00
Expended in December for shoes	7 57
Balance	43
Balance from November	9 41
Total	$9 84

On December 23d, Santa Claus made his usual gift of one bundle and two large boxes of shoes and overshoes—nice wide ones. I am sure he must be very tired after all his hard work this year. It seems as if kindness and goodness have been all over the city and the children of St. Stephen's thank both Santa Claus and all the good people and hope they may have a very Happy New Year.

Gave out in December about 14 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

Donations of secondhand shoes from Mrs. A. Mink and others. Thanks to all.

Mothers' Meetings.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 7th, the Mothers held their annual sale. It was well attended by the Mothers and their friends. The articles for sale were furnished by them. The members of the Church do not patronize it. The money realized for years has been used to add additional comforts to St. Stephen's Farm, of which the Mothers are always proud. About $100 was realized this year. They have not yet decided what to do with it.

Thursday evening, Dec. 28th, was the Christmas entertainment for the Mothers. Seventy-eight were able to be there. Professor Thunder was kind enough to have some members of his choir sing Christmas Carols, for which the Mothers were very grateful. Dr. Grammer spent part of the evening with them, and, as usual, gave much pleasure to all. Later one of the Mothers played the accompaniments to several Christmas hymns, which were heartily sung. Mr. Carrigan had decorated the room and placed the Christmas tree, which with electric lights and many decorations, added to the beauty of the room. The usual boxes of Christmas candy were given to each member, and all went home highly pleased with their Christmas evening.

The Church Periodical Club.

The Secretary of the Church Periodical Club would be grateful to any kindly disposed member of St. Stephen's who would occasionally transport a package of magazines from the Church to Blockley, or some other nearby institution. Odd magazines to the number of a hundred or more are frequently given to the Secretary for distribution, and when she cannot afford postage to send them to distant points she bestows them on the inmates of various city institutions. A timely lift in this direction would enable her to conserve her funds for postage. She has a large number of periodicals now waiting for distribution.

The Rector acknowledges additional subscriptions to the Church Work Fund, as follows:

Emory R. Johnson	$5 00
Chas. P. Lineaweaver	10 00
A Friend	50 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Mrs. Josephine Heberton	5 00
Mrs. Wm. H. Swain	3 00
Miss Bridle	3 00

Girls' Friendly Society.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, for their Christmas work this season, took great pleasure in dressing dolls and filling fifty large stockings for the children in the Philadelphia General Hospital, and also in sending dolls, toys and games to St. Martha's House, at Eighth and Snyder avenue.

The following extract from a letter received from the Children's Agent of the Social Service Department will give some idea of the joy carried to the Hospital by this Christmas work of the Girls' Friendly Society: "We feel that we cannot adequately express our gratitude to your Branch for the thoughtful care that has been expended on these beautiful stockings. Everyone who has seen them expresses the greatest admiration for them, and everyone connected with this institution joins me in this expression of gratitude.

"We went to the receiving ward for a stretcher on which we packed the stockings, in order that they might be carried safely to the chief nurse's office. It was delightful to witness the joy of these stretcher-men when they beheld the beautiful stockings and realized that they were for the children of this hospital."

Grace V. D. Lucas,
Branch Secretary.

The Visiting Nurse Society.

To give skilled nursing care to the sick in their homes and to relieve those suffering from physical injury or chronic disability, this is the first and immediate object of The Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia. After this, but very closely allied, is the ultimate object: through instruction and example, that is, by "showing them how," to better conditions which, because of neglect, indifference or ignorance, are much worse than need be, even among the very poor; in this way working toward the prevention of disease and the larger improvement of economic conditions generally.

The Society has three very definite aims: (1) To take care of the sick at home; (2) to teach the simple laws of health and hygiene; (3) to observe social conditions and to better them.

It has been estimated that not more than ten out of every one hundred sick persons are cared for in hospitals. Of the remaining ninety only a very small proportion can afford the continuous services of a trained nurse. Yet those who can least afford this are often those

who most urgently need expert care, and this is what the visiting nurse carries to them. In the case of sick children it has been proved that nursing care in the home, "be it ever so humble," is far better than the effect of the strange surroundings of the hospital ward; while for patients of mature years, especially women, it is often impossible to leave home, the home itself being actually imperiled by their absence and themselves suffering greatly through anxiety and worry. Then there are the many cases of chronic illness or disability, which for obvious reasons imperatively demand home care.

But there is a vast difference between the work of a nurse in a hospital, with everything necessary at hand, with conditions sanitary, and a doctor to call upon at a moment's notice, and the visiting nurse's work in the homes of the city's poor. And when besides the inability of poverty she has to meet the ignorance of an alien nationality, with its own peculiar traditions and customs, her position requires many qualities other than a knowledge of nursing. Thus, in addition to being a hospital trained nurse of high standing, she must qualify as a teacher and a social worker.

The Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia, one of the country's pioneers in this field, opened its doors in 1886 with one nurse, one room and one hundred dollars. To-day the Society has a staff of fifty-two nurses, whose working districts are bounded only by the city limits; a central office at 1340 Lombard street, and five branch offices, in Germantown, Kensington, Manayunk, North Philadelphia, and West Philadelphia. The work of the branches is carried on under the supervision and direction of the central office. Thus the Society as a whole is like a "visiting hospital," carrying its expert care, its sanitary equipment and its instruction throughout the city to the sick and suffering who cannot come to it. During the year 1915 this moving hospital made 99,413 visits to 14,366 patients; and in 1916, during the four months of June, July, August and September, 41,383 visits were made to 4,795 patients, this latter being an increase of more than 8,000 visits and nearly 600 patients over the record of 1915. The average number of visits for each month this past year has been 10,550 to 2,190 patients; of these patients, 320, approximately, are chronics, 500 are cases of acute illness, 675 are maternity cases, and 881 are children (inclusive of new-born babies).

With such an increase and growth in the work the Society feels the absolute necessity of expansion in its staff, and to meet this demand has added within the last six months ten new nurses to its working force. These ten nurses, however, have been absorbed so rapidly that there is most urgent need at present for ten more, if the Society is to do nothing more than meet the daily demands upon its service. This requirement is not looking toward possible future development, but is solely for present needs, since the Society recently has been compelled to face the question whether it should turn away cases that appeal for its aid or force its nurses to lower their standard of excellence by taking far more work than they can do. The answer is apparent. So also is the need. But with the need for nurses comes that for money to pay their salaries. A glance at a very few figures of this year's budget should be sufficiently convincing. The sum of $60,000 comprises this budget, in which a margin of less than $3,000 is allowed. $48,000 is paid in nurses' salaries, leaving a little over $9,000 for actual running expenses, out of which not less than $4,000 must be paid for the nurses' carfare alone. In these days of increased and increasing prices this is clearly a very moderate sum for office and house expenses.

For the thirty years of its existence The Visiting Nurse Society has been supported by the generosity of its friends, since the fees paid by the patients are often merely nominal, being never more than fifty cents and generally from ten cents up, while many are not able to pay anything. Thus the Society's main support is derived from voluntary contributions, and for these it must continue to look to the people of Philadelphia who are able and willing to make possible a work so obviously and deeply needed.

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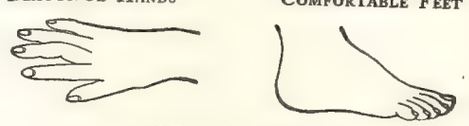

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Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on other Sundays in Lent. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.
See Special List for Lenten Services on page 4.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

President.—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss A. Magee.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Miss Gebhart, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer.—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
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Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
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St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Gerald Marvin, Miss M. Dukes, Mr. Tristram C. Colket, 2nd., Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.
Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.

Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Vice-President.—
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.
Juniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

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Assistants.—Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Miesse.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays.. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the
pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Feb. 2.—The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called "The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin."
4.—The Sunday called Septuagesima, or the Third Sunday before Lent.
11.—The Sunday called Sexagesima, or the Second Sunday before Lent.
18.—The Sunday called Quinquagesima, or the next Sunday before Lent.
21.—The First Day of Lent, commonly called Ash Wednesday.
24.—St. Matthias's Day.
25.—The First Sunday in Lent.

	1917.
Passion Sunday	Mar. 25th
Palm Sunday	Apr. 1st
Good Friday	Apr. 6th
Easter Sunday	Apr. 8th
Rogation Sunday	May 13th
Ascension Day (Thursday)	May 17th
Whitsunday	May 27th
Trinity Sunday	June 3rd

Program of Diocesan Services—February 5th to 10th.

Monday, 12.30 P. M., at St. Stephen's Church, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary. Leader, The Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton.

Tuesday, 12.00 M., at St. James' Church, under the auspices of the Daughters of the King.

Wednesday, 12.00 M., at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary. Leader, Miss Emily Warren, New York.

Thursday, 8.00 A. M. to 5.00 P. M. Quiet Day under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society. Conductor, Rev. George L. Richardson.

Friday, 12.00 M., at St. Peter's Church, under the auspices of the Diocesan Altar Guild.

Friday, 8.00 P. M., at Holy Trinity Church, under the auspices of the Sunday School Teachers. Leader, Dr. William Jefferys.

Saturday, 12.00 M., at St. Mark's Church, under the auspices of the Diocesan Educational Department. Leader, Rev. Elliot White.

Speakers for Lenten Noonday Services.

Addresses may be expected as follows:

Feb. 21.—Ash Wednesday.—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Feb. 22.—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, Pa.

Feb. 23.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

Feb. 24.—Rev. George Copeland, St. Peter's, Weldon, Pa.

Feb. 28 to March 2, inclusive.—Rt. Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Eastern Oklahoma.

March 3.—Rev. T. Leslie Gossling, St. Matthias', Philadelphia.

March 5 to 9, inclusive.—Rev. Lyman P. Powell, D.D., President Hobart College, New York.

March 10.—Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

March 12 to 16, inclusive.—Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D., Pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

March 17.—Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

March 19 to 23, inclusive.—Rev. John M. McGann, Christ Church, Springfield, Mass.

March 24.—Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton, Whitemarsh, Pa.

Marsh 26 to 30, inclusive.—Rev. Karl Reiland, D. D., St. George's, New York.

March 31.—Rev. William Y. Edwards, Doylestown, Pa.

April 2 to 6, inclusive.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

April 7.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, Associate, St. Stephen's.

Parish Record.

BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Jan. 7.—Doris Jean Coath.
7.—Harry Bockelmann Elliott.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"The Souls of the righteous are in the Hand of God."

Jan. 1.—Mary A. Canfield.
13.—Rose West Steele.

Correction.

On page 3, January issue—Parish Record. December 22.—Abigail Goodell should read Abigail Goodell Scott.

Offerings Received from January 7, 1917, First Sunday after Epiphany, to January 28, 1917, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$80 85	
Parochial Maintenance	60 15	
Foreign Missions	31 22	$172 22

Envelope System:

Charities	$81 20	
Parochial Maintenance	193 48	
Missions	72 15	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 00	
Our Work among Boys	33 30	
Benevolent Society	6 15	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1 00	
Episcopal Hospital	4 45	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	5 03	
Domestic Missions	45	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	10 29	
Foreign Missions	28 13	
Indian Missions	10	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	1 00	
Deaconess House	45	
Sunday School	3 15	$441 33
		$613 55

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Jos. B. Van Dusen, Treasurer.

Church Work Fund.

Previously acknowledged	$752 00
Emory R. Johnson	5 00
C. P. Lineaweaver	10 00
A Friend	50 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Mrs. Josephine Heberton	5 00
Mrs. Wm. H. Swain	3 00
Miss Bridle	3 00
Mrs. Kate B. Lowry	5 00
	$838 00

Church Pension Fund.

The subscriptions to the Church Pension Fund received to date are as follows:

Charles L. McKeehan	$1000
Roland S. Morris	500
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	500
Howard Reifsnyder	500
H. H. Barton, Jr.	500
C. Howard Colket	500
Mrs. C. Howard Colket	500
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	375
Mrs. James M. Arrison	250
Mrs. John Coats Browne	120
Miss Matilda Maulsby	100
Miss Magee	100
Miss Anna J. Magee	100
Mrs. E. W. Moore	100
Samuel H. Lewis	100
Miss Catharine T. Rynard	50
Miss Emily Dutilh	50
"Cash"	50
Miss Anna Farrell	25
Miss Mary De H. Bright	25
Miss Laura Bell	25
C. P. Lineaweaver	300
Mrs. Grace V. D. Lucas	250
F. W. Wallace	260
Mrs. Oliver A. Judson	200
Mrs. Florence Pancoast Reath	125
Dr. Carl E. Grammer	125
Prof. Emory R. Johnson	100
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	100
Walter C. Douglas, Jr.	100
Mrs. George L. Crawford	100
Miss Emily Bell	125
Mrs. James Suydam	100
Randolph Sailer	50
Charles N. Van Dusen	50
Wm. Rice Taylor	50
Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor	50
A. Luffbarry	50
Mrs. H. G. Fisher	25
W. Gardiner Crowell	25
Miss Elizabeth H. Smith	25
Miss Ella Headman	25
Edward G. McCollin	25
Miss Emma L. Berry	25
Mrs. Idella W. Higham	25
Jay M. Whitham	25
Lewis H. Van Dusen	25
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	25
Mrs. William H. Hollar	25
Miss Mary Swift	20
Miss A. B. Townsend	15
King's Daughters	15
Miss Theodora S. Butcher	10
Dr. George S. Gerhard	10
Mrs. William Ernst	10
William K. Barclay	10
Mrs. David D. Wood	10
Mrs. Isabella De Coursey	10
Miss Mary Schaeffer	10
W. J. Kirkpatrick	10
F. B. and R. E. Keable	10
Mrs. N. A. Petry	5
Mrs. Annie Mink	5
Rev. Charles E. Milnor	5
Mrs. J. Gordon Maxwell	5
Miss Pauline Carpen	5
William H. Brown	5
Miss Elizabeth L. Williamson	3
Miss Clara Farrar Smith	25
Miss Elizabeth J. Davis	5
Total	$8083

The committee feels disappointed that there has not been a more general response to the appeal for this object—the greatest ever undertaken for the benefit of the Church. There seems to be an impression among some people that it is better not to subscribe at all than to send a small amount. Nothing can be more fallacious. Over 200 persons in our Parish have not been heard from. If each one would sign a pledge for $10 payable in five yearly instalments the whole amount of $10,000 promised by St. Stephen's would be raised. A little over half a cent a day will accomplish this result. Only four weeks remain to raise our quota. Checks drawn to order Church Pension Fund, Inc.,, and pledges should be sent to C. Howard Colket, 2008 DeLancey street.

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

We have entered upon a month that calls for unusual generosity. In the first place there is the Pension Fund. Before the pledges to the Five Million Dollar Fund become obligatory, the five million must be pledged. The date set as the time limit is March 1st. The diocese of Pennsylvania is attempting to raise one million, and $300,000 were yet to be raised when a meeting was held in December. I said that in my judgment St. Stephen's could raise $10,000. It was understood that the pledges could be made in annual payments for five years. In all my career in the ministry I have done very little personal solicitation. I have been unwilling to make the pastoral tie a source of revenue. Sometimes I realize that I have carried this much too far, and shirked my duty of presenting worthy objects to people who should regard themselves as stewards entrusted with great estates for some higher purpose than their own pleasure. Yet, on the whole, I believe that I have been in the right. The task

of raising the money ought not to be placed in the hands of the minister—I mean the personal solicitation. Yet if there ever was a case where all timidities ought to be cast aside, this Pension Fund seems to be such a case. All these pledges have been conditioned on the raising of the five million. This is the greatest financial effort ever made by our Church. In all departments, in banks and in stores, business people are endeavoring to help the salaried people in these days of high prices. Our clergy are as a class recipients of low aries, and subjected to many demands social, charitable and ecclesiastical. The Nation pensions its officers, should not the Church do the same for its officials? Such a provision will enable congregations to retire without cruelty their aged ministers, who are unequal to their work. It ought to make ministers better able to discharge their tasks, since the burden of anxiety will be lightened by this provision for their widows and minor children. Let us all do our best and see if we cannot raise $10,000. At any rate, let us do our best.

It is unfortunate that in this month comes our offering for Diocesan Missions. We are asked to raise $930.86, of which $30 have been received. Hitherto this money has largely been raised by collectors. This year we shall endeavor to raise it by the mail, and the collectors will only be sent to the homes from which no reply of any kind is received. The offering will be taken up on February 11th, the second Sunday in the month, according to our long standing custom. Every communicant who is able is requested to give five dollars. It is hoped that our wealthier members will give more. Let every man give as God hath prospered him, and as he is disposed in his own heart; the Lord loveth a cheerful and liberal giver.

Among the papers of Miss Fanny S. Magee was found a memorandum that she would like to endow pew No. 77 in which her father sat for many years. By the generosity of Miss Anna J. Magee this wish has been carried out, and pew 77 has been endowed for all time in memory of James Magee.

On the morning of March 4th, Bishop Garland will visit St. Stephen's and administer the rite of Confirmation. Confirmation classes will be held on Friday evenings, beginning Friday, February 9th. There will be four meetings—February 9th, 16th, 23d and March 2d. As a rule fourteen years is the minimum age for this public dedication of self to God.

The Sunday Evening Musical Services continue to be a great success. We have long been convinced that the night service ought to allow people to remain seated more than our Evening Prayer permits, and should differ widely from the regular liturgical service. The success of the musical service has thus far justified these theories. Other churches are emulating our example. Such attendance shows that music has far more power of attraction than fine architecture. The Churches must not turn our music over to the Sunday afternoon concert in the theatres where there is not a word of preaching; but ought to utilize the music as a means of bringing people under the power of the preached word. If the attendants at our Sunday night services would contribute with a juster appreciation of the musical treat which has been given them, the burden of the committee would be lightened and the permanence of these night services through the winter would be assured.

The list of the Lenten speakers is published in this number and will be read with general interest. Our own Bishop Garland, according to the custom of years, will make the noonday address on Ash Wednesday, and the eloquent and widely loved Bishop of Bethlehem will speak on Thursday. Bishop Williams, of Michigan has for years come to us for the week after the first Sunday in Lent, and it is a great source of regret that we cannot hear his eloquent message this year. He is undoubtedly one of the greatest prophets in our Church, a man whose message meets the needs of the age, and is made effective by the zeal and love which wing it on its way. He felt obliged to go elsewhere this Lent. May he be prospered in all his doings and may his feet turn in our direction in 1918. We cannot spare him for more than one season. His place will be taken by Bishop Theodore Payne Thurston, of Eastern Oklahoma, one of the most eloquent and attractive of our younger Bishops. My visit to Oklahoma some years ago gave me a high opinion of his work. He is much sought after as a special preacher, and we are fortunate in securing him.

With the official permission of Bishop Rhinelander I asked the widely-known author, preacher and lecturer, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Central Congregational Church of Brooklyn, to deliver five noonday addresses, and we are exceedingly fortunate in being able to bring to Philadelphia such an influential leader among the Congregationalists and a man of so much spiritual power. Dr. Powell, of Hobart College, New York, and Dr. Karl Reiland, of St. George's, New York, are well known to the congregation, since they have spoken for us on Sunday night.

The Rev. John M. McGann, of Springfield, Mass., is the successor of Dr. Slattery in one of the chief parishes of Massachusetts. In some way New England lives a life of its own. New York is so powerful and attractive that people do not seem to be able to pass beyond it. So it comes to pass that we do not hear as often as we should the message of our New England brethren.

Through the kindness of our clerical brethren in the city the Saturdays are supplied, and I myself hope to make all the addresses in Holy Week.

I hope that this Lent may be a season of spiritual growth, and that we may have a good Confirmation class. The secret of success is coöperation.

> The strength of mutual purpose pleads
> More earnestly our common needs.

Never can I forget the heartening words spoken to me by one of the young men of my congregation in Norfolk. I had come very near breaking down in a quotation before an immense congregation on Sunday morning. After referring to those "well-known lines" of Tennyson, I had begun—

> "Sunset and evening star and one clear call for me,"

and suddenly lost the sequence and could not recollect the next line. These "well-known lines" were apparently not known well by me. I paused, the congregation grew very quiet, and then I began slowly again. Suddenly at the end of the first line the verses came back to me and I completed the two stanzas. The pause had been quite long, however, and painful to my friends. To cover over his annoyance at the break, one of them was asserting that I had come out all right at the end. "Yes," said the other, and his remark has often heartened me—"we were all pulling for him." They were anxious to help me out and were wishing they could add their strength to mine. Such listeners will pull a speaker out of very deep ruts and holes. That is what the message needs: people in the pews who are pulling for it, seeking to give it efficacy by their lives, and secretly sending up their hearts to God, that he will strengthen the weak, cheer the disheartened and bring the prodigals back out of the far country. Let us listen to sermons in this spirit.

Yours cordially

Carl E Grammer

Come now and let us reason together. We have had in religion an excess of reverence for external authority and an excessive yearning for emotional excitement; but we have never had a sufficient appreciation of the part of reason in the spiritual life. Yet after all, reason underlies the whole religious life. If a man is totally without reason, we do not attempt to teach religion to him; we simply confine and restrain him. We despair of controlling him from within, and trust entirely to authority. If a man is intelligent enough to understand the teachings of Christianity, he must apply them in a reasonable way, or he is as dangerous as a madman with a rifle in his hands.

It is reason that must pass on the claims of Bible and Church, and of systems of truth. It is reason that must reduce principles to practice. Christianity is not afraid of reason; indeed, it addresses itself to it, lays before it its claims and asks it to apply to life's problems the fundamental principles of religion. Every now and then some specialist, like Professor Leuba, comes forward and tells us patronizingly that such and such intelligent people no longer believe in a per-

sonal God and implies that Reason is the foe of Faith. But no one needs to be seriously disturbed by these pompous experts. A theory that commanded the assent of Copernicus, Kepler, Sir Isaac Newton, Leibnitz, Faraday, Clerk Maxwell, and Lord Kelvin cannot be unreasonable. For my own part I am weary of the preposterous claims of the physiologists and psychologists. How manifestly absurd it would be for an anatomist of the brain to set up as an authority on mathematics, because he had carefully examined the brain. No one will ever gain any light on the value of Calculus by examining the brain with the most powerful of microscopes, or analyzing its substance with the subtlest chemical processes. These physiologists and psychologists are no more competent to pass on the reasonableness of our belief in God—because they are specialists in physiology and psychology,—than an anatomist as an anatomist is qualified to pass on Quaternions. Don't allow yourself, my young friend, to be frightened by psychologists.

Let us listen to Lord Bacon—

"I had rather believe all the fables in the Legend, and Talmud, and the Alcoran, than that this universal frame is without a mind; and, therefore, God never wrought miracles to convince atheism, because his ordinary works convince it. It is true that a little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth man's mind about to religion."

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"They that deny a God destroy a man's nobility, for certainly man is of kin to the beasts by his body; and if he be not of kin to God by his spirit, he is a base and ignoble creature. It destroys likewise magnanimity and the raising human nature; for take an example of a dog, and mark what generosity and courage he will put on when he finds himself maintained by a man, who to him is instead of a god—which courage is manifestly such as that creature without that confidence of a better nature than his own could not obtain: therefore as atheism is in all respects hateful, so in this, that it depriveth human nature of the means to exalt itself above human frailty."—*Bacon's Essays. Essay XVI.*

C. E. G.

Governor Stokes on Lincoln.

On Wednesday, February 14, at 8.15 P. M., ex-Governor Stokes of New Jersey, will deliver his celebrated lecture on Lincoln in St. Stephen's. The Rector and Vestry have lent the Church for the occasion to a committee, which has been endeavoring to bring new people to the Church and the Church's message to more people. All are invited to this famous lecture.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

At a special service on Wednesday evening, January 31st, the following boys were admitted into the membership of the Brotherhood:

Frank Weinrich.
John Clark.
Lorenz Reidel.
Leroy Hartranft.

The Sunday School.

The Sunday School entered actively into the New Year. Florence Coll, Florence Elsner and Henry Ahtes, with the Superintendent, represented it at the Older Boys' and Girls' Conference, when 900 delegated older boys and girls from the Sunday Schools of Philadelphia, on January 26th and 27th, sat down at supper together and the next day held an all-day conference to get information and training for leadership in the best methods of Sunday School work. We were pleased with the good reports which they brought back and gave to the school the last Sunday in January. Mr. Keable is planning to have some of our scholars take part in the Junior Pageant on February 16th at the Metropolitan Opera House. He has also secured the books for the new series of lessons on "The Life of Christ," upon which study we have just heartily entered. Our next important work is Confirmation, and the teachers are hopefully expecting to present a goodly number from the school during the coming Lenten season.

G. H. Streaker.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle will have their next meetings February 7th and February 21st, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock. They have just started with their winter's sewing for the poor and will welcome anyone who would like to help with their work.

Shoe Fund.

Have given out in January 14 pairs of shoes and 12 pairs of overshoes.

Donation for shoes in January, from Mr. William H. Swain	$2 00
From those receiving shoes	1 70
	$3 70
Expended in January	25
Balance	$3 45

The Woman's Auxiliary.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held its January meeting on the 18th in the Parish House.

The usual business meeting was followed by an address by Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of the Appalachian Industrial School at Penland, N. C.

Mr. Morgan was himself a Highlander of North Carolina, and after educating himself has returned to his people to spend his life teaching them and promoting the work of the Church in the country surrounding Penland. He and his wife went there two and a half years ago. A farm with an old house and barn were all they had with which to begin. Mr. Morgan has raised all the money they have had for improvements. They now have a comfortable bungalow and a school building partly built. Enough is finished to house the teachers and pupils comfortably now, though they need five hundred dollars to finish the cellar and to complete the interior.

Pathetic stories were told of these mountain people and their hunger for education after so many years of suppression owing to geographical conditions. Whole families present themselves at the school, the parents offering to help with the work on the farm and in the school in return for education for themselves and their children. Mr. Morgan holds services in five places, separated many miles, and one of his pleas is for fifty dollars to buy a cart and harness. His horse cannot carry him in bad weather on these mountain roads and he walks many weary hours during the week. A fund of twenty-five dollars was voted him by the Auxiliary.

Beulah E. Hollar, *Secretary.*

Have We Seen You?

If not, a hearty welcome awaits you at the annual sale of the Benevolent Society now being held on Wednesdays from 10 to 12 o'clock in the Parish House. Do come and be prepared to purchase some article, or, preferably, articles that are absolutely necessary in a well regulated household. Our Russian crash towels at 16 cents are well adapted for drying purposes; also a variety of red and blue plaid towels at 10 cents, harmonizing with the garment Milady desires to don. What can be accomplished in the home without gingham aprons? Your choice at 25 cents. Among many other articles, too numerous to mention, will be found —think of it?—cheesecloth dusters at six cents. Every member of the congregation, those affiliated with any of the numerous societies thereof or in any way connected with the Parish, together with their relatives, friends and acquaintances are earnestly and cordially requested to avail themselves of these sales and thus promote industry and thrift, and at the same time alleviate the wants of those less fortunate than themselves. By the

Committee.

Four Million Raised for Clergy Pensions.

BISHOP LAWRENCE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES THAT FOUR FIFTHS OF THE FUND HAS BEEN SECURED AND ASKS FOR LAST MILLION BY MARCH IST.

It is with deep gratification that I am able to announce that $4,000,000 of the necessary $5,000,000 has now been pledged to the Church Pension Fund.

This is a great sum of money—the greatest the Church has ever raised for a particular purpose in so short a time. But far more important than the size of the fund is the spirit which has universally accompanied the gifts. Men and women from coast to coast have risen with enthusiasm to the bigness of the conception involved in this thorough, just and permanent system to provide for the clergy of our Church.

We need another million.

We have undertaken to raise it by March first of this year. If we do not we are not entitled to keep the four million now pledged.

Will this million be pledged within the next nine weeks?

Only one answer to this question is conceivable, and it rests with the Church people of America, men, women and children, to give the answer in terms which leave no doubt of their determination to meet this great problem of social justice in a twentieth century way.

One word more. We who are giving our full time and strength to this task are confident of success. But we base that confidence not upon vague hopes, but upon the belief that the hard, consistent work which has brought us four fifths of the way toward our goal will be continued. We rely on the earnest committeemen in every diocese and parish of the country to reach the people who can give most largely and to give them a personal opportunity to take a substantial part in this epoch-making result.

Our campaign, from the start, has been a personal one. It must continue along those lines. We want gifts from all. We want small gifts as well as large. But more than all we want to achieve success in this undertaking, and we cannot succeed in raising $5,000,000 unless we continue to bring our appeal so closely to the hearts of the large givers as to bring forth substantial gifts. This is the one thought to bear in mind from now until March first—gifts, large and small, but without large gifts no hope of success.

We, here in New York, stand ready to help with literature, letters, advice. The actual money—the final $1,000,000—must be collected by the whole Church from the whole Church. And it must be done NOW.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Memorial Flower Fund.

The Treasurer of the Memorial Flower Fund has sent the following note to all subscribers:

"As the increase in the cost of living affects every source of supply, our florist has intimated he is unable to furnish the adequate amount of flowers for Memorial Sundays at $1.50, we have therefore increased the subscriptions to $2.00 and hope you will be willing to continue to subscribe at this advanced rate. Will you kindly let me know at your earliest convenience? Sincerely yours,

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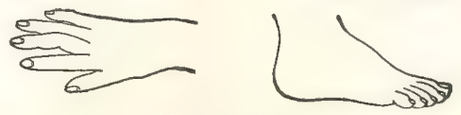

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HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.
See Special List of Lenten Services on page 3.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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Meets 9.45 A. M.
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Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
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Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.
Juniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

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Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants.—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays.. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 2.—Ember Day.
3.—Ember Day.
4.—Second Sunday in Lent.
11.—Third Sunday in Lent.
18.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
25.—Passion Sunday.

	1917.
Palm Sunday	Apr. 1st
Good Friday	Apr. 6th
Easter Sunday	Apr. 8th
Rogation Sunday	May 13th
Ascension Day (Thursday)	May 17th
Whitsunday	May 27th
Trinity Sunday	June 3rd

Speakers for Lenten Noonday Services.

Addresses may be expected as follows:

March 5 to 9, inclusive.—Rev. Lyman P. Powell, D.D., President Hobart College, New York.

March 10.—Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

March 12 to 16, inclusive.—Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D., Pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

March 17.—Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

March 19 to 23, inclusive.—Rev. John M. McGann, Christ Church, Springfield, Mass.

March 24.—Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton, Whitemarsh, Pa.

March 26 to 30, inclusive.—Rev. Karl Reiland, D. D., St. George's, New York.

March 31.—Rev. William Y. Edwards, Doylestown, Pa.

April 2 to 6, inclusive.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

April 7.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, Associate, St. Stephen's.

Parish Record.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 7.—Linden T. Harris and Isabella V. Will.

Christian Burial.

"The Souls of the righteous are in the Hand of God."

Feb. 7.—Frank L. Hagner.
28.—Mrs. Lucy Keinath.

Transfers Recently Received.

Jan. 8.—Miss Anna E. Henry.
Feb. 25.—Miss Anne M. Earle.

Offerings received from February 4, 1917, Septuagesima Sunday, to February 25, 1917, First Sunday in Lent, Inclusive.

Alms Basins:		
Charities	$62.86	
Diocesan Missions	35.92	
Church Pension Fund	78.00	
Missionary box	83.94	
Parochial Maintenance	29.29	$290.01
Envelope System and Contributors to Docessan Missions:		
Charities	$91.21	
Parochial Maintenance	141.41	
Missions	73.74	
Our work among boys	1.35	
Benevolent Society	1.80	
Episcopal Hospital	1.50	
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	1.60	
Domestic Missions	1.15	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	2.90	
Diocesan Missions	771.57	
Foreign Missions	1.61	
Colored Missions	.25	
Missionary Box	22.90	
Deaconess House	1.45	
Sunday School	.75	1115.19
		$1405.20

Summary:

Charities	$154.07
Parochial Maintenance	170.70
Missions	73.74
Our work among boys	1.35
Benevolent Society	1.80
Episcopal Hospital	1.50
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	1.60
Domestic Missions	1.15
Aged and Infirm Clergy	2.90
Diocesan Missions	807.49
Foreign Missions	1.61
Colored Missions	.25
Missionary Box	106.84
Deaconess House	1.45
Sunday School	.75
Church Pension Fund	78.00
	$1405.20

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Treasurer.

Church Pension Fund.

Since the February issue of The Parish News the following subscriptions to the above fund have been received, a total of 134 subscribers having responded:

William B. Campbell	$500
Mrs. Mary E. Atmore	250
Craig Atmore	250
Charles H. Frazier, M.D.	250
Mrs. Mary E. Eastwood, Miss Anne R. Daley, Emma Daley, Miss Miriam I. Daley	150
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin	125
In Memoriam, Edward R. Fell, M.D.	100
J. Austin McDowell	100
Mrs. Frank H. Whiting	100
Collection, Quinquagesima Sunday	78
Herbert Old, M.D.	50
George G. Gerhard, M.D., (additional)	50
Mrs. Walter W. Marvin	30
Miss Alberta S. Van Dusen	25
X. Y. Z.	25
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	25
Miss Martha A. McDowell	25
Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder	25
Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson	25
Dr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Nicholson	25
John T. Lewis, Jr.	25
A Friend	25
William Randolph	25
I. Smith Raspin	15
Mrs. Annie Mink (additional)	10
Miss Mary M. Roberts	10
Miss Ella R. Dwier	10
Mrs. Howard H. Bilyeu	10
Miss Henrietta W. Sanders	10
Cash	10
Mrs. Marie Baldwin	10
Miss Minnie C. Striegel	10
Miss Anne M. Earle	10
Cash	10
Miss Elizabeth Jones	10
Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Selliez	10
Mrs. Isaac G. Lowry	10
Miss Susannah G. Haydock	5
James Carrigan	5
Miss Margaret A. Millar	5
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper	5
Tristram C. Colket, 2d	5
Mrs. T. B. Clemens	5
Miss Isabel P. Davis	5
Miss Margaret Davis	5
Mrs. Rebecca A. Lowenberg	5
Miss Bertha Tudor Walshe	5
Mrs. E. S. Palmer	5
Miss Katharine Mayne	5
Miss M. Josephine Hecker	5
Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.	5
Miss Eleanor Eccles	5
Miss Mary E. Bean	5
Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Bacon	5
Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey	5
Miss Sarah Eisenbrey	5
J. S. Whitney	3
Miss Mary J. Holt	1
Mrs. George W. Hershberger	1
Previously acknowledged	$2538
	$8083
	$10621

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

It is a source of great thankfulness that the congregation has contributed so generally to the Church Pension Fund. Widely separated as are the homes of our people, it is manifest that we are a united congregation. The contributions have come from many sources, and mean far more than the same amount from a small number of wealthy contributors. It is also a subject of thanksgiving that the contributions to Diocesan Missions have been larger than usual. It is true that we have not yet reached the amount asked of the Parish, but I am convinced that when all the contributions come in, we shall be able to contribute the amount that the Diocese expects of us. We have already exceeded the sum contributed in former years; but our assessment has been raised.

The attendance on the noonday Lenten services is encouraging. The location of our Church makes it impossible to add to its noonday services any other special Lenten devotions. People who can attend an additional service find their needs met by this great popular service, and will not come to an afternoon service. Some years ago I announced that if a dozen people asked for Evening Prayer on Wednesday or Friday afternoons in Lent it would be provided. No requests came in, and the service was dropped. The attendance had been miserable, although I had made extraordinary exertions, at one time giving a course on the message of the English poets, Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, Browning and Tennyson. Of course that meant a considerable re-reading of old authors, and special study on my part. The congregation numbered from thirty to thirty-five, and I did not feel that I was sowing the seed in a specially fruitful field. I believed I could make better use of my time. After the service was discontinued, a lady was complaining to Mrs. Weir Mitchell of its cessation. "Did you tell the Rector that you would like the service continued?" said Mrs. Mitchell, going to the heart of the matter in her usual frank and cheery way. "No," said the lady; "I never said anything." "Well," said Mrs. Mitchell, "I think then you ought to continue to say nothing, for the Rector invited suggestions, and if you did not make any suggestions, you have no right now to bewail the discontinuance of the service."

The Confirmation class this year is not so large as it was last year, when we had two Confirmations in one season. The value of personal work is always seen at Confirmation time. People are usually brought in by some one who speaks to them on the subject, asks them why they are hesitating, and helps them to a decision. It is much more important that the class be made up of members who intend to continue than that it should be large. Some clergyman was criticising the converts at our Mission on Vine street, and running down the converts of Mr. Sunday, asking where they were to be found in a few months. The critic was asked whether he had ever asked the same question about the Confirmation class a few months after Confirmation. It is one of the scandals of our Church that so many people are confirmed and then disappear. Jesus always guarded the people who attached themselves to him against undue precipitancy, and warned them, "No man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." He even discouraged some of them and made them come in over obstacles. The power of the Christian Church does not lie in numbers, but in the quality of its membership.

Inasmuch as we are not able to have many special congregational services during the week, I suggest to the congregation that it would be a good plan to observe Lent by attending two services on Sunday. This is more feasible now that we have the second service at eight o'clock. While it is the intention of the Rector to do most of the preaching at this second service, he had arranged for some outside preachers some time ago, and he is very glad to announce that Rev. Howard Melish, of Brooklyn, will preach on the night of Sunday, March 4th, and Rev. C. G. Twombly, of Lancaster, will be the preacher on March 18th. The evening service will be enriched by some additional musical instruments, the violoncello, the harp or the violin.

I hope that all the congregation who can do so will avail themselves of the privilege of hearing the men of light and leading who have been secured for our noonday services. We are very much to be congratulated on having such speakers. Mr. Spurgeon used to say in his homely way that anybody could make the gutters run soapsuds all day long, but that it took the resources of a prince to make them run with wine for five minutes. It is a great

gift to be able to communicate a message of power in a short time.

In a little over a month the new cartons of envelopes will be ready for distribution to the congregation. There are many signs of growth in St. Stephen's. Some new members have been coming to us, larger numbers attend our services, and the generosity of the congregation seems to be developing; but the lists of those who take the envelopes and use them faithfully is not increasing as it should. Yet nothing has done more towards solving our problems and solidifying a widely sundered flock into one organization than this envelope system. I hate to dwell on the financial side of the Church. I never can forget an incident I witnessed while attending one of my own noonday services on Wednesday, and sitting in the middle aisle. Two shabbily dressed men came into the pew beside me, and joined in the singing of the hymn; but when they found the plate was going to be handed round, they touched one another, and before it traveled far down the aisle got up and left. It was manifest that they could not endure the mortification to which it would have subjected them. We do not want to drive the poor away from the Church of Jesus—from the Church of Him who pointed to the preaching of the Gospel to the poor as one of the signs of His kingdom. Yet I realize that with most people religion will not prove of much value in the time of temptation or trouble unless they have deepened their grasp upon it, or its hold upon them, by making some sacrifice for the sake of the cause. I notice that when we wish to develop ourselves in anything, we invest in it, and in that way pledge ourselves to get something out of it. Half of the benefit of lessons under a master consists in this, that having pledged ourselves to make these payments we inwardly resolve that we will get the worth of our money. A religion that makes no demands is not a religion that can be taken very seriously. I wish every regular attendant on the Church would take the envelopes. We send them as a matter of course to those who use them faithfully, and ask from them no special assurance; their conduct in the past is a sufficient indication of their loyalty. But those who have only used them fitfully or irregularly are formally asked if they are willing to accept them for the new year, with the hope that their request for the envelopes will pledge them to more constancy in their use. The Church is under a great indebtedness to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen and to Mr. Chas. Van Dusen, who take care of the envelopes and check them up with great accuracy and painstaking fidelity. I do not know what we would do without such help. Their sacrifice of time ought to be acknowledged by a similar loyalty on the part of the congregation.

On looking over the well-kept records the other day it occurred to me, that some of those who accepted the envelopes did not understand the system. They seemed to think that it was sufficient to place an envelope in the plate if they happened to be in Church, and disregarded entirely the envelopes for the Sundays when they were absent. Now this procedure defeats one of the main purposes of the system, which is to secure the contribution of every Sunday, whether the envelope-taker is present or absent. Others take the envelopes, use them for a few Sundays and then forget all about them. The proportion of faithful users has increased; but it is not as large as it should be. We have lost in the course of the year five envelope users by death, Miss Fannie Magee, Mrs. Katharine B. Jones, Dr. Fell, Mr. Wm. H. Hollar, and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong. Three of these cartons are being used to the end. Miss Williamson is keeping up Mrs. Armstrong's envelopes, Miss Anna J. Magee, her sister Miss Fanny Magee's envelopes, and Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar, her husband's. What a beautiful tribute of affection is this continuance of the gifts of the dead.

In some churches a follow-up committee notifies the envelope-takers and I think it will be a good plan to inform of their record those who have sent back less than 70 per cent. of the envelopes. He who takes the package pledges himself to use the system faithfully. But a pledge that is not fulfilled is not a gracious act; it becomes a sin of omission and breaks down character. It is a half-way measure, and we all know that it is the slackness of half-way measures that disintegrates individual and corporate life.

On Wednesday, March 14th, the Hon. E. C. Stokes, a former Governor of New Jersey, has kindly consented to deliver his celebrated lecture on Abraham Lincoln, and the Vestry have lent the church edifice for the occasion to a committee. The platform that has been used at the parish meetings will be placed at the

head of the aisle. We confidently hope for a large attendance. The fame of this address is so great in New Jersey that if the people of Camden get wind of this promised lecture, they will come over in great multitudes and take all the best seats; so I advise the members of the congregation to come early. Great characters like Washington and Lincoln are Divine gifts to the people. No one can tell how much a national hero like the Duke of Wellington did for England in his day, or how far-reaching in France was the influence of a man like Pasteur, as an ideal man of science. Lincoln's life is not merely part of our national annals; it is also a mighty power working in our midst.

I have decided to postpone the post-Easter Parish Meeting until the first Wednesday in May, in order that we may round out our year. This was the date chosen last year, and I wish it to be the regular date of our annual meeting. All the heads of the various societies are requested to prepare their reports for that meeting. It is not wise to give too many details. We only want the main outlines and a general indication of the condition of the work.

The attendance at the night service last Sunday night was very encouraging. The musical service began at 7.45 with a prelude on the harp and organ; and the processional hymn opened the shortened form of Evening Prayer at 8.00 P. M. The service closed promptly at 9.25. The attendance was about 600. It is earnestly hoped this attendance can be kept up till Easter.

The parish is greatly indebted to the generous members who have raised a purse to provide additional musical attractions for these services, which have acted on the Church like a strong tonic. May God grant that the benefit may be permanent. It is better never to begin than to weaken one's whole nature by half-hearted, half-way measures,—by doing enough to quiet conscience for a season, and yet never continuing long enough to form a habit or establish a character. I should like the key-word of all our Lenten endeavors to be "permanent." Our great purpose ought to be to secure some *permanent* gain in the power of self-control and self-direction, in courage and cheerfulness, in patience and submission, in whatever grace we are specially seeking. It is only the things that cannot be shaken and remain that will count at the end, or at the transition, when we pass on to other scenes. Why should we waste our time on beginnings that lead to no completions?

With best wishes of the season,

Sincerely yours

Carl E. Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary meeting was held on February 15th. Many interesting and helpful reports were given by our delegates.

Miss Magee reports $147 collected for the United Offering.

Miss Mildred H. Lane gave an enlightening address on Alaska. She thinks the mission work among the whites there will soon be self-supporting. High wages are paid for all labor and if we can send strong-bodied and strong-minded men whom the husky miners and prospectors can respect, they will give generously to the work.

The Indian problem is very different and very difficult. She made a strong plea for industrial training for them and said two things must be eradicated—disease and tribal life. Hardly a family has not one or more cases of tuberculosis. Their food is miserable and there are only canned milk and powdered eggs in Alaska, so that treating the disease is greatly handicapped. Living together as they do,—a great number huddled in one room—it is hard to teach them anything about food or sanitation.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Thursday, March 15th.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Secretary.*

The Mission Study Class.

The Mission Study Class met on Saturday, February 24th, at 10.30, but it was thought advisable to change the time of the meeting to Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock. A cordial and urgent invitation is given to all the women of the parish to attend the class. The session lasts one hour and a half. Mrs. Addinell Hewson is the leader.

Abraham Lincoln.

The Hon. E. C. Stokes, formerly Governor of New Jersey, will deliver his celebrated address on Abraham Lincoln in the Church on Wednesday evening, March 14th, at 8.15.

Our Store Cupboard.

The supply of groceries given at Christmas time by the Sunday School is exhausted. But before this issue of THE NEWS reaches you the cupboard will be partially replenished, through alms placed in the boxes at the entrance to the Church, and by a special contribution.

Musicale.

Musicale in aid of the Auxiliary Fund of Chapin Memorial Home for Aged Blind, 6713 Woodland avenue, under the auspices of the Philanthropy Committee of the Matinee Musicale Club of Philadelphia, at The Normandie, 36th and Chestnut streets, Monday evening, March 5, 1917, at 8.15 o'clock. Voluntary offering.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Dues received in February from Miss Elizabeth Jones, $1.00. The Circle will have their next meetings March 7th and March 21st, in Guild Room, 7.45 o'clock. We are working on Lenten sewing for the Aid Society and will gladly welcome anyone who would like to help with the work.

Shoe Fund.

Received in February:

From Miss H. E. Schaeffer	$1.00
From those receiving shoes	1.75
	$2.75

Given out February, 11 pairs of shoes and 6 pairs of overshoes.

Memorial Flower Fund.

1917.

Jan.
6.—Mr. Keable.
7.—Misses Kirkpatrick.
14.—Mrs. Ernst.
21.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
28.—

Feb.
4.—Mrs. Noblit.
11.—Miss Crawford.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Mrs. D. D. Wood.

March
4.—Miss Mary Wallace.
11.—Mrs. Clemens.
18.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor. / Mrs. Atmore.

April
1.—Palm Sunday.
5.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
8.—Easter Sunday.
15.—Dr. Grammer.
22.—Mrs. Campbell.
29.—Miss Dutilh

May
6.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
13.—Miss Townsend.
17.—Mrs. Williamson.
20.—Mrs. Colket.
27.—Mrs. Hollar.

June
3.—Miss Dutilh
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
17.—Miss Gebhart.
24.—

July
1.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
15.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer.
29.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug.
5.—Mrs. Heberton.
12.—Miss Wallace.
19.—Miss Shellenberger.
26.—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept.
2.—Mrs. Lane.
9.—Misses Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
23.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.
30.—Miss Laura Bell.

Oct.
7.—Miss Maulsby.
14.—Mrs. Sheble.
21.—Girls' Friendly Society.
28.—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.

Nov.
1.—Mrs. Arrison.
4.—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
11.—Miss Townsend.
18.—Miss Eisenbrey.
25.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec.
2.—Misses Davis.
9.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
16.—Mrs. Petry.
23.—Miss Emily Bell.
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
30.—Mrs. Colket.

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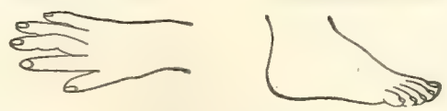

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Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on other Sundays in Lent. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 4.00.—EVENING PRAYER and ADDRESS.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.
See Special List of Lenten Services on page 4.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss A. V. Morgan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

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All meetings at the Parish House.
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Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss A. Magee.

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Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Miss Gebhart, Mrs. Bilyeu.

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Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President.—Miss Lammot.
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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President.—Miss Laura Bell.
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Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Miss Bright.
Treasurer.—Miss Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.
Mrs. Arrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Armstrong.
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 10.30.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President.—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart, The Misses Sanders, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Miss Tyson, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.
Meets 9.45 A. M.
Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Gerald Marvin, Miss M. Dukes, Mr. Tristram C. Colket, 2nd., Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist.—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00–9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Grammer, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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Miss Lewis's Dancing Class.
Thursday, 8 to 10 P. M.
Members of the church's societies can attend and persons properly introduced.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.
Juniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.
Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants.—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays.. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 1.—Sunday next before Easter,
2.—Monday before Easter.
3.—Tuesday before Easter.
4.—Wednesday before Easter.
5.—Thursday before Easter (commonly called Maundy Thursday).
6.—Good Friday.
7.—Easter Even.
8.—Easter Day.
9.—Monday in Easter Week.
10.—Tuesday in Easter Week.
15.—First Sunday after Easter.
22.—Second Sunday after Easter.
25.—St. Mark, Evangelist.
29.—Third Sunday after Easter.

Rogation Sunday, May 13th.
Ascension Day (Thursday), May 17th.
Whitsunday, May 27th.
Trinity Sunday, June 3d.

Parish Record.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

March 2.—Emily Gertrude Lippincott.
John Walter Douglass.
Clara Louise Coffin Douglass.
Ethel Edna Wisdom.

CONFIRMATION.

March 4.—Emily Gertrude Lippincott.
Clara Weber.
Edna Myrtle Fisher.
Elsie Dahl.
John Walter Douglass.
Clara Louise Coffin Douglass.
Margaret Van Dusen Clemens.
Andrew Luffbarry.
Mary Anna B. Luffbarry.
Ethel Edna Wisdom.
May Bryan Winters.

Holy Matrimony.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 1.—Harry Rorer and Emily McGookin.
1.—Wilford Cargill MacFadden and Mary Gertrude Sale.
24.—Walter Follett and Adelia D. Standish.

Christian Burial.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours."

March 14.—Alfred James Hewett.

Holy Week Services.

Monday, 10.30 A. M., 12.30 Noonday, 5 P. M.
Tuesday, 10.30 A. M., 12.30 Noonday, 5 P. M.
Wednesday, 10.30 A. M., 12.30 Noonday, 8 P. M.
Maundy Thursday—
10.30 A. M. Holy Communion.
12.30 Noonday, 8 P. M.
5.00 P. M. Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M. Holy Communion.
Good Friday—
10.30 A. M. Preacher, The Associate.
12.30 Noonday service.
The Rector will deliver addresses at the Noonday Services.
Easter Even—
12.30, Noonday. The Associate.
Easter Day—
8.00 A. M. Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M. Evening Prayer.

Altar Society.

There will be a Corporate Communion for the Altar Society on Maundy Thursday, at 10.30 A. M.

On Wednesday in Holy Week, and on Good Friday The Passion Play will be shown upon the screen in the Sunday School Building. This splendid "hand colored" film is from the studio of "Pathe," the great French motion picture producer.

Offerings Received from February 28, 1917, Noon-Day Lenten Service, to March 25, 1917, Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Bishop's Offering	$45 85	
Parochial Maintenance	23 20	
Colored Missions	30 21	
Easter Decorations for Church & Sunday School	34 26	
Missionary Box	104 65	
		$238 17

Envelope System:

Charities	$72 40	
Parochial Maintenance	150 00	
Missions	92 28	
Our Work among Boys	25	
Benevolent Society	55	
Episcopal Hospital	20	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	40	
Domestic Missions	50 15	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 25	
Diocesan Missions	30 60	
Foreign Missions	52 70	
Colored Missions	58 30	
Missionary Box	10 10	
Indian Missions	25 00	
Easter Decorations for Church & Sunday School	56 35	
Deaconess House	20	
Sunday School	30	
		$602 03
		$840 20

Summary:

Charities	$72 40
Parochial Maintenance	173 20
Missions	92 28
Our Work among Boys	25
Benevolent Society	55
Episcopal Hospital	20
Sunday School Christmas Festival	40
Domestic Missions	50 15
Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 25
Diocesan Missions	30 60
Foreign Missions	52 70
Colored Missions	88 51
Missionary Box	114 75
Indian Missions	25 00
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	90 61
Deaconess House	20
Sunday School	30
Bishop's Offering	45 85
	$840 20

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Offerings Received during the Church's Financial Year, from April 2, 1916, Fourth Sunday in Lent, to March 28, 1917, Fifth Sunday in Lent, Inclusive.

Offerings Received through the Alms Basins and the Envelope System:

Charities	$1,423 08
Parochial Maintenance	2,137 49
Missions	1,085 51
St. Stephen's Farm	1,323 05
Theological Education	47 99
Our Work among Boys	211 81
Benevolent Society	429 55
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	342 98
Episcopal Hospital	296 53
Sunday School Christmas Festival	108 83
Domestic Missions	87 95
Aged and Infirm Clergy	183 10
Diocesan Missions	917 01
Foreign Missions	115 91
Colored Missions	177 32
Missionary Box	325 13
Indian Missions	79 45
Easter Decorations for the Church and Sunday School	199 10
City Missions	60 83
Deaconess House	93 67
Sunday School	187 61
Bishop's Offerings	45 85
Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund	767 21
American Red Cross Department, Non-Combatant Relief	607 58
Church Pension Fund	161 00
	$11,415 54

Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Treasurer.

Church Pension Fund.

Owing to an error in preparing the manuscript for the printer the subscription of $5.00 given by Miss E. K. Sheaff was omitted and that of Miss Susannah G. Haydock was given as $5.00 instead of $10.00. Subsequent subscriptions are as follows:

The Misses Corrigan	$3 00
Mrs. John O'Donnel	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gensheimer	3 00
Cash (additional)	5 00
Cash	1 00
Mrs. E. Florence Walker	10 00
Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton	5 00

The total amount subscribed by 141 parishioners is $10,653.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

Following the precedent of last year, the Parish Meeting will be deferred till the Wednesday after the first Sunday in May, that is, till May 9. This will be the regular time for the annual meeting. There are a number of advantages in substituting this date for the Wednesday after Easter. By deferring the reports we prolong the work of the societies, and by making the period covered by the reports of uniform length, and avoiding the variations of Easter, the comparisons with former years will be more instructive. Please reserve that date, May 9th, for this annual meeting.

This is an age of democracy, and one of the great needs of our Church is more of the democratic spirit in its life and management. Let us see whether we cannot exemplify the democratic life of Christianity in St. Stephen's. According to our present usage, the Vestry practically elects itself from year to year. According to our Charter the Vestry ought to be elected by those who rent pews or sittings. As the first step toward developing the consciousness that the Church belongs to all its members, it would be wise on Easter Monday to postpone the election till the Parish Meeting on May 9th. Such a postponement is entirely legal and canonical. Then, on that date, the renters of pews and sittings can be invited to elect the Vestry. There is not a scintilla of doubt that they will elect the nominees of the present Vestry, that is to say the present Vestrymen and such new members as the Vestry may suggest to the voters to fill its vacancies. In the course of the year I hope that we can have our Charter changed so that all communicants of the Church who contribute not less than five dollars a year may share with the renters in the privilege of electing a Vestry. As I said in the pulpit several Sundays ago, I am personally an advocate of rotation in the Vestry, believing that it is helpful to pass through the Vestry all the men of the congregation of adequate business experience and standing, and suitable character and zeal. I found such a system in vogue in a parish of which I was the rector for a short time in Cincinnati, where it worked splendidly. I introduced the custom into a conservative and well-established parish in Norfolk, and it proved a great source of strength. I am persuaded that it will greatly enlarge the circle of interested workers if we introduce it into St. Stephen's. We shall elect at least three new members this year on account of the vacancies. If the congregation should adopt it as the rule of elections, that two of the old members would be dropped every year and remain ineligible for office for a year or two, we would gradually pass through the Vestry and acquaint with the administration of the Church all the men in the parish of suitable attainments and character. Moreover, the men who are bearing very heavy loads would be heartened in their labors by the knowledge that a Sabatical year of rest lay ahead of them. I have long had it in my mind to propose this development of the Parish Meeting, and this method of choosing Vestrymen. I hope that it will commend itself to the Vestry and to the congregation. It is not necessary, I trust, to show at any length that

this suggestion implies no criticism of the present Vestry. Our deliberations are fraternal, there is no friction and no dissension. The relations are thoroughly pleasant. The one purpose is to make the congregation realize more fully that a Church is a society in whose administration every member has a rightful voice, and to enlist in the activities of the organization as many people as possible. We know that through the generosity of the loyal Magee family, the Church will receive considerable additions to our endowments in the years to come. The public prints have spread abroad that knowledge. We must not allow it to lessen our exertions. On the contrary, we ought to resolve that we shall so organize, develop and enlarge our Church's activities that we shall have a congregation able to make the most of the increased income that these endowments will eventually confer upon us.

One of the obstacles to this development is our inadequate equipment. Our Sunday School Building is entirely unworthy of the Church. Our great Benevolent Society that aids so many hospitals and provides work for so many sewers, is painfully cramped for space. We have not sufficient quarters for our Girls' Friendly. The boys have no suitable place for their games. Eventually we ought to tear down our Sunday School Building and erect on its site a four or five-story building with an athletic cage on the roof, with quarters for our Verger and Parish Visitor, with suitable working rooms for our societies and a good hall for lectures, Sunday School and so forth. We do not want St. Stephen's to be a chapel of ease, where cultured people use the income of endowments to provide themselves with splendid music and a modern theology at a minimum of cost to themselves. Our aim ought to be so to organize this Church and administer this trust that it may render the largest possible service to the community. As a means to that great end we must have good music, and above all we must have a modern theology. St. Stephen's position in Philadelphia is theological rather than geographical. It stands for the expression of the Everlasting Gospel of God's love to men in the thought forms of the present. "New thoughts of God, new hopes of Heaven" are being given to the Church by the Spirit of God, and we must not close our ears to the new message.

This newness is not confined to theological statements; it is also manifest in methods of instruction. Much of the teaching of the future will be imparted through the camera and the moving picture. Mr. Reifsnyder believes that the possibilities of this new method of instruction have only begun to disclose themselves and has placed in the gallery of the Sunday School Building a magnificent high-power moving picture machine. All the necessary precautions against fire and accident have been taken, and the installation has been approved by the underwriters of our fire insurance. This splendid instrument is under the special care of Mr. Keable, who is an expert in its management. It is a great and most generous addition to our equipment. Mr. Keable plans to make educational and devotional use of it.

On Monday, April 2d, in the Sunday School Building, a reading of John Masefield's poem, "Good Friday," will be given by several members of The New Century Club, under the direction of Miss Laura Bell.

Sunday, April 1st, marks the completion of ten years by James Carrigan, as the Verger of this Church. Miss Dutilh likes to recall that she first commended him to the rector, and I am glad to remember that I nominated him to the Vestry for this important post. The Early Church understood some things better than the Reformation Era. I have always been in sympathy with the early usage of ranking the keepers of the Church's gates, the Ostiarii, among the minor orders of the ministry. The Verger is an Ostiarius, or Doorkeeper raised to the third power, since he takes care not only of our portals but also of the property in all its three dimensions. In the case of James Carrigan he helps to care for the flock as well as looks after the structure of the sheepfold. May he be the Verger of this Church as long as he lives. May he be as helpful through the years to come as he has been the past ten years. There is no better Verger.

Speaking of anniversaries brings to mind that we have a teacher in our Sunday school who completes this year thirty-one years of continuous teaching. Mrs. Vanderslice has given the Church long and faithful service, not only in the Sunday school but also in the Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters, of which she is president, and on the Shoe Committee. Long may she continue to help in every good work.

Before I changed the second service on Sunday from the afternoon to 8 o'clock, I consulted almost all the St. Stephen's people who were regular attendants at the afternoon services. Almost without an exception they agreed that the change was a desirable experiment. I regret to find that I overlooked some of the regular attendants. It was unintentional and the number so overlooked was not sufficient to diminish appreciably the weight of the verdict for a change. There are several people, however, since that time who have told me that they miss the quiet devotional Sunday afternoon service. I want to increase the activities of the Church in every possible direction and would like to multiply the services. I believe that a quiet and helpful service could easily be provided on Sunday afternoons in addition to the great night service. It would be a simple rendition of Evening Prayer with a few singers and the organ and a brief address. If I receive as many as twenty-five requests for such a service I will take measures to provide it, beginning April 22d, and trying it out for a month, or I will make my plans for the conduct of such a service in the fall. It is my duty and also my greatest pleasure to provide services for as many people as possible, at as many different times as possible—all under the rule that the greatest good to the greatest number must be the supreme law.

I shall not at this time endeavor to gather up the lessons of this Lenten season, or attempt to express our gratitude to our Lenten speakers. It has been a successful season and the level of the addresses has been uniformly high. Next Lent I intend to have a regular Wednesday service at 7.45 P. M., with a sermon. Greater provision ought to be made for those who work during the day, and are not situated so that they can avail themselves of the noonday services.

Our country is now in a state of war. Our merchant ships are turned into ships of war. Our Government has resolved to protect the lives of its citizens on the high seas and to join with other nations in establishing by force the ordinances of international law. The colleges are calling on their students and Alumni to place themselves at the disposal of the Government. The Church ought to place its clergy at the disposal of the nations and say: "You will need chaplains to minister to your men in the camp and in the hospital. We offer you the services of those you may desire. The ripeness of experience as well as the fresh buoyancy of youth are both at your command." Why shouldn't St. Stephen's offer the services of its rector to the cause for four or five months? He would be glad to render his country this help, and would return to the congregation greatly increased in efficiency by service in hospital or camp. Hospitals, colleges, business enterprises are acting in this way. Should not the Church and the clergy show the same patriotic spirit?

I need not discuss the question whether such plans are consistent with the spirit of Holy Week. Jesus Christ was not only the sympathizing friend of sinners; he was also the undaunted foe of all oppression and injustice. We are walking in his steps when we seek to protect and help others and endeavor to establish on earth a kingdom of law and righteousness. May His Spirit guide our Church and our Nation in this crisis in our history.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Missionary Items

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There was no address given at the March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. An informal conference and the usual reports of our delegates to the different missionary committees occupied our time. Two new members were enrolled. The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, April 19th, at 11 o'clock. B. E. H.

The United Offering Service.

The Annual Presentation Service of the United Offering will take place in St. Matthew's Church, 18th and Girard avenue, on Thursday, April 26th, at 10.30 A. M. Members of this congregation are invited to attend. The Parish Treasurer, Miss A. Magee, will be pleased to receive contributions toward this Fund.

I learn that the contributions to the United Offering have fallen off. Perhaps the gifts could be increased if the plan adopted by one of the young women in the congregation could be followed by others. Every time she is treated to a lunch or entertainment she puts a small contribution away for the United Offering. It has now amounted to quite a tidy sum. If many followed this example our treasury would overflow.

What Is the United Offering?

1. A Thank Offering for the blessings and privileges of our Christian womanhood.

2. An Over-flow Gift, never interfering with other offerings.

3. A Gift of Substitution. The gift of the woman who cannot go, to help send the woman who can go.

4. The only Offering we have "by women for women."

5. An Offering which unites us as none other does or can, for *every* Churchwoman *everywhere* may share in it, whether she be young or old, rich or poor, active worker or shut-in. That is *the Ideal* for our United Offering. There are about 35,000 women communicants in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and it is safe to say that not more than 6,000 have a share in this offering. Will *you* tell someone about it?

6. A Fund highly valued by the Board of Missions. Mr. Wood, the secretary of the Board, says: "Its value as a financial resource is immense." Dr. Burleson wrote in 1915: "When the Board begins its fiscal year, facing responsibilities which reach the sum of $1,500,000, pledged to the missionary bishops in the name of the Church, it has in hand only one asset of which it is absolutely certain—the annual portion of the United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary." (Now that he—Bishop Burleson—is a misionary bishop, surely our United Offering will mean even more to him!)

HOUSE OF BETHANY,
CAPE MOUNT, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA.

DEAR MR. KIRKPATRICK:

The draft for £10. 6. 2 just received and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the work of St. Stephen's Sunday school—it is perfectly splendid of them—and also thank you for the most kind letter, card, paper, etc. It makes one feel much better in this far-off land to know she is being remembered by those at home. The check came just at the right time as I am in Monrovia to attend the Convocation which opens next Wednesday. I am waiting for the business agent to take me to bank, he being up the river for a few days. I left Cape Mount early Thursday morning. It was so bright and clear, but oh! when we reached the bar it was hard work getting through. The sea was fearfully heavy; the launch broke her rudder and funnel, and the engineer had to put his fire out several miles from Monrovia which was, it seems, putting us in rather a dangerous position. However, we are all alive to tell the tale, for which we are thankful enough. There is much to tell, but I cannot write more now, as the steamer is expected at any moment to take the mail, so shall say an African good-bye, "Jam ahway," until next week. From the piazza where I am waiting, can look over a few hundred yards into the President's "Man Tion." Many, many thanks to all my dear friends for the so-much-needed money. With kindest regards, I am, Sincerely,

SARAH ELIZABETH CONWAY.

January 20, 1917.

The Benevolent Society.

The workers of the Benevolent Society are anxious that the number of garments made should equal the total of previous years. They have given two extra days of their time to cut out work in order that there might be extra work for all sewers. Will the ladies of the Church cooperate with us, and kindly buy the useful and necessary articles in our closets? We are well-stocked with the following articles: Towels, maids' gingham and garden aprons, canton flannel house cloths, and so forth.

Our Girls' Friendly Doings.

On Monday, April 2d, at 8 P. M., in the Sunday School Building, a reading of John Masefield's dramatic poem, "Good Friday," will be given by several members of The New Century Club, under the direction of Miss Laura Bell. The G. F. S. feel very fortunate in securing the services of these accomplished women for this reading, and cordially invite the members of the Parish to be present.

The girls are busy with sewing for St. Michael and All Angels' Home for Colored Crippled Children. If I am not mistaken, this is the only Home in Pennsylvania, if not in the country, for Colored Crippled Children.

On April 16th, the Annual Entertainment in aid of the Girls' Friendly work outside the parish will be given in the Sunday School Building.

On April 23d, Mrs. Anna B. Scott, the North American Cooking Expert and Food Economist, will give a talk on eight hot breads and a dessert.

From the Burd School.

The congregation are cordially invited to attend the Elocution Recital and Glee Club Concert, to be held at The Burd School, on April 13th, at 8.15 P. M.

King's Daughters of the Whatsoever Circle.

Interest received from Estate of Mr. Patton (through Mr. Hunter Ewing) $34 28

This Circle will have their next meetings April 4th and 18th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock. Owing to stormy weather and some of the members being away, we still have quite a little sewing to finish before Lent is over.

The Sunday School.

Our Cross and Crown system of awarding badges for regularity of attendance is taking on a new lease of life since the recent awards by Mr. Keable. James Merchant heads the winners by getting fifth honors; that is, he wears the gold badge with an encircling wreath and a pendant for each of his succeeding years of faithfulness.

Our plan of lesson-study has led us through the Old Testament to the Life of Christ, on which we are now busy. In about four Sundays more we will be ready to review the first quarter of the new series, with beautiful lantern slide illustrations.

Since the Older Boys' and Girls' Conference of last January, at which we had four delegates, two of our classes, Miss Nodine's girls, and Mr. Marvin's boys, have joined the State Association of Organized Teen-age Classes. That is, each class is officered, with plans and duties for each member, under the leadership of the teacher. Florence Elsner and James Merchant, of these classes, have been appointed on the Inter-Sunday School Council of Older Boys and Girls. In this and in many other ways is our school alive to its progressive possibilities.

Among the many things for which we are grateful of late, is the kindness of the Church in giving us the new flooring in our main room.

We trust that our many good and helpful friends will not forget the date of Sunday afternoon, April 15th, at four o'clock, when we have our Annual Easter Carol Service in the Church. Rev. Mr. Keable is now busy with us each Sunday, leading with precision and earnestness in our carol practice. We will particularly be pleased to have present at this service not only our relatives and the Church folk, but also those who may in former years have been interested, as scholars, teachers and officers. One of the happy sides of this bright occasion is the annual reunion of former members of our school that then occurs. Our Lenten boxes are being filled for the presentation of our Easter Offering to Missions, to be made on this Sunday afternoon, April 15th. We cordially invite everyone to come and realize the buoyant religious spirit of our school, and particularly to see and hear the little ones of our Primary Department.

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Annual Supper Meeting to Junior Directors of the Diocese, given in our Guild Room, Tuesday evening, March 13th, had present some sixty representatives of the Chapters of this city. Mr. Keable extended the word of welcome to our visitors. It was conceded the best meeting of its kind we have yet had. The Director and the boys of our Junior Chapter, who were, of course, present, desire to express their appreciation to Miss Lewis and our good friends, not forgetting the teachers of the Sunday school, who so kindly assisted us in its success.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in March:

Money received in March from those receiving shoes	2 90
Donation from Mrs. W. Hollar	$2 00
Total	$4 90

Gave out in March, 12 pairs of shoes and 6 pairs of overshoes.

Memorial Flower Fund.

1917.

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5.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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25.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 2.—Misses Davis.
9.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
16.—Mrs. Petry.
23.—Miss Emily Bell.
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
30.—Mrs. Colket.

There are ten things for which no one has ever yet been sorry. These are:

For doing good to all.
For being patient toward everyone.
For hearing before judging.
For thinking before speaking.
For holding an angry tongue.
For being kind to the distressed.
For asking pardon for all wrongs.
For speaking evil of none.
For stopping the ears to a tale-bearer.
For disbelieving most of the ill reports.

The Power of Intercession.

"Before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."—Isa. 65: 24.

The weary ones had rest, the sick had joy that day
And wondered how.
The ploughman, singing at his work, had prayed,
"God help them now."
Alone in foreign lands they wondered how
Their feeble word had power.
At home the Christians, two or three, had met
To pray an hour.
So we are always wondering, wondering long,
Because we do not see
Some one, unknown perhaps, and far away,
On bended knee.

The Events of the Last Week of Our Saviour's Life

SATURDAY EVENING.

PLACE.	TIME.	EVENT.
Bethany, a village two miles from Jerusalem	Evening.	Supper at St. Simon's house: Lazarus present. Mary breaks alabaster box and anoints Jesus' feet. The covetousness of Judas foiled.

SUNDAY. (Palm Sunday.)

Road from Bethany to Jerusalem over Mt. of Olives.	Early Morning.	Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Starts from Bethany accompanied by multitude. Sends Disciples ahead to Bethphage for ass and colt. Multitudes come to Jerusalem to meet Him. All shout Hosanna and strew palm branches in the way—St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John.
Slope of Mt. of Olives. Temple. Bethany.	Noon. Evening.	Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. Jesus teaches in Temple all day. Returns at night to Bethany.

MONDAY.

Road from Bethany. Temple. Bethany.	Morning. Evening.	Jesus curses the barren fig tree. Casts out buyers and sellers from the Temple. "My House shall be called the House of Prayer." Teaches in Temple all day. Returns at night to Bethany.

TUESDAY.

Road from Bethany. Temple.	Morning.	The fig tree withered away. Deputation from Sanhedrim awaiting Him in Temple. "By what authority doest Thou these things?" The reply of Christ. Parable of the "Two Sons." Parable of the "Wicked Husbandmen." Parable of the "Wedding Garment." His enemies combine together to entrap Him. Herodians' Question about "Tribute." Sadducees' Question about "The Resurrection." Pharisees' Question about "Great Commandment." Our Lord's Question about "Two Natures of Christ,"

TUESDAY.—(Continued.)

PLACE.	TIME.	EVENT.
Temple.	Morning.	The widow casts her two mites into the Treasury.
Slope of Mt. of Olives.		Jesus takes final leave of the Temple.
		Disciples' exclamation, "See what stones are here!"
		Prophecy of Destruction of Jerusalem.
Road towards Bethany.	Evening.	Parable of the "Ten Virgins."
		Parable of the "Ten Talents."
		Returns at night to Bethany.

WEDNESDAY.

Bethany.		Jesus spends the day in retirement with the Apostles.
		Foretells His Crucifixion.
		Council of Sanhedrim at Palace of Caiaphas to take Jesus by subtlety and kill Him.
		Judas goes to Jerusalem and agrees with the chief priests to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

THURSDAY. (Maundy Thursday.)

Bethany.	Forenoon.	Jesus spends greater part of the day in retirement.
		Peter and John sent to Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover.
Jerusalem.		Jesus proceeds to Jerusalem towards evening.
In the upper room.	Evening.	The Passover Feast with the Twelve.
		Ambitious contention among Disciples.
		Jesus gives a lesson on humility by washing the Disciples' feet.
		Jesus foretells His betrayal.
		The sop given to Judas, who goes out to prepare for the betrayal.
		Jesus gives to the Apostles the "New Commandment," "That ye love one another as I have loved you."
		Institutes the Lord's Supper.
		Foretells Peter's denial.
		Consoles His disciples with the discourse—"Let not your hearts be troubled," and "I am the Vine."
		Christ's Sacrificial Prayer.—St. John 17.
		They sing a hymn; 2d part of the "Hallel." Ps. 115-118.
Gethsemane.	Night.	Jesus crosses brook Kedron to garden of Gethsemane.
		Christ's Agony and Bloody Sweat.
		Judas, accompanied by a band with torches and weapons, betrays Him with a kiss.
		Peter's resistance.
		Jesus' submission.
		The disciples' flight.
Jerusalem.	Midnight.	Jesus brought before Annas.
Palace of High Priest.		Jesus brought before Caiaphas.
		Peter and John follow and enter the outer court.
		Peter's first denial.

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FRIDAY. (Good Friday.)

PLACE.	TIME.	EVENT.
High Priest's Palace	Bet. 12 & 3 a.m.	Peter denies Jesus second and third time.
Council Hall.	Very Early.	Jesus condemned by Sanhedrim.
		Judas' remorse.
Pilate's Tribunal.	Bet. 6 & 9 a.m.	Jesus before Pontius Pilate.
Herod's Tribunal.		Sent before Herod and mocked.
Pilate's Tribunal.		Sent back to Pilate.
		Pilate seeks to release Him.
		Pilate warned by his wife.
		Pilate delivers Jesus to be scourged.
		The Jews not satisfied.
		Pilate releases Barabbas.
		Pilate delivers Jesus to the mob.
		Jesus mocked, struck and spitted on.
On the way to Calvary.	Before 9 a.m.	Jesus hurried on towards Calvary.
		The women bewail Him.
On Calvary.	9 a.m.	Christ Crucified, at time of Morning Sacrifice.
On the Cross.	9 to 3.	Jesus' prayer for His murderers.
		Soldiers cast lots for His garments.
		Jesus reviled on the Cross.
	12 to 3.	Miraculous Darkness.
	12 to 3.	The repentant thief forgiven.
		Christ's Mother committed to St. John.
	3 p.m.	Christ dies, at time of Evening Sacrifice.
		Earthquake and Veil of Temple rent in twain.
		Jesus' Body pierced by a spear.
		Joseph of Arimathea obtains leave to bury the Body.
The Sepulchre.	Before 6 p.m.	The Body taken from the Cross and buried by Joseph and Nicodemus.
	6 p.m.	The first day of Christ's burial.
		The women observe the place.
		Hasten to buy spices before the Sabbath.
		The two Marys last at the Sepulchre.

SATURDAY. (Easter Even.)

The Sepulchre.		Second day of Jesus' burial. Sabbatum Magnum.
		Chief Priests and Pharisees appoint a guard.
Jerusalem.		Sepulchre sealed and a watch set.
	Evening.	The two Marys and Salome engaged in preparing spices to anoint the Body.

End of Holy Week.

SUNDAY. (Easter.)

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

PLACE.	TIME.	EVENT.
The Sepulchre.	Very Early in the Morning.	A great earthquake.
		An angel descends from heaven and rolls away the stone.
		Christ rises from the dead, the keepers flying in terror.
		The women come and find the Sepulchre empty.
		Mary Magdalene hastens back to the Apostles. The others remaining.
		They see the angels and depart.
		Peter and John run to the Sepulchre.
		Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.
		Jesus meets the other women and says "All hail."
		Jesus appears to St. Peter.
Road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, a village 8 miles distant.	Evening.	Jesus walks with the two Disciples and is made known to them "in the Breaking of Bread."
Room in Jerusalem.	Late in the Evening.	Jesus appears to the ten Apostles (St. Thomas being absent) and shows them His hands and His feet.

The Lord preserve thy going out,
The Lord preserve thy coming in,
God send His angels round about
To keep thy soul from every sin.
And when thy going out is done.
And when thy coming in is o'er.
When in death's darkness all alone
Thy feet can come and go no more.
The Lord preserve thy going out,
From this dark world of grief and sin,
While angels standing round about
Sing "God preserve thy coming in."

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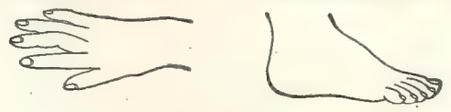

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HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
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9.45 A. M.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

April 2.—Hugh Bellas Walker.
15.—William Alfred Casey.
Jonathan Carlin Shedland.
George Nelson Mart.
22.—Margaret Mitchell MacPhee.
Dounel Hughes Anthony.
May 6.—Dorothy Marinda Scherzer.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 11.—August D. Andersen and Elizabeth W. Moore.
16.—Joseph Alden and Daisy Holliday.
21.—Paul Revere Brown and Miriam Turner.
21.—Walter J. Throckmorton and Lydia Ruth Turner.
23.—Harold K. Burleigh and Olive F. Stewart.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours."

April 3.—Hugh Bellas Walker.
6.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhn.
20.—Mrs. Ida Lewis.

Offerings Received from March 28, 1917, to April 30, 1917.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$72 30	
Missionary Box	66 73	
City Missions	31 51	
Theological Education	33 72	
Benevolent Society	22 37	
Parochial Maintenance	28 80	
St. Stephen's Farm	346 59	
		$602 02

Envelope System:		
Charities	$157 15	
Parochial Maintenance	181 21	
Missions	134 54	
St. Stephen's Farm	969 84	
Theological Education	33 66	
Work among Boys	2 00	
Benevolent Society	67 58	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	251 77	
Episcopal Hospital	35	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	97	
Domestic Missions	35	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	62	
Diocesan Missions	1 07	
Foreign Missions	1 37	
Colored Missions	29 28	
Missionary Box	5 87	
Indian Missions	70	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	15 21	
City Missions	24 41	
Deaconess House	60	
Sunday School	1 45	
Belgian Children Relief	18 80	
		$1898 80
		$2500 82

Summary:		
Charities	$229 45	
Parochial Maintenance	210 01	
Missions	134 54	
St. Stephen's Farm	1316 43	
Theological Education	67 38	
Work among Boys	2 00	
Benevolent Society	89 95	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	251 77	
Episcopal Hospital	35	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	97	
Domestic Missions	35	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	62	
Diocesan Missions	1 07	
Foreign Missions	1 37	
Colored Missions	29 28	
Missionary Box	72 60	
Indian Missions	70	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	15 21	
City Missions	55 92	
Deaconess House	60	
Sunday School	1 45	
Belgian Children Relief	18 80	
		$2500 82

Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Annual Report of the Church Warden.

Receipts.

April 1, 1916, Balance on hand		$1,576 72
General Endowment	$3,861 39	
Rudder Memorial Fund	590 25	
Cleeman Endowment Fund	492 02	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund	1,099 84	
James R. Magee Endowment Fund	412 31	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Endowment Fund	210 38	
Julia Garrett Endowment Fund	84 35	
Endowment of Pews	538 17	
Endowment of Music	52 46	
Pew Rents	6,190 60	
Parochial Maintenance	2,278 11	
Deficiency Fund	2,220 00	
Interest on Deposits	65 18	
Easter Decorations	110 04	
Sunday School	187 61	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	108 53	
Work among Our Boys	211 81	
Repair Fund	193 00	
Church Account		18,906 05
Principal—Endowment Fund (Envelopes)	348 08	
" " Fund (Estate Josephine Lewis)	2,500 00	
" Endowment of Pew No. 72 (Estate Josephine Lewis)	2,500 00	
Principal—Endowment Fund (paid off)	1,511 74	
" Endowment of Pews (paid off)	500 00	
" Endowment of Pew No. 77 (Estate Fannie S. Magee)	2,500	
Principal Rudder Memorial Fund (paid off)	3,435 20	
Principal Endowment for Female Benevolent Society (Estate Hettie Oldden)	200 00	
Principal Account		13,495 02
Campbell Memorial Fund	147 81	
S. B. Wylie-Mitchell Vault Fund	17 32	
Lathrop Legacy	6 92	
Female Benevolent Society	566 80	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	140 58	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	27 72	
Wilkins Legacy, acct. Girls' Friendly	19 80	
Income on Endowments for specified objects in Parish		926 95
Missionary Box	491 11	
Charities	1,417 71	
Special objects in Parish		1,908 82
Missions	1,258 60	
Indian Missions	79 45	
Foreign Missions	114 21	
Domestic Missions	95 44	
Colored Missions	173 07	
Pennsylvania Apportionment		7,720 77
Episcopal Hospital	296 43	
City Missions	60 85	
Diocesan Missions	949 72	
Lenten Offering	161 81	
Advent Offering	15 81	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	181 10	
Theological Education	47 99	
St. Stephen's Farm	2 30	

Bishop's Offering	45 85	
Wilkins Legacy, acct. Farm	15 84	
Special Objects in Diocese		1,777 70
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Philadelphia		60 00
Deaconess House		185 07
Church Pension Fund		561 00
American National Red Cross Department of Non-Combatant Relief		586 88
Red Cross		20 70
Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund		220 21
Burley Trust		48 00
Loan	1,000 00	
Loan returned by Farm	500 00	
Contribution from "A Friend"	1,300 00	2,800 00
		$44,793 89

1917		
April 2, To Balance		$586 52
Payments.		
Salaries (four)		$10,045 00
Rent of Rectory	1,350 00	
Choir	4,505 98	
Electric Light, Power and Gas	359 92	
Coal	342 65	
Repairing, Painting, etc	337 26	
Parochial Maintenance	1,653 80	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	619 42	
Sustentation Fund	77 89	
Easter Decorations	60 00	
Sunday School	293 16	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	159 78	
Mission Hymnals	12 50	
Work among Our Boys	283 76	
Church Account		$20,101 12
Principal—Endowment Funds invested		13,569 87
Campbell Memorial Fund	120 00	
Lathrop Legacy	6 92	
Female Benevolent Society	563 56	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	160 38	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	6 07	
Specified Objects in Parish		856 93
Missionary Box	491 11	
Charities	1,417 71	
Special Objects in Parish		1,908 82
Missions	881 60	
Woman's Auxiliary (Missions)	350 00	
Indian Missions	79 45	
Foreign Missions	114 21	
Domestic Missions	95 44	
Colored Missions	173 07	
Pennsylvania Apportionment		1,693 77
Episcopal Hospital	296 43	
Diocesan Missions	949 72	
Lenten Offering	161 81	
Advent Offering	15 81	
Bishop's Offering	45 85	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	181 10	
Theological Education	46 94	
St. Stephen's Farm	17 06	
City Missions	58 23	
Special Objects in Diocese		1,772 95
The American National Red Cross Department of Non-Combatant Relief		586 88
Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund		220 21
Red Cross Society		20 70
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Phila.		30 00
Church Pension Fund		561 00
Deaconess House		185 12
		5,561.74
Loan to Farm	100 00	
Loan returned	2,500 00	2,600 00
Burley Trust		100 00
Balance in Penna. Co.		586 52
		$44,793 89

Respectfully submitted,
J. HUNTER EWING,
Warden.

St. Stephen's Farm.

Cr. Cash Contributions.

Receipts		
April 1, 1916, Balance on hand		$168 19
The Easter Collections—		
Cash	$326 11	
"A Friend"	100 00	
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	25 00	
Mr. C. Howard Colket	25 00	
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	25 00	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25 00	
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	50 00	
Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	50 00	
Mrs. Oliver B. Judson	10 00	
Mrs. Benj. B. Reath	10 00	
Mrs. A. D. A.	10 00	
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.	10 00	
Mr. Chas. N. Van Dusen	10 00	
Miss Laura Bell	10 00	
Miss Emily Bell	5 00	
Miss Ella Headman	5 00	
Mrs. James Suydam	5 00	
Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford	5 00	
Miss Martha McDowell	5 00	
Miss Alverta S. Van Dusen	5 00	
Miss E. J. Davis	5 00	
Miss J. P. Davis	5 00	
Miss A. Davis	5 00	
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, Jr.	5 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar	10 00	
Dr. Carl E. Grammer	5 00	
Mr. Howard Reifsnyder	5 00	
Mr. Robert T. Boyd	5 00	
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	250 00	
		1,011 11
Donations—		
E. J. Moore	500 00	
"A Friend"	250 00	
H. H. Barton, Jr.	100 00	
"A Friend"	50 00	
Mrs. Adelaide V. Brunner	25 00	
Mr. John Cadwalader	25 00	
		950 00

Donations.

Mothers' Meeting for Improvements	28 31	
Girls' Friendly for 3 iron bedsteads	36 00	
For swing	65 00	
		129 31
Wilkin's Endowment		14 76
Horse sold		84 50
Cash for 'phone call		5 36
Amount returned by Superintendent 92c. and rebate on coal bill 13c.		1 05
Received from Church in envelopes		14 60
Interest on Deposits		9 29
Paid on account of R. M. Dager's loan		129 29
Loan due Church		100 00
		$2,608 46
April 2, 1917, Balance		$103 41
Memorandum:		
Loan from Church 1915-1916	$1,200 00	
On which was paid	500 00	
		700 00
Additional loan from Church		100 00
Due by Farm to the Church		800 00

Dr. Houses Expenses.

Payments:		
House Supplies	$748 83	
House Superintendent	200 00	
Coal	34 78	
Telephone	39 83	
Printing, etc.	3 85	
Tickets	20 00	
Doctor and Drugs	15 65	
Wages for man	54 00	
Beds and Mattresses	36 45	
		1,153 39

Repairs to House.

Painting, papering, repairing and material	408 57	
Plumbing	75 74	
Hardware	39 18	
		523 49

Farm Expenses

Blacksmith, Oil, etc.	40 81	
Battery for engine, etc	6 05	
Fertilizing	32 00	
Toll	3 15	
Taxes	108 23	
Insurance on Live Stock	8 68	
		198 92
Part of loan paid off		500 00
Amount due R. M. Dager which has been credited against his loan		55 26
New Swing, etc.		73 96
Balance in bank		103 41
		$2,608 46

Respectfully submitted,
J. HUNTER EWING,
Treasurer.

Red Cross Ambulance Fund of St. Stephen's Church.

Dr. Chas. Frazier	$100 00
H.	500 00
Mr. Rowland Morris	50 00
Mr. W. H. Richardson	5 00
E.	500 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	5 00
S.	10 00
E.	100 00
Mr. Randolph Sailer	10 00
Mr. J. H. Wallace	50 00
Mrs. E. L. Suydam	125 00
King's Daughters	10 00
Miss Williamson	10 00
Miss E. H. Smith	2 00
Mr. James Carrigan	2 00
Miss Anna M. Lane	5 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	20 00
Miss K. Lewis	2 00
Mr. William Randolph	10 00
Mrs. S. H. Austin	25 00
H. H.	100 00
No Name	1 60
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	20 00
Miss P. Carpen	1 00
Mrs. H. E. B.	10 00
F. B. K.	4 00
F. E. K.	2 00
Prof. E. R. Johnson	5 00
Mr. Black	2 00
Mr. Howard	1 00
Mr. R. T. B.	10 00
Misses Davis	5 00
Cash	5 00
M. H. R.	20 00
Mr. H. H. Bilyeu	5 00
Mrs. H. S. Lucas	25 00
Ch.	25 00
Jp.	25 00
Mrs. Mortimer Brown	25 00
Dr. C. E. Grammer	25 00
Mrs. H. P. Taylor	5 00
Miss Anna M. W. Pennypacker	1 00
Miss Ella R. Dwier	2 00
Miss Josephine Hecker	1 00
A Stranger	1 00
Miss Elizabeth Carrigan	2 00
Mrs. Lawle	1 00
Mrs. Mary E. Eastwood and Misses Daley	10 00
Miss McDowell	25 00
Mrs. Pancoast	10 00
Mrs. E. A. Grammer	5 00
Mrs. Higham	5 00
Mrs. Blanche M. Harper	5 00
Miss Farrell	2 00
Miss Millar	5 00
Mrs. Turner	3 00
Girls' Friendly Society	10 00
Mr. Richard L. Wallace	25 00
E. D.	1 00
Mrs. A. D. A.	50 00
Mrs. Benj. B. Reath	25 00
Miss Fannie W. Gebhart	25 00
Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.	4 75
Dr. F. G. Cooper	10 00
Mr. William Brown	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry	10 00
Dr. Herbert Old	50 00
Mr., Mrs. and Miss Clemens	3 00
Miss Muller	2 00
Miss Rebecca A. Lowenberg	1 00
Mr. Chas. L. McKeehan	10 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	168 25
Miss M. S. Holt	1 00
A. W. D.	1 00
Miss Minnie Corrigan	1 00
Misses Margaret and Mae Snedden	2 00
Miss E. H. Headman	5 00
Friend of 34	5 00
Mrs. Chas. Noblit	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Colket	15 00
Miss A. V. Morgan	5 00
Mr. Wm. B. Campbell	25 00
Mr. A. P. Shannon	10 00
Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.	2 00
Mrs. A. Hewson	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cox	10 00
Mr. W. Gardner Crowell	25 00
Mrs. J. Gordon Maxwell	3 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Miss Laura Bell	10 00
Miss B. M. Grammer	1 00
Total	$2481 00

Check drawn to order of Dr. Chas. H. Frazier $2320 00
Check drawn to order of Miss A. J. Magee 161 00

$2481 00

E. W. MOORE,
Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

The Parish Meeting on May 9th was a great success. It is true that the Girls' Friendly and the Mothers' Meeting did not come in a body, as at our former Parish Meetings. Their absence, however, betokened no lack of loyalty on the part of their members. We had witnessed, on former occasions, the splendid membership of those valuable guilds and had made it clear that the Parish Meeting this year was to be limited to those who were technically the members of the Parish. It was decided to have the session in the second story of the Parish House, in order that the reports might be more readily heard, and the parish business more readily transacted. For this meeting was not to be merely a time for the hearing of news, the congregation was also assembled to exercise its corporate functions and elect the Vestry. The election had been duly postponed to this time, and after a brief opening service by the Rector, the Accounting Warden, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, took the chair as the judge of the election. Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen nominated a number of persons, upon whom a nominating conference of the old Vestry had previously agreed. Mr. Boyd and Mr. Hansell acted as tellers and fellow-judges of election with Mr. Ewing.

The provisions of the charter in regard to the election of the Vestry were duly explained by the chairman, who also made it perfectly clear that any other nominations might be made and any other names of qualified persons placed on the tickets. After all the renters of pews or sittings, who alone possess the franchise, had voted, the polls were kept open for one hour. During the period of waiting reports of the Societies, which are published in this issue, were read. At the close of the poll, the votes were counted and the result announced. All the old Vestrymen, who would allow themselves to be re-nominated, were elected, and five new members were added to make our full complement. Forty-five votes were cast, and the 12 Vestrymen were all elected at one ballot.

While Mr. Ewing was still in the chair, Mr. Roland S. Morris offered a resolution to be presented to the Courts, requesting that communicants who contributed as much as $5.00 annually to the support of the Church be given the franchise as well as the renters of pews and sittings. In speaking to this resolution he pointed out that this step was a logical development of the policy of the parish. In olden days the franchise was limited to pew owners. Later it was extended to renters of pews. In Dr. Rudder's time renters of sittings were added. Now that the Envelope System had become one of the mainstays of the Church, it is proper to add communicants who contribute the specified amount annually. He also emphasized the leadership that St. Stephen's had always shown in liberality, whether that liberality were doctrinal, ecclesiastical or social, and gave it as his judgment that the permanence of St. Stephen's influence, while so many other down-town churches had been compelled to move to other sections, or had declined into feebleness was chiefly due to this Church's courageous progressiveness.

The year's record of achievement was, he held, noteworthy, even in the annals of this great Parish, and he appealed for unanimous adoption of the resolution. A hearty unanimous vote showed that his sentiments were

thoroughly approved and that the loyalty of the congregation was kindled by the review of the parish's history.

On one occasion Henry Clay was visiting a farmhouse on the birthday of a son who had come to years of sufficient discretion to be trusted with fire-arms. A fine fowling piece awaited the lad when he came down to breakfast that morning. The giver had preferred to remain unknown, but the boy was wild to discover his name. Splendid as was the shotgun he could not give it his full attention while his curiosity remained unsatisfied. At last Mr. Clay suggested that he cease questioning and devote himself to the gun. "It will make its own report," said the great orator. That is how I feel about the work of these various societies; they make their own report. They show an increase of work in every department. There is, however, one feature of our winter's work that here is unrepresented. It is the work of the Committee in charge of the Night Services on Sunday. The money collected by this committee was not passed through the treasurer's books. The whole enterprise rested upon the shoulders of a group of generous contributors. It represented an experiment. As the chairman of the committee, Mr. Reifsnyder happily expressed it, it was a strong tonic for the old Church. It represented a splendid and generous expenditure, and its wisdom has been vindicated in a greatly increased attendance at the second service on Sunday, and in numerous ways. Among others there has grown out of the activities and fraternal intercourse of this committee a closer knitting together of the men who attend St. Stephen's. On two Sunday evenings a group of 35 or 40 have had supper together at 6 o'clock, and then gone over to the night service and worshiped together. The last supper was held on a Friday night, when numerous matters were discussed, and some moving pictures were shown. The next supper will be on the second Sunday in June. The place will be the Sunday School Building. The hour will be 6 o'clock. Men connected with the Parish in any way or attendants on our services are invited to send in their names and to come and bring a friend.

Now that our young men are going off to training camps, St. Stephen's is making its contribution. We claim a special interest in the following: Frank Wilbur Smith, who has received a Major's commission, Norman Turner, who is a Second Lieutenant of Engineers, Harry M. C. Hewson, Tristram C. Colket, 2d, Henry Reifsnyder, Charles Marbet and Herbert Ellis.

Though neither they nor their families are connected officially with the congregation, I feel constrained to mention also: Walter Lee Lukens, and the three sons of Mr. Meek, of The Press. Let us bear them in our hearts and pray God to keep them from danger to the body and also from the dangers that assault and hurt the soul. These are days when we ought to search our hearts and implore God to give us a right judgment. It is a solemn sight to see an only son going off to the wars, a young husband leaving his blooming young wife for a bed in the fearful trench, a youth who has just begun to taste the pleasures of manhood's vigor, placing it at hazard for the sake of the honor of his native land, the upholding of those laws of righteousness and public order that are the mainstay of civilization and the protection of free institutions against aristocracies and divine right kings.

May God show each one of us what we ought to do. May we show our loyalty to these principles by living in obedience to our country's laws and ideals, in righteousness of word and deed, in loyal devotion to those principles of brotherhood, social justice and freedom.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Ambulance for Base Hospital No. 34.

Last month at a supper of a number of the men of the congregation, Dr. Charles H. Frazier explained the system of Base Hospitals, that had been adopted by the Government. Every Base Hospital will be organized by some reputable hospital, and will be able to care for 500 patients.

Base Hospital, No. 34, is being officered by the Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Frazier hoped to go as its surgeon-in-chief, but has been detained by his duties at the University. Through his exertions, however, this unit has been fully equipped. The men of St. Stephen's readily raised over 1,000 dollars and then the Treasurer of the fund, Mr. E. W. Moore, made a brief statement on Sunday, May 13th, of the nature of the Base Hospital, and appealed to the congregation to raise the required amount, $2,400 in all. Before the following Sunday the contributions had risen to within $168.25 of the $2,400, and Miss Anna Magee generously agreed to make herself responsible for the balance. On Sunday, the 20th, Mr. Moore placed the check in the Alms Basin and it was solemnly presented as a gift to the Giver of all blessings, and then formally handed to Dr. Frazier who accepted it with appropriate words. The ambulance will bear a plate with the inscription:

Provided by
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
(Protestant Episcopal)
Philadelphia

It will have a white chassès, with a regulation U. S. Army body, and providing accommodations for four reclining and eight sitting patients, equipped with blankets, stretcher, etc.

Since the presentation enough money has come in to enable the committee to complete the required amount without using more than $7.25 of Miss Magee's generous gift.

Never was money raised more readily, more spontaneously, or for a cause which appealed more generally to the congregation.

Report of the Benevolent Society.

Began fiscal year, Nov. 8, 1916 with balance in bank	$ 139 54	
Collections, gifts and income from legacies	869 66	
		$1009 20
Paid women for sewing (average of 20 women each week)	$ 669 08	
Paid for materials and for supplies	337 63	
		$ 946 71
Balance in bank and cash in hand at close of fiscal year, April 25, 1917		$ 62 49

.Ela Hansell, Treasurer.

The Benevolent Society opened the first Wednesday in November and had an unusually successful season. We have worked for seventeen hospitals and homes, one being the "Society of The Little House of St. Pantaleon," in France. We were glad to help them a little in their great need, and feel we were not neglecting those at home. We have made 7,000 articles, that being far the largest number we have ever accomplished.

The hospitals speak very highly of our work. Everyone in the Society is earnest and faithful. The new members, who have been a great help to us, seem filled with the same spirit, making it a very happy Society. We love to meet and are sorry to part. We are very crowded and wish some one would give us a larger room.

Respectfully submitted,
CORNELIA L. EWING, *Vice-President.*
May 9, 1917.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

The usual meetings of the Aid Society were held on Friday mornings during Lent. The activities of the organization are limited to this short period and to the making of baby garments to be distributed among the poor of the parish. This year we had an average attendance of 12, other members not able to attend the meetings did the work at home. Thanks are due to the King's Daughters for their assistance.

One hundred and forty-three garments and 94 miscellaneous articles were made. Thanks are due to Mrs. Austin, Miss Gebhart and Miss Kirkpatrick for their generous donations.

Balance on hand, April, 1916	$4 02	
Received from Dr. Grammer	15 00	
Received from Mrs. Austin	5 00	
Received from Miss Gebhart	10 00	
Received from Miss Kirkpatrick	90	
Received from a friend	2 00	
		$36 92
Expenditures		36 82
Balance on hand, May 1, 1917		10

EMILY K. CAMPBELL, *President.*

Missionary Items

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Seven stated meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary are held during the season, beginning in October and closing in April. The average attendance has been twenty-three, and one hundred and twenty-two members are enrolled, including three new members.

At the opening meeting the President read an appreciation of Miss Fannie S. Magee, whose death in the summer was recorded, and due recognition was made of her great interest in and service to the Auxiliary as its first president.

Mrs. W. H. P. Anderson of India gave a pathetic account of her work among the lepers, of whom there are so many in that country, and a contribution of sixteen dollars was made toward the amelioration of their deplorable condition. At the November meeting Rev. C. E. Snavely of Cuba made an interesting address, noting the development of the people and asking for funds for Church equipment, and received forty dollars from individuals and the treasury combined.

In December the meeting was held in the afternoon, when the members of the Auxiliary were given the opportunity to meet Mrs. John Markoe, the president of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Markoe spoke of the different missions to the Indians, and after a rapid review of the work which had been done among them and what remains to be carried on, tea was served, and, despite the inclement weather, there were forty members assembled.

At the January meeting Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Penland, North Carolina, gave an account of the Appalachian Industrial School and the progress of the work of the Church among the mountaineers, and was exceedingly grateful for the twenty-five dollars voted him by the Auxiliary.

Miss Mildred H. Lane's intelligent analysis of conditions among the Indians in Alaska was heard with keen interest at the meeting in February, and the sum of ten dollars was donated for the door and window fund to give light and air to one cabin as a means of preventing the scourge of tuberculosis. The March meeting was devoted to a conference and satisfactory discussion of many matters arising from month to month, which could not be treated in detail while a speaker was waiting to make an address.

The last meeting of the season was held in April, when Deaconess Carroll gave a graphic description of work among the Italians in this city and made an earnest appeal for volunteer workers. The annual election was held, resulting in the re-election of the former officers and delegates with several new delegates, who are assured of a warm welcome.

In addition to these seven meetings the members have been asked to attend various other meetings held at other churches and at the Church House, among them the exercises conducted on the Diocesan Educational Day, the All-Day Missionary Meeting on St. Paul's Day at Christ Church, the Diocesan services during the week of the Pilgrimage of Prayer begun at St. Stephen's on February 5, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Conferences of Diocesan and Parish Officers and Delegates, and the Pageant of the Growth of Missions at the Metropolitan Opera House. The delegates have been faithful to their duty in bringing back reports from these extra meetings, as well as from the monthly meetings of the five committees, at which meetings the annual pledges have been filled to count on the apportionment and special contributions have also been made, among them twenty-five dollars for medical supplies for Miss Conway's dispensary in Liberia. Would that every woman in the congregation could be a delegate, for her interest in the extension of Christ's kingdom would be much greater and her spiritual life would be immeasurably quickened; then, too, the Mission Study Class would be increased and a more definite knowledge acquired of missions and missionaries, and therefore more individual responsibility in being their "Auxiliary" would be felt. That more women will show more interest in the coming year is the earnest prayer of the present President of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's.

LAURA BELL.

On hand at opening of year		$ 62 89
Receipts for the year—		
From members	342 75	
From envelope system	353 30	
Through Dr. Grammer	18 00	
Interest on bank account	3 72	
		$780 66

To Church Periodical Club		$ 5 00
To Diocesan Committee		66 00
To Foreign Committee		241 83
To Domestic Committee		161 32
To Indian Committee		129 33
To Colored Committee		137 32
		$740 80
Balance on hand		$ 39 86

Ella Headman, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

Gertrude H. Tyson,
Anna Farrell,
Auditors.

May 9, 1917.

Missionary Box Committee.

The Committee reports as follows:

Dr.

1916.		
May 1, Balance from last report		$ 50 40
May 31, Interest on deposits		1 28
Oct. 24, Offerings received from Brotherhood of St. Andrew, St. Stephen's Chapter	272 52	
		$ 324 20

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1916.		
November, Box sent to the Rev. C. H. Hamilton, Hampton, Va.		$ 76 30
December, Box sent to Emerald-Hodgson Hospital, Sewanee, Tenn. (Clothing and Hospital Supplies)	162 02	
1917.		
February, Box sent to John Decary, Rosebud, South Dakota	72 49	
Feb. 28, Balance on hand	13 39	
		$ 324 20
1917.		
Feb. 28, Balance on hand as above		$ 13 39
March 24, Received from J. Hunter Ewing, Esq., Warden, Envelope System	30 00	
March 24, Received from J. Hunter Ewing, Esq., offerings from St. Andrew's Lenten Services	188 59	
	218 59	
March 28, Balance on this date		$ 231 98

Respectfully submitted,

Alverta S. Van Dusen, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

Robt. T. Boyd.

May 5, 1917.

The United Offering—What It Is.

A Thank Offering for the blessings and privileges of our Christian womanhood.

An Overflow Gift, never interfering with other Offerings.

A Gift of Substitution—the gift of the woman who cannot go to help to send the woman who can go.

The only Offering by women for women.

There are about 35,000 women communicants in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and it is safe to say that not more than 6,000 have a share in this Offering.

The Offering for the last three years is $47,000 more than the Offering of three years ago.

Of the number of women serving in our Church Missions at home and abroad, something less than 200 of our 300 workers are upported by the United Offering; and the Board of Missions is obliged to appropriate $50,000 from the general funds for this purpose. The aim of our United Offering is to provide for all the women workers.

In 1919 again that gift will care for women training, and for those who are serving in the mission field, and for retired workers, not less than $10,000 being set apart for some mission building or buildings.

The Offering of 1916 was $353,619.76. Of this amount Pennsylvania's share was $50,005.57.

Our aim for 1919 is to present $60,000. Pennsylvania has always held the first place in the list of contributing dioceses.

Received from October, 1916, to April 26, 1917, $302.13. This is the largest amount ever given by St. Stephen's. Mr. North reported the Offering this year, $8,555.07.

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

May 9, 1917.

The Mission Study Class.

A Mission Study Class was held in the Parish House, Friday afternoons, during Lent The text-book was "The New World," by Dr. Gray. There were ten members, all of whom seemed much interested in the subject, as it dealt with Latin-America, which we had been accustomed to disassociate rather than associate with our own country, we feeling that America meant United States. We have learn-

ed that, save for language, similar needs have made us one. They need our prayers, not alone those of us who belong to the Mission Study Class, but all the Christians who must feel sympathy for the misguided Indians, Spaniards and blacks who make up the peoples of South America. Bishop Kinsolving of Brazil, Bishop Colmore of Porto Rico and Haiti, Bishop Knight of the Canal Zone, Bishop Hulse of Cuba, and Bishop Aves of Mexico are working diligently to repair the damage done by years of neglect of these people, and urge our help financially and spiritually. Their work is to reach them through material means, such as schools and hospitals, the outward and visible sign of our sincerity to share with them the light and life which have been given to us so freely. Our House of Hope, a little hospital in Mexico, under the supervision of Dr. Aves, a son of the Bishop, appealed particularly to our sympathy, so the collection of $11 from the class was sent for hospital supplies to Dr. Aves—Mrs. A. Hewson, leader.

Mothers' Meeting.

The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church opened its season on Thursday, Nov. 2, 1916, with 155 names on its roll. We have lost three by death and have had an increase of five new members. The average attendance has been about 65.

We have had varied and interesting entertainments, and are grateful to the many kind friends who have so generously given us of their time and talents.

The evening devoted to a cooking demonstration by Mrs. Anna B. Scott, was much appreciated by all. Dr. Grammer gave us $5.00 to cover the expense of auto to convey Mrs. Scott to and from the meeting.

The Annual Sale was held in December, and about $100 was realized, to be used for the benefit of the Society. Dr. Grammer gave $25 for the running expenses of the meetings; also $50 for the Summer Outings to the Farm. Eighty-seven members enjoyed the hospitality of the Farm for One-day Outings. It was a great blessing to many tired mothers.

Twenty-five members used the Coal Saving Fund, which amounted to $231.95.

From the twenty dollars "Mite" money, flowers were sent to the sick and dying.

Mrs. Holman, former secretary, who has been prevented by illness from being with us this winter, has been greatly missed, and we hope to see her in her place when we meet in the fall.

The members also regret the absence of Miss Wallace, but her place has been faithfully and efficiently filled by Mrs. F. B. Keable.

The interest in these meetings shown by the good attendance, even in unpleasant weather, indicates that this department of St. Stephen's work meets a real need in the community.

MRS. HENRY P. TAYLOR,
President.
MRS. BLANCHE M. HARPER,
Acting Secretary.

Altar Society.

The Superintendent of the Altar Society submits the thirty-third annual report. The Altar Society is divided into five committees, numbering in all nineteen members, to whom is assigned the care of Chancel and vestments. During the year forty new surplices were made and orders are to be given during the summer for new veils and corporals.

Thanks are due to Miss Maulsby for her donation of six stole collars. Owing to the conditions of the times it was found expedient to increase the subscription to the Memorial Flower Fund from $1.50 to $2.00 a Sunday. This increase met with the approval of subscribers. Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. EISENBREY.

The Treasurer reports:

Receipts.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1916	$28 67	
Received from Dr. Grammer	75 00	
Received for Easter Decorations	75 00	
Received for Ellicott McConnell Memorial	6 00	
Received for Memorial Flower Fund	108 00	
Received for Miss Maulsby	4 17	
		296 84

Expenditures.

Flowers for the year	$99 00	
Linen for surplices, etc.	24 50	
Making surplices	18 00	
Cleaning Fair Linen Cloth	50	
Fruit for Thanksgiving	5 00	
Calendar	85	
Wheels	72	
Palms	5 00	
Express on palms	1 17	
Easter Decorations	75 00	
Ellicott McConnell Memorial	6 00	
		235 74
Balance on hand, May 4, 1917		$61 10

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Branch of The Girls' Friendly.

St. Stephen's Branch of The Girls' Friendly Society opened for the season of 1916-1917 on Monday evening, October 2d. Dr. Grammer being absent from the city, Mr. Keable made a short address of welcome to the members.

The membership of the Branch consists of:

Working Associates	6
Honorary Associates	20
Members	114
Married Branch Helpers	41
Probationers	8
Total membership	189

The first Monday of each month Dr. Grammer and Mr. Keable have conducted services in the Church or Guild Room, and at these services have given helpful talks.

During the season several interesting talks have been given.

Mrs. Anderson gave a graphic and pathetic account of her work among the lepers of India.

Miss Renneyson explained the work of the National Red Cross.

Miss Myers of St. Agnes' School, Kyoto, told of her work with the Japanese girls and of the great need of a gymnasium. The G. F. S. in America has pledged $2,500 to build this gymnasium. Colored views of Kyoto and other places in Japan were shown by Mr. Chas. Pancoast and explained by Mrs. Pancoast.

The Branch celebrated G. F. S. Festival Week, and had as its guests at that time the Branch Secretary and members of St. Peter's Branch.

At Christmas Pamahasika and his trained animals provided a unique and delightful entertainment enjoyed by the members, their mothers and the children of the Married Branch Helpers.

The Branch again filled 50 large stockings and sent them to the Philadelphia Hospital. Among other expressions of appreciation in a letter received from the chief nurse was the following: "The stockings are perfectly beautiful. We are enjoying in advance the pleasure we know they will bring to the children. We feel that we cannot adequately express our gratitude to your Branch for the thoughtful care that has been expended on them. It was delightful to witness the joy of the stretcher men when they beheld the beautiful stockings and realized that they were for children in this hospital."

A Christmas package of dolls, games and toys was sent to St. Martha's House; and to Bishop Thurston, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The Children's Hospital and the North American Seashore House, postcard albums, muslin scrapbooks, paper dolls and story books.

During Lent the members sewed for the House of St. Michael and All Angels, a home for colored crippled children.

The Married Branch Helpers met on Thursday afternoons in Lent and made booklets for hospitals, and also helped with the work for St. Michael and All Angels.

On Monday in Holy Week nine members of the New Century Club, under the direction of Miss Laura Bell (one of the Honorary Associates) gave the Branch the great privilege of hearing John Masefield's Good Friday Reading.

The suppers that are provided every Monday evening are one of the most successful features of the Branch. Two of the members prepare them, at a cost of ten cents to each girl who comes (and there is an average attendance of thirty girls) a good hot supper is served. Notwithstanding the advanced cost of living, this charge very nearly pays for the cost.

Reading, travel talks and embroidery have been carried on by the different Bands.

The Saving Fund has 41 depositors and $122.70 on deposit.

On April 16th a most successful dramatic entertainment was given, from the proceeds of which the Branch will make contributions to St. Agnes' School, Kyoto, and the Cape May Holiday House, put aside a sufficient sum to purchase materials for next season's Lenten sewing, add a small amount to the Beneficial Fund and contribute $46.25 for "Needs at St. Stephen's Farm."

This entertainment is to be repeated, by request, for the benefit of the First Congregational Church of Germantown.

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Balance received from former Treasurer	$104 05	
Total receipts to May 1, 1917	302 65	
		$406 70
Expenditures to May 1, 1917		196 14
		$210 56

This balance belongs in the following funds:		
Beneficial Fund	68 80	
Entertainment Fund, to be given to Mission and Charitable Work	102 00	
Magazine Fund	2 80	
General Fund	36 96	
		$210 56
Given to Missionary Work outside the Parish:		
For work among the lepers in India	$10 00	
G. F. S. Extension Work	11 40	
St. Agnes' School, Kyoto	15 00	
Hoover Fund for Belgian children	5 05	
Travelers' Aid Society	2 00	
		$43 45
Beneficial Fund Expenses:		
For helping one of our members		15 93
Branch Expenses:		
Class Millinery Dues	$20 00	
Christmas Party	51 15	
Memorial Flowers (Miss Wilkins)	1 50	
For Dues to Central Council G. F. S. for the Branch	48 78	
		$121 43
		$180 81

Mary Tweedie, Treasurer.

The Branch Secretary is sorry to report that the average weekly attendance has fallen off somewhat this year. St. Stephen's Branch needs one or two more earnest, faithful Working Associates.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

The Burd School.

The girls of the Burd School are going to give their May Day dance on Saturday afternoon, May 26th, at 3.30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

To the Rev. Dr. Grammer and Members of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church:

It is pleasant to report on the performance of the duties of the Committee of Burd School Woman Visitors. We have paid regular weekly visits of inspection and find steady satisfaction in the good standard of order and neatness and in the courtesy and cordiality of our welcome from entering the front door to when we depart.

Under Miss Morgan's administration we consider the Burd School home-life and training exceptionally advantageous for implanting refined habits and awakening interests in these young beings that should be conducive to their loving best what is beautiful and elevating, while a sound groundwork is being laid to qualify them to be good home-makers and self-supporting citizens. Girls with good inborn instincts have much opportunity to develop their natural gifts. Girls less fortunate in their make-up, although of a high enough moral and physical type to meet the requirements of the school, find here much patience and kindness to aid them in overcoming their defects.

The girls cook the supper twice a week for the school and help in the kitchen in the summer time.

They are making fair grades in school.

An example of their general aims to live helpfully and happily together is the Pollyanna Club, the members of which are the intermediate girls. They keep their club room neat and bright. On a table is a pretty china tea-set presented to the Pollyannas by Miss Ewing after they had entertained us one afternoon during a tour of inspection. Through Mrs. Boyd's interest the Drexel Institute Dressmaking Class most kindly presented each of our eighteen little girls with a pretty, simply-made summer dress; and through Mr. Joseph Van Dusen's kind interest two new pianos were supplied to the school.

We venture to esteem the Burd School an interesting and creditable Church trust.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY A. BROWNE,
Chairman.

Committee of Burd School Women Visitors—
Mrs. C. E. Grammer.
Miss Cornelia Ewing.
Mrs. Howard H. Bilyeu.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.
Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
Mrs. C. Howard Colket.
Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Miss Mary Wallace.

Shoe Fund, Year 1917.

Money received (through Dr. Grammer from Church Fund)	$ 20 00
From Rev. Mr. Keable, from Church Fund	5 00
Donations from Church members	11 50
From those receiving shoes	13 90
Total	$ 50 40
Expended during the year	45 25
Balance	5 15

We must not forget Santa Claus who gave his usual Christmas gift of two large boxes of shoes and one box of overshoes. Never before were they appreciated so much, for shoes are very high, and overshoes very hard to get. The shoes were just the right kind, good and strong and seemed to fit all who applied. A number of partly worn shoes have been received from kind friends. Gave out this year about 200 pairs of shoes and 100 pairs of overshoes.

King's Daughter's Whatsoever Circle.

Receipts.

Balance from year 1916	$ 16 45
Interest from Estate of Mr. Patton (through Mr. J. Hunter Ewing)	69 43
Donations received from Church members	7 50
Proceeds of Clipping Party	29 64
Dues from members of the Circle	5 75
Total	$128 77
Expended during the year, including $10.00 for St. Stephen's Ambulance	96 49
Balance	$ 32 28

Disbursements.

Money expended for Clipping Party	$ 10 50
For Pension Fund	15 00
For Christmas Baskets	6 25
For Mothers' Sale	2 00
For Flowers and Jelly	1 75
For material for sewing and other expenses	50 99
Total	$ 86 49

This Circle made 12 garments for the Aid Society during Lent; for the Children's Homœopathic Hospital 24 garments; finished, after May report, 18 garments for St. Christopher's Hospital. On Wednesday evening, May 2d, it was voted to give $10 towards St. Stephen's Ambulance.

The Church Work Fund.

The Annual Appeal issued for the Church Work Fund always contains a list of the various purposes for which this Fund is used, together with the amounts expended on each one. These are reckoned for the year ending in October, the date of the appeal.

There are two funds entrusted to the Rector's care, the Church Work Fund and the Charity Fund. The summary given below simply gives the amounts received and disbursed in each of these funds since the last Parish Meeting in May, 1916, together with the balance remaining on hand:

Balance on hand May 1, 1916	$ 222 89	
Refund from Mission Study Class	4 00	
Subscriptions to Church Work Fund and special gifts	1188 00	
Amount received from Parish News advertisements	380 00	
Interest on bank deposit	4 20	
		$1799 09
Amount disbursed for printing, stationery, advertising, postage, clerical assistance, telephone, bell ringing, and miscellaneous bills for small repairs, etc.		$1714 88
May 9, 1917, Leaving a balance of		$ 84 21

Charity Fund.

Balance on hand, May 1, 1916	$ 6 43	
Loans repaid	10 00	
Amount from Estate of Miss Burley	100 00	
Communion alms, etc.	1357 94	
		$1474 37
Amount disbursed for parochial charities, contributions to Church Societies, subscriptions to Religious Education and Charitable Institutions		1465 48
Balance on hand May 8, 1917		$ 8 89
		$1474 37

The Parish Visitor.

The work of St. Stephen's Parish has been very successful this year, and the results most gratifying. But one comes upon the universal cry of the high cost of living, which strikes most cruelly the poor.

The three great causes of poverty, as everyone knows, are old age, sickness and lack of employment; if two or three days a week are lost by being laid off from work on account of sickness, it means so many weeks of struggle and privation to pay the store bills and rent. Sometimes we even find the doctor's prescription waiting days before being filled, until some one in the family can earn the money to pay for the medicine.

An old woman writes: "I have been coming to the Mothers' Meeting for 20 years; I have never asked for anything during that time; now I am sick and need assistance. Miss Lewis, I have no one to go to but you—will you please send me some groceries? I am living with my daughter; her husband has a fractured leg, so he cannot work just now; my pension went to defray the hospital expenses for him, and I

will have no more money until the next payment is due."

Then one comes in contact with those who are poor and yet cannot be helped out of their poverty because poverty blunts intellect. It impoverishes both body and mind. Poverty-stricken because they lack ability to express themselves in word or action, they have neither the sensibility nor the efficiency to perform the act of service that might be expected of them, or to take advantage of opportunities to help themselves. They are stunted in mind and body.

A young man living in one of the Mission Homes, distributes circulars, only working long enough to keep himself alive. He told the Parish Visitor that he heard more religion than she did, and that he was getting saved by sitting around the Mission. I really think that he thought he was doing right, although he had an old mother who needed his support. It took a number of visits, much persuasion, and we even resorted to threats, before we had his mother and himself placed in rooms, and had him working better and supporting both.

A woman with five children, and two widows with two children each, are being looked after.

We have been interested in five tubercular patients this year, and four stricken with paralysis to whom we have ministered.

Through Dr. Grammer's influence and the Rev. Mr. McHenry's kindness we were able to place a boy of ten years in the Home for Consumptives at Chestnut Hill. We were certainly favored, as there is always a long waiting list for admission. The boy is happy and his Sunday School teacher, Miss Luffbarry, visits him nearly every week. At one time she was there the children had all been taken to the circus.

Mrs. A. Brunner's gift of money has enabled us to make comfortable a family whose father has developed tuberculosis. The four children belong to St. Stephen's, as they were baptized here.

We have nine pensioners. They are either too old or too ill to work.

A physician reported a woman dying of starvation—a former member of our Mothers' Meeting. We are seeing that she is now properly nourished. St. Jude's Church is helping in this case. We are using Miss Gebhart's yearly memorial in caring for this woman.

This is the kind of work that is going on continually. When we get through with one, another takes its place. It is like the orations on Washington's Birthday, always alike, but by chance sometimes we can strike a new note.

Without the help that I am about to mention, what could we have done?

We had 23 tons of coal from Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Mrs. Walter C. Douglas, Mrs. A. Hewson, Miss Lockhart, and Miss Gebhart.

A friend also gave us 19 splendid new double blankets. These women were so glad to get them, they did not know how to express their gratitude.

Much is being sent out daily to sick people, and groceries have been distributed. For these we are indebted to our very good friend, Mr. Samuel Moore and to Mr. Keable, who had our closet refilled twice, assisting 28 families.

We gave out layettes for 23 little babies, and we also sent some to St. Christopher's Children's Hospital, and for the House of Bethany, Cape Mount, Liberia; these were made by St. Stephen's Aid Society during the Lenten season. Miss Ridgely, who is here from Africa, writes: "I promised Miss Conway to ask you if you could send her some more baby clothes as there is great need of them in Africa."

On Thanksgiving Day 20 of our families were remembered. We sent groceries or some other necessity. All of them thanked the donors most heartily for making it possible for them to be remembered on that day.

We sent 135 Christmas baskets, and we thought they never looked more beautiful; we did not know why, unless it was that the high cost of living made us even more thankful in being able to do so much.

A friend provided a bunch of flowers for each basket that went to the old and sick. This was highly appreciated, as the following letter from one of the sick shows:

"I want to thank you very much for the Christmas basket, and those most beautiful roses which were in it; they were so perfect one would have thought they were wax, and the color was the most beautiful pale pink. I had them where I could see them all the time while I was lying down, as I was not so well at that time. I kept admiring them, and I felt myself almost a millionaire to have those beautiful roses when the snow was on the ground, a luxury that I thought only the rich could enjoy."

We thanked God for the many kind friends who had helped in giving us such a happy Christmas.

Mrs. Austin's and Mrs. Colket's donations of Christmas toys furnished presents for all the Infant Class and the little children were made happy.

Five hundred and thirty garments have been distributed during the year. The Parish Visitor wishes to thank the donors for the gifts of half-worn clothing and for all the favors which have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

K. H. Lewis.

The Sunday School Report for 1917.

With an enrollment of 176 scholars, 20 teachers, and four officers—just 200 in all—we feel that we are keeping up to a good standard for a "down-town" school.

After the successful picnic to the Farm, last June, our summer sessions, which we hold in the Guild Room in the morning, and at the Farm in the afternoon, were all well attended until the "poliomyelitis" came along and all children under 16 were kept from attending. When we opened the regular winter sessions, on October 1st, the ban was removed and by "Rally Day," held later in the month, our scholars were about all back again. We then regained the lost interest and it has been kept up increasingly ever since.

We have kept in touch with our Diocesan Association as well as the County Sunday School Association, by having our delegates attend conferences, conventions, and meetings of Sunday school workers. Our interest in Missions has been proven by the moneys we have sent direct to Miss Conway in Africa, and our recent Lenten Offering of $150, as well as the amount given each Sunday morning, as per the treasurer's account herewith.

Besides the leadership of Mr. Keable, the Associate Rector, Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Junior, has joined us as Treasurer, and Miss Duke and Miss Kennedy as teachers. Our lessons have progressed from "The Patriarchs, Kings and Prophets" of the Old Testament, to New Testament studies of "The Life of Christ." Each quarter we have reviewed these lessons with pictures thrown on the screen. Right here we must express our sincere appreciation to Mr. H. Reifsnyder, Sr., for his excellent gift of an up-to-date motion picture machine, booth, lantern slide attachment and all necessary equipment. For this we are very grateful.

The social side has been emphasized in entertainments and weekday activities. The Christmas and Easter Festivals were kept up to a high standard. The Christmas entertainment was probably the best yet and the recent Carol Service in the Church on the afternoon of April 15th, was a most happy occasion. The Carols, which were well sung, particularly the one by the little folk of the Primary Department under Miss Corrigan's guidance, were only surpassed by the smiling faces made bright by the good and kindly words from the Rector and his Associate. Many friends, parents and former scholars were present to add cheer, and our illuminated floral cross never was quite so brilliant.

As a loyal little band in the great army of Christ we have much to look forward to and we wish very much to thank our many good friends of the church who have so often and so kindly come to our assistance during the past year.

May God's richest blessings fall upon our loyal and faithful teachers.

Faithfully submitted,

George H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Received from collections for Missions:

Month of—		
May, 1916	$13 85	
June, 1916	5 88	
October, 1916	16 74	
November, 1916	17 58	
December, 1916	15 81	
		$69 86
January, 1917	14 27	
February, 1917	15 56	
March, 1917	16 41	
April, 1917	20 99	
		$67 23
Lenten Offering—		
Loose offering from Sunday afternoon Church service	11 81	
From the Classes	150 37	
		$162 18
Total Offerings for Missions		$299 27

January 6, 1917, Paid Mr. Ewing $15 81 for Advent Offering; $54 20 for regular Missions	70 01
May 16, 1917, Paid Mr. Ewing Regular Missions	67 08
May 12, 1917, Paid Mr. Ewing	150 00
May 16, 1917, Paid Mr. Ewing Balance Lenten Offering	12 18
	$299 27

Receipts.

1916.		
Nov. 6,	From the Church	$166 53
Dec. 1,	November interest	20
Dec. 24,	Offering from the Sunday School	14 00
Dec. 24,	James E. Carrigan	50
Dec. 24,	Fred. B. Keable	2 38
1917.		
Jan. 1,	December interest	33
Jan. 4,	Christmas Festival from Church	146 35
Feb. 1,	January interest	27
March 1,	February interest	16
March 28,	From the Church	34 51
April 1,	March interest	11
May 1,	April interest	33
Total receipts		$365 67

Disbursements.

Supplies from Scribner's for the year	$33 64
Supplies from Geo. W. Jacobs & Co. for the year	26 20
Cost of lantern slides for the year	7 04
Printing programs for the year	21 30
Paid Mr. Streaker, acct. Christmas Festival	5 00
" Thos. Martindale for groceries	14 38
" Milton Bradley & Co. for blackboard	2 50
" Montague & Co. for candy—177 lbs to the Sunday School, 125 lbs to the Mothers	90 60
" Mr. Streaker for hiring Christmas costumes	6 00
" Mr. Streaker for Conference for the Older Boys and Girls Sunday School (4 delegates)	4 00
" Methodist Episcopal Book Store for Supplies	1 25
" Gimbel Bros. for Indian suits	3 38
" John Wanamaker for Indian suits, etc.	9 38
Contribution to Sunday School Association	5 00
Paid to Mertzman for banner poles	1 80
" Lehmberg for banner standards	4 50
Contribution to the Phila. County Sunday School Association	5 00
Paid Cranes for ice cream, etc., for entertainment	15 33
" Howard Reifsnyder, Jr., for two account books	2 15
" Wolf Brothers for vegetables	5 00
Balance	101 22
	$365 67

The Junior Chapter, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Report for 1917.

Our Chapter, made up of the boys of the Sunday School, has now a membership of ten and meets regularly summer and winter at 9 A. M., the second and fourth Sunday of the month. We try to keep our obligations of daily prayer and regular service and besides our duties in the school, we have been represented at the Local Assemblies of the Brotherhood. Some of our members take the annual examination at the Church House on "The History and Work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew" and we expect three to do so this May.

In January, Mr. Keable held an admission service for us when several probationary members were duly admitted. On March 13 we assisted in entertaining the Annual Supper Meeting for Directors of Junior Chapters, which was held here at St. Stephen's. We are looking forward to the Annual Convention of the Brotherhood, which is to be held in Philadelphia October next, when delegates from all over the United States will be in our city.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MERCHANT,
Secretary.

The Farm.

The farm will open for the summer on Saturday, June 16th. Of course, we are confronted with the problem—the high cost of living—but with care and economy, we hope to be able to carry on this important department of our church work, as has been the custom for so many years. Owing to the condition of affairs about us, there will no doubt be greater need than ever for the refreshing influence of the farm.

The following articles, or money with which to purchase the same, will be most acceptable:

Two hammocks.
Toy buckets and shovels for the sand pile.
Croquet set.
Crex rug, 5 x 9.
Half dozen rag rugs (small size).
Roll of matting.
Linen or cretonne covers for the parlor furniture.
Small wardrobe.
Half dozen blankets.

For the past two summers, we have had unusually cool weather in August, and have not had sufficient bed covering. This year, we must be prepared for any such emergency.

E. D.

The Church Periodical Club.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH, NO. 56, APRIL 1, 1916, TO APRIL 1, 1917.

The librarian of the Church Periodical Club wishes to offer grateful acknowledgments to all the friends who have so thoughtfully coöperated during the past year, and enabled the figures of the annual report to be doubled in almost every instance. Much of this help has been given quietly and anonymously, and I hope some of our nameless friends are here to-night to receive our thanks.

Our financial report does not show the real results. Our bookkeeping is with figures that stand for books and magazines rather than dollars.

A comparison of last year's work with this will show the growth. Whereas, in 1915, 28 contributors mailed 64 kinds of magazines to 57 recipients regularly each month or week, wrapping and posting these themselves, this last year, April, 1916, to April, 1917, we have had 43 members with 73 varieties of magazines who mailed 1,213 copies to 62 recipients. Forty-seven books found a welcome in parish or settlement houses, with a wonderful range of subjects shown in their titles, from "Hypnotic Therapeutics" to "Waylaid by Wireless," "Hitchcock's Analysis of the Bible," and "The Glory of Clementina."

Illustrated Sunday School lesson cards to the number of 1,200, especially printed in Spanish, were sent for three months to a mission in Camaguey, Cuba, which is under the jurisdiction of Mr. Snavely, who spoke to the Auxiliary one morning last winter.

The number of magazines collected at the Parish House or the librarian's home, to be sent out in bulk, was swelled this year from 1,114 to 2,235. Several hundred of these went to St. Mark's Mission, Nenana, Alaska, some to the Seamen's Mission, a few to shut-ins. But since the first of the year we have sent these all to the Social Service Department of the Philadelphia General Hospital which heretofore had been overlooked by all magazine donors, and a regular number each month to our own City Mission. These included several hundred pamphlets made up by the Girls' Friendly Society.

We have an interested and hard-working committee, two of whom meet to receive and mail books and magazines every Wednesday morning, and another renders very valuable assistance in collecting and delivering our material, thus saving our local express charges which were a considerable item.

The financial report shows the amount received from all sources to be $42.63, with an expenditure for postage, freight, cards and diocesan dues of $42.32, and a balance of $.30.

Our three needs are: First, more donors to mail magazines regularly; second, more magazines sent to the Parish House irregularly; third, a place to store the latter until mailed. Our committee dreams sometimes of a new Parish House in which the Church Periodical Club would have a footing in a space about 10 x 4 (feet, not inches,) with shelves going all the way to the roof; and then, with the coöperation of, say, 50 families of St. Stephen's who would send here not only magazines but all their waste newspapers and other papers as well, the sale of these at the present price of waste paper would not only pay our expenses with a $50 budget, but would allow us to make annual gifts to the Rector's fund and the Auxiliary instead of being a beneficiary.

Receipts.

April 1, 1916, On hand	$ 25
Auxiliary	5 00
Rector's Fund	7 50
Contributions, parishioners	19 36
Sale of paper	52
Gift from friend	10 00
	$42 63

Expenditures.

Postage	$26 00
Freight and express	2 25
S. S. Cards for Camaguey, Cuba	4 08
To Diocesan Treasurer	10 00
April 1, 1917, On hand	30
	$42 63

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. SMITH,
Librarian.

Report of the Garment Committee for the Season of 1916-1917.

Receipts.

From Dr. Grammer	$25 00
Rummage Sales	11 85
Balance from previous year	20 34
	$57 19

Disbursements.

Purchased 48 garments	$24 00
Purchased one quilt	3 50
Balance on hand	29 69
	$57 19

During the year the Garment Committee gave away 530 garments, including infants' outfits.

Julia de M. Lammot, President.

Report of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

During the summer of 1916 there were 94 Daily Vacation Bible Schools conducted throughout the city by the Philadelphia Daily Vacation Bible School Association, of which Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins is president, and John S. Wurts, Esq., the general director.

School No. 22 was held at St. Stephen's Church. The school was in session six weeks, opening July 10th and closing August 18th. This was the fourth year for the school in our church. It was a very successful year. Total enrollment 132; daily average attendance 60. Of the children enrolled 43 were Protestants, 27 Jewish and 50 were Roman Catholic.

The children were between four and fourteen years of age. The nationalities represented were: American, Polish, Jewish, Hungarian, Italian, Irish, German, Cuban, Spanish and Negro. The principal in charge of the school was Miss Charlotte W. Nodine, assisted by a manual teacher and a kindergarten teacher.

The principal spent her afternoons gathering the children from the congested neighborhoods, from courts and alleys, and from houses where a whole family and more lived in one room. On one occasion, a visit was made to the home of a Chinese family. The Chinese woman still retained her native dress. This mother would gladly have had her three children attend the Bible School, but she was afraid they would get lost. When it was suggested for her to bring them, she replied, "I never go out on the streets in the daytime and very seldom at night,—the people all stare at me because of my dress."

The children of all nationalities loved to come to school and when inside the building soon forgot the intense heat of the summer days. Words could not express their happiness and joy. They never wanted to go home and they could not understand why there was no school on Saturday. Because of their eagerness to come to school, they would often be there an hour or more before the doors opened. There was a girl in the school who would get up as early as three o'clock in the morning, to do the family washing, to scrub the house, and look after the other children of the family, in order to be in school at 9.30 A. M.

A little girl who lived in Chester begged her mother for permission to go and stay with her aunt who lived in Ninth street, so she would be able to come to the Daily Vacation Bible School. Other instances could be related to show how the children loved the school.

The school was open from 9.30 to 11.30 A. M., five days a week. The session opened with devotional exercises. The two minutes "habit talk" followed. These "habit talks" were given, emphasizing the importance of forming habits of cleanliness and kindness in everyday life.

The Bible period followed the "habit talk." The most important feature of the whole day was the Bible story. On the following day, the same story was repeated by some child. Sometimes the children enacted the plot. One Bible story each morning was not sufficient. The children always begged for two. Another feature of the Bible work was the recitation of verses and chapters assigned. On the last day of school all of these were recited. It is wonderful what can be done with the children from the streets. In many cases, the going to a Daily Vacation Bible School affords the children their only opportunity of learning Christian truths. The Sunday Schools cannot reach all the boys and girls. All religious teaching is prohibited in our public schools. It is therefore left to the churches and the Christian people to reach these children. This past year the Bible work in our school was greatly enlarged and its influence was greater than ever before.

Next on the program was a half hour of music. In addition to the hymns, childhood songs were taught; at the same time vocal and breathing exercises were given.

The remainder of the time was devoted to manual work. The children were divided into classes according to age. The older girls and boys made hammocks. The older girls also made dresses, aprons and other useful things. The younger boys and girls made useful and practical articles of raffia and wood. A few boys caned some chairs. Not only did the children make things for themselves, but they also made things for others. Our school made 17 pillows which were sent to the wounded soldiers in France. The children wished ours to be the banner school in the number of pillows made. Seventeen pillows might not seem to be such a large number, but when one considers the time required to make them, the number is large. The filling for the pillows was made by cutting silk or cotton goods into ¼-inch pieces. More than one child carried blisters upon his or her hands for many days. Some boys and girls took the rags home and spent the greater part of the afternoon clipping.

The closing exercises of the school are very important. The whole school is re-assembled for the flag drill. One of the children is selected as flag-bearer and another to guard the flag. While the children stand, the flag-bearer and guard march to the platform. When a chord is sounded upon the piano, all the children salute the flag. This is followed by the singing of "America" and by the Children's Benediction, after which the children march out of the building to music in an orderly manner.

The total cost of the school, including salaries, materials, outfit and supplies was $200; $175 of this amount was raised in St. Stephen's Church by voluntary contributions. The remaining $25 was given by the Philadelphia Daily Vacation Bible School Association after the school had opened and the people from St. Stephen's had left town for the summer.

The chief advantages of a Vacation Bible School are: (1) The children are kept off the streets for six weeks in the summer and as a result their lives are safer, and their habits are better and their parents are free from anxiety. (2) The children's hands are kept busy, quarrels are eliminated, patriotism is taught and their morals improved. (3) In six weeks as many Bible lessons are taught as a Sunday School could teach in many months. (4) The Church is put in happy relations with foreign communities.

Charlotte W. Nodine.

War Relief.

April 16, 1917.

Dr. Carl Grammer,
19 South 10th Street,
Philadelphia.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

Through the Chapter Headquarters, we received a check of $600 from your Church in January, 1917. It was designated for the following countries: France, Belgium, Poland, Armenia, Serbia, Jews.

We sent $300 of this to Washington for the Armenians, Serbians, and Jews, on the advice of the Red Cross, as there was no way of getting any supplies through to these places at that time.

After ascertaining the crying needs of the other countries, our committee decided to send to the Polish refugees in France two cases of shoes, fifty-eight pairs in all, and to the women and children of Belgium also two cases containing sixty-six pairs of shoes. In this case we added other money designated for the same purpose.

For France, in addition to our further contributions, we were able to send fifteen cases of paraffine wax, 3,490 pounds in all. When we purchased this from the Atlantic Refining Company, they duplicated our order as their donation, making a total of fifteen cases of the wax. This is sent directly to Dr. Barthe de Sandfort, Hospital St. Nicholas, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France. Dr. de Sandfort is in charge of the Hospital where such wonderful cures for burns are accomplished.

I am sorry that we could not have gotten this information to you earlier, but we waited until all the shipments were made, so that you might know that your donation is now on its way. I feel very strongly about our not becoming too selfish now and working only for America. I wish all would follow in your steps and realize that our duty to our Allies is now even greater, and we must not selfishly work for America only as so many of us are tempted to do in our spirit of patriotism.

With renewed thanks, believe me

Very sincerely,

Marian Baird Morgan,
Chairman Foreign Relief.

Letters from France.

The following letters were written to Mr. William Rice Taylor by a French officer who has served with great distinction at the front. We regret that we cannot print fac-similes of the originals that everyone might realize the steady nerve and calm collectedness with which they were composed in the midst of the distractions and perils of war. Not a word is out of place nor ill-chosen, not a mistake requires correction, not an omission has to be supplied by supplementary carets.

The whole is marked by that artistic feeling which is so characteristic of the French and by a soldierly generosity. We believe that everyone will be grateful to Mr. Taylor for the privilege of becoming acquainted with this gallant officer of our sister Republic, and our historic ally.

C. E. G.

September 18, 1916.

DEAR MR. TAYLOR:

I have just received your kind letter of the 11th of August, and I am still moved by the friendly terms you have used to convey your sympathetic feelings toward me and my country. I ardently hope that there are in America many Americans who, like you, are able to care so passionately for a cause of such high idealism as we defend. Your sympathy, and that of those who think like you, is cheering to us who have been fighting so long and so hard for an ideal which should be that of every civilized people.

Perhaps foreigners will change their opinion of the French. How many prejudices there are against us; how many false ideas! They think us frivolous, capable of momentary effort but quickly tired; this war well shows how very unjust such criticism of us was.

We have had terrible days, and terrible months. I have seen the battle of Verdun unroll from its beginning, for I have never left this region. We have sustained bombardments from the Germans which have destroyed all our trenches, and in spite of everything they have not been able to advance. In the beginning they benefited from the immense quantity of material which they had collected, and were able to advance from one to three kilometres at certain points, but after that they were not able to do more.

What a magnificent army we have at this moment! What bravery in battle! What wonderful resignation to whatever may happen! How many times have I seen our splendid troops march to the war zone singing gaily, and on seeing them I have thought: "How soon many of them will cease singing."

For my part, I believe there has fallen around our fort more large shells than anywhere else. However, I am always there, and the "boches" have not captured me, and they won't. I have never stopped firing on them.

CAPTAIN HARISPE,
Commander of the Fort Moulainville.

March 6, 1917.

DEAR MR. TAYLOR:

I have delayed answering your kind letter of December 11. You know how much has taken place in the war since that date, and you must know that in spite of my inclination I have not always been able to find the time and, above all, the calmness of mind to answer quickly the letters which my friends are kind enough to write me. I am sure that your courtesy has already pardoned me.

Yours is dated the 11th of December, and the 15th we experienced around Douamont the wonderful success you have read about in the papers. I am certain that this victory has been for you a great joy, as it has been for all the French and their friends. I have been able to aid and contribute from Moulainville to this splendid victory. The Germans have withdrawn more than a kilometer. We have made nearly twelve thousand prisoners.

At that time I was in command of the fort of Moulainville, but since then I am in command of the fort of Douamont.

You will understand that I am prevented in my letters from saying anything which might be useful to the enemy in case this letter should go astray, and the things I have to keep quiet about are exactly the most interesting things.

I am now commander of the fort of Douamont, and this splendid command enables me to be active in all the battles which take place around here. When Douamont refell into our hands, we found it in a filthy state of uncleanness. The Germans were kept so continually under fire by our artillery that they could not easily throw outside the refuse of the fort, and they accumulated it in certain rooms where it reached up to the ceiling. We also found numerous dead bodies which we have placed in rooms which were then walled up.

The land around the fort has undergone such bombardments from both sides since the fort has been taken and retaken several times that the earth for several kilometers around resembles a country as bare and arid as a lunar landscape. Everywhere dead bodies are lying unburied, for this region has been so continually under fire that no one wishes to expose his life in burying the dead. German guns, sacks, gourds lie around on all sides, and collectors of antiques could get as many as they wished at their ease.

The prisoners whom we have made seem very well content to have finished with the war; from their first contact with the French they understood that there was nothing to fear, and that they would be well treated. We were even obliged to interfere several times, we officers, in order to prevent too much attention from our soldiers. The Frenchman isn't malicious and soon as the struggle is finished, he holds nothing against his vanquished adversary.

What is going to happen now? For several months we have been, as well as our enemies, inactive. Each one expects the enemy to commence the offensive, but each one prepares to receive it. The events in America are followed here with great interest. What is Wilson going to do; is he going to give up his weapon, the typewriter? for us the question is of primordial interest.

HARISPE.

Letter written to Mr. William Rice Taylor.

Wanted

A copy of THE PARISH NEWS for November, 1912. The Rector will be pleased to receive the same for Parish file.

Memorial Flower Fund.

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	5.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	8.—Easter Sunday.
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	28.—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
Nov.	1.—Mrs. Arrison.
	4.—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
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	25.—Mrs. Atmore.
	30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Dec.	2.—Misses Davis.
	9.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
	16.—Mrs. Petry.
	23.—Miss Emily Bell.
	25.—Christmas Day.
	26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	30.—Mrs. Colket.

Each in His Own Tongue.

A fire-mist and a planet,—
  A crystal and a cell,—
A jelly-fish and a saurian,
And caves where the cave-men dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty
  And a face turned from the clod,
Some call it Evolution,
  And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon,—
  The infinite, tender sky,—
The ripe rich tint of the corn-field,
  And the wild geese sailing high,—
And all over upland and lowland
  The charm of the golden-rod,—
Some of us call it Autumn,
  And others call it God.

Like tides on the crescent sea-beach
  When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings
  Come welling and surging in,—
Come from the mystic ocean,
  Whose rim no foot has trod,—
Some of us call it Longing,
  And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty,—
  A mother starved for her brood, —
Socrates drinking the hemlock,
  And Jesus on the rood;
And millions who, humble and nameless,
  The straight hard pathway trod,—
Some call it Consecration,
  And others call it God.

—Wm. Herbert Carruth.

Three Gates.

If you are tempted to reveal,
  A tale some one to you has told
About another, make it pass,
  Before you speak, three gates of gold.
Three narrow gates—First, "Is it true?"
  Then "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give thoughtful answer. And the next
  Is last and narrowest—"Is it kind?"

And if to reach your lips at last
  It passes through these gate-ways three
Then you may tell the tale nor fear,
  What the result of speech may be.

A kindly look, a word of commendation,
A sympathetic pressure of the hand;
A smile to those who journey o'er the land
Aweary of life's toil and degradation,
While struggling on 'gainst trials and temptation,
Give thou, O brother. For the Father planned
That we should love all men. Heed His command,
And pour into these sad hearts consolation.
Grim poverty thou sufferest not; ah! then,
Have mercy on the poor, for deep their woe.
Let gentle pity plead for fallen men,
For reclaimed sinners shall be white as snow.
And may God's blessing rest upon thee, when
And where thy ministering footsteps go.

—Ione L. Jones.

"In Lighter Vein."

Oh, who would not a Parson be
To sing in Choir Merrily.
He sings as tho' with singing he
Might to some Cherub presently
Be changed.
And so, o'er land and sea
He'd fly aloft on pinions free.
What matters if two notes in three he doesn't hit.
We all can see he does his best,
And so ought we.
Do, rah, me, fa, so, la, do, se.

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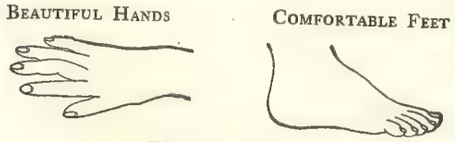

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A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

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Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President.—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President.—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary.—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.
Treasurer.—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN.—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
DOMESTIC.—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey.
COLORED MISSION.—Mrs. James M. Arrison, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Miss E. L. Williamson, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin.
INDIAN HOPE.—Miss A. B. Townsend, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Daniel Roberts Harper.
DIOCESAN.—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Miss A. Farrell, Miss K. Miesse, Miss V. Zelin.
Treasurer United Offering.—Miss Anna J. Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President.—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
Vice-President.—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary.—Mrs. B. Reath.
Treasurer.—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Officers and Mrs. A. Hewson, Mrs. F. Whiting, Mrs. Geo. L. Crawford, Mrs. J. W. Douglass and Miss Elsie Dahl.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President.—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee.—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee.—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Misses Headman, Mrs. Charles E. Noblit, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, The Misses Davis, The Misses Wallace, Miss Gebhart, The Misses Sanders, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Miss Tyson, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board.—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.

Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

Superintendent.—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary.—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Anna Daley, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Mr. Gerald Marvin, Miss M. Dukes, Mr. Tristram C. Colket, 2nd., Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss, Miss Eva M. Pletsch.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist.—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Grammer, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants.—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

May 6.—Dorothy Marinda Scherzer.
27.—Margaret Helen Webb Hughes.
27.—David Miller Braun.
July 8.—Larrie Edith Howard.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

June 2.—Clarence Arthur Crumley and Elizabeth Allen Keene.
9.—Walter E. Rowley and Laura M. Thornton.
18.—William F. Stephens and Magdelene Schiller.
22.—Charles Hyde and Emily Stephanie Douton.
27.—Francis E. Taws and Anna E. Henry.
July 11.—Roland Day and Carolyn Blackstone.
16.—John Royer Austin and Esther Heston Smith.
28.—Joseph G. Conner and Laura S. Devin.
28.—Raymond Creamer and Bertha Levins.
Aug. 14.—Frazier M. Reese and Nettie Lulu Fenstermaker.
18.—Charles Browner and Clara Bensen.
Sept. 18.—George Fay Trueworthy and Mildred Esther Allen.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours."

May 18.—Mrs. Minnie E. Webb.
29.—Frank Brauner.
June 3.—William Tours Robertson.
July 9.—Mrs. Maria Baldwin.
12.—Miss Emma Therese Gregg.
Aug. 4.—Miss Cora E. Reeves.
6.—William Simpson.
30.—Mrs. Anna Staley.
Sept. 4.—Miss Eleanor P. Keerl.
27.—Alfred C. Ashmead.

Offerings Received from May 1, 1917 to September 30, 1917.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$139 73	
Parochial Maintenance	227 45	
Our work among boys	31 16	
Indian Missions	36 22	
Sunday School	39 00	
Patriotic Fund	77 01	
		$550 57

Envelope System:

Charities	$376 24	
Parochial Maintenance	517 44	
Missions	448 74	
St. Stephen's Farm	101 25	
Theological Education	3 40	
Our work among boys	131 66	
Benevolent Society	68 99	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1 10	
Domestic Missions	45	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	8 00	
Belgian Children Relief	2 00	
Indian Missions	33 53	
City Missions	65	
Sunday School	81 03	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25 00	
Girl's Friendly Society	1 70	
Patriotic Fund	25 00	
		$1,826 18
Interest on deposits		11 99
		$2,388 74

Recapitulation:

Charities	$515 97	
Parochial Maintenance	744 89	
Missions	448 74	
St. Stephen's Farm	101 25	
Theological Education	3 40	
Our work among boys	162 82	
Benevolent Society	68 99	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1 10	
Patriotic Fund	102 01	
Domestic Missions	45	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	8 00	
Belgian Children Relief	2 00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25 00	
Indian Missions	69 75	
City Missions	65	
Sunday School	120 03	
Girl's Friendly Society	1 70	
Interest on deposits	11 99	
		$2,388 74

Frederick B. Keable, *Treasurer.*

Ambulance Fund.

Additional Contributions.

Miss Mary B. Williamson	$5 00
Mr. J. Everett Bacon	5 00
Mrs. D. B. Wood	5 00
Mrs. E. Clayton	5 00
Mrs. Mary F. Whiting	25 00
Miss Emma L. Berry	1 00
Miss L. B. Edwards	2 00
Total	$48 00
Check drawn to order of Dr. Chas. H. Frazier	$48 00
Total amount received for Ambulance	$2,529 00

E. W. MOORE, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

I send you all a greeting at the commencement of the work of the new season. The Jews had two New Year's days, one at the beginning of the civil year, and the other at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. Our year of work really begins in the autumn.

We assemble under unusual conditions and with unusual sources of gratitude. The work of the summer has been remarkable; in spite of the fact that the church was turned over to the workmen of Mr. Tiffany in August, there was no cessation of the services. Worship was conducted in the guild room of the parish building every Sunday morning, and a number of Sunday nights. The attendance was sufficient to make it quite worth while for me to come down several Sundays from Echo Lake where I was spending the summer with my family.

The great work of the summer was done by St. Stephen's Club. It opened on June 25th. The Sunday School building was turned over to the Club entirely. Upstairs moving pictures were shown on a number of nights. The films were kindly lent us by various companies.

At half past nine a buffet lunch was served downstairs, writing materials were provided and various games were put at the disposal of the men. Over 14,000 registered. Numbers of distinguished speakers were brought and spoke on different evenings. The work was conducted by a committee made up as follows:

A. Luffbarry, Chairman,	E. W. Moore
R. T. Boyd	W. Kirkpatrick
J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	J. F. Wallace
H. H. Barton	J. E. Bacon
H. Reifsnyder	C. S. Calwell

And the Clergy Ex-Officio.

Mr. Craig Atmore's name ought to be included in this list. At the beginning of the summer he brought his staff to the parish house and took the main burden of the administration of the refreshments. It would be difficult to over-estimate the value of their services, and the zeal of himself and his helpers, of whom Mr. Turner and Mr. Adams ought to be specially mentioned. Towards the close of the summer Mr. Atmore's business responsibilities, which at this time are very heavy as he deals in food products, and the state of his health compelled him to resign from the committee. No history of the summer's work would be at all accurate, however, if it did not emphasize the work of Mr. Atmore and his associates. About the first of September the work was somewhat reorganized, and a regular steward was employed.

The chairman of the committee, Mr. Luffbarry, has been uncommonly successful in bringing the Club to the attention of the men on the battleships down in the Navy Yard. All the members of the committee have worked with great zeal. Upon Mr. Reifsnyder's shoulders has fallen the chief duty of collecting the money. The report shows with what success he has met.. No contribution, of course, is refused from St. Stephen's members, but the work has been supported mainly from outside. Our contribution has been to lend the building and the working organization. We are also indebted to our friends outside the church for their coöperation. Various organizations have come down and assisted us by providing the entertainment on special nights. We have elsewhere published a list of the appointments for October to show how the work has been systematized.

One of the best features has been a postal card which the men are requested to sign, and which is mailed by us or by them to their parents. The following is a copy of the message:

> Our Club has welcomed and entertained over 10,000 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the service of their Country.
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> It seems to us that in these anxious hours you will be comforted to learn that your
> has chosen to use our Club Home and accept our entertainment and good fellowship.
>
> We are deeply interested in him and his comrades and will help him in any way we can.
>
> God grant that he may return to you whole in Body and unstained in Soul.

I give below some extracts from the letters received, which show how much the Club has been appreciated.

The registered number, 14,000, may include the same names a number of times, but there are also a great number of men who come into the Club and fail to register. I am glad to be able to announce that during October on one night a week the managers of Keith's Theatre have promised to provide the entertainment. A friend of St. Stephen's Club, Mr. F. B. Lewis, has given us a fine piano with a pianola attachment. Another group of friends, with Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., at the head, gave us another piano, and the three outworn pianos in the Sunday School building are to be removed. The work of the Club will undoubtedly be increased during the winter. As the days grow shorter and colder, the Club will probably be more generally used in the afternoon.

In the opinion of those acquainted with this work one of the most important factors is the presence of hosts to welcome their visitors. This matter cannot be turned over to employees. The boys must be made to feel that we are giving personal service and taking a personal interest in them. Among our most valuable helpers are the men who come and give the boys their friendship. In the afternoon, however, the men of the congregation cannot be present, and an auxiliary of the women of the congregation is in process of formation, with Miss Ewing at the head, to take charge of the reception at that time. The names and assignments will be published in our next issue.

None of the activities of the Church will be in any way interfered with by this Club, which will be kept up as long as it meets any real need, and which we hope to conduct as long as the uniformed men are in our midst in any great numbers. The only changes that will be made in our regular program are that the weekly dancing class will be suspended until further notice. The Boys' Clubs will also be curtailed in the use of the Sunday School building, and will have to hold their meetings in the parish house. The Basket Ball Club will probably be able to arrange some games with the sailors, and will find an additional spice given to the contest by the presence of enthusiastic spectators. The infant class of the Sunday School, I might also add, will meet in the guild room of the parish building, instead of downstairs in the Sunday

School building. No other changes will be made, or will be necessary, except in this regard: Hitherto I have always been glad to extend hospitality to any outside philanthropies and charities, and have placed at their disposal our rooms and parish buildings with a liberal hand, feeling that the truest economy was to make the largest possible use of our equipment, that it might do the greatest amount of good. I shall, however, for this winter be obliged to withdraw a good many of these hospitalities. This extraordinary work among our country's gallant defenders ought to be continued even if it gives some serious inconvenience, in view of its importance. It is a subject, therefore, of great congratulation that we are enabled to continue it without inconvenience to any important activity of the parish. One thing this Club has demonstrated, and that is the value of our location at this time. Our success is, in my judgment, due chiefly to two facts: First, our splendid committee and its admirable work in reaching the Navy Yard and providing a cordial reception and entertaining features for the evening; and, secondly, our admirable position, near Market Street, in a portion of the town where the boys like to take their evening strolls.

Our greatest limitation has been the small size of our Sunday School building and its poor arrangements. A fine parish building is an absolute necessity for a large work in a down town church. Our destiny is clear; St. Stephen's Church must prepare itself in equipment and in membership to serve the community in a large way. The appeal of our church is not to people who want a comfortable pew in which to take a Sunday morning nap in good company, but to those who are anxious to find a field of service, a church that will be to them a source of inspiration.

The memorial to Miss Fanny Magee was by agreement to have been completed by November the first. The war conditions have made it difficult for the Tiffany Studios to procure material and expert carvers, and have interfered with the progress of the work in many ways. Mr. Tiffany's artistic enthusiasm has been very great, and he has not hesitated to reject work that has fallen short of his high ideal. He has in the most disinterested way elaborated upon and enriched the plan. As a result, however, it appears that we shall not be able, according to present prospects, to unveil the memorial on All Saints' Day. Still, there is a month ahead of us, and much can be done in a twelfth of a year, and I am hopeful that about the middle of the month we may be able to unveil this great improvement in our equipment for the dignified conduct of our worship. The greatest drawback in the old church was the low chancel, and at the expense of one pew all around a considerable enlargement has been effected. The congregation will only realize gradually what an immense improvement this great gift has made. I personally feel the liveliest gratitude to Miss Anna Magee for this great change.

Our losses during the summer have not been so numerous as usual; still our numbers have been depleted. By the death of Mrs. Baldwin we lost a faithful attendant, a friend of the Woman's Auxiliary, and a Christian worker who labored in the vineyard of the Sunday School in the early days of her life, and was always a helper through the sweet Christian influence which she shed about her.

After long suffering, from that terrible illness consumption, Miss Cora Reeves passed away. I came down from Echo Lake to bury her, because I always felt a special tenderness to her as one of my shut-in parishioners who never forgot the church. Every year she sent in her envelopes faithfully filled out. Whenever I called on her I was profoundly impressed by her brave Christian spirit and her sweet nature. It was wonderful to see how many friends gathered together to pay her the last honor. She had long been immured from the world, but her loving personality had enabled her to keep in touch with a wide circle.

In the death of Mr. Alfred C. Ashmead we lost one of our neighbors and friends, who never failed to do a kindness, and was a ministering spirit in his journey through the world.

The many friends of Mrs. Hall will be grieved to know of the troubles that have come upon her and her daughter in the tragic death of her son-in-law.

The numbers of our men who are going to the war are steadily increasing. It is difficult to say exactly who are ours and who are not ours, yet I think that we will all regard Dr. Hewson's son, Dr. Wm. Hewson, as in a sense one of our flock. He has received his commission as lieutenant, and will be a surgeon on one of the hospital ships. Mr. Reifsnyder's son Henry has gone to the war. Mr. Reifsnyder's partner, Mr. Gowdy, a junior member of the firm, has gone to sea in the berth of a fireman on board the South Carolina. He simply wanted to do his part wherever the greatest need might be. We publish a list of the young men elsewhere, with their addresses.

Our Church sustained a great loss in the departure of Mr. Roland S. Morris and his wife. He has been appointed Ambassador to Japan. On September 23rd, the Sunday before he left the city, Mr. Morris was present in St. Stephen's Church, and I spoke of what he was to me and to the congregation, alluded to the debt of gratitude that the Burd School owed him for his help in reorganizing that institution, and referred once more to his service on the committee that called me to the Church. He has been in ardent sympathy with all my ideals about the democracy of the Church, and has been of great assistance to us in the Vestry. In remembrance of his service to the Burd School his portrait will be hung in the corridor of that institution.

I took upon myself to instruct a florist of Philadelphia to send a suitable floral offering to the ship on which he shall sail from Vancouver, as a parting tribute to him and Mrs. Morris from his friends in St. Stephen's.

Mr. Morris, after the presentation of the alms, was asked by the Rector to come up on the temporary platform, to say a few words of farewell. He spoke most cordially of St. Stephen's Church as the leading liberal church in Philadelphia, and of the happiness that he had in worshipping within its walls and of his interest in its welfare. As it is probable that he will be out of the country for four years, he resigned his seat in the Vestry and the Rector's Wardenship. All his friends are rejoiced that Mrs. Morris has recovered her health, and is able to go with him. It will be a wonderful experience for her and the children. As the granddaughter of Mr. Shippen, one of our vestrymen, who was a warm friend of Dr. Ducachet, Mrs. Morris has ancestral ties with St. Stephen's Church.

Let me close in the words of the great Apostle to the Gentiles:

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Church Work Fund.

My Dear Parishioners:

I am making my annual appeal for contributions to the Church Work Fund. With this purse the Rector conducts his office, publishes The Parish News, and contributes to various societies in the Church. Our old members give faithfully to this fund, and it is to be hoped that our new members will also contribute to it.

By the envelope system for specified objects, and the Church Work Fund for small and sundry purposes, the worship of St. Stephen's is kept free from frequent appeals for money, a feature of our service that tends greatly to enhance the dignity of our worship.

The regular demands on this purse call for a fund of $1,600.

This appeal is given out a little earlier than usual but my treasury is depleted and there never was a greater demand for such a purse. I ought to have my secretary's services more constantly than I did last year, as there are a great many letters that ought to be written to these boys who ask for messages, and leave their names with us, and also to those who have gone out from our parish. I would be very much obliged if the contributions were sent me as soon as possible.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Major Frank Wilbur Smith, U. S. A.
Quartermaster Harry M. C. Hewson, U. S. A.
Second Lieutenant C. Tristram Colket 2d, U. S. A.
Second Lieutenant Norman Turner, U. S. A.
Second Lieutenant Walter Lee Lukens, U. S. A.
Second Lieutenant A. Claxton Musselman, U. S. A.
Samuel W. Meek, Jr., Aviation Corps.
Robert L. Meek, Coast Defense Reserve.
Wilson Meek, 1st Virginia Cavalry.
Herbert Ellis, Yeoman, U. S. N.
Henry G. Reifsnyder, 1st Penna. Cavalry, Headquarters Troop.
Charles Marbert, U. S. N.
Donald Gregory, U. S. N.
Frank M. Durr, Aviation Corps.
Harry Dodge, U. S. N.
Bertel Elsner, U. S .N.
Oscar W. Burns, 1st Penna. Infantry.
Thomas O'Byrne, 1st Penna. Infantry.
M. Davis Hale, Medical Corps.
William Turner, U. S. A.
Lenhart Elsner, U. S. A.
Percy De Cailles, U. S. A.
G. Weldon, U. S. A.
Elwood Gowdy, U. S. N.
Robert Boyd, Jr., U. S. A., Ordnance Dept.
Capt. Lewis H. Van Dusen, U. S. A., Ordnance Dept.
Miss Elizabeth R. Earle, Army Nurse Corps, Burd School Graduate.

Special Confirmation.

We expect to have a Special Confirmation about Thanksgiving Day for enlisted men. Some have expressed a desire to take this stand in St. Stephen's and one is coming many miles to be confirmed at that time. The new life came to him at St. Stephen's and he wants to take his place among those who assume their baptismal vows in the old church. A general invitation is extended to all unconfirmed soldiers, sailors, all who have not yet enlisted in the Army of the Lord, to come out on His side at this season.

Beyond the Silent Night.

"Is there beyond the silent night
An endless day?
Is death a door that leads to light?
We cannot say."
—Declaration of the Free—Ingersoll.

He cannot say, indeed, who cannot speak
A language foreign to his untrained ear.
He cannot know, because he cannot hear
The heavenly vibrations which the meek,
Those strong ones whom the world considers weak,
Have heard like echoes from another sphere
Whose full disclosure does not yet appear.
Men seldom find the things they do not seek.
We cannot say? perhaps we do not care
To take the trouble to inquire where
Our lives may trend; we follow our own way
And trust our mortal-sense to lead us right.
How can he hope to find an endless day
Who does not seek the way that leads to light?
—N. Allen Stockton.

October 11, 1917.

Mothers' Meeting.

The first Mothers' Meetings of this season will be held on Thursday, November 1st, at 8 P. M.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will take place on Thursday, October 18th, at 11 o'clock in the Parish House, when a variety of matters will be discussed and it is desired that all the members will attend, so that work may begin at once.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Will have their first meeting Wednesday, October 17, 1917, in the Guild Room, Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock. We hope to start with sewing and a little knitting for the soldiers.

During the summer months a few housewives were made and filled with many useful articles, such as shoelaces, buttons, pins and needles, thimbles, cotton, lead pencils, combs, writing tablets, etc., which were given to soldiers who have gone to Camp Hancock, Camp Meade, and were very acceptable. We will be glad for more workers in our Circle.

Shoe Fund.

The old stand will resume work, November 6th, Tuesday, half past 10 o'clock.

The Sunday School.

With the successful excursion of the whole school to the Farm on Saturday, June 16th, a most delightful day—the winter sessions closed. The summer season began the next day, and every Sunday since, we have had a most interesting summer school, well attended and studying the "Kindly Deeds of Jesus." The same lessons being used each Sunday afternoon in the Farm services, except during August, when the clergy of the Hatboro church came to the Farm with special addresses.

So many of our scholars took vacations on the Farm that we try to keep the two sessions each Sunday united by at least the same lesson. Now the fall season is before us and we have left the guild room and back to the old building with most of the teachers back in their places.

The Rally Day, when we want every one in their class—teacher, scholar and friends, will be October 21st, at 9.45 A. M.

As this is the Day of Intercessions for all Sunday Schools let us have an enthusiastic and devout meeting. We hope the teachers will keep the next evening, Monday, October 22, open, to go with us to the Diocesan Institute at Holy Apostles Church.

Our Older Boys are enlisting in the army and navy. Bertel Elsner is at Newport Naval Training Station. Charley Marbet, Harry Dodge and Donald Gregory are out on the blue sea with "Uncle Sam." Young Weldon and Percy De Cailles are with the army, so that we are quite proud of our "Honor Roll." Besides our teachers are represented by Mr. Colket, a young officer now with the American forces. So that as we see the marines and sailors so delightfully looked after by our clergy and the Men's Club, we feel too that many of our boys are doing their bit for righteousness.

James Merchant is in Pittsburgh representing our school in the State Convention of Older Boys, so we are full of activity which Mr. Keable and the writer both think indicates a winter of much good work.

G. H. Streaker, Supt.

Evangelistic Campaign.

On Sunday, October 21, 1917, there will be inaugurated a six weeks' Union Evangelistic Campaign, at the Inasmuch Auditorium, 1011 Locust Street. The Superintendent of the Mission, George Long, will be the evangelist. Services begin promptly at 7.45, and the singing will be led by Prof. Watkin Davis.

These are anxious days, and the time is fully ripe for all of us to look well to the reason of our faith, and we earnestly hope that this effort to deepen the spiritual life of many people, and to arouse the careless, will commend itself to your prayers. Cards have been sent out, asking people to pray for the blessing of God upon this work, and sever-

Musical Program

October 7.

11 A. M.
God is a Spirit ..... Bennett

8 P. M.
Magnificat, B flat ..... Stainer
He watching over Israel ..... Mendelssohn
My Soul is athirst for God ..... Gaul

October 14.

Te Deum in B flat ..... Stanford
Jubilate in F ..... Smart
Fear ye not O Israel ..... Spicker

8 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis ..... Stainer
Hark, Hark My Soul ..... Shelley
Grieve Not ..... Stainer

October 21.

Te Deum in E ..... Mosenthal
Jubilate in B flat ..... Stanford
If with all your hearts ..... Mendelssohn

8 P. M.
Magnificat in E ..... Parker
When thou comest ..... Rossini
O rest in the Lord ..... Mendelssohn

October 28.

Te Deum in G ..... Mosenthal
Jubilate ..... McCollin
Come gracious spirit ..... Marzo

8 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis ..... Parker
O for a closer walk ..... Foster
The Lord is my light ..... Parker

al hundred replies have been received, indicating that for several consecutive hours each day petitions will ascend to the Throne on High.

The Executive Committee consists of the following and at least twenty-five churches are officiating in this campaign: S. Mitchell Pugh, chairman; Mrs. George Long, James Burns, Jr., James Simmington, E. B. Unger, Wm. H. Degen, Robert J. Milligan, Rev. Wm. Barnes Lower, Rev. Frederick B. Keable and A. F. Hirst.

St. Stephen's Farm.

From year to year, when we have presented our report of the summer work at the Farm, we have told you of the wonderful beauties of the place, and altho you may not have had an opportunity to visit this delightful spot—and if not, you have missed it—you must be somewhat familiar with its loveliness, so we need not tell you that it is the same beautiful place, and we are glad to report that we have had an unusually delightful summer. Of course, you will want to know how many people were with us, and how we made out financially, for at the present time finance is a very important and perplexing matter in every institution as well as every household.

When we tell you that we opened on June 15th with the Sunday School picnic of 200 persons, that we had with us during the summer 418 guests for a stay of one week, and that 764 extra meals were served; that we had the same "good eats" and that our expenses were not more than $135.00 over the preceding year, we think you will tell us that we have done pretty well. At least we hope you will.

While we shall not attempt to tell you all that we have been doing, we do want to mention a few of the most important happenings.

Of course, a large part of the time was spent in recreation. We had jolly days—restful days, happy days, and somehow we felt that this year we were happier than ever before; in fact, we experienced a real joy, and we believe it was because every one tried to do her bit, entering heartily into the food conservation, helping in the war garden, which by the way, was of great interest to old and young alike. Even when there was a scarcity of help in the house we did not mind it in the least, for we all worked together, and things went along in the usual way, so you see we have also had busy days.

A number of pictures were taken by our photographer, Miss Sherrard, and we hope to have slides made, so that sometime during the winter you may see in picture many interesting events.

The religious life was not lost sight of. The Sunday afternoon service in the woods which was discontinued two years ago was resumed this summer, Mr. Streaker in charge. Rev. Samuel Booth of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, was the speaker for the month of August, and we are greatly indebted to him and also to his assistant, Mr. Huntington. We are sure that those of us who heard Mr. Booth will remember his helpful and inspiring addresses. The Church of the Advent in Hatboro coöperated with us in these services, bringing special soloists and the organist. Our friends and neighbors also joined with us, and there was an average attendance of 75 each Sunday.

Our good friends remembered us most liberally, and we are grateful to them all. Mr. Ewing presented us with a splendid new victrola and a number of fine records which added much to our evening entertainments.

We are glad to be able to tell you that by the sale of postal cards, small contributions and the proceeds of our war garden, we realized $40.00 for the Red Cross.

We have had not only a delightful summer, but also a successful one, and we feel we may use this word in its truest sense.

And altho the vacation days are over, we feel that the joy and refreshing influence of the time spent at the Farm will remain throughout the year. E. D.

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the Farm:

The King's Daughters—Two rugs for their room.
Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.—Papering parlor and matrons bed-room, a new rug for the Van Dusen parlor, candy for the Girls' Friendly Society.
Mothers' Meeting—Expended $50.00 for blankets, swing for porch, rug for porch, hammock, clock for hall.
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing—Victor Talking machine, 30 records, 12 bed spreads, $10.00 for extras.
Miss Ewing—$5.00 for extras.
Benevolent Society—Quantity of linen.
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas—Prizes for the G. F. S.
Mrs. D. D Wood—Games and toys.
Mrs. H. C. Eckman—Magazines.

Girls' Friendly Society—$46.50 for the purchase of new parlor furniture covers, 6 rugs, replenishing furnishings for their room, and croquet set.
Mrs. Hall's Band—A plaited rug for G. F. S. room.
Mrs. Douglass—Magazines.

A Convocation Bazaar.

A Bazaar and Supper will be held at the Memorial Church of the Advocate on Thursday afternoon and evening, November 15th, under the auspices of the Woman's Aid of the North Convocation, to contribute toward St. Ambrose rectory and parish house. All parishes in this convocation will be represented, and as St. Stephen's is in this Convocation, a booth will be reserved for our parish, for which bags and aprons and neckwear are requested. Further details will be given at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Old St. Stephen's Club.

Receipts and expenditures of Old St. Stephen's Club for enlisted men:

From June 24 to Sept. 30, inclusive.

Cash received from Finance Committee	$3,578 00
Sales Sundries	29 80
Germantown Commandery 82, paid expenses for Sept. 22	21 50
	$3,629 30

Expenditures.

Printing	$ 51 85
Attendants	288 51
Equipment and Repairs	283 99
Eatables, etc.	1,999.79
	$2,624 14
Balance on hand	$1,005 16

We have entertained over 14,000 enlisted men.

R. T. Boyd, *Commissary.*

Appointments for October.

Monday, Oct. 1.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Co.
Tuesday, Oct. 2.—H. Reifsnyder, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 3.—Robt. T. Boyd, Chairman. Keith evening. Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co.
Thursday, Oct. 4.—Jas. Everett Bacon, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.
Friday, Oct. 5.—Edward W. Moore, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.
Saturday, Oct. 6.—Andrew Luffbarry, Chairman. Hanover Orchestra, Professor Yates, leader. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.
Sunday, Oct. 7.—Edward W. Moore, Chairman. Morning prayer, 11 A. M. Evening prayer, 8 P. M.
Monday, Oct. 8.—C. N. Van Dusen, Chairman. Auspices of Olivet Lodge. Elton Davis, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.
Tuesday, Oct. 9.—C. S. Calwell, Chairman. Vaudeville and moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 10.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Chairman. Keith evening. Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co.
Thursday, Oct. 11.—Rev. F. B. Keable, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.
Friday, Oct. 12.—J. F. Wallace, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.
Saturday, Oct. 13.—Andrew Luffbarry, Chairman. Lulu Temple Orchestra. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.
Sunday, Oct. 14.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Chairman. Morning prayer, 11 A. M. Evening prayer 8 P. M.
Monday, Oct. 15.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Chairman. The famous Clover Orchestra, assisted by Jos. G. Sullivan, Baritone.
Tuesday, Oct. 16.—H. Reifsnyder, Chairman. The Hon. John M. Patterson, Judge of Court of Common Pleas, "Our Duty as Patriots."
Wednesday, Oct. 17.—Robert T. Boyd, Chairman. Keith evening. Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co.
Thursday, Oct. 18.—Jas. Everett Bacon, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.
Friday, Oct. 19.—Edward W. Moore, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.
Saturday, Oct. 20.—Andrew Luffbarry, Chairman. Auspices of First Methodist Church. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.
Sunday, Oct. 21.—J. F. Wallace, Chairman. Morning prayer, 11 A. M. Evening prayer, 8 P. M.
Monday, Oct. 22.—C. N. Van Dusen, Chairman. Auspices of Germantown Drill Corps. Jos. F. McDade, Chairman.
Tuesday, Oct. 23.—C. S. Calwell, Chairman. Address by Dr. A. McKinley, "Causes of the War." Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 24.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Chairman. Keith evening. Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co.
Thursday, Oct. 25.—Rev. F. B. Keable, Chairman. Auspices of Olivet Lodge. Elton Davis, Chairman.
Friday, Oct. 26.—J. F. Wallace, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.
Saturday, Oct. 27.—Andrew Luffbarry, Chairman. Auspices Germantown Drill Corps. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.
Sunday, Oct. 28.—Jas. Everett Bacon, Chairman. Morning prayer, 11 A. M. Evening prayer, 8 P. M.
Monday, Oct. 29.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.
Tuesday, Oct. 30.—H. Reifsnyder, Chairman. Special Program.
Wednesday, Oct. 31.—Robt. T. Boyd, Chairman. Keith evening. Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co.

Letters from Home.

Wilkes Barre, Pa.
Sept. 17, 1917.

DEAR SIR:—

To express my appreciation for the card received today. Only a card.

But to a mother it meant everything in the world. A *Haven* for my dear boy—yes, every mother's dear boy when he gets lonely and thinks of home and mother, a place for him to go where his mind won't be tainted.

Thank God for the Club Home. The widow gave her mite, and I a widow have given to my country my all, my only boy, and may he be a good faithful boy and serve his country well.

God grant he may come back with the same *pure clean* sweet kiss he gave his mother when he said Good-by.

Not to be a selfish mother but pray for my boy when praying for other mothers' darlings.

Accept my thanks, and my hope of long live the Club Home.

Gratefully,

New York, July 6, 1917.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—

My son, Salvador Milton, who enlisted in the Naval Militia of this State and is now on the U. S. S. "Indiana" has written me most enthusiastically of the cordial treatment that has been accorded by all people of your good city to the men of the service, and specially of the active and helpfu interest of your worthy church.

Being our only child, you may perhaps imagine the pleasure with which we have read his letters recounting all the kindnesses he has been receiving while away from his home, and his mother and myself share most keenly his gratefulness for the hospitality of which he, as well as so many others, has been the object.

It is therefore the purpose of this letter to make known to you and to all those of your church who are so unselfishly devoting time and resources to entertain the absent ones, our most profound gratitude, a feeling that is undoubtedly shared by every parent whose dear one has had to absent himself from their fireside, upon the call of a patriotic duty. May you all be blessed to overflowing in your magnificent work, as you deserve to be blessed.

It is my sincere wish that some day I may be privileged to reciprocate so much kindness, and with my cordial good wishes for your success, believe me,

Yours respectfully,

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16 Adams Street,
Burlington, Vt.
Sept. 27, 1917.

DEAR SIR:—

I have received your card saying that my son has been a visitor at St. Stephen's Club.

I wish to thank you and all those who have made such a club possible and express to you my gratitude and appreciation for the interest and kindness shown my son and his comrades in the service. He has written to me about the club and says that he enjoys his visits there very much.

Yours very truly,

On board U. S. S. Seattle,
Sept. 23, 1917.

DEAR BROTHER:

I like Philadelphia a whole lot better than I do New York, even if I do get royal treatment here, but there is something here that I can't explain in words that doesn't create good fellowship like St. Stephen's and Philadelphia.

I remain Fraternally,

Sept. 16, 1917.

DEAR SIR:—

I am well pleased to receive a card from your club through my brother, and am more than glad to know he has some such place to spend his spare time, Eugene has been somewhat of a wayward boy and anything that you or your club might do to help him will more than please his mother, and brothers. I will be glad to hear from you as to his behavior. He is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Buffalo.

Hoping that Eugene spends many evenings at your club and accepts your hospitality, that he might lead a better life, I am,

Yours Truly,

Oswego, N. Y.
Wed. Sept. 26, 1917.

DEAR SIRS AND FATHERS:—

Mr. and Mrs. ———— wishes to thank you all for your kindness and interest to our son William, away from home. Altho we miss him very much and feel lonesome, nothing could have pleased us any more than your message, it seemed like an angel from Heaven when your card came yesterday. To know that he had such a nice religious place to spend his spare time.

Hoping that God and his Blessed Mother will watch over him and his comrades and with your kindness and help, they will all return to their homes good religous boys and men.

May God and his Blessed Mother send down all the blessings in Heaven upon you all. And we will pray for you all. With kindest regards from,

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Frost, Texas,
Sept. 28. 1917.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

Received card today from Wm. H. Richardson. On Committee work from your Church Club. That my son George Stanley had chosen to use your Club Home, and be with your good people, yes I do feel comforted to know God's Children away there

are looking after my darling Sailor Boy. I appreciate it more than I am able to write you, but am so thankful to you for this kindness. What a great work you are doing. True these are anxious hours.

Thanking you again and again for favors shown mine and other mothers' boys. My only child. I desire your prayers.

Sincerely,

Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 13, 1917.

MY DEAR SIR:—

We have just received at home one of the cards being mailed by the Old St. Stephen's Club, showing that my son James, who is a seaman on the U. S. S. Massachusetts, has enjoyed the privileges of the Club, and can assure you that my wife and myself were much touched by the incident and by the tender message conveyed in the card.

James had already spoken of having attended the Club and enjoyed its hospitality. He has been reared in a Christian home, but you have doubtless been reaching many who have not had this advantage, and I am sure your Church has accomplished much lasting good in the conduct of this work.

Wishing you Godspeed in your splendid effort, I beg to remain

Very Sincerely,

Headquarters Company
110th Infantry, (3d Penn. Inf.)
Camp Hancock, Ga.

DEAR FRIEND:

I wish to write these few words of thanks to you and the members of St. Stephen's Fellowship Club, for the kindness and entertainment shown myself and friends while we were encamped near Phila.

I think St. Stephen's is doing a wonderful work. They certainly are doing their "bit," and I do not think that any enlisted man could regret the time spent in their little club.

Wishing you all the success in the world, I am,
Sincerely,

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Prayer for Absent Ones

O GOD, Who art in every place and from Whose knowledge no space or distance can ever remove us, we know that those who are absent from each other are still present to Thee. Defend, we pray Thee, those dear ones (especially .....'.....) from whom we are separated, in all their dangers, both of soul and of body. And grant that they and we, by drawing near to Thee, may be drawing near unto one another, bound together by the unseen chain of Thy Love, in the communion of the Holy Spirit, in the holy fellowship of Thy Saints: that whether, or not, as seems best to Thee, we meet again, here upon earth, we may surely meet again at the Resurrection of the just; and go in together to that house of many mansions which Thou hast prepared for those who love Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

James DeKoven, D.D.

Additional copies of the above, in card form, may be had of Mr. Keable.

Memorial Flower Fund.

1917.

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28.—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

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18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss Gebhart.

March 4.—Miss Mary Wallace.
11.—Mrs. Clemens.
18.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor. / Mrs. Atmore.

April 1.—Palm Sunday.
5.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
8.—Easter Sunday.
15.—Dr. Grammer.
22.—Mrs. Campbell.
29.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

May 6.—Miss Dutilh.
13.—Miss Townsend.
17.—Miss Williamson.
20.—Mrs. Colket.
27.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
17.—Miss Gebhart.
24.—Miss Bright.

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8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
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26.—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 2.—Mrs. Lane.
9.—Misses Kirkpatrick.
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30.—Miss Laura Bell.

Oct. 7.—Miss Maulsby.
14.—Mrs. Sheble.
21.—Girls' Friendly Society.
28.—Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
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18.—Miss Eisenbrey.
25.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 2.—Misses Davis.
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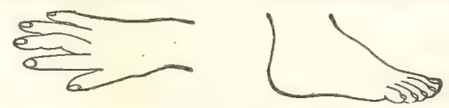

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A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the third Sunday of the month. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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TRUSTEES.

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Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

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Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Secretary.—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Teachers.

Mrs. Vanderslice, Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss M. Dukes, Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund.—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist.—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary.—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer.—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss M. L. Wallace, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Grammer, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Literature Associate.—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. H. W. Dunne, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr., Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary.—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer.—Miss Anna Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director.—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer.—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian.—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants.—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society.—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar for November.

Nov. 1.—All Saints' Day.
4.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
11.—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
18.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
25.—Sunday before Advent.
29.—Thanksgiving.
30.—St. Andrew.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Oct. 7.—Edythe Sophia Bell.
7.—Lawrence Frank Rorer.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Oct. 6.—Walter S. Mingin and Janet Bartleson.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours."

Oct. 4.—Harry Frederick Brawner.
5.—Mrs. Mary Lukens Wigfall.
12.—Mrs. Olivia Ernst.
20.—Willis Edward Harding.
29.—Mrs. Isabella De Coursey.

Offerings Received from October 1, 1917, to October 31, 1917.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basin, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 38 16
Parochial Maintenance	63 77
Domestic Missions	51 90
Girls' Friendly Society	17 80
	$171 63

Envelope System:

Charities	$95 34	
Parochial Maintenance	192 18	
Missions	129 90	
Our Work Among Boys	15 33	
Benevolent Society	5 31	
Domestic Missions	24 87	
Theological Education	01	
Indian Missions	01	
Diocesan Missions	10 00	
Sunday School	25 24	
Girls' Friendly Society	30 95	
		$529 14
		$700 77

Summary:

Charities	$133 50	
Parochial Maintenance	255 95	
Missions	129 90	
Our Work Among Boys	15 33	
Benevolent Society	5 31	
Domestic Missions	76 77	
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Girls' Friendly Society	48 75	
		$700 77

FREDERICK B. KEABLE,
Treasurer.

The Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

The war dominates every other interest. It invades our Church life, as well as our family circles. Ministers are called on to speak in behalf of the Liberty Loan, and of food conservation. The needs of the Y. M. C. A. and of our Church's chaplains must all be presented. All these causes have their rightful appeal. Our supreme duty at this crisis of the nation and of civilization is to help the country. Our next obligation is to assist the Young Men's Christian Association. This is the instrumentality recognized by the President for providing for the social and religious needs of the enlisted men of the Protestant Churches, which include 60 per cent. of our people, as the Knights of Columbus provide for the Roman Catholic membership of 30 per cent. Neither the Y. M. C. A. nor the Knights of Columbus exclude from their privileges men of another faith.

Our own chaplains also ought to be adequately equipped. The slogan that the boys of our church are entitled to the sacraments of our ministration wherever they go, is a mistake. The highest power of Christianity lies in the truths that we all have in common. It is impossible for our church to have an Episcopal clergyman on every battleship or in every brigade, or a chaplain at every reserve camp. The Government cannot have such a troop of chaplains as this policy would require if followed out by various churches. The expense is more than the members of our church can bear. The underlying idea is a narrow sectarian theory that no ministers except those of historic orders can kindle by their ministration the flame of pure devotion on the altar of our hearts. The proper equipment of our chaplains with religious literature, hymnals, Bibles and prayer books, portable melodeons, etc., is a reasonable and proper request. It is also most fitting that the churches in the neighborhood of these great camps for assembling and training men should be assisted in meeting the necessities of the situation. Take, for instance, the city of Macon, Ga., near which lies Camp Wheeler, with 30,000 troops. Macon itself has a total population of about 60,000, of which two-fifths are colored. These enlisted men are not in so much peril as they would be near a great city, but where there are many pigeons the hawks will soon gather, and the churches in Macon are in need of all the assistance their co-religionists can give them. We must stand by all these causes, and I believe that the order of importance is as I have named them.

Our own Club continues its excellent work. Up to Sunday, October 28th, our registration aggregated over 19,000, and in the last week we had 1,000.

The committee of ladies had an attendance in the afternoon 50 per cent larger the second week than in the first. I suggest that ladies who are anxious to help, but have not been assigned to any definite day, visit the Club on the afternoon most convenient to them, and see its working and discern by conference with those in charge where they can be most useful, and above all send in their names to Miss Ewing. The assignments as at present made are published elsewhere. The work is enlarging and, sad to say, it looks as if the war would stretch out for a long period. It is plain that we need many helpers and that the whole conduct of the Club must be systematized and conducted by definite rules.

One thing ought to manifest itself in the work done, namely, that this is a social and not a charitable function. We are not giving food to these young men because they are starving. We are inviting them into our Club-house and providing them refreshments as an expression of our interest in them, because we are solicitous to provide them with a helpful social environment. Pecuniary aid ought no more to be asked of us than a guest would ask for a loan of money from his host at an evening's entertainment in a private house. The enlisted men realize this. The worthy men can get pecuniary aid from their comrades who know them, if they have lost their car fares. As for the infinitesimal number who try to get money from us on the usual grounds, it should be understood that it is against the rules to give such help. Such grants of aid will have a tendency to attract the lower elements and drive away from us the youths whom we are most anxious to interest. It will not be necessary to refer to this again. The principle is important, but the cases that call for its application are comparatively rare.

Since I am speaking of rules, I must emphasize that only men in uniform are invited. If a man has been discharged from the service for sickness, or disability of any kind, we must respectfully ask him not to come. Only men in the service can be our guests. Our stream of sociability has to have banks, if its current is to run well. The uniform is the required wedding garment.

It will also be necessary to be prompt in closing, in justice to our workers. The men will coöperate cordially, if they understand that we are mapping out the plans of a long campaign.

Wonderful, indeed, is the uplift of this Club. The heart cannot but expand as one looks on these young men; so young, so cheerful, so free from swagger and bravado. Their mouths are filled with no strange oaths, as we hear them talk. They move without bluster or parade. Courteous, natural, direct in speech, frank and friendly—they are youths to be proud of. One shudders to think of the perils that are ahead of them, perils physical and spiritual. Of the lewd fellows of the baser sort, who will tell them tales in the camp, or in the watches of the night on shipboard; of the strain upon nerves in the trench, and of the strain upon faith when the spectacle of a world at war unrolls itself before them. But we can only bear a certain amount of pain. God has made our nerves of such a nature that they cannot carry more than a certain voltage of suffering. Neither can the full horrors of the future be comprehended. God has provided checks and brakes for lessening the shocks and He has also supplies of courage and endurance, that He provides for those who turn to Him in their hour of need.

The boys evidently take short looks ahead and live in the duties of the hour, and we must emulate their example. These are the birth-throes of a better civilization, of the parliament of man, the federation of the world. If our country's blood and treasure must be poured out, they will be expended for a pearl of great price, an enduring peace, a peace guaranteed by the confederated nations of the whole world, who have been brought together in alliance by the necessity of restraining this maniac German nation.

But I must turn from these world-wide issues, to the work of our Parish.

About Thanksgiving Day, we shall have a special confirmation for enlisted men. Some are coming back from distant camps to be confirmed in St. Stephen's. We should be glad to know the names of any who are meditating this step.

On Monday night the Hon. Edwin S. Stuart, former Mayor of Philadelphia, and Governor of Pennsylvania, made an address to enlisted men. His stirring words made a great impression on the boys. On the same night a number of members of Company I of the 47th New York Infantry, through Corporal B. Rodalsky, presented to me a formal expression of gratitude signed by 47 men, with the corporal's name at the top. A reproduction of which appears in this issue.

Great interest is felt in the church and in the artistic community in the completion of the memorial chancel and reredos by Miss Anna J. Magee, in memory of her sister, Miss Fanny S. Magee. As we anticipated, embellishment and elaboration of the original design has delayed somewhat the composition, and various checks and difficulties incident to a state of war have delayed its completion. Rapid progress is now about to be made and we hope that the formal unveiling may take place on Saturday, December 1st. We are grateful for the good nature and patience with which the congregation has borne the inconvenience of this period of construction.

The removal of the rails in front of the church has been a great improvement. The whole air of the building is much more inviting. The doors now seem to be ready to open to the wayfarer and the passer-by and the stranger. It is too costly at this time to put in new steps, and the old steps were repaired with cement. Our entrance would do very well now if it were more adequately lighted. I have no doubt that this will soon be provided.

I ought to say a word about the Evangelistic Services going on at the Inasmuch Mission. Mr. Keable has accepted a position on the Executive Committee of the Board conducting the meeting, and we wish Mr. Long all success in his efforts to gather in the down-hearted and the defeated, and start them on a new course and a new life.

Since our last issue the church has lost a number of its older members. Mrs. Mary L. Wigfall, who was buried on October 5th, was at one time the treasurer of the Benevolent Society and active in the work of that Society. She was at the time of her death the President of the Corporation of the New Century Club. Her health had been poor for years. She often said that no one need mourn for her when she died. Full of years and ready for the change, she passed from the cheerful converse of friends with a brief spasm of pain into the life beyond the veil.

After a long illness with alternations of recovery and relapse, Mrs. Olivia Ernst died October 9th. She and her daughters came to St. Stephen's from the old Church of the Atonement, and had many friends in the parish. The tender and assiduous attentions of her daughters and grandchildren sustained and soothed her last hours. After a long and full life, she fell asleep.

Another aged member passed away with the death of Mrs. Isabella De Coursey, a woman of great force of character. She bore with great dignity and fortitude the total blindness that darkened the closing years of her life. In all these deaths we could but feel that Death was a kind friend, summoning the laborers home after a long day of toil, home to rest, to reward and to the Father's house. It is no easy task to grow old gracefully and uncomplainingly, to have the windows of the house darkened, the daughters of music laid low, and to feel the strong men of the house tremble. Many of us will be inclined to say, "May the curfew bell sound before the brightness of the sunset fades away in the gloom of night." Thank God, though the night may gather here, there is another daybreak beyond.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Church Work Fund.

My Dear Parishioners:

I am making my annual appeal for contributions to the Church Work Fund. With this purse the Rector conducts his office, publishes THE PARISH NEWS, and contributes to various societies in the Church. Our old members give faithfully to this fund, and it is to be hoped that our new members will also contribute to it.

By the envelope system for specified objects, and the Church Work Fund for small and sundry purposes, the worship of St. Stephen's is kept free from frequent appeals for money, a feature of our service that tends greatly to enhance the dignity of our worship.

The regular demands on this purse call for a fund of $1,600.

This appeal is given out a little earlier than usual, but my treasury is depleted, and there never was a greater demand for such a purse. I ought to have my secretary's services more constantly than I did last year, as there are a great many letters that ought to be written to these boys who ask for messages, and leave their names with us, and also to those who have gone out from our parish. I would be very much obliged if the contributions were sent to me as soon as possible. I give below a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year just closed:

To amount on hand Oct. 17, 1916	$13 99	
" Subscriptions to Church Work Fund in November	752 00	
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" Later gifts	505 00	
" Amount received from advertisements in PARISH NEWS	336 00	
		$1687 99
By amounts given to Church Societies	$89 21	
" Printing PARISH NEWS and Miscellaneous Printing	563 12	
" Postage, stationery and services of secretary	251 22	
" Bell telephone	69 65	
" Services of bell ringer	45 25	
" Sundries	61 09	
" Refund of check for Cuban work	10 00	
" Small repairs	73 85	
" Commission on advertising	25 00	
" Christmas trees and greens	20 25	
" Amount paid Joseph de Stefano	37 75	
" Amount disbursed through Mr. Keable	28 70	
" Railroad expenses for church work	47 25	
" Amount paid Mr. Thunder for extra musical services	50 00	
" Refreshments for Parish meetings and other hospitalities	114 29	
" Services at organ during August	20 00	
" Noonday Lenten Services	18 70	
" Brotherhood expenses	100 00	
" Amount on hand	62 66	
		$1687 99

Against this apparent balance there are bills outstanding, amounting to about one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Cordially yours,
CARL E. GRAMMER.

Contributions to Church Work Fund.

Miss Catharine T. Rynard	$15 00
Mrs. Edward R. Fell	10 00
Miss Laura Bell	15 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Mrs. John Coats Brown	10 00
Mrs. James M. Arrison	20 00
Mrs. Robert E. Atmore	50 00
Mrs. A. G. Brunner	25 00
Mrs. Oliver B. Judson	10 00
Miss Elizabeth L. Williamson	5 00
Miss Katharine M. MacRae	7 00
Miss Emily Bell	15 00
Mrs. Nicholas Petry	5 00
Howard Reifsnyder	100 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
Miss Mary De Haven Bright	5 00
Miss Anna Bella Townsend	5 00

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The first meeting of the Auxiliary was held in the Parish House, Thursday, October 18th. All members were asked to concentrate their energies for the Bazaar and Supper to be given on Thursday, November 15th, afternoon and evening, at the Parish House of the Memorial Church of the Advocate, Eighteenth and Diamond Streets. St. Stephen's is to have a booth in conjunction with St. Ambrose Mission, for whose benefit the affair is given. Contributions of aprons, bags and neckwear or money may be sent to Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, 3913 Chestnut Street. Mrs. Grammer and the Misses Grammer will be in charge of the sales of the booth.

This date is the third Thursday, so that our own Auxiliary meeting will be postponed until the following week, November 22nd.

At noon a Corporate Communion of our Auxiliary was held in the church at the conclusion of our meeting. Miss Bell hopes this may become a custom at the first meeting in the Fall.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Notice of Bazaar.

Please remember the Bazaar and Supper to be held on Thursday, November 15th, from 2 until 10 o'clock in the Parish House of the Church of the Advocate, at Eighteenth and Diamond Streets. This is the work assigned to the Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, viz., to assist St. Ambrose Church, a growing mission in the northeastern part of our city, in the Kensington mill district, where a prosperous Mormon church on the opposite corner stands as a menace to the cramped conditions at St. Ambrose.

The blocks of two-story houses in the neighborhood furnish members and many children for both churches, and at St. Ambrose the attendance at the Sunday School in the basement is so large that there is not sufficient accommodation, therefore the Woman's Aid is trying to add to the building fund by holding this bazaar.

There are about twenty parishes in the

Convocation of North Philadelphia, among which are St. Stephen's, St. James and Christ Church, St. Stephen's and St. Ambrose are to have a booth together, at which aprons, handkerchiefs and neckwear are to be the chief articles for sale.

The supper will be served from 6 to 7.30 P. M., at a nominal charge of fifty cents.

The large Parish House of the Church of the Advocate with its fine equipment has been kindly put at the disposal of the Woman's Aid for this bazaar, and it is hoped that every parish in the Convocation will help by contributing money or articles for sale.

Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, 3913 Chestnut Street, is chairman of St. Stephen's booth, and will gladly receive any contributions sent to her.

LAURA BELL,
President Woman's Aid.

The Church Periodical Club.

The Church Periodical Club, like every other activity in these days, is more pressed than ever before because of the need to help our soldiers and sailors and at the same time to keep up the regular work. The missionaries who have rejoiced in our ministrations still want them, but new calls are coming all the time.

Here is a sample of the work done in the past month by St. Stephen's Branch: Besides the regular sending each week or month by our pledged donors (and this is our largest work), we have sent books to a mission camp in Virginia, Sunday School helps to a chapel in Georgia, our regular monthly quota of magazines to reading-rooms in Alaska, a special package to a chaplain with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, others to chaplains on battle ships, and several hundred to local hospitals. All these books were donated, but the sending, mostly by mail, means an outlay not provided for.

St. Stephen's Committee of the Club has a suggestion to make to those who wish to help. Some of our parishioners offered last spring to send their old newspapers and other waste paper to the parish house to be sold, with proceeds for the Periodical Club. But there is positively no room for storage of such material, even for a few days. If the housekeepers who have paper to sell would drop a postal card or telephone to the Librarian (Miss E. H. Smith, 211 South Forty-second Street, Preston 5596 W), whenever they have twenty-five or fifty pounds of waste paper, the following day a reliable dealer will be sent to buy it. A box will be placed on the shelf of the room adjoining the vestry room, marked "C. P. C." and in this the amount realized may be dropped the next Sunday, with the name of the donor, that its receipt may be acknowledged. Would this be much trouble? If each householder who was interested would get rid of her paper in this way, and turned in only say, 25 to 50 cents a year, the Church Periodical Club would be able to meet all postage and express charges.

Musical Program

November 4th, 1917.

11.00 A. M.
Incline Thine Ear ..... *Himmel*

8.00 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
Turn Thy Face ..... *Miller*
I Waited For the Lord ..... *Mendelssohn*

November 11th, 1917.

11.00 A. M.
Te Deum, in Key of B Minor ..... *Buck*
Benedictus ..... *Chant*
There Shall Be No Night There ..... *Wood*

8.00 P. M.
Magnificat ..... *Martin*
I Will Lay Me Down ..... *Gadsby*
Lord, Be Gracious ..... *Rossini*

November 18th, 1917.

11.00 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Morley*
Jubilate ..... *Smart*
King All Glorious ..... *Barnby*

8.00 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Martin*
Lovely Appear ..... *Gounod*
But the Lord Is Mindful ..... *Mendelssohn*

November 25th, 1917.

11.00 A. M.
Te Deum ..... *Parker*
Jubilate ..... *Parker*
Fierce Was the Wild Billow ..... *Noble*

8.00 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Parker*
The Woods and Every Sweet Smelling Tree... *West*
I Am Alpha ..... *Stainer*

Old St. Stephen's Club.

October 29, 1917.

To the Relatives and Friends of the Enlisted Men:

Friends and Fellow Countrymen:

I wish that you could see the uniformed men sitting in our Club, enjoying themselves at the games, and partaking of our hospitality. We have them sign a postal card, when they register, and this card is mailed to you, as a message from us, that the young man is well. Perhaps, however, you would like to know something more about the Club and its doings. The Club building is the Sunday School of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, situated on Tenth Street, near Market. This is one of the historic Episcopal Churches in this Quaker City. It has had a line of famous preachers for rectors, and contains some beautiful monuments of art. "The Angel of the Resurrection," a memorial of the children of Col. Edwin Shippen Burd, is the work of a favorite pupil of the great Danish sculptor Thorwaldsen. A replica is preserved in Bremen. The memorial of Maria Gouverneur Mitchell, the daughter of the poet-physician, and man of letters, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, is by St. Gaudens. There are many other notable art treasures in the church.

In musical circles the church is well known for its fine choir, and for its connection for forty-six years with the blind organist, Dr. David D. Wood, who was counted as one of Pennsylvania's thirty famous men in his day.

The members of this Church began the St. Stephen's Club and the authorities of the parish turned over to them the Sunday School building, just behind the Church. It is not large enough for our needs, though it has a hall on the second floor that holds about 300 persons when packed to its utmost capacity, as it often is.

Down stairs there are four rooms. One is used as an office and writing room. The next is furnished with a "U" shaped counter, and is used as a refreshment room. The next has a pool table, which is always being played upon. The fourth has a shuffle board and Manhattan pool table, equally popular.

Every evening except Sunday, upstairs there is an entertainment, either moving pictures, or a lecture, or declamations. On Wednesday night Keith's vaudeville, which is only a few squares away, sends over some of its gifted performers. That night is a Keith night. The church has a magnificent moving picture machine, and several of the moving picture firms lend us their films, as a patriotic service. Every one is glad to do something for the boys who are going to fight for their country and humanity. To-night, Monday, October 29th, the Hon. Edwin S. Stuart, a former Governor of Pennsylvania, will say some words to the lads. We have had such speakers as Congressman Edmonds and Judge Patterson and other men of standing in this community.

The average attendance is about 150. At 9.30 P. M. the buffet is opened and refreshments are served. The men come up to the U shaped counter, and in part are served and in part help themselves as at a social reception. The order is good and every one has been impressed by the courtesy and good manners of our visitors. There is a large committee of men in charge of the Club. This committee raises the money, which is freely given by citizens of Philadelphia , irrespective of creed. Since the Club began on June 25th, we have had over 19,000 visitors register with us.

There is such a need of a free club for enlisted men that the women of the congregation resolved to keep its doors open in the afternoons, and two weeks ago inaugurated an afternoon opening from 2.30 to 5.30. The first week there were over 200 visitors and the second week over 300. The hostesses are matrons who are sometimes assisted by younger women.

The boys are evidently hungry for the friendship and sympathy of women of their mothers' age. Every now and then we find a boy without any near relations, an orphan lad who has no one interested in him sufficiently to write to him. We hear of 'shut in" people, who are excluded from life's activities and social functions; while these lads are "shut out," who are outside of home ties and home comforts. We ask them to allow us to adopt

ROLL *of* HONOR

Major Frank Wilbur Smith, U. S. A.
Quartermaster Harry M. C. Hewson, U. S. Navy.
Second Lieutenant C. Tristram Colket 2d, U. S. A.
Second Lieutenant Norman Turner, U. S. A.
Second Lieutenant Walter Lee Lukens, U. S. A.
Second Lieutenant A. Claxton Musselman, U. S. A.
Samuel W. Meek, Jr., Aviation Corps.
Robert L. Meek, Coast Defense Reserve.
Wilson Meek, 1st Virginia Cavalry.
Herbert Ellis, Yeoman, U. S. N.
Henry G. Reifsnyder, 1st Penna. Cavalry, Headquarters Troop.
Charles Marbert, U. S. N.
Donald Gregory, U. S. N.
Frank M. Durr, Aviation Corps.
Harry Dodge, U. S. N.
Bertel Elsner, U. S .N.
Oscar W. Burns, 1st Penna. Infantry.
Thomas O'Byrne, 1st Penna. Infantry.
M. Davis Hale, Medical Corps.
William Turner, U. S. A.
Lenhart Elsner, U. S. A.
Percy De Cailles, U. S. A.
G. Weldon, U. S. A.
Elwood Gowdy, U. S. N.
Robert Boyd, Jr., U. S. A., Ordnance Dept.
Capt. Lewis H. Van Dusen, U. S. A., Ordnance Dept.
Miss Elizabeth R. Earle, Army Nurse Corps, Burd School Graduate.
William Hewson, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Navy. Naval Base Hospital, No. 5.

them, and place them on our lists. We have four adopted sons of the Club of this character.

On Sunday the Club is open in the afternoon and at night; but all the games are stopped at the hour of public worship and the men are invited to attend. Many avail themselves of the privilege. No effort is made to proselytize. All that is sought is to blow into a brighter blaze the fire of devotion and of consecration to the service of God, as well as to the service of their country.

After the closing service many return to the Club and sit around. Some write letters. We provide the stationery and writing materials. Some play checkers. We are no Puritans in such minor matters. Some talk with the committee and the ladies, and others gather around the piano and sing hymns.

Last night I noticed that one boy neither talked with any one, nor wrote nor read nor sang. He listened to the music, and had a far-away look, and was somewhat sad. A lady noticed him and nodded to me. "He is homesick," is whispered, and she goes over and joins him. Now one of the committee men comes up to me with a tall soldier who brings bad news. He recalls to our minds a Jewish soldier, who was in the Club a few days back and took a testament, after signing a pledge to read it faithfully. He and another youth who had also registered with us, were riding in a freight train and the news had just arrived that they had been killed, the Jewish boy with the testament in his pocket.

We look around and wonder which of these boys will be taken next, and which will be spared.

This little sketch may assist you to conceive more vividly the work of the Club. I regret that I cannot convey to you in any adequate way, the pleasure that it gave us to do this work, and the splendid coöperation that we receive from our visiting soldiers, sailors and marines. May they all be the soldiers of Christ and as loyal to that Captain as they are in the service of their country.

All the Committee are anxious to serve you and these boys in any way in their power.

Yours very sincerely,
CARL E. GRAMMER.

Special Notice.

St. Stephen's Club is to be looked on as a civic enterprise, the product of Christian philanthropy, and ardent patriotism. It is not limited in its appeal for help in the shape of money or personal service to those who belong to St. Stephen's. Outsiders are welcome. But so are insiders. St. Stephen's people must not fail to do their part either in the serving or the giving. The appeal is to all. Contributions to the Club should be sent to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Howard Reifsnyder.

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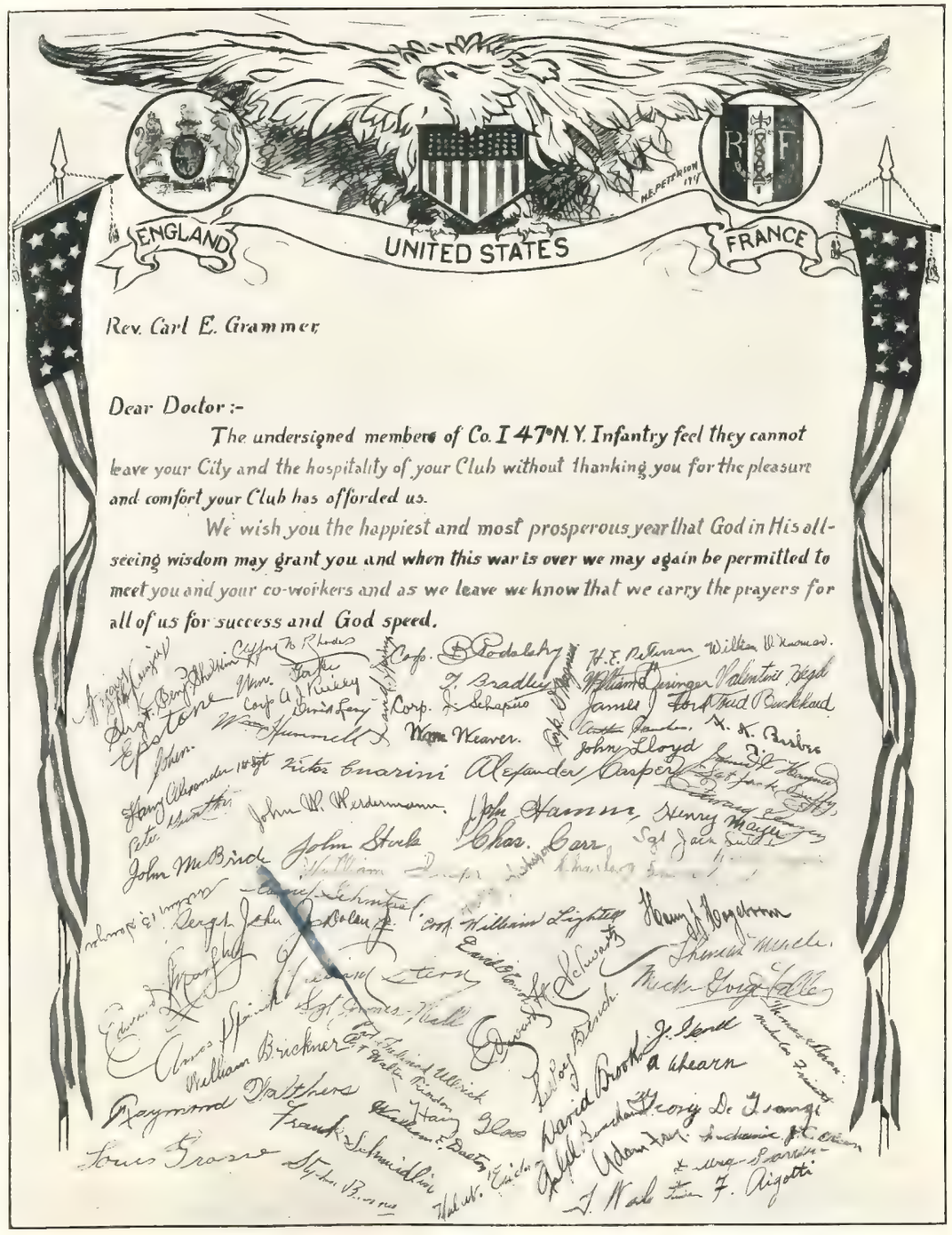

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Tous les aprèsmidis et tous les soirs la cercle est ouverte aux soldats et aux marins. Nous serons charmés de vous recevoir.

Appointments for November.

Thursday, Nov. 1.—J. B. Mearns, Director. The Stage Society, Wm. H. Whitney, Mgr. "Vittles," moving pictures, furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Nov. 2.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Director. Miss Sarah Jones, pianist. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.

Saturday, Nov. 3.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Nov. 4.—Chas. S. Calwell, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M.; Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Nov. 5.—J. F. Wallace, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Nov. 6.—H. F. Reifsnyder, Director. Alfred M. Collins, "Hunting Big Game in British East Africa," illustrated. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Films Co.

Wednesday, Nov. 17.—Edward W. Moore, Director. Keith evening, Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Films Co.

Thursday, Nov. 8.—Rev. F. B. Keable, Director. Chorus of Fortnightly Club. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Nov. 9.—James E. Bacon, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.

Saturday, Nov. 10.—C. N. Van Dusen, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Nov. 11.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M.; Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Nov. 12.—Robert T. Boyd, Director. Auspices Germantown Drill Corps. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Nov. 13.—Chas. S. Calwell, Director. Auspices Olivet Lodge. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Films Co.

Wednesday, Nov. 14.—Edward W. Moore, Director. Keith evening, Mr. John Rowland at the Piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Films Co.

Thursday, Nov. 15.—J. B. Mearns, Director. Lu Lu Temple Night. Moving Pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Nov. 16.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Director. Miss Marcelle North, Pianist; Mrs. Muriel Magert Kyle, Lyric Soprano; Mrs. Morris, Mezzo Soprano; Mr. Sascha Jacobinoff, Russian Violinist, accompanied by Clifford Vaughan. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.

Saturday, Nov. 17.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Nov. 18.—Robert T. Boyd, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M.; Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Nov. 19.—J. F. Wallace, Director. Chorus of Fortnightly Club. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Nov. 20.—H. Reifsnyder, Director. Mozart Double Quartet, accompanied by Herbert J. Tily; Miss Ella Griffinburg, Elocutionist; Mr. John Owens, Tenor; Mr. H. Booth, Basso. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Film Co.

Wednesday, Nov. 21.—Edward W. Moore, Director. Keith Evening. Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Film Co.

Thursday, Nov. 22.—Rev. F. B. Keable, Director. Auspices of Olivet Lodge. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Nov. 23.—James E. Bacon, Director. Dr. Wm. A. Freeman, Lecture, "All There." Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.

Saturday, Nov. 24.—C. N. Van Dusen, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Nov. 25.—Andrew Luffbarry, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M.; Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Nov. 26.—Robert T. Boyd, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Nov. 27.—C. S. Calwell, Director. Mrs. Frederick C. Newburg, Soprano; Mrs. Clara Yocum Joyce, Contralto; Miss Jennie Weart, Elocutionist; Tom Daly, Celebrated Story-teller, Philadelphia Evening Ledger. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Film Co.

Wednesday, Nov. 28.—E. W. Moore, Director. Keith Evening. Mr. John Rowland at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Film Co.

Thursday, Nov. 29.—J. B. Mearns, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Nov. 30.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Director. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corp.

THE AFTERNOON COMMITTEES.

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Monday, Mrs. J. Walter Douglass—Oct. 22; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 17, 31.

Tuesday, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder—Oct. 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4, 18.
Tuesday, Mrs. A. Hewson—Oct. 16, 30; Nov. 13, 27; Dec. 11, 25.
Wednesday, Mrs. W. H. Hansell—Oct. 17, 31; Nov. 14, 28; Dec. 12, 26.
Wednesday, Miss H. Shellenberger—Oct. 24; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 19.
Thursdays, Miss A. Van Dusen and Mrs. H. S. Lucas—Oct. 18; Nov. 1, 15, 29; Dec. 13, 27.
Thursday, Mrs. R. T. Boyd—Oct. 25; Nov. 8, 22; Dec. 6, 20;
Friday, Mrs. D. R. Harper—Oct. 26, Nov. 9, 23; Dec. 7, 21.
Friday, Mrs. T. B. Clemens—Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 16, 30; Dec. 14, 28.
Saturday, Mrs. J. C. Browne—Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 1, 15, 29.
Saturday, Mrs. A. Mink—Oct. 27; Nov. 10, 24; Dec. 8, 22.

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5.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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21.—Girls' Friendly Society.
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4.—Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor.
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Dec. 2.—Misses Davis.
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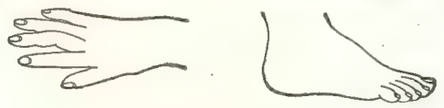

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HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.

(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

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9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

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Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

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Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar for December.

Dec. 2.—First Sunday in Advent.
9.—Second Sunday in Advent.
16.—Third Sunday in Advent.
19, 21, 22.—Ember Days.
21.—Friday, St. Thomas Day.
23.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
25.—Tuesday, Christmas Day.
26.—Wednesday, St. Stephen's Day.
27.—Thursday, St. John Evangelist.
28.—Friday, Holy Innocents.
30.—Sunday after Christmas.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Nov. 25.—Norman Charles Hallanan.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Nov. 28.—William L. Hanson and Florence L. West.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours."

Nov. 7.—Mrs. Carrie Garwood Fisher.
9.—Mrs. Sophie Rose.
21.—Robert H. Watson.

Offerings received from Nov. 1, 1917, All Saints' Day to Nov. 24, 1917, Sunday next before Advent Sunday.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System.

Charities	$ 58 90	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	192 34	
Benevolent Society	62 44	
Deaconess House	42 58	
		$356 26

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Charities	$ 75 96	
Parochial Maintenance	122 34	
Missions	75 08	
St. Stephen's Farm	15	
Theological Education	20	
Our work among Boys	4 97	
Benevolent Society	98 00	
Episcopal Hospital	11 85	
Domestic Missions	7 47	
Colored Missions	20	
Indian Missions	20	
Easter Decoration, Church and Sunday-school	25	
City Missions	20	
Deaconess House	24 59	
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Girl's Friendly Society	2 52	
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Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Additional Contributions to the Church Work Fund.

Miss Anna J. Magee	$25 00
Miss Addinell Hewson	10 00
Dr. Herbert Old	10 00
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	15 00
E. C.	2 00
E. J. Moore	50 00
H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
C. P. Lineaweaver	10 00
Samuel N. Lewis	15 00
Miss Emma L. Berry	2 00
Wm. H. Hollar	5 00
Howard H. Bilyeu	5 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25 00
C. Howard Colket	25 00
Emory R. Johnson	10 00
Miss Eliza Sheaff	1 00
Miss S. G. Haydock	2 00
Wilbur F. Rose	10 00
Dr. E. W. Rose	10 00
Mrs. Wm. R. Nicholson	3 00
Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.	2 50
Miss Ella R. Dwier	2 00
Mrs. B. B. Reath	10 00
Miss Mary T. Schaeffer	2 00
Mrs. Wm. K. Barclay	10 00
Mrs. Wm. Swain	2 50
Miss Helen Bridle	2 50
John W. Trinkle (In memory of his wife)	100 00
Mrs. Gordon Maxwell	5 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
Miss Mary L. Wallace	15 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton	5 00
	$551 50

The Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

I regret that I have been obliged to announce the postponement of the opening of the new chancel. A carload of marble was lost for about a week in the congested freight yards of Philadelphia, and put an almost complete stop to the work of the chancel until it could be found, and in order to be safe we have postponed the date of the opening till Saturday, December 15th. As almost all the material is now on hand, and the remainder will be sent over from New York by motor truck, I think we can be confident of an opening on that night, and am making all my preparations to that end.

The music of the program will be chiefly the compositions of organists of St. Stephen's, Dr. Wood, Selden Miller, and Mr. Thunder. There will also be some selections by the American composer, Parker, and by Gounod and Haendel. The choir will be augmented for the occasion. We shall endeavor to show what St. Stephen's has done for the musical and artistic culture of the city. Cards of invitation will be issued to all the pewholders and envelope takers of St. Stephen's. To be of any value these must be presented at least ten minutes before the doors are opened to the public at 8 o'clock. Already there has been a great demand for these tickets and I am sure the celebration will be a great occasion. The beauty of the chancel and the reredos exceeds my most sanguine expectation.

I think that everyone will realize that the substitution of a stone pulpit on a somewhat lower level, which will not interfere with the view of the chancel, will be a great gain. As for the elevation of the old platform, its benefit will be felt at every service. I hope that next summer we may see our way to cutting back the south gallery as far as the gallery has been cut back on the north side. At the same time the ends of both galleries should be rounded off in a graceful curve. The right angle at which the north gallery juts out into the church is very inartistic. When both these galleries have been made of the same size and the lines are made a graceful "U" curve, the full beauty of the chancel will be even more manifest, and the church will present a very harmonious and beautiful appearance.

Through the kindness of Germantown Commandery and Mr. Luffbarry, two of the partitions in the lower story of the Parish House were torn down. They were of no value in supporting the building, and only divided the place into class rooms. As these were no longer needed, it was a great improvement to throw all these rooms together, and make a large room down stairs for the sports and refreshments.

Last week it was decided to open a coat room, and a system of buttons was introduced that will indicate the enlisted men who have participated in the festivities of the evening, and are really our guests. In this way we aim to emphasize the social features, and to retire somewhat into the background the refreshments. The work of the ladies in the afternoon receptions continues to prove its value.

These patriotic activities on a large scale must not make us forget out regular parochial work. The approach of Christmas will call for the appointment of the usual committee on Christmas baskets. I do not think I could do better than to reappoint the former committee, Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. Reifsnyder, Mr. Keable and Mr. Carrigan, who have done so well in the past, and understand so thoroughly the best methods of purchasing and distributing. The suggestion has been made from some quarters that instead of giving out a basket, coal should be distributed, but the price of coal, high though it is, has not risen in proportion to the price of food. Therefore I think it will be wisest to stick to the old plan of giving out Christmas baskets. Christmas cheer of this kind never relaxed the energies of anybody. Let us spread abroad happiness at such a season, and relieve the gloom and anxiety that hangs over many homes by sending out generous baskets. I appeal for a large response.

Let me remind the congregation that it will be a real kindness to the clerks in the stores if they would do their Christmas shopping early. Visiting Wanamaker's the other day I spoke to a clerk who had been in the employ of that great firm for some two years, and she told me that this was the off season just now, a kind of lull before Christmas buying. What a pity it is that we cannot gird up our loins and select our presents early. Surely that is the best time; we have the largest stock to select from, we have less competition and crowding at the counter, and fresher and more willing clerks.

Shopping early is a very practical form of benevolence; paying debts promptly is a form of honesty. Another way in which Christmas may be made more cheerful for people is by joining the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. A great many people exchange gifts as a kind of social obligation or formal custom. They ought to free themselves from it. It might be accomplished by mutual consent and entire candor.

On Sunday, January 27th, at the 11 o'clock service, the annual service of confirmation will be administered by Bishop Garland. As it will be very difficult to get a class together in the holiday time, I am going to begin the sessions of my class about the 15th of December. The notice will be given from the chancel and I will be very much obliged if any persons who are considering this step will communicate with me.

I would be very much obliged to the members of the congregation if they would make it a point to help any of the enlisted men who attend our church to find their way in the Prayer Book and Hymnal, and generally guide

them through the service. People who are not accustomed to a liturgical worship are very much embarrassed by finding themselves in a church where the service is as much of a ceremony as it is with us. Every person brought up in the Episcopal Church dislikes unnecessary directions in the service, and likes to see it conducted with the precision of a drill. Personally I dislike to anounce the page on which the Psalter is found; it seems a reflection on the intelligence of the congregation; but it is being done now at the services for the sake of these enlisted men. I suppose that we Episcopalians are too stiff in such matters, but I would not like to go to the other extreme. I can never forget an experience in Norfolk when an important society for the relief of seamen was having its meeting in the chief Baptist church of the town. I was the speaker, and quite a gathering of leading people from the other churches assembled to hear the reports of the secretaries, since Norfolk was a seaport town, and many people were interested in the welfare of the sailors. The pastor of the church announced that we would sing a certain hymn to a certain tune; whereupon the organist coolly turned half way round on the organ bench, and called out that this tune was not found in the hymnal. None of the Baptists present seemed at all surprised, but the rest of us were convulsed at such lack of ceremony in the conduct of public worship.

The attendants on non-liturgical churches on coming to our service feel somewhat constrained by our greater dignity and precision, and need to be guided and helped. I think, on the whole, they like our ordered worship. Most people like to witness a well conducted drill. A service in which the responses are taken promptly by the people and heartily given has something uplifting in it. There is a splendid roll about the recitation of the Creed. My general instructions to Mr. Thunder are that the hymns are to be given to the congregation, and popular tunes are to be sung.

I am hoping that after the new chancel is unveiled, there will be a large increase in the night congregation in particular. We had such splendid musical services last year and drew such large congregations that I think a very little advertising would enable us, with the addition of this splendid chancel, to attract large congregations. We were never in better condition to do good work.

We publish elsewhere selections from some of the letters from the enlisted men. There are bound to be difficulties and hard work in conducting the Club, but no one can participate in its activities without being uplifted and carried out of himself. Who are we that we should be coddling ourselves and bemoaning our cares and trials, when all the world is going through such convulsive agonies? Let us forget ourselves and try to do our part. One of the conditions of courage is that the imagination should be controlled and the attention firmly fixed upon the duty at hand. All effective thinking is attended by excluding from the mind all irrelevancies. All effective action is accomplished in the same way. The future belongs to God, and we must not expect the strength that wlll enable us to bear the burdens of to-morrow until to-morrow comes. Sufficient unto the day are the supplies of grace. The petition runs, "Give us this day our daily bread."

Day by day the manna fell.
O to learn this lesson well.
Still by constant mercy fed,
Give us, Lord, our daily bread.

It is good to see a number of new faces in the congregation. I wish they would make themselves known to the clergy. I am more and more impressed that the greatest defect of the Church is that it is not enough of a fellowship. The other day a soldier turned up in the Parish House and told me that he had come back from the camp in the South in order to bury his only brother. He was now absolutely alone in the world, he told me, being an orphan. "I have no near relation of of any kind," he said; "I am alone." I asked him whether he did not belong to any church, and he replied that he attended the Presbyterian Church, but only occasionally, and had never associated himself with it. Of course, the Church is not a family, but what the Church ought to provide for such a man is a household of faith, where the lonely man may feel himself, as the apostle puts it, not a stranger and alone, but a fellow citizen of the saints and a member of the household of God.

I have received a letter recently from a young girl who asked for a package of envelopes, and said she wished to associate herself more closely with St. Stephen's Church, because she thought the atmosphere was so friendly. Full of friendship and full of aspirations—that is what we would like our church to be. May God grant us the grace to work together, each doing his part to make it into such a home for the lonely, and such a source of comfort for the depressed.

In the death of Mrs. Carrie Garwood Fisher St. Stephen's Church lost one of her saints. Her residence was so far from the Church that she was not able to take part in many of its activities. For years her health had been poor, and all the energy of her nature had been called upon to meet the daily demands upon her strength, so that the congregation was not widely acquainted with her.

All who knew her realized that she was a rare and beautiful spirit. Though often racked with pain, and struggling against weakness, she had the unusual gift of being able to interest herself, even under such circumstances, in literature, and in other people. I should say that her distinguishing characteristic was her remarkable self-control, were it not that all her emotions seemed to be so pure and beautiful that perhaps it would be better to describe her as a person remarkably at peace with herself and with God. I never visited her sick room without being uplifted. She was a parishioner to thank God for. She was a living sacrament. No one could be with her without realizing the grace and power that were tenanted in her frail body.

Perhaps I ought to say a word about the suspension of Mr. Richmond. One of the jurors dissented from the verdict and has allowed his imagination to be so much disturbed by false analogies, that he denounced the trial as another Dreyfus case. The majority of the jury, however, decided that Mr. Richmond should be disciplined. I believe that intelligent public opinion will ratify that verdict. Ministers of the gospel must not express their convictions in unmeasured language of vituperation such as Mr. Richmond uses, neither can a leader of a society for the spread of holiness be permitted to show such tempers, and perform such actions. No college would endure such a man on its staff of teachers.

We need not be surprised, however, at the dissenting opinion. Since the days of Thomas a Becket there have always been clergymen who have claimed for their profession exemption from the strictness of civil discipline. The church can not allow its large tolerance of diverse theories and dogmas to degenerate into moral laxity. The diocese is to be congratulated on this vindication of the moral earnestness of the Church. Proficients in the language and manners of Billingsgate are out of place in our pulpits. We expect our ministers to behave like Christian gentlemen.

As for the conduct of the trial, I will give a sample. Mr. Richmond had cross-examined me, as to my motives in being one of the presenters. "Oh, well," he exclaimed, "I don't want to have any more to do with you. You can step down. You don't know the meaning of the word 'catholic.'" Whereupon the Chancellor remarked, "Mr. Richmond, you must reserve your argument till your closing speech." Only Dickens could do justice to that trial.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Twenty-two members were present at the regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary. There was no address but the hour was filled with interesting reports and discussions of the work of the various delegates to the Diocesan meetings.

The treasurer reported a balance of $85.49 and Miss Magee has collected $131.00 for the United Offering.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, December 20th.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Card of Thanks.

As chairman of St. Stephen's Booth at the Church of the Advocate, Mrs. S. H. Austin desires to thank all members who so kindly contributed fancy articles towards her table at the Bazaar held on November 15th.

The Woman's United Offering.

At the meeting of the Auxiliary the treasurer reported having received $131.00 for this purpose. Since then about $60.00 additional has been received. It is gratifying to know that notwithstanding the many appeals from all sources, this offering by the women for women workers in the missionary field is not being forgotten.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

Money received from Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, the interest from the estate of Mr. Patton	$34.28
In memory of Mothers	5.00
Total	$39.28

This Circle will have its next meetings December 5th and December 19th, in Guild Room, Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

During the months of October and November this Circle has made 2 dozen slings, 28 pillows and 18 dozen sponges for the British Relief.

Also six housewives, well filled and given to the Red Cross and soldier boys whom they are interested in and have received many kind words of thanks for these little tokens.

The Sunday School.

The Sunday School bought a $50 Liberty Bond and voted that the interest should be added to our yearly offering for Miss Conway's work in Liberia, Africa. The bond has not yet been paid for in full, so if you wish to help, the treasurer will be glad to receive your contribution. The Advent Offerings this year, in accordance with the request of the Board of Religious Education, will be given to the War Commission for the Bishop White Prayer Books for the army and navy.

The Girl's Friendly Society.

St. Stephen's Branch of the G. F. S. has taken up as their winter's work the making of Red Cross hospital supplies; knitting sweaters, mufflers, helmets and wristlets for the soldiers and sailors. This branch has also collected many books for the men in camps, and is also doing work for the Shut-in Society.

The Parish House was the scene of a very happy gathering on the night that the members of the Friendly bought and paid for a Liberty Bond, and donated it to the Beneficial Fund of the branch. Nothing selfish about the Friendly. By the way, picture post cards and fine illustrations are made good use of by the girls, who make them into "scrap books" for children in the hospitals.

Shoe Fund.

Money received from Church fund through Dr. Grammer	$35.00
From those receiving shoes	3.00
Total	$38.00
Expended for shoes	14.99
Balance	$23.01

Have given out in November 14 pairs of shoes and 2 pairs overshoes.

Donation of shoes from Mrs. Mink, Miss Daley and others. Thanks!

Annual Sale.

A sale of useful and fancy articles for the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church will be held in the Parish House on Thursday, December 6th, from 3 to 10 P. M.

Musical Program

December 2.

11 A. M.
The people that walked in darkness.....Haendel

8 P. M.
Magnificat .....Barnby
The Lord is my Light .....Parker
My song shall alway be Thy mercy..Mendelssohn

December 9.

11 A. M.
Benedicite .....Martin
Benedictus .....Chant
I am Alpha .....Stainer

8 P. M.
Magnificat .....Stainer
Consider and hear me .....Pflueger
He watching over Israel .....Mendelssohn

December 16.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E. .....Mosenthal
Benedictus .....Beethoven
From Thy love .....Gounod

4 P. M.
Bonum est .....Salvyre
God that madest Earth and Heaven.....Naylor
Jerusalem .....Gounod

December 23.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G .....Mosenthal
Benedictus .....Beethoven
Christmas Song .....Adam

8 P. M.
Magnificat .....Martin
Nazareth .....Gounod
While Shepherds watched .....Martin

December 25.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat .....Buck
Jubilate .....Stanford
In the beginning .....Wood

December 30.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in F. .....Morley
Jubilate .....Smart
Nazareth .....Gounod

8 P. M.
Magnificat .....Parker
Christmas Carols.—The first Nowell,
Sleep Holy Babe.
1. Good King Wencelas.
2. Silent Night.
3. Jesus Meek and Mild.

Church Periodical Club.

The Church Periodical Club, all over the country, is working in the spirit of Bishop Lawrence's slogan, "Give the chaplains strong and sympathetic support." In each diocese the stress is being laid on the necessity of sending regularly good recent magazines to the chaplains at the front and in camps; not in bulky packages, but by mail month by month; one, two, or three at a time, so that the news is really news. This is our "war extra." Please do not stop the periodicals to the missionaries; but remember that the special chaplain whom St. Stephen's is trying to help is

CHAPLAIN F. C. ARMSTRONG,
16th Infantry, U. S. A.,
American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Will you not send him *something* each month? If a monthly magazine, see that it is not more than two months old; if a Sunday or other weekly paper, not more than one week old. Postage is at the rate of four cents a pound.

Chaplain Armstrong said in his letter that he was in a place with Divisional and Brigade Headquarters, and near a large hospital, and that he could use "any amount" of magazines, games, candy, tobacco.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Major Frank Wilbur Smith, U. S. A.
Quartermaster Harry M. C. Hewson, U. S. Navy.
Second Lieutenant Tristram C. Colket, O. R. C.
Second Lieutenant Norman Turner, O. R. C.
Second Lieutenant Walter Lee Lukens, O. R. C.
Second Lieutenant A. Claxton Musselman, O. R. C.
Samuel W. Meek, Jr., Aviation Corps.
Robert L. Meek, Coast Defense Reserve.
Wilson Meek, 1st Virginia Cavalry.
Herbert Ellis, Yeoman, U. S. N.
Henry G. Reifsnyder, 1st Penna. Cavalry, Headquarters Troop.
Charles Marbert, U. S. N.
Donald Gregory, U. S. N.
Frank M. Durr, Aviation Corps.
Harry Dodge, U. S. N.
Bertel Elsner, U. S. N.
Oscar W. Burns, 1st Penna. Infantry.
Thomas O'Byrne, 1st Penna. Infantry.
Sergeant M. Davis Hale, Medical Corps.
William Turner, U. S. A.
Lenhart Elsner, U. S. A.
Percy De Callies, 2nd Penna. Field Artillery.
G. Weldon, U. S. A.
Elwood Gowdy, U. S. N.
Lieutenant Robert T. Boyd, Jr., Ordnance Dept. O. R. C.
Capt. Lewis H. Van Dusen, U. S. A., Ordnance Dept.
Miss Elizabeth R. Earle, Army Nurse Corps, Burd School Graduate.
William Hewson, Assistant Surgeon U. S. Navy, Naval Base Hospital No. 5.
Joseph F. Covert, U. S. A. Ambulance Camp.
Major Charles L. McKeehan, Ordnance Dept.
Lieutenant Frank W. Hancock, Jr., O. R. C.
Sergeant Joseph G. Lamb, 110th U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Ga.
Samuel C. Lukens, Motor Maintenance Dept.
Major Isaac H. Jones, M. R. C.,
James Stock, 311 Machine Gun Battalion, Company B., Camp Meade.

Prayers from Various Sources

O MERCIFUL Father, we beseech thee at this time to look down in mercy upon our country. Guide and protect the President of the United States, and all others in authority. Give wisdom and courage to those who bear command in our Army and our Navy. Grant to us, and to our Allies, if it be thy will, victory and success. Preserve our land from bloodshed, and remove the horrors of war from other lands. Stay, we beseech thee, the pain and the misery, the sorrow and the want, the fierceness and the cruelty, which now desolate the earth. Look down in compassion upon those who are our enemies in this war, especially upon their sick and wounded. And speedily, if it be thy will, send forth upon the nations of the world the blessing of thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and merciful God, we commend to thy fatherly care those who through the perils of war are serving their country by land and by sea. Thou knowest the places where they are, and the dangers which beset them. Be thou to each one a shield and a defence. In times of waiting, or of action, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, grant unto him the comfort of thy presence. Put into his mind holy thoughts of thee, his Heavenly Father, and of Jesus Christ, his Saviour. Help him to pray. And if it be thy will, keep him in safety and bring him back to his home in peace, through our blessed Saviour and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LOOK in thy mercy, we beseech thee, O Lord, on those who are called to tasks of special peril, in the air or beneath the sea. Even there also shall thy hand lead them. Help them to do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the Eternal God is their refuge, and that underneath them are the Everlasting Arms. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, thy Son our Lord. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death, grant rest, we beseech thee, in the place of light and refreshment, to those who have died in battle, or through sickness, in this war; receive their souls into thy holy keeping, where pain and sorrow and sighing are done away, and grant unto them a merciful judgment at the last day; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast made us citizens of this land, enable us though we remain in the safety of our homes to do our country service. Make us calm, unselfish and ready to give according to our means. Give us grace to bear the burdens of others, those known to us, and those unknown. Keep us from being at any time cast down by anxiety, and enable us to cheer and comfort those about us. Shew us at all times what is our duty and strengthen us to do it, and grant that we may with a ready will learn the lessons whch thou art teaching us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Club Notes.

The "Home" card issued by our Club has now been adopted by the Army and Navy Commissions on Training Camp Activities at Washington, and through them has been ordered reprinted and distributed to go to different centres, to be used in the work of these Commissions.

New Testaments, bound in khaki or blue cloth are given to the enlisted men, upon request. Several hundred have been given out, and in a few days we shall have copies of the Prayer Book for enlisted men, issued by the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.

Over 700 copies of "Prayer for the Absent" have been distributed, and requests are still coming in.

On Sunday last, November 25th, Mr. Keable made an appeal for books for the boys at the camps. He will be glad if you will send one or more to him at the Parish House.

Old St. Stephen's Club.

June 25th to Nov. 23rd, inclusive.

By cash received, and sales		$4,932.96
By loan		200.00
		$5,132.96

By Expense.

Food	$2,694.97	
Tobacco	1,018.67	
Sundries	310.82	
Printing	108.35	
Supplies	85.82	
Light	117.38	
Gas stove	19.06	
Wages	499.01	
Repairs	155.35	
		$5,009.43
Balance		$123.53

We have bills unpaid about $200.00, and owe the loan of $200.00.

Have stock on hand about $350.00.

Phila., Pa., 11-23-17.

A port in Ireland
Nov. 2, 1917.

Friend of "us" boys:

Have wondered if any of the boys wrote you or any of the entertainment committee at St. Stephen's, that left the same time I did, if not, no doubt you will be glad to hear that we reached this side without adventure, well not adventure, as that it sure was to yours truly, but without mishap of any kind or without sighting any subs. or hostile craft of the enemy.

We reached here two weeks after sailing, and had a fine trip as the weather was fine, except two or three days.

We stopped at a port in France for awhile. While there the boys had a fine time; the French sailors and soldiers certainly are a fine lot and certainly have a fine contempt for the "Boches." Everybody treated us fine while there. Nearly all of the older women are in mourning and a great many of the younger ones, even many of the girls that don't look to be over fifteen are wearing crepe for some dear one.

An American Y. M. C. A. is maintained there and some entertainment can be had at it. As we were only allowed shore leave till 9 P. M., we could not get to take in any shows, as they don't start till 8.30 and no matinee is given. At the Y. M. C. A. on Saturdays a concert is given, by the sailors from different ships. Occasionally some ladies (French) would sing and some play piano and violin solos for us; although they were good and their efforts greatly appreciated by all, nothing I heard, and I was there quite a few nights, or saw can compare to "our" Old St. Stephen's Club. While there I saw about a half dozen American men but no American ladies. So you see we don't get much to talk about unless it concerns some ship or something military. Oh, but I've missed the "Old Club Rooms" and have often wished to spend another evening there, since I've crossed "the pond." Just wait till we get back!

While ashore one evening (at the French port) I saw about three hundred German war prisoners. Some of them were very young and looked worn out. These looked to be warmly dressed.

As yet I've not been ashore here, but I want to go soon. A club house is open to us, where movies and concerts are to be seen and heard. Things are awfully high here; don't see how the people get along.

I certainly appreciate the little Testament I obtained at St. Stephen's, and hope that the boys that have the chance to obtain one there, will do so, as they certainly will desire one if they have none at present, a great deal of comfort can be obtained from it.

And now as it is near "chow time" I'm going to "ring off." Write and let me know how "Our Club" is getting along.

Yours,

U. S. S. Melville,
care of Postmaster, New York.

Oct. 13, 1917.
20 Beardall St.,
Hucknall Notts, England

Dear Sir:

I feel I must write to thank you for your kindness in giving, or taking the trouble to send me news of my sailor son R. Champkins. We had not heard from him for nearly two months, so were getting somewhat anxious, when your welcome card arrived telling us you had dispensed your hospitality towards him—a stranger.

I thank you gratefully for such services, also for the beautiful Testament which has just arrived here,

which I am sure he will treasure as a memento of your kindness towards him.

Hoping you may long be spared to carry on your noble work I remain

Yours respectfully

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Somewhere in Va., 10-31-17.

Reverend Father, Dear Sir:

I was present one evening when you told several of the boys of a little Testament you had to give out. But you did not have any that night, you told us to leave our names, but I was called out to stand guard, but I never forgot it. I would like to have one if you would send me one.

My name is _____, Spartansburg, South Carolina.

Sincerely in Christ,

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October 12, 1917

Dear _____

I received your very welcome and kind note this evening, and I am sorry that I could not see you on Wednesday, but if I am not mistaken I was down to Fort Mifflin on an ammunition party that day.

Whether or not I come back to Philadelphia, Mr. _____, (I certainly hope I will, if not on the "Indiana" then on the P. R. R.) I will always think of the fine times I had up at St. Stephen's, and of the very, very generous way you, Mrs. _____ and her mother treated me. This was at first a cold city to me, but it wasn't long before it changed greatly in my estimation. I know that I am not the only one who feels like this.

I've gained in "Philly" even in a materialistic way, because I now weigh more than I ever did before in all my life, and St. Stephen's, its pies (if I may mention them) and your and the church's kindness have done a great deal toward that.

I am very sorry that I cannot thank you personally now, but I hope to do so in the future.

I am sorry to see you speak with a feeling of regret that you are not out in uniform, because you are doing just as much as any man in uniform, and perhaps a great deal more. I guess morale counts a lot in war and the treatment we have had at St. Stephen's does a lot to develop it, which is something officers sometimes can't even develop.

Well, I don't want to bore you with a lengthy letter, because I know you are a busy man, so I'll close, saying that I now realize why Philadelphia is called the "City of Brotherly Love," and thanking you, Mrs. _____, her mother and St. Stephen's for the very fine times I've had in Philadelphia.

I certainly shall drop you a postal the first time I get a chance, and I hope I can soon see some action to tell you about.

Yours sincerely,

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Appointments for December.

Saturday, Dec. 1.—C. N. Van Dusen, Director. Matthew A. Kernan, Opto Whistler. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Dec. 2.—H. Reifsnyder, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M., Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Dec. 3.—J. F. Wallace, Director. Mr. Wm. M. McGowan, Pianist. Mr. Wm. Maier, Violinist. Miss R. M. Trumbauer, Elocutionist. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Dec. 4.—H. Reifsnyder, Director. Musical evening. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Film Co.

Wednesday, Dec. 5.—Edward W. Moore, Director. Keith evening. Mr. Harry McNamara at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Film Co.

Thursday, Dec. 6.—J. B. Mearns, Director. Hanover Orchestra, conducted by Professor Yates. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Dec. 7.—Jas. E. Bacon, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corporation.

Saturday, Dec. 8.—Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Director. Carpenter Orchestra. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Dec. 9.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M. Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Dec. 10.—Robert T. Boyd, Director. Mr. Wm. M. McGowan, Pianist, Mr. Wm. Maier, Violinist, Miss N. R. Gallagher, Soprano. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Chas. S. Calwell, Director. Illustrated lecture on France, by Mr. W. H. Schoff, of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Film Co.

Wednesday, Dec. 12.—Edw. W. Moore, Director. Keith Evening, Mr. Harry McNamara at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Film Co.

Thursday, Dec. 13.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, Director. Auspices of Olivet Lodge, Elton Davis, Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Dec. 14.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Director. Miss Anna L. Doud, Miss Nan J. Knipe, Elocutionists; Miss Katherine Gillen, Soprano, Harry E. Ostrander, Baritone. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corporation.

Saturday, Dec. 15.—C. N. Van Dusen, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Dec. 16.—Edw. W. Moore, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M. Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Dec. 17.—J. F. Wallace, Director. Mr. Wm. M. McGowan, Pianist, Mr. Wm. Maier, Violinist, Mrs. L. King, Mandolin, Mr. John F. Zeyher, Baritone. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Dec. 18.—H. Reifsnyder, Director. Hyden Club. (Chorus of forty ladies.) Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Film Co.

Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Edw. W. Moore, Director. Keith Evening. Mr. Harry McNamara at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Film Co.

Thursday, Dec. 20.—J. B. Mearns, Director. Hanover Orchestra, conducted by Professor Yates. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Dec 21.—Jas. E. Bacon, Director, No. 1. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corporation.

Saturday, Dec. 22.—J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Director. No. 2. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Co.

Sunday, Dec. 23.—C. N. Van Dusen, Director. Morning prayer 11 A. M. Evening prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Dec. 24.—Robert T. Boyd, Director. Mr. Wm. M. McGowan, Pianist, Mr. Wm. Maier, Violinist. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp.

Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Chas. S. Calwell, No. 3, Director. Moving pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Film Co.

Wednesday, Dec. 26.—Edw. W. Moore, Director. Keith Evening. Mr. Harry McNamara at the piano. Moving pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Film Co.

Thursday, Dec. 27.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, Director. Auspices of Olivet Lodge, Elton Davis Chairman. Moving pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co.

Friday, Dec. 28.—W. J. Kirkpatrick, Director. Miss Anna L. Doud, Miss Nan J. Knipe, Elocutionist; Miss Katherine Gillen, Soprano, Mr. Harry E. Ostrander, Baritone. Moving pictures furnished by Fox Film Corporation.

Saturday, Dec. 29.—C. N. Van Dusen, Director. Carpenter Orchestra. Moving pictures furnished by Famous Players Company.

Sunday, Dec. 30.—H. H. Barton, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M. Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Monday, Dec. 31.—John F. Wallace, Director. Mr. Wm. M. McGowan, Pianist, Mr. Wm. Maier, Violinist. Moving pictures furnished by Universal Film Corporation.

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From France.

May 16, 1917.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

It is with great pleasure that I have received your kind and interesting letter of the 26th of April, giving me news of yourself and I thank you most sincerely for it.

We were very much moved in France by America's entrance into this war on our side and by the warm manifestations of friendship which you showed to Marechal Joffre and M. Viviani.

The war is still very fierce, it is all the more so because we are fighting a people for whom the abuse of force is elevated to the rank of a principle and who violate all their treaties which we made with them. I see what happens around Douaumont where it is impossible for us to bury our dead and the dead of the enemy in the zone we have conquered, for the Germans fire systematically on all our stretcher-bearers. What desolation in this region! What slaughter! Imagine to yourself dead bodies lying around which date from last May, from the first attack on Douaumont, and others which have been lying here since last October, from the second attack. Nothing can give an idea of the butchery in battle during the year 1916. Obus holes join one another for square miles, and the plowed up earth makes vegetation impossible. As far as the eye can reach it is a desert, one sees earth dug up by shells and sterile, one might believe he were looking at the dunes of sahara with this difference that the obus holes are full of water and that many of them are tombs.

I profit sometimes by the fog to ride around this desolated region; all around lie bodies decomposed, heads eaten by worms which seem to give us grimacing looks. Many have been partially buried by the upheaval of the earth from the obus but they are perhaps the most terrible for one sees sometimes a head projecting from the ground, sometimes legs or arms. At any moment one may stumble over a skull completely detached and polished like an anatomical specimen. It is the rats and crows which have done the work.

Day before yesterday I had the pleasure of receiving at Douaumont an American commission formed of professors from Harvard and Baltimore (Johns Hopkins). These gentlemen came to Douaumont on a calm and warm day; I received them and had them shown what was interesting at the fort. Wishing to show them the German lines, I took them on the fort and hid them in an obus hole, but the boches saw us and sent over to us two shells, one of which fell in an obus hole 10 metres away from us, happily without wounding any one. After a few moments of commotion, this incident very valiantly undergone by all these gentlemen, broke the monotony of their visit, and I am sure they were glad to have been the heroes of it.

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Last Taps Sound Over Caskets of America's Heroes in France.

With the American Army in France, Nov. 7, (delayed).—By the Associated Press.

The first three American soldiers killed in the trenches in France tonight are sleeping in French soil, honored by the American army and the people and army of France. Their final interment took place yesterday.

With a guard of French infantrymen, in their picturesque uniforms of red and horizon blue, standing on one side and a detachment of American soldiers on the other, the flag-draped caskets were lowered into the grave as a bugler blew taps and the batteries at the front fired minute guns. As the minute guns boomed, the French officer commanding

the division in this section paid tribute to the fallen Americans. His words, which were punctuated by the roar of the guns and the whistle of shells, touched both the French and Americans. In conclusion, the French officer said:

"In the name of the —th Division, in the name of the French army and in the name of France, I bid farewell to Private Enright, Private Gresham and Private Hay, of the American army,

"Of their own free will they had left a prosperous and happy country to come over here. They knew war was continuing in Europe; they knew that the forces fighting for honor, love of justice and civilization were still checked by the long prepared forces serving the powers of brutal domination, oppression and barbarity. They knew that efforts were still necessary. They wished to give up their generous hearts and they have not forgotten old historical memories, yhile others forget more recent ones.

"They ignored nothing of the circumstances and nothing had been concealed from them—neither the length and hardships of war, nor the violence of battle, nor the dreadfulness of new weapons, nor the perfidy of the foe. Nothing stopped them. They accepted the hard and strenuous life; they crossed the ocean at great peril; they took their places on the front by our side and they have fallen facing the foe in a hard and desperate hand-to-hand fight. Honor to them! Their families, friends and fellow citizens will be proud when they learn of their deaths.

"Men! These graves, the first to be dug in our national soil and only a short distance from the enemy, are as a mark of the mighty land we and our allies firmly cling to in the common task, confirming the will of the people and the army of the United States to fight with us to a finish. Ready to sacrifice as long as is necessary for a final victory for the most noble of causes, that of the liberty of nations, the weak as well as the mighty. Thus the deaths of these humble soldiers appear to us with extraordinary grandeur.

"We will, therefore, ask that the mortal remains of these young men be left here, left with us forever. We inscribe on the tombs, 'Here Lie the First Soldiers of the Republic of the United States to Fall on the Soil of France for Liberty and Justice.' The passerby will stop and uncover his head. Travelers and men of heart will go out of their way to come here to pay their respective tributes.

"Private Enright! Private Gresham! Private Hay! In the name of France, I thank you. God receive your souls. Farewell!"

Memorial Flower Fund.

1917.

Jan. 6.—Mr. Keable.
7.—Misses Kirkpatrick.
14.—Mrs. Ernst.
21.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
28.—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

Feb. 4.—Mrs. Noblit.
11.—Miss Crawford.
18.—Miss Gebhart.
25.—Miss Gebhart.

March 4.—Miss Mary Wallace.
11.—Mrs. Clemens.
18.—Mrs. Brunner.
25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor. / Mrs. Atmore.

April 1.—Palm Sunday.
5.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
8.—Easter Sunday.
15.—Dr. Grammer.
22.—Mrs. Campbell.
29.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

May 6.—Miss Dutilh.
13.—Miss Townsend.
17.—Miss Williamson.
20.—Mrs. Colket.
27.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 3.—Miss Dutilh.
10.—Mrs. Tourison.
17.—Miss Gebhart.
24.—Miss Bright.

July 1.—Mr. Colket.
8.—Mrs. Nicholson.
15.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Miss Lindenmayer and Mrs. J. E. Grammer.
29.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 5.—Mrs. Heberton.
12.—Miss Wallace.
19.—Miss Shellenberger.
26.—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 2.—Mrs. Lane.
9.—Misses Kirkpatrick.
16.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
23.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
29.—Mrs. Keable.
30.—Miss Laura Bell.

Oct. 7.—Miss Maulsby.
14.—Mrs. Sheble.
21.—Girls' Friendly Society.
28.—Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
4.—Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor.
11.—Miss Townsend.
18.—Miss Eisenbrey.
25.—Mrs. Atmore.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 2.—Misses Davis.
9.—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
16.—Mrs. Petry.
23.—Miss Emily Bell.
25.—Christmas Day.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Services.

A. M. 11.00.—HOLY COMMUNION the first Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the third Sunday of the month. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Miss M. Tappan.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BURD CHAPEL SERVICES.

Evening Prayer and Address every Wednesday, 6.45 P. M.
(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

BOARD OF VISITORS.

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St. Stephen's Farm.
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House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.
Board of Managers meets first Thursday of each month, 11.45 o'clock.

OFFICERS.

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Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Coppuck, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, The Misses Davis, the Misses Wallace, Mrs. E. E. Holman, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zelin, Miss A. J. Magee, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. C. W. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Frank H. Whiting, Miss K. Miesse.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

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SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
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Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President.—Miss Lammot.
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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

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Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Meets Mondays, at 7.00—9.30 P. M.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

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President.—Mrs. Vanderslice.
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Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at 8 P. M.

Director.—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director.—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer.—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director.—George H. Streaker.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association.—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar for January.

1.—Tuesday, Circumcision. New Year's Day.
6.—Sunday. Epiphany.
13.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
20.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
25.—Friday. Conversion of St. Paul.
27.—Septuagesima Sunday.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Received into the congregation of Christ's flock.

Dec. 17.—Margaret Boyd Andrews.

CONFIRMED.

Dec. 11.—Marion Davis Hale.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Dec. 5.—Frank A. Reidle and Grace Irene Jenkins.
8.—Claude M. Joseph and Edith G. McAdam.
22.—Frank E. Keefer and Rhea M. Walter.
22.—Laurence Oliphant and Dorothy Hancock.
24.—John James Lyons and Lillian H. Edgington.
24.—Victor L. Lavell and Edith R. Harper.
24.—Thomas V. Rattican and Julia Wilton.
26.—Harry Sylvester Schweitzer and Helen Kaminska.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"I would not have you to be ignorant . . . concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."—1 Thessalonians 4: 13, 14.

Then sorrowing one, for Love's dear sake,
Be brave to do, and bear thy part,
The promise of the Lord is sure,
Comfort, and strength, for thy sad heart.

Nov. 10.—Mrs. Emma C. Fishel.
Dec. 12.—John Austin McDowell.
20.—Margaret Boyd Andrews.

Offerings Received from Nov. 29th, Thanksgiving Day, to Dec. 31, 1917.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Episcopal Hospital	$71 91	
Charities	53 86	
Daily Vacation Bible School...	32 15	
Halifax Relief	175 05	
Parochial Maintenance	83 18	
S. S. Christmas Festival	57 22	
Aged and Infirm Clergy and Pensions	69 27	
		$542 64

Envelope System:

Charities	$140 71	
Parochial Maintenance	182 49	
Missions	105 24	
Theological Education	5	
Work Among Boys	2 75	
Benevolent Society	23 87	
Episcopal Hospital	289 94	
S. S. Christmas Festival	64 71	
Domestic Missions	3 10	
Aged and Infirm Clergy and Pensions	86 72	
Foreign Missions	25	
Indian Missions	5	
Deaconess House	14 71	
Sunday School	10 80	
Girls' Friendly Society	3 00	
Daily Vacation Bible School...	35 53	
		$963 92
		$1,506 56

Summary:

Charities	$194 57
Parochial Maintenance	265 67
Missions	105 24
Theological Education	5
Work Among Boys	2 75
Benevolent Society	23 87
Episcopal Hospital	361 85
S. S. Christmas Festival	121 93
Domestic Missions	3 10
Aged and Infirm Clergy and Pensions	155 99
Foreign Mission	25
Indian Missions	5
Deaconess House	14 71
Sunday School	10 80
Girls' Friendly Society	3 00
Daily Vacation Bible School...	67 68
Halifax Relief	175 05
	$1,506 56

Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Additional Subscriptions to Church Work Fund.

Mrs. Joseph Clayton	$3.00
H. H. B., Jr.	50.00
"Personal"	1.00
W. R. H.	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Mustin	5.00

Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

Best wishes for the New Year to each and all! For us as a parish the new year opens with many encouragements. Perhaps the most obvious of our sources of thankfulness is the new chancel. The more that it is used the greater is the delight and comfort. It is so good to have a suitable place for morning prayer. The new pulpit, too, is a great source of thankfulness. The stand for holding the manuscript has been taken away, as it was too large. Mr. Tiffany, with his generous desire to make everything satisfactory, took it back and is going to cut it down. There will also be some other small improvements. The principle of that great house is expressed in the motto of a great Boston publishing house, "Tout bien, ou rien."

Some of us bind up our copies of THE PARISH NEWS, and in that way keep a history of the Church. For the sake of such a memorial, and also for the information of our friends at a distance, we are publishing in this issue the program for the evening of the dedication.

It is the general judgment that the service of Presentation and Dedication was a great success. The effect obtained through the electric light in the Sunday School building was so fine that it is a pity it could not be made a permanent feature. The prayer of dedication is published, as an expression of what this chancel ought to mean to us. May its petitions be fulfilled! We ought as a congregation to show our thankfulness for such a gift by endeavoring to make this Church a true house of God, and a true home of the soul.

The fine work of the choir on the night of December 15th, calls for special recognition. Mr. Thunder added to the dignity of the occasion by composing the organ number, which he most courteously dedicated to Miss Magee. The fine bass of Mr. Conly was heard to great advantage in the *Date Pastores,* with its thundering amens. Mr. Pontius gave a beautiful rendition of the *Sanctus.* Mrs. Heaton's clear soprano soared high and clear, in the Hallelujah Chorus, and in Dr. Wood's fine anthem, "There Shall Be No Night There." The bell-like quality of the voice of our contralto, Mrs. Vail, was admirably brought out in "Hark, Hark, My Soul!" The whole choir did splendidly. We were proud of our music.

As might be expected in these war times, there have been a great many marriages recently. The advantage of the superior elevation of the chancel has been strikingly manifested. The marriage service begins, "We are gathered together . . . *in the face of this company,* to join together this man and this woman." In old times at St. Stephen's when the couple stood down on the level of the pews, and could only be seen by people in the very front, these opening words were not very appropriate. Now, however, they are quite applicable, for the bride and groom, and the bridesmaids and groomsmen all stand out clearly, and can be seen all over the church. It is a splendid chancel for a wedding, far better than a recess-chancel. Indeed the recess-chancel has made people misunderstand the whole wedding ceremony and treat it as two services: the first of betrothal and the second of marriage. A careful reading of the office will show that this is an entire misapprehension. The couple comes to be married. The betrothal has usually been publicly announced some time before, indeed, in olden days was preceded by the publication of the bans for three Sundays. The service opens, as I have said, with the remark that, "We are gathered together to join together this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony." Any objections are asked for. Then the couple are warned that the proposed union must be lawful. In the form of a question the minister next defines the contract into which the parties are about to enter and asks them if they are willing to enter into a bond of this solemn nature. When both assent that this is the kind of a contract they desire, then the minister asks a question which is a survival of past ages in which women could not sue in court nor hold property separately; he asks "Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?" and proceeds to pledge the parties to one another. The whole ceremony is one and ought not to be divided. This recent fashion of conducting the portion before the pledging of the troth, at the steps leading up into the choir, was simply a device to bring forward the bridal party and let them be better seen than is possible when they retire to the depths of the chancel where they are often hidden by choir stalls and a gloomy rood screen. Our chancel enables the whole ceremony to be enacted in the face of the company. I would rejoice if this new chancel should inaugurate the day of a more Protestant chancel. St. Stephen's began the Noonday Lenten Services. Perhaps from St. Stephen's will date a movement in favor of the kind of chancel that was so popular in the latter part of the seventeenth century, the time of Sir Christopher Wren's great London churches.

Confirmation.—On January 27th Bishop Garland will visit our church at the 11 o'clock service, to administer the rite of confirmation. A class of candidates has been gathered together, and will meet regularly on Sunday afternoons at half past three, in the Vestry Room. Already seven have joined, and it is hoped that in spite of the shortness of the time, and the numerous engagements of the season we can secure a number of new recruits for the Army of the Lord. Indeed, when I come to think about conditions, it ought to be one of the largest classes we have ever had in St. Stephen's. Who can work with these young men, and call upon them to enroll themselves courageously on the side of good without realizing the importance of strengthening all good resolves by a public profession of allegiance, and by the bond of Christian fellowship?

I can't help hoping that out of the workers among these enlisted men the Church shall gain some new recruits. What valid argument

is there against joining the Church? Is the Church imperfect? Join it, and try to make it better. That is the argument we advance to men about politics. If they say they won't take part in public affairs because the politicians are such a low class of men, we always reply, "So much more incumbent is it on good men to bear a hand."

Are there hypocrites in the Church? What does that prove? Hypocrisy is the tribute that vice pays to virtue. If bad people try to pass themselves off as good by joining the Church, this action indicates that most church members are esteemed as good people. There is a good deal of human nature in the Church, and there are rivalries and jealousies and self-seeking, it is perfectly true; but is there any place on this planet inhabited by man that is free from rivalries and jealousies and self-seeking? A happy home is supposed to be the nearest place to paradise, but there are rivalries and jealousies and self-seeking in homes. In the best homes these evil passions will enter, unless they are kept out by conscience and the power of God.

I do not believe in construing the doctrinal requirements with any rigidity. I don't believe there is a confirmation class that could pass an examination before a board of theological examiners upon the different clauses in the Creed—certainly not in the Nicene Creed, and I doubt whether they could in the Apostles' Creed. I am fond of quoting the invitation to the Communion, as the best invitation to Confirmation. "Ye who do truly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, draw near with faith." Draw near with the confidence that God who knows your difficulties, will stand by you and help you to a solution. Draw near in self-distrust, asking God to supply your need. That is the right spirit in which to come to the Confirmation, as well as to the Lord's Supper.

Transfers.—One other point, and this is especially for the enlisted man. It may be there will come into our services at this time some whose families belong to different churches, guests who are not apt to settle down in our midst. They may say to themselves, "I would like to enroll myself publicly among the followers of Jesus Christ at this time, but what is the use of my joining St. Stephen's when I do not expect to make my home in Philadelphia?" I reply, "Let us treat this matter of confirmation in a large way. All I am asking you is to dedicate yourself publicly to God and to the Christian life. Begin to live the Christian life if you have not lived it before. If after a while you wish to join another church I will give you a letter from St. Stephen's to the chosen church. These are no times for standing on technicalities. It may be you are going to France; you may be going on a battle ship. You have no time to go home and enroll yourself in your home church. Just as a man deposits his securities in a bank and gets them out afterwards, so I ask you to deposit your church membership with us, so to speak. You can get it out and deposit it elsewhere later on. Think what a comfort it will be to you to feel that you have dropped an anchor somewhere. That is what we need to make of our churches. They are anchoring places, roadsteads in which to take refuge from the storms, roadsteads where the anchorage is good and there is shelter from the storm."

Just as the Y. M. C. A. calls upon the attendants at its meetings to give themselves to God, and then turns them over to the churches to which they belong, so I will be glad to do with those who are confirmed at this time in St. Stephen's if they so desire.

The other day I married a most interesting couple. The bride had come on from South Carolina to marry a sailor. When I asked him where she would live, he replied that he thought he would settle her in Philadelphia, as that was the point to which he would most frequently return. I asked her to make St. Stephen's her church home and said we would be glad to do what we could to give her friendship and counsel. She felt drawn to me as the clergyman who was associated with them at this sacred moment, and assured me that she would be very glad to come to the church.

Christmas Baskets. Everyone will be delighted to learn from the report of the Committee on Christmas Baskets that we were able to send out one hundred and fifteen baskets which contained an average of ten dinners apiece. I cannot but think it is a good work to send out over a thousand Christmas dinners. Through the kindness of a generous friend the clergy have been able to make this an unusually happy Christmas to some of our poor members by special gifts.

On Thursday we had the usual Christmas festival of the Sunday School. In some schools the children gave the money usually spent for candy to sufferers in foreign lands, but we decided that, inasmuch as the Sunday School festival was given to the School by the congregation, we would not present this alternative of self-denial to our guests, but would provide the usual entertainment. The children are entitled to the bright joys of this season. There is enough privation that cannot be avoided in the homes of the poor. I am sure God means the young to be happy. Often in the midst of this tragedy on the French frontier we read that in the springtime the birds were twittering and merry-making and the lambs were frisking.

Christmas at the Club.—During the Christmas season the Club was kept open as usual. On Christmas Eve a tree was trimmed by the men, and on Christmas night there was an entertainment with special music and a fine attendance. The Club has been very much improved by the opening of the coat room, and the work has been further systematized by engaging a steward who comes on at 2 o'clock and remains till the Club is closed. At the meeting of the Executive Board it was decided that more directors for different nights be appointed, and we sincerely hope that the gentlemen who have been requested to join us will accept our invitation and give us the assistance of their counsel and their co-operation. This is too great a task for one church to shoulder. It is a municipal enterprise, and we ought to have assistance from outside the parish as well as from within.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

At the December meeting of the Auxiliary Miss Louisa Pharo made a short address on the "Isolated Church Women." Many women because of illness or duties are not able to attend the Diocesan meetings and Miss Pharo's plan is to send them some written report of each meeting, and booklets from all the fields of mission work so they may be kept in touch with the church activities. It requires much work and members were urged to pledge themselves to write a few letters each month. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held January 17th.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

A Minute of the Vestry.

At a regular meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, held January 7, 1918, on motion duly seconded it was:

Resolved, That the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church accept the handsome and appropriate Chancel given to St. Stephen's Church by Miss Anna J. Magee as a memorial to her sister, Miss Fannie S. Magee, with a deep appreciation of her kindness and generosity, and further direct that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Vestry, and a copy thereof sent to Miss Anna J. Magee, as a slight token of their profound gratification for this addition to the many substantial gifts by the members of her family to St. Stephen's Church.

Wool.

We have a quantity of unusually fine wool for sale at a very low price. Miss Ewing or Miss Davis will be pleased to receive any orders. Perhaps some of our members who do not care to knit, will be willing to purchase some of this wool and donate it to someone who will knit it into scarfs, etc. The girls of Burd School having already used several pounds of wool, and have appealed to Mr. Keable for more. Contributions of cash or of wool will be acceptable.

One of our former Vestrymen was taken away from us by the death of John Austin McDowell on December 9th. He entered the Vestry March 7, 1898 and was a member at the election of the present rector. The committee on which he served was the Burd School Committee, and he was always especially interested in that trust. When he decided to make a world tour that would take several years, he resigned from the vestry, since he felt that the office should be held by some one who could give his time and energy to the cause. He was fond of travel and of art.

On the death of his wife he presented to the Church, in her memory, the window showing the Angel of the Resurrection, seated on the empty tomb. It was copied from an altar picture that he had seen in Molde, Northern Norway.

His last years were marked by great debility. He had a long struggle against ill health.

His life was undoubtedly prolonged for years by the unremitting care of his physicians and friends, and by the loving ministrations of his only child, Miss Martha A. McDowell.

Shoe Fund.

Money received from those receiving shoes in December $6.25

Donations of boxes of shoes and overshoes from Santa Claus, the dear old man who never forgets his little friends at St. Stephen's Church, even if he has so much to do for the soldiers and the little orphans in the foreign countries. Thanks!

Gave out in December 14 pairs of shoes and about 10 pairs of overshoes, which were the delight of the children. It is really funny, how much they admire a shiny overshoe and very often they are afraid of wearing them home.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The meetings for January have been changed at the request of the Rector, to January 8th and January 22nd, meeting in the Vestry Room at quarter to 8 o'clock.

The last two meetings the Circle was busy making surgical dressings of all kinds, about seven dozen in all for the soldiers for the British Relief. Also filled a box with all kinds of nice things given to the Red Cross for some lonely soldier who had no one to give him a Christmas present, also a "housewife."

On Thursday last two large boxes of groceries were brought by the different members and given to Miss Lewis to put in the church baskets, hoping that all would have a merry Christmas.

Parish Visitor's Report.

On account of the "high cost of living," we had many misgivings and fears that our basket supply this Christmas would have to be cut down and many who were anticipating a good Christmas dinner would be disappointed. But to our joy, this was not the case. St. Stephen's people always rise to the emergency, and our fears had been in vain. We had just as many baskets as usual, one hundred and fifteen. Many members of the congregation came and filled the baskets for distribution and the result was beautiful, but each year we think them better than the previous year.

Mr. Atmore sent us so many mince pies that after supplying the baskets, we had thirty pies for our Club of Soldiers and Sailors, and these enlisted men showed most keenly the appreciation that nearly all men feel for a pie. None were left.

Our Sunday School Festival was a very great success, too; the children were all happy, and the parents of those who took part were

Musical Program

January 6.

11 A. M.
A joyful Christmas Song .....Gevaert

8 P. M.
Magnificat .....Stainer
Christmas Carols:
The First Nowell.
Sleep Holy Babe.
Good King Wenceslas.
Silent Night.

January 13.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B flat .....Stainer
Jubilate in B flat .....Stanford
Lead Kindly Light .....Biedermann

8 P. M.
Bonum est .....Salvyre
"All Men" .....Mendelssohn
If with all your hearts .....Mendelssohn

January 20.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G .....Mosenthal
Jubilate in G .....Mosenthal
Art thou weary .....Chadwick

8 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis .....Stainer
Jerusalem .....Mendelssohn
God is Love .....Shelley

January 27.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat .....Buck
Benedictus .....Beethoven
O God have mercy .....Mendelssohn

8 P. M.
Magnificat in A .....Stainer
Still, still with thee .....Foote
God that madest .....Naylor

all proud, and it was a great entertainment and thrilled our hearts because it was so patriotic.

A friend sent money for each child to have a warm pair of mittens and a pound box of candy, while our friend of the Big Heart sent money to distribute among the needy. As he turns everything into beauty, so he exchanged this money into gold pieces, and we took it to those who, we thought, needed it the most.

One of these was a deaf mute suffering from varicose ulcers. We found her in a small room, back, on the third floor of a shabby house, trying to sew on a machine, which was certainly bad for her.

Another to whom we gave one, was partly paralyzed. Another was in consumption. Another was a nurse, who, in her days of usefulness, nursed a president of one of our big railroad lines, she also had some patients of Dr. Weir Mitchell, but now after a fall, she is only able to walk on crutches. She is living in a little dark room in a furnished room house, but she has such a bright sunny disposition, she really brightens the room and it is a pleasure to visit her.

To another we gave, who is slowly dying of cancer. And so we could name many other homes we visited, homes of poverty and deprivation, but all gladdened and made happy by the sympathy and generosity thus shown.

Mrs. Brunner's donation went where she wanted it to go—to make some hearts and homes happy at this beautiful Christmas-tide, for it is to buy the coal promised to some who are waiting for it, with scarce concealed joy at the prospect of getting warm once again.

K. H. Lewis,
Parish Visitor.

By a mistake of the printer the name of Captain Hanspe, the distinguished French officer who has sent us such interesting letters, was omitted at the end of his letter to Mr. William Rice Taylor, which we published in the December issue.

Members of the Congregation will be interested to know that First Lieutenant John E. Ewell has been assigned to the Aviation Section, Signal Officers Reserve Corps.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Boyd, Lieutenant Robert T., Jr., O. R. C. Ordnance Dept.

Burns, Oscar W., Camp L., 109th U. S. Infantry.

Callies, Percy E. de, 108th Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Colket, Second Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd, O. R. C. 313th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

Covert, Joseph F., U. S. A. Ambulance Camp, Allentown Pa.

Crawford, Captain Alan, 154th Brigade, Field Artillery, Camp Meade, Md.

Culbertson, Samuel T., U. S. Marine Corps, Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas.

Dodge, Harry, U. S. N.

Ellis, Herbert M., Yeoman, League Island Navy Yard.

Elsner, Bertel, U. S. N., Newport, Rhode Island.

Elsner, Lenhart, U. S. A.

Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. S. South Carolina, care of Postmaster, New York.

Gregory, Donald, U. S. N.

Hale, Sergeant Marion Davis, Medical Corps, U. S. A., Base Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga.

Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W., U. S. R., 11th Infantry, Chickamauga Park, Georgia.

Hewson, Quartermaster Harry M. C., U. S. N.

Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. N. Naval Base Hospital No. 5.

Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Kelso, Harry C., Q. M. C., Langley Field, Hampton, Va.

Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G., 110th U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Ga.

Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, O. R. C.

Lukens, Samuel C., Motor Maintenance Dept., Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.

Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.

Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A.

McKeehan, Major Charles L., Ordnance Dept.

Mearns, Clarence W., Camp Meade, Md.

McGuriman, James, Co. L., 314th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

Meek, Samuel W., Jr., Aviation Corps.

Meek, Robert L., Coast Defense Reserve.

Meek, Wilson, 1st Virginia Cavalry.

Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.

O'Byrne, Thomas, Co. I., 110th U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Ga.

Reed, George O., Camp Meade, Md.

Reifsnyder, Henry G., 103rd U. S. Engineers, Co. E., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Smith, Major Frank Wilbur.

Stoek, James, 311th Machine Gun Battalion, Co. B., Camp Meade, Md.

Turner, Second Lieutenant Norman, O. R. C.

Turner, William, U. S. A.

Van Dusen, Captain Lewis H., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept.

Weldon, Guy, U. S. N.

Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.

Whitham, Lieutenant Llyod B., M. R. C.

Wilder, George, Co. D., 315th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

Williamson, Paymaster Thom, U. S. S. Wadawaska.

Earle, Miss Elizabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.

Lieutenant Tristram C. Colket, 2nd, writes December 7th: "The two boxes of books arrived the other day and we all appreciate them very much." At present we are having a large bookcase built in the recreation room to hold them all. Our recreation room is now quite homelike and the men are spending a lot of their spare time there in reading and writing.

Report of the Women's Committee for the Enlisted Men.

The Women's Committee for the Enlisted Men is running smoothly, each woman doing all in her power to make the men feel happy and at home. As we now have a steward it makes the work easier and gives more time to be with the men. Any money given to a subchairman will be used by her; any handed to me I will use for the Club. I have received the following amounts:

Miss Emily Bell	$10.00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5.00
Mrs. G. S. Hatcher	2.00
Miss Greene	5.00
Mrs. T. B. Clemens	5.00
	$27.00

CORNELIA L. EWING,
Chairman.

December 26, 1917.

ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB.

Appointments for January.

Tuesday, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Reifsnyder.
Wednesday, Jan. 2.—Miss Farrell.
Thursday, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Boyd.
Friday, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Clemens.
Saturday, Jan. 5.—The Misses Davis.
Monday, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Keable.
Tuesday, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Hewson.
Wednesday, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Hansell.
Thursday, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Van Dusen.
Friday, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Harper.
Saturday, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Mink.
Monday, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Douglass.
Tuesday, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Reifsnyder.
Wednesday, Jan. 16.—Miss Farrell.
Thursday, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Boyd.
Friday, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Clemens.
Saturday, Jan. 19.—The Misses Davis.
Monday, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Keable.
Tuesday, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Hewson.
Wednesday, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Hansell.
Thursday, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Van Dusen.
Friday, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Harper.
Saturday, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Mink.
Monday, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Douglass.
Tuesday, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Reifsnyder.
Wednesday, Jan. 30.—Miss Farrell.
Thursday, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Boyd.

FROM A FRIEND AT THE FRONT.

Just a few lines before I have my supper and go off post and back to headquarters.

There is nothing new, except that the American Ambulance is soon to be taken over by the U. S. Army. As I understand it there will be no change in the aim or purpose of the organization, and we will still do our work with the French troops, loaned by our government to the French government, as it were.

Have fallen easily into the routine of things and feel as though I had been here for a year or more. It takes so short a time for one to get accustomed to any new mode of life.

It's raining this afternoon; I'm writing this in the front seat of my car with the curtains all down. Quite cosy, but, I must admit it, somewhat stuffy. The rain has its pleasant patter on the canvas shields, but there is ever in my ears a sound not quite so soothing. There must be a strong offensive of some sort taking place not far from me, because the big batteries have not been silent for any appreciable time since early this morning.

The early fall of Northern France is coming upon us; the days are still quite warm but they are getting so much shorter and the nights are really cold. Weather not at all unlike that of fall at Echo Lake.

This last twenty-four hour shift of mine has been very quiet; only one short run, last night. A poor poilu was brought down from the front, body burned about the back and head from the premature explosion of a star shell. Hoist by his own petard, so to say.

It must seem rather odd to hear a man continually preach the gospel of his own contentment, when he is within just a few kilometers of the firing line, but that's just what I am doing. I am absolutely happy and at peace in my mind. Recreation in its fullest sense.

I have grown so fond of the French people. A wonderful, wonderful nation; the heart of a child and the courage of a lion. It seems almost impossible that a country could have endured the misery of France for three years and still smile. The smile is a little forced sometimes, but still it's there and a marvellous reserve of stamina and courage behind it.

I see poilus bearing steaming caldrons of soup, so I guess the evening meal is about to be.

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Winter has come in deadly earnest, and the great struggle to keep warm is on. I'm so cold right now that my fingers almost refuse to guide the pen. A season of cold wet fog; it's horrid for driving, that fog. Such a distortion of everything. It's hard to tell whether a vehicle is coming toward you or going away from you. The huge horse munition wagons simply won't stay on their own side of the road. They clatter so, too, that the driver can't hear your horn. One yells and whistles, and finally gets by.

Among the eight new men who have recently come into the sector, are two boys from the vicinity of Chicago. Their father is of the clergy. They are splendid boys, and I like them.

It seems hardly possible that the sun could set so early as it does now. We very seldom see the sun; when we have a clear day, Sol seems to describe a pitiful timid little arc in the sky, and disappears about four-thirty. No warmth to it, either. The suffering from the cold in store for the men in the trenches hurts me. Cold is the one thing which saps every ounce of nerve from a man. Pain, hunger, thirst, heat can all be borne; marrow-gnawing, penetrating cold is suffering to the nth degree. If the good ladies at home could know the absolute comfort derived from wool socks and mufflers and sweaters, it would do their hearts good. So tell all the knitters you know that their efforts are more than appreciated. As I write I have about my neck and shoulders a muffler which I have just received.

I don't see what you can find in my letters to quote. To me they seem very futile. Coupled with my own inability to express my thoughts, are the restrictions of the censors. We are not supposed to tell anything about anything. As a matter of fact we know very little to tell. Our horizon is the sector we are working in, and for the rest we must rely upon the press—just as you do. If you have not done so already, it would pay you to subscribe to the "London Daily Mail." Its war news is splendid.

I often wonder if you at home realize the extent of the war. From my own experience I should say, no. Nothing is here but war. A man out of uniform is a rarity. This is true, not only of the war zone towns, but also of the other parts of France. France is dedicated, heart and soul, to the war. Her courage and fortitude in this great crisis of her

history will go down through the ages as symbolic of all that is good and pure and steadfast.

The man has come in to set the table for lunch, so I must go. I'm sorry for such a poor letter. I expect I'm not in the proper mood for writing. My brain feels numb. Sometimes the magnitude of the war hits one, and it's so overpowering that everything else is crowded out. War, robbed of its glamour and heroism, is the dullest, deadliest, ugliest thing in the world.

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Had quite an interesting run last week. I was stationed at the town in which is the headquarters of the medical staff of the division with which my section is working. I got up there about 5 in the afternoon and soon as I got there, was told to be on the job at 4.30 the next morning to take one of the medicine chiefs up to the front. Of course, I knew what was coming off; a bunch of the boys were going over the top. I was right on the dot at 4.30 (woke up about every fifteen minutes all night, because I had to wake myself) and found my doctor waiting for me, and another car from cantonment, another ambulance, I mean.

We started out, and that ride was one to remember. A beautifully brilliant moon, and in the lowlands a faint feathery mist, turned to silver in the moonlight. Old No. 322 was behaving like the lady she can be, and all I had to do was steer and enjoy the thrill of things. We got up to the front about 5.15 and proceeded to make ourselves comfortable in the poste secours (dressing station). By "we" I mean the driver of the other car and me. The men on duty in the poste made us welcome, as they always do, and heated tea for us on an alcohol lamp. Our abri was in the side of a hill. In front, a valley, then another range of hills, and at the foot of them the French batteries of big guns. Behind us, over the hill of our dug-out, were the opposing lines of trenches. We sat around for about 45 minutes smoking and trying to talk French.

At 6 o'clock, right on the second, hell let loose. Every French battery, for miles around it seemed, started pouring shells into the German lines, to cover the attack. I can't possibly give you a picture of the effect. By this time the dawn had come, and with it a heavy fog. The shells, of course, were going right over our heads. Bang! bang! bang! and a continuous whee-whee-whee. Gosh! how those birds did sing, and the wickedest sound you can imagine; a sort of whistling whine, feline, eager and full with death and destruction. There was one big portable right out in front of us, across the valley. That gun was without doubt of the feminine gender. Not a bang from that one; just a wicked, vicious spat! spat! spat! at regular intervals. There was venom in that gun, and it came out, too.

Terrific is a weak word to describe that noise. The French artillery is perfect, anyway, but they seemed to be outdoing themselves this day.

After a bit we got tired of staying "calmly and quietly at home," so we went out in front, and the racket was just about double. A boiler factory on a gigantic scale, a perfect orgy of sounds—a concert, opera, what not. Every size of sound; a lull in the batteries in front of us, and away back in the interior the boom-boom of some old giant of a piece. Then the crack, crack, crash, crash, crash of a little machine gun up on the hill; but always and always that deadly spat, spat, spat, right out in front. The motif of the piece, there.

Ordinarily it is easy to distinguish between the noise of a depart and an arrivé; not to-day, though; what few boche shells did drop in that valley in front of us came unannounced—their whine lost in the thunder of our own artillery. One hour and fifteen minutes of that, by the clock, and then, as if by signal—silence. Just absolute stillness. Honestly, after that hell of noise, the silence hurt.

Do you know I have often read that the birds keep on singing during a bombardment. They do; I heard them.

Right out in front of the abri where we were, and in the valley, one of the doctors on duty at the front has a little garden, the pride of his heart. A group of us were standing just outside the abri watching for the boche shell; the little doctor was with us. All at once an enemy shell did come—quite a big one, and right in the center of the garden! The little surgeon was wild. "Bon Dieu! Bon Dieu! mon salad! mon salad!" and I do believe, if some one hadn't restrained him, he'd have rushed right out there and started in to repair the damage. That was funny, and we all laughed.

We had a gas mask test the other day. That is, a tear gas mask test, to see if the chemicals were still on the job. Shut us all up in a room, a French lieutenant did, and told us not to put on our masks until we heard a revolver shot. Maybe we didn't listen careful like, because those pistol shells contained tear gas.

Bang! and I betcha my mask was on before the echo started. He fired a couple more and we stood around looking foolish and giggling. My nose started to itch and then I happened to think what in the world one would do if one had a cold in the head. That made me laugh so hard that I almost blew my mask off. Pretty soon we were allowed to go out, and some of the adventurous ones of us went back for a second, maskless. It was there, all right. The minute you went in you started to weep, and your eyes burned like fire.

I'm glad I'm not out to-night. Dark as pitch, and raining cats and dogs. My post was not far out to-day, so I got in before night. Its 9.30 now, and T———. has just come in from the front, looking like a drowned rat, and swearing like a trooper at the world in general, and rain and darkness in particular. It's getting cold enough now, to make starting a Ford no small job. The oil is heavy and clogs things up and by the time you've got your voiture to voit, you are pretty near ready to rest. When the weather gets really cold, you have to drain your radiator every time you stop for any length. Nice, to get a call about 4 in the morning, and go cherchez some oil, cold like ice, and spatter it on your feet!

There is a rumor that our division is going en **repos;** that is, going back out of the war zone, to rest up and fill the gaps made by deaths. Of course, our section will go with them and rest, too. That will give us a chance to get rid of some of the piled up permissions, and to swank up our cars. My boat is fairly shrieking for a coat of paint, but I'm afraid the old girl won't get it until we go en repos, because we can't afford just now to have even one car en panne.

Perfectly rotten day this. Cold and rainy and dark. I am in our dug-out, and writing by candle light. Absolutely cozy and comfortable, though, because—and I'll bet you can't guess why in a thousand years. We have at this post a most superior abri; we've something here that you have been missing in F———. for years—a fireplace. It's no end cozy, that fire. Got a good draft, too, and crackles and sputters in a way most cheerful. The trouble of splitting the wood to burn is small labor in comparison with the comfort gained. This is a two car post, and my fellow conductor is out cutting wood.

I came up here last night about 6 o'clock, and just as soon as I arrived had to turn right around and take a blessé back to the evacuation hospital in town. Dark as pitch and foggy and cold. I took a French corporal down with me, as aide; he had the ride of his young life. (Scared blue he was, and yet he'd probably go up in the front trenches and spend a few weeks without turning a hair.) I delivered my man all right and got back O. K. barring climbing a pile of stones in the dark, and then maybe that little old fire didn't look good to me. The other chap had come back from a run while I was gone, and had everything fixed for my return.

The black smudges on the paper are jam. I'm writing this on the dining table and it is rather sticky, always. Speaking of jam and sweet things, I hope I get some candy in that box I'm going to get by New Year's. Candy and chewing gum go large in France. Sometimes it isn't so much what we "hard driving gentlemen drivers" are doing, as it is what we are ready to do, and what we are sure to do, sooner or later. The other day a shrapnel shell spattered against a church wall, about a hundred yards in front of T———. and his load of wounded. He sure hit the high spots passing that church; scared blue, and the next night when he went on the same stretch, was kinder peeved and disappointed because nothing happened. That's the spirit of us, and of war—this war.

There is one thing you can do to earn the everlasting gratitude of Section 8, if it isn't too much trouble. We have a phonograph, which is the pride and joy and salvation of the section. It's hard (and dear) to get records, so if you can part with any of the old rag-time and such records at home, we would love them.

. . . I couldn't be content at home, so long as the war lasts, and since what I am doing is just what I want to do, I think we should all be perfectly happy. Of course, I'm homesick for you all; every man-jack of us is that. Still, one of the fellows put the whole thing in a few words: "I want to be home, but I don't want to go." After you've once been in the thing, you've got to see it through.

U. S. Army Base Hospital.

Camp————

It is hard to be lonesome and downcast even in a hospital where some of the boys are suffering the worst sort of misery, most of them are smiling today with their cots loaded with cherished gifts from home. Even the friendless and lonely have not suffered, for the good folk everywhere have sent all sorts of practical gifts to them. To-day there are smokes, eats and countless other goodies for everyone.

This afternoon the ladies of A—— assembled here with their cars and carriages piled high. Not a sick one was forgotten. My! how good they have been to the boys. Twice every week they come, not just laden with silly gifts, but real practical things. I have seen many staid "White Ribboners (W. C. T. U. members) open up their handbags and gingerly pull out a package of cigarettes and hand them to a sick boy dying for a smoke. I know, too, that many of the same ladies have entirely given up their own Christmas that they may give to others. It's beautiful. This war is an awful thing, but it is doing one thing; it is making real people out of Americans. The old arrogant selfishness is going; everybody is learning to find happiness in doing all he can for others.

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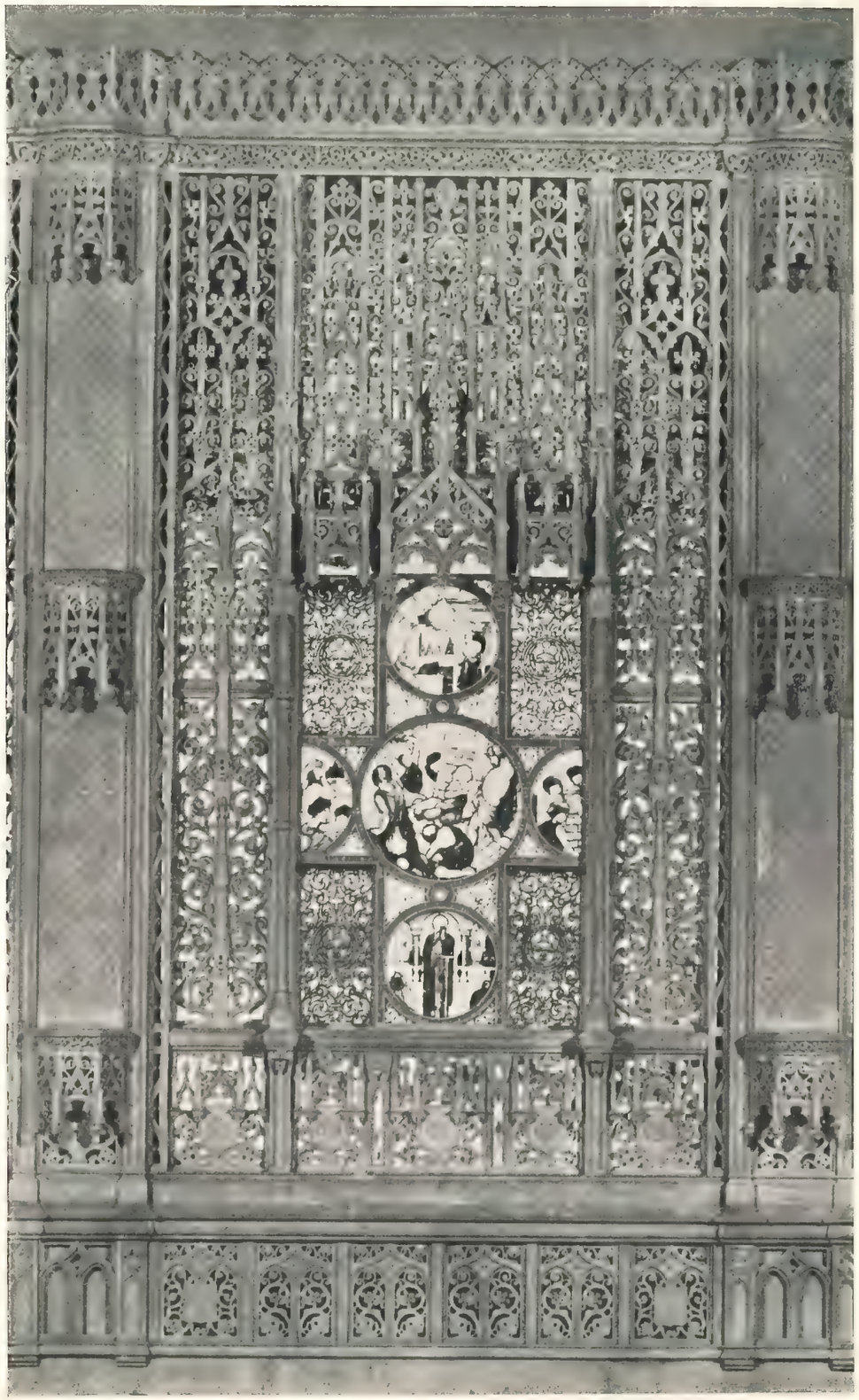

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HOLY BAPTISM at any service.
A. M. 9.45.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
A. M. 11.00.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON.
P. M. 8.00.—SPECIAL SERVICE.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

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Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

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Forms of Bequest.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Speakers for Lenten Noonday Services.

Addresses may be expected as follows:

February 13, Ash Wednesday.—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
February 14.—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., Bishop of Bethlehem, Pa.
February 15.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
February 16.—Rev. George Copeland, St. Peter's, Weldon, Pa.
February 18 to 22, inc.—Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, D.D., Bishop of Michigan.
February 23.—Rev. T. Leslie Gossling, St. Matthias', Philadelphia.
February 25 to March 1, inc.—Rt. Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Eastern Oklahoma.
March 2.—Rev. Henry S. Paynter, St. Stephen's, Bridesburg, Philadelphia.
March 4 to 8, inc.—Rev. C. G. Twombly, D.D., St. James', Lancaster, Pa.
March 9.—Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.
March 11 to 15, inc.—Rev. Edward J. Van Etten, Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
March 16.—Rev. William Y. Edwards, St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pa.
March 18.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
March 19 to 23, inc.—Rev. G. Johnston Ross, D.D., Union Theological Seminary, New York.
March 25 to 29, inc.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
March 30.—Rev. Frederick B Keable, Associate, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Calendar for February.

2.—Presentation of Christ in the Temple or Purification of St. Mary the Virgin.
3.—Sexagesima.
10.—Quinquagesima.
13.—Ash Wednesday.
17.—First Sunday in Lent.
20.—Ember Day.
22.—Ember Day.
23.—Ember Day.
24.—Second Sunday in Lent and St. Matthias.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's flock."

Jan. 14.—Clarence Alfred Binford.
27.—Virginia Gheen Mearns.

CONFIRMED.

Jan. 27.—Robert Slack
Harold J. Dahl
Joseph B. Cash
James W. Marvine
J. Bartlett Mearns
Bertel Elsner
Grace Armstrong
Gretchen M. Holzhausen
Margaret C. Preston
Lola C. Bryan
Isabelle M. Phillips
Martha R. Evans
Margaret C. Mearns.

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Jan. 20.—Maud Ashmead.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Jan. 19.—Donald F. Torrey and Elizabeth Maude Grammer.
23.—William Green Cochran and Eliza Harland.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mary F. Cox.
23.—Mrs. Florence Elsner.
30.—Miss Mary Marshall.

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Missions	76 61	
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Episcopal Hospital	60	
S. S. Christmas Festival	6 21	
Domestic Missions	5	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	16 80	
Diocesan Missions	2 35	
Foreign Missions	37 47	
Missionary Box	2 25	
Deaconess House	5	
Sunday School	1 80	
Girls' Friendly Society	10	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1 50	
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Mrs. Isaac Lowry	$5 00
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The Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

This winter will certainly long be remembered as that trying winter of 1918. None of us can recall such a long stretch of unbroken cold weather. It began back in October, and has had few intermissions. Never has it been so hard to keep warm. Never has it been so difficult to get coal. Such times call for unusual fortitude and ability to stand suffering. Those are the qualities that win life's victories.

We need to meet conditions in the spirit of Kingsley's fine ode to the Northeast Wind. I wonder how many know it. It is one of the best and most spontaneous of Kingsley's verses. Let me quote a few lines:

Welcome, wild North-easter!
Shame it is to see.
Odes to every zephyr;
Ne'er a verse to thee.
Welcome, black North-easter!
O'er the German foam;
O'er the Danish moorlands,
From thy frozen home.

* * *

Tired we are of Summer,
Tired of gaudy glare,
Showers soft and steaming,
Hot and breathless air.
Tired of listless dreaming,
Through the lazy day;
Jovial wind of Winter,
Turn us out to play!

* * *

Through the black fir-forest
Thunder harsh and dry.
Shattering down the snow-flakes
Off the curdled sky.

* * *

Let the luscious South-wind
Breathe in lovers' sighs,
While the lazy gallants
Bask in ladies' eyes.
What does he but soften
Heart alike and pen.
'Tis the hard grey weather.
Breeds hard English men.
What's the soft South-wester?
'Tis the ladies' breeze,
Bringing home their true-loves
Out of all the seas.
But the black North-easter,
Through the snowstorm hurled.
Drives our English hearts of oak
Seaward round the world.
Come, as came our fathers,
Heralded by thee,
Conquering from the eastward.
Lords of land and sea.
Come, and strong within us
Stir the Vikings' blood;
Bracing brain and sinew;
Blow, thou wind of God.

That's the right spirit in which to meet biting weather and hard times. Let us take them as tonics. Above all, let us have faith. The love of God gives us assurance that he will not suffer us to be tried above that we are able, but will, with the trial, provide a way of escape, that we may be able to bear it.

Those who cling to the Rock of Ages find that strength comes as they need it. If we see the storms of possible bereavement and trial gathering in our skies, let us mount above the clouds into the upper regions, where the vault of heaven is unsullied by a cloud, where there is no lightning flash, no pelting rain. Let us remind ourselves that God is in Heaven, and though clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and judgment are the foundations of his throne. In this conviction let us not quail, nor blench, but keep a stout heart. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. When all our resources are exhausted then the unseen Helper comes to our aid. This has often happened in the past. Let us trust that this will be the experience of the future.

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On the evening of last Sunday we discovered a number of people who would like to unite with St. Stephen's by confirmation. Five people are ready, so that we intend to begin at once to gather together another class. We hope to have another confirmation not long after Easter. We should be glad to learn of any names. The churches that grow are the churches where the ingathering is not left to the minister, but the members themselves seek to draw in new recruits, and ask their friends and associates to join them in this fellowship.

By the time that this little paper is in your hands, Lent will be close upon us. It ought to be the best Lent of our lives. Never had people so many inducements and motives and helps to self-discipline and devotion. Fasting is no longer a mere spiritual dumb-bell for developing strength, it is also a help to national economy. Prayer is often injured by egotistical and selfish absorption in one's own peculiar trials, but now that the boys are crossing the seas our thoughts must go with them and carry along our petitions and intercessions. Never was there greater need for energy of mind, body and spirit. Our list of Lenten speakers will show that we have been singularly fortunate. Bishop Williams has a message for the times and is a most prophetical speaker. Bishop Thurston made many friends when he preached for us last year. The Rev. Dr. Twombly has a national reputation as a reformer of social conditions. The Rev. E. J. Van Etten is rector of Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, one of the greatest churches in the whole country, where his predecessors were Dr. Vincent, late Bishop of Southern Ohio, the Rev. George Hodges, the present Dean of Cambridge Divinity School, and Dr. McIlvaine. Dr. G. Johnston Ross preached for us some years ago in a course of Lenten addresses that will long be remembered in St. Stephen's. Before he became a professor in Union Theological Seminary, he was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Bryn Mawr. I will deliver the noonday addresses myself

in Holy Week, and a number of the clergy of the city will help us out on other days. Bishop Garland will open the series by the noonday address on Ash Wednesday, and Bishop Talbot will, according to the ancient and highly prized custom, speak for us on the first Thursday in Lent.

We are looking to the men of the church to help out in the ushering, in taking up the collections, and in handling the situation.

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It will be of interest to the congregation to learn that Mr. J. Austin McDowell remembered St. Stephen's in his will and bequeathed $10,000 to the Church and $10,000 to the Burd School. Mr. McDowell was on the committee on the Burd School, when he belonged to the vestry. Inasmuch as the purchasing power of the income from our endowments has greatly diminished in consequence of the high cost of living, these kind bequests of Mr. McDowell are especially helpful.

Speaking of gifts, I must record another generous gift from Miss Anne J. Magee. She contracted with the Tiffany studios for two candelabra, so to speak, or light-holders on either side of the lecturn, and for rugs and kneeling cushions for the chancel. I hope that we can secure them about Easter. Certainly St. Stephen's is happy in possessing such a friend and benefactor as Miss Magee. She is resolved that this new chancel shall be complete in all its appointments.

A friend who desires to remain unknown has promised an electric lamp to be placed in the Sunday School building and light our chancel windows on Sunday nights.

This is a time for many appeals, and we must not grow weary in well-doing. Let me urge upon the congregation our duty to cooperate with the rest of the Church in a campaign to raise money and put more chaplains into the army. Let us try to do our part. It would be splendid if we could raise a thousand.

Sweet Briar College in Virginia has only 280 girls in all, yet the girls have given $7,000 to the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work. Isn't that splendid! Our Club is a magnificent work, but we must also help the general cause of the Church.

No report on conditions in the parish would be complete that did not mention St. Stephen's Club. That is the greatest work of our Church this year. Never has it done a finer work than last month. Our total registration is now over 32,000. The numbers continue to increase and the work develops. Mrs. John K. Walker is getting up a reading room for the enlisted men. It will be on the platform in the Sunday School room. We continue to receive letters from mothers whose anxiety about their sons is relieved by our card.

The following incident occurred on the afternoon of January 21st: A marine from League Island came to the Club, bringing with him two ladies, one of whom he introduced as his mother. She was anxious, he explained, to see our Club, since she had received a card from us, informing her of her son's good health. It was very welcome in distant Ohio, and now that she was on a visit to him in the East, she was curious to see the Club that took such good care of the enlisted boys, and cheered the hearts of anxious mothers by those cards, bringing good news from a far country. The second lady, dressed in deep mourning, proved to be a resident of West Philadelphia, and was clearly the hostess. The sympathic hospitality of the Club drew from them the following story:

The only son of the Philadelphia lady, George G. Strattan, was a soldier in Fort Riley, Kansas, training camp. All seemed to be going well with him, and his last letter reported him in good health, when the mother received word of his death. He died on December 29th, after an operation for appendicitis. His body was shipped without escort,

but Marine W. R. Kidd and others from the Navy Yard were asked to act as pall bearers by friends of the family. If the Government had been somewhat lacking in tokens of respect and honor, this comrade-in-arms rose fully to the requirements of the case. His sympathy, courtesy and thoughtful consideration deeply touched the bereaved widow. Learning that he was to be at League Island Navy Yard for a time, and that he had a mother in Ohio, she decided, without letting him know of her purpose, to invite his mother to come East and make her a visit. If she could not see her own boy, at the Christmas season, she would rejoice the heart of another mother by the sight of her son.

The Ohio mother accepted the invitation and came on to West Philadelphia. When the marine called in response to an urgent summons, the woman, to whom he had brought the body of her dead son, presented him as a living son to his own mother. The joy of all parties—of the united mother and son, and of the sorrowing and yet rejoicing friend who united them, may be better imagined than described.

They subsequently came down to the Club, which the Ohio woman was curious to visit. Against the dark cloud of war, such an incident as this stands out in its commingling of grief and joy like a rainbow in a stormy sky. That Philadelphia mother is a nature whose afflictions abound for the consolation of others. She belongs to the fellowship of the saints.

So wonderful was the exhibition of friendship and kind feeling at the wedding of my daughter that I cannot forbear to express our deep appreciation of it on the part of my family and myself. Heartily grateful am I for such a loyal and friendly congregation. When I recall how few people we knew when we arrived in Philadelphia, and then consider what a great company of friends gathered together in St. Stephen's Church to witness that marriage and to wish those young people happiness; when I realize what staunch and true friends they are and think of all the kindnesses that we have received here, I can say with the Psalmist that the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places, and I have obtained a goodly heritage.

The singing of the choir at the wedding made it an occasion that will long be remembered in the annals of the Parish. I believe that this was the first wedding of a daughter of a rector, and certainly the glorious choir, the great congregation and the new chancel made it a most notable occasion.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-one members present at the January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The treasurer reported a balance of $81.45, and Miss Magee has collected a total of $225.50 for the United Offering.

Miss Helen Littell was the speaker and she made a strong plea for money towards new buildings for the church general hospital in Wuchang, China. The General Convention Board has authorized $130,000 for the purpose, but $36,000 more is needed.

Outside of the Treaty Ports and Missionary Hospitals there are only forty-five trained physicians in all China to minister to four hundred and eighty millions of people—one-third of the earth's population. Tuberculosis, leprosy and smallpox rage unchecked, and thirty-five thousand perish daily from filth—little being known of sanitation.

Dr. Mary James and Miss Dexter operated on nearly ten thousand patients in the hospital in Wuchang in nine months.

The Auxiliary voted $25.00 to Miss Littell. The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, February 21st, at 11 o'clock.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Secy.*

Notice of Box for Miss Conway.

Miss Bell is exceedingly anxious to have St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary help generously toward filling the annual box for Miss Conway, formerly from St. Stephen's Parish, who is at St. Timothy's Hospital, Cape Mount, Africa.

The following articles are asked for: Money for surgical instruments, small towels, wash cloths, soap, physicians' samples, gauze, surgeons' cotton, adhesive plaster, aprons (both gingham and white), picture books, dolls and toys.

Any of these, or money, may be sent to Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, President of the Missionary Box Committee, 3913 Chestnut street. Please mark the value on the package.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Secy.*

The Mission Study Class.

The Mission Study Class, with Mrs. Addinell Hewson, leader, will hold its weekly meetings during Lent, beginning with the organization meeting on Friday, February 15th, at 3 o'clock in the Parish House.

The study of missions has become a recognized branch of parish work, and this is an opportunity to devote some hours during the next few weeks to the study of the Gospel of the Kingdom, the text book prepared by the Bishop of the Diocese as an outline for missionary study of the Bible.

This class is open to any woman of the parish who cares to come.

St. Ambrose Mission.

It may interest those who so kindly helped the project in different ways to learn that the receipts of the Bazaar and Supper held at the Memorial Church of the Advocate in November, for the benefit of St. Ambrose Mission, were eight hundred and fifty-four dollars, a goodly sum considering the many demands made upon everyone in these times of stress, although it was hoped to realize one thousand dollars.

As has been stated heretofore, the Bazaar was the joint effort of the Woman's Aid of the Parishes in the Convocation of North Philadelphia, of which St. Stephen's is one. Any woman of the parish may become a member of the Woman's Aid on payment of fifty cents, annually, and full information will be given at the meeting of St. Stephen's Woman's Auxiliary.

LAURA BELL.
President Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia.

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

The members of this Circle folded thirteen dozen sponges and three dozen surgical dressings. A housewife was filled and given to Mr. Swain Miller, one of the sailor boys of St. Stephen's Church. Several letters were read from different soldier boys, one particularly whom the Circle sent a Christmas box. He returned thanks and has written several letters since. He is from Scranton and belongs to the 13th Regiment, 109th Infantry, and shoes the horses, which he finds a difficult task.

His name is Joseph P. Chase. Although

Musical Program

February 3.

11 A. M.
O Saviour of the World ..... Goss

8 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis in A. ..... Stainer
Grieve not ..... Stainer
Lend me your aid ..... Gounod

February 10.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... Buck
Jubilate in G. ..... Mosenthal
Hear my prayer ..... Mendelssohn

8 P. M.
Magnificat in E flat ..... Barnby
O come every one ..... Mendelssohn
Praise the Lord ..... Costa

February 17.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in A. ..... Mosenthal
Benedictus ..... Beethoven
How long wilt thou forsake me ..... Pflueger

8 P. M.
Praise the Lord ..... Wood
Seek ye the Lord ..... Roberts
What have I to do with Thee ..... Mendelssohn

February 24.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B flat ..... Stainer
Benedictus ..... Chant
Ho every one that thirsteth ..... Martin

8 P. M.
Bonum est ..... Salvyre
There shall be no night ..... Wood
Trisagion and Sanctus ..... Hawley

a stranger, he has written such interesting letters, that we all enjoy them very much.

On January 22d the weather was so stormy that the meeting was postponed until February 6th and February 20th, in the Vestry Room, quarter to eight o'clock.

The librarian of the Church Periodical Club is obliged to take back a request made a few months ago, that the donors who were housekeepers should save waste paper to sell for postage. Owing to war conditions, the paper mills have closed down, and the small dealers who formerly bought newspapers at 40 to 60 cents a hundred pounds and heavier paper at higher rates, refuse now to take any at all, as they have no storage places. This embarrasses us in several ways, as our waste paper accumulates unmanageably and our mailing fund shrinks proportionately. But we are very grateful for what was received through this source before Christmas, and would be glad to give names and addresses to all who would like to help by mailing directly instead of sending magazines to the church.

The following letter has been received from the chaplain adopted by St. Stephen's:

The 16th U. S. Infantry,
American Ex. Forces,
France

Dec. 18, 1917.

My dear Miss Smith:

Thank you very much for your kind and interesting letter. I received your bundle of Saturday Evening Posts and took them at once to our regimental hospital.

You would be surprised to know how much the men appreciate magazines of all kinds. For my part, I have no time to read, and when everybody else has turned in for the night I write my letters.

I have just been appointed Chairman of a committee to arrange a Christmas tree for the refugee children and other children and our own soldiers. I am having two trees, one in the afternoon at 3 P. M., and the other in the evening, but this reaches only a small part of my regiment, and the other battalions are in other villages. I wish you ladies at home—if the men are not doing it—would see that more chaplains are appointed, as it is utterly impossible for one chaplain to do the work thoroughly. . . . Whatever organizations there may be here to look after the soldiers, nobody comes in contact with them as we do. The men respond splendidly to my services. I have a class for baptism and, I hope, for confirmation.

I am also regimental postmaster and athletic officer, and I also write an account of events as they have happened since leaving the States; but am pleased to do the work as the time passes so quickly, and life out here would be awful if we did not have plenty to do. I shall be pleased to distribute the sweaters and anything else you good people care to send.

Give my kindest regards to the ladies of St.

Stephen's Auxiliary and tell them that our boys out here are deserving of all that they can do for them.

Yours faithfully,
F. C. Armstrong
Chaplain 16th U. S. Infant.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

St. Stephen's Aid Society will hold its meetings during Lent, in the Parish House, every Friday morning at 10 o'clock. As there is a special need for baby garments this year members of the congregation are earnestly requested to assist in this work.

Shoe Fund.

The following donations were received for the Shoe Fund:

Mrs. C. D. Reeves	$2 50
From those receiving shoes	25
Total	$2 75

We gave out during January six pairs of shoes and two pairs of overshoes.

ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB.

Appointments for February.

Friday, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Clemens.
Saturday, Feb. 2.—The Misses Davis.
Monday, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Douglass.
Tuesday, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Hewson.
Wednesday, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Hansell.
Thursday, 7.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Van Dusen.
Friday, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Harper.
Saturday, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Mink.
Monday, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Keable.
Tuesday, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Reifsnyder.
Wednesday, Feb. 13.—Miss Farrell.
Thursday, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Boyd.
Friday, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Clemens.
Saturday, Feb. 16.—The Misses Davis.
Monday, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Douglass.
Tuesday, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Hewson.
Wednesday, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Hansell.
Thursday, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Van Dusen.
Friday, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Harper.
Saturday, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Mink.
Monday, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Keable.
Tuesday, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Reifsnyder.
Wednesday, Feb. 27.—Miss Farrell.
Thursday, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Boyd.

Program February 1 to February 15.

Friday, Feb. 1, John F. Wallace, Director. Moving Pictures furnished by Fox Corporation and Metro Film Corporation.

Saturday, Feb. 2, House Committee. Moving Pictures furnished by Famous Players Co. and Mutual Film Corporation.

Sunday, Feb. 3, W. J. Kirkpatrick, Director. Morning Prayer 11 A. M. Evening Prayer 8 P. M. Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D.

Monday, Feb. 4, Samuel B. Lewis, Director. Mr. Wm. M. McGowan, Pianist, Moving Pictures furnished by Stanley Thea. Co. & Triangle Films Co.

Tuesday, Feb. 5, Howard Reifsnyder, Director. Moving Pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp. and Pathe.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, Edward W. Moore, Director. Keith Evening, Mr. Harry McNamara at the Piano. Moving Pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Films Co.

Thursday, Feb. 7, James E. Bacon, Director. Hanover Orchestra, Prof. Yates, Conductor. Moving Pictures furnished by Kleine, Edison Co. and Paramount Co.

Friday, Feb. 8, W. J. Kirkpatrick, Director. Moving Pictures furnished by Fox Film Corporation and Metro Film Corporation.

Saturday, Feb. 9, Albert E. McVitty, Director. "On the Warpath," War Talk and Pictures by Fullerton L. Waldo, of the Public Ledger, who has recently returned from the front.

Sunday, Feb. 10, J. B. Mearns, Director. Morning Prayer, 11 A. M., Evening Prayer, 8 P. M. Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D.

Monday, Feb. 11, Newton W. Corson, Director. Mr. Wm. M. McGowan, Pianist. Moving Pictures furnished by Universal Film Corp. and Pathe.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, Chas. S. Calwell, Director. Moving Pictures furnished by Stanley Theatre Co. and Triangle Film Co.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, Edward W Moore, Director. Keith Evening, Mr. Harry McNamara at the Piano. Moving Pictures furnished by Vitagraph Co. and General Films Co.

Thursday, Feb. 14, Elton Davis, Director. Hanover Orchestra, Prof. Yates, Conductor. Moving Pictures, furnished by Kleine, Edison Co. and Paramount Co.

Friday, Feb. 15, John F. Wallace, Director. Moving Pictures furnished by Fox Film Corporation and Metro Film Corporation.

The Club Library.

We expect to open the library of the Men's Club within the next week. Everyone has been most kind and generous. All the furnishings have been either loaned or donated and quite a number of the current periodicals have been given. Although I have received a good many books, I want still more. Some of the special books which I want are sets of copies of Bret Harte, Robert Louis Stevenson, Poe, Kipling, Conan Doyle, Masefield, Robert Service, the various war books—and a dictionary. There has been quite a demand for the latter.

We propose to have the library a circulating one—not merely a comfortable reading room—and books may be taken out on deposit of a nominal sum, which will be refunded on return of the book. Thus, the splendid standard of "every thing free" at the Club will be maintained. The deposit will simply be a protection against unthinking carelessness. There will be a librarian in charge every afternoon from two until six.

FLORENCE S. WALKER.

Miss Ewing wishes to acknowledge the following amounts to be used for the Club:

Mrs. Oliver A. Judson	$10 00
Mrs. Joseph Grubb	5 00
	$15 00

ROLL *of* HONOR

Boyd, Lieutenant Robert T., Jr., O. R. C. Ordnance Dept.
Burns, Oscar W., Comp. L., 109th U. S. Infantry.
Callies, Percy E. de, 108th Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.
Colket, Second Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd, O. R. C. 313th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.
Covert, Joseph F., U. S. A. Ambulance Camp, Allentown Pa.
Crawford, Captain Alan, 154th Brigade, Field Artillery, Camp Meade, Md.
Culbertson, Samuel T., U. S. Marine Corps, Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas.
Ellis, Herbert M., Yeoman, League Island Navy Yard.
Elsner, Bertel, U. S. N., Newport, Rhode Island.
Elsner, Lenhart, U. S. A.
Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. S. South Carolina, care of Postmaster, New York.
Gregory, Donald, U. S. N.
Hale, Sergeant Marion Davis, Medical Corps, U. S. A., Base Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga.
Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W., U. S. R., 11th Infantry, Chickamauga Park, Georgia.
Hewson, Quartermaster Harry M. C., U. S. N.
Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. N. Naval Base Hospital No. 5.
Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.
Kelso, Sergeant Harry C., Q. M. C., Langley Field, Hampton, Va.
Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G., 110th U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Ga.
Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, O. R. C.
Lukens, Samuel C., Motor Maintenance Dept., Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.
Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.
Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.
Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A.
McKeehan, Lieutenant Colonel Charles L., Ordnance Dept.
Mearns, Clarence W., Camp Meade, Md.
McGuriman, James, Co. L., 314th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.
Meek, Samuel W., Jr., Aviation Corps.
Meek, Robert L., Coast Defense Reserve.
Meek, Wilson, 1st Virginia Cavalry.
Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.
O'Byrne, Thomas, Co. I., 110th U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Ga.
Reed, George O., Camp Meade, Md.
Reifsnyder, Henry G., 103rd U. S. Engineers, Co. E., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.
Sangree, Ernest M., U. S. N., Wireless Operator, U. S. S., George Washington.
Smith, Major Frank Wilbur, Camp Funston, Fort Riley.
Stork, James, 311th Machine Gun Battalion, Co. B., Camp Meade, Md.
Turner, Second Lieutenant Norman, O. R. C.
Turner, William, U. S. A.
Van Dusen, Major Lewis H., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept.
Weldon, Guy, U. S. N.
Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.
Whitham, Lieutenant Llyod B., M. R. C.
Wilder, George, Co. D., 315th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.
Williamson, Paymaster Thom, U. S. S. Madawaska.
Earle, Miss Elizabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.

THE following article was sent by Mr. Norris who visited the Club several times last November. In a letter to Mr. Keable he says: "I think it describes the feeling of any outsider who comes in contact in any way with the work of Old St. Stephen's."

F. B. K.

Getting Across at "Old St. Stephen's"

LOWELL AMES NORRIS, OF THE B. Y. M. C. UNION, BOSTON, MASS.

An enlisted man doesn't feet the least bit churchy at the "Old St. Stephen's Club" which the St. Stephen's P. E. Church maintains for men in the Army and Navy on Tenth Street above Market. It's impossible to be formal to congenial guests and that's what these boys are when the shyness wears off and they find themselves somewhere at home with their local newspaper in a regular place. Plenty to smoke! Plenty to eat! AND—there's always some genial men present willing and wanting to talk about things chaps were interested in when they were "civilians" before the war. There's women folks, too—the very same kind they were neighbors with back home. Even though the quarters are not so luxurient as some of the other clubs for soldiers and sailors, is it to be wondered at that most every kind of a fellow feels right at home?

Every man is requested to observe two bits of formality. One of these bits is causing thousands of mothers all over the United States to carry a warm feeling in their hearts for Philadelphia and for "Old St. Stephen's Club" in particular. Each guest signs and addresses a card which is mailed free to folks at home. On it is information telling the next of kin their boy is well and enjoying the hospitality of the city. A prayer is also added that he may return unscathed in body and unstained in soul. This card must be signed and each man must register. After that he's a guest as long as he remains in Philadelphia.

"We are absolutely non-sectarian," declares Rev. Frederick B. Keable, associate rector. "The uniform admits to full membership privileges. We are doing our best to make the boys feel that they are our guests and that it is a pleasure to entertain them. Too often they have been made to feel a bit of charity is being extended. This false impression must be eliminated or else this work will prove a great failure.

"While all games are suspended during the services at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, they are resumed the instant church is over. We generally ask the boys if they won't come over to the services or if they don't care to go to a church of their own denomination. If the suggestion is not received with enthusiasm we never urge them. We are very careful not to bring too much religion—the church kind—into our work.

The atmosphere of a Club working on these lines can not be stimulated by cultivation. It must be sincere and spontaneous—otherwise it would never get across to the fellows who are constant visitors.

"Old St. Stephen's Club" is divided into three parts—the writing and reading room—a small cosy compartment with a piano which sees more or less active service—the desk for registration and where minor luxuries are given out. Afternoon teas are held here. Behind this room is a "Canteen" or "Post Exchange" from which a light lunch may be secured. This might also be called the Game Room for there are pool and billiard tables in addition to other games.

Upstairs a movie show is given every evening. Sometimes there is other entertainment. The pictures are not of the "Vamp" variety or of the "Desperate Desmond" type. Neither are they the willy willy stuff. They're just the kind which gets under the skin and makes a man in the service think especially when he reads stories of German atrocities there's a mother and a girl back home you're fighting for—some of the pictures visualize just the way you know they all are back there. You come out of St. Stephen's with a thought you may have never had before. It's the same thought which has made red-blooded men leave their comfortable homes and profitable business to endure the mud of the western theatre of war.

You didn't enlist because you wanted excitement or adventure. It wasn't because you wanted to see the world, and this was perhaps the first chance you had gotten. You know the real reason why you signed up now.

You wanted to save your folks from the fate of Belgium. You wanted them to live as happily as the reel folks do in the movies and in the story books.

These folks who are entertaining you, are Americans, the kind which make up the United States. You're going to remember them and make them proud of you especially the girl you kissed good-bye when it comes your turn to go over the top, or chase submarines, or do any gol darned thing Uncle Sam'l. asks you to. The sport of the thing is forgotten in the responsibility acquired in knowing the big thing you are doing. One experiences an emotion akin to pity for the man not in uniform. St. Stephen's has made you realize the true reason we are at war. It is the real reason and the vital thing worth living and dying for.

While I was there some of the boys were clustered around the piano singing rag. Others were reading. Quite a few were writing letters. A lot just sat around talking and laughing as I know they used to do back home.

The singing stopped. The room became silent. Presently a dear old lady wearing a service button—the kind any fellow would naturally call mother sat down upon the stool and began to sing some of the songs which have always been sung and which will never grow old. She sang alone for a few minutes, her quavering voice growing stronger as she sang the familiar words. It was just the way my own mother sings at home and I thought of Boston several hundred miles away. The boys in the game room forgot their bashfulness and began to hum—some whistled quietly under their breaths. I knew they were thinking the same as I. Before very long every fellow on the lower floor was gathered around the piano singing. It's a way they have at "Old St. Stephen's." War seemed far away and improbable. Until one glanced around and saw the uniforms and remembered the latest newspaper scarehead it was hard to believe it was not a congenial crowd of young people enjoying themselves as only young people can.

In the afternoons, the ladies of the church add the essential feminine touch. Luncheons and teas are served. Kind of feeds which take you back to early remembrances of kid days before you had been introduced to Mr. High Cost of Living, and you went to church suppers where your neighbors served. Do you remember how Mrs. Jones urged and urged you to eat and eat and how joyfully you obeyed. Will you ever forget how the coffee tasted—forbidden at home and how many cups you drank. You get the sensation all over again at "Old St. Stephen's"

Only Philadelphians are allowed the privilege of contributing to the running expenses of the Club heavy as they are. Outsiders can contribute one thing which every boy from another city wants—the next thing to getting home—and that is the local paper.

"Back in Boston," I told them, "Where Scrapple is replaced by Boston Baked Beans we are organizing the same kind of clubs for soldiers and sailors and we are planning to do very much the same kind of work. How can it help getting across if we inject some of the real home spirit which everybody connected with the 'Old St. Stephen's Club' seems brimming over with?"

"One of the things we will always remember and thank Philadelphia for," said a Catholic priest recently speaking before a crowd of blue jackets on the deck of a departing battleship, "is the 'Old St. Stephen's Club' which St. Stephen's Church is running for the benefit of the men in the United States service."

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan. 6.—Mrs. Colket.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
27.—Mrs. Harper.

Feb. 3.—Mrs. Noblit.
10.—Mrs. Gebhart.
17.—Mrs. Crawford.
24.—Mrs. Gebhart.

March 3.—Miss M. Wallace.
10.—Mrs. Clemens.
17.—Mrs. Brunner.
24.—Palm Sunday.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
31.—Easter.

April 7.—Mrs. Atmore.
7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Dr. Grammer.
21.—Mrs. Campbell.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

May 5.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Miss Williamson.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Mrs. Colket.
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22.—Mr. Keable.
29.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 6.—Miss Laura Bell.
13.—Miss Maulsby.
20.—Mrs. Sheble.
27.—Girls' Friendly.

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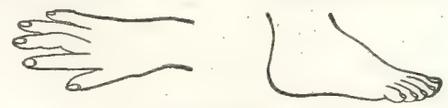

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A. M. 11.00—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on all other Sundays in Lent.
A. M. 11.00—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
P. M. 8.00—Evening Prayer and Address.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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Meets 9.45 A. M.
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Treasurer.—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

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Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

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Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

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dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the *pew.*

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Speakers for Lenten Noonday Services.

Addresses may be expected as follows:
March 4 to 8, inc.—Rev. C. G. Twombly, D.D., St. James', Lancaster, Pa.
March 9.—Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.
March 11 to 15, inc.—Rev. Edward J. Van Etten, Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
March 16.—Rev. William Y. Edwards, St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pa.
March 18.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
March 19 to 23, inc.—Rev. G. Johnston Ross, D.D., Union Theological Seminary, New York.
March 25 to 29, inc.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
March 30.—Rev. Frederick B Keable, Associate, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

Calendar for March.

March 3.—Third Sunday in Lent.
10.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
17.—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
24.—Sunday next before Easter.
25.—Monday before Easter and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
26.—Tuesday before Easter.
27.—Wednesday before Easter.
28.—Maundy Thursday.
29.—Good Friday.
30.—Easter Even.
31.—Easter Day.

Holy Week Services.

Monday.—10.00 A. M., Noonday, 5.00 P. M.
Tuesday.—10.00 A. M., Noonday, 5.00 P. M.
Wednesday—10.00 A. M., Noonday, 5.00 P. M.
Maundy Thursday.—10.00 A. M., Holy Communion.
12.30 Noonday.
5.00 P. M., Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M., Holy Communion.
Good Friday.—10.30 A. M., 12.30 Noonday, 5.00 P. M.
Saturday.—10.00 A. M., 12.30 Noonday.
Easter Day.—8.00 A. M. Holy Communion, 11.00 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon, 8.00 P. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Feb. 24.—Ruth Marie Brawner.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 6.—Warren Stimson and Mary Schmitt.
22.—Hyman H. Goldberg and Frances Stabler.
23.—Robert P. King and Eleanor Brewer.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Feb. 11.—Mrs. Rebecca A. Mann.
14.—Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Lare.
15.—Miss Rose Euler.
19.—Harry Garfield Myers.
20.—Miss Sarah G. Haydock.
21.—Richard L. Wallace, Jr.

Offerings Received from February 3rd, Sexagesima to February 24th, Second Sunday in Lent, Including Wednesday Noonday.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 35 82	
Diocesan Missions	51 91	
Missionary Box	140 37	
Parochial Maintenance	104 76	
		$332 86

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Charities	$ 99 53	
Parochial Maintenance	208 35	
Missions	84 67	
Work among Boys	40	
Benevolent Society	20	
S. S. Christmas Festival	60	
Domestic Missions	25	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 60	
Diocesan Missions	638 00	
Foreign Missions	58 30	
Colored Missions	05	
Missionary Box	34 28	
Deaconess House	30	
Sunday School	30	
Girls' Friendly Society	05	
Daily Vacation Bible School	05	
		$1,126 93
Total		$1,459 79

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Charities	$135 35
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Colored Missions	05
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Girls' Friendly Society	05
Daily Vacation Bible School	05
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Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

The Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

I feel like beginning my pastoral letter with the opening lines of Horace's "Ode to Spring," *Solvitur acris hiems.* But no one quotes Latin nowadays. Let the lovers of classical scholarship say what they will, the new training is crowding out the tongues of Greece and Rome. H. G. Wells is, however, wrong when he depicts the Old Bishop in his story, "The Soul of a Bishop," as spending his time looking up Greek tags. Phrases and sayings in these ancient tongues linger in the mind and become part of the mental furniture of the student and really impede his utterance. Often he finds it difficult to express himself without their aid. This was exemplified by a famous Presbyterian clergyman, Dr. Cox, the father of Bishop A. C. Coxe, of Western New York. On one occasion in a public prayer he addressed our Lord as the *sine qua non* of all religion, the *ne-plus ultra* of our hopes and the *ultima Thule* of our desires. No man of any literary culture would express himself in such a hybrid speech willingly. The trouble with Dr. Cox was that these Latin words choked up the channels of his mind and prevented him from finding more suitable media of thought.

These scholars often quoted because they knew no other language. Doubtless it was often done, as an embellishment or ornament. This was the reason for its employment in public orations. It was a fashionable stunt. There is good reason to doubt whether these resounding quotations from the classics which used to be highly esteemed in the British Parliament were generally understood even in that

house. I base this remark on a story in the life of Sheridan. That great wit and orator had no Greek learning, but he had a quick ear for the music of speech, and in one of his speeches poured out a flood of resounding phrases, which he ascribed to Demosthenes. Edmund Burke came up afterwards and congratulated him on his fine Greek quotation. No one in the house detected the hoax. Whatever purposes the classics may serve they are no longer available for quotation; so that without the assistance of the overtones of delicate suggestion that go with the lines of Horace, to those who have studied this favorite author of all classical students, this witty, kindly and sensible critic of life and literature, I congratulate you that the earth is now wheeling rapidly towards the equinoctial and winter will soon be a thing of the past.

In our parish all things are going pleasantly. The attendance on the club continues to increase and our total registration is over 36,000. The library and reading room has been proven to serve a useful purpose. Keith's people still entertain our guests on Wednesdays, and the various sub-committees do their work faithfully. Bishop Williams gave us splendid addresses for his week, and Bishop Thurston is continuing the good work. Next week we shall have Dr. Twombly, of Lancaster. The attendance at the Sunday morning, and also at the Sunday night service has increased.

The contributions for Diocesan missions have not yet reached the amount asked for—$900. We have on hand only $703.38.

It is hoped that those who have not contributed will send in their gifts. We must not fall short in raising this amount. It is a poor-spirited thing to economize first of all in one's giving; let economy begin elsewhere, in luxuries, in pleasures, even in comforts, before we withdraw our support from our Diocesan workers in hard places.

The contract has been awarded for the erection of an electric light in the Sunday School building, which will light up the chancel windows on Sunday night. The giver of this fine addition to the beauty of our chancel wishes to remain unknown. By Easter I hope that it will be in place, and that the new rugs and other ornaments and improvements of the chancel will be complete. The more I use it the better I like it and I dare say that the congregation feels the same way about it.

On Thursday at 3 o'clock I teach a mission study class of ladies. In spite of the numerous demands of the season about fifteen have joined. "Yet there is room," but I cannot go out and compel others to come in.

I had made up my mind to accept no further responsibilities outside of the Parish for this year at any rate, but on Monday, February 18th, advantage was taken of my absence from the annual meeting of the Inter-Church Federation, and I was elected its President. I had been working with the Federation in a campaign for scrutinizing the treatment of street-walkers and people of that class by the police and the Municipal Court, and this election came as a result of my co-operation. If I had been present, I should have declined; but I did not feel that I would be justified in declining the office after the annual meeting had adjourned. At this time the Federation has a great part to play in solidifying and directing the activities of the Protestant churches in behalf of the best conduct of the war, in the control of vice, in working for prohibition, in the censoring of moving pictures, and in behalf of many forms of social betterment. Fortunately many of our own problems are less troublesome than they were in former years. The Burd School is in good condition and we have settled on our policy with regard to the farm. If we could adopt a budget, and bring our income up to its requirements, so that the deficit could be stopped just where it now is, and not allowed to increase, I should feel happier about the Parish. We are doing a great work, but we must not get into the dangerous habit of letting our expenditures exceed our income.

It is good that in these years of serving and worshiping together I have grown to know the congregation fairly well, for I have had no opportunity for any parochial visiting, except in cases of sickness or bereavement, or upon some of my older members, who are, in my judgment, entitled to special consideration in view of their age or services to the church. Yet I want you to realize that Mr. Keable and I are always at your service. We have no time for complimentary visits, but we stand ready to take our place beside you, if

we can be of any real service. You do us a real kindness when you call upon us at such times. I esteem it a great privilege that I was able to be with the Wallace family in their great bereavement. I am sure that the whole congregation sorrowed with them in the loss of that promising son and nephew. The only consolation at such a time is the belief that there is a life and a reunion beyond. To quote the president of a great university: "When a man has run the appointed course and reached a ripe old age, where the long strain begins to tell, it is possible to connect him with the idea of rest; it is possible to conceive of his lying down 'like one who wraps the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.' But when a person in the full vigor of life passes on, it brings a curious sense of reality to the hereafter. It is impossible to conceive of the ceasing of all this mental and spiritual vitality, activity and interest. We think of them as going forward into a Higher School, where "The Master of all good workmen shall set us to work anew." So we think of young Richard Wallace, an honor boy at school, a loving boy at home; he has been carried to a higher school and reached the Final Home. May God at last unite them there.

I will be very much obliged if any one who wishes any special hymns sung will kindly let me know. We are solicitous that the hymns should be of a popular and familiar character in Lent.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty members present at the last meeting of the Auxiliary held the 21st of February. The Treasurer reported a balance of $85.72 and Miss Magee reported a collection of $96.00 for the United Offering, making a total of $321.50. Miss Austin has received $5.00 and books valued at $3.00 for Miss Conway's box. The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, March 21st, at 11 o'clock.

BEULAH S. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

What the G. F. S. is Doing.

The Girls' Friendly Society has never had a better winter, and it is because the girls are all finding such joy in serving and working for others. Owing to the continued use of the Sunday School building for the Old St. Stephen's Club, it was necessary to give up the annual play for raising money for missions. This year every girl was given a dime and told to make it "grow." The G. F. S. was divided into two teams, each had a captain and a lieutenant. Last Monday night the girls made their returns, and it was a most successful evening due to the efforts of four of the seniors.

The returns were flashed on a screen, and the girls were called upon to tell how they earned this money. One girl who had taken a new position charged herself with each error she made in her work; another girl gave the bonus she received on her salary; one washed her husband's soft collars; some made candy, and the efforts of the girls brought in the splendid sum of $143.96.

Two weeks ago Elsie Whitnell Rose gave a most interesting talk on the work being done by the surgeons in France, and told interesting stories of the little French children.

Next Monday evening Mrs. Fullerton Waldo will show lantern slides and tell about the work women are doing in France.

Knitting has been very popular with all the bands, and when the winter work is closed there will be a splendid showing.

HELEN SHELLENBERGER.

Musical Program

March 3.

11 A. M.
Blessed Jesus ..... Dvorak

8 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Barnby
The Twilight Shadows ..... Wood
When Thou Comest ..... Rossini

March 10.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... Mosenthal
Jubilate ..... Mosenthal
Hear My Prayer ..... Mendelssohn

8 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis ..... Stainer
By the Waters of Babylon ..... Taylor
King all Glorious ..... Stainer

March 17.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in B minor ..... Buck
Jubilate in B flat ..... Stanford
O Come Every One that Thirsteth.. Mendelssohn

8 P. M.
Deus Misereatur ..... Wood
Protect Us ..... Curschmann
We Praise Thee ..... Mendelssohn

March 24.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... Stanford
Jubilate ..... McCollin
The Palms ..... Faure

8 P. M.
Benedic Anima ..... Wood
God that Madest Earth and Heaven..... Naylor
Power Eternal ..... Rossini
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Gounod

March 31.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E flat ..... Buck
Christ our Passover ..... Gilchrist
I Know that My Redeemer Liveth..... Haendel

8 P. M.
Magnificat in A ..... Martin
Behold I Show You a Mystery ..... Wood
Hark, Hark My Soul ..... Shelley

Memorial Flower Fund.

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20.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
27.—Mrs. Harper.

Feb. 3.—Mrs. Noblit.
10.—Mrs. Gebhart.
17.—Mrs. Crawford.
24.—Mrs. Gebhart.

March 3.—Miss M. Wallace.
10.—Mrs. Clemens.
17.—Mrs. Brunner.
24.—Palm Sunday.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
31.—Easter.

April 7.—Mrs. Atmore.
7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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21.—Mrs. Campbell.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

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9.—Miss Williamson.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Mrs. Colket.
26.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 2.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Mrs. Tourison.
16.—Mrs. Gebhart.
23.—Miss Bright.
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11.—Miss Wallace.
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25.—Miss Laura Bell.

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8.—Miss Mary Kirkpatrick.
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29.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

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27.—Girls' Friendly.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
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10.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Miss Eisenbrey.
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8.—Misses Davis.
15.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
22.—Mrs. Petry.
25.—Christmas.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
29.—Miss Emily Bell.

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Boyd, Lieutenant Robert T., Jr., O. R. C. Ordnance Dept.

Burns, Oscar W., Comp. L., 109th U. S. Infantry.

Callies, Percy E. de, 108th Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Colket, Second Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd, O. R. C. 313th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

Covert, Joseph F., U. S. A. Ambulance Camp, Allentown Pa.

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Culbertson, Samuel T., U. S. Marine Corps, Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas.

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Lukens, Samuel C., Motor Maintenance Dept., Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

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Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.

Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A.

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Meek, Wilson, 1st Virginia Cavalry.

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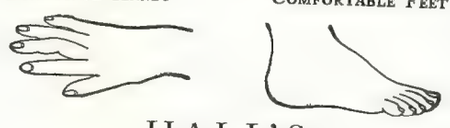

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A. M. 11.00—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sundays. Also on Festival and Saints' Days at 10.30 A. M.
A. M. 9.45—Sunday School.
A. M. 11.00—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
P. M. 8.00—Evening Prayer and Address.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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(The Chaplain will remain half an hour after this service for conference with any who desire to speak with him).

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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

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Sunday School.
Meets 9.45 A. M.

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Intermediate Class.—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll.—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.
9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.
Sunday, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.
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Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

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Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

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The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew to be called the pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious or Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Calendar for April.

April 1.—Monday in Easter-week.
2.—Tuesday in Easter-week.
7.—The first Sunday after Easter.
14.—The second Sunday after Easter.
21.—The third Sunday after Easter.
25.—St. Mark's Day.
28.—The fourth Sunday after Easter.

Parish Register.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 6.—Laurie M. Lcedom and Sara Alys Crowell.
20.—William Sharpless Jackson, Jr. and Jean Rhea O'Donnel.
23.—William Lawton Earl, Jr. and Mary Hannah Finger.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March 20.—Mrs. Emma L. Crawford.
25.—John Dawson Follett.
28.—Miss Rebecca A. Lowenberg.

Offerings Received from Wednesday February 27th to Easter Even, March 30, 1918.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Missionary Box	$149 73	
Charities	72 30	
Parochial Maintenance	102 83	
Easter Decorations	28 93	
Service Flag	11 96	
City Missions	39 06	
		$404 81

Envelope System:

Charities	$ 99 80
Parochial Maintenance	170 48
Missions	100 01
St. Stephen's Farm	24 95
Our work among boys	20

Benevolent Society	65	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	18 20	
Episcopal Hospital	30	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	80	
Service Flag	1 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	45	
Diocesan Missions	7 05	
Foreign Missions	1 18	
Colored Missions	62 96	
Missionary box	3 76	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	56 10	
City Missions	30 00	
Deaconess House	20	
Sunday School	20	
Daily Vacation Bible School	35	
Navy League	63 00	
		$641 64
		$1,046 45

Recapitulation:

Charities	$172 10	
Parochial Maintenance	273 31	
Missions	100 01	
St. Stephen's Farm	24 95	
Our work among boys	20	
Benevolent Society	65	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	18 20	
Episcopal Hospital	30	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	80	
Service Flag	12 96	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	45	
Diocesan Missions	7 05	
Foreign Missions	1 18	
Colored Missions	62 96	
Missionary box	153 49	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	85 03	
City Missions	69 06	
Deaconess House	20	
Sunday School	20	
Daily Vacation Bible School	35	
Navy League	63 00	
		$1,046.45

Offerings received during the Church's Financial Year from Palm Sunday, April 1, 1917 to Good Friday, March 28, 1918 inclusive.

Offerings received through the Alms Basins and the Envelope System:

For Missions:

General	$1,265 11	
Domestic	88 44	
Diocesan	710 38	
Foreign	136 31	
Colored	92 49	
Missionary Box	402 99	
Indian	70 71	
City	125 83	
		$2,892 26

Parochial Purposes:

Maintenance	$2,367 50	
Boys work	189 77	
Decorations	100.49	
Flag	12 96	
Interest on Deposits	11 99	
		$2,682 71

Charities and Benevolences:

Charities	$1,577 47	
Farm	1,442 78	
Benevolent Society	374 51	
Hospital	374 95	
Christmas Festival	130 51	
	$3,900 22	

Relief Funds:

Belgian	$20 80	
Patriotic	102 01	
Armenian and Syrian	202 34	
Halifax	175 05	
Clergy Pensions	183 46	
Navy League	63 00	
	$746 66	$4,646 88

Educational:

Theological	$71 04	
Deaconess	83 03	
Sunday School	165 36	
Daily Vacation Bible School	96 58	
Girls' Friendly Society	56 12	
	$472 13	$472 13
Endowment Fund		271 07
		$10,965 05

Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

It is a cardinal maxim of public speaking that a man may begin in a moderate tone, because it is assumed that attention is at the maximum at the opening of a speech. A speaker must have disappointed his audience very frequently if they are not interested to know what he is going to talk about. Acting on this principle that the maximum of attention is possessed at the beginning, I am going to give out at once some important notices.

The first is that our Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the room above the vestry on the second Wednesday of May, the 8th, at 8 o'clock. At that time the renters of pews and sittings who alone possess the franchise according to our unamended constitution, will be called on to elect the vestry for the ensuing year. In order to facilitate the election, names

are suggested by a committee of the vestry, but any voter is at liberty to nominate any qualified person.

Secondly, let it be remembered that at this parish meeting, according to our custom, all the societies and agencies of the Church make their annual report. These reports should be brief, and tell the story of the various societies' doings in the large. I hope that the members will come with the intention of spending the whole evening. At the close there will be a reception.

Among the reports I want to include, although it is not exclusively a parochial work, a brief statement of the operations of Old St. Stephen's Club. It is a matter of great thankfulness that we have had the privilege of inaugurating this Club, and of providing the building and a large number of the workers. A chaplain writing from France, said that he met many boys who spoke to him of St. Stephen's Club, and of their desire to return to it, and of how much it had meant to them. He sent us a most significant message to the effect that we had a unique opportunity in our Club; that it was difficult to reach the men in the turmoil of the army, and that the most favorable time was in the hour of waiting and preparation. It is good to know that the Club means much to the boys. I am sure that it has meant much to the Church, and that there is a new spirit of fellowship, consecration and service among the men and women of St. Stephen's because of their association with these enlisted men. These young men are going to risk their lives for the sake of their country and for the good of mankind.

Our PARISH NEWS travels to many an old friend of St. Stephen's outside of the city, and I think it important for the sake of our records, as these numbers are bound up in a volume and kept for future reference, to record that on Easter Sunday I announced to the congregation that our generous friend, Miss Anna J. Magee, sent for me to come to her house two weeks before, and requested me to write to the Tiffany Studios on her behalf for plans and suggestions with regard to the further improvement of the church. Miss Magee feels that the church should be decorated in harmony with the beautiful chancel. She also most generously determined at the same time to alter the galleries and to re-light the whole church. She has now definitely engaged the Tiffany Studios for this purpose. The plans are to be worked out in detail and approved later on. I am not at liberty to speak more specifically about Miss Magee's plans, but when she has finished, the whole church will be decorated in a way that will enhance the beauty of the chancel and make it one of the most exquisite interiors in the country.

These are times when artists suffer, and it is good that this work should be given to this needy class. It is the tradition of the Magee family to devise generous things for St. Stephen's, but they have usually been given as memorials by survivors. Miss Anna has chosen a more excellent way; she is making her gifts during her lifetime, and it is a great source of satisfaction to me that she should sit in front of this beautiful chancel Sunday after Sunday, and feel its loveliness and the deep joy that must belong to its giver. I am glad that she can look forward to the pleasure of seeing the whole church in harmony with that exquisite color scheme, and properly lighted and adorned. I shall not lessen the delightful curiosity of the congregation by revealing any of the details of Mr. Tiffany's beautiful designs. It is enough to know that he is emulous to make it one of his supreme artistic achievements. Enough is said when I declare that it will be in harmony with the reredos and chancel.

I am going to make a confession, and I suppose, endure a salutary humiliation. A friend gave me a brand new notebook with detachable leaves, which was the pride of my heart, and in it I entered the names of a number of people in my evening congregation who were anxious to join my confirmation class. That notebook has disappeared. Some of those names, of course, I know, but some of the candidates were strangers to me, and they must have wondered that they heard no further word from me. I have been perplexed as to how I could reach them. I know no other way than by publicly stating my misfortune or confessing my fault, and letting them know that I will be very glad if they will once again give me their names. I am anxious to have this confirmation before the summer holiday.

The mention of summer reminds me that

we shall probably be obliged to close the church for three months this coming summer. I hope we can have service either in the room above the vestry, or better still, in the Sunday School room. Perhaps we will be able to secure more of the soldiers and sailors in that way. There will be some advantage in that. The contract with Mr. Tiffany requires completion by October first.

The repairs and improvements on the church have been a tremendous drain on us during my entire rectorship. When I came here, holes in the windows were puttied up; there was a canvas cover on the roof; the decorations within were growing moldy; the vestibule was shabby and dingy. In the last twelve years there is not a surface within or without that has not been gone over. The church has been rewired, the windows have been re-glazed, the interior has been re-decorated, about ten beautiful memorials have been gathered. The pews have been re-carpeted and re-cushioned, and now Miss Magee comes forward and re-decorates and embellishes our whole interior. The church will be put in such a shape that the bills for repairs will be reduced to a minimum for several decades, and the burden on the shoulders of our successors greatly lightened. But I shall not anticipate the Parish Meeting. I can only say I am very thankful that the financial drain on the congregation will be lessened.

It is, however, a matter of concern to me that the income from our endowments, pewrents and envelopes all combined has not recently been meeting our expenses. I think we ought to look the situation in the face. Everything is going so well, it would be a pity to shorten sail. We have never had such a good choir in all my connection with the church as we have today. As the singers work together, their voices will more and more melt and flow and intertwine, and gain in beauty. We have in Mr. Keable an associate who is in the prime of his strength, able to give the energies of a man in the vigor of his days to the tasks of the church—not a neophyte, or an invalid, but a man who is throwing his full strength upon the oar. We have had some new members come in to us, and I hope they will exhibit the missionary zeal of which they themselves are the products. A church grows chiefly by the missionary activities of its members.. A fine choir can bring musical auditors, effective preaching can draw listeners, but church members are won in the main by the cordial invitations, friendliness and missionary zeal of the members of the congregation. I know quite a group in St. Stephen's whose presence among us can be ascribed to the activities of a few members. Something is the matter with a church member who never tries to bring in anybody else. It is the nature of leaven that it seeks to permeate the whole lump, and it is the nature of Christianity that it should endeavor to spread itself and enlist others in the cause.

No one can be really said to be participating fully in the life of St. Stephen's who does not take the envelopes. The list of the envelope users is the list of people who can be depended on to respond to appeals, and to take an interest in the welfare of the church. I hope that every communicant can be found on this list, and I should be glad if every attendant on the church would show his sympathy with the cause by accepting a package of envelopes. It will be a great pity if a church that has had so much done for it by the generous past, and by one liberal member today, should not be stimulated by these gifts so that every member will do his utmost to help on the good work.

The Sunday evening services have been well attended, especially for a second service in an Episcopal church. In that aspect they may be regarded as remarkable. In spite of the fact that we have had no extraordinary musical attractions, the second service has shown a marked improvement upon the average of former years. Night is the natural time for the second service. There is a solemnity about the evening hour that is favorable to the reception of religious truths. Thoughts taken into the heart at that time are not so likely to be dissipated by the distractions of life. The beneficent habit of prayer at night continues with many men who seem to have abandoned all allegiance to Christian institutions. The truth of the sermon is apt to come home at such a time.

The work of the Inter-Church Federation is going to make very heavy demands upon me this spring, but I want the congregation to consider it as a form of war service. They were willing to have me go as chaplain along

with a hospital unit, if the government would accept me, but I was authoritatively informed that a man of my age would not be accepted. Here is an opportunity for doing a large work in behalf of the enlisted men. The ministers of Philadelphia did not wait for Mr. Fosdick to disclose conditions in our city by a special federal investigation. The Inter-Church Federation has been keeping watch on the courts for six months. I myself have served on a committee attending the municipal court and making reports. Some of the judges seem to be animated with zeal for the protection of society, but others exhibit a weak lenity, and a maudlin sympathy with the dangerous women who prey upon the young.

No one can look at the streets of our city without realizing that Philadelphia is not a well governed town. But there is not only filth in the streets, there is also corruption and vice on every side in certain sections for the destruction of the young, and the guardians of the public welfare are not above reproach. The Inter-Church Federation is charged with the duty of rousing the members of the churches to the responsibilities of Christian citizenship. It has been appealed to for assistance in providing suitably placed and distributed houses of worship for the men at Hog Island. We are also the channel through which the churches express their unanimous approval of prohibition, and do all they can to bring about the election of a legislature that will ratify the amendment to the National Constitution.

The machinery of the Federation is sadly in need of repairs and oiling; I might say of a new engine and driving wheel and of a new boiler, so badly is it out of condition. But through the great meetings in behalf of the National Committee on the Churches and Moral Aims of the War, our local Federation has been brought into high relief, and this is an opportune moment for developing it. It will, however, take time, thought, energy and the coöperation of many people. Yet when we consider the goal—the development of the Kingdom of God on earth through the coöperation of the various churches in those moral aims in which they are all one—I believe that the people of St. Stephen's will be willing to allow their rector some release from the usual routine obligations of a clergyman. Let this be as one of their contributions as a congregation to the common cause at this crisis. Let me act as their agent in the way in which I can be most useful to the community. That is all I ask.

In another part of THE PARISH NEWS will be found an account of the death of Joseph F. Covert, the first of our soldiers to die in France. May God sustain and comfort his family.

I should not close this letter without saying a word of sympathy to those who have been recently bereaved. In the death of Miss Rebecca A. Lowenberg we lost a faithful member. At one time she sang alto in our choir. She was a great admirer of Dr. Wood, and loved the house of the Lord. She overexerted herself by attending the service on Palm Sunday, and went home to die. Such a death is surely a translation; she passed from the courts of the Lord's House here into the Inner Court beyond the veil.

In the death of Mrs. George L. Crawford we lost one of our most faithful members, for many years the secretary of the Benevolent Society, and an efficient worker. Her husband was one of the vestry when I came to St. Stephen's, and was especially dear to me as one of the first members of the church who held out to me the hand of personal friendship. There is always an anxious moment in the minister's life in entering a new rectorship, an anxiety that is shared by the committee that has nominated him to the vestry. They are all wondering whether the congregation and the rector will suit one another. Many people cannot make up their minds how the wind is blowing until they have gone out and looked at certain vanes. Mr. Crawford was not of their number, I remember how he heartened me by his words of cheer and appreciation from the first, and I always feel particularly near to his family. But Mrs. Crawford was bound to church not merely by her husband's position. She was one of the Board of Managers of the Benevolent Society, and in former years gave much to its activities. Her health has been showing signs of failing, yet none of the congregation suspected that she was suffering from a dangerous illness. It was not known to me. I think it was a general shock when she was taken from us. She has left a record of

Christian service, of great staunchness, and of faithful discharge of the high responsibilities of a wife and mother. One of her sons, Allan, is a captain in the army, and one of the stars in our service-flag will be in his honor. Her daughter, Frances, is a faithful worker in our Altar Society and a most excellent helper in the Old St. Stephen's Club. May God comfort and sustain them all. Her three sons and her three daughters rise up and call her blessed. Would that we could send some message of sympathy to her daughter, Mrs. William L. Neilson, who is now with her children in England, while her husband is in India. They are indeed sundered far, but by faith and love they can feel themselves one at such a time.

A loss of peculiar poignancy was the death of Mr. James Armstrong, who has left a wife and one daughter, Grace, for many years one of the honor pupils of our Sunday School. and a son. May God sustain and console them.

So long Thy power has blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent till
The night is gone.
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Sale.

There will be a sale of articles by the Benevolent Society on Wednesdays, April 17th, 24th and May 1st, from 10 to 12 A. M., in the Parish House. The congregation are requested to avail themselves of this opportunity to aid the work of this Society.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on the 21st. We had no special address but the hour was taken up by interesting reports by our own delegates. The treasurer reported a balance of $48.74.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish House, April 18th, at 11 o'clock.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

The United Offering.

The Fourteenth Annual Service of the Woman's Auxiliary, with the presentation of the United Offering, will be held on St. Mark's Day, Thursday, April 25th, at 10.30 A. M., in the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Fifteenth and Porter streets.

We are constantly reminding the women of the diocese that this is our annual service of Thanksgiving, and that it is not "just for the parish treasurers of the United Offering," or the active members of the Auxiliary, but is the privilege of all who can possibly attend; and we have found that usually to go to this service once is to go again! Will the clergy please remember that they are always most welcome?

This month we stand midway in the triennium of 1916-1919. Of at least 35,000 women communicants in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, only 6,000 had a share in the offering presented at St. Louis. It seems a far reach to "the Ideal," but, some day there will come the vision of the opportunities and possibilities of our United Thank Offering—what it may mean in the individual life, and that it is the most wonderful channel we have for fellowship in missionary praying and giving and thanksgiving. The Indian women seem to have discovered this—even if all unconsciously—for every baptized woman in South Dakota is a contributor to the United Offering! Here in our own diocese we have one realization of the ideal—at St. James', Prospect Park, where every woman communicant—senior and junior (about fifty), has a share in the offering. There will be other parishes on the Honor Roll before we come to Detroit in 1919!

MARY C. S. NORTH,
Diocesan Treasurer (U. O.)

Miss Anna J. Magee, the Parish Treasurer for the Women's United Offering, would be very glad to receive the offering of any women in St. Stephen's. Our contributions for the support of the noble women doing the church's work at home and abroad are needed today as they were never needed before.

ROBERT E. SPEER ON THE CALL OF THE HOUR FOR MISSIONARY ENLARGEMENT.

Extracts from an Address at Northfield, 1917.

"The first American missionaries went out to the foreign field during the war of 1812. The great British missionary organization grew up in days that were darker for Europe even than these days, for in those days the foe of Europe was not hemmed in on his own soil in the center of the continent; but he was roaming abroad over all the nations of Europe, east and west. Even during our own Civil War, when our nation was passing through as trying hours as it ever knew, the American churches did not feel obliged to draw back from the missionary undertaking. The foreign-missionary activities of all the churches of the Southern States were begun in those dark hours. As Doctor Houston used to love to point out, it was when the Southern Presbyterian Church was girt around as with a wall of fire, and did not have it in her power to send a single one of her sons out to the field, when for the first time she unfurled her banner to the air, that she inscribed upon it the declaration of her faith in the headship of our Lord and her obedience to the last great commission, which she understood to be the primary and ultimate reason for the existence of the Christian Church. If in the dark days of the past, our fathers, and their fathers before them, did not flinch, what would they say of us, their children, if in this vastly easier day, in the midst of our immensely richer affluence, we showed cowardice that in their harder situation they had never shown.

"All the principles underlying the missionary undertaking are precisely what they have ever been. The facts on which missionary obligations rest are today just what they were before the year began. The year has not affected in the slightest degree any principle or any fact underlying the foreign-missionary undertaking. What consideration can it have introduced, therefore, that would justify us in curtailing or abridging that undertaking? The great commission was not given on the supposition that it would not cost anybody anything to carry it out. All the conditions we face today are as nothing in comparison with those faced, when Jesus Christ first laid on them in clear terms the obligation to evangelize the world. No; there is absolutely nothing that you and I could allege to our own moral judgment, much less to our Lord Jesus Christ, as a valid reason why now, because there is a great war going on, we should abridge our contributions as a Christian Church to the work of making Christ known to the non-Christian world."

King's Daughters Whatsoever Circle.

February and March this Circle in four short evenings folded sixty dozen surgical dressings.

Also made for the Red Cross some property bags for the soldiers in the hospitals.

Gave a donation to the Army and Navy League of $3.00 for wool.

To the woman's Auxiliary a box with soap and wash rags for Miss Conway in Africa.

Owing to meeting in the Vestry Room this winter, we were sorry not to help the Aid Society with their Lenten sewing as in other years, but we could not use the sewing machines. We hope to do better another year.

Their next meeting will be in the Vestry Room, April 2nd, and Wednesday, April 17th, in Guild Room, quarter of 8 o'clock, with the Rector's approval, as it suits the members better on that evening.

Shoe Fund.

Gave out in February and March thirty pairs of shoes and ten pairs of overshoes. Received from those receiving shoes, $3.80. This money goes towards buying a pair for some other little girl or boy and the children are quite proud to have their names put down and to help a little.

On March 27th an official message was received, stating that on March 22nd Joseph Francis Covert died in a Naval Base Hospital, "Somewhere in France," and that he had been buried with the rites of the Church.

Joseph F. Covert was born in Selims Grove, Pa., on June 6, 1890. He was a member, and for seven years organist, of All Saints Episcopal Church of that town. Five years ago he came to live in Philadelphia and became a regular worshipper in St. Stephen's. In May, 1917, he volunteered in the Episcopal Hospital Unit, and after serving for some months at Allentown, Pa., and Camp Mills, L. I., he was sent to France and stationed in a Naval Base Hospital.

Only a few hours before the arrival of the cablegram announcing his death, a letter was received from him stating that he had been on field duty, and had just come in from a fifteen hour watch. It is not within the power of any man to make a true record of a man's life. God alone can give a just judgment. But I would bear witness to the singularly loving and gentle character of my young friend. There was something about his kindly smile and earnest hand-clasp that left me with the conviction that he thought more of "being" an upright man than of "seeming" to be one.

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead.
He is just away!
With a cheery smile
And a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there,
And you—oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There, as the love of Here.
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—he is just away.
—James Whitcomb Riley.

F. B. K.

In Memoriam.

At a special meeting of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church, held on Wednesday, March 27th, the managers gathered to express their sorrow over the death of a former member, Mrs. George L. Crawford.

They spoke of her long term of service as Secretary, her unfailing attendance and the accuracy of her minutes.

Her attention to every business detail and the alacrity with which she met every request of the Society. Her record as an official was perfect.

As a member of the Cutting Committee she equally efficient. Year after year she was to be found at her table in the Parish House cutting garments with unusual skill.

For the last year or two, ill health and domestic changes had caused her absence. We thought of this absence as only temporary and always supposed that some time she would resume her place among us, but she has passed from us.

We, the managers and members of the benevolent Society, desire to express to her children and family our sense of loss and our sympathy with them in their great bereavment.

Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, *President.*
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing, *Vice-President.*
Mrs. John Coats Brown, *Director.*

For Those At the Front.

Lord God of Hosts, whose mighty hand
Dominion holds on sea and land,
In Peace and War Thy Will we see
Shaping the larger liberty.
Nations may rise and nations fall,
Thy Changeless Purpose rules them all.

When death flies swift on wave or field,
Be Thou a sure defence and shield,
Console and succor those who fall,
And help and hearten each and all.
O, hear a people's prayers for those
Who fearless face their country's foes!

For those who weak and broken lie,
In weariness and agony—
Great Healer, to their beds of pain
Come touch and make them whole again!
O, hear a people's prayers, and bless
Thy servants in their hour of stress!

For those to whom the call shall come
We pray Thy tender welcome home,
The toil, the bitterness, all past,
We trust them to Thy Love at last.
O, hear a people's prayers for all
Who, nobly striving, nobly fall!

For those who minister and heal,
And spend themselves, their skill, their zeal—
Renew their hearts with Christ-like faith,
And guard them from disease and death.
And in Thine own good time, Lord, send
Thy Peace on earth till Time shall end!
—John Oxenham.

My Country 'Tis of Thee.

(A new version.)

My Country! 't is of thee,
Sweet land of Liberty
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died;
Land of the pilgrims pride;
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God to thee,
Author of Liberty!
To thee we sing;
Long may our Land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King!

God save our splendid men
For them we pray often
God bless our men!
Keep them victorious
Patient and chivalrous
They are so dear to us
God save our men!

God save our splendid men
Send them safe home again
God bless our men!
Happy and valorous
Dauntless and generous
Winners of freedom glorious
God save our men!

Musical Program

April 7.

11 A. M.
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Gounod
Te Deum in E flat ..... Buck
Jubilate in E ..... Parker
The Lord is my Light ..... Parker

8 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Martin
From Thy Love ..... Gounod
Why do the Nations ..... Haendel

April 14.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in G ..... Mosenthal
Jubilate in G ..... Mosenthal
Lovely Appear ..... Gounod

8 P. M.
Magnificat in B flat ..... Stainer
Fierce was the wild billow! ..... Noble
Watchman what of the night ..... Sargeant

April 21.

11 A. M.
Te Deum ..... Parker
Jubilate ..... Stanford
Incline Thine Ear ..... Himmel

8 P. M.
Magnificat ..... Parker
Oh for a Closer Walk ..... Foster
Hold Thou my hand ..... Gounod

April 28.

11 A. M.
Te Deum in E ..... Mosenthal
Jubilate in E ..... Mosenthal
Lord how long wilt Thou forget me.. Mendelssohn

8 P. M.
Nunc Dimittis ..... Stainer
Oh Gladsome Light ..... Sullivan
I have longed for Thy Salvation..... Rossini

ROLL *of* HONOR

Boyd, Lieutenant Robert T., Jr., O. R. C. Ordnance Dept.

Burns, Oscar W., Comp. L., 109th U. S. Infantry.

Callies, Percy E. de, 108th Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Colket, Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd, O. R. C. 313th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

**Covert, Joseph F.*, U. S. A.

Crawford, Captain Alan, 154th Brigade, Field Artillery, Camp Meade, Md.

Culbertson, Samuel T., U. S. Marine Corps, Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas.

Dodge, Arthur Raymond, Naval Reserve Force, Cape May, New Jersey.

Ellis, Herbert M., Yeoman, League Island Navy Yard.

Elsner, Bertel, U. S. N., Newport, Rhode Island.

Elsner, Lenhart, U. S. A., Somewhere in France.

Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. S. South Carolina, care of Postmaster, New York.

Gregory, Donald, U. S. N.

Hale, Sergeant Marion Davis, Medical Corps, U. S. A., Base Hospital, Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga.

Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W., U. S. R., 11th Infantry, Chickamauga Park, Georgia.

Hewson, Quartermaster Harry M. C., U. S. N.

Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. N. Naval Base Hospital No. 5.

Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Kelso, Sergeant Harry C., Q. M. C., Langley Field, Hampton, Va.

Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G., 110th U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Ga.

Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, O. R. C.

* Died in France, March 22, 1918.

Lukens, Samuel C., Motor Maintenance Dept., Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.

Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.

Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A.

McKeehan, Lieutenant Colonel Charles L., Ordnance Dept.

Mearns, Clarence W., Camp Meade, Md.

McGuriman, James, Co. L., 314th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

Meek, Samuel W., Jr., Aviation Corps.

Meek, Robert L., Coast Defense Reserve.

Meek, Wilson, 1st Virginia Cavalry.

Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.

O'Byrne, Thomas, Co. I., 110th U. S. Infantry, Camp Hancock, Ga.

Page, James J., 107th U. S. Infantry, Spartansburg, South Carolina.

Reed, George O., Camp Meade, Md.

Reifsnyder, Henry G., 103rd U. S. Engineers, Co. E., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Sangree, Ernest M., U. S. N., Wireless Operator, U. S. S., George Washington.

Smith, Major Frank Wilbur, Somewhere in France.

Stack, Robert, U. S. Navy.

Stork, James, 311th Machine Gun Battalion, Co. B., Camp Meade, Md.

Turner, Second Lieutenant Norman, O. R. C.

Van Dusen, Major Lewis H., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept.

Weldon, Guy, U. S. N.

Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.

Whitham, Lieutenant Llyod B., M. R. C.

Wilder, George, Co. D., 315th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md.

Williamson, Paymaster Thom, U. S. S. Madawaska.

Earle, Miss Elizabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.

Jenks, Mrs. Robert D., Y. M. C. A., Toul, France.

The Bells of St. Stephen's.

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We have a particular affection for the sound of church bells, and a chime ringing above the clamor of a city street always halts us with something of a thrill.

Those who have passed down Tenth street just below market at midday during this Lenten season have been grateful to St. Stephen's Church, where the chimes are rung daily to announce the noonday Lenten service. Above the din of trolleys and traffic the clear peal of the bells rises dominant and arresting. The Rev. Carl E. Grammer, rector of St. Stephen's, says: "We only had a few bells and could only ring peals and changes till I added some additional bells a few years ago for the express purpose of playing hymns, with the patients in the Jefferson Hospital near by, in mind. They like to listen to them as they lie in their beds."

Crowded thoroughfares give all too few reminders of solemn things, and many a thoughtful passerby heard the message of beauty in St. Stephen's chimes. A peal of bells, a basket of daffodils, a policeman helping an old lady across the street—such tremendous trifles all have their place in the strange and vivid mosaic of metropolitan life. Set a message of beauty adrift in the world and no one knows to what waiting eyes and ears it may bring refreshment.

St. Stephen's Club.

The Club has received scores of letters from parents expressing their appreciation of the work of the Club. These letters have come from thirty-five States, and two countries across the sea—England and France. First at hand on my desk is from some one's dearest girl in all the world, saying: "Would that I could find words to express my thanks to you, in behalf of my Sweetheart for the kind and courteous hospitality of your Club." The next is from Arkansas: "In regard to your *comforting* card I received a day or two ago, I thank you many times for what you have done for my *husband*. Your card was a comfort to me for I am so lonesome without my husband." From a sister in Illinois: "I sent my brother a sweater two weeks ago and he has not received it. Would you please look it up, he has been sent to New York." From Texas: "The last I heard from my son he was in the hospital, if you can tell me anything about him please do so." A Massachusetts mother says: "I have not heard from him since before Xmas. He sent me a Xmas gift, but no letter has come. Would you, in a disguised way, find out why he does not write?"

Quite recently I was able to send a glad reply to this: "My son had me send his violin to your church. I started it on the 6th and have heard nothing since. If he has gone to France will you take care of the violin?" From Spartansburg comes a request for a "Couple of Testaments for me and my chum. We were at the Club one night and heard you speak about them." Sometimes a little grim humor unconsciously appears. This from a Counsellor-at-Law. After the usual legal verbiage "about one Mr. ——— having received a card from his brother. The said Mr. ——— received a letter written by his said brother S., on stationery from Central Branch of the Y. M. C. A., in which the said brother S. stated he was to be shot at sunrise on the 20th inst." The said brother S. probably received what the boys call a "shot" from the doctor's needle. At any rate I took occasion to remind the counsellor-at-law that if a sailor was sentenced to be shot the next morning, he certainly would not be at liberty.

I am afraid some dear child will think we are cruel for on the back of mother's letter thanking us ever so much for being good to her son, there is written evidently by a little six-year-old, these words: "Write soon and tell us if Julius is there. We pray every night, etc. So good by kiss. Write soon please. Please leave Julius come home Christmas because *mabe* this will be the last time we will see him. So good by kiss."

A father says: "While we have heard fre-

quently from him the thoughtfulness and kindly spirit which prompted the card received from your Committee saying that my son G. had recently enjoyed your hospitality, has greatly touched his mother and myself, and I am taking the liberty of enclosing my check for a small amount as we should like to feel that we are privileged to assist in what must be so great a service to the soldiers and sailors of our country."

The next at hand is barely decipherable but one can read: "Your card was a surprise, it was like a spring of water in a barren land. May God bless us all and keep us all from sin." From far off Oregon a father wrote that he was glad to learn of the existence of such a Club and doubly glad to learn that his son F. has been so fortunate as to find and accept our good fellowship. But ere the letter was finished that household must have been plunged into great anxiety for a pencilled postscript says: "Just received a telegram that my boy is critically ill in the municipal hospital." What anxious hours must have passed before they received my own message stating that F. was out of danger. And this week a letter came from F. himself thanking me and saying he is feeling fine.

I am indebted to Miss Dorothy Grammer for the translation of a letter from

Port en Bessin, France.

The Director:

I thank you many times for giving me news of my little brother. For a long time I have been uneasy about him. The days seem so long to us and above all when he has gone so far away. He has neither father or mother, he has no one but me, who am twenty-two years old, and two brothers who are also in active service. Therefore I thank you for having lifted my anxiety. I am very happy that he has chosen your Club, and if sometime, he should be sick and incapable of letting me know how he is, I pray you dear sir, to give me news of him. I beg you to accept my best wishes.

Mr. Reifsnyder delivered a letter from Madamoiselle to her brother who was at the time on a French boat in League Island, and also sent a cheering reply to France.

F. B. K.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan. 6.—Mrs. Colket.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
27.—Mrs. Harper.

Feb. 3.—Mrs. Noblit.
10.—Mrs. Gebhart.
17.—Mrs. Crawford.
24.—Mrs. Gebhart.

March 3.—Miss M. Wallace.
10.—Mrs. Clemens.
17.—Mrs. Brunner.
24.—Palm Sunday.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
31.—Easter.

April 7.—Mrs. Atmore.
7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Dr. Grammer.
21.—Mrs. Campbell.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

May 5.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Miss Williamson.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Mrs. Colket.
26.—Mrs. Hollar.

June 2.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Mrs. Tourison.
16.—Mrs. Gebhart.
23.—Miss Bright.
30.—Mrs. Colket.

July 7.—Mrs. Nicholson.
14.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
21.—Mrs. J. E. Grammer and Miss Lindenmayer.
28.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 4.—Mrs. Heberton.
11.—Miss Wallace.
18.—Miss Shellenberger.
25.—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 1.—Mrs. Lane.
8.—Miss Mary Kirkpatrick.
15.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Mr. Keable.
29.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 6.—Miss Laura Bell.
13.—Miss Maulsby.
20.—Mrs. Sheble.
27.—Girls' Friendly.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
3.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
10.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Miss Eisenbrey.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 1.—Mrs. Atmore.
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15.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
22.—Mrs. Petry.
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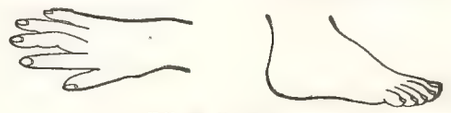

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Telephone—Preston 5224.

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19 South Tenth Street.

Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.
Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

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Mr. Howard Reifsnyder.

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The Regular Sunday Services Will Be

A. M. 11.00—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sundays.
A. M. 11.00—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
P. M. 8.00—Evening Prayer and Address.
A. M. 9.45—Sunday School.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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St. Stephen's Farm.

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OFFICERS.

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MANAGERS.

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Keehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 726 North Sixty-third Street.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey.
COLORED MISSION—Wm. I. Highans, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Sanders, Miss E. L. Williamson.
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BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

November 1—All Saints' Day.
" 3—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.
" 10—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
" 17—Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.
" 24—Sunday next before Advent.
" 28—Thanksgiving Day.
" 30—St. Andrew's Day.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Aug. 18—Thomas John Bay.
Oct. 20—Frances Hope Fisher.
" 26—Dorothy Mary Cairns.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

May 18—James Hughes and Meva A. Ferrebee.
" 25—James L. Heald and Evelyn Munser.
" 28—Francis C. Louthorp, 3rd and Mary Virginia Britton.
June 17—Charles H. Bagen and Ethel K. Goodwin.
" 19—David F. Robinson and Isabel A. Bopold.
" 22—Sam P. Carroll and Ellen D. Dungan.
" 25—Paul E. Merlino and Gladys M. Adams.
" 28—Colbert C. McClain and Eleanor M. Nelson.
July 9—Wilford G. Stauffer and Anna H. Warner.
" 25—Frank W. Voelcker and Dolores Randall.
Aug. 30—William V. Tweedie and Indeola Poynter.
Sept. 11—Charles Morrell and Josephine Legany.
" 13—Arthur S. Bryan and Florence M. Cole.
" 14—William A. Warren and Rena M. Sheets.
" 27—Edwin V. Swartz and Pauline E. Nolette.
" 27—Arthur J. Kinmouth and Kathryn A. McDermott.
Oct. 31—Frank W. Kunzelmann and Therese Elsenan.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

May 27—Mrs. Anna Morgan Witmer.
June 7—Timothy B. Clemens.
" 11—William Turney.
" 22—John Coats Browne.
" 27—James Wilder.
July 3—William R. Smith.
Aug. 7—Francis J. Scherzer.
" 16—Miss Katherine MacRae.
" 21—Miss Emily Tilghman.
" 27—Mrs. Emma Rothenhauser.
Sept. 24—John Fogarty.
Oct. 8—Edith H. Turney.
" 11—William Skelly.
" 14—Edward Sherrard.
" 16—George Paullin.

Offerings Received from the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 5, 1918 to 22nd Sunday after Trinity, October 28, 1918.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System.

Charities	$ 96 00	
Parochial Maintenance	114 17	
Work among Boys	42 97	
Sunday School	14 74	
Girls' Friendly Society	5 78	
		$ 273 66

Envelope System

Charities	$309 07	
Parochial Maintenance	410 50	
Missions	337 76	
St. Stephen's Farm	10 25	
Theological Education	5 36	
Work among Boys	132 16	
Benevolent Society	24 21	
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	1 00	
Episcopal Hospital	05	
Domestic Missions	1 10	
Colored Missions	15	
Indian Missions	11 66	
Easter Decorations Church and Sunday School	25	
City Missions	55	
Deaconess House	05	
Sunday School	77 91	
Girls' Friendly Society	16 50	
Service Flag	50	
Daily Vacation Bible School	05	
Red Cross	1 30	
		$1,300 38
Total		$1,614 04

Recapitulation.

Charities	$ 405 07
Parochial Maintenance	524 67
Missions	337 76
St. Stephen's Farm	10 25
Theological Education	5 36
Work among Boys	175 13
Benevolent Society	24 21
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1 00
Episcopal Hospital	05
Domestic Missions	1 10
Colored Missions	15
Indian Missions	11 66
Easter Decorations Church & Sunday Sc.	25
City Missions	55
Deaconess House	05
Sunday School	92 65
Girl's Friendly Society	22 28
Service Flag	50
Daily Vacation Bible School	05
Red Cross	1 30
	$1,614 04

Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

It is pleasant to greet you once again in this way. Without the Sunday services October seemed like a month spent away from home. I am looking forward to our first service after this suspension of public worship. There was no service on the last Sunday in October because the Church was not ready for use, and we would have been obliged to assemble in the second story of the Sunday School building.

Early in October, it seemed as if we would be able to have our dedicatory service on October 31st. Everything was progressing rapidly. Then the influenza swept down on us. Mr. Briggs, who is in charge of the work, was stricken down. The families of our workmen were afflicted, and it became clear that the formal opening would have to be postponed.

I shall not now dwell on the alterations further than this: that they are revealing their beauty more and more; that they carry with them many improvements, and will relieve the Church of all expense from interior repairs for many years. St. Stephen's will be a shrine of beauty as well as of worship and of truth. I am making all my arrangements for a formal opening late in November.

It will be a subject of rejoicing on the part of the congregation to learn that we have not lost many members in this pestilence. There has been much sickness—out at the Burd School 20 children and Mrs. Anderson, the housekeeper, have been down, but all the patients were promptly put to bed and alarming symptoms did not continue long. We were very fortunate in securing the services of a trained nurse, who is a member of our own Parish, Miss F. C. Wilder.

Some of the workmen on the Church lost members of their families, but none of the workmen themselves caught the infection.

From the Parish Register of St. Stephen's no one will be able to ascertain the virulence of the disease, or the necessity for the extraordinary precautions taken by the Board of Health. To ascertain the true extent of the plague, one must meet some undertaker and hear his tale of bodies piled up in his establishment waiting coffins, or if coffined, waiting burial, or go to Blockley and learn that there had been 2000 deaths there in three weeks,

or hear how it ravaged some of our transports, where 500 fell victim to it.

Where the paths by which such a pestilence travels can be ascertained, such knowledge lays upon us the duty of erecting barriers to its progress. The disease was undoubtedly spread abroad among us from the military camps and naval stations. I do not know whether it would have been possible to quarantine them so as to prevent the infection of our civilian population. Certainly no effort was made in that direction. I learn through a letter from my daughter, Mrs. Torrey, in California, that they are quarantining the camps there. So it came to pass that through the forces gathered for the protection of the people, this plague was widely spread among us. Drastic remedies had to be adopted, and churches as well as other places of assemblage were closed. It was a misfortune that the people should be deprived of the consolations of public worship at such a time. But fortunately God has revealed Himself to us as an omnipresent spirit, who can be approached in the closet as well as in the Church. People are not deprived of religion by closing their church-edifice for a brief season. They suffer discomfort and privation, but it is for the sake of the welfare of others and therefore is a sacrifice acceptable to our Heavenly Father.

As President of the Inter-Church Federation, I headed a deputation from the Protestant Churches to the office of the Director of Public Health. Dr. Krusen, and assured him that the Churches would loyally stand behind him and cooperate with him. All that we asked was, one rule for all and that rule clear and explicit. Of course we are rejoiced that the ban can be lifted. I did not take advantage of its removal on Oct. 27, as I have mentioned, because I understood that it was desired that Sunday School buildings should not be opened. I could only have held service in the Sunday School building, as the Burd School is infected, and that second story room is such an inaccessible place for the older members of my congregation and so ill-adapted to a dignified worship, that I thought it better not to ask for any special privilege and decided to wait till Nov. 3rd.

Old St. Stephen's Club closed even before the Churches, though it has been open a few hours every afternoon and evening for mail-delivery. The recess has been utilized to make substantial repairs; the ceilings have been replastered, the walls repaired, new lights hung, and the whole place is greatly improved. The regular reopening, with refreshments, and entertainments, began Wednesday, Oct. 30. The only change of any note will be that in the new roster the names of the heads of the women's committees will be published, as well as the Chairmen of the men's committees.

During the summer a most interesting folder entitled "Some One Does Care" was published giving extracts from letters of relations of the boys who have visited our club. There is a letter from every state and territory in the Union and from foreign lands. The cost of the folder did not fall on the treasury of the club; but undoubtedly the treasury will receive contributions wherever the folder is read. It is literature of the heart and cannot be read without heartfelt emotion. God has been wonderfully good to us in enabling us to do such a work, and send such influences circling through the world.

We are grateful, too, that such good news comes from our boys at the front and in the service everywhere. We have two gold stars on our service flag to commemorate the names of those who perished in their Country's service. We hope that this war will come to an end before others are taken. But none of us want it to come to an inconclusive ending, or to anything short of the surrender of the Central Powers. They must be placed in the criminal's box and have their fate determined with an eye to the best interests of the world.

This is not a war of the Democratic party, or of the United States only. It is a war in which the whole world practically is united for the first time in a great league to put down wrong doers and establish justice and peace on firm foundations. It must be pushed to a decisive victory.

After the war is over, I want to place a tablet on our wall with the names of those that went out from the Congregation to the service of their country to fight for humanity, with golden letters for the names of those who paid the last full measure of devotion. Our gold stars now stand for Joseph Francis Covert and James Stork. Lieutenant Musselman of the Buena Ventura, who was thought to have perished, we have

learned was picked up and landed on the coast of Spain.

Many of our boys are on the firing line, but thus far none of them have even been wounded. This is a great source of rejoicing and gratitude.

In our delight over the vast improvements of our interior we must not overlook the beautiful window that has been given by Miss Martha McDowell in memory of her father, who was for many years a Vestryman of this Church, serving on the Committee upon the Burd School. The upper window is by the same artist as the widely admired lower window. The subject is the Ascension. The two windows harmonize in tone, and everyone must appreciate the beautiful conjunction of subjects, the Resurrection and the Ascension.

A most useful gift has been presented to the Vestry room by Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr. It has often been difficult to receive messages over the phone by reason of the noise in the room. All our phoning will be made easier by the booth, which he has given us. Neither ought I in speaking of gifts to omit the new lights and other improvements made in the Sunday School Building by Old St. Stephen's Club and by Mr. Reifsnyder.

The sudden death of Mr. Timothy B. Clemens on the 5th of June was a shock to the whole congregation. Mr. Clemens was widely known in the church, having associated himself with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at its organization in the parish some ten years ago, and proved himself a faithful member, assisting in the Lenten services, especially by his friendly greeting of all new comers, and his comradeship and courtesy. On the Sunday before his sudden death he had been out in the country with his wife and daughter. No one had any idea that his end was so near. He left behind a blameless name and sweet memories of a home made happy through his loyalty and care, and of steadfast friendships. The sympathy of the congregation goes out to his wife and daughter.

Mr. Clemens had an interesting history. At the age of 18 he received an appointment as cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, but after being there about a year he was obliged to leave on account of trouble with his eyesight. He afterwards entered the service of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and rose to be the head of the freight station at 13th and Callowhill Streets. The last eleven years of his life were spent in the services of the John Lucas Paint Co. He came of an old Philadelphia family. His grandfather's residence in Germantown, near the Chew mansion, is said to have been an underground station for fugitive slaves on their way to Canada. His grandfather, Charles Woodrow Clemens, went to Pottsville in 1829, during the intense excitement of anthracite coal mining. He found his wife in that city in Sarah Shoemaker, who was the daughter of Col. George Shoemaker, of whom it is told in the history of anthracite coal that in 1812 George Shoemaker loaded nine wagons of coal and hauled it to Philadelphia. It was with great difficulty that he sold two loads. The other seven loads he was obliged to give away. He was regarded as an impostor who was attempting to sell stones instead of coal, and had some difficulty in getting out of the city to avoid arrest. One of the loads was bought by White & Hazzard, a firm operating wire works at the Falls of Schuylkill. The whole night was spent in the effort to make the coal burn. The workmen at last gave it up in despair and abandoned the fire, leaving the door of the furnace shut. One of the workmen forgot his jacket and returning for it fortunately discovered that the "stones" were combustible, for everything was red hot.

Another Philadelphian, united with many ties with the town, was taken from us in the death of Mr. John Coats Browne. His canonical membership was with another parish, but Mrs. Browne's connection with our church made him take a warm interest in St. Stephen's, The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Mrs. Browne, who did so much to cheer her husband's last years. Mr. Browne was in such good health up to the very last and was a man of so much vigor that it was hoped that their delightful comradeship might last longer.

The congregation will be much interested, I am sure, in a brief outline of Mr. Browne's career.

Mr. John Coats Browne was born February 18th, 1838 and died June 20th, 1918 in Philadelphia and was the son of Peter and Ann Taylor (Strawbridge) Browne. He was educated in the Episcopal Academy and other schools of Philadelphia and at the age of fifteen went into the old wholesale dry-goods house of Kent, Santee & Company of which his stepfather, William C. Kent, was a member and remained with the firm for 3 years. A business career did not appeal to him and he then studied and graduated in chemistry under Professor James C. Booth in his laboratory in Chant Street, back of St. Stephen's Church. He devoted attention to mineralogy and made a fine assorted collection of well crystallized specimens of minerals for the microscope. He was one of the leading amateur photographers of the country and won several gold medals in open competition at photographic exhibitions. In 1867 he photographed moving pictures on the Delaware and in 1868 he was elected member of the American Philosophical Society on nomination of Pliny Chase in recognition of his work in the development of instantaneous photography. In 1869 he accompanied a U. S. Government party to photograph and make observations at Ottumwa of the total eclipse of the sun.

In his early life he commenced to collect Americana, particularly early prints of Philadelphia and New York and helped to preserve and build up the history of his native city by his careful assortment of prints and information. He helped to organize the Photographic Society and was its President for seven successive years. He was a manager of the Philadelphia Dispensary from 1868—1883.

In 1872 he was elected a manager of the Episcopal Hospital and gave greater and longer personal attention to it than any other manager in its history. In the minute on his death drawn by Mr. Francis Lewis and Mr. W. W. Frazier, they say, "these facts are noted because they show remarkable and unusual fidelity to a great trust." He was deeply interested in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, became a member when a young man, did much to promote its growth and value and at the time of his death was President of its Council.

He was descended from Colonel Coats of the Revolutionary Army in whose honor Fairmount Avenue was formerly called Coats Street.

Another loss that we have sustained was the death of Miss Katharine MacRae. On account of the infirmities of age she had long ceased to attend the services of the church but she was interested in its welfare, and was always in close touch with the Rector.

I wish to pay a brief personal tribute to this remarkable woman. Her father, who was an Episcopal minister, married twice. Miss MacRae was the child of the first marriage. I met her years ago at the Virginia Springs, when I was a professor at the Virginia Seminary, and found that she knew very little of her father's children by his second marriage. It was my good fortune to tell her that her half-brother Cameron MacRae was a very promising student at the Virginia Seminary, and to bring them together. Cameron MacRae subsequently went out as a missionary to China, and his welfare and progress became one of the great interests of Miss MacRae's life. She was a lonely woman towards the end, outliving all her family in this community. She had, however, some friends who stood beside her to the end. She was one of the brightest spirits that I ever knew, never complaining or repining. In her day she had been a woman of wide reading, and had collected a fine library. She had a real passion for literature, and loved to quote fine phrases and brilliant lines. She occasionally wrote herself. She was the soul of generosity, and it was difficult to get out of her room without being presented with a book or a picture or a pamphlet.

It is a matter of regret to me that I was not in the city and able to officiate at her funeral. She had a marvelous spirit of camaraderie, and I do not suppose there was a person in her boarding-house that did not admire her for her resiliency and gracious way of looking on the bright side of life. She left behind her the example of a brave and uncomplaining Christian, living out her days of loneliness without any repining, and always seeking to do what she could to brighten the lives of others.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Church Work Fund.

My Dear Parishioners:

I am making my annual appeal for contributions to the Church Work Fund. With this purse the Rector conducts his office, publishes The Parish News, and contributes to various societies in the Church. Our old members give faithfully to this fund, and it is to be hoped that our new members will also contribute to it.

By the envelope system for specified objects, and the Church Work Fund for small and sundry purposes, the worship of St. Stephen's is kept free from frequent appeals for money, a feature of our service that tends greatly to enhance the dignity of our worship.

The regular demands on this purse call for a fund of $1,600.

My treasury is depleted this year and there never was a greater demand for such a purse. I ought to have my secretary's services more constantly than ever before, as there are a great many letters that ought to be written to these boys who ask for messages, and leave their names with us, and also to those who have gone out from our parish. I would be very much obliged if the contributions were sent me as soon as possible.

Letters from Our Boys.

Extracts from letters of Lieutenant Tristram C. Colket, 2nd, to his parents. The lieutenant is now on the firing line:

July 29, 1918.

My room is quite large, with a wonderful bed. It looks exactly like some we have seen in our towns through chateaus and museums. I am sure it could pass for a king's. By the way, Henry IV once spent the night in this village. I guess that's not a military secret. Took my first bath today. Some lady runs a bathing establishment. Baths ordered in advance. Equipment, one tin tub and a stove to heat hot water in the garden. Price about 3 frs. It's worth it.

August 2d, 1918.

This afternoon I called on the Marechal de Logis and it was a regular picture from the 18th century. The Marechal happened to be out and in his office we found three soldiers in their quaint shabby uniforms bending over their dossiers at a wooden table. The room was part of the old guardhouse which was built during the age of massive bolts and locks. A few minutes later the Marechal came in all bedecked in his very best; a dark blue jacket with two silver chevrons on each sleeve and the Medaille Militaire on his breast, light blue trousers and a cap to match the blouse. He had outfitted himself to call on the General. We had a long conversation over trifling affairs. I was with the M. P. Captain and in five words I would tell him what the exuberant Marechal would take five full minutes to say, working overtime at that.

August 8, 1918.

This morning I walked out to the machine gun range with a lieutenant back from the Front, recovering from a broken leg, and after watching them awhile we each shot a few rounds. It is good sport and worth knowing something about. The day before I did some grenade throwing. Before we were through it began to rain very hard so we hopped into a nearby Q. M. wagon which contained all the grenades. It was my first experience with grenades at such close quarters, and I treated them with a great deal of respect. Tomorrow night I expect to go on a boar hunt. One of my neighbors has invited me and I think it will be good fun. The woods are quite full of them.

September 1, 1918.

Look how the time flies. Here it is the first of September and under ordinary conditions I would be worrying about going back to school. I am glad that I don't have that same worry any more.

August 25, 1918.

Yesterday afternoon after lunch the Interpreter and I climbed the Church Steeple. It is about one hundred feet high. Built by the Spanish and is the only part of the Church which remains as the rest was burnt. There is a wonderful bell up there which can put it all over our bells at St. Stephen's. Treated myself to a bath last evening in the only tub in town, a town of two thousand inhabitants.

Letters from Lieut. Robert T. Boyd, Jr., to His Parents. Lieut. Boyd is Now on the Firing Line.

July 19, 1918.
La Courtine, France.

Dear Dad:

As you can see by the heading, I am now at La Courtine, France, a little town in the southeastern part of the country, situated on the slopes of the Pyrenees. It's almost Uncle Sam's town now, for at night the streets resemble Broadway with the tread of Sammies. It is here that we have left our troops and in a few days I will be off to the front.

As you may have read in the papers, the Huns have started a new offensive but without success. Today I learned that the Americans captured some seven or eight thousand Huns in an early morning battle. The Sammies can't be beaten and they are the idol of France.

Censorship as you know prevents me from relating very much regarding the war except in a very indefinite way, but I may say that France is a wonderful country and deserving of all the praise she can get. After facing four years of war and hell, she stands today with her face towards the Hun and bears a smile. She is not beaten or bled as accounts go but has her back to the wall and her guns pointing towards Berlin.

And I thank God that in such a cause as this I am able to do my share to wipe out that damnable German Kultur. Not until one comes here can its vile rot be known and until Germany cries on her knees the fight will go on.

And some day, when our boys start to come home,

America will fully wake up to the last man that every ounce of her power and strength must be thrown into the melting pot to help wipe out the scourge.

Father, it's a wonderful thing to fight for Uncle Sam and belong to a country like our own. At home we drift along but over here one realizes the love for our land. I'll tell you it brings tears to one's eyes to see the old men of France and those disabled by war tip their hats as they pass us on the streets and to see mothers raise their babes up to the car windows that they may touch the hands of the Sammies and all with a smile. Then to march down a street desolate of men and have the "women in black" shower flowers in their path. To fight allied to such a nation makes all one's blood boil to kill the Huns.

And last but not least never let anyone tell you that Uncle Sam is not prepared. She's over a million strong in France and cares for us as a mother. Our food, etc., is equally good, if not better, than back home and it's amazing to see what has been accomplished in a year. Motor trucks are here by the thousands; Baldwin's locomotives and box cars and as for supplies, they are all here. Another year and she will drive the Beast to hell.

There's not much more I can say except that I am well and happy and I trust that all at home are the same.

With love to yourself and Mother and my best regards to all who may inquire,

I am your son,
Robert.

France, August 25, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:

France and August 25th, '18. Tell me what could be better than to be over here on my birthday helping to fight for the most sacred of all causes and the greatest of all lands? And as my memorable day rolls around again what is finer than to know and really know that the land of my birth has made it possible to turn that tide from almost sure defeat to a fast-coming victory, and I almost swell with pride in being with the first American Army overseas.

I thank God for the privilege of being in the Zone of Advance where the roar of the guns and the bursting of bombs are with us day and night. Even over here I am thankful that I am not located miles back of the line but up in the zone with the red blood of America, fighting for existence and their land of birth.

So my dear parents you can readily see that even though thousands of miles away, my birthday is a happy one for my heart is in the right place and my mind is at ease because I feel that I am a part of a real and wonderful power that has made great strides to win an honorable victory. It may take time to crush the foe but his resistance is fast crumbling and already he is starting to beg for peace. Of course, he wants "his peace" but when peace comes he shall have "our peace" and none other.

So, France and August 25th '18, shall always be remembered in the days to come and so saying I will say farewell and adieu for today. With lots and lots of love, I am,

Your son,

France, Sept. 12, 1918.

Dear Mother:

And now Mother, I come to the closing chapter of my letter, but the best. By this time and perhaps even before my letter is finished, you have read the good news. For a long time I have wished that I could tell you all about it but war prevents. By this time you have read that America has struck her blow and offensive against the beast across the Rhine. This morning it started and now we are seven or more kilos nearer the promised land and the sun has not set. Until I die, I shall never forget the last evening when our little bunch gathered together and sang, "Nearer My God to Thee" when told that the Yanks soon would be off. Now they have started, time will tell the location of the future battle line.

With love to yourself and Dad, I am,

Your son,
Robert.

France, Sept. 16, 1918.

Dear Mother:

Your letter of August 19th and Father's of August 12th reached me this evening; also one from Uncle Joe written on the 12th. I certainly was glad to receive them for it has been almost a week since I have had any mail, though your letters are coming through much quicker now. I am sorry to hear that my letters are so slow in reaching the States but I guess that the ships are pretty well laden and mail is a secondary thing aboard. I have written three or four times each week and the letters should reach you sometime if they have not gone to the bottom of the sea.

Well, the last few days have been hard and trying ones and thank God most of us have come through successfully. We are all pretty tired as the strain has been great but the victory gained has more than made up for the work and energy expended. We are all very exalted over our success and the straightening out of the four year battle line. The papers at home have told you all the news and how the Yanks came through, so there is no need of my repeating. When all is over my story will be told around the fireside at home but now there is still much to be done before we sail back across the seas.

Yes, Mother, I am glad that I have been able to see some of France while here. It's a beautiful country. Paris is a wild and wonderful city, but if I get over the "hump," as we call it, and get my two feet planted on U. S. sod, I will never leave the States again. I know you have always desired to sail the seas and visit the land beyond but as for Robert and 99 per cent. of the Yanks, there is no lure outside of the States. America has beauty and grandeur that cannot be touched over here and it is romance that leads our people across the seas rather than beauty. We are now here because it is our duty and our privilege and I am glad I was fit to come. I want to stay until it is over and I would not be home during the war even if it meant my life, but when the battle is o'er, I shall never apply at a steamship office for a ticket abroad.

I see by tonight's paper that Austria asks for peace. I trust she shall only be granted it by the bullet and sword. It would be a crime against the world to stop now until victory is made certain by force of arms. No shells or gun fire is too good for the Huns—they

deserve all that can be given them and even then they will not be repaid for the wrong they have done the world. It's not the Kaiser alone, it's all Germany. They have fought war since the cradle and now in their old age they are beginning to fall.

Yesterday in a small village, eighty French women found liberty for the first time in four years. Since the war started in 1914, they have been confined, chained and shackled in dugouts by the Huns. For four years they have been harlots for the German soldiers. Two days ago, American gun fire liberated them from their dungeon homes where they came out and saw light—old, weak and feeble—and back home some people have the nerve to say the German people are good at heart and only the Kaiser should be made to pay the price. Shut your ears to such people—God nor man has not yet created or invented anything like that which we call a "Hun."

And from the little dugout where the eighty French women emerged the Yanks brought back their masters. We have them now and I am enclosing a shoulder strap which I got from one of their uniforms. I wish I were permitted to tell you the names of their regiments and divisions but I cannot until I return.

If there is a God, I ask you can there be anything but a defeat by arms for such a nation as that across the Rhine?

I will close for tonight. With lots of love to yourself and Dad, I am,

Your son,
Robert.

P. S. Don't worry about me for I'm safe and well, and having a great time. Uncle Sam takes fine care of us—plenty of food, a warm bed and lots of smokes. What more could one wish during war?

From Private Theodore Hein.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1918.

My Dear Mr. Keable:

Just a few lines to let you know of my safe arrival over seas. Had a nice trip and never once experienced seasickness. Spent most of the time on deck enjoying the sea breezes and gazing at the sea and sky. We were glad when it ended as it got very monotonous. Spent a while in England at rest camps and must say I was very favorably impressed. The towns were rather nice and was surprised to see nothing but brick houses and all so well built. The English children are sure very pretty with their chubby faces and red cheeks. In taking the train from camp to a seaport town we travelled third class and while it is the lowest, it compares favorably with our regular steam coaches and the seats were very comfortable. The only marring feature was it rained so much; we were always caught in showers and managed to get drenched. Am at the present somewhere in France, and it is some camp, wonderful for its rapid growth and also size. Am in the best of health and still gaining weight. Afraid chances are slim of your getting one of my photos, as I wouldn't know where to go to get one taken at the present. From the reports perhaps it will soon be over and then you will get the chance to see me in person. We had a two day trip through France in freight cars, and while it had its discomforts, which were great, yet it was an experience and one to be envied. It is hard to realize we are so far from home. The country looks the same as ours, only when you get to the villages and see the houses and the cafes with the tables all set on the pavement, then I know we are abroad. I hope the work on the alterations in the church is progressing favorably and that Sunday School will have a big attendance during the coming season. Remember me to all at St. Stephen's and Mrs. Keable.

Sincerely,
Theodore.

The Benevolent Society.

Our President, Mrs. Grammer, thought it would be best not to open at the regular time, the first week in November. Meanwhile many garments will be cut out ready for the opening, which will take place later. Due notice will be sent to every member.

Cornelia L. Ewing.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Woman's Auxiliary for the season of 1918—1919 will be held on Thursday, November 21st. There will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M. and the stated meeting will take place at the close of the service. The Advent Call, Pennsylvanians' plan for the Women of the Church, will be explained, and the co-operation of all the women of St. Stephen's Parish is earnestly desired. Attention is also called to the annual devotional Service of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary on Wednesday, November 13th, at Holy Trinity Church at 10 o'clock, conducted by Dean Rousmainere of St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston.

The Woman's United Offering.

The United Offering of 1919 is to be given to the Board of Missions to be devoted to the training, sending and support of the women for the mission work at home and abroad, and to the care of workers when sick and disabled; provided that $10,000 be expended for a completion or a renewal of a building or buildings in the Mission Field. The Parish Treasurer of the United Offering, Miss Magee, will be glad to receive contributions for this Fund from every woman in the congregation.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

Notwithstanding the church has been closed for remodeling, the Sunday School services were not interrupted until the order came from the Health Department that all gatherings in churches, schools, theathres, etc., were to be discontinued until the passing of the epidemic.

A short year ago our Club was opened, and the boys in khaki and blue flocked here, for everything was done by members of our congregation and loyal friends to entertain and make happy by suppers, teas, and games these soldiers of ours who so soon left hospitable Philadelphia for the grim war, somewhere in France. Then the "grim war" came to us in the form of the scourge, into our comfortable homes, where we imagined we were so safe. Many of the families of our Sunday School scholars and our Mothers' Meeting were stricken. We found three in one family, the mother, the baby and a little boy all lying in one bed, all with the influenza, and the father trying to care for them.

Much work had to be done in infected homes, dressing the dead, and assisting the undertaker, until one's heart was sick with the misery one could only alleviate, but was helpless to cure. There was one amazing coutome of the epidemic—the stand taken by some physicians and some undertakers; in one case the latter absolutely refused to touch the body until one hundred and thirty-five dollars was paid him. The poor woman had her life insured for one hundred and five dollars, and although her daughter promised to pay the balance in small instalments he refused absolutely to go on with the arrangements. Fortunately they were able to borrow the balance from different friends who were as poor as themselves, and the mother was laid to rest.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. Lewis.

The Mothers' Meeting.

The Mothers' Meeting will not take place until December.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly will meet on Monday, November the 11th.

The Farm.

Just six weeks ago, St. Stephen's Farm closed for the season of 1918. Perhaps never before has the work been carried on in the face of such difficulties. With a very limited train service, "no goods delivered" and the scarcity of help, in the beginning it seemed almost impossible to get started; however, with the assistance and co-operation of our friends and guests, we were able to overcome the inconveniences and go on in the usual way.

As has been the custom for several years, the Sunday School Picnic opened the season June 22, and from that time until the close we had from 30 to 36 guests each week. In addition to these regular guests, there were the Mothers' Meeting picnics on Thursdays and the Girl's Friendly Society parties July 4th and also on Labor Day. 8,050 meals were served during the summer, and despite the drastic food regulations, which we conscientiously tried to observe, our food on the whole was about the same, but we did have a fearful time trying to keep up the reputation of the Farm for "Good Eats." We are especially grateful to our treasurer, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, whose generosity made it possible for us to have extra good things, which otherwise we would have been obliged to do without. It will also be of interest to know that our expenses were $50.00 less than in the season of 1917. This difference was probably due to the fact that we opened one week later and closed one week earlier.

It is sad to know that so many of our people who were with us this summer, happy and light-hearted, have been plunged into grief by the horrors of war and disease.

In spite of the many war activities in which all are interested, the Farm was not forgotten, and our good friends remembered us most generously. The Girl's Friendly Society expended $50.00, presenting us with a beautiful flag and refurnishing their room. The Kings' Daughters also renovated their room and we are indebted to Mrs. J. Spencer Lucas, Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr. and Mrs. H. C. Eckman for various gifts.

The "Boys" who spent two weeks at the Farm deserve special mention not only for their behavior, which was excellent, but also for their helpfulness, keeping the wood-pile high, etc. They had an unusual example in their leader, a certain clergyman, who worked

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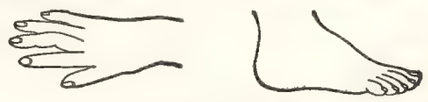

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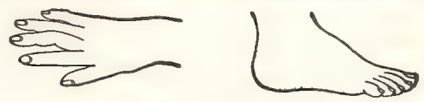

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Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 726 North Sixty-third Street.
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President—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson, Miss Bessie Haun.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Mrs. H. Spencer Lewis.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

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Librarian—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the *Pew.*

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

December 1—First Sunday in Advent.
" 8—Second Sunday in Advent.
" 15—Third Sunday in Advent.
" 21—St. Thomas the Apostle.
" 22—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 25—Christmas Day.
" 26—St. Stephen, Martyr.
" 27—St. John, Evangelist.
" 28—Holy Innocents.
" 29—First Sunday after Christmas.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Oct. 6—Dorothy Mary Cairns.
" 20—Frances Hope Fisher.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Nov. 6—Walter Stevenson Wright and Viola Dill.
" 9—Bernard J. Donnelly, Jr. and Mamie V. Eberhardt.
" 9—John Swift and Helen C. Curcuruter.
" 26—Robert F. McGaw, Jr. and Carrie D. Moore.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Nov. 1—Walter B. Moore.
" 18—Miss Anna Burley.

Offerings Received from 23rd Sunday After Trinity, Nov. 3rd, to Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1918, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope System.

Charities	$ 29 67	
Benevolent Society	53 08	
Parochial Maintenance	29 66	
Episcopal Hospital	109 77	
Deaconess House	48 70	
		$ 270 88

Envelope System		
Woman's Auxiliary	$ 1 00	
Charities	232 18	
Parochial Maintenance	413 35	
Missions	257 25	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 00	
Theological Education	15	
Our work among boys	22 32	
Benevolent Society	71 52	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	50	
Episcopal Hospital	201 91	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 05	
Domestic Missions	25 68	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 05	
Diocesan Missions	5 05	
Foreign Missions	30	
Colored Missions	1 05	
Missionary box	30	
Indian Missions	40	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	1 05	
City Missions	31	
Deaconess House	27 85	
Sunday School	30 41	
Girls' Friendly Society	16 66	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1 30	
		$1,313 64
Total		$1,584 52

Recapitulation

Charities	$ 261 85
Parochial Maintenance	443 01
Missions	257 25
St. Stephen's Farm	1 00
Theological Education	15
Our work among boys	22 32
Benevolent Society	124 60
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	50
Episcopal Hospital	311 68
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 05
Domestic Missions	25 68
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 05
Diocesan Missions	5 05
Foreign Missions	30
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E. J. Moore	50 00
Miss Catharine T. Rynard	15 00
Miss Laura Bell	10 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	25 00
Mrs. Edward R. Fell	5 00
Mr. I. S. Raspin	17 69
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H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
Miss Elizabeth H. Smith	5 00
Miss Martha A. McDowell	50 00
Miss Ella R. Dwier	2 00
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Miss Mary T. Schaeffer	3 00
Miss Frances Fisher	5 00
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Miss E. L. Williamson	5 00
Miss Florence Sherrard	1 00
Mrs. Addinell Hewson	10 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	25 00
Mrs. Samuel S. Austin	25 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
Mrs. Isaac Lowry	5 00
Mrs. John O'Donnel	5 00
Cash	1 00
E. A. W.	10 00
Mrs. Benj. B. Reath	10 00
Cash	2 00
Miss Mary De Haven Bright	5 00
John W. Trinkle (in memory of his wife)	100 00
Miss Emily Dutilh	25 00
Miss L. E. Cornish	10 00
Mrs. Jas. Suydam	10 00
Miss Emma Klahr	10 00
William H. Hollar	10 00
Miss Edith H. Shade	5 00
Miss Dorothy H. Minster	1 00
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Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	10 00
A Friend	5 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
	$819 94

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

I wish you all the joys of this happy season. The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is, I think, one of the happiest times of the year, especially for the children. No amount of insistence on early usage can make Advent a penitential season. Indeed, its predominant note is, and I think ought to be, one of glad expectation. Busy little fingers are now preparing Christmas gifts and loving parents are consulting what presents to make.

We must not forget the poor, so I make my annual appeal for the Christmas baskets, and the envelopes to receive your offerings will be distributed in the pews. I only repeat what I have said in former years, that no one is injured or has the nerve of his energies cut by receiving a Christmas basket. This ought to be one of the most joyful Christmases of the Christian Era. The world has peace, and we want the homes of our poor to have plenty on that day. I shall be very glad if more people would join in the work of preparing the baskets. I reappoint the same committee, Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, and Mr. James Carrigan, to take care of the purchase of the material, and Miss Lewis as the distributor of the cards which will enable the holder to receive a basket.

I hope that by the time this copy of The Parish News appears, word will have been received from all our men in the service across the water, and their anxious relations and friends will be assured of their safety. These have been trying days since the Armistice, to those whose boys were in the trenches. It is said that there is no greater test of courage than such waiting for news. We ought to thank God for the duties of the day that arouse our energies and engage our thoughts. I trust that no more gold stars will have to be affixed to our service flag.

I wish that it were possible to publish extracts from all the letters received from our boys; they are full of inspiration, and often give one new insight into the situation. For example, in a letter received from Lieutenant Harry C. Kelso, there is this brief description of the view from an aeroplane, which is very vivid, and is sure to waken in every adventurous breast a desire for such an experience:

"I have been permitted to take several joy rides, or 'jazzes' as we call them, through the air, and am more thrilled every time I go up. Never before did I realize how beautiful this world is. Fortress Monroe looks like a wonderful mosaic from a few thousand feet, and the woods, fields and roads are more beautiful than they ever seemed before."

Dr. Old writes me from a comfortable club, a portion of Baron Rothschild's private residence, which was given by him for the use of officers for the duration of the war. The Doctor belongs to Base Hospital No. 41, which has been situated at St. Denys, where so many of the kings of France have their tombs. But I would swell this Parish Paper beyond all reason if I should attempt to publish all the communications.

Although for the sake of our friends at a distance, and in order that we may have some permanent record—for the numbers of the Parish News are bound into volumes—I am publishing in this number the program of the service on December 5th; yet as the stream of charity, according as old Thomas Fuller says, must have banks as well as a flow, so the Parish News must have limits in order that it may circulate cheaply through the mail.

Now that we have received this splendid gift of a renovated, redecorated and improved church, the responsibility falls upon us of making it more widely useful. I should like a campaign to be inaugurated, under the leadership of the Vestry, for the extension of the envelope system, and the raising of a sufficient amount in pledges to meet the demands of our budget. The church ought to go on the budget system. After finding out how much is needed, we ought to make a systematic effort to secure it. The remedy for a deficit is, of course, the envelope system. There are more people who might take the envelopes, and if all those who accept them would pledge themselves for definite amounts—a voluntary pledge, mark you, but nevertheless an engagement, not enforceable in the courts of law, but good in the courts of conscience—our income would be greatly increased. I do not think most people realize how little they give in proportion to what they spend on pleasures and luxuries. There are some people who think nothing of the expense of theatre tickets or concert tickets, who limit their Sunday contributions to a quarter, and think they have done very well at that. Bishop Peterkin, of West Virginia, always used to make a distinction between the gifts that were made for the support of the church and those that were given for the uplift of others; for he claimed, and I think rightly, that people who belonged to a church and enjoyed the privilege of its services, the support of its fellowship, and the comfort of its associations, received an adequate return for the money that they contributed. Take the Church and compare it with a club, with its dues, and think of the many functions which the Church fulfills, both to the individual and to the community

as well, and I think we can say that money expended on a Church is money that brings in a return of benefits to the contributor. I have known worldly men so much convinced of this that when they were establishing a new town, they would offer sites and large contributions to the different churches in order to secure their presence in the community. So I hope the congregation will bear in mind that there are two compartments in the envelopes, the one which contains the gifts which go to the support of our parish organization, and the other that contains the offerings for general philanthropy, and for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. That is the main difference between the two compartments.

The other field in which our work ought to be developed is the missionary activities of the congregation. We ought to have more people, and the members ought to assist the ministers in gathering them in. A great many people attend our services and help us by their presence and co-operation, and I think would like to come in, but they are shy. They don't realize that we really want them. We want them whether they are rich or whether they are poor, whether they have collegiate degrees or whether they are without collegiate degrees. No church can prosper and no church is filled with the spirit of Jesus that does not emphasize the truth that God seeth not as man seeth, but that He looketh upon the heart; that every child of God is of inexpressible value as a spirit with immortal destinies, and that in the light of these eternal issues our earthly distinctions are of small moment. This is a democratic age, and if the church is to prosper it must be filled with a democratic spirit. But the real motive is deeper than any compliance with the spirit of the age, for it is the essential nature of Christianity that it seeks to alter conditions. The religion of Jesus is to be a leaven, leavening the lump, whatever the character of the age. It aims to bring about ideal conditions. This is a truth that must be emphasized in the church. Why do we sing the splendid words of the Magnificat about God exalting the lowly and meek, and bringing down those of high degree, and rejoice in His reversal of the judgments of earth by bringing men to the standards of a higher law if we are not to exemplify these principles in our own lives? We have been entirely too apologetic in our attitude, too timid, too much afraid of seeming interested in securing new members. The truth of the matter is we are bound in duty to be desirous of securing new members. We are fishers of men. The Church is a net for ingathering. It would do us good if in addition to this work, of ingathering among individuals, we should undertake some service in public institutions. I think great honor ought to be given to the faithful people who carry the Gospel message to the jails and penitentiaries. Ought we not to have a committee to take a Sunday a month at Moyamensing or the Eastern Penitentiary? Some such service ought to be assumed by the men of the Church. After the Club closes, the experience of Christian work that has there been acquired ought to be utilized elsewhere. It would be good for the prisoners, because they want fresh voices, and need friends; they ought to be brought in contact with a different class of people from those with whom they have associated outside. It would be good for the workers. One of the means of developing emotion is to express it. Of course, if all the energy runs to expression, it would be a mistake. Nevertheless it is a general rule that within limits expression deepens and develops emotion. Many a man first realizes how thin and nebulous his whole conception of religion is when he endeavors to impart it. I was going to say inculcate, but religion cannot be inculcated; that is, it is not something external that can be handed over to the other person in a set of propositions. It is a part of our life and spirit that is communicated mysteriously partly through words and propositions and also largely through temper, disposition, and numerous intangible and indescribable means; chiefly by the impact of personality upon personality and by life upon life. Still there must be some definite convictions and some theories that can be expressed. It is well to search ourselves, and find out what these convictions are.

I must not close without saying a word about the Club. Its activities were renewed last month, and the attendance has reached the old proportions. A great task is now opened to us. We shall soon have the duty of welcoming the returned men. We must exert ourselves to tone up the men, who feel that much of the spirit is taken out of the service by the cessation of hostilities. Home

begins to appeal to them, and some of them have forgotten their solemn engagements. In a Club like ours they must be stimulated morally and helped to the right point of view.

All those who have been acting as hosts and entertainers are invited to take part in a subscription banquet at the City Club on Tuesday, December 17th. I am sure it will be a delightful occasion. What an enduring basis is laid for permanent friendships in common experiences, common tasks and common ideals! I am looking forward to a splendid gathering.

The Bishop of the Diocese will visit St. Stephen's to administer the rite of confirmation on Wednesday evening, January 22nd. The service will be at eight o'clock. I will have the first meeting of the Confirmation Class on Friday, December 13th, at eight o'clock in the vestry room, the meeting to last forty minutes. The second meeting will be on Friday, December 20th. We shall omit the meeting in Christmas week, and reassemble on Friday, January 3rd, January 10th and January 17th. No one is committed by attending the classes. At the last meeting, on January 17th, the young members are examined in the catechism. It is assumed in the case of adults that this modicum of information is in their possession, and the emphasis in their case is laid upon the spiritual side of the subject, the ideals of the Christian life, the mission of the church in general and the Episcopal Church in particular. But in the case of young people, it is of importance that some tasks be set them as proof of their earnestness, and some intellectual standard be set as a test of their comprehension and maturity. There have been some misunderstandings about this in the past, and I want to reiterate that the young people—those who are under eighteen—are expected to know the Church's catechism by heart. This test will not apply to adults.

It is a great help in leading the Christian life to associate oneself definitely with the followers of Jesus, and it is a great protection amid the entanglements of the world to show one's colors and come out bravely on the Lord's side. I hope that we may have a large class, and that it will include some of our enlisted men.

In conclusion may I beg the congregation to remember to ask in their prayers for God's blessing on this church, and for the guidance of the rulers of the world at this crisis, that we may have a righteous and durable peace, in which Christian principles and the Christian spirit may have their due place, and a clear manifestation be given to the world that the Kingdom of God is being set up in our midst?

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The congregation will, I am sure, be interested in the following extract from the letter of one of our members, Miss L. E. Cornish, who is the head of a hospital at Port Arthur, Texas. She keeps in touch with our church, and regularly receives the Parish News. There are more people in the service of the country than are carried on the roster of the Army and Navy.

"Port Arthur has not escaped the influenza epidemic, though it has not had as many fatalities as other towns with the same population. This hospital has no isolation department in which to care for contagious diseases, and the question of providing nursing for the sufferers was put up to the Red Cross nursing service Committee, of which I am chairman. After holding a meeting with the Mayor, Mr. John W. Tryon, who by the way is a former Philadelphian, and the doctors of the town, the problem was left for me to solve. After a few days we opened an emergency hospital in one of the discarded school buildings. I placed one of my graduate nurses in charge by day and one by night, and with the assistance of some laywomen we cared for a number of very severe cases of influenza and pneumonia. We also sent nurses to families, women to clean and care for the children where the mother was ill, served soup and soft diet for families who had no one to cook for them, provided necessary food and clothing and bedding.

"This week the 'ban' has been lifted, schools opened yesterday, and we fumigated and closed the emergency hospital today. The great need is past, though there are still a large number of persons ill with influenza

and pneumonia. My nurses, good faithful girls and myself worked day and night with very little sleep for four weeks, but have kept well. So we have much to be thankful for.

"Thirteen graduate nurses who have been employed since I took charge are in the U. S. Service. Two have died, one in the Naval Hospital at Washington, D. C., and one at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas; both very fine young women; so Mary Gates Hospital, like St. Stephen's Church, has two gold stars in her service flag."

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

Money received through Mr. Hunter Ewing, Interest from Estate of Mrs. Patton—$34.89.

The first meeting of this Circle was held in the Parish House, Dec. 4th, with a good attendance. They are working on some little skirts for the Red Cross to send either to France or Belgium for the little children.

Their next meetings will be Dec. 18th and Jan. 15th.

Shoe Fund.

The Closet is fixed and the winter work, with giving out shoes, will start and Mrs. Vanderslice will be there at the Parish House Tuesdays from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan. 6.—Mrs. Colket.
13.—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
27.—Mrs. Harper.

Feb. 3.—Mrs. Noblit.
10.—Miss Gebhart.
17.—Miss Crawford.
24.—Miss Gebhart.

March 3.—Miss M. Wallace.
10.—Mrs. Clemens.
17.—Mrs. Brunner.
24.—Palm Sunday.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
31.—Easter.

April 7.—Mrs. Atmore.
7.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
14.—Dr. Grammer.
21.—Mrs. Campbell.
28.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

May 5.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Miss Williamson.
12.—Miss Townsend.
19.—Mrs. Colket.
26.—Miss Hollar.

June 2.—Miss Dutilh.
9.—Mrs. Tourison.
16.—Miss Gebhart.
23.—Miss Bright.
30.—Mr. Colket.

July 7.—Mrs. Nicholson.
14.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
21.—Mrs. J. E. Grammer and Miss Lindenmayer.
28.—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 4.—Mrs. Heberton.
11.—Miss Wallace.
18.—Miss Shellenberger.
25.—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 1.—Mrs. Lane.
8.—Miss Mary Kirkpatrick.
15.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
22.—Mr. Keable.
29.—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 6.—Miss Laura Bell.
13.—Miss Maulsby.
20.—Mrs. Sheble.
27.—Girls' Friendly.

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison.
3.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
10.—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
17.—Miss Townsend.
24.—Miss Eisenbrey.
30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 1.—Mrs. Atmore.
8.—Misses Davis.
15.—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
22.—Mrs. Petry.
25.—Christmas.
26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
29.—Miss Emily Bell.

Letters from Our Boys.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF LIEUT. S. H. WATKINS TO HIS SISTER.

I've seen hundreds of wayside shrines shot to pieces, sometimes the whole top and arms of the Cross would be entirely shot away and the Figure held in place by the nails through the feet, but I've never seen a single figure of Christ touched by shell or any other kind of fire nor have I seen one on the ground. Does that convince you that God is with the Huns? It looks more like a symbol of His defiance to me.

I have nothing but pity for those Americans who could not or would not come over—they are deprived of the greatest, saddest and most magnificent thing this world has ever seen.

You adjure me "to be good;" you can be nothing else here—that is, if you have a soul within you. When I leave France for home, which please God may be soon, my slate will be clean, and that's the case with the great majority of Americans—some few who are not worthy of that name (it's here you learn its true meaning) are not going to do that—but it's a new Young America which will set sail westward within the next few months.

They've learned a big lesson and are to learn more and the little, nasty things are being eliminated from their natures.

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Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. Navy.
Gregory, Donald, U. S. Navy.
Graham, George Emlen, U. S. Navy.
Hartman, Private Paul B., Camp Dix.
Hale, Second Lieutenant Marion D., Somewhere in France.
Hart, Private Chas. B., Somewhere in France.
Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W., Chickamauga Park, Georgia.
Hewson, Addinell Stevenson, U. S. Army.
Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon, Somewhere in France.
Hewson, Ensign Harry M. C., U. S. Navy.
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McKeehan, Lieutenant Chas. L., Over Seas.
Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.
Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.
Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain U. S. Army.
Marvine, Donald M., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
Mearns, Clarence W., U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Wilson, Fort Sill, Okla.
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Moore, Edward W., U. S. Navy.
Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.
O'Byrne, Thomas, Somewhere in France.
Old, Captain Herbert M., Camp Severin, S. C.
Page, James J., Somewhere in France.
Reed, George O., Camp Meade, Md.
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Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.
Williamson, Paymaster Thom., U. S. Navy.
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untiringly, and with the thermometer in the nineties, made our orchard look like a Michigan lumber camp. A clergyman *can* be useful as well as ornamental.

The Sunday service was under the care of Mr. Geo. H. Streaker. Mr. Streaker has faithfully conducted these services for many years.

E. D.

Church Periodical Club.

The Church Periodical Club has not been inactive during this time that our parishioners have been scattered. The work goes on as before, the need for magazines is as great as ever, and it seems a little harder to get new donors than ever before.

To our old friends: Please keep up sending as you have always done, and we thank you in the name of our grateful missionaries.

To our new friends: If you have books or magazines of any kind whatever, that would not do for the soldiers (such as Ladies' Home Journal, Delineator, etc.,) please ask the Librarian for a name and address that you may place them fitly. Do not send them to the Parish House.

To all our friends: Remember our chaplains and especially "our" chaplain—Chaplain F. C. Armstrong, 16th Infantry, American Expeditionary Force.

Elizabeth H. Smith, *Librarian.*
211 South 42nd Street.
Telephone, Preston 4298 W.

Liberty Loan Items.

When a desire or longing is strong enough almost anything can be accomplished.

This is well illustrated by a patient in the Philadelphia Home for Incurables who for years has been confined to a wheel chair and who is, at times, a great sufferer, but who has a deep longing to do her part in helping to win this war. She has made five warm knitted blankets, has collected several hundred comfort bags and by selling candy at a small profit, putting thousands and thousands of pins on 1919 Red Cross buttons and by selling over and over again to any willing purchaser a "penny for the benefit of the Red Cross," has earned and sent to the Red Cross the very substantial sum of over three hundred dollars.

We can surely learn from this cheerful, patient, worker that no matter how handicapped one may be much can be done to help our fellow man in these days of suffering and distress.

Let me take this opportunity to thank again those who subscribed to the Fourth Liberty Loan through Old St. Stephen's Church. The notes asking for subscriptions were answered promptly and courteously, both by those who did and those who did not subscribe, thus making the work a pleasure as well as a privilege. Almost everyone had already subscribed through other channels but notwithstanding this $19,200 was added to the Fourth Liberty Loan, to help our Nation win the war for justice, freedom and righteousness.

Alverta S. VanDusen,
Woman's Committee for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

During the Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign, Girl Scout Troop No. 84 at the Burd School worked very enthusiastically to secure as many subscriptions as possible. Although the number of girls was slightly depleted by the epidemic, they did their utmost to help the Liberty Loan go over the top. Through the generous contributions of several members of St. Stephen's Church and also by the girls' house to house canvassing in Bryn Mawr and Haverford they obtained the grand total of $7,500 for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Sincerely,
Lola Bryan, *Secretary.*

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

The King's Daughters will meet in the Parish House on the third Wednesday of this month, November 20th.

Sunday School.

Like all other Schools our ranks have been lessened by the War. Our Secretary, Theodore Hein, is now in France, and several others are there or on their way. We are glad to report that none of our scholars died from the recent epidemic.

After 31 years of faithful service Mrs. Vanderslice has resigned as Teacher. It will be strange not to see Mrs. Vanderslice in her accustomed place. In retiring from the School she carries with her the consciousness that she has indeed been as a mother to the many girls who were her scholars.

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Ministering Angels.

Dedicated to the Red Cross by James H. Penniman

(Air: *Integer vitæ.*)

Pure as the flowers brought with sweet devotion,
Beaming with sunshine, ministering angels,
Round the white couches serve with faithful tenderness,
Sisters of the Red Cross.

Comfort our heroes, ministering angels,
Care for the wounded in their pain and anguish,
Bind up their hurts, send messages to loved ones,
Sisters of the Red Cross.

Blue service stars are turning into golden,
As shadows deepen, ministering angels,
With holy fervor, whisper inspiration,
Sisters of the Red Cross.

Letters to the Club.

FROM OUR ALLIES.

France.

THE DIRECTOR: (Translation)

I thank you many times for giving me news of my little brother; for a long time I have been uneasy about him. The days seem so long to us and above all, when he has gone so far away. He has neither father or mother. He has no one but me, who am twenty-two years old, and two brothers who are also in active service. Therefore I thank you for having lifted my anxiety. I am very happy that he has chosen your Club, and if, sometime, he should be sick and incapable of letting me know how he is, I pray you, dear sir, to give me news of him. I beg you also to give him this little leaflet which I enclose with yours.

I beg you to accept my best wishes.

England.

DEAR SIRS:

I received a very welcome P. C. from your Club from my boy saying he had arrived safely at Philadelphia. It being his first voyage in the Mercantile Marine Service, I was very anxious. The P. C. came as a great joy to me. Today I have received letters from him saying he was in Philadelphia and had been to your Club and how great it was and how he had appreciated it and how very kind one of the Directors had been to him. All this coming to me—a widow. I feel I want to thank this good work. Here in England, it will make me feel my boy has somewhere to go when he is on shore in Philadelphia, and so once more I thank you. My boy is young, not 17 yet, and the best boy a mother ever had, and he is very precious to me. God's blessing on your "Home."

Canada.

DEAR SIR:

Kindly allow me to express my gratitude for all kindness shown my son, ————, while in your city.

Truly these are anxious days when our boys are meeting new surroundings and great temptations and I feel such work as your Club is doing shall not lose its reward.

The name St. Stephen's Club connected with your own, has made your city very dear to my heart and I pray that the Great Father who said "A cup of cold water will not lose its reward," will sustain you in your good work. That he may prosper you in many ways; that finally you may hear that glad "Well done, good and faithful servant," is the prayer of a loving mother this day.

Somewhere in South American Waters.

DEAR FRIEND:

I am not going to make any effort to express my sincere gratitude to you for writing to my mother as you did in your thoughtful kindness.

How are things going on in St. Stephen's? I often think of the good times I have spent in Philly. It certainly is the best town I have ever been in for a sailor. All Navy men who have been there agree on that. But St. Stephen's was my home and made things a hundred times as good by giving me a welcome that took all the chill off homesickness.

In conclusion I wish to thank the minister who readily put himself out to give me a little comfort and help through the Communion. The moments I spent with you in Church are the most holy ones I've spent since my entry into the outfit. Sometime I'll let you know what the trouble was if I ever come to Philly again.

With all kindest regards to all in St. Stephen's, I am.

FROM AN AMERICAN Y. M. C. A. WORKER.

Somewhere in France,
September 18th, 1918.

MY DEAR MR. ————:

Have just received by mail a letter from "M. L. Marshall" enclosing a medal of Old St. Stephen's which was kindly forwarded to me.

Mr. Marshall thought I was located at some port at which he would touch, but found I am nearer Germany, and so sent it through by mail. As he gave no address I cannot acknowledge the receipt of it to him, so I trust you will inform him of the success of his mission. I appreciate greatly the message from Mrs. Bingham he delivered, and regret that I could not meet him.

On my behalf, kindly express my deep appreciation to the Committee, of whom I suspect you may be a member. I feel greatly honored, and am sure this splendid idea will make a very tender spot in the hearts of the men of the sea for all the kind friends at Old St. Stephen's. Many of the Marines have visited there, and many more have heard of your hospitality and plan to visit when they get to Philadelphia—I am sure no earthly record can contain the good wrought by your folks in your loving service.

We have just come "out," after starting off this American drive. It is a great hour in which to live. I followed, with our Regimental Staff, the attacking waves, through our trenches, across no-man's land, through the first line of German trenches, and on through the second, into territory which had been held by the Germans for four years, and all in ten hours after the opening of our battery.

Our artillery was terrible. Every *fifteen* or *twenty yards* for a width of half-a-mile and for ten miles there were shell holes. One can scarcely conceive what a sight such a large extent of battle ground is. The Germans retreated so fast the first two days that our front lines could only occasionally get in contact with them.

We have heard something about peace talk, but we who have seen and experienced this war in all it means of hardship and suffering, do not want peace but *victory*. Germany must be *beaten*, then peace will follow. We hope the people at home will not begin to get tender hearted for the "poor Germans" now that we have the upper hand. We have not seen our comrades killed and wounded without finding in our hearts to make such an outrage against humanity forever impossible. The world wants peace, but *victory* for our arms must come first. We do not love war, nor do we court the hardships it brings us, but we do not want to come home until the horrible monster which has cursed the world with this war has been crushed never to rise again.

I keep very well. Strange how well one can keep

under such circumstances. For a week we had rainy weather, and that means *Mud* in France—and I had only my raincoat for an extra covering; of course I did not take my clothes off once in that time, and was able to change my socks once, because I secured a pair the Germans left. It has been so long since I had a bath, I almost forget how it feels, and my underwear —well try to imagine having only *one* set in which you sweat through mud and dust for two weeks.

My kind regards to Mrs. ————. Thank you for your kindness to Mrs. Bingham on her visit home. With very best wishes, and God bless you.

Sincerely,
(Signed) JAMES J. BINGHAM.

FROM A SAILOR.

Sept. 24th, 1918.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

Have the time, and thought I should pass it better by writing. It seems so long since I've been away that somehow or other the time I left you all seems to be very far back. I have passed through a lot since I saw the dear faces I left behind, but will be willing to pass through a lot more to be with them again. There was no aim in my life before I left, but now, if God wills that I may return, I think and feel I have an aim in life. The things that the people pass here unnoticed have brought me that other self and aim in life. Just an hour ago I picked up a child off the street who was pushed off the tram car, and the indifference shown to the child cut and cut deep. Its little sister trying to carry it home made me mad at the elder people. However, I took the child and carried it home. No bones were broken but he was frightfully scarred up. Maybe I should not be angry at the others, for they see it continually—the wounded soldiers and sailors and the like, every day; some others who just the week before were enjoying to their heart's content the life God gave them, now, in utter gloom, cripples for life. I do not like to draw the blood of another, and won't until I know my life is endangered or that others' may be, but will draw blood that this war may stop sooner, and then the rest may enjoy peace that He above wishes us to enjoy. You understand, don't you? You have felt pain when a loved one passed away; and as a woman you felt that tightened feeling in the heart, when others suffered before your eyes, haven't you? Well, that suffering, and that pain at the heart have brought me to realize there was some use that I could put my life to, better even than where I am now situated. I think I could bring something far better to this world than fighting or the like. Vice, cruelty, indifference to children, broken down men, and above all, mothers, all looking for that sublime peace that He alone can give or understand. As an artist, you understand what I mean. God gave us life to live, to create and to bring happiness to others, to lift the fallen and strike the cruel, and then teach them not to strike again.

I wish I was back amongst you all; the boys when they look happy put me in high spirits; the work of you and your loving friends make me love you all. The suffering and sickness of Mrs. ———— and the way she took that suffering, with that smile of hers radiating from her face; the way her husband, knowing her suffering, her pain, with sleepless nights; how he came down to see the boys, make me feel as though this world ought to know what they may enjoy if they but heed their heart and soul, which God gave them; the contented feeling and clean joy of living would surely repay them more.

Tell all the dear ladies and men folks back there I send my thoughts of them with that feeling at heart that makes us look at things pure and sweet. Drop a card to Mrs. ———— and tell her I'm sorry I did not send her that picture I promised her, but will send her one from here soon.

There is not much to write you that you do not know, of what the boys are doing at the front, the feats of bravery, the advances, the suffering, and the help and care they receive, for it's all published in the papers as soon as the government censor passes his word. So will not spoil this letter by writing something he may censor or cut out; so will have to drop off, although I could put my thoughts down forever. And I hope and pray that I may hear from you continually, that I may know what is happening at the Club.

Papers I very seldom read at all, though I may read some article some one may bring to my notice. Books, I have read thousands, it seems, yet they are never all read. But the reading of people is my hobby. I try to read the good in each one and put my trust in them. The others that I can't read, I give the benefit of the doubt, and let their actions speak for themselves.

Say!—there are my little Belgian refugees outside, and I'm going out to play with them. You know the little curly-haired girl whom I love back there; well, these tots look like her. And I love them. My heart goes out to them. Mother, and father, sisters and brothers, they have all lost. So you see, my love for them has come up ten-fold. The happy smiles on their innocent faces would bring love out of stone, I believe.

Give my love to the sweet child I saw at the Club; tell her I send her a kiss, and give my love to her mother. Also give my kindest regards to all my friends at the Club.

I remain as ever,
Yours respectfully,

P. S. Write to my friends at home and tell them to write.

The Laughing Kid Sailor
of Old Glory and the good U. S. N.

Christmas Parcels for American Expeditionary Forces in Europe.

October 5, 1918.

The War Department is desirous that each man serving in the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe shall receive a remembrance from home at Christmas time, and advises that because of transportation and distribution difficulties but one parcel of standard size and weight can be sent to each. To this end arrangements have been made with the War Department whereby Christmas parcels may be mailed to members of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe under the following conditions:

1. Each soldier or other member of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe will be allowed to receive one Christmas parcel for which purpose he will be furnished, through Army channels, a "Christ-

mas parcel label" bearing the correct name and address of the soldier or member and also the name of the person designated to mail the parcel. The labels will be prepared to serve as address labels for the parcels. The label furnished each soldier or other member of the American Expeditionary Forces will be sent by him to the person who is to mail the Christmas parcel. No Christmas parcel for members of the Expeditionary Forces in Europe will be accepted for transmission without such label.

2. All Christmas parcels must be of standard size, three (3) inches by four (4) inches by nine (9) inches, and shall not exceed three (3) pounds in weight, for which purpose cartons of the size prescribed will be distributed through the local Red Cross chapters throughout the country. No person will be furnished a carton except upon presentation of a "Christmas parcel label" received from abroad.

3. The parcels must contain no prohibitive or unmailable articles. Perishable food products are not permitted.

4. After the cartons have been filled by the persons who receive them they shall be returned to a Red Cross receiving station where inspectors appointed by the Red Cross will carefully examine each parcel and supervise its wrapping and the affixing of the "Christmas parcel label," and the necessary postage stamps, the latter to be furnished by the sender of the parcel. When the parcels have thus been packed and wrapped and otherwise prepared for transmission, the Red Cross will affix to each parcel a certificate in the form of a seal, showing that the parcel has been inspected and contains no prohibitive or unmailable matter. Such certificates will be accepted by the postal service and Army authorities as evidence that the parcels conform to the conditions prescribed and obviate the necessity of subsequent examination. The parcels must be left at the Red Cross receiving stations which will deposit them in the mails for dispatch.

5. Christmas parcels must bear the name and address of the sender and will be addressed substantially as follows:

"Christmas Box Department, Port of
Embarkation, Hoboken, New Jersey.
For.....
Organization.....
American Expeditionary Forces."

Parcels so addressed will be chargeable with postage at the fourth-class or parcel post zone rate applicable between the office where mailed and Hoboken, New Jersey, to be prepaid by stamps affixed.

6. Parcels may bear inscriptions, such as "Please do not open until Christmas," "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and the like.

7. In order to assure the arrival of Christmas parcels abroad and the delivery to the addressees by Christmas all such parcels must be mailed on or before November 20th, 1918. The foregoing does not in any way change the instructions heretofore issued regarding the acceptance of parcels up to seven pounds in weight for members of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe which contain articles sent in response to the written request of a member approved by his Regimental Commander or other officer authorized to approve such requests.

In paragraph 7 (above) you will note a reference to "instructions heretofore issued." I am enclosing herewith 5 copies of the "instructions" mentioned. These have nothing whatever to do with Christmas parcels.

Christmas Parcels for Officers and Men in the United States Naval Service.

The Navy Department has advised that parcels intended for officers and men on United States naval vessels in home waters and abroad or stationed at Naval Bases or Stations in foreign waters should conform to the following regulations:

1. Parcels may not exceed twenty (20) pounds in weight and must be so prepared for mailing that the contents can be readily examined. Substantial boxes or other suitable containers should be used.

2. The parcels must bear the name and address of the sender in the upper left corner of the address side and be addressed in the following manner:

(a) Name of addressee in full together with his rank or rating.

(b) The designation of vessel or station or naval base to which addressee is attached.

(c) "Care of Supply Officer, Fleet Supply Base, 29th St. and 3d Ave., Bush Terminal Station, Brooklyn, New York."

(d) The words "Christmas Box" or "Christmas Present."

3. Parcels prepared and addressed in accordance with the foregoing will be chargeable with postage at the fourth-class or parcel post zone rate applicable between post office where mailed and Brooklyn, New York.

4. No perishable food products other than those packed in tin containers should be inclosed in Christmas parcels.

5. Parcels may bear inscriptions such as "Please do not open until Christmas," "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With best wishes," and the like; also the names and quantities of articles inclosed together with such other marks or words as may be necessary "for purpose of description" of the articles.

6. Christmas parcels for naval officers and men should be mailed as soon as possible so as to reach Bush Terminal Station not later than November 15, 1918.

(Signed) A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

October 7, 1918.

Memorandum.

Regarding paragraph three of this Notice, it may be stated that these parcels, if mailed in Philadelphia, Pa., for Brooklyn, N. Y., will cost five (5) cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound; for instance, a parcel weighing twelve pounds would cost sixteen cents.

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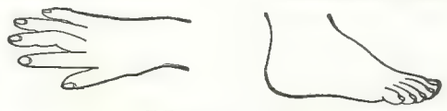

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REV. FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Associate.*
264 South 46th Street.
Telephone—Preston 5224.

Parish Visitor, MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
19 South Tenth Street.

Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.
Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. J. HUNTER EWING, *Church Warden.*
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The Regular Sunday Services Will Be

Saints Days at 10.30 A. M.
A. M. 11.00—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sundays.
A. M. 11.00—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
P. M. 8.00—Evening Prayer and Address.
A. M. 9.45—Sunday School.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

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Keehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 726 North Sixty-third Street.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey.
COLORED MISSION—Wm. I. Highans, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Sanders, Miss E. L. Williamson.
INDIAN HOPE—Miss A. B. Townsend, Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Frances Gebhart, Mrs. Daniel Roberts Harper.
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TREASURER UNITED OFFERING—Miss Anna J. Magee.

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Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Mrs. B. Reath.
Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.

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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, Miss Gabhart, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson, Miss Bessie Haun.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. James W. M. Newlin, Miss Helen Shellenberger, Miss Elsie Smith, Mrs. H. Spencer Lewis.
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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
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Librarian—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

January 1—The Circumcision.
" 5—The Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6—The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.
" 12—The First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 19—The Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25—The Conversion of St. Paul.
" 26—The Third Sunday after Epiphany.

PARISH REGISTER.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

December 12—Ruth Victoria Lilly.
" 22—Elizabeth Gilles Hasselberg.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

December 7—John D. Newsom and Elsie L. Glocker.
" 12—Lawrence E. Vaughan and Stella Byard.
" 20—Percy H. Perry and Mildred D. Fels.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

December 9—Sarah Wilson.
" 9—Mary Bloodgood.

Offerings Received from Advent Sunday, Dec. 1, 1918, to Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 29, 1918, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 59 28	
Parochial Maintenance	64 23	
Daily Vacation Bible School	70 13	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	35 78	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	87 18	
Woman's Auxiliary	115 80	
United Offering	61 73	
		$ 494 13

Envelope System:

Woman's Auxiliary	$ 26 70
Charities	129 51
Parochial Maintenance	193 32
Missions	96 41
Work Among Boys	9 17

Benevolent Society	6 05	
Episcopal Hospital	58 70	
Sunday School Festival	50 75	
Domestic Missions	2 75	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	87 30	
Foreign Missions	25	
Indian Missions	20	
Deaconess' House	20	
Sunday School	5 42	
Girls' Friendly Society	7 45	
Daily Vacation Bible School	37 05	
Red Cross	1 00	
	$ 718 30	
Total	$1,212 43	

Recapitulation:

Woman's Auxiliary	$ 142 50
Charities	188 79
Parochial Maintenance	257 55
Missions	96 41
Work Among Boys	9 17
Benevolent Society	6 05
Episcopal Hospital	58 70
Sunday School Festival	86 53
Domestic Missions	2 75
Aged and Infirm Clergy	174 48
Foreign Missions	25
Indian Missions	20
Deaconess' House	6 27
Girls' Friendly Society	7 45
Daily Vacation Bible School	107 18
Red Cross	1 00
United Offering	61 73
Sunday School	5 42
Total	$1,212 43

FREDERICK K. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

A STATEMENT BY MR. EWING.

Our Rector and Vestry have asked me to make a statement of the financial condition of the Parish, which I will now give you in condensed form.

Last year we received from the Endowments of the Church		$ 8,951 30
Pew Rents	$5,500 00	
Parochial Maintenance	2,731 14	
		$ 8,231 14
Total receipts		$17,182 44
The Expenses of the Parish were		$21,917 33
Leaving a deficit of		$ 4,734 89
We have subscribers to the deficit fund who last year contributed	$2,130 00	
Leaving an unpaid balance of	2,604 89	
		$ 4,734 89

When I came into the Vestry in 1905 the Church was running with an annual deficit, and it has been the custom to pay it from the principal of the Endowment Fund. This was stopped. Subscriptions were then taken for a Deficit Account. At the time I succeeded Mr. Cleeman as Accounting Warden, these subscriptions, amounted to $3,900, and since I have been Warden the Endowment Fund has not been drawn on. Death has taken from the Vestry: Cleeman, Crawford, McDowell, Caldwell and Hollar, all of whom were liberal subscribers.

What we desire now is that all of our people shall know just where we stand and realize that it is our debt and do something towards its payment; this is an important matter that we should take to heart and all see what we can do to provide for our normal expenses. There is no cause for anxiety. It has never worried me, and it will not anyone when we get together and are all taking our part in it.

We have been greatly blessed, especially in the past year. We have cause to feel we are a live Parish, and should have a just pride in the work we are doing for others—in our Girls' Friendly Society, The Women's Benevolent, The Farm, The Burd School and last but greatest of all the Army and Navy Club. Our works must go on. We realize that the last four years have not been normal times and the increase in our expenses was to be expected. We must be equal to the occasion and hope to secure more takers of the envelopes (they produced $2,731 for maintenance last year), and definite pledges for the Deficit Fund.

Estimated Expenses and Disbursements for a Calendar Year.

INCOME.

General Endowment		$ 4,717 63
Rudder Memorial Fund	591 52	
Cleeman Endowment Fund	492 02	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund	1,100 54	
Jas. R. Magee Endowment Fund	468 11	
Fannie S. Magee Legacy	525 00	
Mary C. Mitchell Endowment Fund	210 38	
Julia Garrett	84 14	
Endowment of Pews	709 49	
Endowment of Music	52 47	
		$ 8,951 30
Pew Rents	$ 5,500 00	
Parochial Maintenance	2,731 14	
		$ 8,231 14
Total receipts		$17,182 44
Subscriptions to Deficiency Fund	$2,130 00	
	$2,604 89	
Deficit		$ 4,734 89
		$21,917 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries	$10,290 00
Rent of Rectory	1,125 00
Choir	4,475 00
Electric Light, Power and Gas	675 22
Coal	706 95
Repairing, Painting, etc.	406 42
General Expense Account	2,366 65
Fire Insurance	463 18
Episcopal and Convention Fund	632 31
Sustentation Fund	76 60
Church Pension Fund	700 00
Total payments	$21,917 33

December 13, 1918.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

I send the heartiest New Year's greeting to all of you. Like Simeon we ought to lift up our hearts in gratitude to God that we have lived to see this day. Future generations will look with envy upon us as people who lived in the midst of great movements, and were called upon to preserve high ideals. I am sure there is not an American that does not feel his heart thrilled with pride at the reception that has been given to our President, and the cordial endorsement which his words have received as he has claimed that America loves freedom unselfishly.

In the next few months our homes will be gladdened by the return of the soldiers. I do not think this coming Lent will be much of a penitential season if the boys continue to come back to us through the spring. They will receive a hearty welcome, and will return to us, I am sure, enriched by wonderful experiences.

As a church we have much to be grateful for. Our improvements and decorations have made the church very attractive, and the increase in the attendance in the morning and evening congregations is quite noticeable. I would like to inaugurate a campaign to put one hundred new names on our list as users of the envelopes. We ought to achieve that result. No one is really properly connected with a church organized like ours who is not on the envelope list. The two great lists through which the parish is administered and by which notices are sent out, are the envelope list and the list of pew holders. However, as there is hardly any pew renter who is not an envelope user, the envelope list is rapidly becoming *the list* of the church. The communicant who is not on that list is not a source of strength to us. There are many people who worship with us regularly, who ought to take the envelopes, and in that way become part of the organization.

The envelope system has so commended itself that a concerted effort is going to be made in the Diocese to get all communicants and church attendants enrolled in it and definitely pledged to give a certain amount, first, for the maintenance of their own church, and second, for the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. As the fiscal year now begins with the first of January, I do not see why we should not begin the drive right now, and I have requested a committee of the vestry, with Mr. Reifsnyder at its head, to circularize the congregation and get pledges. I publish elsewhere in this paper the statement that Mr. Ewing made before the congregation recently. After we established the contingent fund, the church met its expenses every year until the war. Lately we have been going behind. This drift must be stopped and I am sure it can be stopped if we work together energetically and whole-heartedly. A congregation which has received such a splendid addition to its equipment and has been saved such large bills for dilapidations and repairs ought to be able to pay the expense of operating the machinery of the church. The task of raising the money to support St. Stephen's is peculiarly the vestry's task. On the other hand it is the rector's duty to stir the congregation up to build the Kingdom of God throughout the world. Our contributions to missions fall under two heads: diocesan and general. The Diocese has asked us to give for all purposes $1190.91. We are also asked to give to the general Church for all missions, Foreign, Domestic, Indian and Colored, the sum of $4954.08. I am sorry to say that I consider these figures beyond our power to reach, and I don't think that the Committee should have assessed us at such a high figure for the reason that as a down town church we have many responsibilities which are peculiar to us. For example, the rich suburban churches do not have to give out Christmas baskets, nor do they run a farm; yet these two items together cost our church about three thousand dollars. This is money raised, not for our own expenses but for benevolent objects, and yet it does not count on these apportionments, nor is it considered that because we have these expenses less ought to be asked of us. These generous contributions are rather taken as evidence of the strength of the congregation, and increase the amount that is demanded of us. Let us add together these totals that are asked of us, and then subtract what is given to the farm and the Christmas baskets; the remainder will be the amount we ought by all means to raise. Of course we should aim to give all we can and would be glad to raise the total asked, but we should not fail to raise at least $1000 more than we have given.

When I came to the church we gave to Diocesan Missions $500. Last year we contributed $790. I think that is doing pretty well, though of course I should like to do better.

Undoubtedly we ought to do more for general Missions. I know that a great many of our missionaries proclaim what seems to me a very medieval message, but we have to be broadminded. After all, the essentials that are handed on are very much the same, whatever the school of thought of the missionary. A pure-minded, unselfish follower of Jesus Christ in any community must be a source of good. I think it is all the better if he is a married man, maintaining a Christian home, for I think the most manifest proof of the beneficence of Christianity is the Christian home. I don't wonder that pagan women are attracted to a religion that has put women into the position that they find the missionary's wife in her husband's rectory.

I am very grateful to the congregation for their indulgence in the matter of visiting. I called the other day on one of the older members of the congregation, to whom I thought I owed special attention by reason of her long connection with the church, and after a most cordial greeting she told me that I ought not to take upon myself the task of such visiting; that it was not expected. I was very much touched by her thoughtfulness. I am anxious to be of service, and to be on hand where there is sickness or distress, but it has always seemed to me after a congregation and their minister have become fairly well acquainted, a round of formal visits, so many a year, ought not to be kept up. We all live under such pressure nowadays that according to my experience, in four out of five visits, the servant will report that the family are not at home. I have especially needed this indulgence this past year because of the demands of the Inter-Church Federation. This organization has taken a great deal of time and energy, yet I have thought them wisely expended. Our churches are feeling their way towards closer association. For my part I do not think we will ever get together by Commissions on Faith and Order, by definitions, by formulating confessions that will be considered the essence of the Christian faith. The critics have done their work very successfully, and have destroyed the fences that separated us into different bodies. Hardly anyone now believes that a certain amount of water is necessary to the validity of baptism. The Presbyterians no longer regard the deterministic philosophy of St. Paul, Augustine and Calvin as an essential part of Christianity. Our own Church is obliged to come out frankly with the admission that nobody is expected to accept Episcopacy as a divine institution, since all that we are asking is that it be adopted as an ancient and historic mode of government. Most people are willing to grant that Episcopacy is the best form of government if we can only get rid of this divine right theory, which has been a veritable Nessus shirt to poison and inflame the wearers. The world, I think, likes Episcopacy; it is prelacy that it can't endure.

But it is one thing to remove barriers, and another thing to draw the different bodies together. The natural attraction is some common task. The Inter-Church Federation endeavors to grapple with these common tasks. There are a number of great problems which are asking the churches to help in their solution. One is the League to Enforce Peace. When the churches beat the drum and enlisted the men for the war, they were highly praised for their effective co-operation. They ought to be still more efficacious in arousing enthusiasm for an alliance of the nations that will make such wars impossible in the future.

Since Christ told us that the fruits would be the test of his followers, the churches ought to interest themselves that the fruits of righteousness be made manifest in our city government. Experts assure us that a city governed under such laws and administrative machinery as ours, is bound to be badly governed. We need a new charter, and it can be readily secured at this time if the people unite in demanding it. It is a real reproach to our Christianity that such a large proportion of the non-voting male population is found in the churches. It will be the task of the Federation to arouse these church members to their civic duties.

The account of Old St. Stephen's Club banquet in December is published elsewhere. It was a great success. I do not think that many of us realised that we were such a large band of workers. I have decided that we make a mistake in not inviting people more earnestly to associate themselves with the church. Where people are only nominally connected with other churches and take no real part in the church life, we are not injuring the other churches by taking away from them such members, but we are helping the persons whom we bring into more congenial surroundings. I have been astonished at the way in which a great many people will continue in churches where they find themselves in ceaseless opposition to all the religious influences around them. Often they will tell me they don't like the theology, they don't care for the ethical tone, they are offended by this or that in the church they attend, and yet they will stay on in it, sometimes for social reasons, sometimes from mere inertia, or lack of courage to take a definite stand. I think that people ought not to belong to churches that are not helpful to them. They ought to go where they get an impulse toward a better life, or strength and comfort to bear the inevitable shocks of our daily struggles.

At the Bishop's own suggestion the date of Confirmation has been postponed. The class will, however, be assembled, and will meet on Friday at eight o'clock until further notice. No one commits himself by attending the sessions. If it is impossible for an adult to attend I will be very glad to talk with such a person privately.

I could but feel as I looked over the church at the morning and evening congregations on the last Sunday of the Old Year—the evening congregation being within forty of the number, in the morning—that we had every reason to be of good courage, and to be thankful. May God lead us and preserve us through this year, and bring us in undiminished numbers and increased strength to 1920. We have only four more years until we celebrate the Church's Centenary.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held the 21st, after celebration of Holy Communion in the Church. There were twenty-six members present including two new members.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $57.28 and Miss Magee reported having collected $150.00 towards the United Offering.

By motion, Miss Townsend was made an honorary member of the Indian's Hope Committee. She has been a faithful delegate for several years, but sent in her resignation on account of illness.

At the December meeting, held the 19th, there were thirty-two members present. The Treasurer reported a balance of $310.51 and Mr. Keable announced that the collection from the Presentation Service amounted to $123.45. Half of this was given to Miss Magee for the United Offering and half to the Woman's Auxiliary. By motion the Treasurer was ordered to give that received by the Auxiliary ($61.72) to the Diocesan Committee.

Miss Bell, our President, had sent out invitations to a tea to be given after the meeting at which Miss Magee was the guest of honor. A good many women active in church work outside of our Parish were invited and came. It was a delightful Christmas party.

Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Grammer and Mrs. Keable were in the receiving line with Miss Bell and Miss Magee. Miss Emily Bell and Mrs. McKeehan were at the tea table.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Secretary.*

The following table shows the amount asked from St. Stephen's by the Diocese for Diocesan Missions and the amount contributed:

	Amt. asked for	Paid in Convocation
In 1916	$ 639 57	$ 639 57
1917	930 86	957 73
1918	793 00	719 53
1919	1,190 91	

For General Missions:

	Apportionment	Receipts
1918	$4,954 08	$1,892 97

The Girls' Friendly Society.

Sometimes a name or a phrase loses some of its significance owing to its frequent use. We do not stop to think of all the name implies. This may be true of the Girls' Friendly Society. Many of us know of the existence of such an organization, but I doubt if we all know very much about what it does. The Motto of the Society is "Bear ye one another's burdens," and St. Stephen's Branch certainly is doing its best to live up to the motto.

During the last few months the members bought a Liberty Bond and presented it to the Beneficial Fund of the Branch.

About a hundred sweaters and other woolens have been knitted and given to the Club for Enlisted Men.

Books have been sent to Camps and fully 500 articles consisting of Hospital Supplies have been sent to the Red Cross.

Last month as usual the girls acted as Santa Claus Aides and prepared 50 large stockings and 29 additional packages for the children at the Philadelphia General Hospital. The stockings contain such things as would delight any youngster. Of course all the things could not be put even in extra large stockings, so Miss Dollie or the Cho-Cho had to be tied outside. And what a jolly time the girls had filling the stockings! The Parish House resounded with their cheerful noise.

On Dec. 30th Mrs. Lucas gave a dinner at the New Century Club to the Girls' Friendly Society, including the husbands of the married members. Covers were laid for 142. Miss Shellenburger, Miss Tweedie, and Miss Alverta Van Dusen assisted Mrs. Lucas in receiving.

Between the courses Miss Hess gave some recitations in a very enjoyable manner, and songs were sung under the leadership of Mrs. D. D. Wood.

Towards the close of the very delightful evening the girls expressed their love for Mrs. Lucas by singing with much feeling a Toast composed for the occasion by one of its members.

Church Periodical Club.

The attention is called of all donors of magazines who have been sending to France, to the request that hereafter they send to Rev. Arthur W. Stone, Chaplain Naval Base Hospital No. 19. Care of Postmaster, N. Y.

The Sunday School Festival.

We had another truly happy Christmas in the Sunday School. The Sunday before Christmas the Story of the Birth of Jesus was told again and illustrated by beautiful lantern slides.

The Festival was held on Thursday, Dec. 26th and proved to be a delightful occasion. A musical play called "Elsie's Christmas Dream" was given under the direction of Mr. Streaker, ably assisted by Miss Nodine, who served as musical director. Elsie, a young girl, on Christmas morning falls asleep under the influence of the dream man and sees all the nursery rhyme children of her younger days, including the fairies and old Santa Claus, who does not come in a sleigh as she expects but in an airplane with sailors and soldiers and other surprises from over the seas.

It was astonishing how well the various characters were taken by the little folks.

Mr. Streaker and Miss Nodine deserve much praise for training the children for their parts.

As Mrs. John Coats Browne has attended St. Stephen's Church for a number of years, and is a much beloved member of the Benevolent Society, we think many of the congregation will be interested to hear of her work. She writes:

"You have asked me to tell you the nature of the War Emergency work I have undertaken. It is to organize the instruction and work of a training unit of the Army Nursing School in Fort Riley, Kansas. The students are all well educated women; the college graduates are remitted nine months of the three years' course, one year of the course is spent in a civilian hospital. Thousands of applications poured in. The principal trouble has been to find experienced women to take charge and instruct." This is exactly what Mrs. Browne is—an experienced woman who knows how to instruct them and after her sorrow it must be a comfort to her to feel how useful she is in this great work.

The new hymn boards are in course of construction and will soon be in place.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Barclay, W. K., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Barclay, Geo. G., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Berg, First Lieutenant Albert P., Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La.
Blomgren, Sanford E., U. S. Navy.
Boyd, Second Lieutenant Robert T., Jr., Somewhere in France.
Brown, Private Robert J.,
Brunner, Lewis A., U. S. Army.
Burns, Private Oscar W., Somewhere in France.

Callies, Private Percy E. de, U. S. Army.
Colket, Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd., Somewhere in France.
**Covert, Joseph F., U. S. Army.*
Crawford, Captain Alan, U. S. A., Camp Meade, Md.
Culbertson, Samuel T., U. S. Marine Corps.

Dodge, Arthur Raymond, N. R. F.

Ellis, Ensign Herbert M., U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Bertel, U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Private Lenhart, Somewhere in France.

Frazier, Major Chas. H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. Navy.
Gregory, Donald, U. S. Navy.
Graham, George Emlen, U. S. Navy.

Hartman, Private Paul B.,
Hale, Second Lieutenant Marion D., Somewhere in France.
Hart, Private Chas. B., Somewhere in France.
Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W., Chickamauga Park, Georgia.
Hewson, Addinell Stevenson, U. S. Army.
Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon, Somewhere in France.
Hewson, Ensign Harry M. C., U. S. Navy.
Hein, Theodore, U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.

Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Kelso, Second Lieutenant Harry C.,

Lavell, Sergeant Victor L., Somewhere in France.
†*Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G.,*
Leithead, Corporal John E., Camp Jackson, S. C.
Lukens, Sergeant Samuel C., Somewhere in France.
Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, Somewhere in France.

*Died in France, March 22, 1918.
†Died in France.

McGuriman, James, U. S. Army.
McKeehan, Lieutenant Chas. L., Over Seas.
Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.
Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.
Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain U. S. Army.
Marvine, Donald M., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
Mearns, Clarence W., U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Wilson, Fort Sill, Okla.
Meek, Robert L., Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Samuel W., Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, Somewhere in France.
Moore, Edward W., U. S. Navy.
Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.

O'Byrne, Thomas, Somewhere in France.
Old, Captain Herbert M.,

**Page, James J.,*

Reed, George O., Camp Meade, Md.
Reifsynder, Henry G., Somewhere in France.
Ruhl, William H.,

Sangree, Ernest M., U. S. Navy.
Slack, Robert, U. S. Navy.
Smith, Major Frank Wilbur, Somewhere in France.
†*Stork, Sergeant James.*
Stephens, Sergeant Kortright L., Somewhere in France.
Stephens, Corporal Henry L., Somewhere in France.

Taws, Francis Elton, U. S. Army, Lake Charles, La.
Torrey, Second Lieutenant Donald F., Camp Kearney, California.
Turner, First Lieutenant Daniel N., Somewhere in France.

Van Dusen, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis H., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept.

Weldon, Guy, U. S. Navy.
Whitham, Lieutenant Loyd B., M. R. C.
Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.
Williamson, Paymaster Thom., U. S. Navy.
Wilder, George, Camp Meade, Md., U. S. Army.

Browne, Mrs. E. Ada, Fort Riley, Kansas.
Earle, Miss Elisabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.
Jenks, Mrs. Robert D., Y. M. C. A., Toul, France.

*Died in France.
†Died in France, Aug. 14, 1918.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

Many people thought this year that on account of the general prosperity and high wages, there would be no further need of the usual Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, but upon inquiry I learned that at Hog Island a man who received four dollars a day had work only five and a half days, and he had a family of four to support; and there were many more like him.

At any rate the baskets we sent out were received with joy and brightened many a home on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. On Thanksgiving we sent seven baskets, and on Christmas our number was eighty-six.

Mrs. D. D. Wood telephoned that she would send two baskets to families named by us; also jellies to a Shut-in. I called upon the three later to see whether they were received, and I have scarcely ever beheld such joy and gladness. Truly such appreciation is good to behold.

During the influenza epidemic we had forty-five cases in the Mothers' Meeting, and the Sunday School, with five deaths. One mother's death from the influenza left a family of three young girls who are trying to keep up the home. We sent them a basket, and when I called to see if it had arrived safely, I found the youngest daughter had it hidden in a dark corner of the little room, while on a blackboard she had written in large letters: "A great big surprise for you. Guess what?" to greet each of the other two sisters on their return from work. Can you not just see and feel their happiness when they unpacked that basket and found two fat, young, tender chickens, celery, cranberries, cabbage, carrots, turnips, white and sweet potatoes, rice, tea, sugar, apples, oranges, a large mince pie, and Bliss! a box of candy! !

So each basket was filled, and many, many prayers of gratitude ascended to the Throne of Grace, and many blessings were besought for all those in St. Stephen's Church who made such happiness possible.

The faith of little children is a very sweet thing, but sometimes it is hard to enable them to realize their hopes, as in this case: The Sunday before Christmas a little boy and girl in our Sunday School came to me in distress. Their mother, who had gone to the store to buy them some underwear had her pocket-book stolen, and they wanted me to ask Dr. Grammer if he would please try to stop people from stealing on the streets.

I now ask him.

Respectfully submitted,
K. H. Lewis.

Christmas Dinner for the Poor of the Parish—1918.

To the Parishioners and Contributors:

Your Committee regrets that it is unable to render a financial account of the dinner for the January issue of the Parish News as it is unable at present to secure the account for the purchases of the articles.

Miss Kate Lewis, Church Worker, distributed 86 baskets, each basket containing 15 articles, as follows:

Oranges,
Onions,
Apples,
Sugar,
Cabbage,
Carrots,
White potatoes,
Sweet potatoes,
Turnips,
Celery,
Rice,
Tea,
Candy,
Poultry,
Mince pie.

Each basket contained sufficient articles for a Christmas dinner for at least twelve to fifteen persons, giving a Christmas dinner to about 1,290.

Through the usual annual Christmas kindness of Mr. Clement Richstein the Committee was able to add a large number of pounds of poultry to each basket; also through the kindness of Mr. Craig Atmore each basket contained a large mince pie.

Yours respectfully,

Howard Reifsnyder,
James Carrigan,
Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.,
Dinner Committee.

12-31-18.

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

The King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle) will have their next meeting Jan. 15th. No meeting was held on the 31st, it being New Year's Eve. They have finished their work for the Red Cross, and donations of flowers and Christmas baskets and other groceries have been given to the poor.

This Circle has missed very much one of their faithful workers, Miss Bella Townsend, who has been sick so long and who grieves that she cannot be with us this coming winter.

Shoe Fund.

Money received from Church Fund, through Dr. Grammer	$30 00
From those receiving shoes	8 50
	$38 50
Expended in December	$16 73
Balance	$21 77

Santa Claus remembered the little ones again, with overshoes and shoes; who would have thought it when shoes are so high? Well, they all wish him a very Happy New Year and many of them.

About 18 pairs of shoes were given out in December.

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND.

Jan.	5—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
	12—Misses Kirkpatrick.
	19—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	16—Miss Ernst.
Feb.	2—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
	9—Miss Gebhart.
	16—Miss Crawford.
	23—Miss Gebhart.
March	2—Miss M. Wallace.
	9—Mrs. Clemens.
	16—Mrs. Brunner.
	23—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
	25—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	30—Dr. Grammer.
April	6—Mrs. Atmore.
	13—Palm Sunday.
	17—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	20—Easter.
	27—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
May	4—Miss Dutilh.
	11—Miss Townsend.
	18—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
	25—Mrs. Hollar.
	29—Miss Williamson.
June	1—Miss Dutilh.
	8—Mrs. Tourison
	15—Miss Gebhart.
	22—Miss Bright.
	29—Mr. C. H. Colket.
July	6—Mrs. Nicholson.
	13—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	20—Mrs. J. E. Grammer.
	20—Miss Lindenmayer.
	27—Mrs. Clayton.
Aug.	3—Mrs. Heberton.
	10—Miss A. Wallace.
	17—Miss Shellenberger.
	24—Mrs. Lane.
	31—Miss Laura Bell.
Sept.	7—Misses Kirkpatrick.
	14—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	21—Mr. Keable.
	28—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct.	5—Miss Laura Bell.
	12—Miss Maulsby.
	19—Mrs. Sheble.
	26—
Nov.	1—Mrs. Arrison.
	2—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	9—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	16—Miss Townsend.
	23—Miss Eisenbrey.
	30—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Dec.	7—Mrs. Atmore.
	14—Misses Davis.
	21—Mrs. Petry.
	25—Christmas.
	26—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	28—Miss Emily Bell.

Musical Program

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JANUARY 5TH.

11.00 A. M.

"God Is a Spirit" ..... *Bennett*

8.00 P. M.

Nunc ..... *Stainer*
"Ho, Everyone that Thirsteth" ..... *Martin*
"Rejoice" ..... *Handel*

JANUARY 12TH.

11.00 A. M.

Te Deum in E ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate in E ..... *Mosenthal*
"I Waited for the Lord" ..... *Mendelssohn*

8.00 P. M.

Magnificat ..... *Stainer*
"Come, Gracious Spirit" ..... *Marzo*
"Hymn of the Apostles" ..... *Gounod*

JANUARY 19TH

11.00 A. M.

Te Deum in B ..... *Buck*
"Benedictus" ..... *Beethoven*
"Oh, That Thou Tellest" ..... *Handel*

8.00 P. M.

Magnificat ..... *Parker*
"My Song Shall be Ever of Thy Mercy" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"All Men" ..... *Mendelssohn*

JANUARY 26TH.

11.00 A. M.

Te Deum ..... *Stanford*
"Jubilate" ..... *Stanford*
"Lord God of Abraham" ..... *Mendelssohn*

8.00 P. M.

Nunc ..... *Barnby*
"Trisagion" ..... *Hawley*
"Protect us Through the Coming Night" ..... *Curschman*

St. Stephen's Club

On Tuesday evening, December 17th, one hundred and eight of the workers in St. Stephen's Club sat down to dinner at the City Club. As the various committees work on different days or evenings, the little groups seldom meet, and the evening offered an unusual opportunity for getting acquainted.

Dinner was served promptly at six, in order to permit the committee on duty that evening to leave in good time. Between the courses some fine music was rendered by the soloists of St. Stephen's choir, under the leadership of Mr. Thunder.

At the conclusion of the meal, Dr. Grammer, who presided at the Speakers' Table, conferred a medal of honorary membership on the speaker of the evening, Mr. Robert D. Dripps, Chairman of the Committee of National Defense. Mrs. Dripps and Miss Anna J. Magee were also made honorary members.

Mr. Dripps spoke in the highest terms of the work of St. Stephen's Club, both as to its extent and its character and ideals. He said its work had been excelled by no other organization of its kind in the city, and incidentally mentioned that Philadelphia stood first in the record of War Camp Community Service, and that committees from Chicago and Boston had visited us in order to study our methods. He reminded his hearers that for some time to come there would be urgent need of just such work as the Club is doing, with the large number of men still stationed at League Island, and with the wounded and convalescent soldiers who were coming to the city in increasing numbers. Mr. Luffbarry and Mr. Calwell spoke briefly and in happy vein, dwelling on the benefit which the Club has conferred, not only on the guests but on the workers themselves.

As the hour was comparatively early, a number of the diners visited the Club, some of them seeing the evening entertainment for the first time. It is said that the day after the armistice was signed, a lady who had been furnished with wool by the Red Cross, came to their rooms, laid down an unfinished sweater, drawing out her needles, and said, "There! the war's over, and I'm through!" The helpers at St. Stephen's Club realize that the time to lay down their knitting has not yet come, and that they are in honor bound to complete the task which they have so successfully carried on.

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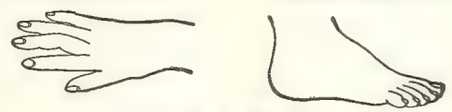

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The Regular Sunday Services Will Be

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A. M. 11.00—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and 10.15 A. M. on the Third Sundays.
A. M. 11.00—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
P. M. 8.00—Evening Prayer and Address.
A. M. 9.45—Sunday School.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Keehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

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Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

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President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mr. Theo. Hein.
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TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson, Miss Bessie Haun.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

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President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
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Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

February 2.—The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. The Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
" 9.—The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
" 16.—Septuagesima, or the Third Sunday before Lent.
" 23.—Sexagesima, or the Second Sunday before Lent.
" 24.—St. Matthias, Apostle.

PARISH REGISTER.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

January 12.—William Scott Phillips.

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER.

Wilson Covert Leithead.
Mrs. Carolyn C. Carter.
Miss Mabel M. Thurgate.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

January 15.—Harry D. Williams and Alma M. Scott.
" 18.—Joseph Byron Comly and Anna Frazier Harding.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

January 10.—Pamela Bayley Tyler Eustis.
" 12.—Simeon H. McKee.
" 25.—Joseph B. Bloodgood, Jr.

Offerings Received from Second Sunday after Christmas, Jan. 5, 1919, to Third Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 26, 1919. Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$55 76	
Parochial Maintenance	163 58	
Foreign Missions	88 76	
		$308 10
Charities	$ 75 29	
*Parochial Maintenance	199 61	
Missions	85 53	
St. Stephen's Farm		
Theological Education		
Our Work Among Boys	4 83	
Benevolent Society	1 88	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church		
Episcopal Hospital	1 37	
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	9 06	
Domestic Missions	1 75	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	10 18	
Diocesan Missions	03	
Foreign Missions	34 63	
Colored Missions	03	
Missionary Box	03	
Indian Missions		
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School		
Woman's Auxiliary	2 90	
Deaconess House	1 65	
Sunday School	2 79	
Girls' Friendly Society	63	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2 00	
		$434 19

RECAPITULATION.

Charities	$131 05	
*Parochial Maintenance	363 19	
Missions	85 53	
St. Stephen's Farm		
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Our Work Among Boys	4 83	
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Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School		
Woman's Auxiliary	2 90	
Deaconess House	1 65	
Sunday School	2 79	
Girls' Friendly Society	63	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2 00	
		$742 29

*Including $26.78 interest on deposits.

Account of Christmas Dinner for the Poor, Christmas, 1918.

December 1917, Balance on Hand from Christmas Dinner, 1917		$ 156 94
Contributors, 1918:		
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	$ 10 00	
Mrs. Benjamin Reath and family	10 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Boyd	2 00	
Mrs. I. W. Higham	2 00	
Miss Agnes W. Babbitt	2 00	
Miss Ella R. Dwier	2 00	
Mrs. William R. Nicholson	2 00	
Miss Alverta S. Van Dusen	2 00	
Major Bradford Magill	1 00	
Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett Bacon	1 00	
Miss Marion Headman	1 00	
Miss Katharine Mayne	1 00	
Mr. W. H. Richardson	1 00	
Miss E. L. Williamson	1 00	
Mr. I. Smith Raspin	1 00	
Miss Washington	1 00	
Miss Laura V. Gregg	2 00	
Mrs. Joseph Clayton	1 00	
Mrs. George T. Townsley	1 00	
Miss Ella Headman	1 00	
Miss Mary M. Roberts	1 00	
Mr. James Burns, Jr.	1 00	
Miss Emily Bell	3 00	
Mr. Beauveau Borie	5 00	
Mrs. Frank Whiting	5 00	
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5 00	
Mr. Charles N. Van Dusen	3 00	
Miss Laura Bell	3 00	
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00	
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin	10 00	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	10 00	
Mrs. James Suydam	10 00	
Mr. H. M. Freston	1 00	
Mrs. Adelaide V. Brunner	10 00	
Mrs. Oliver A. Judson	5 00	
Mr. Charles E. Calwell	5 00	
Miss E. Dankelman	2 00	
Mr. J. G. Whilldin	5 00	
Mrs. Edward R. Fell	2 00	
Mrs. Timothy B. Clemens	1 00	
The King's Daughters and Mrs. Vanderslice	3 75	
Miss Eliza K. Sheaff	50	
Miss Susan G. Haydock	2 00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Pyne	1 00	
Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr.	10 00	
The Misses Davis	3 00	
Mr. Howard Reifsnyder	50 00	
Mrs. J. Gordan Maxwell	2 50	
Mrs. Marvin	1 00	
Mrs. Heberton	1 00	
Cash, Not Designated	66 82	
		$323 57
		$480 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

7 Boxes of Oranges	$21 00	
1 Bag of Onions	2 00	
1 Basket of Onions	65	
		$23 65
3 Boxes of Oranges		$19 50
6 Dozen ¾-Baskets	12 00	
100 ¼-Barrel Paper Sacks	4 00	
3 Balls Hemp Twine	75	
		$16 75
3 Boxes of Apples	$12 00	
100 lbs. Granulated Sugar	10 00	
		$22 00
2 Bushels Cabbage	$4 30	
2 Bushels Carrots	1 00	
14 Bushels Potatoes	26 60	
6 Bushels Sweet Potatoes	9 00	
2 Bushels Turnips	4 10	
		$45 00
1 Crate of Celery		$7 20
75 lbs. No. 3 Rice	9 00	
75 lbs. ½-lb. Packages Tea	15 20	
		$24 20
406 lbs. Chickens		$146 16
6 Dozen Indian Relish		6 90
65 lbs. 1 lb. Boxes of Candy		26 00
10 lbs. 1 lb. Boxes of Candy		5 00
Hauling, Carting, Cleaning, Car Fare and Cash Dinners for Poor Families	20 50	
2,500 Envelopes "Donation for Christmas Dinner"	6 80	
		$369 66
Cash Balance on Hand		$110 85

Eighty-five baskets were given to the poor by Miss Kate Lewis, distributor. Average cost per basket, five dollars and seventy-five cents ($5.75); this includes the value of the generous contributions of mince pies and poultry.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD REIFSNYDER,
JAMES CARRIGAN,
JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
Dinner Committee.

The Mothers' Meetings.

We are going to have a sale, under the direction of the "Mothers," on Thursday, February 13, 1919, from three o'clock in the afternoon until nine in the evening. Aprons and other useful articles will be for sale, also ice cream and cake.

The Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

It seems to be the fortune of St. Stephen's to anticipate general movements. I notice that an effort is being made to have a memorial service to Theodore Roosevelt on February 9th, four weeks after our memorial service.

The Diocese is getting ready to wage an Every Member Campaign in the interest of the envelope system. Our committee has already been appointed, and its appeal is in your hands. I am hoping for large results. The first step, of course, must be to secure more users of the envelopes. For this purpose cards have been placed in the pews. I want everybody who attends St. Stephen's to take the envelopes. There are many people who come to our church who do not care to ally themselves with the Episcopal Church permanently. It may be they are only in the city for a time, and prefer some other church in the community in which they live, but while they are in the city they are attendants of St. Stephen's. Very well; this is a way in which they may become in a sense members of St. Stephen's; they may become its supporters by signing this card and receiving these envelopes. They will be numbered among the maintainers of the church. They will be on our mailing list and receive our literature. They will be counted as belonging to our fellowship; they will be co-workers in the common cause.

It has been a great source of encouragement that for a number of Sundays past, numbers of people have come in after the service and asked to be put on the system. I feel sure that between now and Easter we can add one hundred new names to the list if we go about it energetically. That is the goal I would like to set up. We must not grow weary of a little reiteration here. For several Sundays I must ring the changes on this subject. Every communicant, of course, ought to be on the envelope list. Everyone who is old enough to assume his baptismal vows and stand up as a professing Christian, claiming the full right of membership in the Christian Church, ought to contribute to its support according to his ability. But we must not stop with the communicants. There are numbers of people who sit in our galleries and join in our worship, who ought to be brought into closer fellowship

with us. I value the envelope system fully as much for the tie that it establishes as for the additional income that it secures for the church and its charities. I feel perfectly certain that anyone who will accept the system will take a new attitude toward the church; he will no longer speak of it to me as "your church," it will become "our church." He will have a part in the work, a pride in its achievements, and a sense of responsibility for its success.

Just as it is important that the church should set itself a standard for its work, so it is important for the individual. His giving ought not to be a mere matter of impulse, an emotion dependent on his feeling after a sermon or a moving appeal. We ought to sit down and estimate our income and calmly decide how much we think we ought to give. Everyone now is adopting a budget system. It is realized to be good not only for institutions and business, but also for the individual. In every well devised budget system there is a certain amount set apart for rational enjoyment, and a certain amount for religious and charitable uses. Now if you will put the amount down that you decide on for this latter purpose on the card, your conscience will be assisted very much. If a man wants to bind himself to any course of action, it is a wise procedure to commit himself. We all know that it is very easy to revise and modify decisions that have never been announced. Your communication will be regarded as confidential. You help your conscience by making us your confidants.

Beginning with a few congregations, this envelope system has spread over all the churches. It is not a peculiarity of the Episcopal Church, but is found in all the Protestant churches. In the Episcopal Church it is not confined to one class of church; the richest churches in the city are adopting it as well as the poorest, and they are adopting it in all its features, signing the pledge card. Many of the churches also send a note at the end of three months to those who have pledged themselves and have forgotten their pledges, reminding them of their engagement, and asking them if they cannot be more faithful. It may be laid down as a general axiom that just as teachers are failures who do not ask much of their pupils, and do not value their subjects enough to make serious demands for them, so churches are failures that do not value their task sufficiently to call upon their members earnestly for assistance, and press upon their consciences the claims of God's work in all departments.

The system in the modified form in which we have been using it, without any pledge, has proven of great value to the parish. Indeed, it has been the basis of such measure of prosperity as I have achieved in these latter years, and if every regular attendant on the church will coöperate, and all will make a definite engagement to give regularly according to their ability, then I am sure we shall enter upon a new era of larger prosperity and greater spiritual power. Year by year I have marked with pleasure the growing cordiality and fraternity of the congregation. Strangers have commented on it, and said they find it the most friendly church in the city. By the steady working of this system a new spirit of earnestness, of strenuosity, of zeal will descend upon us.

I am composing this editorial on a stormy night. According to my notebook I ought to be present at a meeting of the Charter Revision Committee, but I am afraid of risking a cold by exposing myself to the elements. These public activities have absorbed a great deal of my time for the past year, but I do not think that my efforts have been in vain. I feel that the congregation whose agent I regard myself in these matters will be gratified as the measure of success which has been achieved by the Inter-Church Federation becomes manifest. It is as the President of that Federation that I am a member of the Charter Revision Committee. I suppose every intelligent citizen of Philadelphia realizes that reform is impossible in our city unless we get a better charter. We must have a smaller Council, of one chamber. The world is more and more coming to the opinion, as a result of its experience, that two chambers are excellent for delay and concealment. Between the two, responsibilities can be shifted, and important measures can be lost. Certainly in the case of our city there is no occasion for such cumberous procedure.

I notice that in one of our prominent papers a popular essayist who purveys agreeable information for the tea table has undertaken to

read a lecture to the ministers. He thinks that we are hysterical and inaccurate. These remarks are, of course, intended to apply to the Federation's appeal to the Christian voters of the city to improve our civic conditions, and I suppose particularly to the utterances of the various ministerial associations in which they assert their confidence in the motives and integrity of Dr. Delk, and their pleasure that the conditions of the police force can be tested in the courts. Surely such admonitions from the pen of this essayest are a boomerang that must return and smite him on the head. How does he know that we speak without information, as he implies? The fact of the matter is, we have had committees attending the courts, and have had official reports of various experts, some of them confidential, but all of them with the highest authority. Our general position has been justified by the conviction of five policemen for interfering with the freedom of the police in the Fifth Ward. I have on my table an appeal from a policemen's protective association of 3,500 members, asking that the force may be delivered from the domination of the politicians. The extraordinary revelations now being made in the trial before Judge Audenried ought to prove to the whole community that the ministers know what they are talking about. On one occasion in a hearing before Parliament, somebody flatly contradicted Cardinal Manning in some statement he had made concerning the moral conditions of the part of the city in which he lived. The Cardinal replied: "I have been hearing confessions in that part of the city for some thirty years. I would like to know whether my contradictor has any equal source of information."

In addition to these official reports the clergy in their pastoral relations come in contact with a great deal of sin and misfortune. I would like to know what equal source of information is open to the agreeable essayist who lectures us upon our inaccuracy and our premature judgment. I would not publish all this in the Parish Paper, but what other means have we open to us when the paper that makes the animadversion refuses to publish our reply? Fortunately for Philadelphia the pulpits are free, and we have some papers that will speak out.

But in talking about this campaign for civic righteousness I have wandered too far from the storm without and my thoughts as I watched it. I could but think as I looked out the window and saw the lights of the Gladstone near by, and the homes around, what a helpful exercise of the imagination it was to let one's thoughts roam abroad. Here we are, comfortably housed in this vast antheap of a city, important enough in our own eyes, and how small a part we are, after all, of the country! This rain, which here falls upon the roofs and our paved streets is dropping into the river and the bay, on the plowed fields, on the great mountain forest which, like a sponge, is gathering it into its leaves and mosses, storing it up into its springs. Then our thought roams still abroad, over the vast continent, some of it watching the sun set into the Pacific, while it is night here. I do not wonder that Carlyle and Browning were both very fond of walking out at night. How little we would know of the universe if it were not for this curtain of night! The great planets would all be hidden from us, and the splendid constellations. This darkness that hides us from one another reveals the universe. Is not that the way it is with sorrow and trouble? The great spiritual realities which we never have appreciated disclose themselves in the hours of stress and storm. If anyone descends in the shaft of a deep mine on a dark day, he will notice that the stars come out. So for many people, only when they are carried down into the depths of sorrow do the stars of immortality shine out. The world believes more fervently in a life to come since this war began. As the men have dug themselves down in the trenches they have seen new lights in the skies.

I think it is well to exercise the imagination at times, and try to realize what is going on in this world contemporaneously. Now while we sit in our warm, lighted rooms, the engineer is peering out of his cab window as he rushes through the rain, the pilot on the river is looking for the range lights, the sailors are keeping their night watches on the stormy sea, and all around this wide world people are struggling and grieving and rejoicing, and going through those manifold and chequered experiences which spin that parti-colored web which we call life. How wonderful it all is! To the skeptic it is a maze without a plan;

it is a vast welter of things. But to the believer in God it is a great battlefield on which victories are being won, and the kingdom of order and righteousness slowly pushing back chaos and sin. In this great fight we may regard St. Stephen's as a fort, the people as a regiment, occupying it. May God bless us, and give us discipline, order, system, and above all, give us zeal and love! Let that be our motto, speaking the truth in love. Nothing in the world is so powerful as love. The great trouble with so many reformers is that they are not able to fight against sin without despising the sinner, whereas the Christian attitude is to fight against sin and to pity the sinner. I thing that ought to be the attitude of our church.

As Tiny Tim says in the Famous *Christmas Carol,* "God bless us, every one."

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

At the January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary the Treasurer reported a balance of $416.51. Miss Magee has collected $119.00 during the last month for the United Offering.

After our usual reports of the various committees we had an interesting address by Rev. Charles W. Shriner, of the Church Farm School, at Glen Lock, Pa. The aim of the school is to take boys from 12 to 15 years of age who have no way to be educated or for any reason need just such a home. They hope to keep them five years and teach them one of five trades—farming, floriculture, carpentering, cabinetmaking or engineering—and give them the equipment of a high school education.

A scholarship of $200.00 finances a boy one year.

BEULAH H. HOLLAR, *Secy.*

Through inadvertence the name of Mr. Clement Restein, one of our most generous contributors to the Christmas baskets, was incorrectly spelled in our January number. We make the correction, with apologies for the error.

The Confirmation Service will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, at 8 P. M., when Bishop Rhinelander will officiate.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The appeal from the Philadelphia City Mission was called to the attention of this Society on Monday, January 20th, and immediately there was something doing. Just one week later over 170 garments had been turned in, and more on the way. Some of the girls clubbed together and purchased 17 pairs of new stockings, others contributed 44 pieces of underwear, 22 dresses, 18 coats, and three skirts for women. Ten dollars in cash was sent to the City Mission. Garments may be sent to the G. F. S., at the Parish House, or to Mrs. Griffith, at 225 South Third Street.

Special services are being held at the Episcopal Hospital on Tuesday evenings, beginning the second week in January and continuing until Easter. January 28th, the Associate will conduct the service and afterward a short organ recital will be given by Mrs. Keable and vocal solos by Miss E. J. Bacon.

At the January meeting of the Vestry, Mr. Charles S. Calwell was elected a member of that body.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Barclay, W. K., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Barclay, Geo. G., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Berg, First Lieutenant Albert P., Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La.
Blomgren, Sanford E., U. S. Navy.
Boyd, Second Lieutenant Robert T., Jr., Somewhere in France.
Brown, Private Robert J., Somewhere in France.
Brunner, Lewis A., U. S. Army.
Burns, Private Oscar W., Somewhere in France.

Callies, Private Percy E. de, U. S. Army.
Colket, Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd., Somewhere in France.
**Covert, Joseph F., U. S. Army.*
Crawford, Captain Alan, U. S. A., Camp Meade, Md.
Culbertson, Samuel T., U. S. Marine Corps.

Dodge, Arthur Raymond, N. R. F.

Ellis, Ensign Herbert M., U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Bertel, U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Private Lenhart, Somewhere in France.

Frazier, Major Chas. H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. Navy.
Gregory, Donald, U. S. Navy.
Graham, George Emlen, U. S. Navy.

Hartman, Private Paul B.,
Hale, Second Lieutenant Marion D., Somewhere in France.
Hart, Private Chas. B., Somewhere in France.
Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W., Chickamauga Park, Georgia.
Hewson, Addinell Stevenson, U. S. Army.
Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon.
Hewson, Ensign Harry M. C., U. S. Navy.
Hein, Theodore, U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.

Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Kelso, Second Lieutenant Harry C.,

Lavell, Sergeant Victor L., Somewhere in France.
†Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G.,
Leithead, Corporal John E.,
Lukens, Sergeant Samuel C., Somewhere in France.
Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, Somewhere in France.

*Died in France, March 22, 1918.
†Died in France.

McGuriman, James, U. S. Army.
McKeehan, Lieutenant Chas. L., Over Seas.
Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.
Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.
Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain U. S. Army.
Marvine, Donald M., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
Mearns, Clarence W., U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Wilson, Fort Sill, Okla.
Meek, Robert L., Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Samuel W., Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, Somewhere in France.
Minster, Edward Lea, U. S. Army, France.
Moore, Edward W., U. S. Navy.
Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.

O'Byrne, Thomas, Somewhere in France.
Old, Captain Herbert M.,
**Page, James J.,*

Reed, George O., Camp Meade, Md.
Reifsynder, Henry G., Somewhere in France.
Ruhl, William H.,

Sangree, Ernest M., U. S. Navy.
Slack, Robert, U. S. Navy.
Smith, Major Frank Wilbur, Somewhere in France.
†Smith, Lieut. Lewis G.,
‡Stork, Sergeant James.
Stephens, Sergeant Kortright L., Somewhere in France.
Stephens, Corporal Henry L., Somewhere in France.

Taws, Francis Elton, U. S. Army.
Torrey, Second Lieutenant Donald F.,
Turner, First Lieutenant Daniel N., Somewhere in France.

Van Dusen, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis H., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept.

Watson, William J., U. S. Army, in France
Weldon, Guy, U. S. Navy.
Whitham, Lieutenant Loyd B., M. R. C.
Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.
Williamson, Paymaster Thom., U. S. Navy.
Wilder, George, Camp Meade, Md., U. S. Army.

Browne, Mrs. E. Ada, Fort Riley, Kansas.
Earle, Miss Elisabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.
Jenks, Mrs. Robert D., Y. M. C. A., Toul, France.

*Died in France, Sept. 29, 1918.
†Lost at sea, Jan. 7, 1919.
‡Died in France, Aug. 14, 1918.

Senior Lieut. Lewis Gouverneur Smith, U. S. N.

READ IN CHURCH, JANUARY 19, 1919.

More than two months have elapsed since the armistice was granted. Yet the list of our losses still increases. One of our members was taken from us by the death of Senior Lieutenant Lewis Gouverneur Smith, which was announced in the papers this week. Though in recent years he had not been able to attend our services, his name was on our Communicants' list, retained there by his special request, since he had a loyal affection for the church in which he had been confirmed, and cherished the purpose of resuming his attendance at its worship, when he made his home in the city. He was the son of Lewis L. Smith, of the Philadelphia bar, and of Gertrude Gouverneur Smith, who will be remembered in the congregation as an active member of our Woman's Auxiliary.

His gold star will, therefore, be added to our service flag, and when in due time we erect some permanent memorial of those who went out from this congregation to serve in the great war, his name will be placed there among those who gave their life for the cause. It is fitting that he should have such record in this community and in an Episcopal church, for he was closely bound by descent to this old Commonwealth and to our historic communion. Born in this city, trained in its schools and its great university, he was a product of its best influences, and was united to his environment by many far-reaching and close-holding ties.

At the stage when I knew him best in the Confirmation Class and in his home, he was a bright, sociable boy, loyally attached to his church, and unusually friendly with the rector. His most manifest traits were his alert interest, his friendly responsiveness and his agreeable sociability. As he grew older, he developed qualities of initiative, daring enterprise and leadership that a chance acquaintance would never have suspected beneath his bright agreeability. Within two years after his graduation from the university, while he was still only 22 years old, he was at the head of a successful and enterprising firm of his own organization. The same dash and initiative were displayed in his relation to the war. As early as 1916 he joined the Naval Reserve, and when America entered the war, he enlisted at once in active service, going as a machinist's mate on the submarine patrol on the Delaware. Selected for the first class in intensive training at Annapolis, he was detailed at the end of the course in September, 1917, for foreign service on the U. S. Submarine Destroyer Rowan. In this peculiarly dangerous and arduous service he reached the grade of Senior Lieutenant.

All his prospects were full of the brightest promise, all his plans were laid, eager hands were stretched out to welcome him, when he was washed overboard on January 7th, somewhere off the coast of Spain. Deeply do we sympathize with his family, smitten so suddenly, in the midst of our rejoicings over victory, with such an unexpected bereavement.

We can only stay ourselves with the thought that with him, all is well. He ran his course bravely, and now enjoys the reward. He was faithful in the battle of life, and the Great Captain will now use him on some larger, higher service. We can only remind ourselves that as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than our ways. We can only resolve that such gallant lives shall neither be forgotten nor wasted, that their memory shall long be piously and gratefully revered, and their example cherished and by the grace of God made potent in the generations to come.

A Letter from Lieut. R. T. Boyd, Jr.

November 24, 1918.

DEAR DAD:

This is Dad's letter, that is my letter to my Dad for there are perhaps a couple of million more of us writing to their Dads on this day, 1918, that their letters may reach the States on Christmas Day.

First, let me wish you a very Merry Christmas, and though this is supposed to be strictly a Dad's letter, I think it is proper to wish Mother the same for this is perhaps the only letter that will have any chance of reaching you on the festive day. Yes, Dad, I think this should be a very happy Christmas all over the world, for it is the first in four years that has not been saddened by war. Of course, many homes are saddened this day by the loss of those who have given their lives on the field of battle, but even they can be comforted with the thought that their dear ones have not died in vain, but to win the greatest war in the history of the world, and crush the most damnable foe that has ever risen against civilization.

As all censorship rules have been lifted I am going to confine this letter to telling you some first-hand information regarding the foe we have been fighting, the work of our army and our squadron as I believe that this would be about as interesting as anything.

First, for fear the last two or three of my letters have not reached you, I am going to repeat a little and I know you will bear the same story twice. Our squadron, which was attached to the First Army, has been transferred to the Third Army, or the Army of Occupation, which is made up of 250,000 picked troops. All divisions and units are those who have seen the longest service abroad, and we are now on our march to the Rhine. Our present location is Pretin, France, which is about three miles from Spincourt, and two days ago we arrived in this little village as our first stopping place en route to the Rhine.

Eight days after the outbreak of the war (in a previous letter I said two months) the Huns occupied this town, and it has been in their hands up until six days ago when they evacuated in accordance with the terms of the armistice. For four years and two months this land has been under German rule and now for the first time it has been freed. Oh, Dad, if you could only hear the stories of the poor women and civilians that have lived through these four years of hell; if you could only see their joy of freedom and their love of Americans, it would do your heart good. They are dazed at the realization that it is over and the Boche driven from their land. Their hour has come and well do they deserve it.

The world will never know, nor has it ever known, the hellish things done by the Germans in this war. We have read much but now I have seen and heard it with my eyes and ears. At home you will never know what war is, for all the reading you can ever do will not bring before your eyes the figures of those who have now gained their liberty. All the words that writers can turn into pictures will never bring before your eyes, cities and towns, forests and hills that have been laid to waste by shells and powder. Nay, even we Americans over here can never truly realize the hell of this war, for it has not been our land that has been razed to the ground, and, thank God, it has not been our mothers and sisters who have been forced to live at the point of Hun kultur.

In 1914 when the Huns first came into this town there was a wagon load of French wounded on the roadside which the troops were unable to take with them because of their speedy retreat. And how did the Boche treat them? A fire was made under the wagon and their bodies burned. One man, wounded in the arm, fell out and they merely picked him up and threw him on the burning coals. The prisoners that they took placed their hands upon a block and their hands were cut off at the wrist.

Downstairs in this little old house there is a woman about forty years of age, and what has been her lot? Since 1914 until last Saturday she has been forced to work in the fields under armed guards from 6 A. M. until 9 P. M., in rain, snow, on Christmas, New Year's and, in fact, every day of the year. If sick, she was put in prison, and if she refused to work her lot would have been death.

For four years these people have been sent food by America through Belgium, and have they received it? Yes, a small portion after the Huns stole all they wanted for themselves. The family in this house have gone months at a time without a bed or a place to sleep because the Boche took everything, and they have been forced to do anything and everything, without a cent in return. These facts yes, first-hand facts, are but a drop in the bucket, but they represent German kultur, and now that the tables have been turned they have asked us to send them food to help them out. Dr. Solf begs that we lessen the armistice terms lest they be brought to hardships. I don't know what America's answer will be, but ours is, "let them starve."

Father, I have said perhaps enough about that which I suppose should be left untold, now that the war is over, but you at home should know the facts as we see them.

Now, to tell you a little about our squadron. As you know we were the First Army Observation, now the Third Army. We worked direct from the headquarters of the First Army and our work consisted of taking pictures of the whole sector previous and during an attack. Our planes were Salmsons, a French plane, carrying a pilot and observer. It carried three guns, one a Vickers in the front and two Lewis in the rear, making a flying speed between 90 and 120 miles per hour. Our squadron has had great success with these planes and not once during its six months of operation on the American front have we had one brought down in flames. As to the number of our casualties, I can say nothing, for censorship still prohibits us to speak on that subject.

But it's over now, and the world can spend this Christmas rejoicing, for the fruits of victory are ours, and even though we may have to camp on the Rhine and many of us will have to remain in France for sometime to come, the worst is over and the enemy of civilization has been beaten and defeated. The rope which Germany tried to stretch around the world has choked out her life, and may it continue to hold her in death for many years to come.

So here's wishing you just the happiest Christmas ever, and may this time next year find us all together again.

With lots of love and best wishes,

I am your son,

ROBERT.

An Appeal from the Philadelphia City Mission.

The City Mission pleads for clothes, both new and worn. Do you realize that the recent epidemic left a death rate greater than war casualties; and in the majority of cases, it was the home-maker or home-keeper who died, leaving little children fatherless or motherless, often both, and without adequate clothing to face the winter?

You know that the City Mission does more relief work among the poor than any other society; and the Mission visitors not only relieve—wherever possible—the physical needs, but get in touch with the minds and souls of those they are trying to help.

To some of us, the City Mission has represented only a big Bureau of Information, or an "office" to which one applied for entrance to institutions. But it is vastly more than that, and has possibilities of a wonderful scope, if sufficient help is given. We need principally clothing for children and infants, but please don't forget that bigger boys and girls also wear underclothing—or should. Women, too, often need that same practical help. Won't you sew for us this Winter? Always bear in mind that the City Mission is part of the Church, and while we help every unfortunate who appeals to us, it is the parishes of our own Diocese that should furnish us with the means to offer that help.

Please remember us in your prayers—and your work.

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St. Stephen's Club

St. Nazaire, France, Jan. 2, 1919.

Old St. Stephen's Club of Philadelphia, Pa.:

I am taking the honor of writing to you a few lines of friendship. As a member of your Club I think it is my duty to write to you. Really what I miss most since I left the States, are the pleasant evenings I spent at your clubrooms. I for one recommend your Club as being the best place in Philadelphia for any man in uniform to spend his leisure time.

What interested me most of all are the willing workers that helped your Club to be so well known. Even over here in St. Nazaire, France, I hear different boys talk of your pleasant and untiring workers.

You may show this letter to anyone whom may be interested in what I am writing, and really, you know, if we young fellows of the Army and Navy did not like your treatment we would not brag about you so.

Hoping this letter finds you enjoying the most pleasant times in your hard work and may you always be thought of in later years to come. I will close for the present time.

Respectfully yours,

RALPH CORRIGAM,
U. S. S. Mevauke,
Trans. Service.

Club Member 1124,
St. Stephen's Club,
Philadelphia, Pa.

A copy of a letter written by Calvin L. Lewis, Esq., Philadelphia Director of the War Camp Community Service to Old St. Stephen's Club a letter of great interest to every worker of Old St. Stephen's Club:

January 27, 1919.

MR. ANDREW LUFFBARRY,
Chairman of the General Committee of
Old St. Stephen's Club, Philadelphia.

My Dear Mr. Luffbarry:

I am writing to say to you that War Camp Community Service has every reason to be grateful to Old St. Stephen's Club for the splendid work it has done during the past year in behalf of the men in the service. My attention has been brought to your annual report which shows that you entertained during the year 1918, 162,000 men. This is a great record and one that you and Philadelphia both should be proud of.

Will you permit me, as representative of the Commissions on Training Camp Activities, to congratulate you and to thank you in behalf of these Commissions for this splendid work?

I would be derelict in my duty, however, if I did not at this time say to you that our work is not yet over, and in the judgment of many it will be eighteen months or two years before we can begin to slacken up. Surveys that we have recently made in this city and in other cities indicate that the Service Clubs are more needed and more used than at any time since the war began. Doctor Shippen, on January 3rd, wrote: "The Atlantic City conference brought out clearly the fact that the work of the welfare clubs is still a necessity, perhaps more than ever needed and that we must look forward to an extensive work for at least one year." Mr. Braucher, in a recent letter to our organiaztion, says: "We are all part of a great organization that has accepted the sacred trust for the fighting men of America. We can not lay down our task any more than the soldiers can lay down their arms until this is completed. I appeal to each worker in the name of the service which has become sacred to all of us, to stand by this service until our task shall have been completed;" and Woodrow Wilson, himself, recently wrote: "The Federal Board is commanded by law to develop the capabilities of each man so that he may again take his place in the ranks of our great civilian army. The coöperation and interest of our citizens is essential to this program of duty, justice and humanity. It is not a charity. It is merely the payment of a draft of honor which the United States of America accepted when it selected these men, and took them in their health and strength to fight the battles of the Nation. They have fought the good fight; they have kept the faith; and they have won. Now we keep faith with them, and every citizen is indorser on the general obligation."

I have no fear that Old St. Stephen's will become one of the laggards, but I want you to know what our leaders' opinions on the general question are. With hearty thanks for your previous coöperation and with best wishes for future successes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

CALVIN L. LEWIS,
Director.

Musical Program

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FEBRUARY 2ND.

11.00 A. M.

"God So Loved the World"..... *Stainer*

8.00 P. M.

Nunc ..... *Stainer*
"Jerusalem" ..... *Gounod*
"It Is Enough" ..... *Mendelssohn*

FEBRUARY 9TH.

11.00 A. M.

Te Deum ..... *Garrett*
"Jubilate" ..... *McCollin*
"Oh, Thou That Tellest" ..... *Haendel*

8.00 P. M.

Deus ..... *Mammett*
"Love Divine" ..... *Stainer*
"He Watching Over Israel"...*Mendelssohn*

FEBRUARY 16TH.

11.00 A. M.

Te Deum in F ..... *Marley*
Jubilate in C ..... *Stanford*
"Let the Wicked Forsake His Way"
..... *Harvey*

8.00 P. M.

Nunc ..... *Parker*
"The Twilight Shadows" ..... *Wood*
"Rejoice" ..... *Haendel*

FEBRUARY 23RD.

11.00 A. M.

Te Deum in D ..... *Tours*
"Jubilate in G" ..... *Calkin*
"Come, Gracious Spirit" ..... *Marzo*

8.00 P. M.

Magnificat in D ..... *Tours*
"Be Thou Faithful" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"Rise, Crowned With Light" .....*Rutenbor*

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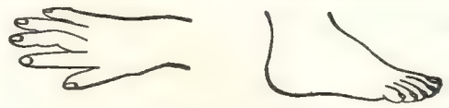

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The Regular Sunday Services During Lent Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the month, and
10:15 A. M. on all other Sundays in Lent.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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MANAGERS.

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
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Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mr. Theo. Hein.
Treasurer—Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson, Miss Bessie Haun.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
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Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin.
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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
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Director—George H. Streaker.
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The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

March 2—Quinquagesima.
March 5—Ash Wednesday.
March 9—First Sunday in Lent.
March 16—Second Sunday in Lent.
March 23—Third Sunday in Lent.
March 25—The Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary.
March 30—Fourth Sunday in Lent.

PARISH REGISTER.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock.

February 1—Henry William Grasso.
February 23—Dorothy Ida Fleischman.

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER.

February 19—M. Brantley Ellis.
Mrs. Edward Blackwell.
Mrs. Chas. T. Leviness.
Miss Marjorie Leviness.
Mrs. Magdalena Young.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

February 5—Grover Cleveland O'Neal and Evelyn L. Lawson.
February 10—Newell Brackett, Jr., and Vera McEachron.
February 15—Warren E. Howe and Christine Smith.
February 22—Francis M. Brooks, Jr., and Elizabeth D. Ertel.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

January 31—Emma L. Johns Hine.
February 8—Emily P. Mustin.
February 13—Maud Shinn.
February 18—Elizabeth M. Dale.

Speakers for Lenten Noonday Services.

March 5 (Ash Wednesday)—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.
March 6—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., LL.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.
March 7—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's.
March 8—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, St. Stephen's.
March 10 to 14, inclusive—Rt. Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, D.D., Bishop of Eastern Oklahoma.
March 15—Rev. Henry Stuart Paynter, St. Stephen's, Bridesburg.
March 17 to 21, inclusive—Rev. Karl Reiland, D.D., LL.D., St. George's, New York City.
March 22—Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton, St. Thomas', Whitemarsh.
March 24, 25, 26—Rev. Hugh Birckhead, D.D., Emmanuel Church, Baltimore.
March 27—Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D.D., St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.
March 28—Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D.
March 29—Rev. James Monroe Collins, Church of the Atonement.
March 31 to April 4, inclusive—Rev. Clifford Gray Twombly, D.D., St. James' Church, Lancaster, Pa.
April 5—Rev. Joseph H. Earp.
April 7 to 11, inclusive—Rev. W. J. Dawson, D.D., First Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J.
April 12—Rev. T. Leslie Gossling, St. Matthias, Philadelphia.
April 14 to 18, inclusive—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., St. Stephen's.
April 19—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, St. Stephen's.

Offerings Received, from Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (February 2d), to Sexagesima (February 23rd), 1919, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 57 49	
Diocesan Missions	79 67	
McAll Mission	83 38	
Parochial Maintenance	126 28	$ 346 82

Envelope System:

Charities	$ 63 86	
Parochial Maintenance	242 25	
Missions	66 57	
Theological Education	05	
Our work among boys	45	
Benevolent Society	4 00	
Episcopal Hospital	32	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	3 35	
Domestic Missions	1 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 82	
Diocesan Missions	581 75	
Foreign Missions	53 10	
War Commission	1 00	
Missionary box	25	
Indian Missions	1 05	
Woman's Auxiliary	1 04	
Deaconess House	25	
Sunday School	60	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25	
McAll Mission	3 00	1,025 96

Recapitulation:

Charities	$121 35	
Parochial Maintenance	368 53	
Missions	66 57	
Theological Education	05	
Our work among boys	45	
Benevolent Society	4 00	
Episcopal Hospital	32	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	3 35	
Domestic Missions	1 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 82	
Diocesan Missions	661 42	
Foreign Missions	53 10	
War Commission	1 00	
Missionary box	25	
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Woman's Auxiliary	1 04	
Deaconess House	25	
Sunday School	60	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25	
McAll Mission	86 38	
		$1,372 78

Frederick B. Keable, *Treasurer.*

Contributions for Diocesan Missions, Received Since February 9, 1919.

Mrs. Oliver Judson	$10.00
Miss Cathrine Rynard	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bilyeu	5.00
Mrs. Mink	2.00
Miss Carpen	1.00
Miss Sheaff	1.00
Miss Muller	2.00
Miss E. Davis	5.00
Mr. J. Fox	5.00
Miss Mary Swift	5.00
Mrs. Noblit	1.00
Miss M. C. Striegel	1.00
Miss E. Jones	5.00
Mr. H. Reifsnyder	2.00
Miss E. Daley	1.00
Miss J. Harper	1.00
Miss E. Corrigan	1.00
Miss M. Schaffer	1.00
Miss E. Canfield	5.00
Miss M. Daley	2.00
Miss A. Daley	2.00
Mrs. Eastwood	5.00
Mr. H. Reifsnyder	25.00
Miss A. M. McDowell	5.00
Mrs. Reath	10.00
Mr. Jay M. Whitham	25.00
Anonymous	7.00
Mrs. J. C. Browne	5.00
Miss Paullin	5.00
Mrs. A. Brunner	10.00

Mrs. Vanderslice	3.00
Mrs. W. K. Barclay	5.00
Miss E. L. Berry	5.00
Miss H. W. Sanders	5.00
Miss Corrigan	1.00
Miss Bertha Walshe	1.00
Mrs. W. C. Douglas	5.00
Miss Headman	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd	5.00
Mrs. Butcher	5.00
Mr. C. Lineweaver	5.00
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	50.00
Cash	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.	10.00
Mrs. Mary Atmore	25.00
Miss Mary deHaven Bright	5.00
Mrs. Sheble	5.00
Miss E. Bell	5.00
Mrs. A. Warren Lautenbach	5.00
Miss Townsend	5.00
Mrs. Reifsnyder	5.00
Mrs. E. Grammer	5.00
Mrs. Arrison	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Campbell	10.00
Miss L. Bell	5.00
Mrs. Suydam	10.00
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Mr. and Mrs. C. Atmore	10.00
Miss J. Canfield	5.00
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Lieut. Tristram C. Colket, 2nd	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Howard Colket	10.00
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Miss Van Dusen	5.00
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Miss Dutilh	5.00
Dr. and Mrs. Fell	10.00
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Mr. I. Smith Raspin	5.00
Miss Ernst	5.00
Mr. J. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	5.00
Miss Margaret Clemens	2.50
Mrs. Austin	10.00
Miss Wallace	20.00
Dr. Grammer	10.00
Miss Magee	20.00
Miss Haydock	5.00
Mrs. John O'Donnel	5.00
Miss I. Davis	5.00
Miss M. Davis	5.00

The Treasurer's monthly report was made on February 24th. The above list, however, includes contributions which have been sent in since that date. From January 1st to February 27th, the total contributions (alms basins, envelopes and checks) for Diocesan Missions amounted to $676.45.

The Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

The chief task of our parish just now is this "Every Member Canvass." As I said from the chancel, it has often been charged against the Liberal element in our Church that its members cannot work together. Undoubtedly we have been extreme individualists, everyone wanting to go his own way. This has been a source of weakness. One of the great lessons of the war has been the duty of greater coördination in the various departments of life. We must develop a social conscience and act with more deference to the general judgment. The churches of our whole country have given their approval to this envelope system. Our own church has swung into line, and our own diocese is endeavoring to persuade everyone to coöperate. I hope that we may be able to say that in St. Stephen's Church one hundred per cent. of the members accepted the system and agreed to coöperate with it in some fashion. The Committee is quite willing to accept a card with some modification of the pledge as may seem best to the signer. I believe that no one can adopt the system without finding it a helpful influence. It is pleasant to realize that one has agreed to give a certain amount and is fulfilling his stipulation. That text "Let everyone give as he is disposed in his heart," is to be understood as addressed to people who are at heart of one mind and of one spirit, and are all anxious for the same things, and eager to present a united front. When the new envelopes are received the old envelopes are to be thrown into the waste basket. The new system, it is to be observed, will end on the last day of December, and after that time the carton will contain envelopes for a year. In meeting with the Committee the other day I learned that only about one-half of the envelope users had as yet responded. I hope that in a few Sundays all will respond. We shall follow the method of other parishes in the Diocese and have a canvass of those who have not answered.

Confirmation will be on Tuesday evening, March 4th. It is the first time we have ever had a confirmation on a weekday; I

hope we will have a fair attendance. For several years we have been unfortunate in the time at which confirmation has come with us, either just before Christmas or just after Christmas. I wish a regular time could be fixed. The Bishop has made a commendable effort to distribute these visitations around fairly, so that the larger parishes should not have an undue advantage, but thus far the system has not worked helpfully for St. Stephen's.

The names of those who have signed the attendants' cards will be given elsewhere. We have had, as you will notice, about 67 signers. I am hopeful that we can bring the number up to a hundred. I am sure that no one signs a card without feeling more closely drawn to the church. I have received a letter from a Commander of the U. S. Navy, in which he says, "Please accept my thanks for the services and sermons I have heard in St. Stephen's. If I were stationed in Philadelphia I should avail myself of your invitation and become an associate member." That is a very pretty acknowledgment from a visitor. I have heard so much about the attention that the occupier of the pulpit ought to pay to the people who sit in the pew that it is very pleasant to find some one who sits in the pew thinking how he can encourage and cheer the man who stands in the pulpit.

I am very much indebted to those zealous members who assist me in getting signatures from attendants. That is the way to make a church grow.

I call your attention to the list of Lenten speakers. We are very happy in having secured such men. It would not seem Lent unless Bishop Garland and Bishop Talbot opened the series of addresses for us. Bishop Thurston's addresses are made doubly valuable by his loving personality, and our realization of the fine and self-denying work that he is doing in Oklahoma. Dr. Reiland, of St. George's, New York, will come to us after an experience abroad; we hope that he will give us news from the boys at the front. Dr. Birckhead, who will give us three addresses in the following week, has had the same thrilling experience. His address at the Contemporary Club recently made a profound impression, and I am sure that there will be many to hear him. Dr. Twombly is one of the chief prophets of social righteousness in our Church. I am delighted to have him for a week. With the permission of the Bishop I have secured the Rev. Dr. W. J. Dawson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Newark. His life of Christ and essays on the English poets are widely known in religious and literary circles. His son, Coningsby Dawson, undoubtedly derives his literary gifts from his father. I will deliver the addresses in Holy Week myself. A number of the younger clergy of the city have kindly consented to speak on Saturday, and the Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk and the very eminent missionary, Dr. Zwemer, will each give an address. I hope we may have one of the best Lenten seasons we have ever enjoyed.

The increased congregations, both morning and evening, are in large measure due, I am sure, to the beauty of the new church, and I hope that it will maintain the same attractive power at the noonday services.

It is just now very interesting to be a minister in Philadelphia; there are so many causes calling upon the Church for assistance. These enlisted men must be looked after, and we must not allow our energies to weary in administering the Club. The Social Hour on Sunday afternoon has proven a success. We have never gotten less than fifty men over to the church service. Last Sunday there was a falling off in the number of young ladies who assisted in the reception. The boys who remain throughout the hour and go afterwards to the church are the lads in whose circles there is a hostess. I hope the young ladies of the congregation will continue to give me their loyal assistance in this endeavor.

Never did the prospects for successful reform in Philadelphia seem brighter. In asking for a new charter the reformers have laid their axe at the root of the tree. With our present body of laws we can never take the police and the firemen out of politics, abolish assessments and secure efficient administration. A bad system of laws and a supine citizenship are the sources of our troubles. All the world is now awake to the necessity of putting one's house in order to prevent radical excesses. It is not enough

to deport Bolshevists who refuse to become American citizens; oppressive measures will never check the evil. The real remedy is to do away with the abuses and give the poor sanitary homes, clean streets, cheerful playgrounds for their children and wholesome conditions of existence, freedom from the oppression of politician-ridden policemen, a cheap and expeditious administration of justice and make them realize that this is a land of freedom and order combined in a blessed union. The churches have brought about prohibition in spite of the vast vested interests that have been seeking to protect it. The despised Anti-Saloon Leagues and Women's Christian Temperance Unions have gone over the top and taken the entrenched positions of the distillers and the brewers. In the same way the churches of this city can storm the feudal castle of the politicians that has so long frowned down upon us and taken tribute from us. Nothing can be accomplished by the timid and half-hearted. The Church of Philadelphia has really on this subject been the Church of Laodicea, neither cold nor hot. Let the churches be aglow with zeal with the spirit of disinterested service for the public welfare, and this old system is doomed.

The four points of the new Charter are, and they ought to be emphasized again and again until they are brought home to everybody's comprehension:

1st. **A new kind of City Council;** that is to be a single chamber of council of 21 members, receiving a salary of $5,000 each, prohibited from occupying any other civic position or from being connected with any business that will interfere with the singleness of their loyalty to the city.

2nd. **An efficient Civil Service,** a single commissioner appointed and removable only by a two-thirds vote of City Council, receiving a salary of $8,000 a year. Political activity on the part of police, firemen and city officials made a misdemeanor to which a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both is attached. Levying or paying assessments by such officials forbidden under the same penalties.

3rd. **A better fiscal system,** that is to say, the budget system, whereby the city pays its expenses as it goes along, and knows where it stands.

4th. **Freedom for the city to do its own work** or to contract to have the work done as it may see fit. This last spells freedom from the rule of politician contractors.

These four reforms will not give us a good civic administration without watchfulness and care, but they will make such an administration a possibility.

Last year I undertook to teach a Mission Study Class myself, but I am overburdened already with engagements, and cannot assume this duty a second time. The manual for the year is "Our Church and Country" by Bishop Burleson. It tells of the growth of the Episcopal Church in our country and of the development of the organization in new fields. The class will be formed, and a teacher, if possible, will be secured who has taken the course at the Central Agency. Intelligent people ought to know something about the history of their own church and the spread of its institutions.

I ought to say a word before I close this editorial about the loss that this congregation has sustained in the death of Miss Elizabeth M. Dale, the efficient matron of St. Stephen's Farm for the last eight or nine years. Her death came as a great shock to all of us. Her resiliency was so great that we confidently looked for her to throw off this attack of sickness and resume her place among us. It is good to know that she had every attention and was surrounded by loving friends to the last. She will always be associated in St. Stephen's Church with Dr. Wood, to whom she was like a daughter. She sang for years in our choir, and was widely known through her activities at the farm throughout the parish. She was buried from St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, February 18th. The sympathy of the congregation goes out to her only sister and to Mrs. Wood and her daughter, Elsie, who have sustained such a severe loss in the death of this dear friend. She was a brave and efficient woman, and her departure leaves a gap that will be hard to fill.

We are sorry to learn that one of our faithful workers in St. Stephen's Club, Mr. George M. Reed, 3rd, lost his little daugh-

ter, aged two years, on the night of February 24th. How could we bear such losses if it were not for the assurance that in our Father's house are many mansions—"abiding places" is the exact meaning of the Greek—places where these bright spirits wait and grow, wait for reunions, and grow in all spiritual things.

Let me make a Lenten suggestion. I have been very much cheered by the splendid congregations we are having on Sunday evening. For the last three or four Sundays they have been larger than the morning congregations in former years, and indeed are as large as our average Sunday morning congregation now. I think it would be well if people tried in Lent to attend both the morning and the evening service. The evening service is short and uplifting.

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Confirmation.

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, S.T.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will visit St. Stephen's on Tuesday, March 4th, at 8 P. M.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Owing to Miss Bell's absence, Mrs. McKeehan presided at the last meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, which was held February 20th.

We had no speaker but the reports of our delegates were full of special interest and appeals, and much good work has been done by each committee during the last month.

The treasurer reported a balance of $99.01, and Miss Magee reported a total to date of $397.23 for the United Offering.

Beulah E. Hollar, Secretary.

The Woman's Auxiliary records with sorrow the death of Miss Elizabeth Dale, and will miss her presence and earnest manner at the meetings. She took a deep interest in the Advent Call, was one of the messengers, and spoke of the spiritual impetus it had given her life during the week in which she made the visits. Laura Bell,

President Woman's Auxiliary,
of St. Stephen's Parish.

Church Militant.

"It is to the permanent interest of true religion that it should not be drawn into the wranglings of politics."—Evening Bulletin.

What worth religion, pious laws
That dare not mingle in the fray
Or turn to battle for a cause
That stirs the very soul to pray.

God made the churches—yes, His will
Lies on their altars plain to read;
God made the race, shall it be still
When it can battle through its creed?

Shall honor, treasure, freedom, life
Be threatened by a crew low-browed,
And God be shrouded from the strife,
Because His pulpit is too proud?

Shall all our rights be trampled down
By lock-step of a convict gang;
And that one Fortress never frown
Which unto Luther's clarion rang?

No, no! This is the day to bring
The hidden Ark forth to the light—
Let priest and choir and organ sing
The civic hymn of human right.

Through street and factory, mart and home
Echo the truth, let it be free;
God hides not in the dim-lit dome;
Throw wide the aisles for liberty.

—Harrison S. Morris,
Ledger, 11-1-'15.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Barclay, W. K., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Barclay, Geo. G., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Berg, First Lieutenant Albert P., Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La.
Blomgren, Sanford E., U. S. Navy.
Boyd, Second Lieutenant Robert T., Jr.
Brown, Private Robert J., Somewhere in France.
Brunner, Lewis A., U. S. Army.
Burns, Private Oscar W., Somewhere in France.

Callies, Private Percy E. de, U. S. Army.
Colket, Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd., Somewhere in France.
**Covert, Joseph F., U. S. Army.*
Crawford, Captain Alan, U. S. A., Camp Meade, Md.
Culbertson, Samuel T., U. S. Marine Corps.

Dodge, Arthur Raymond, N. R. F.

Ellis, Ensign Herbert M., U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Bertel, U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Private Lenhart, Somewhere in France.

Frazier, Major Chas. H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. Navy.
Gregory, Donald, U. S. Navy.
Graham, George Emlen, U. S. Navy.

Hartman, Private Paul B.,
Hale, Second Lieutenant Marion D., Somewhere in France.
Hart, Private Chas. B., Somewhere in France.
Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W., Chickamauga Park, Georgia.
Hewson, Addinell Stevenson, U. S. Army.
Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon.
Hewson, Ensign Harry M. C., U. S. Navy.
Hein, Theodore, Sergeant, U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.

Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Kelso, Second Lieutenant Harry C.,

Lavell, Sergeant Victor L., Somewhere in France.
†Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G.,
Leithead, Corporal John E.,
Lukens, Sergeant Samuel C., Somewhere in France.
Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, Somewhere in France.

*Died in France, March 22, 1918.
†Died in France.

McGuriman, James, U. S. Army.
McKeehan, Lieutenant Chas. L., Over Seas.
Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.
Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.
Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain U. S. Army.
Marvine, Donald M., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
Mearns, Clarence W., U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Wilson, Fort Sill, Okla.
Meek, Robert L., Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Samuel W., Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, Somewhere in France.
Minster, Edward Lea, U. S. Army, France.
Moore, Edward W., U. S. Navy.
Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.

O'Byrne, Thomas, Somewhere in France.
Old, Captain Herbert M.,

**Page, James J.,*

Reed, George O., Camp Meade, Md.
Reifsynder, Henry G., Somewhere in France.
Ruhl, William H.,

Sangree, Ernest M., U. S. Navy.
Slack, Robert, U. S. Navy.
Smith, Major Frank Wilbur, Somewhere in France.
†Smith, Lieut. Lewis G.,
‡Stork, Sergeant James.
Stephens, Sergeant Kortright L., Somewhere in France.
Stephens, Corporal Henry L., Somewhere in France.

Taws, Francis Elton, U. S. Army.
Torrey, Second Lieutenant Donald F.,
Turner, First Lieutenant Daniel N., Somewhere in France.

Van Dusen, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis H., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept.

Watson, William J., U. S. Army, in France
Weldon, Guy, U. S. Navy.
Whitham, Lieutenant Loyd B., M. R. C.
Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.
Williamson, Paymaster Thom., U. S. Navy.
Wilder, George, Camp Meade, Md., U. S. Army.

Browne, Mrs. E. Ada, Fort Riley, Kansas.
Earle, Miss Elisabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.
Jenks, Mrs. Robert D., Y. M. C. A., Toul, France.

*Died in France, Sept. 29, 1918.
†Lost at sea, Jan. 7, 1919.
‡Died in France, Aug. 14, 1918.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

Members of the Congregation desiring to continue the Lenten work of the Society will find Mrs. Campbell or Miss Lewis in the Parish House on Friday mornings during Lent, between 11 and 12 o'clock, to give out and to receive finished work. The work of this Society is confined to the making of baby clothes.

Note.

We would be very much obliged if M. J. Price, who wrote those pretty lines on the handkerchief, and pledged himself for a monthly subscription, would kindly introduce himself in the vestry room, and give the clergy his address.

Not knowing the address of Mrs. E. Poole the Treasurer takes this method of acknowledging with thanks the contribution of five dollars sent to the Rector for the McAll Association.

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle)

Will have their next meetings March 5th and March 19th, in Guild Room of Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock. Dues received from Miss Elizabeth Jones, $1.00.

In February this Circle helped to finish some little dresses for the Red Cross that were to be sent to the Belgian and French children.

The next work will be for the Home Missionary Society.

Shoe Fund.

Donation received from Miss Laura Bell	$1.00
From those receiving shoes	5.40
	$6.40

Shoes given to the Shoe Fund, (partly worn), Miss Walsh, Miss Daley and others whose names have been lost. Many thanks.

We have given out 12 pairs of shoes and 6 pairs of overshoes in February.

The following account of Rev. William J Dawson, D.D., has appeared in the newspapers:

Dr. Dawson was born at Towcester, England, in 1854, educated at Kingswood College, Bath, and Didsbury College, Manchester, England. He was for fifteen years a Wesleyan minister, part of the time at Wesley's Chapel, London. His ministry attracted great crowds, and during three years he achieved national fame as a lecturer. In Glasgow, Scotland, his ministry was successful in an unprecedented degree. At his concluding service more than 4,000 persons were present, and an equal number of persons failed to gain admittance. An interesting story is told of Dr. Dawson's earliest lecturing in London. When he proposed to lecture in a large church, accommodating 1,200 people, he was told on all sides that it would be impossible to attract a hundred persons, for lecturing had fallen into general disrepute. Nevertheless Dr. Dawson issued 2,000 tickets, printing on each the significant warning, "Come early to avoid crush." His faith was justified. The lecture delivered was the now famous lecture on "Sir Walter Raleigh and His Times." The church was crowded to excess, and a week later he delivered the same lecture in the same building to another thronged audience. There is no great city in England in which Dr. Dawson has not lectured. He has been heard in the City Temple, London, by an audience of 2,000 people, in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, by 4,000 persons, in the Music Hall, Aberdeen, Scotland, by 3,000 persons. Everywhere his success has been complete.

In 1904 Dr. Dawson visited this country as the guest of Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn. He came for rest, but soon found himself engaged in a vast scheme of public work. From Boston to Seattle he crossed the continent, preaching and lecturing everywhere. In the first six weeks of his tour he addressed 70,000 persons. The welcome given him in America was so enthusiastic that in 1906 he resigned his church in London and removed with his family to the States, taking up his residence at Taunton, Mass. During July and August of 1906 he was widely heard upon the Chautauqua platforms. For an entire week he delivered three addresses a day at the mother Chautauqua, N. Y., and made a deep impression upon some of the largest crowds which had ever assembled in the Auditorium. Oberlin has recognized his talent by conferring on him the degree of D.D. He has already become one of the famous figures in American life, and there can be no doubt that his residence in the States will open for him much wider opportunities of service than any which he has hitherto enjoyed.

Dr. Dawson is in the prime of life. He has all the qualities of the great orator. He is also a poet, and an author of world-wide reputation. His triology on English literature, the Makers of English Poetry, Prose and Fiction, has attained a very wide sale, and has been pronounced by leading literary journals of the States one of the most able books of literary criticism in modern literature. He has published two volumes of poetry, four volumes of fiction and many books on religion. His book, "The Evangelistic Note," is on the shelves of multitudes of ministers, and has had a great influence on pulpit methods and ideals, as well as on the general religious thought of the time.

Interesting Letters.

The congregation will be interested, I am sure, in a letter from a Swiss friend of Mrs. Grammer:

Lausanne, le 5 janvier, 1919.

Votre bonne lettre m'est parvenue un ou deux jours après l' envoi de la mienne. Le "Parish News" est arrive quelques jours plus tard. Il m'a vivement interessée, d' autant plus que c'est le premier journal americain de ce genre qui me soit tombé entre les mains. Merci de me l' avoir envoye.

Une chose que j'ai notée en le lisant, c'est l'activité que la Paroisse de Saint-Etienne deploie dans toutes sortes de domaines; elle me parait être une grande famille dont tous les membres sont solidaires les uns des autres. Quant aux lettres du front, elles ne font, helas! que confirmer ce que onus savons deja des crimes épouvantables commis par les représentants de la "Kultur." Il faudra decidément envoyer des missionnaires en Allemagne pour l' evangeliser à nouveau!

Le President Wilson est en ce moment à Rome ou on peut dire qui il a fait une entrèe triomphale. Pendant la guerre, a-t-on assez entendu rèpèter que nous assistions a "la faillite du Christianisme"! Eh bien! le rèsultat de la Guerre Mondiale c'est au contraire le triomphe des preceptes de Jèsus-Christ, quisque l'homme à qui tous les peuples règardent en ce moment est un chrétien authentique, le President Wilson.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

Your letter of October 14th unfortunately was not forwarded to me because my return was expected in November. My work as Commissioner in France for the American Women's Hospitals, which is the War Service Committee of the Women's National Medical Association, was not completed until the middle of January, therefore I could not sail for home until January 18th.

Miss Julia MacAlister assisted me in organizing two hospitals and thirteen dispensaries in the Aisne—one of the devastated regions of France. We had our headquarters in Paris, but the work of organization and inspection took us through many interesting places, such as Chateau-Thierry, Villers-Cotteret, Soissons, Dormans and Rheims, and we spent some time with our unit at the hospital at Luzancy. We were happy to join with our Allies in rejoicing at the overthrow of our enemies, the Central Powers.

With best wishes I am

Very sincerely yours,

Caroline M. Purnell.

Church Periodical Club.

February 14, 1919.

St. Stephen's Church,
19 S. 10th Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you sincerely for your generous donation of magazines to the City Mission. I assure you they are greatly appreciated by those in hospitals and convalescent homes.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. Cresson McHenry,
General Secretary.

Base Chaplain's Office,
A. P. O. 716,
Amer. Ex. Forces, France.
Jan. 16, 1919.

My dear Miss Smith:

Will you please thank the good people of St. Stephen's Church for the magazines and papers that have come to me for the men I have worked with; they were always very acceptable.

I am now at the port of Brest and I expect to be

here perhaps for a long time, as we are busy getting the boys home.

All good wishes for the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

F. C. ARMSTRONG,
Chaplain, U. S. Army.

Griffin, Ga.,
February 19, 1919.

Dear Miss Smith:

I've just reached home, to find your very kind letter, and also leaflets. Please accept my sincere thanks; leaflets are very useful to me.

I have marked in red a few books, from list you offer, and I'm returning same today.

I am also very thankful for Sunday School books sent.

The Bishop has recently appointed me Archdeacon of the colored work, and I have now a number of small missions to which I am able to lend some of the leaflets and books sent me.

I am very grateful for your kindness, and beg that you accept my thanks.

I am, always, most respectfully,

Your servant,

E. L. Braithwaite.

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June	1—Miss Dutilh.	Dec.	7—Mrs. Atmore and Miss S. Eisenbrey.
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	22—Miss Bright.		25—Christmas.
	29—Mr. C. H. Colket.		26—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
			28—Miss Emily Bell.

Musical Program

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MARCH 2ND.

11:00 A. M.

"Come Unto Me"..... *Maunder*

8:00 P. M.

Nunc Dimittis ..... *Tours*
"The Lord is King"..... *McCollin*
"These Are They"..... *Gaul*

MARCH 9TH.

11:00 A. M.

Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Beethoven*
"Seek Ye the Lord"..... *Roberts*

8:00 P. M.

"Praise the Lord"..... *Wood*
"I Will Sing"..... *Rossini*
"Be Merciful"..... *Sydenham*

MARCH 16TH.

11:00 A. M.

"God is a Spirit"..... *Bennett*

8:00 P. M.

Bonum est ..... *Salvyce*
"Beside the Cross"..... *Gounod*
"As Pants the Hart"..... *Spohr*

MARCH 23RD.

11:00 A. M.

Te Deum, E flat ..... *Buck*
"Jubilate"..... *Smart*
"I Waited for the Lord"..... *Mendelssohn*

8:00 P. M.

Cantate Dominum ..... *Buck*
"Lord be Gracious"..... *Rossini*
"Souls of the Righteous"..... *Noble*

MARCH 30TH.

11:00 A. M.

Te Deum ..... *Tours*
Jubilate ..... *McCollin*

8:00 P. M.

Bonum est ..... *Gouvy*
"Heavenly Father"..... *Himmel*
"Consider and Hear Me"..... *Pflueger*

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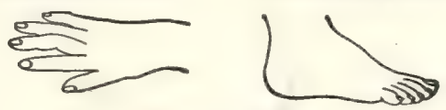

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The Regular Sunday Services During Lent Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the month, and
10:15 A. M. on all other Sundays in Lent.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Keehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. F. S. Ginther.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

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SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

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Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

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Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
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TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson, Miss Bessie Haun.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 6.—Fifth (Passion) Sunday in Lent.
13.—Sunday next before Easter (Palm).
14.—Monday before Easter.
15.—Tuesday before Easter.
16.—Wednesday before Easter.
17.—Maundy Thursday.
18.—Good Friday.
19.—Easter Even.
20.—Easter Day.
21.—Monday in Easter Week.
22.—Tuesday in Easter Week.
27.—First (Low) Sunday after Easter.
May 29.—Ascension Day.
June 8.—Whitsunday.
15.—Trinity Sunday.

Holy Week Services.

Monday.—10.30 A. M. Noonday.
Tuesday.—10.30. A. M. Noonday.
Wednesday.—10.30 A. M. Noonday.
8.00 P. M. Musical Service.
Maundy Thursday.—..... Noonday.
10.30 A. M. Holy Communion.
5.00 P. M. Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M. Holy Communion.
Good Friday.—10.30 A. M. Noonday.
Easter Even.— ..... Noonday.
Easter Day.—8 A. M. Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M. Morning Prayer.
Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M. Evening Prayer.

Speakers for Lenten Noonday Services.

March 31st to April 4th.—Rev. Clifford Gray Twombly, D.D., St. James' Church, Lancaster, Pa.
April 5.—Rev. Joseph H. Earp, Philadelphia, Pa.
April 7 to 11, inc.—Rev. W. J. Dawson, D.D., First Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J.
April 12.—Rev. T. Leslie Gossling, St. Matthias, Philadelphia.
April 14 to 18, inc.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D, St. Stephen's.
April 19.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, St. Stephen's.

Parish Register.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 1.—Elmer Christian Long and Velma Ida Watson.
3.—Harry G. Clark and Edna H. Macoun.
8.—Albert Dexter and Jeanetta L. Collar.
17.—Clarence B. Comer and Marjorie Fidella Raymond.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

March 2.—Henrietta Louise Weider.
Anne Elizabeth Eastwood.

CONFIRMED.

March 4.—Lawrence L. Smith.
Miss Adaline Helen Turner.
Miss Edith Shade.
Miss Elsie Wilmott.
Miss Florence Smith.
Miss Jeanette Milligan.
Miss Mary Preston.
Miss Harriett Smith.
Mrs. Amelia H. Mertz.
Mrs. Minnie Scherzer.
Miss Mary Stetler.
Miss Henrietta L. Weider.
Mrs. Wm. Brantley Ellis.
Miss Irene McGinty.
Miss Martha W. O'Brien.
Miss Zella Clift.

Offerings Received from Quinquagesima, March 2, 1919, to the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30th, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$70 96	
Bishop's Fund	14 08	
Parochial Maintenance	92 44	
Colored Missions	71 80	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	62 16	
Missionary Box	18 88	
Missionary Box, Noonday Services	182 18	
		$512 50
Envelope System:		
Charities	$113 25	
Parochial Maintenance	184 97	
Missions	117 55	
St. Stephen's Farm	5 00	
Our Work Among Boys	10	
Benevolent Society	1 10	
Episcopal Hospital	1 00	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	10	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 15	
Diocesan Missions	80 80	
Foreign Missions	10	
Colored Missions	29 43	
Missionary Box	35 21	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	42 75	
Daily Vacation Bible School	05	
Sunday School	05	
St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School	2 00	
		$614 61
		$1,127 11

RECAPITULATION.

Charities	$184 21	
Parochial Maintenance	277 41	
Missions	117 55	
St. Stephen's Farm	5 00	
Our Work Among Boys	10	
Benevolent Society	1 10	
Episcopal Hospital	1 00	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	10	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 15	
Diocesan Missions	80 80	
Foreign Missions	10	
Colored Missions	101 23	
Missionary Box	236 27	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	104 91	
Bishop's Fund	14 08	
Daily Vacation Bible School	05	
Sunday School	05	
St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School	2 00	
		$1,127 11

FREDERICK B. KEABLE,
Treasurer.

Contributions for Diocesan Missions Received Since March 31.

A Friend (2nd)	$50 00
A. Claxton Musselman	5 00
Mrs. J. Heberton	5 00
Miss Cornish	5 00
Miss E. L. Williamson	5 00
From January 1, 1919, to March 31, total contributions from all sources for Diocesan Missions	$742 25

Special Service.

On Wednesday in Holy Week at eight o'clock the choir will render Maunder's "From Olivet to Calvary." Special attention is called to this musical service.

Illustrated Lecture.

Tuesday, April 8th, Miss MacAlister will give an illustrated talk on "Experiences in France," to the Mother's Meeting. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Rector's Letter.

My Dear Parishioners:

In Longfellow's poem on Agassiz he represents Nature as ever leading her pupil into new paths of endeavor.

> "'Come, wander with me,' she said,
> 'Into regions yet untrod,
> And read what is still unread
> In the manuscripts of God.'"

Divine Providence is leading us all in exactly the same way. Certainly for St. Stephen's new avenues of usefulness are opening up on every side. The attendance at the noonday services has been so large, and there have been so many girls in offices around us who are making a practice of coming in on stated days that I believe it would be worth while to open every Wednesday for just such a service. It would be a service of song, devotion and exhortation. In order to ascertain the mind of the Lenten noonday attendants, and of the congregation, cards will be placed in the pews, and all who would be willing to attend such a service with reasonable frequency will be requested to sign. I do not want the signatures of people who would like the services to be attended by other people. I used to have in one of my parishes a group that were very strenuous about a communion service at half past seven on a certain Sunday morning. They thought that the parish would be absolutely defective in its schedule of services unless that half past seven communion service was held on certain days. But those people never came themselves. They wanted to feel that the minister was up having that service with a few devout women. Now I do not wish people to sign in that spirit. We want them to sign because they will sometimes attend, and if there should be any indication on the card as to how often they could attend, whether twice a month, or regularly, it would be an assistance in deciding as to the right course. I should begin by making these addresses myself, and Mr. Keable and I between us would hold the fort for a while; but eventually we should call in the assistance of other ministers as we do in Lent. As Henry James said of Stevenson, "There is nothing that attracts as much as freshness and variety." We are singularly well situated for such a service, and we ought to avail ourselves of our opportunity.

As the attendance of the enlisted men upon our Club diminishes with the approach of peace, it is necessary to decide what we shall do with the Club. It would be a great pity that a group of people who have learned to work together so harmoniously should disband. Some reorganization will be necessary, of course, and some readjustment, but we ought to be able out of Old St. Stephen's Club to fashion an organization that will be permanent. As soon as prohibition goes into effect there will be a great need for clubs. I am very anxious to open a forum every Thursday evening under the auspices of St. Stephen's Club. Undoubtedly when men cease to befuddle their brains with liquor, they will wish to talk more about the problems of civilization. In that sense it is probable that the stopping of the sale of vodka helped on the Russian Revolution. A man who is a drunkard may injure his own family, but he can't conduct much of a revolution, for he usually winds up in the gutter; but a bad man who is kept sober can spread his wild vagaries abroad. We must undertake the additional task thrust upon us by prohibition. We must provide men with other amusements, we must guide these untrained thinkers into right lines of thought. Nothing is more helpful than free discussion. There are many foolish notions that are revealed in their folly as soon as they are stated in public, but pass themselves off as solid grounds for conduct when they are cherished in secret. It is no argument against prohibition to say that the abolition of the saloon brings special responsibilities and perils. It is only an illustration of the truth of Christ's parable: When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man his nature is swept and garnished, and seven other worse spirits will enter in unless the vacant house be occupied.

I wish we had a more adequate equipment. For example, we ought to have on our roof a cage such as that on top of the building formerly occupied by the Delancey School on Pine Street, so that the boys could play basket ball without tearing a room to pieces. But if our equipment is poor, our location is splendid, and that is half the battle, as we have discovered. Moreover, we

have a fine group of workers. We cannot expect to have the moving picture people continue to give us free films, but that is not really much of a disadvantage. We can have our young people give little performances. We ought to be able to get up a band of musicians. I have been amazed that we have not been more successful in organizing a glee club. I offered free music lessons on one occasion to the Girls' Friendly for such a club, but for some reason or other they did not take an interest in it. Perhaps if we had a glee club of boys and girls, it would be more successful; or we might start a community sing.

It is a question that I would like to talk over with the men of the church whether we ought not to merge our St. Andrew's Brotherhood into a St. Stephen's Club of this sort. I found in Norfolk that the young men of my congregation were unwilling to take the St Andrew's Brotherhood vow. I made a great success of a brotherhood of my own, molded along the lines of the parish's need. There are advantages in being connected with an organization that extends throughout the nation, but there are also disadvantages, inasmuch as a large organization is all the time making heavy demands for contributions or delegates, and endeavoring to mold each part into a standard form. As I keep saying over and over again, but cannot emphasize too much, the real strength of St. Stephen's is derived from the uniqueness of its position theologically and spiritually. We stand for a liberal theology and a free progressive spirit. Our relation to the general Church is very much like the relation of the private school to the public school system. The public school system cannot make experiments and break into new fields in the same way that a private school can. Each has its own merits, and each has its own function.

I have been very much gratified at learning from the verger that all the copies of the pamphlet "Concerning Charter Revision" have been taken by the members of the congregation. I hope that they will read it carefully, and that they will also sign the card on the inside of the back cover. If you will send a card to the committee, assuring them of your support that will be a help; it will be a still greater help if you will write to your senator or representative at Harrisburg. At the hearing the other day State Senator Vare, who presided, said that very few petitions for charter revision had been received by the representatives. The chart on the inside of the front cover gives the representatives from the Philadelphia districts, and also the eight State senators. By a little study you can ascertain who is your representative and who is your senator.

Everyone assumed that it was right for the churches to advocate war against the oppressors of Europe. Now if it is right for the Church to cry aloud and spare not and rouse up its members to resist wrongdoing and injustice in Europe, how can we be excused if we do not protest against wrongdoing and injustice in our own city? Shall we care for the sufferings of the Belgians and the people of Northern France and of Servia, and care nothing for the children in our streets, without adequate playgrounds, or for our poor living in fearfully unsanitary homes, or for the evil influence upon our young of seeing manifestly unjust methods condoned in our administration and manifestly improper arrangements, such as having a political boss as the chief contractor of our city, supinely acquiesced in? When unscrupulous and indelicate men are, by reason of their unscrupulousness, indelicacy and moral toughness, allowed to prosper, the whole community is perverted and injured. Youth sees the unscrupulous flourishing like a bay tree whose leaf is not allowed to wither but is replenished by constant streams from the public treasury. We owe it to morals and we owe it to religion to exert the influence of the churches in behalf of civic righteousness. It is difficult to decide exactly on the method. If every clergyman would stir up his people, and every church member would vote with an enlightened conscience, there would be a new Philadelphia at the next election. It is a crying shame that the smallest proportion of voters is found in the wards where the churches are numerous—I mean in proportion to the number of assessed voters, who might exercise the privilege—and the largest proportion is found where the saloons abound. There cannot be the slightest doubt that Christianity has been too much interpreted as a religion of prudent self-seeking, and that we have not realized sufficiently that it is a religion of love, of service, and of thoughtfulness for others. The God of love has not so made the world that the path of wisdom can be found by this simple rule of selfishness that if everybody looks out for himself, the total result will be the best result for all. That is the clubman's philosophy; if everybody is selfish the world will be wisely guided. But that is inconceivable for the Author of the world is a Being of love. It is absolutely opposed to the experience of the race, for if selfishness were universal, the race would soon die out. Civilization will come to an end unless love abounds, as life perished on the moon when the atmosphere was taken away.

I am profoundly grateful to those who have been helping me in securing signatures on the attendants' cards. About 125 people have signed these cards, and every Sunday we gain some new signatures and some new members. A church ought to be a place of ingathering. Its Captain came to this world to seek and to save, and to carry out His commands we must be animated by the same spirit. Only in a few instances have I known people to be angry because others took an interest in their welfare, or were anxious to bring them into the organization. I hope that we will be able to have a band of associate members of two hundred, and I should like to see a hundred people join the Wednesday band of worshippers. I ought to state that on these Wednesdays after Lent the bells will be rung beforehand, just as at the Lenten service, and the doors opened to invite the passer-by.

On the evening of April 23rd, the first Wednesday after Easter, at eight o'clock, we will have a reception for those who have signed the attendants' cards, and also for those who have recently associated themselves with the church. It is especially desired that this date be reserved. Inasmuch as the Sunday School building is occupied by Old St. Stephen's Club, the reception will be held in the Parish Building. There will be an informal gathering in the Guild Room, above the Vestry, and at half past nine there will be some light refreshments. The vestrymen and their families will be requested to act as a reception committee.

In a few Sundays the envelopes in our present packages will be exhausted, and the new system will go into effect. We had hoped to get it out earlier, but with as widely scattered a congregation as ours it was impossible to make the change sooner, and it was thought better to let the present envelopes run out. The new system will only extend from Easter to the end of January, in order that from that time on our parish year may correspond with our diocesan fiscal year. I am very much indebted to the committee for the thorough way in which it has done its work, and also to the congregation for the kindly spirit in which it has responded. We want to put the finances of the church on a sound basis, but we also wish the giving to be cheerful and free and truly Christian giving. Gifts ought not to be forced out of people by external pressure, but ought to be the willing response of a grateful heart, anxious to help on the good cause. I am sure that the committee endeavored to bring the matter before you in that spirit: "Let every man give as he is disposed in his own heart," but we see no reason why he should not tell us beforehand what his heart will dispose him to do. I am confident that the offering will be enough to wipe out the debt, and I hope that we will be able to put our finances on a sound basis for the future.

Miss Magee has made so many gifts that we are in danger of failing to acknowledge them adequately. I cannot allow the costly improvement that she has made in her window to pass without due acknowledgment. In the renovation and redecoration of the church all the gallery windows were protected by an additional pane on the outside, after the fashion in which the Tiffany Studios protect their windows. Miss Magee's great double window, however, which was put up by an English firm in the day of Dr. Rudder, after the design of the famous pre-Raphaelite, Henry Halliday, was entirely unprotected from the weather, and the leaden framework which supports the glass had been sadly injured by the elements—the whole window has suffered

from exposure. Miss Magee turned the window over to the Tiffany Studios for renovation. It has been restored to its original freshness of color and releaded and is now protected by an outside glass. It is a glorious window and a great adornment to the church.

I ought also to mention that Miss Magee has generously placed screens around the radiators to prevent the heat from staining the walls by the dust that is carried up. We are very fortunate in having such a friend and helper as Miss Anna Magee, as I am sure that the congregation realizes.

Last month Miss Julia C. MacAlister gave an address before the Girls' Friendly Society, telling of her experiences in France. The lecture was illustrated by pictures which belong to Dr. Purnell, who was Miss MacAlister's chief. They went out to France together to inspect the hospital work conducted by the Woman's Medical Colleges of the United States, which served the French inhabitants of the war region. I was so much delighted with the address and the pictures that I requested Miss MacAlister to repeat the lecture before the Mothers' Meeting. She has kindly consented to do so on Tuesday, April 8th, at 8 o'clock. The ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

Last Sunday the music of the Jubilate was the composition of Miss McCollin, one of our congregation. It occurred to me as I heard it that I would like to get up a little booklet for the Wednesday Band of Worshippers, with hymns and music that can only be heard at St. Stephen's, the compositions of members of the congregation. For example there is Selden Miller's setting for "Come, My Soul, Thou Must Be Waking," and Miss Edwards' hymn, which ought not to be lost. Take these two stanzas:

"Christian soul! Great days await thee;
Consecrate thee
To the task that nearest lies.
Question not that God will use thee,
Nor refuse thee
Blessings on thy sacrifice.

"Walk not thou as one benighted,
Nor affrighted;
Where the foolish see no God,
Thine to glimpse the fiery column,
Thine the solemn
Comfort of His staff and rod."

Then, again, Selden Miller's tune for "Saviour, When Night Involves the Skies," should be made more widely known. I would like some more verses written. I wish some of the members of the congregation would try to write a hymn. I tried my hand on an ode recently, but as Mr. Thunder and I could not get our spirits quite in tune on the matter, nothing came of it. To show that I have been trying along these lines, let me quote my tribute to France:

Great Sister Commonwealth, we hail
With swelling breast thy high renown,
That wide on every breeze is blown.
Freedom to thee is Holy Grail,
And thou hast freedom nobler shown.
Freemen to freemen holding true
As subjects to an ancient crown,
Have blazoned Freedom's shield anew.
Great Sister Commonwealth, we hail
With grateful thanks thy high renown.

Our freedom grew on English soil,
Wrought out by centuries of toil.
Like lightning thine from Heaven fell down,
With earthquake and with storm.
With love of thee our hearts are warm,
By crosses marking many a mound
Where sleep our boys on holy ground,
Thy land is ours,
Thy land is ours,
And thine are all this country's powers.

In England the Nonconformists believe in freedom in prayer, but they adopted a standard hymnology. The Church of England believed in standards of prayer but preserved freedom in hymnology; a result of that freedom in song has been a great development of hymnology in England. In the United States the Episcopal Church adopted standards in hymnology as well as standards in prayer, and the result has been that our Church has contributed very little to the hymnology of the world, and the fountains of creative energy have been choked. A church like the Temple Church, London, has its own hymnal, and our own church (for I have always thought of St. Stephen's as occupying in Philadelphia a position very much the same as the Temple Church in London) should have a hymnal of its own; of course, chiefly based on the great hymnologies, but with hymns that were written by members of the congregation. It is through such individual hymnologies that the total mass of English hymns has continued to grow.

One of our great sources of encouragement is the fine attendance at our Sunday night service, which is about as large as the morning attendance. I am hopeful that it will continue to improve. For the past two seasons, by reason of improvements the church was not open until near Christmas. We, therefore, began the season with a great handicap. I anticipate that next season we will be able to do even better than this. Undoubtedly the beautiful improvements given us by Miss Magee have been of great assistance. They are not merely ornaments and decorations; they are also attractions and instruments of power. I wish we had a better entrance to the church. I never saw a church of as much importance as ours with so insignificant an approach. On Sunday mornings in the wintertime the central doors are closed, and the people creep in like ants into an ant-heap. The approach is especially uninviting at night, and the front of the church is badly lighted.

Due notice will be given of the Parish Meeting, which the congregation will remember I aim to hold on the second Wednesday of May, a fixed date, so that the meetings will be a year apart, and not subject to the fluctuations of Easter. May is the traditional month for great church meetings.

I ought not to close without expressing my gratitude for the splendid attendance at the Lenten services. Not for years have we had such a constant large attendance. I am anticipating the largest for many years during the week when the Rev. Dr. Dawson will be with us. He may be known to the novel-reading public and to those who read war books, chiefly as the father of Coningsby Dawson, but without any derogation from the literary fame of the son, I think I may say that the father is a writer of greater distinction. His "Life of Christ" is a book written with glowing eloquence and large knowledge. He is an essayist of high standing and a lecturer of established fame, both in England and America. He is the pastor of a large church in Newark, and a man of great literary versatility. We are very fortunate in having him with us.

I want to say a closing word. The old-fashioned preachers used to have a regular sequence: "Lastly—one word more—in conclusion," and this will be my concluding paragraph. A number of persons who have signed the attendance cards have expressed the desire to become communicant members of St. Stephen's Church. I shall endeavor to collect them in a class and see if I can have an additional visitation from the Bishop. These are days for letting down the bars and letting people in easily; I do not mean on easy moral terms, but I mean on liberal doctrinal and ritual terms. The important matter in belief is not the extent but the depth of one's faith. It is of very little assistance to a man to hold, with a feeble grasp, a large, well thought-out system of theology; whereas it is a veritable sheet anchor to believe earnestly some simple articles of the faith, such as that there is an over-ruling Providence, or that God is our friend, or that there is a moral government in the world and that we shall eventually reap what we sow. Take this last conviction. A man may hold that with very vague beliefs about heaven and hell. For example, he may think that hell is only a reformatory, but if he believes it is an experience to be dreaded and avoided, that is enough. If he believes with strength he has an impetus toward right doing, and if he believes that heaven is infinitely desirable he has another inducement to struggle against his lower nature. I am in favor of a church of much intellectual liberality, and believe that such liberality is absolutely safe, **provided there is also moral strenuousness.**

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Presentation of the United Offering.

The Annual Service with the Presentation of the United Offering, will be held on Thursday in Easter Week, April 24th, at 10.30 A. M. There will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion, and the Rector of St. Stephen's will preach the sermon.

It is requested that the whole congregation will be present.

Anna J. Magee, Treasurer.

If twenty-two dollars more are received by April 17th, for the United Offering, this will be the banner year. I suggest that the husbands, brothers, sweethearts of the members of the Women's Auxiliary help them make this a banner year by contributing the above amount.—F. B. K.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-five members present at the March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. An unusual amount of work was reported by the committees of boxes of clothing, magazines and money given during the last month by the members of St. Stephen's Branch.

Miss Magee has collected $400.23 for the United Offering.

After the regular work was completed Mrs. Lucas gave us a most interesting outline of Diocesan work. The Diocese of Philadelphia includes Philadelphia and Chester and Montgomery, Delaware and Bucks counties. There are sixty-four thousand Episcopalians in the district with 143 Parish buildings and eighty institutions to be supported.

B. E. Hollar, Secy.

To the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church:

Dear Ladies:

The box received a few days ago. Mr. ———— is very much pleased with the nice warm coat you sent.

The sweater is very nice. Marion claims it; says she has wanted a sweater "always." She will be fourteen in June, but is as large as a girl of sixteen. She grows so fast, is tall and broad, weighs 130.

The records we can all claim. So there was no dispute there. We were delighted to get the records. Music drives away all cares. I don't know how I could have gotten along all these weeks without it. Time is beginning to hang so heavy. My foot seems so slow in getting strong, but I guess it just needs time for broken ankles, so there is nothing else to do but smile and wait.

I have planned to do so much during Lent. The Guild has stopped. The choir has fallen away. Waiting for me. How lovely it would be if we only had three or four women who have been raised in the church and love it, to help us. These people never attended any church. They say they have lived all these years without a church and they can't see that they need one now. There are a few families who come and try to take an interest, but it is so new to them.

The majority of the people's standard of morals is very low. They dance till 4 and 5 o'clock Sunday morning, and play cards all day Sunday. I could write all night, but fear it would not be very interesting to you. Since dear Bishop Funsten died it seems more desolate and lonely here than ever. He was the dearest and best Bishop. Thank you again. God bless the "Auxiliary of St. Stephen's."

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Will S. J.

The writer of the foregoing letter asked for second-hand clothing that could be made over for children. The appeal met with an instantaneous response, for in five days a box of both new and partly worn clothing was on its way. The Missionary Box Committee could make good use of many more garments; and by the way, if you will contribute some of those Victrola records which you think would please the "folk out there," they will also be appreciated, as the following extract from another letter will show:

"We were so glad for those records the ladies sent. That little old machine is the thing that keeps us alive. I love music so; have never had half enough of it. I have never heard any of the great singers. I can only sit and dream of what they must be like."

Finish the Job

Finish the Job will be the slogan for the Fifth and Last Liberty Loan. We did not begin the war, but we were in it, and helped to bring it to a speedy end. We all prayed for Victory, and the Victory has been given to us and our Allies. The Boys went "over the top." Now it is up to us to send the last bond issue over the top, and bring the Boys back to Home, Sweet Home. If we really believe in Government of the People, by the People, for the People, we can prove it by depositing as much money as we possibly can in the Greatest Savings Bank in the World; the Bank whose officers we ourselves elect. The Government's honor is, after all, our own honor, and we surely do not intend to let the bills incurred during the war remain unpaid. Thus it is a choice between Government Loans or Taxes. A loan to the Government means your money back at maturity with interest paid semi-annually. Taxes never come back, nor do they pay interest.

A committee of St. Stephen's will be in the Parish House daily during the campaign from 10 A. M. till 12.30 to receive your subscription blanks. Now, then, all together for the Victory Loan.

C. E. G.,
F. B. K.

Mondays. April 21, 28, May 5.—Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Lucas.

Tuesdays. April 22, 29, May 6.—Mrs. D. R. Harper, Miss Crawford.

Wednesdays. April 23, 30, May 7.—Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. E. W. Moore.

Thursdays. April 24, May 1, 8.—Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Miss Laura Bell.

Fridays. April 25, May 2, 9.—Mrs. Keable, Mrs. C. W. McKeehan.

Saturdays. April 26, May 3, 10.—Miss H. L. Shewell, Miss I. Davis.

Miss Alverta Van Dusen, who is in charge, and Rev. Mr. Keable will be at the Parish House daily.

Victory Loan

During the Fourth Liberty Loan St. Stephen's did not have a fair chance; the church, Sunday School, Burd School and Boy's Club all being closed on account of the epidemic. A feeble effort was made through personal notes, to which a generous response was made. Now let us see what the whole Parish can do for the Victory Loan. Secretary Glass says it will be the last. Such sayings as, "The War is over," "Can't subscribe," "I've done enough," "Let the banks do it," "I don't approve of this or that," are simply German propaganda, or, to say the least, poisonous gas!

You are not asked to give, you are simply asked to place all the money you can in the best savings bank in the world—the United States Government. —A. V. D.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

On March 3rd the Talent Fund was turned in by the members, and the result far exceeded that of any other year. Two hundred and forty-three dollars were given for missionary and charitable work—a splendid result. Fifty balls of rags for a rag carpet were also brought in. This carpet was to be given as a surprise to Miss Dale for the Farm.

On March 17th Miss Julia MacAlister gave a most interesting lecture, illustrated with stereopticon views, "My Experiences in France." Miss MacAlister was with the Woman's American Hospital Unit, and has kindly consented to repeat the lecture on Tuesday, April 8th.

The Society has suffered a loss in the death on Friday, March 28th, of Miss Mary J. Nutt. Miss Nutt was a faithful and devoted member for many years and by her kindly manner had endeared herself to all the girls.

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

Interest received from estate of Mrs. William Patton, through Mr. Hnuter Ewing, $34.15.

This Circle will have its next meetings

April 2nd and April 16th, in Guild Room, Parish House, quarter of eight o'clock.

Owing to the bad weather and sickness the work for the Home Missionary Society has been put back, but we hope to finish it by the end of Lent.

Shoe Fund.

Money received for shoes, $5.00. Have given out in March about 24 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

It is very amusing this year to see the children, how very particular they are with the fit of their shoes, and they twist their little feet all around and wonder if they are tight enough. You might think they were paying eight and ten dollars a pair.

The boys are as particular as the girls. I quite enjoy it.

List of Signers of Attendants' Cards.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bauer, Miss Elizabeth L. Haun, Miss Helen L. Showell, Mrs. Frances S. Ginther, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberts, Mrs. Charlotte E. Stapler, Miss Bessie L. Marks, Mrs. Emma Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hector McNeal, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Blackwell, Miss Josie T. Thurgate, John C. Stone, A. M. Babbitt, Mr. H. C. Whitmore, Mrs. Wm. K. Backey, F. F. Holt, Paul R. James, Milton Knoles, Miss N. F. Raymond, Miss Nannie G. Hauss, Miss Maud Pratt, Mr. Walter S. Eddy, Miss E. Cowan, Miss E. J. Githens, Mrs. Charles S. Leviness, Miss Marjorie Leviness.

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Letter from One of Our Boys.

France, March 2d, 1919.

My dear Mr. ————

Your letter received last week and was surely glad to hear from you but owing to the fact that Base —— was ordered away quickly and I have been awfully busy helping the property officer straighten out his property, I have not had the opportunity to answer.

Being a class "D" patient and unfit for duty I was transferred to Base ——, still waiting orders home. I don't believe I ever wrote you that this was to be a 15,000 bed hospital center, but at the time the armistice was signed there were only five of the ten base hospitals here, namely 47, 61, 77, 80 and 96. They are now going to turn it into, in fact, it already is, a university center. They intend to have 40,000 students here. Only one hospital will be established, that is 77. Eighty was ordered to Mons and then split up, the officers and men being ordered to other units.

Am feeling O. K. but I just want to get away from the game. As long as I stay in it I will remember the wounded being brought in and the apparent uselessness of such a sacrifice of individuals. One day we had two trains of 600 patients come in, wounded, gassed and ill, and there seemed so little you could do for them. I was Supply Officer and while we had a fair equipment there were many things the doctors said we needed that I could not get.

At this end all the glory of war was gone and we saw the sordid details. The reaction from the excitement of battle had come and it was no longer an army, but just wounded, gassed and sick individual boys, the majority of whom were beginning to wonder what it was all about and a doubt to enter as to whether it was worth while. We received them at their worst stage; they were dirty, cootie-infected, and their physical sufferings overbalanced and numbed their spirit. The greater percentage by far after they had been bathed, shaved and deloused, regained the spirit that has made the American, Canadian and Australian famous, feared and hated —others would lie in a stupor for days.

None of them who have been through it will fear anything in this life. This war has made more men believe in God and the future than all the preaching they would hear in their lives. It will be a new class of men and women people at home will have to deal with. They know camouflaging in all its phases, human and nature, and as far as they are concerned the day of your petty politician, fake social reformer, etc., is over.

If labor conditions in the States are as they are quoted in the French editions of American papers, there will be trouble unless it is remedied by Fall. Germany and Austria are going through it now, England will be next and America, unless something is done. France will not in all probability, as her population has been so greatly depleted and more of her population being engaged in agriculture, there will be places for all of them.

They cannot expect to take a boy from his home, pet him, praise him, instill him with the idea he is making a sacrifice for their sake, send him off with a blare, let him go through battle, send him home, give him a great welcome for a week and forget that he needs work, forget him altogether. There will come a period of play for him and realizing he is forgotten he is going to do a little thinking and thoughts of idle boys, especially these boys who fear nothing, will mean trouble. To-day he is in a condition where he believes in God and the people at home, but to be kept this way he must have work to do when his period of play is over.

Please don't think this is Bolshevism or Socialism I have turned to, both of these I despise, but I have taken the viewpoint of those boys who were at the Front, listened to their delirious ravings and talked with them when they were convalescing, and when they were well, and am putting myself in their places.

Have not heard from Henry. As I told you in my last letter I wrote him. I sure am glad he came through all right.

It has rained here for about ten days straight and is fairly teeming now.

Please remember me to my friends, with kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. ————, and with hopes of seeing you all soon, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Musical Program

APRIL 6th.

11.00 A. M.—
"He Was Despised" ..... *Haendel*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis in B flat ..... *Stainer*
"Hymn of the Apostles" ..... *Gounod*

APRIL 13th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum E ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate E ..... *Mosenthal*
The Palms ..... *Faure*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
Jerusalem ..... *Parker*

SPECIAL SERVICE—APRIL 13th.

8.00 P. M.—
"From Olivet to Calvary" ..... *Maunder*

APRIL 20th.

Te Deum ..... *Parker*
Jubilate ..... *Parker*
Gloria ..... *Gounod*
"Unfold Ye Portals" ..... *Gounod*
(From "The Redemption")
Hallelujah Chorus.

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat ..... *Martin*
Nunc ..... *Martin*
Gloria ..... *Gounod*
"Rise, Crowned with Light" ..... *Rutenber*
"In the Beginning" ..... *Wood*
Hallelujah Chorus.

APRIL 27th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in G ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate in G ..... *Mosenthal*
"Thus Saith the Lord" ..... *Gaul*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat ..... *Stainer*
"The Radiant Morn" ..... *Woodward*

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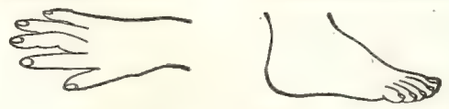

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10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
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President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.
Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.

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Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockius, Mrs. Hall, the Misses Davis, the Misses Wallace, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss A. J. Magee, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. C. W. Mc-

Keehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. F. S. Ginther.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
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Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 3607 Chestnut Street.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.

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INDIAN HOPE—Miss A. B. Townsend, Mrs. W. H Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Miss Farrell, Miss K. Meisse, Miss V. Zeilin.

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President—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
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BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, Miss Gebhart, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss H. Stephens.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mr. Theo. Hein.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson, Miss Bessie Haun.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin.
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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss A. B. Townsend.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

May 1.—St. Philip and St. James.
4.—Second Sunday after Easter.
11.—Third Sunday after Easter.
18.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.
25.—Fifth (Rogation) Sunday after Easter.
26.—Rogation Day.
27.—Rogation Day.
28.—Rogation Day.
29.—Ascension Day.
Whitsunday, June 8th.
Trinity Sunday, June 15th.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

April 27.—Culbertson Myers.
Phoebe Myers.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 9.—Harry W. Bauer and Lillian Kinder.
16.—George A. Queener and Mildred Hurff.
21.—Howard P. Merrifield and Gladys L. Hartman.
23.—Isaac Smith Raspin and Gertrude Carlisle Sausser.
26.—J. Raymond Kessler and Ada E. Stanford.

CHRISTIAN BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 5.—Mrs. Florence G. Talbot.
17.—George Mervine.

Offerings Received from Wednesday, April 2, to First Sunday after Easter, April 27, 1919, Inc.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:		
Charities	$ 81.80	
Missionary Box	65.30	
Parochial Maintenance	156.49	
City Missions	32.51	
St. Stephen's Farm	212.49	$ 548.59
Envelope System:		
Woman's Auxiliary	$ 1.05	
Charities	155.10	
Parochial Maintenance	219.86	
Missions	150.35	
St. Stephen's Farm	547.45	
Theological Education	28.03	
Our work among boys	2.79	
Benevolent Society	4.05	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	217.05	
Episcopal Hospital	.30	
Sunday School Christmas Festival,	5.78	
Domestic Missions	.20	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.30	
Diocesan Missions	1.20	
Foreign Missions	.35	
Colored Missions	17.70	
Missionary box	3.21	
Indian Missions	.80	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	30.94	
City Missions	35.81	
Deaconess House	1.00	
Sunday School	7.02	
Girls' Friendly Society	1.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.20	1,432.54

RECAPITULATION.

Woman's Auxiliary	$ 1.05
Charities	236.90
Parochial Maintenance	376.35
Missions	150.35
St. Stephen's Farm	759.94
Theological Education	28.03
Our work among boys	2.79
Benevolent Society	4.05
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	217.05
Episcopal Hospital	.30
Sunday School Christmas Festival..	5.78
Domestic Missions	.20
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.30
Diocesan Missions	1.20
Foreign Missions	.35
Colored Missions	17.70
Missionary box	68.51
Indian Missions	.80
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	30.94
City Missions	68.32
Deaconess House	1.00
Sunday School	7.02
Girls' Friendly Society	1.00
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.20
FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*	$1,981.13

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

The important feature of the month will be the Parish Meeting on Wednesday, May 14th. According to our charter only those who are pew-holders or renters of sittings are entitled to a vote at the election of the vestry. I am advised by lawyers that if we were to seek to change our charter some of our privileges might be lessened, and we might also have a conflict with the Convention. A new charter must be approved by the Convention and must also be approved by the courts. Now it is very difficult in Pennsylvania to get a charter that will satisfy these two parties. The Convention of the Diocese, under the influence of High Church theories and of the prevalent tendency to consolidate authority in a few hands, is always anxious to gain as much power as possible over the vestry. On the other hand, the policy of the State is that property is not to be controlled by the Convention, but is to be held and controlled by the corporation created by the State known as a vestry. The Convention has no corporate existence and is not allowed to hold property. These conflicting theories are seen again and again in our Convention in the failures of charters to go through in the form desired. So I have been advised by one of the highest authorities on such matters that it would not be wise to endeavor to amend our charter, and that the better plan would be to have it understood among ourselves that the pew-holders and pew-renters will simply delegate their function to a committee and that this committee will elect the vestry nominated by the attendants at the Parish Meeting.

In former years the vestry was regularly elected by a few of the vestrymen, who elected the old vestry year after year. Now the plan agreed upon by all of us is that at this Parish Meeting every renter of a sitting or pew and every envelope-user be requested to vote for the vestry. The people who are chosen by that meeting as their preference will thereupon be duly elected by the pew-holders. Arrangements of this kind, I learn, are very frequent in England, where there are old charters that would be difficult to change, and where new conditions require that a larger participation be given to the supporters of the enterprise. I hope I make it perfectly plain. Our church is no longer supported entirely by the income from the endowment and the pew rents, as was once the case. We now draw our income from three sources: the endowments, the pew rents and the envelopes, these last being the free-will offerings of the people. These last have been steadily increasing in importance, and the people who contribute through these envelopes are entitled to a voice in the affairs of the church. By the plan that I have just outlined this will be secured. Every contributor by this plan will take part in electing the body that manages the financial affairs of the church. They indicate their preference, and then a small committee will carry out their wishes.

I am looking forward with great interest to the reports. The meeting will be held in the guild room, where the reports can be heard, and it is hoped that they will be brief and explicit. I am curious to hear the report of the Special Committee on Finance that carried out the idea of the Every Member canvass, and tried to get such definite statistics as would enable us to make up a budget. The spirit of co-operation shown by the congregation I know was splendid. Zeal and co-operation will accomplish wonders. You remember the lines of Kipling:

"It ain't the guns nor armament nor fund that they can pay,
But the close co-operation that makes 'em win the day.
It ain't the individual nor the army as a whole,
But the everlastin' teamwork of every bloomin' soul."

It is a great source of gratitude that the deficit has been wiped off. It is bad for the morale of a church to get into the habit of drifting behind. I feel very strongly that we ought to do away with that special fund: that is, no small group ought to be asked to provide for a deficit. All of us together ought to raise enough money to maintain the church. But I will not anticipate the report of the committee.

The Sunday School celebration on the Sunday after Easter was such great success that it may now be considered an established custom in the parish that on that Sunday morning the children shall have their Easter celebration. Sermons for children seem to be popular with grown people. Perhaps it is their brevity that commends them. One of our city poets, Mr. Grif Alexander, was so much pleased with the singing of the children at our celebration that he wrote the following verses, which have appeared in *The Evening Ledger:*

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

The little children shyly rise
To sing their carols sweet;
Their song ascends to listening skies
And to the mercy seat.

Their treble, sweet as harp or lyre,
Enchants the listening ear;
The leader of the heavenly choir
Harks to their voices clear.

Upon his face there grows a smile
As sweet as flowers in spring;
He bids the angels rest awhile
To hear the children sing.

The Noonday Wednesday Service, after the model of the Noonday Lenten service, promises to be quite a success. On the first Wednesday after Easter one hundred and twenty-seven persons were present. It is impossible to have a successful midweek service down town at night, but I hope that this noonday service will serve the same purpose, and that the congregation as well as outsiders will use it.

Let me restate here my views in regard to the moving pictures on Sunday and the Victory Liberty Loan. Now that the war is over, as we are settling down to the usual tasks of peace, we discover that there is a great restlessness. I heard two business men talking over the labor situation. Both of them said that they had vacant places, but that the laborers were not willing to accept the old rate of wages. A struggle is going on between the sellers of commodities who cannot afford to conduct business at the old rates while labor is asking such high wages, and the wage-earners who cannot accept the old wages while the necessaries of life are being sold at such prices. The good Ship of State is being buffeted by these cross-currents. There is also a good deal of wild Bolshevism abroad. Mr. Scott Nearing is waging the red flag of rebellion, and talking like a wild man. At a time like this we need everything that can steady, calm and sustain. Now one of the most conservative influences in all the com-

munity is the Sunday day of rest, when people have leisure both from business and from dissipation, and are able to commune with their own hearts. I don't think that the value of this great day of rest can be exaggerated.

The chief foe of this sacred day is, of course, the spirit of gain. I think it is very important that people should learn to abhor any efforts to use the day for commercial purposes. In order to strengthen and conserve this feeling I have shrunk from having subscriptions taken for the Victory Loan on Sunday. The Government politely calls this a loan, but really it is an investment. I do not see why investments should be made on Sunday, especially as there is time enough in the week to make them; and if it is absolutely essential that sales should be made on Sunday, the banks should be opened for that purpose. As for the moving picture shows on Sunday for the sake of the loan, as long as they are free, I do not see my way to make any formal protest, because I am not opposed to the opening of art galleries on Sunday, nor to free concerts for the people on Sunday. Still, I think it very unfortunate the Government should be infringing our national custom of preserving this day for rest and devotion. The churches have deserved well of the country. Never has a government been more heartily supported by the pulpits of a country. They have justified the war to the conscience of the people, and they have done their utmost to raise the ideals of the country to a high level. I do not see why in a matter of this kind the desires of the churches should be disregarded. I feel very certain that if the Roman Catholic Church was as sensitive about Sunday as the Protestant churches are, nothing would have been done to shock the consciences of such a large body of religious people.

It seems to be inseparable from democracy that we should have a great many wild, unofficial utterances. Freedom of speech opens the door for folly as well as for wisdom. These Monday ministerial associations are not authoritative bodies, but they are groups of clergymen, and inasmuch as ministers are supposed to be moral experts and are people who are especially interested in public morals, it is inevitable that such associations should express their opinions at such times. One of our great troubles is that people of light and leading are too timid to express themselves; they often lie low in order to watch developments, and see which way the winds are blowing. In that way they become reflectors of opinion instead of shapers of the public mind. Dr. Arnold used to say that the temptations to timidity and laziness were so great that he would prefer to see a public man make a mistake rather than lie low at critical junctures.

We have been grateful for an unusually good Lent. All our speakers were helpful. The congregations were unusually good. I was particularly gratified myself that I was able to make so many addresses. My voice usually gives out before the close of Lent. I ascribe this greater strength in large part to the operation that I underwent last summer. I never made so many addresses in any Lent, not only speaking five times consecutively in Holy Week, but also making four other addresses in other weeks.

The services on Easter Day were very beautiful, and it was splendid to see the increased attendance. All during this winter the attendance has been steadily growing. For example, last Sunday night I had as many as we used to have on Sunday morning. It may be said that we have two different congregations every Sunday.

Before I close, let me urge all the members of the congregation, especially the pew-holders and envelope takers, to make a point of attending the Parish Meeting. I attach great importance to this annual gathering.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Sunday School.

For the second time the Sunday School held its Annual Service at 11 A. M. instead of 4 P. M., on the First Sunday after Easter. Those of us who were present know what an impressive service it was; but the little paper goes to many a home where the "shut-ins" eagerly turn over its pages to learn what has been going on in the Parish. For them these lines are written. The service began at 11 A. M., when the whole Sunday School marched in through the transept singing with cheerful voices "Welcome, Happy Morning." After the appropriate sentences of Scripture were read, the 145th Psalm was recited. The lesson was from the 20th chapter of St. John, and was followed by Phillips Brooks' carol, "God Hath Sent His Angels to the Earth Again." The Creed and Collects having been said, the Primary Department sang "'Tis Easter Time; Glad Easter Time." The singing of the children was indeed a delightful sound, for they sang as only children can sing.

The School and Congregation then sang a National Hymn, written in 1845 by James Russell Lowell. The tune is a quaint Welsh hymn melody:

Once to every man and nation,
Comes the moment to decide;
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side.
Some great cause, God's new Messiah,
Offering each the bloom or blight;
And the choice goes by forever,
'Twixt that darkness and that light.
Amen.

Then to side with truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust;
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
And 't is prosperous to be just.
Then it is the brave man chooses,
While the coward stands aside;
Till the multitude make virtue
Of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs,
Jesus' bleeding feet I track;
Toiling up new Calvaries ever
With the cross that turns not back.
New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet the truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong.
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown;
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own.

During the singing of this stately hymn, with slow and measured tread, Sailors and Boys of the School advanced along the centre aisle to the Altar Rail, bearing in order: The Church Flag; the Stars and Stripes, the British, French, Belgian, Serbian and Red Cross Flag. Immediately behind the Red Cross Banner marched five girls dressed as Red Cross nurses and bearing in their arms bunches of roses. The scene was very impressive. The flags were held aloft on the north and south sides of the altar rail.

Directly in front of the gate stood a large cross filled with white carnations, and outlined with a border of purple electric lights. As the Rector read the names of the members of our Parish who died in the service of the country in France, each girl laid her bunch of roses at the foot of the cross, a tribute to those who, like our Blessed Lord, died that others might live. Never shall we forget the sweetness of the bugle notes as Taps were sounded amid a breathless silence.

The sermon by the Rector, "Lessons from the Flowers," was a children's sermon, full of food for thought for young and old.

After the Sunday School offering had been received, it was announced that the school had contributed for Missions the splendid sum of $186.00. The recessional carol was "Golden Harps Are Sounding."

Many members of the congregation declared that it was one of the most impressive services they had ever attended. It was the Sunday School tribute to the Boys who will never come back, and the roses were sent to their homes as a token of remembrance. Now we are looking forward to a day, let us hope not far distant, when we can participate in a welcome home service for all our boys whose lives have been spared.

The Little House of St. Pantaleon.

The contribution on Easter Day for the Little House of St. Pantaleon amounted to $165.20, and two orphans were adopted, at the cost of $36.50 each, making a total of $238.20.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan.	5—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
	12—Misses Kirkpatrick.
	19—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	16—Miss Ernst.
Feb.	2—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
	9—Miss Gebhart.
	16—Miss Crawford.
	23—Miss Gebhart.
March	2—Miss M. Wallace.
	9—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
	16—Mrs. Brunner.
	23—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
	25—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	30—Dr. Grammer.
April	6—Mrs. Atmore.
	13—Palm Sunday.
	17—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	20—Easter.
	27—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
May	4—Miss Dutilh.
	11—Miss Townsend.
	18—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
	25—Miss Gregg.
	29—Miss Williamson.
June	1—Miss Dutilh.
	8—Mrs. Tourison
	15—Miss Gebhart.
	22—Miss Bright.
	29—Mr. C. H. Colket.
July	6—Mrs. Nicholson.
	13—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	20—Mrs. J. E. Grammer.
	20—Miss Lindenmayer.
	27—Mrs. Clayton.
Aug.	3—Mrs. Heberton.
	10—
	17—Miss Shellenberger.
	24—Mrs. Lane.
	31—Miss Laura Bell.
Sept.	7—Misses Kirkpatrick.
	14—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	21—Mrs. Keable.
	28—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Oct.	5—Miss Laura Bell.
	12—Miss Maulsby.
	19—Mrs. Sheble.
	26—Rev. F. B. Keable.
Nov.	1—Mrs. Arrison.
	2—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	9—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	16—Miss Townsend.
	23—Miss Eisenbrey.
	30—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
Dec.	7—Mrs. Atmore.
	14—Misses Davis.
	21—Mrs. Petry.
	25—Christmas.
	26—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	28—Miss Emily Bell.

An Acknowledgment.

Just before the end of Lent I received a charming note, containing the surprising news that I was to be the recipient of a new silk cassock, a gift from the Women of the Congregation. The "Secret" was well kept, for not a word of it was known to me until I read about it in the letter. The cassock is now being made by a New York concern, and will be ready in about two weeks.

I sent a letter of acknowledgment to the Secretary of the Altar Society, asking her to thank the women for their splendid gift. But I want to take this opportunity to again express to all my most hearty appreciation of their very thoughtful action. I assure you it will be a pleasure indeed to wear the cassock.

FREDERICK B. KEABLE.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-three members present at the April meeting of the Auxiliary.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $56.79 and Miss Magee's sum of this year's United Offering is $405.23.

Mr. E. R. Rogers, Superintendent of a Home for Homeless Boys, near Covington, Va., was our speaker. From a cottage with six boys the school has grown until they now own a farm of 450 acres and have seventy-five boys. Several new cottages are being completed so that they soon can accommodate a hundred and fifty boys. Last year Mr. Rogers had eight hundred applicants.

Five hundred dollars will give a home permanently to a boy. One hundred and fifty dollars will support him for a year.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Secy.*

The Victory Loan.

The Victory Loan Committee of St. Stephen's has secured subscriptions to date exceeding 31,000 dollars. Have you subscribed? The boys who rest in Flanders Field *gave* their all forever. You are asked merely to *invest* for a time, and the country will pay you interest for doing it. Members of the Committee are at the Parish House daily, from 10 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

The Woman's Auxiliary purchased a $50.00 Victory Bond, and will send the same to the School for Homeless Boys at Covington, Virginia.

On Thursday, April 24, a meeting of the United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese was held at St. Stephen's Church at half-past ten o'clock. The service was very well attended, and there were two hundred communicants. The Bishop, Dr. Grammer, Mr. Keable and Rev. Alfred Clay officiated and the address was made by Dr. Grammer. The presentation of the offering was made during the singing of the hymn and the amount realized was over nine thousand dollars, the sum total for the three years being over forty-three thousand dollars. Mrs. Keable played the organ.

In the previous Loan Campaigns the Girls' Friendly Society had charge of one booth. They were so successful that the Women's Campaign Committee this time asked the girls to take charge of two booths, one in front of the Franklin National Bank, and the other is on Market Street. By the way, do you know that the G. F. S. is raising funds to endow a bed in the Episcopal Hospital? After their day's work is done, these girls are trying to help the Government put the Loan over the top. If anyone would like to assist both of these noble efforts they can easily do so. Buy a bond and then present it to the Friendly for the hospital bed.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Barclay, W. K., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Barclay, Geo. G., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Berg, First Lieutenant Albert P.,
Blomgren, Sanford E., U. S. Navy.
Boyd, Second Lieutenant Robert T., Jr.
Brown, Private Robert J., Somewhere in France.
Brunner, Lewis A., U. S. Army.
Burns, Private Oscar W.,
Callies, Private Percy E. de, U. S. Army.
Colket, Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd., Somewhere in France.
**Covert, Joseph F., U. S. Army.*
Crawford, Captain Alan, U. S. A.,
Culbertson, Samuel T., Lieut., U. S. Marine Corps.
Dodge, Arthur Raymond, N. R. F.
Ellis, Ensign Herbert M., U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Bertel, U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Private Lenhart,
Frazier, Major Chas. H., Medical Reserve Corps.
Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. Navy.
Gregory, Donald, U. S. Navy.
Graham, George Emlen, U. S. Navy.
Hartman, Private Paul B.,
Hale, Second Lieutenant Marion D.,
Hart, Private Chas. B., Somewhere in France.
Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W.,
Hewson, Addinell Stevenson, U. S. Army.
Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon.
Hewson, Ensign Harry M. C., U. S. Navy.
Hein, Theodore, Sergeant, U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.
Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.
Kelso, Second Lieutenant Harry C.,
Lavell, Sergeant Victor L., Somewhere in France.
†*Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G.,*
Leithead, Corporal John E.,
Lukens, Sergeant Samuel C., Somewhere in France.
Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, Somewhere in France.
McGuriman, James, U. S. Army.
McKeehan, Lieut.-Col. Chas. L.,
Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.
Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.
Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain U. S. Army.
Marvine, Donald M.,
Mearns, Clarence W., U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Wilson,
Meek, Robert L., Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Samuel W., Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, Somewhere in France.
Minster, Edward Lea, U. S. Army, France.
Moore, Edward W., U. S. Navy.
Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.
O'Byrne, Thomas, Somewhere in France.
Old, Captain Herbert M.,
**Page, James J.,*
Reed, George O.,
Reifsynder, Henry G.,
Ruhl, William H.,
Sangree, Ernest M., U. S. Navy.
Slack, Robert, U. S. Navy.
Smith, Lieut.-Col. Frank Wilbur, Somewhere in France.
†*Smith, Lieut. Lewis G.,*
‡*Stork, Sergeant James.*
Stephens, Sergeant Kortright L., Somewhere in France.
Stephens, Corporal Henry L., Somewhere in France.
Taws, Francis Elton, U. S. Army.
Torrey, Second Lieutenant Donald F.,
Turner, First Lieutenant Daniel N., Somewhere in France.
Van Dusen, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis H., U. S. A. Ordnance Dept.
Watson, William J., U. S. Army, in France
Weldon, Guy, U. S. Navy.
Whitham, Lieutenant Loyd B., M. R. C.
Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.
Williamson, Paymaster Thom., U. S. Navy.
Wilder, George, U. S. Army.
Browne, Mrs. E. Ada,
Earle, Miss Elisabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.
Jenks, Mrs. Robert D., Y. M. C. A., Toul, France.

*Died in France, March 22, 1918.
†Died in France, October 12, 1918.

*Died in France, Sept. 29, 1918.
†Lost at sea, Jan. 7, 1919.
‡Died in France, Aug. 14, 1918.

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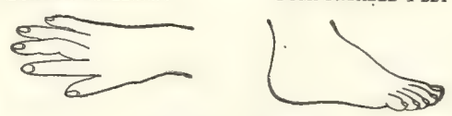

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.

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Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Miss Washington, Mrs. Colket.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

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Keehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. F. S. Ginther.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets on Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Miss Washington.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
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Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 3607 Chestnut Street.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.

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COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Sanders, Miss E. L. Williamson.

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BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Townsend, Miss Gebhart, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss H. Stephens.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mr. Theo. Hein.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss Bertha Walshe-Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry, Mr. W. Richardson, Miss Bessie Haun.
Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Juniors—Friday, 7.45 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

June 1.—Sunday after Ascension Day.
" 8.—Whitsunday.
" 9.—Monday in Whitsun Week.
" 10.—Tuesday in Whitsun Week.
" 11.—St. Barnabas, Apostle.
" 15.—Trinity Sunday.
" 22.—The First Sunday after Trinity.
" 24.—St. John Baptist.
" 29.—St. Peter, Apostle.

Parish Register.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 30.—Frank F. MacHervey and Martha S. Howell.
May 6.—Andrew R. King and Florence M. Krimmel.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

May 8.—Dr. Benjamin B. Reath.
" 16.—Miss Estelle Burmeister.

Important.

The Treasurer would be glad to hear from any one who has not received envelopes for this year. He has just learned of an instance in which envelopes were not delivered until ten days after mailing.

Offerings Received from Second Sunday after Easter, May 4, 1919, to Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 18, 1919.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System—

Charities	$51 01	
Benevolent Society	59 08	
Parochial Maintenance	52 42	
		$162 51

Envelope System—

Charities	$93 65	
Parochial Maintenance	141 26	
Missions	115 61	
St. Stephen's Farm	29 90	
Theological Education	17 60	
Our work among boys	13 50	
Benevolent Society	100 39	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	5 50	
Sunday School Christmas Fund	2 00	
Woman's Auxiliary	50	
Colored Missions	10	
Missionary Box	5	
Indian Missions	75	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	3 10	
City Missions	1 15	
Deaconess House	50	
Sunday School	7 00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	28 25	
Girls' Friendly Society	75	
		$561 56

RECAPITULATION.

Charities	$144 66
Parochial Maintenance	193 68
Missions	115 61
St. Stephen's Farm	29 90
Theological Education	17 60
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Benevolent Society	159 47
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Colored Missions	10
Missionary Box	5
Indian Missions	75
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Daily Vacation Bible School	28 25
Girls' Friendly Society	75
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FREDERICK B. KEABLE,
Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

The reports of the various committees and societies tell their own tale, and there is little to be said in this editorial. We have closed a year of successful work. Old St. Stephen's Club is more than a parochial enterprise; it is a civic club, but our Church has had such a large share in it, that its success must be a great source of joy to us. At the end of this month, its activities in their present development will cease. It will be necessary to put the Sunday School Building in proper order, and our further work for the enlisted men will be on a smaller scale.

I hope that the Church may be kept open all this summer. I am especially concerned about the evening congregations. Our great musical services several years ago showed that the night services would make a wider appeal and fill a greater need than our afternoon services, and the second service was accordingly changed to 8 o'clock. The transfer has proven a great success, and the attendance at our second service on Sunday is often nearly as large as the morning congregation. I do not want to give this up and shall continue the second service this summer as long as the attendance justifies it. Mr. Keable will take his holiday in June and the first week in July, and will also have the latter part of September. I will officiate four Sundays in June, and the first Sunday in July, and will then leave for my vacation.

For two summers our glorious improvements necessitated the closing of the Church, but this year no repairs will be required for the interior. Our exterior needs much refurbishing. But whatever may be done will not necessitate closing the Church.

The Farm will be opened at the usual date. Mrs. Mink will be the matron in charge. She has had large experience as an administrator and is a loyal and helpful member of our congregation. Of course it will take a little time for her to master all the details. But we are confident that she will succeed and we bespeak for her the hearty support of all concerned.

The Parish Meeting proved in every way a great success. The voters under the Charter asked the contributors to the expenses of the Church to select the vestrymen and agreed to elect their choice. No tickets were prepared. The popularity of the present Vestry was unmistakably manifested by the election of the whole twelve on the first ballot.

The fly in this fragrant ointment was the failure of many men to attend. Instead of 64 votes we should have had 125 votes and the room should have been packed, so that part of the congregation would have to stand on the stairs. So may it be next year.

The report of the Special Committee on Finance showed that the Envelope System has entered on a new phase, and gives large promise. If it is used faithfully, we ought to have no deficit next year, in spite of the high prices. At the end of 3 months, I am going to let the envelope-users know confidentially how their record stands. What with the generous Thanksgiving offering for Victory, our debt has been paid off, and the parish's finances are in good shape. My one regret is that we gave two hundred dollars less than usual to Diocesan Missions—$1100 is desired of us. I deal in round numbers. Last year we gave $900, and this year the amount fell to $700. It is well to help outsiders but we ought to keep up our contributions to these home missionaries in the city. I am open for contributions still, to this cause.

The sympathy of the congregation goes on to Mrs. Reath and her children, and to Mrs. Pancoast, in their great bereavement. The stars shine through their cypress trees. They know that life is ever lord of death, and love can never lose its own. They have been enabled to set a good example to all of us in the way in which they have sought the courts of the Lord's house and not immured themselves in their hours of grief.

Another gold star has been added to our flag. Seth Caldwell Hetherington, Senior First Lieutenant of the 315th Regiment, Co. D., 79th Division, was killed while leading his men in the Argonne Forest, September 28, 1918. He was the grandson of Mrs. Seth Caldwell, one of our oldest parishioners, whose husband was in his time one of our vestrymen. His mother is also one of our members. Lieutenant Caldwell had not been associated with us for years, but we feel that a star for him should be placed on our flag. He made a fine record as a soldier and laid down his life for a great and worthy cuase. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Hetherington.

Heaven lies about us in our infancy says the poet; but this great war has brought the next world near to young and old alike. In the latter part of the 19th century, the hope of immortality had been weakened among many people through the generalizations of science; but today all the world has been brought to a profound realization of the depth of our intuitive conviction that death is only a transition, and of the necessity for the belief in a hereafter if the universe is to be considered under a moral government. The life everlasting has been made a more important article in our Creed. We assert our belief in it more triumphantly.

May God keep us under His care this summer and reunite us in the autumn with a new spirit of energy, concord and love.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

St. Stephen's Benevolent Society.

Miss Ewing, our beloved Vice-President, is ill and has asked me to make this report for her.

Owing to the prevalence of the influenza, we did not begin work until the 4th of December. In spite of this and of the fact that many of the hospitals for whom we have served were crippled financially and unable to buy materials for supplies, Mrs. Clemens reports 3,259 articles made this fiscal year. This includes not only hospital supplies, but aprons, dusters, towels, etc, made for sale, and to order. This year we have averaged only 9 women each Wednesday, whereas last year we had an average of 17 women, who sewed for us. We have made articles for the Jeffer-

son, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Children's Homoepathic, Howard, The Woman's, Abington and Woman's College Hospitals also for the Visiting Nurses Society, the British Relief, the Society of St. Pantalion and the Presbyterian Orphanage, to say nothing of the hundreds of aprons, dusters and towels made for sale. We began the year with a balance of $224.75. During the summer Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, to whom the treasurer of the Society owes much, sold, by her indefatigable efforts, sixty-five dollars worth of articles. Our report for the year is as follows:

Balance from previous year	$224 75
Gifts, income and interest on deposit	491 08
Sales	324 87
	$1,040 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid women for sewing	$438 08
Paid for materials	461 78
	$899 86
Balance on hand May 14, 1919	$140 84

St. Stephen's Church.

I am pleased to report at this meeting that the financial condition of the Church is in very good shape.

	1917	1918
We have received from Pew Rents	$6,126.47	$6,254.87
We have received for Maintenance Fund	$2,347.78	
A Friend	1,300.00	
	$3,647.78	$3,273.47

We have been able to pay to many objects outside of our Parish sums amounting to $5,934.37

A Special Committee was appointed to canvass the Parish to see if they could not collect funds to pay off a debt which had accumulated amounting to $3,000.00, and they were successful. The Committee has received and turned over to the Warden, $2,771.65, and they have subscriptions not yet paid to the amount of $516.00, making a total of $3,287.65, which is a little more than was necessary to pay off our entire debt.

On March 24th our debt was a loan from the Pennsylvania Company of $3,000.00, and I know it will be very satisfactory to you that I am able to report that we have no debt at present. We now have on deposit with the Penna. Co. a balance of $2,983.50, more than will be required to meet our June 1st payments.

I would also call your attention to the Maintenance figures; not counting the amount received from "A Friend," the envelope system has increased this fund in the past year just about $1,000.00, and we should feel very thankful and hope to go on expecting to meet our expenses without touching the principal of our endowments.

I was elected to the Wardenship January 1910, and since that time the principal of our Endowments has never been encroached upon, and will not be with my approval.

J. HUNTER EWING, *Warden.*

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Parish has held six stated meetings during the season of 1918-19, beginning on Thursday, November 21, with a celebration of the Holy Communion preceding the meeting. The Advent Call was explained and Messengers were appointed to carry out the plan to arouse the personal interest of all the women in the parish. Owing to the necessary delay in beginning the season a month later than usual, it was impossible to accomplish as much as was desired, but a spiritual impetus was given to all who co-operated and this feeling was expressed by Miss Dale, who faithfully served as a Messenger, and several months later answered the call to a higher sphere.

The December meeting was held in the afternoon, followed by a tea given by the President in honor of Miss Anna J. Magee, in recognition of her many generous gifts to the Parish and untiring interest in its welfare.

Rev. Charles W. Shreiner made an address at the January meeting, in which he described the Church Farm School at Glen Loch, Pennsylvania, which provides for the education and training of boys in various trades; a new venture which deserves encouragement and support.

There was no speaker at the February meeting, at which Mrs. McKeehan presided, but the delegates submitted their reports as usual.

The March meeting being held during Diocesan week, Mrs. Lucas was asked to prepare an outline of the work of the Diocese, so that St. Stephen's might co-operate in the general plan of becoming more familiar with Diocesan affairs, and she gave an admirable talk on the subject, supplying much valuable information.

The account given at the April meeting by Rev. E. R. Rogers of the Industrial School for boys at Covington, Virginia, resulted in the Auxiliary subscribing through St. Stephen's Victory Loan Committee for a fifty dollar bond to be sent him as a donation to the school.

The membership of the Auxiliary at present numbers one hundred and fourteen, with an average attendance of twenty-five. The loss of one member by death and one by resignation is recorded and three new members have been added. Of the number on the Secretary's list one hundred and fourteen, only seventy-two have contributed as shown on the Treasurer's list.

The delegates have attended monthly meetings at the Church House, the annual conference, devotional and Epiphany meetings, United Offering service and the Church Woman's Housing Committee meetings, thus proving their interest in extending Christ's kingdom. Missionary calendars were subscribed to and the annual pledges have been filled for the support of missionaries at home and abroad.

As the *study* of missions is the foundation of *interest* in missions it is well to incorporate in this report the enrolment of twelve women in a Mission Study Class conducted at St. Stephen's during Lent by Mrs. W. Horner Smith, the text book used being Our Church and Our Country by Bishop Burleson. The amount of twenty dollars was the voluntary offering of the class for work among the mountaineers, and was presented at the annual educational meeting at the Church House when the reports from each parish were made, and no one could fail to have been thrilled by the enthusiasm of the members as shown by the splendid work recorded, the result of a small beginning, with only a few classes studying missions and now numbering over two thousand members spread among many parishes, producing a feeling of fellowship and a new outlook upon life, which quickens and deepens the spiritual life of everyone who has conscientiously attended a Mission Study Class.

It has been the endeavor of the Woman's Auxiliary to further so far as possible the efforts and suggestions made in regard to the Advent Call and the Diocesan week as preliminary to the nation-wide campaign to be entered upon in the Fall, and this report is concluded with the earnest hope that the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's may continue to do its part more adequately and with more individual zeal and be inspired to renewed action when refreshed by the summer's invigoration.

LAURA BELL,
May 14, 1919. *President.*

Annual Report Woman's Auxiliary, St. Stephen's Church, May, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$20 03
Receipts for the year—	
From members	252 00
From envelope system	250 00
From collection presentation services	133 50
Through Dr. Grammer	122 00
	$777 53
	$712 17
Balance on hand	$65 36

EXPENDITURES.

Postage and printing	$26 45
Diocesan Missions	113 72
Foreign Missions	107 50
Domestic Missions	159 50
Indian Missions	102 50
Colored Missions	202 50
	$712 17

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.
EMILY BELL,
GRACE V. D. LUCAS. May 5, 1919.

Missionary Box Committee.

1918 CR.

May 1st, balance from last report	$16 45
Nov., Check from J. Hunter Ewing from the envelopes and St. Andrew's Brotherhood Lenten Services	406 74
	$423 19

DR.

Nov. 29, boxes sent to the—	
Rev. George B. Van Waters, Portland, Ore.	$200 00
Rev. Robt. Z. Johnson, St. Augustine, Fla.	75 10
Dec., Carmelo M. Aldonado, Fijardo, Porto Rico	80 95
1919	
Feb., clothing for an Indian girl at St. Mary's School, Rosebud, S. D.	30 00
Balance	37 14
	$423 19

ALVERTA S. VAN DUSEN, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct,
F. B. KEABLE.

The committee also sent two small boxes of new and partly worn clothing to Mrs. W. H. Dumville, New Meadows, Idaho.

United Offering.

The Fifteenth Annual Service of the Presentation of the United Offering took place in St. Stephen's Church on April 24th at 10 A.M.

Mrs. North says it was the largest meeting she has had since her treasurership in five years.

The United Offering of 1916 was $353,000 from the women of more than 100 dioceses and districts. Of this amount nearly one-third came from the 12 dioceses of the Province of Washington. The offering from our province was almost $100,000—an increase of $19,000 over that of 1913. There are in the Province of Washington about 125,000 women communicants. Without taking into consideration any large gifts or the special thank offerings, our province could provide $1,250,000 (more than three times the entire offering of 1916) triennially for the Missionary work of the church, if every woman made a small weekly offering. Of course it is simply a question of reaching the women and with thorough work in every parish and mission, it would be quite possible to accomplish this.

Services at Diocesan Church, Broad and South Sts., Oct. 9th—the day of the Triennial service in Detroit.

Mention should be made of St. Mary's Chapel of St. Mark's colored work—75 new members.

The Church of the Holy Apostles—95 new members gave small amounts; one lady gave in the name of girls to be called as one contributor, and should have been as many as are represented.

On Hand	$33,471 66
Offering Presented	9,738 64
	$43,210 30
For 1917, 1918 and 1919	$1,200.00

This makes the Banner Year, and the largest amount ever given from St. Stephen's Church.

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

May 14, 1919.

Altar Society.

The Superintendent submits the 25th Annual Report of the Altar Society. Articles made during the year for service of the Church: 2 Fair linen cloths, 4 credence covers and 4 surplices.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 8, 1918	$43 45	
Dr. Grammer	131 50	
Ellicott McConnell Memorial	6 00	
Memorial Flower Fund	96 00	
		$276 95

EXPENDITURES.

Flowers for the year	$107 00	
Ellicott McConnell Memorial, 1918	6 00	
Ellicott McConnell Memorial, 1919	6 00	
Altar linens and surplices	88 00	
Calendars	3 00	
Wheat for Thanksgiving	3 00	
Fruit for Thanksgiving	2 75	
Glass Cruet	6 00	
Cleaning cushion covers	12 00	
Linen	7 34	
Palls	6 00	
		$247 97
Balance on hand May 12, 1919		$28 98

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.
ANNA E. EISENBREY,
Supt. Chancel Committee.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

The Lenten Meetings of the Society were discontinued this year owing to the demands of War Work. Members were asked to take garments home and in this way 38 garments were made.

Balance on hand May 12th	$17 28

Receipts and Expenditures of the Church Work Fund from May 7, 1918, to May 14, 1919.

1918—May 7.		
To Balance on hand	$63 27	
" Receipts from advertisements in Parish News	391 00	
" Contributions to Church Work Fund	1,451 31	
" Interest on deposit	4 22	
" Amount due for outstanding bills	190 69	
		$2,100 49
May 14.		
By Printing Parish News and miscellaneous printing	$1,015 03	
" Bell ringing	41 00	
" Telephone	63 80	
" Extra music on Ascension Day	25 00	
" Chancel linen	81 00	
" Secretarial services	274 79	
" Sunday School picnic	35 00	
" Commissions on advertising	21 00	
" Mimeographing	14 80	
" Pianist for Sunday School	31 50	
" Contribution to Shoe Fund	30 00	
" Contribution to Colored Work	100 00	
" Contribution to Altar Society	50 00	
" Advertisement in Hotel Directory	10 00	
" Episcopal Hospital	5 00	
" Extra preaching services	25 00	
" Map for Inter-Church Federation	50	
" Contribution to Armstrong Association	25 00	
" Contribution to Keswick Colony	5 00	
" Contribution to Fiske University	5 00	
" Sundries	234 07	
		$2,100 49

*A considerable portion of this fund was given with the express request that it be used for any worthy object that might appeal to me.

Committee on Parish Finances.

Philadelphia, May 13, 1919.

To the Rector, Church Wardens, Vestrymen and Fellow Parishioners of St. Stephen's P. E. Church, Philadelphia:

The Special Committee on Parish Finances, appointed by the Rector in January to establish a new Envelope System, and devise means to eliminate the existing deficit of the Church, begs to report as follows:

Total number of Appeals sent out		328
Total number of Pledges to Envelopes	182	
Total number of those who will use Envelopes but will not Pledge	29	
Total number of those who will use Plate	1	
Total number of those who will give as previously	8	
Total number of those who will not Pledge for various reasons	80	
Total number of those who have not replied	19	
Total number of those removed, addresses unknown, etc.	9	
		328

Total amount of money pledged to Envelope System:

Inside Parish ..$66.75 per week; $3,754.00 per year.	
Outside Parish..$31.15 per week; $1,624.80 per year.	
Total amount promised for Parochial Maintenance, from Envelopes, 4-27-19 to 12-28-19	$1,587.74
As compared with last year:	
For Parochial Maintenance from Envelopes (19 sets) 4-28-18 to 12-29-18	$1,081.01
Collected from Alms' Basins for Parochial Maintenance (12 Services)	208.06
	$1,289.07

No services were held in August, on September 1st and 8th, and likewise in the month of October owing to the influenza epidemic. Envelopes, however, were turned in; the loss, therefore, appears in the Alms' Basins offerings which Mr. Keable estimates would not be over $35.00 for the periods during which the Church was closed.

Total number of Gifts to Deficit Fund	192
Total amount of money pledged to Deficit Fund	$3,287.65
Total amount of money received for Deficit Fund	2,771.65
Total amount of promises still to be paid	516.00
	$3,287.65

The Committee feels that a movement in the right direction has started and that we have made a gain, but there is opportunity for very much greater improvement. In a new undertaking of this sort, we believe that some of our people do not understand its necessity, and others do not like to change from old methods—various other reasons may keep some from subscribing to this new plan. We feel, however, that any prejudices or uncertainities that may exist will be gradually overcome and eliminated as the practical demonstration of the system proves its worth. We believe that in another year we will make a much better showing.

There has been in existence in our Church for several years a Guarantee Deficit Fund to which Fund there have been about twenty-two subscribers. We believe that a Fund of this sort is a weakness to our Church, as it may tend to keep some of us from giving as much as we might otherwise. We hope, with real and hearty co-operation among our people, that we can increase our income, and what is more important, increase the number

of those who give. Eventually, we hope to eliminate the old Guarantee Deficit Fund.

Our Committee had in mind not to press unduly or urge anyone to subscribe or contribute, and if anyone approached has felt that we have been too insistent, we hope that he will appreciate that no offense was intended.

We have provided no Envelope for Thanksgiving Day nor Christmas Day; it was the thought of the Committee to have special Envelopes sent to our people for offerings on these days. We are anxious to see how an appeal of this sort will influence the giving, and by the results, intelligent action can be guided for another year.

We feel somehow that each one of us should get into his heart that our Church is for the benefit of many, and not for any one individual, and that we are striving to give Love and Service to God and those around us.

The Committee thanks all of our members and all of the people approached for their courtesy, consideration and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

CRAIG ATMORE,
CHAS. P. LINEAWEAVER,
HOWARD REIFSNYDER,
Special Committee on Parish Finances.

St. Stephen's Farm.

St. Stephen's Farm last year had as usual a very successful season. There were not as many visitors, but that, I presume, was due to the increased incomes of many who had been using the advantages of our summer house. As a result we closed the house with a balance in bank.

I cannot make this report without calling to your mind the faithful and willing services of Miss Elizabeth Dale. I will always look back to her as being a very able and loving Superintendent at the Farm. She was always so cheerful and courageous and had many difficulties to contend with that most of you are not aware of, but through it all she conscientiously did her best.

We hope as usual to open the house this season about the 15th of June, to be open three months, and hope that any members of our Parish who have it in their power will go out and see how much they are doing for those who need a summer holiday and cannot get it without our Farm.

J. HUNTER EWING,
Treasurer St. Stephen's Farm.

The Parish Visitor's Report.

The past winter was such an unusual one, with its spring-like days, balmy air and bright sunshine, that the number of cases to be assisted in our Parish has been very much reduced.

We still have one tubercular case, three stricken with paralysis, one deaf mute, one cripple and one case of arrested development. We have also seven pensioners who are either too ill or too old to work, or with too many in the family for one woman to support; for instance, a widow with three young children and a grandmother, all dependent upon her, and her wages in a laundry are insufficient to fill their mouths and keep a roof over their heads and shoes on their feet. But we have been enabled to increase her allowance, since her pitiful case has touched the heart of the father of one of our teachers.

During the past winter Miss Anna Burley has been called to her eternal rest. We have the satisfaction of knowing that her last years were made care-free and comfortable through the ministration of St. Stephen's Church. Born of wealthy parents, with an assured social position, she had many advantages; a good education, supplemented by foreign travel. But it is the old story—when a woman is unable to look after her own money there always appear people who gladly do it for her, the result being poverty in old age, and in this case, sickness as well. Through the kindness of Mrs. Fell, she was placed in the Home for Incurables, where her board was paid, and where she had nothing but kindness, until she fell asleep.

Miss Gebhart's yearly memorial we are using toward placing a cripple in the Home of Rest for Aged People, and also helping a poor couple.

Mrs. Addinell Hewson and her daughter Mrs. Walter E. Douglas each gave us a ton of coal, and here is a letter of warmly expressed gratitude called forth by the gift:

"Maybe that ton of coal doesn't look big in our cellar, and if you and the kind friends who have made it possible for us to receive this grand gift could only realize the many comfortable days we shall enjoy through it; for the price of coal now makes one feel as though one were burning gold dollars. If you only knew how saving I am with a basket of coal, and how long it takes me to get the money together for a ton of coal, you would know how much I appreciate the gift. Wait until our boys grow up and we will hope to return it to some needy one."

St. Stephen's Aid Society made a number of layettes; we have given them to fifteen little babies just arrived. On Thanksgiving Day seven baskets made thankful seven families, but on Christmas Day the number was increased to eighty-six.

A gentleman of the congregation sent us five beautiful new blankets. Another letter received says:

"I never expected to see a new blanket; I never had one so heavy and nice as that before, and it meant an extra thanksgiving for your kindness. We had it opened, then put it away, and then opened it again, and kept it open, like children over toys, we were so happy. I had expressed a wish when we were married that I might get a pair of blankets as a gift, but did not, but now after eleven years I had this wish fulfilled."

Visiting the Sunday-school scholars, the sick, the hospitals, the discouraged, as well as the regular routine duties, has made up the year's work.

The Parish Visitor wishes to thank the donors for the gifts of half-worn clothing and all who have helped her work in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

K. H. LEWIS.

The Mothers' Meeting.

On account of the epidemic of influenza in the Fall of 1918, the Mothers' Meeting did not open until Dec. 3rd. We have had 19 meetings with an average attendance of 50; 55 attended the Communion Service on Holy Thursday.

The Annual Sale conducted by the Mothers took place on February 13. One hundred dollars from the proceeds was donated to the Deficit Fund of the Church.

We have lost 5 members by death and 4 new names have been added to our roll.

The Mothers have been made happy by the presence of our dear President whenever it was possible.

Dr. Grammer's many visits have also been greatly appreciated during this busy winter.

Mrs. Keable, who has been so active in the work of the Club, has been kindly assisted at the piano by Mrs. Higham.

Sixty Mothers visited the Farm last July for a day's outing.

The Mothers record their deep sorrow at the death of Miss Dale.

We feel that a successful season ended in April 29 with a delightful party, "Mrs. Taylor's Inn," music and flowers, sleight of hand tricks, recitations, cake and ice cream, with Dr. Grammer presiding.

BLANCHE M. HARPER,
Secretary.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society for the season of 1918-1919 was held on the memorable evening of November 11th. In spite of the excitement and celebrations going on in the streets, over 40 members met and went into the church for a short service of prayer and thanksgiving.

At Christmas the Branch sent 50 large and well filled stockings and 29 boxes (made of picture post cards and filled with peanuts and small toys) to the children in the Philadelphia Hospital and 18 very pretty knitted caps to the Home for Infants.

The Christmas Entertainment this year took the form of a Victory Dinner when 142 members and husbands of married Branch Helpers and 6 guests had the pleasure of dining together at the New Century Drawing Room.

In response to an urgent appeal from the P. E. City Mission, 40 new and 210 second-hand garments were collected for children left destitute as a result of the Influenza epidemic.

Sixty second-hand pieces of clothing were also sent to Deaconess Camp for her work at St. Ambrose Mission. 53 sweaters, 35 hand-knitted and 39 machine-made pairs of socks, 6 pairs of wristlets and 1 scarf were made for men in the Service and 22 caps and 2 coats knitted for the French orphans.

A Liberty Bond was bought, $10.00 in cash added, and given to the War Chest.

Children's books are now being collected for St. Agnes Settlement House.

On March 3rd St. Stephen's Branch had an especially interesting meeting. For some months the members had been diligently working to convert the dimes given them as

talents into dollars. Two teams were organized and a lively, but friendly, contest began. This night the returns were to be made and everyone was interested and animated. The stereopticon was used by one member to flash the returns upon the screen and many humorous incidents occurred. As in National Elections, so in this contest; the returns favored first one team and then the other. Imaginary reports from prominent citizens afforded much amusement. The correct returns finally proved that the "Special Effort Fund" this year far exceeded that of any other. Last year the fund took a big leap forward and reached $176.00 but 1919 went still further and resulted in a total of $250.00. All of this money has been used for Missionary and Charitable work.

During Lent the members made dresses and underclothing for the City Mission and the Married Branch Helpers met on Wednesday afternoons and made 1140 surgical dressings and 12 bureau scarfs for the Indian Hospital at Winner, South Dakota.

The Band that last year adopted a Shut-in has continued to visit this old lady each week and from time to time has sent her fruit and flowers. It has also adopted a French orphan.

On Easter Sunday the members collected and sent to the Little House of St. Pantalion $165.20 and also secured the promise of the adoption of 2 more French orphans.

The Millinery Class and the Weekly Suppers have again proved most successful.

The Saving Fund has 41 depositors and $33.20 on deposit.

Some of the Senior members continue to take charge of one Sunday afternoon each month at the Old St. Stephen's Club and a number help each Sunday evening.

The Branch has had the privilege of having as speakers this season:

Miss Julia MacAlister, who told of her experiences while with the Woman's American Hospital Unit in France.

Dr. Elise Whitlock Rose of the Little House of St. Pantaleon.

Miss Margaret Maule, who told of the Missionary and Social Service Work of the G. F. S., and

Miss Christine Doyle, who spoke on the Eight Hour Bill for Women Wage Earners.

As a result of this talk 25 members wrote to Senator McConnell urging the passage of this Bill.

The members took great pleasure in making a number of balls of rags for a new carpet at St. Stephen's Farm. This carpet was to have been a surprise for Miss Dale, but before it was finished she was called to her eternal rest.

The Branch desires to place upon record the deep sense of loss felt by its members for this faithful friend and also for the two members who have passed to the higher and fuller life.

The members have tried to do their share both in buying and selling Liberty and Victory Bonds.

A new day is upon us, a new vision has opened to our minds, a new spirit is stirring our conscience and we pray that the Girls' Friendly Society may draw inspiration from good in the old to achieve the new.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from 1918	$461 95
Received to May 12, 1919	708 84
	$1,170 79
Expenditures to May 12, 1919	$700 15
Balance May 12, 1919	$470 64
In following funds:	
Special Effort	$95 70
Beneficial Fund	135 95
Housekeeping Fund	11 50
Magazine Fund	2 80
General	319 69
	$470 64

The Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society in Philadelphia has undertaken to raise $5,000 for the purpose of endowing a bed in the Episcopal Hospital. This bed will be known as the Girls' Friendly Society Bed, and will be used especially for members of the Society. As I am an Honorary Associate Member, I have been asked to take part in aiding this most worthy object and I am anxious to secure at least $500.00. In aiding this cause, we not only help the Girls' Friendly Society, but our own Hospital. Contributions can be sent to me at any time, and I would be glad if some of you here tonight will give me the promise of a contribution.

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Honorary Associate.

The Sunday School.

War times have taken our young men of the Sunday Schools—which of course is general, and all schools have suffered thereby. We of St. Stephen's are proud of the excellent use that has been made of our buildings in our service club for enlisted men and congratulate the club committees, both men and women, for their faithfulness and success. We regret that even more use of us as an organization was not made; nevertheless, on Sunday mornings at least we had the privilege of greeting many and have the visiting army or sailor man take part in our work, worship and study. Many were the trouble cases that wandered in on Sunday mornings, to be most willingly assisted by members of the Sunday School, some of whom always remained on duty until relieved at noon by the club committee, each Sunday. So we have happily hung on, and have held our own during the past year; and at least the regular Sunday morning prayers of the children was an essential offering. Our Secretary and some fifteen of our boys have been in the service of Uncle Sam's Army abroad and the body of one lies buried in France. Our great festival occasions have not been surpassed in peace times, particularly the recent Christmas and more recent Easter Memorial tribute and Carol Service, which was made so wonderfully beautiful in the Church, with flags, flowers and processional praise, on the Sunday morning following Easter. All agree that the loving memorial tribute of the Children of St. Stephen's to those who have made the Great Sacrifice, was more than beautiful.

One great joy of the writer when speaking in army camps and naval and hospital bases is to be recognized and remembered for what has been done so generously in the war work of the loyal, faithful people of "Old St. Stephen's," their clergy and co-workers.

The teachers, officers and scholars of the main and primary departments, by means of slides, motion pictures and pamphlets, have kept regularly to their illustrated studies in the life of the Christ. We have co-operated in the Diocesan and inter-denominational Sunday School work of our city. We have enjoyed the Farm and its privileges and pay an affectionate tribute to the House Mother whom God has called home, and you will note by our treasurer's report herewith that never have the scholars and teachers given more heartily and happily to missions than during the past year.

So with feelings of gratefulness to all who have so kindly assisted us, we continue our work summer and winter, for we do not close, and will heartily welcome man, woman or child who will come in and join the happy forces of Old St. Stephen's Sunday School.

Faithfully, for the School,

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Some fifteen boys of the Sunday School make up this faithful little chapter of the Brotherhood and meet regularly the second and fourth Sunday of each month, one-half hour before the opening of Sunday School. They report on their obligations. They send delegates to diocesan meetings. They were represented at the last Annual Convention of the National Brotherhood at Northfield, Mass., and by the kindness of Mr. Mearns, with his automobiles, were able to make the Junior pilgrimage to Valley Forge last autumn. We regret to report that during the past year we have lost by death our former faithful, efficient secretary, Francis Scherzer.

Our dues to the National Brotherhood are paid for the year and we are trying to take our part in the work, worship and study of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. SHEPHERD, *Secretary.*

Shoe Fund.

(May 1, 1918, May 1, 1919)

Balance from 1918	$1 50
From Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	30 00
From those receiving shoes	26 25
Total	$57 75
Expended for shoes	$52 05
Balance on hand	$5 70

Gave out during the year, 200 pairs of shoes and 75 pairs of overshoes.

Again we thank Santa Claus for his large boxes of shoes at Christmas. The children have never been more proud of them and so particular how they fit.

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle)

RECEIPTS.

(May 1, 1918, May 1, 1919)

Balance from 1918	$24 65
Interest from Estate of Mr. Wm. Patton (through Mr. Hunter Ewing)	69 04
Membership Dues	4 70
For Christmas Baskets	3 75
Total	$102 14
Expended during the year	$82 14
Balance on hand	$20 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

State and International Dues	$2 25
Gave towards the Debt of the Church	5 00
Gave Home for Aged Couples	3 00
Christmas Baskets	4 75
For Incidentals	4 50
Material for Sewing	60 14
Flowers and Fruit for the Sick	2 50
Total	$82 14

Work done by this Circle during the winter: Gave a donation to the Red Cross of 1 dozen skirts, helped finish some little dresses and other garments to be sent by the Red Cross to the little French and Belgian children and women. One dozen skirts were made and given to the Home Missionary Society for them to give to our own poor.

Burd School.

In presenting their Report for the past year the Committee of Women Visitors have again the pleasure of expressing their gratification with the satisfactory manner in which the work that comes under their supervision has been conducted. The discipline of the school by means of the sympathetic control exercised by Miss Tappen has been well maintained. The school did not escape the "flu" epidemic; at one time 23 of the inmates of the school were ill; fortunately there were no fatalities and the general health of the children has been good.

The Girl Scout movement, organized last year, has been quite successful and Miss Tappen is now arranging additional ways for the beneficial amusement and recreation of the girls. One pleasant event was a surprise party given by the children to Dr. and Mrs. Grammer on Christmas Eve at the Rectory. The carols were to have been sung out of doors but the rain interfered and they had to be sung inside.

Eight new pupils have been admitted during the past year, one pupil has been dropped, making a total at present of 39 pupils. Four of the older girls were confirmed at Easter.

The Chairman of the Committee begs to express the regret felt by all the members at Miss Ewing's resignation. Miss Ewing had been a very valued member of this Committee with always a helpful suggestion in time of difficulty and with words of encouragement and praise for happier hours.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

May 14, 1919.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Mrs. C. H. Colket,
Mrs. Robert L. Boyd, Mrs. John Coats Browne,
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, Mrs. Chas. S. Calwell,
Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss M. McDowell.
Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, *Chairman.*

Church Periodical Club.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club regrets to report the least encouraging year in the experience of the present Librarian. There are various reasons for this. One is, the Central Office has decided, as did many other organizations in the Church recently, to commence the fiscal year in January instead of April. So we present herewith the nine months' report, just as turned in to the Diocesan Correspondent; and this excludes the three months that ought to be the best of the year. But this explanation does not wholly explain, as we find on glancing at the records since January 1919, that interest is ebbing and magazines fading from sight altogether at an alarming rate. I give below the report for the time included between April 1, 1918 and January 1, 1919.

Current periodicals, sent regularly	51
Contributors to same	29
Bibles, Testaments, etc.	2
Prayerbooks and hymnals	4
Tracts and catechisms	10
Books, theological and secular	44
Christmas and Easter cards	775
Odd magazines and papers	824
Pictures	30
Music	50
Boxes, contents uncounted	3

CASH ACCOUNT.

Received from all sources	$7 66
Sent to Diocesan and Central Office Treasurers	3 00
Paid for Leaflets for Rev. S. E. Carreras, Cuba	3 54
Postage	1 12
	$7 66

This is less for almost every item than in the previous year, and the first three months of 1919 show that the 51 magazines, which all seemed to be in a going state in December, have shrunk to 42, and the donors have fallen to 27; and yet our hard-working missionaries have not died, moved nor stopped reading to any appreciable extent.

Of course many magazines, during the last few years, have been diverted to France, and our missionaries have cheerfully accepted this situation, and though they may not have been able to contribute to the soldiers' reading, directly, they did it just as completely by "going without" the books that would in other times have been sent to them. But now the boys are coming home, and except in the case of those sending to personal friends with a specific address, or to the camp in Brest, we would like to turn the mail bags once more to the mission field.

That this report may not be merely a complaint, I must mention right here that we can never be grateful enough to the donors who are still on our honor list, and who continue to send regularly. There are several I should really like to mention by name; one in particular who has never failed in three years to send to the parish house promptly, while the bloom is yet on the current news, about 30 magazines, and these go out regularly to about six readers or distributors in different parts of Maine, Nebraska, and Alaska, always going to the same recipients, who look for them eagerly and are never disappointed; another who for five years has sent three of the finest periodicals without missing; and several more who subscribe through the publishers for faraway readers and who do not even read these themselves first. I hope this expression of our gratitude will reach them all, through the Parish News, since we do not have time to write all the letters of appreciation we would like to send.

The moral of this report, if it has a moral, is that the St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club needs a revival, or an Every Member campaign. It respectfully asks for a few more donors, a great many more magazines sent regularly and to manage them, a brand-new Librarian; who, to carry on successfully, should resemble the prince in the fairy tales, and be young, rich and handsome, with a good deal of leisure.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH HAUPT SMITH,
Librarian.

The Woman's Aid.

The Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia has a long name, but has been in existence only a short time. Delegates from twenty-four parishes and six missions assemble quarterly to arrange for an entertainment to raise funds for one of the missions needing especial assistance.

St. Stephen's cooperated once at a bazaar and supper for the benefit of St. Ambrose Parish House, and one thousand dollars were raised; now, cooperation is again asked for by attendance at a garden party and fair to be held at Wyck, the colonial home and garden belonging to Mr. Caspar Wister Haines, 6026 Germantown Avenue, corner Walnut Lane, on Wednesday, June 4, from two until nine o'clock. Afternoon tea and supper will be served at reasonable prices and there will be music and community singing. The cost of the tickets admitting to the garden is twenty-five cents, and tickets may be obtained now from the verger, or the committee of ladies or at the entrance of the garden on the day.

This entertainment is for the benefit of the parish house of the Church of St. Augustine, a colored mission, and already the members of that church have raised nearly one hundred dollars from a concert gotten up entirely by themselves. This garden party will be taken part in by all the parishes aforesaid, and St. Stephen's will have the domestic table in partnership with the Free Church of St. John and St. Bartholomew's.

Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, 3913 Chestnut Street, will be in charge of the table and will

be glad to receive articles for sale or donations in money at the above address. Should the weather be stormy the fair will be postponed until the day following.

What more delightful way to spend an afternoon in June than in a beautiful old-fashioned garden, listening to music and being served with light refreshments by young girls in colonial costume! Try it, please.

LAURA BELL,
President of Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia.

Report of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

The summer of 1918 was the sixth season of the Vacation Bible School held at St. Stephen's Church. It was the most successful year ever experienced.

The school opened July 1st, and closed August 9th. It was in session six weeks. Total enrollment, 110; daily average attendance, 48. Of the children enrolled, 58 were Protestants, 18 Catholics and 34 Jewish.

The children were between 1 and 14 years of age. One of the noticeable things about the school was the fact that when the children were asked their nationality, they all replied, "American." Other years there has been as high as 12 different nationalities represented. This year practically every child, no matter how small, wanted to be classed as an American. However, besides the Americans, there were a few Italians, Jewish and Polish nationalities represented. The principal in charge of the school was Miss Charlotte W. Nodine, assisted by a manual training teacher and a kindergarten teacher.

The children were more regular in attendance this year than in former years, in spite of the intense heat. On one occasion the thermometer actually did travel to 106.2° Fahrenheit. As usual, the "kiddies" never wanted to go home and they could never understand why there was no school on Saturdays.

School was open from 9.30 to 11.30 A.M., five days a week. The day began with devotional exercises, after which a few minutes were given to "Habit Talks." These talks emphasized the importance of forming habits of cleanliness and kindness in everyday life.

The Bible period followed. The most important feature of the whole day was the Bible story. At the end of six weeks the children not only knew over thirty Bible stories, but also had memorized over thirty Bible verses and five Psalms. It is to be remembered that the children did not have any Bibles in their possession during the Bible period.

A half hour was devoted to music. In addition to hymns memorized by the children, childhood songs were memorized; at the same time vocal and breathing exercises were given.

During the manual period, not only did the children learn to make useful articles out of reed, raffia and wood, but the girls made dresses and aprons. Never before had there been such a large number of useful articles made and never before had the work been so well done. Knitting squares for a blanket was the favorite occupation among the children. Boys and girls would spend their whole manual period, knitting. In fact, they would rather knit than make things for themselves. The blanket, which was 5 ft. x 7 ft., was indeed beautifully knitted. After its completion, it was given to a very needy and worthy sailor who, at the time, attended the Old St. Stephen's Club. Of course, it is not necessary to state here just how much that blanket was appreciated.

The closing exercises that were held every day in the school included the salute to the flag and the singing of "America." This was followed by the children's benediction.

The total cost of the school, including salaries and materials, was $148.50. This sum was $2.50 less than the cost of the school the previous year and it is to be remembered that materials were more expensive. It probably would be encouraging to know that it cost less to run our Vacation Bible School independent of the Philadelphia Daily Vacation Bible School Association. While in the Association, the expenses ran from $175 to $200.

Only recently, two children of the school were seen on the street and they ran in front of the traffic in their eagerness to inquire when the school would be open this summer. They said they could hardly wait and had already asked a number of new children to come with them.

The school will be open this year on Monday, June 30th and will close on Friday, August 8th.

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

Old St. Stephen's Club

Philadelphia, May 14, 1919.

To the Rector, Associate Rector, Wardens, Vestrymen and Members of St. Stephen's Church:

I beg to offer the following as a brief report of Old St. Stephen's Club for year ending May 10th, 1919.

From June 25th, 1917 to May 10th, 1919 we have entertained 192,075 boys; during the year 1918 we entertained 141,000 boys, the Club being closed from September 28th to October 30th by the Health Authorities.

We have collected for the maintenance of the Club to date $38,397.90 and the Treasurer reports expenditures of the Club from May 1st, 1918, to May 1st, 1919, $22,850.26.

The Entertainment Committee reports that entertainment has been provided every evening since the Club opened and that Mr. H. T. Jordan, Manager of Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, up to May 7th of this year has provided 81 shows for 81 evenings, 376 acts and 714 artists from his theatre.

The Secretary, Miss Alice Ewing, submits a report which, while not statistical in any way, shows the immense volume of good work that the Club has been responsible for.

We have been privileged to be represented at various court-martials and I am positive have rendered great assistance to the enlisted men, and the authorities without exception have universally branded our Club as the best Club so far as assisting the Departments is concerned and I think it only right that the enclosed reports of Finance Committee, Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Chairman, Entertainment Committee, Mr. Edward W. Moore, Chairman, the report of Mr. Robert T. Boyd, Treasurer, Miss Alice Ewing, Corresponding Secretary and our Statistician, Mr. Charles N. Van Dusen, should be read as they contain an immense amount of data that I am satisfied is not generally known in our Parish.

Very sincerely yours,

ANDREW LUFFBARRY,
Chairman.

May 14, 1919.

Mr. Andrew Luffbarry,
Chairman, General Committee,
Old St. Stephen's Club, Philadelphia.

DEAR MR. LUFFBARRY:

We herewith beg to make the following report of the finances of Old St. Stephen's Club, which we trust you will find in order.

No soliciting for contributions has been done by the Finance Committee since about the first of December, 1918, and as shown by the figures herewith, several subscriptions were returned.

Total amount of money received by Finance Committee to date			$38,397.90
Total amount of money received up to and including 12-31-18 from regular subscriptions and miscellaneous		$25,357.90	
Total amount received from War Chest to 12-31-18 (November and December @ $1,875.00)		3,750.00	
		$29,107.90	
Less amount of Regular December subscriptions which were returned, as per agreement		210.00	
Total net amount 12-31-18		$28,897.90	
Total amount received from War Chest up to and including May (5 months at $1,875.00 per month)		$9,375.00	
Voluntary gifts, as follows:			
Jan. 8, 1919	$50.00		
Jan. 10, 1919	20.00		
Feb. 13, 1919	5.00		
Feb. 20, 1919	50.00		
	$125.00	$9,500.00	$38,397.90

(NOTE: As to the four voluntary gifts above, after receiving permission from the donors, with the exception of 2-13-19, $5.00, it has been decided to retain this money and use it for extra food and entertainment at the Club and also to provide fruit, etc. for the boys in the hospitals.)

With respect, we are,

Yours sincerely,

CHAS. S. CALWELL,
H. H. BARTON, JR.,
HOWARD REIFSNYDER,
Finance Committee.

Philadelphia, May 10, 1919.

To the Rector, Associate Rector and Members of the Parish of Old St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia:

I herewith submit a report of the Entertainment Committee of Old St. Stephen's Club for the year 1918 and 1919.

The Club has been opened and entertainment has been provided every evening since the Club opened.

I think it is only fair to mention specifically the great help that we have received from Mr. H. T. Jordan, Manager of Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia. Since October 3rd, 1917 to and including May 7th, 1919 he has sent over 81 shows, 376 acts and 714 artists to entertain the boys, all free of charge. Mr. Joseph C. Dougherty, Asst. Mgr. of Keith's Theatre has personally taken entire charge of these entertainments. I also wish to mention the fact that Mr. W. Dayton Wegefarth, Manager of the Grand Opera House and Mr. Joseph Phillips, Manager of the Bijou Theatre, have sent over many acts.

No organization or person has refused to entertain the boys and it would make too long a report even to try to mention their names.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W. MOORE,
Chairman, Entertainment Committee, Old St. Stephen's Club.

Brief Report of Work of Club in Office for Registration and Correspondence.

The registration on the yellow card for the new men has proved a complete success, for by this means it has been possible to locate the men at once, whose families write or telegraph enquiries for them. During this past year this office has filed about 300 letters; it has relieved many families who have been ill, or in need of financial help, in their own home towns, through the Red Cross, which organization has also given financial help and employment for men discharged from the service; and it has also forwarded money on a business basis to men whose pay-accounts have been mixed up.

Besides the Red Cross, we have been helped by twenty-five other organizations, hospitals etc., in locating and helping the men. There have been six volunteer assistants working in the office, and the visiting and investigations have been done by Miss Ewing assisted by Mrs. Reifsnyder.

I would like to add that, on several occasions, the Red Cross has thanked us for our assistance and co-operation in their work.

ALICE EWING.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB, FROM MAY 1, 1918, TO MAY 1, 1919,

May 1, 1918, Cash on hand....		$3,139.25
RECEIPTS.		
Donations	$21,188.06	
Special	1,535.81	
Ice Cream Fund ..	382.90	
Repairs	125.00	
Sale of Badges ...	38.00	
	$23,269.77	
		$26,409.02
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Eats	$10,460.98	
Smokes, Candy	4,593.07	
Women's Committee	193.52	
Electric Lights	500.00	
Stamps	433.18	
Help	2,554.51	
Repairs	1,388.04	
Supplies	1,449.36	
Sundries	1,082.23	
Printing	195.37	
	$22,850.26	
May 1, 1919, Balance on Hand.....		$3,558.76
Of the above donations we have received from War Welfare Council.		$11,250.00

ROBERT T. BOYD, *Treasurer.*

May 1, 1919.

REGISTERED ATTENDANCE.

*Total from — to Oct. 20, 1917.....		17,619
Total from 10-20-17 to 5-10-19, inc.....		174,456
		192,075

*Received from A. W.

AFTERNOONS.

Total from 10-20-17 to 5-10-19, inc.....	83,320

EVENINGS.

Total from 10-20-17 to 5-10-19, inc.....	70,053

SUNDAYS.

Total from 2-23-18 to 5-10-19, inc.....	21,083
	174,456
Approximated total registered attendance during the year 1918 (Club closed from 9-28 to 10-30)	141,000

Very truly,

CHAS. N. VAN DUSEN.

To Mr. Andrew Luffbarry, 5-11-19.

ROLL *of* HONOR

Barclay, W. K., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Barclay, Geo. G., Ensign, U. S. Navy.
Berg, First Lieutenant Albert P.,
Blomgren, Sanford E., U. S. Navy.
Boyd, Second Lieutenant Robert T., Jr.
Brown, Private Robert J., Somewhere in France.
Brunner, Lewis A., U. S. Army.
Burns, Private Oscar W.,

Callies, Private Percy E. de, U. S. Army.
Colket, Lieutenant Tristram C., 2nd., Somewhere in France.
**Covert, Joseph F., U. S. Army.*
Crawford, Captain Alan, U. S. A.,
Culbertson, Samuel T., Lieut., U. S. Marine Corps.

Dodge, Arthur Raymond, N. R. F.
Ellis, Ensign Herbert M., U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Bertel, U. S. Navy.
Elsner, Private Lenhart,

Frazier, Major Chas. H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Gowdy, Elwood, U. S. Navy.
Gregory, Donald, U. S. Navy.
Graham, George Emlen, U. S. Navy.

Hartman, Private Paul B.,
Hale, Second Lieutenant Marion D.,
Hart, Private Chas. B.,
Hancock, Lieutenant Frank W.,
†*Hetherington, Lieut. Seth C.,*
Hewson, Addinell Stevenson, U. S. Army.
Hewson, William, Assistant Surgeon.
Hewson, Ensign Harry M. C., U. S. Navy.
Hein, Theodore, Sergeant, U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.

Jones, Major Isaac H., Medical Reserve Corps.

Kelso, Second Lieutenant Harry C.,

Lavell, Sergeant Victor L., Somewhere in France.
‡*Lamb, Sergeant Joseph G.,*
Leithead, Corporal John E.,
Lukens, Sergeant Samuel C., Somewhere in France.
Lukens, Second Lieutenant Walter Lee, Somewhere in France.

*Died in France, March 22, 1918.
†Died in France, September 28, 1918.
‡Died in France, October 12, 1918.

McGuriman, James, U. S. Army.
McKeehan, Lieut.-Col. Chas. L.,
Magill, Colonel Louis J., U. S. Marine Corps.
Marbert, Charles, U. S. Navy.
Marvine, Captain Walter, Chaplain U. S. Army.
Marvine, Donald M.,
Mearns, Clarence W., U. S. Army, Somewhere in France.
Meek, First Lieutenant Wilson,
Meek, Robert L.,
Meek, First Lieutenant Samuel W., Jr., U. S. Marine Corps,
Minster, Edward Lea, U. S. Army, France.
Moore, Edward W., U. S. Navy.
Musselman, Second Lieutenant A. Claxton, O. R. C.

O'Byrne, Thomas,
Old, Captain Herbert M.,

**Page, James J.,*

Reed, George O.,
Reifsynder, Henry G.,
Ruhl, William H.,

Sangree, Ernest M., U. S. Navy.
Slack, Robert, U. S. Navy.
Smith, Lieut.-Col. Frank Wilbur, Somewhere in France.
†*Smith, Lieut. Lewis G.,*
‡*Stork, Sergeant James.*
Stephens, Sergeant Kortright L.,
Stephens, Corporal Henry L.,

Taws, Francis Elton, U. S. Army.
Torrey, Second Lieutenant Donald F.,
Turner, First Lieutenant Daniel N.,

Van Dusen, Lieutenant Colonel Lewis H.,

Watson, William J., U. S. Army, in France
Weldon, Guy, U. S. Navy.
Whitham, Lieutenant Loyd B., M. R. C.
Whitham, Major Jay, Medical Corps.
Williamson, Paymaster Thom., U. S. Navy.
Wilder, George, U. S. Army.

Browne, Mrs. E. Ada,
Earle, Miss Elisabeth R., Army Nurse Corps.
Jenks, Mrs. Robert D., Y. M. C. A., Toul, France.

*Died in France, Sept. 29, 1918.
†Lost at sea, Jan. 7, 1919.
‡Died in France, Aug. 14, 1918.

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan.	5—Mrs. C. H. Colket.	July	6—Mrs. Nicholson.
	12—Misses Kirkpatrick.		13—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	19—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.		20—Mrs. J. E. Grammer.
	16—Miss Ernst.		20—Miss Lindenmayer.
			27—Mrs. Clayton.
Feb.	2—Mrs. D. R. Harper.		
	9—Miss Gebhart.	Aug.	3—Mrs. Heberton.
	16—Miss Crawford.		10—
	23—Miss Gebhart.		17—Miss Shellenberger.
			24—Mrs. Lane.
March	2—Miss M. Wallace.		31—Miss Laura Bell.
	9—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.		
	16—Mrs. Brunner.	Sept.	7—Misses Kirkpatrick.
	23—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.		14—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
	25—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.		21—Mrs. Keable.
	30—Dr. Grammer.		28—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
		Oct.	5—Miss Laura Bell.
April	6—Mrs. Atmore.		12—Miss Maulsby.
	13—Palm Sunday.		19—Mrs. Sheble.
	17—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.		26—Rev. F. B. Keable.
	20—Easter.		
	27—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.	Nov.	1—Mrs. Arrison.
			2—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
May	4—Miss Dutilh.		9—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
	11—Miss Townsend.		16—Miss Townsend.
	18—Mrs. C. H. Colket.		23—Miss Eisenbrey.
	25—Miss Gregg.		30—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
	29—Miss Williamson.		
		Dec.	7—Mrs. Atmore.
June	1—Miss Dutilh.		14—Misses Davis.
	8—Mrs. Tourison		21—Mrs. Petry.
	15—Miss Gebhart.		25—Christmas.
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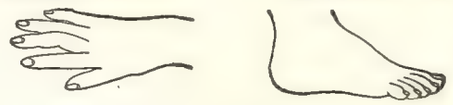

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11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Keehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. F. S. Ginther.

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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—James Merchant.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Jones, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy and Miss G. Luffbarry.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable and Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

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Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

October 5.—The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
12.—The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
18.—St. Luke, Evangelist.
19.—The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
26.—The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
28.—St. Simon and St. Jude.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

May 25.—John Lawrence Kerr.
June 8.—Barbara Clara Coll.
8.—Florence Marie Perry.
29.—Elmer Harry Scholl.
August 10.—William Angus Ray.
Sept. 12.—Henry Arthur Bartley.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

May 22.—Frederick V. Kinmonth and Mabel E. James.
29.—William Barkley and Mamie Duval.
June 2.—Charlemagne H. Hadiern and Helen H. Hacking.
11.—S. Lewis Cramer and Henrietta Louise Weider.
July 14.—John G. Sharpley and Wilhelmina G. Haase.
24.—Charles Godfrey Binder and Lillian Elizabeth Sullivan.
Aug. 9.—Charles Paul Martin and Mabel Elenora Hoerner.
30.—John Wilson Clark and Myrtle L. Traul.
Sept. 17.—Charles H. Nichols and Katheryn M. McBride.
17.—Henry A. Bartley and Edith Bessie Howell.
17.—Albert W. Prichard and Anna R. Reid.
20.—Casper T. Eissler and Lena E. McEwen.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

May 24.—Joseph C. Jackson.
July 5.—Hannah G. A. Cooper.
9.—Miss Anna Bella Townsend.
16.—William L. Boggs.
Sept. 4.—Mrs. Catherine M. Brown.
29.—George W. Maxton.

Offerings received from the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 25, 1919, to the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 28, 1919, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 87 07	
Parochial Maintenance	209 57	
Work among Boys	55 76	
Indian Missions	14 85	
Sunday School	58 86	
D. V. Bible School	28 30	
Girls' Friendly Society	26 98	
		$481 39

Envelope System:

Charities	310 29	
Parochial Maintenance	827 13	
Missions	446 10	
St. Stephen's Farm	250 76	
Theological Education	12 25	
Our work among boys	98 75	
Benevolent Society	32 50	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	10	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	6 35	
Domestic Missions	25	
Woman's Auxiliary	1 15	
Indian Missions	58 85	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	5	
City Missions	40	
Deaconess House	1 90	
Sunday School	149 70	
D. V. Bible School	46 35	
Girls' Friendly Society	32 13	
		$2,275 01

RECAPITULATION.

Charities	$ 397 36	
Parochial Maintenance	1,036 70	
Missions	446 10	
St. Stephen's Farm	250 76	
Theological Education	12 25	
Our work among boys	154 51	
Benevolent Society	32 50	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	10	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	6 35	
Domestic Missions	25	
Woman's Auxiliary	1 15	
Indian Missions	73 70	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	5	
City Missions	40	
Deaconess House	1 90	
Sunday School	208 56	
D. V. Bible School	74 65	
Girl's Friendly Society	59 11	
		$2,756 40

Contributions placed in Basins in Church Vestibule on May 25th for American Women's Hospitals in Serbia, $216.00.

The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I know how attractive the country is at this season, and how gloomy appear the streets of the city, with their narrow lines and thin strip of sky after the broad fields and spacious outlook of the country. Nevertheless, now that I am back in the city myself, I am hard-hearted enough to hope I shall soon see you all in your accustomed places. There is a time for rest, and there is a time for work. Now that the night is longer than the day, and the children are going to school again, it is time for us adults to address ourselves to our tasks. The Church's work is calling for helpers.

I am afraid that many of you will be disappointed that nothing has been done on the exterior of the church. The trouble has been the high cost of repairs. The committee in charge of the work was daunted when it found that the contractors wanted $20,000 to put our exterior in such a condition as we desire. It, therefore, suspended operations until we could get together and talk over the situation and decide upon the essential repairs. The rest, it was thought, could wait until another time. I am sure that none of us ever intended to try to make the church look like a modern church. We value the antique appearance of the old structure. All that we aimed to do was to put the outside walls in first class condition, and to improve the front. Our entrance is not inviting; neither is it well lighted. The window above the door also might be considerably improved. These matters will be speedily taken up by the vestry.

As I announced on the first Sunday after my return, Miss Magee has generously given a considerable sum to improve the equipment and the action of the organ. The contract has been made with Haskell, to put chimes in the echo organ and a harp stop, which will give a novel effect like that of a stringed instrument. Some of the other stops, which have proven to be too slightly differentiated, have been changed and the action will be greatly improved. The general scheme of voicing will not be altered, and Mr. Thunder has been particularly anxious not to lose the qualities of sweetness and the admirable voicing which has made the organ so successful.

The organ builder has promised to have all the repairs and additions completed before Thanksgiving Day. Its fine music has always been one of the distinguished features of St. Stephen's and we are delighted to have our fine organ brought in this way to the highest pitch of efficiency. Our only regret is that the improvements on the outside could not synchronize with this improvement in our interior equipment.

We have had a remarkably healthful summer, and comparatively few losses by death. It is with gratitude to God for her good example that we mention Miss Anna Belle Townsend. For over two years she was a great sufferer. She never had the pleasure of seeing the improvements in the church, though she often asked me about them, and cherished the hope that she might some day see them. She was greatly missed in our Societies, especially in the Altar Society, of which she was a most faithful member; prompt, efficient and kindly, working well with others and doing whatever she had to do with thoroughness. She was one of our most dependable members. She will also be greatly missed in the Woman's Auxiliary, of which she was a regular attendant and faithful contributor. She was a delegate to the Indian Hope Department of the Diocesan Auxiliary, and there was always something fresh and original in the way in which she made her reports. I first knew her well in the long sickness of her father, to whom she was a most devoted daughter and faithful nurse. She was one of those parishioners who can always be counted on to be in their places on Sunday. I always felt as if one of the lights had gone out on that side of the church when she ceased to attend. She kept up her envelope subscription faithfully even when she was no longer able to come to church, and now that she is no longer with us, her good works follow her; for her sister has sent in all the envelopes with her contributions made up to the end of the year. In her long illness her body wasted away most pitiably, but her spirit was cheerful, fed by some inner fountain of strength and courage. She kept up wonderfully to the end. All who ever were associated with her will remember her as one of the lights of the world in her day and generation.

Through the work of Old St. Stephen's Club a large group of workers was gathered together who became closely associated in ties of friendship and common interest. Among these workers Mrs. Frank G. Cooper was conspicuous for her fidelity and warm interest in the boys. Although she was suffering for over a year from the malady which finally ended her life, she continued her activities in the club long after most people would have pleaded illness as an excuse for discontinuing such exertions. Her power to attract and interest the boys has been shown by numerous letters which Dr. Cooper has received since her death from the enlisted men who knew her in the Club. I would that it were proper to quote some of them. They remind one of Longfellow's lines about the inscriptions in a country churchyard:

> "Rudely written, but each letter
> Full of hope and full of heartbreak,
> Full of all the tender pathos
> Of the here and the hereafter."

She bore the long suffering of her painful disease with extraordinary fortitude. I do not think that anyone could have been with her to the end without feeling perfectly convinced that although the mind uses the brain as an organ for expression, it is not the product of the brain but its master. Within a half hour before her lips became silent forever she was speaking clearly and intelligently about the interests of those she loved, and giving directions for their welfare. There was not the slightest flicker in the bright blaze of her intelligence. She was with us, and then she had passed to "where beyond these voices there is peace." She had become very much endeared to a large circle in our church, and the sympathy of the congregation goes out to her bereaved husband and her near relations.

In the death of Mrs. Catherine M. Brown, one of the faithful families of our church lost a good and loving mother. Her daughter Lillie (now Mrs. Greenbaum), grew up in our Sunday School and is one of our faithful attendants. Her son Robert Brown, was one of the young men of our church who went abroad with the American Expeditionary Force.

There is something peculiarly sad in the death of the father of a large family, or the leader of a large band, who stand disconsolate around his grave and feel life has grown more onerous, now he has gone. But there is also

something peculiarly touching in the obsequies of the last survivor of a generation, or a family, or a set, the last leaf of a past summer, that after defying the blast alone, while all its companions are gone, is at last whirled away. Such was the pathos of the funeral of our genial worker in Old St. Stephen's Club, William L. Boggs. While his attendance in our church preceded the formation of the club, he never came into any close fellowship until its inauguration. He took eagerly to the work, and at once became a regular helper, and a most efficient enroller of new attendants. He was very popular with the boys. They liked the way he had of hiding his tenderness of heart under a camouflage of gruffness that deceived no one and gave him a unique flavor. He became one of our recognized characters. Rigging and pretended scolding was always going on about him. We appreciated that he had known more prosperous days, and was bearing the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune with manly fortitude; but we had no idea of the loneliness of his life, until his sudden death, by an acute attack of illness at night, disclosed that the members of our club were the most dependable friends that he possessed. It is pleasant to record that they rose at once to the responsibilities of the relation, and made his funeral a testimonial of friendship.

The last time that I saw him was at the funeral of Mrs. Cooper, who like a number of other ladies delighted and cheered him by a friendly raillery, which he pretended to depreciate, though it was evident that it warmed the very cockles of his heart. Sincere and unobtrusive was his sorrow. It is a consolation to know that Old St. Stephen's Club did so much to cheer his last days.

These, I believe, are the only deaths among our regular attendants, although, of course, there were a number of funerals, since the clergy of a parish like ours are called upon to render this ministerial service outside of our own fold.

The most interesting development of the summer is the Boys' Club. Elsewhere in this paper we publish Mr. Keable's statement of its origin. As soon as he told me of the opening I was convinced that it was Providential. It is just the kind of work that a down town church like ours ought to assume. We have the location and we have the large group of workers who were accustomed to coöperate with one another harmoniously, we have the proper equipment, and the success with which we administered Old St. Stephen's Club for Enlisted Men has given us a prestige which will enable us to raise the necessary money. The newspapers stand ready to assist us by giving all the publicity that we desire. There is no organization to meet the needs of these boys in the city. At a meeting in the vestry room on Wednesday, September 24th, a board of directors was created of those members of the general committee of Old St. Stephen's Club who consented to join, together with the representatives of the ladies' committee who used to sit with the general committee. This board elected the Rector of St. Stephen's Church as President, and Mr. Keable as Vice-President and Chairman of the Executive Committee. Miss McDonald was elected Secretary, and Mr. Robert T. Boyd Treasurer. The President was requested to appoint the Executive Committee. He has appointed, in addition to the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee *ex officio,* Miss Cornelia L. Ewing, Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder and Mrs. Robert T. Boyd and Dr. Frank G. Cooper, Andrew Luffbarry and J. B. Mearns.

A meeting of the Directors to hear the report of this Executive Committee has been called for Tuesday, September 30th. Our general scheme will be to aid these boys by providing for them a place of recreation and entertainment. They will be furnished coffee and sandwiches at the cost of the materials. The canteen or cafe will be conducted on entirely different principles from the canteen of Old St. Stephen's Club. Nothing will be given away. The entire administration will be in the charge of a stewardess and her helper. A man will be always on hand to keep order, so that the ladies will at no time find themselves without an efficient guardian of the peace. Voluntary helpers will be needed, however, to create an atmosphere and to give the boys friendship and counsel. The general plan is that no charity shall be distributed to the boys. If there are to be any remedial measures taken, there shall be a special committee for the purpose, so that we shall be protected from any unauthorized acts of philanthropy. It is exceedingly important that nothing should be done to injure the self-respect of the boys, or that

will have a tendency to remove them from the class of workers. These are industrious boys, and they must be encouraged to be industrious by seeing that the rewards of faithful diligence cannot be secured by plausible tales.

I am tempted to prolong this editorial and talk about other plans for the church. While I must avoid prolixity, I cannot help saying a word about the Wednesday noonday service. The attendance during the summer was truly remarkable, averaging about seventy-five persons. During September it has reached nearly a hundred. I am particularly anxious that the members of the Wednesday Band should feel that this service belongs to them, and that those who attend should bring in others. There is such a thing as overvaluing numbers, but there is also such a thing as being supine, and content with small results when we ought to get large results. Undoubtedly the effectiveness of such a service is very much heightened by an increase in the attendance. The great volume of singers, lifting up their voices in praise, the great volume of responses to prayer, all mightily coöperate to elevate the spirit both of the hearers and of the speaker. I snall be very much disappointed if the weekly attendance during the winter does not amount to at least 200.

Then there is the work among the men of the church. I regret that Mr. McKeehan was summoned by important business engagements to Europe this October. Together we have talked over the matter and found ourselves of one mind, that it would be wise to reorganize the group that formerly constituted the St. Andrew's Brotherhood and make it into a society distinctly adapted to the needs of our congregation. A very learned and able Church of England clergyman, with whom I opened a correspondence on account of my admiration for his book on the Psalms, organized a successful society in his church in London on somewhat different lines from the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. The promise exacted by St. Andrew's Brotherhood of every member that they will say a specific prayer every day is a great stumbling-block. It is either not lived up to at all, or it becomes a burden to the spirit; a form that cramps rather than helps. One of the most distinguished Christians that America every produced, the Rev. Dwight L. Moody, promised a friend to mention his name every time he uttered a prayer. Later he asked to be relieved from that promise, which was an obstruction in the freedom of his communication with God. Just suppose that a child were to promise another child that every time it spoke to its father it would mention its brother's or sister's name! How unreal it would be! What an obstruction in the road of free communication of spirit with spirit. Much of our best prayer really does not express itself in words, but is a simple effort on our part to realize that behind all these phenomena there is a great Spirit from which we derive our mortal powers, and with which we would like to be in harmony. People who have these mystic yearnings are driven away from the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's by the definite pledge. I think we can reach our constituency better if we remove the barrier from the door of our Men's Club, and open the club to every seeker for friendship, for uplift and for truth.

The proper organization of the men of our church is one of the tasks that will call for solution this winter. I should like to see our occasional Sunday evening suppers resumed. Moreover, I would like St. Stephen's Church formally to enter the Inter-Church Federation. A new charter has been adopted by the Federation; we are no longer content simply to have the different rectors of the city join in a federation. What we are aiming at is a federation of churches. Unfortunately, the time has not yet arrived when we can get our Convention to join in with the other Protestant churches. That would, of course, be the ideal way for the Episcopal Church to associate itself through its Diocesan Convention with the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the Baptists and others, and appropriate a certain amount of money as our contribution as a church towards the running expenses of the Federation. The special task of the Federation really would be problems of civic righteousness. Inasmuch as we have not reached the right stage, the next best thing would be to get the different congregations to join. I am going to put the matter before the congregation soon, and ask them to take action.

I wish that I could dwell on this point at greater length, but I must reserve this for a later communication. I cannot but express my sense of privilege in being connected with a church which is called upon to help in so many ways in the upbuilding of the Kingdom

of God on earth. I believe that the Interchurch Federation was a potent factor in securing the new charter, and was of service in overthrowing the rule of the contractor-boss. Still larger tasks invite us. I am confident that the same spirit that has animated the congregation in the past will be with us in the discharge of these later responsibilities.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

A stated meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Parish will be held on Thursday, October 16th. The celebration of the Holy Communion will be at half past ten o'clock, followed by the meeting at eleven o'clock. Reports of delegates as usual, and a speaker will explain the object and method of the Nation-Wide Campaign. Further announcement will be made on the postal notice to be sent by the Secretary.

The Woman's United Offering.

The Triennial Presentation of the United Offering will take place in Detroit, on October 9th. The contribution from St. Stephen's Branch amounted to over $1,200 for the last three years.

Your treasurer will be grateful for any thank offering from any woman in the congregation.

ANNA MAGEE, *Treasurer.*

The G. F. S.

The Girls' Friendly Society will reassemble in the Parish House on Monday, October 6th, at the usual hour. Dr. Grammer will be present and conduct the devotions.

The King's Daughters will have their second meeting October 15th in the Guild Room of the Parish House, at 8 o'clock.

July 6th, our beloved friend and a faithful member of the Circle, Miss Bella Townsend, was called to her Heavenly Home. It is our loss and her gain, but she will be missed. She was always faithful and ready to do her part for the good of others. A great sufferer but always cheerful.

The Club For Boys

Dr. Grammer has requested me to give an account of the starting of Old St. Stephen's Club for newsboys, and at the outset I want to say that this movement is not the result of a sudden impulse, but the result of long and careful thought. Ambassador Bryce said, "Social reformers are more and more coming to feel that the prevention of bad habits and the promotion of good ones among those classes which most need philanthropic help must begin with the children." For many months it has been a question with me as to how we could reach the boys of the streets, especially those who congregate in the rear of the church, shooting craps, and sleeping on the doorsteps, or on the shipping tables of a nearby newspaper establishment. During my vacation it occurred to me that possibly we could somehow or other gather these boys into the Sunday School Building, and still make arrangements to continue the care of our boys and girls of the Sunday School.

As soon as I came home, I spent several evenings sitting on the doorstep of the Ludlow Street entrance to the Sunday School Building, talking to the boys and trying to find out something about their lives and manner of living. I found several boys who are without homes; others who had run away from home for various reasons. About fourteen boys came from Scranton, two from New York,

some from Trenton. These boys had been attracted to the city by the report of big wages at Hog Island. They were soon disillusioned, and as they did not wish to return home without having made good, they joined the group of papersellers as a means of livelihood.

I might mention that I succeeded in getting four of these boys to return to Scranton, though some are still here and are making good. I persuaded one boy to write home "just to let the folks know where you are." He finally consented, and this is what he wrote:

"Dear Mamma: This is just to let you know that I am in Philadelphia. I suppose you know that I sold my bike for $10. Can you get it back, and do you think I can get my old job at the Post Office again? Send me my sister's photograph."

The response to this letter was a telegram for money enabling the boy to return home.

Besides the out-of-town boys, there are many boys whose homes are in Philadelphia, but they are either beyond parental control or else it must be that there is no one to care. They sleep wherever they can. Sometimes when sales have been good, or they have been successful at "craps" they patronize a rooming house, paying 35 or 40 cents for a bed. These boys serve the "bulldog" editions of the Record and North American. This edition is issued at 10 P. M., and after the papers are sold the boys return to the office and settle their accounts. This is usually at 1 or 2 A. M.

I finally decided to write to the Rector asking permission to start work with these boys, but before I did so, I received a request from the superintendent of the Record asking me to come and talk over with him this boy problem. I did so, and found that while he had no plan to suggest, we were entirely in accord that nothing was gained, but a great opportunity lost, if we merely called the police to drive the boys away. The superintendent expressed great willingness to co-operate with us, if we should decide to attempt a club for the boys. He verified many of the statements which the boys had made to me.

The call from the superintendent just at this time convinced me that this was more than a coincidence. I regarded it as a Providential opening for a great work, and so wrote to Dr. Grammer. He replied very cordially, authorizing me to go ahead and possess the field. But even before his reply could be received I invited a number of these boys into the club and treated them to refreshments, rolls, coffee and frankfurters.

This was on Monday, July 21st. The boys were delighted and expressed great desire for some place where they might wait until the "bulldog" was off the press. For the next ten nights refreshments were sold to the boys for a nominal sum, and they were permitted to play such games as checkers until 9.45.

During August I went to New York and visited one of the largest boys' clubs in the country. It has a membership of 6,000. The result of my visit may be best summed up in the words of one who has worked among boys for over twenty years. "It is evident from your own words that you have the right ideas; now the thing is to have a building where you can carry at least some of them into effect."

On September 15th the club was opened. An exhibition of motion pictures was given, followed by a heart-to-heart talk, in which I urged the boys to co-operate with us. I pointed out that we had taken pains to have the building put in splendid condition, but that the toilets, etc., would be useless unless the boys did their part by scrubbing their own hands and faces and keeping themselves neat and clean. I also called attention to the fact that while food would be sold to them at cost, we would expect that part of the money that they had thus saved in the price of their supper would be put into a savings fund, Mr. Calwell, of the Corn Exchange, having kindly offered to see that someone would be at the club once a week to receive funds.

After the refreshments were served, a boy of about seventeen gathered up some of the plates that were left on the table, and calling to the other boys said: "Come on, fellows, gather up the dishes; this is the sort of 'copration' (co-operation) that Mr. Keable wants."

The price of the food has been established practically by the boys themselves. It came about in this way: In July some of the volunteers thought that the sandwiches should be sold for about three cents. This did not meet with my approbation; I thought that five cents would be the right price, so during the evening we circulated amongst the boys and learned their opinion of the food, both as to quality and quantity, and when asked what

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan. 5—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
12—Misses Kirkpatrick.
19—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
16—Miss Ernst.

Feb. 2—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
9—Miss Gebhart.
16—Miss Crawford.
23—Miss Gebhart.

March 2—Miss M. Wallace.
9—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
16—Mrs. Brunner.
23—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
25—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
30—Dr. Grammer.

April 6—Mrs. Atmore.
13—Palm Sunday.
17—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
20—Easter.
27—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

May 4—Miss Dutilh.
11—Miss Townsend.
18—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
25—Miss Gregg.
29—Miss Williamson.

June 1—Miss Dutilh.
8—Mrs. Tourison
15—Miss Gebhart.
22—Miss Bright.
29—Mr. C. H. Colket.

July 6—Mrs. Nicholson.
13—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
20—Mrs. J. E. Grammer.
20—Miss Lindenmayer.
27—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 3—Mrs. Heberton.
10—
17—Miss Shellenberger.
24—Mrs. Lane.
31—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 7—Misses Kirkpatrick.
14—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
21—Mrs. Keable.
28—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 5—Miss Laura Bell.
12—Miss Maulsby.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Rev. F. B. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mrs. Arrison.
2—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
9—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
16—Miss Townsend.
23—Miss Eisenbrey.
30—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 7—Mrs. Atmore.
14—Misses Davis.
21—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas.
26—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
28—Miss Emily Bell.

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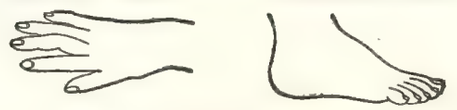

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10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

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Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

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Meets on Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
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Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—James Merchant.

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Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Sunday, 9.45 A.M.—Miss Denny.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Tuesdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

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Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
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Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily except Sunday, 3 to 10 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Nov. 1.—All Saints' Day.
" 2.—The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 9.—The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 16.—The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
" 23.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 27.—Thanksgiving Day.
" 30.—The First Sunday in Advent.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Oct. 26.—Vera Ellen Baker.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Oct. 3.—Raymond Leslie Macgregor and Edna S. Underdown.
" 4.—Stanton Haines and Ida Mae Wilson.
" 6.—Michael Julian and Helen L. Baker.
" 14.—James Elliott and Helen Frances Reiff.
" 15.—Albert O. Geary and Marjorie Baker.
" 18.—Fred J. Green and Esther Bilheimer.

Offerings received from the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 5, 1919 to the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 26, 1919, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basin, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 45 76	
Parochial Maintenance	156 84	
		$202 60

Envelope System:

Charities	$136 25	
Parochial Maintenance	379 45	
Missions	257 90	
St. Stephen's Farm	75	
Theological Education	45	
Our work among boys	3 05	
Benevolent Society	8 85	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	2 10	
Diocesan Missions	25	
Foreign Missions	25	
Colored Missions	25	
Missionary box	25	
Indian Missions	10 60	

Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	75	
City Missions	25	
Deaconess House	60	
Sunday School	38 50	
Woman's Auxiliary	60	
Girls' Friendly Society	15 10	
Daily Vacation Bible School	3 50	
Interchurch Federation	57 70	
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		$1,120 00

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F. B. Keable, Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

As a rule I prefer to write about the program for the coming month, and things to be done, but I cannot help speaking in this letter of the delightful supper we had on Sunday, October 19th. Forty-two men sat down at a table most charmingly decorated by a committee of young ladies of the Girls' Friendly, with Miss May Claremont and Miss Florence Sherrard at their head. They were assisted by Miss Hines, Miss Shade, Miss May Claremont and Miss Irene Wilder.

At the close of the supper I made a few remarks of welcome and reminiscence, and introduced Col. Frank Wilbur Smith. Col. Smith gave us some most interesting facts about our army in France. Everything was told with great clearness and precision. The most horrifying occurrence of which he told was an incident in a Belgian village early in the German occupation of that country. The German officers told the people that two German soldiers were to be shot for disobeying orders, and ordered the whole population to line themselves up against the wall of the church, in order that they might be edified and instructed by the strictness and severity of German discipline. In the morning accordingly over two hundred people assembled in due order. When the appointed time came the guns of the Germans were turned upon the spectators, and many of them were killed. Col. Smith investigated this story for the United States Government and had all the documents and proofs.

The most amusing story Col. Smith related was that of his embarkation at New York. The military authorities were keeping the matter such a secret that they did not even tell him the wharf until the day before, and then refused to reveal the name of the vessel. Yet when he called a taxicab the driver said, "I take it for granted you are going to sail on the Olympic, at Pier No. so-and-so." The carefully guarded secret was known on the streets of New York! A number of new attendants at the church were present, and everybody expressed himself in favor of a revival of this custom of occasional suppers on Sunday evening. If the young ladies will consent to help us out, we will never call in the assistance of a caterer.

The attendance at the Wednesday noonday service continues to increase. In three weeks it has grown from a hundred to over a hundred and fifty, the number present on the 22nd. Mrs. Keable's recital before the service is evidently a popular feature. I would be very much obliged if our friends would help us to place the placards advertising this service in elevators and in the dressing rooms of the department stores.

I publish elsewhere in this number a circular letter asking for money for the official purse. This purse is one of the agreeable customs of St. Stephen's which makes me the envy of my brother ministers. I have often noticed at various clerical gatherings how little freedom my brother rectors enjoy in pledging their congregations. They seem to have no fund on which they can draw. By the establishment of this fund we save ourselves also from numerous appeals for the various societies of the church—the Altar Society, the Mothers' Meeting, the Shoe Fund, as well as the publishing of the parish paper and office expenses, which are all provided for out of this purse. I hope that the usual amount will be contributed.

The Newsboys' Club continues its work, and the organization of its committees has been completed. The following are the chairmen of the various committees:

Mrs. Barton, Miss Bispham, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Jr., Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Mary Swift, Miss Mary Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Van Dusen, Mrs. Harper, Miss MacDowell, Miss Shervell, Miss Camphell and Miss Marley.

Mr. Barton, Mr. H. Reifsnyder, Jr., Mr. Hahn, Mr. Bilyen, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Keable, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Boyd, Dr. Cooper and Mr. Means.

They will invite helpers as the work develops and their services are needed. The Executive Committee is Rev. Mr. Keable, Dr. Cooper, Mr. Luffbarry, Mr. Mearns, Mrs. Reifsnyder, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Harper, and also, *ex officio,* the Treasurer of the Club and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Girls' Friendly has already resumed its sessions, with three new associates. This month the Mothers' Meeting and the Benevolent Society will begin their activities. It is pleasant to record that we will also have the pleasure of receiving new workers in both these organizations.

It is with with great regret that I learn that Miss Elizabeth Washington and Mrs. Clemens have for personal reasons resigned from the Benevolent Society. Miss Washington was one of the workers of longest standing. The Benevolent Society is under a great debt of gratitude to her not only for her faithful discharge of the work of her important post, but also for her contribution towards the reorganization of the Society which took place some ten years ago. She first called Mrs. Grammer's attention to the necessity of a reorganization, and indicated the lines which it ought to follow. At that critical era her loyalty and coöperation were a decisive element in the readjustment which made possible the splendid work which the Benevolent has done in the last few years.

Mrs. Clemens will also be greatly missed from her position at the table with Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Hansell. Life is so inexorable that these severings must come. New occasions create new duties. But their coworkers will always cherish the memories of the years of happy fellowship in the Benevolent.

On the second Sunday in October, the 12th instant, I preached in the morning on civic duties and responsibilities. In the course of the sermon I commended to the generosity of the congregation the four great organizations that were making a drive to secure the funds for a year, the Bureau of Municipal Research, the Society of Civil Service Reform, for better housing, and for child protection and education. At the end I dwelt at some length on the services that the Inter-Church Federation had rendered the community during the war, and explained the new plan for making it a Federation of Churches. Congregations are requested to join by vote of the proper body, and to elect their ministers and two lay members to represent them. They are also asked to make contributions to support the Federation's office and to finance its work. Over $4,000 is required, and I expressed the hope that St. Stephen's might contribute $200, and enable me to speak with weight in exhorting other congregations to give.

At the close of the sermon I recognized Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., the rector's warden, who offered the following resolution, which was put to the vote, and adopted by the congregation:

"Resolved, That St. Stephen's Church hereby agrees to unite with the Inter-Church Federation of Philadelphia, and authorizes the rector to appoint the lay members who shall unite with him in representing his congregation."

On the following Sunday special envelopes were placed in the pews for contributions to St. Stephen's subscription to the Federation. The members of one family deeply interested in municipal reform have sent me generous checks; but I have not yet learned that the congregation as a whole care as much about the matter as I hoped they did. It is a great mistake to imagine that small gifts are not desired. A sum raised by many small contributions means much more than the same sum from one or two generous people. Raised in the first way, it means so much more in interest and public support. I hope that more contributions may yet come in.

I am sure that the people of St. Stephen's are much gratified that Bishop Garland has declined the election to the diocese of Utah.

I joined with some thirty other clergymen of the diocese in a telegram intimating unmistakably our wish that he should decline. I followed it up by a long letter. I have no doubt that he received many of the same character from the clergy and laity. Bishop Garland hath borne his faculties so meek, and hath been so clear in his great office, that the diocese does not know how it can do without him. We are glad to find that he can not do without us.

Now that suffragan bishops are given a vote in the House of Bishops, and Bishop Burch is elevated from his suffragan bishopric to the great metropolitan diocese of New York, a suffragan bishop is almost on a par with a coadjutor bishop. In some respects he has the advantage of the coadjutor, since he need not wait for a living man's shoes; but can move on to some other diocese, if a way opens.

The papers are, of course, mistaken in publishing the statement that Bishop Garland would remain in Pennsylvania if he were assured of election as coadjutor. Bishop Garland never made that assertion. He knows perfectly well that no one can give such an assurance. The coadjutor must be elected by the Diocesan Convention, and no one has authority to speak for it.

We shall give Bishop Garland a hearty welcome when he comes to St. Stephen's, the first Sunday in February, to administer the rite of confirmation. When you receive this, the General Convention will have adjourned.

The reports in the newspapers do not indicate that anything of a radical or far-reaching character was accomplished. The changes in the Prayer Book are moderate and unobjectionable. A strange and timid procedure, called the Concordat, aiming to give Episcopal ordination to clergymen, who do not believe in it, but will accept it, in order that they may be able to give the communion to people who will not accept that sacrament except from Episcopally ordained ministers, can not be finally agreed to until A. D. 1922. By that time the dust will have fallen, and people will see the facts in their true relation. We shall discover that the Congregationalist ministers, as a body, take no interest in the scheme, and the ministers who crave Episcopal ordination as an equipment will never come into our Church. Perhaps I should not give an opinion without hearing the debate, or at least the report of the arguments which our deputies will bring back. The newspaper reports are meagre. But I have talked with Congregationalist ministers and find that such reordination does not appeal to them. Dr. Manning was zealous for this Concordat. But he has shown himself so manifestly ignorant of the opinions and movements in the Protestant world, that he is as unsafe a guide in such matters as was Clarendon for the Royalists, when he returned to England after his long exile and directed the policy of his party, in an era with which he was unacquainted, by the conception of a former age.

The machinery of the Church was strengthened by the creation of a central administrative body, with Bishop Gailer, of Tennessee, at its head.

Under present conditions our printers tell us that the copy for the press must come in much earlier. Any article for THE PARISH NEWS must be in Mr. Keable's hands on the Saturday week for the first Sunday in the month. Please note this.

With this month all societies and activities are in full blast. I invite those who have not found a field of work in the parish to visit our various societies and to enlist in some of them.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Church Work Fund.

October 21, 1919.

My dear Parishioners:

This is my annual letter about the Church Work Fund. There are so many drives at this time that I hate to write a letter asking for money, but unfortunately the income of the Church is not one of those sums which have been enhanced by high prices. In a sense it has been diminished, since the purchasing power of the dollar has greatly decreased.

I am sorry to say that I am considerably in debt for the publishing of THE PARISH NEWS. The cost of the publication of THE PARISH NEWS was almost equal to the entire amount that was given me. Of course, the advertisements cut this down somewhat, but we issued a number of specially large editions for the sake of Old St. Stephen's Club, and because our enlarged work required a larger paper, and additional copies were often asked for. At the same time we had the usual demands; for example, the appropriations for the Mothers' Meeting, the Altar Society, etc. The cost of running the office in stationery alone is greatly increased. Whatever arrangements or readjustments may be made in the work, I do not see how I can get along without this discretionary fund. May I ask you to send me your contribution as early as possible?

I think people give with more cheerfulness when it is brought home to them that the cause for which they are contributing is prospering. There are many signs of growth and new vigor in the church. You have doubtless read in THE PARISH NEWS of our interesting Newsboys' Club. It will not be a source of any expense to the congregation, but will maintain itself through a finance committee, in the same way as Old St. Stephen's Club. It is a municipal enterprise which we are privileged to conduct.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than the Wednesday Noonday Service. It is now conducted on the same lines as the noonday services in Lent, except that we keep it up on Wednesdays throughout the year. The average attendance through the summer was 75, and on last Wednesday, although the weather was threatening, the attendance was over 125. Perhaps some of you saw the commendatory notice of this service in St. Andrew's Cross.

Much has been done for our church in the past year, and I know that we all feel the responsibility of showing our gratitude for this wonderful assistance by making the church largely useful.

Yours very cordially,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

CONTRIBUTORS TO CHURCH WORK FUND.

Contributions to the Church Work Fund have been received as follows:

Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	$ 10 00
Miss Mary De Haven Bright	5 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Miss F. Virginia Zeilin	2 00
A Friend	100 00
Mrs. D. R. Harper	5 00
Howard H. Bilyeu	5 00
Mrs. Albert H. Pancoast	25 00
Dean Emory R. Johnson	15 00
Mrs. Joseph Clayton	5 00
Miss Catharine T. Rynard	15 00
W. Gardner Crowell	25 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	25 00
Miss Martha A. McDowell	25 00
Dr. Herbert Old	25 00
Miss Laura Bell	15 00
Miss Elizabeth L. Williamson	5 00
Mrs. Oliver A. Judson	10 00
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Mrs. B. B. Reath	10 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
Miss Anna J. Magee	25 00
Mrs. Edw. R. Fell	10 00
Mrs. C. E. Noblit	5 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	25 00
Charles A. Lineaweaver	10 00
Miss Ella R. Dwier	2 00
Frank Wilbur Smith	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Nicholson	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. Addinell Hewson	10 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	50 00
Miss Edith H. Shade	5 00
E. J. Moore	50 00

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The celebration in the church of corporate communion before the first meeting of the season of the Woman's Auxiliary, was held on Thursday, October 16th, at 10.30 A. M. There were twenty-two members present at the meeting which followed at 11 o'clock. After the usual reports and regular business meeting Mr. Keable gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the Nation-Wide Campaign.

B. E. HOLLAR, *Secty.*

Mothers' Meeting.

The first Mothers' Meeting will be held in the Parish House of St. Stephen's Church on Thursday, November 6th, at 7.30 P. M.

Sale, December 4, 1919, 3 to 9 P. M.

Musical Program

NOVEMBER 2nd.

11.00 A. M.—
God so Loved the World

8.00 P. M.—Special Service.

Mr. Rudolph Brautsinger, *Violin.*
Mr. Frank Nicoletta, *Harp.*

Harp Solo—"Fantasie" ..... *Alard*
Violin Solo—"Larghetto" ..... *Taylor*
Harp Solo—"Prayer" ..... *Cellino*
Violin Solo with Harp—"Obligato Andante Religioso" ..... *Thorné*

NOVEMBER 9th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum B flat ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate B flat ..... *Stanford*
"What have I to do With Thee" ... *Mendelssohn*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat ..... *Faning*
Lord how Long ..... *Mendelssohn*
"Repentance" ..... *Gounod*

NOVEMBER 16th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum E ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate E ..... *Mosenthal*
"Hear My Prayer" ..... *Mendelssohn*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc ..... *Calkin*
"He Watching Over Israel" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"Why Do the Nations" ..... *Haendel*

NOVEMBER 23rd.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum F ..... *Marley*
Jubilate F ..... *Smart*
"My Soul is Athirst" ..... *Gaul*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat E ..... *Parker*
"God is Love" ..... *Shelley*
"Abide with Me" ..... *Liddle*

NOVEMBER 27th, THANKSGIVING DAY.

Te Deum E ..... *Buck*
Jubilate A ..... *McCollin*
Song of Thanksgiving ..... *Allitsen*

NOVEMBER 30th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum E ..... *Parker*
Jubilate E ..... *Parker*
"Ho, Every One that Thirsteth" ..... *Martin*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat E flat ..... *Barnby*
"When Thou Comest" ..... *Rossini*
"Protect Me Through the Coming Night" ..... *Curschmann*

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan. 5—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
12—Misses Kirkpatrick.
19—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
16—Miss Ernst.

Feb. 2—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
9—Miss Gebhart.
16—Miss Crawford.
23—Miss Gebhart.

March 2—Miss M. Wallace.
9—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
16—Mrs. Brunner.
23—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
25—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
30—Dr. Grammer.

April 6—Mrs. Atmore.
13—Palm Sunday.
17—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
20—Easter.
27—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

May 4—Miss Dutilh.
11—Miss Townsend.
18—Mrs. C. H. Colket.
25—Miss Gregg.
29—Miss Williamson.

June 1—Miss Dutilh.
8—Mrs. Tourison
15—Miss Gebhart.
22—Miss Bright.
29—Mr. C. H. Colket.

July 6—Mrs. Nicholson.
13—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
20—Mrs. J. E. Grammer.
20—Miss Lindenmayer.
27—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 3—Mrs. Heberton.
10—
17—Miss Shellenberger.
24—Mrs. Lane.
31—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 7—Misses Kirkpatrick.
14—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.
21—Mrs. Keable.
28—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 5—Miss Laura Bell.
12—Miss Maulsby.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Rev. F. B. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mrs. Arrison.
2—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
9—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.
16—Miss Townsend.
23—Miss Eisenbrey.
30—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.

Dec. 7—Mrs. Atmore.
14—Misses Davis.
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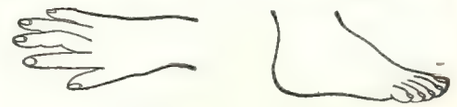

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, *Treasurer.*

House open from June 15th to September 15th for the accommodation and recreation of women and children.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

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Directress and Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.

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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockins, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. L. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDER COMMITTEE.
Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.
RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Miss Sanders, Miss E. L. Williamson.

INDIAN HÉPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary Roberts.

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President—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Mrs. B. Reath.
Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss H. Stephens.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—James Merchant.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Eccles, Miss Fisher, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry and Miss Denny.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable and Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily except Sunday, 3 to 10 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Elizabeth Haupt Smith.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn, Miss Mary M. Roberts.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Dec. 7.—The Second Sunday in Advent.
" 14.—The Third Sunday in Advent.
" 17.—Ember Day.
" 19.—Ember Day.
" 20.—Ember Day.
" 21.—The Fourth Sunday in Advent.
St. Thomas the Apostle.
" 25.—Christmas Day.
" 26.—St. Stephen.
" 27.—St. John the Evangelist.
" 28.—Holy Innocents and First Sunday after Christmas.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Nov. 1.—John Percival Scott.
" 9.—Miriam May Mitchell.
" 30.—Donald Fuller Torrey, Jr.
" 30.—Reba May Van Dusen.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Nov. 10.—Daniel I. Feldman and Marion Richart Clark.
" 26.—Winfield S. Gheen and Catherine M. P. Rohan.
" 27.—Harry A. Holloway and Mabel E. Carson.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Nov. 8.—Frances Josephine Snyder.
" 19.—Oscar W. Burns.

Offerings received from the 20th Sunday after Trinity, November 2, 1919, to 1st Sunday in Advent, November 30, 1919.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$41.16
Red Cross Society	108.09
Benevolent Society	51.16
Episcopal Hospital	50.26
Parochial Maintenance	153.40
	$404.07

Envelope System:		
Charities	$108.05	
Parochial Maintenance	339.25	
Missions	192.65	
Theological Education	.25	
Our Work among Boys	2.05	
Benevolent Society	142.00	
Episcopal Hospital	817.97	
S. S. Christmas Festival	8.05	
Indian Missions	2.55	
Deaconess House	39.20	
Sunday School	16.10	
Girls' Friendly Society	4.60	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.25	
Woman's Auxiliary	3.65	
Interchurch Federation	59.75	
Jewish Relief	43.00	
		$1,780.37
		$2,184.44

Recapitulation:		
Charities	$149.21	
Parochial Maintenance	492.65	
Missions	192.65	
Theological Education	.25	
Our work among boys	2.05	
Benevolent Society	193.16	
Episcopal Hospital	868.23	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	8.05	
Indian Missions	2.55	
Deaconess House	39.20	
Sunday School	16.10	
Girls' Friendly Society	4.60	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.25	
Woman's Auxiliary	3.65	
Interchurch Federation	59.75	
Jewish Relief	43.00	
Red Cross Society	108.09	
		$2,184.44

In addition to the above the Treasurer received two checks drawn to the order of the Episcopal Hospital, viz $100.00 and $2.00—$102.00.

Frederick B. Keable,
Treasurer.

Contributions to the Church Work Fund.

Miss Frances Crawford	$10 00
Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick	5 00
Mr. Gilman Fisher	5 00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	25 00
Miss Emma Klahr	10 00
Miss E. Adelaide Wallace	15 00
Miss Mary Swift	5 00
Miss Emma L. Berry	2 00
Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	10 00
C. Howard Colket	25 00
Mrs. Jas. B. Arrison	20 00
Miss Louise B. Edwards	5 00
Mrs. John O'Donnel	5 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson	5 00
Mrs. Samuel M. Austin	10 00
Mr. J. W. Whitham	15 00
Mrs. Wm. E. Barclay	5 00
Mrs. M. E. Eastwood	5 00
Mr. Charles N. Van Dusen	10 00
Mrs. Idella W. Higham	5 00
Mrs. Jas. Suydam	25 00
Mrs. Nicholas Petry	5 00
Miss Elizabeth Corrigan	1 00
Mrs. Brantley Ellis	5 00
Mrs. Katharine Miesse	5 00
Mr. Francis Elton Taws	5 00
Mrs. Josephine F. Herberton	5 00
Miss Mary T. Schaeffer	3 00
Mr. Edward Kelly	25 00
Mrs. Henry P. Taylor	10 00

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

It seems to me that the great task of the winter should be the gathering of the men of the congregation into some effective Brotherhood. Before Col. McKeehan sailed for Europe, he and I had a conference, and we agreed that it would be well to break up St. Andrew's Brotherhood and to found a society of our own more flexible lines.

Some years ago, in looking over some new theological books, my eye fell upon a commentary on the Psalms that showed such profound scholarship and such clear thinking that I was perfectly charmed with it. The author was Rev. Dr. W. F. Cobb, of London. As I read the book I became more and more delighted with his treatment, and admired increasingly his combination of critical acumen and religious earnestness. So I wrote him a letter which led to a very pleasant reply, and some correspondence between us. He is a Church of England clergyman, the rector of St. Ethelberta's Church in London, and a preacher of ability. He sent me some of his other books, and told me of a league which he had formed in his parish, called the League of the Kingdom. The underlying ideas were, first: that there is a want of spiritual leadership, a frequent absence of an ideal on the part of many who desire the material and social improvement of their fellows, and a consequent pessimistic feeling with which they look at life in general; and second: the absence of a sufficient sense on the part of men generally that the work in which they engage should be conducive to the coming of the Kingdom of God. Third: the need of a more emphatic assertion by the Christian Churches of spiritual life as the constitutive principle of a Christian Church. Fourth: the false idealism which is established wherever religion and morals, sacred and secular, Church and State, work

and worship, are set in opposition to one another.

Some of these things seem to be stated in terms more applicable to England than to ourselves; but the underlying principles of this League of the Kingdom, it seems to me, will be useful to us at St. Stephen's. At the meeting on Advent Sunday. It was decided that such a League should be formed in St. Stephen's Church. I invite all the men of the congregation to join. I hope that we will be able to find some field of activity in which to work together. First, of course, there is the Newsboys' Club, giving a splendid field. It would be well to have more men working in that Club. Secondly, I have always felt that we ought to do something for the prisons of the city. The laymen of the church ought to undertake to do some work for their inmates. The mere presence of visitors in prisons is a tonic influence upon the administration as well as a source of solace to the prisoners. Then we ought to have a group looking after new people, and inviting them to come into our Brotherhood. We ought to have regular suppers and fellowship meetings. I trust that something will be done to solidify and energize the men of our congregation. Let us join in the Nation-Wide Campaign in stirring up our members to become efficient; not merely receivers of spiritual influences, but imparters of them to others.

Although the working classes are now enjoying a season of high wages, the dependent classes are worse off than ever before. Those who receive pensions, or those who live on very small incomes find themselves in great destitution. Therefore, I think we shall need as much money as ever for our Christmas baskets. Perhaps we may not send out so many as heretofore. This will be determined by Miss Lewis and the Committee, after investigation, but it is certain that the baskets themselves will cost considerably more. We, therefore, will be much obliged if the congregation will bear in mind our Christmas baskets. I reappoint the usual committee, consisting of Mr. Van Dusen, Mr. Reifsnyder and Mr. Carrigan.

For various reasons there has been a falling off in the membership of the Altar Society. I would be very much obliged if any ladies of the church who can assist in the work of this Society would send me their names. The special task of this Guild is to see that the chancel is in good order for every service; that the places are found in the books, the proper hangings are on the pulpit and reading desk, and on Communion Sundays that all the necessary arrangements are properly made. Groups of ladies take the work in turn, each being on duty for a certain time. When a worker is on duty it is necessary that she should come to the church half an hour before the service to make the requisite arrangements. Miss Eisenbrey is the superintendent of the Society, and Mrs. William B. Campbell the secretary. I would be very glad to have anyone who would consider it confer with these ladies or with me.

On February 1st, at 11 o'clock, Bishop Garland will visit St. Stephen's Church to administer the rite of confirmation. I have already the names of several persons who intend to be confirmed. I would be glad to learn of any other candidates for confirmation. The class will not be assembled until January, but I am very anxious to have the names.

As for the Nation-Wide Campaign, I am anxious to fall in with it as far as possible. Certainly we ought to be able to participate in its zeal for greater energy and spirituality on the part of church members. The chief need in the Church is not money. I think it is unfortunate that this pecuniary drive should be part of the movement. In the long run it is destructive of the spirit of self-help to run the Church on a communistic basis. Parishes ought to be stimulated to provide for their own needs instead of being solicited to make known their wants to a central bureau, with the understanding that if they stand by the bureau with their gifts, the bureau will look after their needs. I do not believe in communism in a church any more than I do in the State. Our whole legal system is based on the assumption that the churches are supported by the people who worship in them, and that the obligation of raising money is upon them and their agents or vestries. This Nation-Wide Campaign in its financial features has not been carefully thought out, nor is it in accord with the parochial system of the Episcopal Church. But if we broaden it out and spiritualize it, we can get a great deal out of it. We shall not regard it in St. Stephen's as a drive to plant an Episcopal Church on every crossroads, but as an effort

to arouse Christian people to the need of living more Christlike lives. Let us show our faith by our works, and let us not be content with membership in the church, but strive to be fruitful in good works. In that spirit we shall celebrate December 7th. Thus far we will go. I have asked Miss Bell to act as our representative among the women, and Col. Frank Wilbur Smith as our liason officer among the men.

It was a disappointment that the repairs on the organ were not completed by Thanksgiving Day. As everyone has doubtless observed, the chimes have been placed in the echo of the organ, but the full repairs have been hindered by the same causes that operate in all departments of our industrial life. The organ-builder assures me that his task will be completed before Christmas. We shall then have some special musical services in order to manifest the full beauty of the new instrument. I do not believe that any church in the city will have an organ to compare with it.

On December 4th in the afternoon the Sons of the American Revolution will have their annual service at St. Stephen's Church. Hitherto it has been the custom of this Society to restrict itself to churches of the colonial era, but this year it has accepted an invitation to our church. The generosity of the late Horace Magee has perhaps drawn the society to a church with which his family are so closely connected. It will be a noteworthy occasion, and I trust there will be a large attendance. The Society has honored me by asking me to preach their annual sermon.

Some mention ought to be made of the free supper to the Newsboys on Thanksgiving Day. Over eighty of them sat down to fried oysters, potato salad, coffee, celery, pumpkin pie, candy and ice cream. Those in charge of the Club understand the art of fishing, and bait their hooks with skilfully selected flies.

At the vestry meeting in November Mr. J. Hunter Ewing resigned the accounting wardenship, having retired from business. The vestry felt that the proper way to express their gratitude to him for his faithful and efficient service was to relieve him of a responsibility which he was no longer in a position to bear. They, therefore, received his resignation.

I want to add my own personal word as the Rector, to the vestry's official resolution. Mr. Ludovic Cleeman bore for years the responsibilities of the accounting warden of this church. By reason of his assiduity and devotion to his task there gradually devolved upon him any number of important duties. For example, he was chairman of the Board of Admission to the Burd School, and was practically the finance committee as well as the treasurer of the church. Consequently, when he died, it was a most serious matter to find a successor in his office. Everyone felt the greatest relief when Mr. Ewing yielded to my strong urging—I might say pleading—and accepted the position. He brought to the office the training of a banker, and introduced a new system into our administration. When a reserve fund was created in order to enable the church to pay its expenses every year and not carry our deficits, no one contributed more generously than Mr. Ewing. Indeed I think it is here proper to record that he was the most generous individual subscriber, and that the vestry insisted that he should reduce his contribution to the general level. But while thus heartily in favor of paying as we went, he also knew how to study seasons, and to conform to the exigencies of the situation. I cannot say how much it has meant to me all these years to have such a constant friend, such a wise counsellor and such an able financier in this important post. We are all delighted that he continues with us in the vestry, to give us the benefit of his counsel and the pleasure of his companionship.

In Mr. E. W. Moore, who succeeds him, we also have a banker, and we feel confident that he will walk in the same paths. He brings to his task youth and enthusiasm. He proved his skill as a collector in our drive for the ambulance, and has also shown his efficiency in the admirable way in which he made the arrangements for the Entertainment Committee of Old St. Stephen's Club. His father and his uncle, Mr. Samuel Moore, have for years been staunch friends and upholders of the charities of St. Stephen's.

Mr. W. H. Hansell has resigned the secretaryship of the vestry, a position which he has held for some ten years, with a really remarkable regularity of attendance upon the meetings. Mr. Charles S. Calwell has been elected as his successor.

May I be permitted to repeat my usual Christmas admonition, and remind the members of the congregation that it is a real benevolence to shop early and lessen the pressure upon the clerks just about Christmas? I confess that I am often an offender myself in this way, but as the old woman said to Carlyle, asking an alms, "I am an old struggler." So I am going to keep up struggling, and I invite my congregation to do the same.

I am glad to welcome some new members to the church, and I would like them to realize that no one is getting the full benefit of a church unless he joins some of the societies; and I also exhort the older members to introduce the new members to the work. Let us bring them in.

I accepted an invitation last month to make an address at the supper given to the enlisted men who went out from the parish of St. James' Church, Lancaster. Over seventy went out from that parish, and not a single one was killed. At the close of the supper a little medal was presented to each man from the congregation. It was a most enjoyable occasion. I hope that our Brotherhood will get up something of the kind for our enlisted men before many weeks have passed. Until then I shall postpone any formal address of welcome to them. I congratulate heartily the friends and relations of those who have returned, and I extend my sympathy to those whose sense of bereavement is heightened by these recurring anniversaries. It is sad that they are not with us, but it is good that they laid down their lives in such a noble cause. God grant that we may reap the fruits of our victory, and that having begun a good work, we may carry it on to perfection.

These are hard times, but whatever may be the state of our finances, we are all going to do our best for the children. I think we will all agree with Mr. Roosevelt in this passage in his letters to his children:

"I wonder whether there ever can come in life a thrill of greater exaltation and rapture than that which comes to one between the ages of say six and fourteen, when the library door is thrown open and you walk in to see all the gifts, like a materialized fairy land, arranged on your special table."

To this passage I should like to add that parents of young children have just as great a thrill at such time. It seems to me the most rapturous Christmases of my life, certainly those which I now remember most vividly, were the days when the children were young and demonstrative. When tears of joy stood in their eyes, we knew that our celebration was a supreme success. Let the ancient customs prevail, as they said at Nicaea. Let us keep up the happy Christmas festivities.

I hope we may have a joyous celebration in the Sunday School in the Newsboys' Club, and in the homes of the congregation.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Through the generosity of sixteen members of the Parish instruments have been provided for 25 members of the Boys' Band. The Band was organized in October, with Mr. H. Fenton Cooke as Instructor, and is making remarkably good progress. Mr. Keable is now anxious to start a Girls' Orchestra. The girls at present meet on Wednesday with Miss Sherrard.

The Brass Band which was organized in October, is making very good progress under the direction of Mr. H. Fenton Cooke, Instructor.

The King's Daughters.

Will have their meetings December 3rd and December 17th, in the Guild Room of the Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

This Circle received for their work, through Mr. Hunter Ewing, interest money from the estate of Mr. William Patton, $13.81.

The Finance Committee of Old St. Stephen's Club for Newsboys, acknowledges with thanks the contribution of $25.00, which was placed in the Alms Basins on November 16, 1919.

The Woman's Auxiliary and Nation-Wide Campaign.

In compliance with the request of Dr. Grammer, the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on the evening of Thursday, November 20th, at 8 o'clock. On motion, the usual exercises and procedure of business were suspended in order that the illustrated lecture on, "The Diocese at Work," might be given in full by Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, D.D., the Dean of the Convocation of North Philadelphia and a recently returned delegate from the General Convention.

This lecture is most interesting and instructive, giving information about many of the churches, missions and institutions throughout the diocese, with which every member of the church should be familiar. It also forms a good foundation for a better understanding of the Nation-Wide Campaign, the organized effort now being carried on to inform and interest every one in the mission of the Church. The meetings in this cause held frequently at the Church House, are most inspiring and literature on the subject may be obtained there gratis.

When facing the facts that there are sixty millions of people with no definite church association, twelve millions of children with no religious care or teaching, Bolshevist Sunday Schools thriving, and in our own city two Mormon churches and Sunday Schools flourishing, it is not surprising that under these circumstances so much social and industrial unrest should exist, and we, as church members should be aroused, and by prayer first and action later, try to do what we can to ameliorate these conditions.

Sunday, December 7th, will be the Every Member Campaign, when it is earnestly hoped that all members will attend a service so that our churches throughout the country may be filled on that day with thoughtful Christians who are alive to the emergency and will dedicate themselves anew to the service of God.

This is a nation-wide awakening to our responsibilities, and the co-operation of each one is vital to the work of the church.

LAURA BELL.

President Woman's Auxiliary and Chairman Women's Committee of St. Stephen's Church Nation-Wide Campaign.

Shoe Fund.

Will open its closet December 2nd. Mrs. Vanderslice will be in the Parish House from 10.30 until 12 o'clock to give out shoes.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Three vacancies having occurred in the list of subscribers to the Memorial Flower Fund, the Secretary is desirous of receiving applications for these dates. The subscription is $2.00 a Sunday.

MRS. WM. B. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

DECEMBER 7th.

11.00 A. M.—
"O Saviour of the World" .....Goss

8.00 P. M.—
Deus Misereatur .....Parker
"God is a Spirit" .....Bennett
"No Shadows Yonder" .....Gaul

DECEMBER 14th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in G. .....Mosenthal
Benedictus .....Chant
"Lovely Appear" .....Gounod

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....Martin
"Lord We Bless" .....Rossini
"The Twilight Shadows" .....Wood

DECEMBER 21st.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in G .....Mosenthal
Benedictus .....Chant
Nazareth .....Gounod

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....Martin
"There shall be no Night There".....Wood
"Like Silver Bells" .....Baruly

DECEMBER 25th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....Buck
Jubilate .....Smart
"In the Beginning" .....Wood

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....Parker
Christmas Carols

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan.	5—Mrs. C. H. Colket.	
	12—Misses Kirkpatrick.	
	19—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.	
	16—Miss Ernst.	
Feb.	2—Mrs. D. R. Harper.	
	9—Miss Gebhart.	
	16—Miss Crawford.	
	23—Miss Gebhart.	
March	2—Miss M. Wallace.	
	9—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.	
	16—Mrs. Brunner.	
	23—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.	
	25—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.	
	30—Dr. Grammer.	
April	6—Mrs. Atmore.	
	13—Palm Sunday.	
	17—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.	
	20—Easter.	
	27—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.	
May	4—Miss Dutilh.	
	11—Miss Townsend.	
	18—Mrs. C. H. Colket.	
	25—Miss Gregg.	
	29—Miss Williamson.	
June	1—Miss Dutilh.	
	8—Mrs. Tourison	
	15—Miss Gebhart.	
	22—Miss Bright.	
	29—Mr. C. H. Colket.	
July	6—Mrs. Nicholson.	
	13—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.	
	20—Mrs. J. E. Grammer.	
	20—Miss Lindenmayer.	
	27—Mrs. Clayton.	
Aug.	3—Mrs. Heberton.	
	10—	
	17—Miss Shellenberger.	
	24—Mrs. Lane.	
	31—Miss Laura Bell.	
Sept.	7—Misses Kirkpatrick.	
	14—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell.	
	21—Mrs. Keable.	
	28—Mrs. E. E. Holman.	
Oct.	5—Miss Laura Bell.	
	12—Miss Maulsby.	
	19—Mrs. Sheble.	
	26—Rev. F. B. Keable.	
Nov.	1—Mrs. Arrison.	
	2—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.	
	9—Mrs. W. Rice Taylor.	
	16—Miss Townsend.	
	23—Miss Eisenbrey.	
	30—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.	
Dec.	7—Mrs. Atmore.	
	14—Misses Davis.	
	21—Mrs. Petry.	
	25—Christmas.	
	26—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.	
	28—Miss Emily Bell.	

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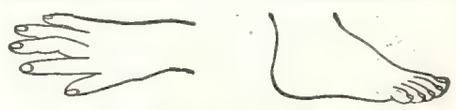

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
10:30 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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TRUSTEES.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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BOARD OF VISITORS.

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Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockins, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. L. D. Kenworthy.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDER COMMITTEE.
Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.
RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson, Miss Paullin.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington, Miss Sanders, Miss E. L. Williamson.

INDIAN HÉPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Miss Farrell, Miss K. Meisse, Miss V. Zeilin.

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President—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Mrs. B. Reath.
Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss H. Stephens.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—James Merchant.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Eccles, Miss Fisher, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Miss Denny and Miss Dorothy Grammer.

Infant Class, 9.45 A. M.—Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Frances A. Goss.

Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable and Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily, 3 to 10 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Jan. 1.—Circumcision.
" 4.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6.—The Epiphany.
" 11.—First Sunday after the Epiphany.
" 18.—Second Sunday after the Epiphany.
" 25.—Conversion of St. Paul, and Third Sunday after the Epiphany.
Ash Wednesday—February 18th.
Good Friday—April 2nd.
Easter Day—April 4th.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Dec. 14.—Emile Callet Donaldson.
" 21.—Dorothy Margaret Thomas.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 18.—James S. Hammers and Martha I. Christian.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Dec. 22.—Frederick Dent Casey.
Hugh Gale.
Harry A. Gatchel.

Offerings received from the Second Sunday in Advent, December 7, 1919, to the First Sunday after Christmas, December 28, 1919, inclusive.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$43 02	
S. S. Christmas Festival	41 55	
Parochial Maintenance	90 16	
Church Pension Fund and The Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen, etc.	67 87	
		$242 60

Envelope System:

Charities	$78 13	
Parochial Maintenance	219 53	
Missions	133 82	
Theological Education	05	
Benevolent Society	12 05	
Episcopal Hospital	7 25	

S. S. Christmas Festival	82 69	
Church Pension Fund	160 50	
Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen, etc.	162.50	
Indian Missions	30	
Deaconess House	4 80	
Sunday School	2 10	
Girls' Friendly Society	90	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25	
Woman's Auxiliary	15 17	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	255 00	
Jewish Relief	1 00	
Nationwide Campaign	1 00	
Shoe Fund	2 50	
		$1,139 54
		$1,382 14

Recapitulation:

Charities	$121 15
Parochial Maintenance	309 69
Missions	133 82
Theological Education	05
Benevolent Society	12 05
Episcopal Hospital	7 25
S. S. Christmas Festival	124 24
Church Pension Fund	194 44
Christmas Fund, etc.	196 43
Indian Missions	30
Deaconess House	4 80
Sunday School	2 10
Girl's Friendly Society	90
Daily Vacation Bible School	25
Woman's Auxiliary	15 17
Armenian and Syrian Relief	255 00
Jewish Relief	1 00
Nationwide Campaign	1 00
Shoe Fund	2 50
	$1,382 14

Total offerings received during the year 1919.

Alms Basins:

Charities	$ 534 03	
Parochial Maintenance	1,198 18	
Foreign Missions	88 76	
Diocesan Missions	79 67	
Indian Missions	14 85	
Sunday School	58 86	
Missionary Box	18 88	
Missionary Box, Noonday	247 48	
McAll Mission	83 38	
Colored Missions	71 80	
Bishop's Fund	14 08	
Easter Decorations	62 16	
Daily Vacation Bible School	28 30	
Red Cross Society	108 09	
Work among Boys	55 76	
City Missions	32 51	
Episcopal Hospital	50 26	
St. Stephen's Farm	212 49	
Girl's Friendly Society	26 98	
Benevolent Society	110 24	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	41 55	
Church Pensions	33 93	
The Christmas Fund	33 94	
		$3,206 18

Envelope System:

Charities	$1,133 87	
Parochial Maintenance	2,726.53	
Missions	1,543 18	
St. Stephen's Farm	833 86	
Theological Education	58 68	
Work among Boys	125 52	
Benevolent Society	306 82	
Endowment Fund	222 65	
Episcopal Hospital	930 21	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	119 48	
Domestic Missions	3 20	
Church Pensions	167 23	
Christmas Fund, etc.	169 22	
Diocesan Missions	664 03	
Foreign Missions	88 43	
Colored Missions	47 51	
Missionary Box	39 00	
Indian Missions	74 90	
Easter Decorations	77 59	
Deaconess House	49 90	
Sunday School	223 86	
Girls' Friendly Society	55 11	
Daily Vacation Bible School	83 10	
Woman's Auxiliary	48 96	
City Missions	37 61	
Special Contributions:		
Jewish War Relief	44 00	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	255 00	
McAll Mission	3 00	
Interchurch Federation	117 45	
War Commission	1 00	
St. Paul's Industrial School	2 00	
Shoe Fund	2 50	
Nationwide Campaign	1 00	
Interest on Deposits	37 27	
		$10,293 67
		$13,499 85

Recapitulation:

Charities	$1,667 90
Parochial Maintenance	3,924 71
Missions	1,543 18
St. Stephen's Farm	1,046 35
Theological Education	58 68
Our work among boys	181 28
Benevolent Society	417 06
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	222 65
Episcopal Hospital	980 47
Sunday School Christmas Festival	161 03
Domestic Missions	3 20
Church Pension Fund and Christmas Fund	201 16
Aged and Infirm Clergy	203 16
Diocesan Missions	743 70
Foreign Missions	177 79
Colored Missions	119 31
Missionary box	305 36
Indian Missions	89 75
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	139 75
City Missions	70 12
Deaconess House	49 90
Sunday School	282 72

Girls' Friendly Society	82 09	
Daily Vacation Bible School	111 40	
Woman's Auxiliary	48 96	
Jewish War Relief	44 00	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	255 00	
McAll Mission	86 38	
Interchurch Federation	117 45	
War Commission	1 00	
Bishop's Fund	14 08	
Red Cross Society	108 09	
St. Paul's Industrial School	2 00	
Shoe Fund	2 50	
Nationwide Campaign	1 00	
Interest on Deposits	37 27	
		$13,499 85

In addition to the above, on May 25th, 1919, $216.00 were placed in Basins in the vestibule for American Women's Hospitals in Serbia.

Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Contributions to Church Work Fund.

Miss Ella R. Headman	$ 5 00
Amount in unmarked envelope	25 00
Mrs. Mary Love	10 00
Mrs. Isaac Lowry	5 00
Mrs. John K. Walker	10 00
Mr. W. H. Hollar, Jr.	25 00
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.	20 00
Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice	2 00
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
Mrs. Frank Whiting	25 00

Christmas Dinner for the Poor.

Account of Christmas dinner for the poor, Christmas 1919.

December 1918, Balance on hand from Christmas dinner 1918	$112 85

Contributors—1919.

Mrs. Timothy B. Clemens	$1 00
Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick	2 00
Mrs. Carl E. Grammer	2 00
Mr. Wilson C. Leithead	2 00
Mr. J. Edward Leithead	2 00
Mrs. E. Poole	1 00
Mr. M. J. Hecker	1 00
Miss Agnes M. Babbitt	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. T. Boyd	2 00
Mr. H. M. Freston	1 00
Miss B. T. Walshe	1 00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	10 00
Miss A. Gregg	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. B., Jr.	25 00
Miss Emily Bell	3 00
Miss Laura Bell	5 00
Dean Emory R. Johnson	2 00
Miss Mary E. Bean	1 00
Miss Mary M. Roberts	1 00
Mr. Chas. N. Van Dusen	3 00
Miss Washington	1 00
Mr. C. K. MacNichol	1 00
Mrs. James Suydam	10 00
Miss E. L. Williamson	2 00
Miss S. G. Haydock	2 00
Miss E. K. Sheaff	1 00
Mr. H. H. Bilyeu	1 00
Miss Alverta S. Van Dusen	2 00
Miss Elizabeth Carrigan	1 00
Miss Minnie Carrigan	1 00
Mr. Clarence K. Klink	1 00
Miss Katharine Mayne	1 00
Mr. E. Pyne	1 00
Mrs. Frank H. Whiting	5 00
Miss Marion Headman	1 00
Miss Ella H. Headman	1 00
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing	5 00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00
Miss Eleanor V. D. Lucas	1 00
Charles H. Frazier, Jr.	1 00
Miss Ella R. Dwier	2 00
Miss Katharine Miesse	1 00
Mr. Francis Elton Taws	1 00
Mr. Jos. C. Fox	1 00
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilbur Smith	2 00
"Im-Ma-Terial"	2 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5 00
Mrs. J. Gordon Maxwell	1 00
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	10 00
Mrs. Henry B. Taylor	5 00
Mrs. Kate D. Taylor	10 00
Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath	10 00
Mrs. Louisa Betts Edwards	1 00
Mrs. F. B. K.	1 50
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	25 00
Miss Pauline Carpen	2 00
Miss Emma L. Berry	1 00
Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr.	5 00
Miss E. Adelaide Wallace	5 00
Miss F. N. Wallace	5 00
Mr. John H. Wallace	5 00
Mrs. Dudley Lane	5 00
Mr. William B. Campbell	5 00
Miss Fannie W. Gebhart	2 00
Mrs. Stephens and family	3 51
A Friend	50 00
Mr. Wm. Randolph	10 00
Mrs. Edward R. Fell	2 00
Mrs. Mustin	2 00
Miss E. Dankelman	2 00
Mrs. Florence B. Fitzpatrick	3 00
Mrs. Charles F. Judson	5 00
The King's Daughters	5 00
Mr. J. Hunter Ewing	10 00
Mrs. Florence E. Barclay	5 00
No. 100	6 00
No. 101	1 00
No. 22	5 00
Mrs. William B. Campbell	1 00
Mr. Beauveau Borie	5 00
Mr. Chas. F. Pfeiffer	1 00
Mrs. LeDent	1 00
Mrs. Dunplay	5 00
Mrs. Nicholas A. Petry	1 00
The Misses MacAlister	1 00
The Misses Davis	2 00
Mr. John G. Whilldin	10 00
Mrs. James N. Arrison	5 00
Mrs. Dwight M. Lowry	1 00
Mrs. A. G. Brunner	10 00
No. 84	1 00
Mrs. C. D. Reeves	2 50

Mr. George Kadell	1 00	
Cash not Designated	74 96	
Widow's Mite	50	
		$585 82

Disbursements.

7 boxes of apples fancy brand	$25 55	
150 lbs. Onions	9 75	
1 barrel cabbage	6 35	
15 bushels white potatoes	33 75	
10 bushels sweet potatoes	16 50	
1 crate of celery	9 20	
2 bushels carrots	3 80	
2 bushels yellow turnips	3 80	
3 boxes of oranges	17 55	
3 balls of twine	60	
7 doz. baskets, ¾ size	24 00	
100 paper bags	60	
80 lbs. cranberries	10 40	
100 lbs. of rice	15 00	
50 lbs. of tea ½ lb. packages	20 00	
4 cases of tea relish	10 80	
4 cases of canned corn	14 80	
4 cases of canned tomatoes	12 40	
2 cases of canned condensed milk	14 00	
3 boxes of corn flakes	12 45	
90 lbs of candy	40 50	
428 lbs of chickens	162 64	
Cleaning of second floor	4 50	
Taxi-cab service for delivery of baskets	5 00	
Dinner for two	3 00	
Car tickets for poor women	3 50	
Boys' help	1 00	
		$481 44
December 30, 1919—Cash balance on hand		$104 38
		$585 82

Each basket contained 22 articles, as follows:—
Canned corn, canned tomatoes, onions, cabbage, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, turnips, carrots, celery, cranberries, rice, sugar, relish, condensed milk, tea, toasted corn flakes, chickens, oranges, apples, mince pie, candy and a sprig of holly.

One hundred and six baskets were distributed, each basket contained sufficient articles for a Christmas dinner for at least twelve persons, giving a Christmas dinner to about twelve hundred and seventy-two.

Through the usual Christmas kindness of Mr. Clement Restein the committee were able to add 213 lbs. of chickens, through the kindness of Mr. Craig Atmore, 125 mince pies, and Mr. Charles S. Calwell's kindness made it possible for the committee to place a bag of sugar in each basket. The Committee feels that all that received the baskets had a most generous and enjoyable Christmas dinner.

Average cost of each basket, with articles contributed, $6.27 per basket.

Miss Kate Lewis, Church Worker, Distributor.

Yours respectfully,
Howard Reifsnyder,
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.
James Carrigan,
Dinner Committee.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

I wish you a Happy New Year. I trust that it may be a year of progress and successful achievement. Our last year was in many respects the best we have had together. We closed the work of Old St. Stephen's Club for Enlisted Men after a splendid record, and in the summer we discovered and in the autumn opened up a most promising field of endeavor among the newsboys. New doors of opportunity are standing open on every hand.

Nothing has encouraged me more in all my ministry than the success of our Wednesday Noonday Services. The splendid attendance makes one realize that the service is not a strain upon the loyalty of our members. There are a great many services in parish churches which maintain a feeble life through the support of a few devoted parishioners who are anxious to stand by the clergyman and reward his efforts with some encouragement. It always seemed to me a particularly pitiable kind of ministration. It is manifest that the attendants at our noonday service are present for no such reason, but come because they receive help and encouragement. Our average number is close to 150. The other day a girl insisted on putting a contribution into the box, saying that she would rather go without her lunch than lose the service. I wish that I had been standing close by, for I should have said to her that I preferred that she should have both her lunch and the service. While we value these free will offerings, we are not reduced to such an extremity that it is necessary for our attendants to go without their luncheon. Yet I have no doubt the service meant more to the girl on account of her self-denial.

I believe that many people are coming to love the old church more and more. The other day an enlisted man visited the Sunday School building, hoping to find the Club still in operation. He was disappointed, but he took an interest in the Newsboys' Club. As he moved off he was seen to pat a tower, and heard to say, "You're a good old church; you've been good to me all right."

In finances this year we surpassed all our previous records. A deficit we had been accumulating during the war which had at last reached the amount of $4,000 was swept off as a Thanksgiving for Victory. One-half more than the usual amount was contributed for parochial maintenance. While we did not attain the missionary apportionment, we contributed $2,400 which is considerably more than last year. Moreover, we gave nearly a thousand dollars to the Episcopal Hospital on Thanksgiving Day. We doubled our Christmas contribution to the Pension and Disabled Clergy Fund, and we collected the largest amount for the Christmas baskets, and gave out the most generous baskets in all our history.

This success is chiefly due to the method and vigor introduced into our envelope system by the Finance Committee. It has gotten out a new card; I suppose everybody in the congregation has received a copy of it, and I hope all the old members will use it, and that new names may be added to our list of envelope users. I don't know a more liberal form of pledge. You are asked to fix the amount, and into the pledge is introduced the qualifying words, "if I am able," for we have no desire to lord it over the consciences of anyone. All that we wish is to stimulate each to do his best.

I want the men of the congregation particularly to bear in mind that on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6.30, there will be a subscription supper, for all the men of the church, and especially for those who are associating themselves with the League of the Kingdom. A committee has been put in charge of the arrangements and you will doubtless hear from them. Please save this evening for the supper.

There are one or two new workers who have come in through the Nation-Wide Campaign, and perhaps more may be secured. The documents I have received from the Central Bureau have been innumerable. The most interesting communication relates to the election of a vestry. I will quote it in full:

"Experience has shown that it is very desirable to have vestries elected in groups of three or four, each group to serve for three or four years as the case may be. The fact remains, however, that the elections held on Easter Monday are usually a mere farce, and no one except under unusual circumstances desires to vote against the re-election of retiring members, and it is often difficult for the retiring members to escape re-election, even if they so prefer. A simple device which is likely to produce a real interest in the Easter Monday elections is to declare the retiring vestrymen ineligible to re-election until one year after their terms have expired. This has the effect of opening the field to any number of candidates and also enables the dropping of former members who have lost interest in the work of the Church."

This, it will be observed, is along the line that I advocated several years ago for our church. I had an experience of this method in my parish in Cincinnati and also in my parish in Norfolk. Two of the vestrymen were dropped every year, and remained ineligible for a year or more, as the case might be. A system ought to be devised whereby in time all the men in the church of vestry stature and attainments should gradually be passed through that governing body. In that way they will be familiarized with the work of the church and take a new interest in it. To my great regret this proposition on my part was misunderstood. It was not intended as an indication of any lack of satisfaction with the vestry that I had, or as a reflection upon any vestryman or vestrymen. In all the years of my ministry I have been very fortunate in my relations with my vestries. The intercourse has always been of the most cordial character. I never have been able to understand why some people criticize

our vestry system. My own idea is that the powers of the vestry ought to be enlarged. Instead of being as it is, only the financial guardian of the Church, it would be well to make its members as much as possible, religious leaders. But in order to fulfill this function, they ought to be the real choice of the congregation. This method would produce a healthy circulation in the body.

I notice also another measure that the Nation-Wide Campaign recommends which we have long practiced:

"Another step which has been found of great advantage in many parishes is the holding of parish meetings, preferably after a parish supper, at least once each year. It is found that such meetings on the one hand give the members of the parish a knowledge of the parish affairs and an opportunity to express their opinion as to matters of parish policy; and on the other hand it gives the members of the parish an opportunity to be thrown in contact with each other, thus meeting complaints that the members of our churches often have no opportunity for social meetings with each other."

It will be seen that in both these matters St. Stephen's is at the head of the procession, and has not been obliged to wait for direction from New York or from anywhere else in order to find the road. One of the great troubles about this Nation-Wide Campaign is that it seems to be assumed that everybody is to stop thinking except a central bureau that will do all the planning and contriving for the rest of us. That is, of course, the bureaucratic idea, but a great deal more power is really secured by encouraging people to act on their own initiative; by a spirit of liberty and enterprise. The effort in our church to make everybody keep step to the same tune and to conform to some authoritative norm involves a great waste of energy, and means that only one mind and one will are really to be operative. It is not in harmony with our national spirit or institutions.

I hope that we shall be able to secure good speakers for Lent. There have been many obstacles in the road of a speedy procurement of the right men. I expect, however, we shall secure our usual quota of prophetic messengers.

On February 1st, Septuagesima Sunday, Bishop Garland will administer the rite of Confirmation at the Church at 11 o'clock. On the four Friday evenings preceding, beginning January 9th, I will meet the class for confirmation at 8 o'clock in the vestry. While I am gratified if people can attend the class, and I make it a point with young people, I do not exact this of the older candidates. Young people need information, but what the older people need is not information as to the character of the Church or the nature of the step they are taking, but encouragement. These two classes have somewhat different needs. I am willing to treat them in different ways. I will be glad to see anyone who is thinking of taking this step at my home, or I will call myself if such a visit is more convenient.

After consulting with the most faithful attendants in the congregation on the Saints' Day Services, I have decided to try a new experiment for the next six months. The Saints' Day Services are miserably attended, and this general neglect is, doubtless, largely due to their irregularity. Few people wish to attend a Communion on Monday or Saturday—certainly the latter date is very trying for the clergy with their Sunday preparation. If the feast falls on Wednesday, there is now a regular prayer service and address at 12.30. Let us then, beginning with Thursday, January 1st, have a celebration at 10.30 A. M. every Thursday till Easter. We shall by that date discern whether this service will fulfill any useful purpose. Being every Thursday there will be no uncertainty as to the time. People who shun the long Communion service on the first Sunday of the month, will have a chance to attend a quiet devotional service. Please make a note of this change. I hope the new plan will not entail too much service from the Altar Society. May I again point out that I should be glad to have more volunteers for the work of this Guild?

The situation in the labor world has made it impossible for Mr. Haskell, our accomplished organ builder, to complete the alterations to the organ at the time specified. I hope, however, that before this letter appears the specifications of the contract may be fulfilled, and that in the course of January we may have a great opening service of the kind with which Miss Magee has made us familiar. Everyone is delighted with the chimes. It is charming, indeed, to hear the hymn played over by them before the congregation begins to sing. It seems like a heavenly invitation to join in song.

Speaking of celebrations, I ought to mention our gratification in having the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution hold their annual service at St. Stephen's in December. The church never looked better. The flags were glorious, and the music was entrancing. The large congregation expressed so much pleasure at the beauty of the church that I hope the Society will put St. Stephen's down on the list of churches which they will visit in regular sequence. I learn that many features of the annual services are due to the loving thoughtfulness of Mr. James Magee, and I have no doubt that it was a sense of loyalty to his memory that brought the organization to the church with which his family is so closely associated.

On Christmas Day the Misses Bell surprised the newsboys by making the canteen of the club free for that night. Some such feast is given by them every Christmas in memory of their mother. This year the recipients were our little merchants of the street. Ninety-eight of them rejoiced in the good things. It was a beautiful memorial.

THE PARISH NEWS is obliged to go to press so early nowadays that I am unable to give an account of the Christmas celebration. A few hours after I write this there will be the Sunday School entertainment, and on Tuesday, when this monthly is in the press, the newsboys will have their Christmas dinner. That will be a joyous occasion, I am sure; that night many a little boy will regret the limited dimensions of an important organ.

In closing let me thank the members of the congregation for the numerous cards and the loving messages that I received from them; my heart has been warmed by their perusal. I sent out a little card myself, and I publish it here for the sake of our records. Unfortunately we had not enough printed; I could have disposed of many more. I received one letter which said that the card had been pasted up as a year's motto:

CHRISTMAS, 1919.

MY DEAR PARISHIONER:

A Christmas Greeting and best wishes for the New Year! Let us step forth cheerily to meet the unknown, confident that He who helped us in the Past, will sustain and guide us through the Future.

Let the out-going reformer among us appreciate that "the soul of all reform is the reform of the soul," and let the self-centred mystic realize that

"Heaven doth with us as we with torches do,
Not light them for themselves."

Let us cultivate kind thoughts, and prove that our inward life is not a delusive dream but a potent reality by speaking kind words and doing helpful deeds.

Let us show our gratitude for the gift of life, and for the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ, by highly resolving with God's help to follow more faithfully the Master. Let us make our Church a congregation of fellow-workers unto the Kingdom of God.

Your friend and Fellow-worker,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

Here are some verses that I think would make a lovely motto for the year:

"So much to do! so little done!
Ah, yesternight I saw the sun
Sink beamless down the vaulted grey,
The ghastly ghost of yesterday.

"So little done! so much to do!
Each morning breaks on conflicts new.
Yet eager, brave, I'll join the fray,
And fight the battle of to-day.

"So much to do! so little done!
Yet when it is o'er and vict'ry won,
Ah then my soul, all pain and sorrow
Will end in that great glad to-morrow."

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-nine members present at the December meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. We have never had finer reports from the various committees of money spent and boxes sent to Domestic, Colored and Indian Missionaries.

Miss Magee has already collected $123.50 for the United Offering.

Miss Earle read an interesting paper on Liberia and made an urgent plea for St. Timothy's Hospital where our Miss Conway is stationed.

Miss Emlen read a paper on the Church Mission of Help. This organization, with headquarters at the City Mission, offers help to the girl who is in trouble—whether she needs medical or financial assistance, or help to obtain a suitable boarding place or a position or recreation.

A plea was made for new members, for money for another worker, and for the general work, and contributions of books, magazines and clothing. The monthly expenses are from $50 to $100 and the address is 225 South Third Street.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish House, January 15th.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

At the December meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary an interesting report was made by Miss Anne Magnus Earle, of which the following is the precis:

LIBERIA.

A special interest attaches to Liberia, both from its history and as the scene of our first foreign missionary work.

In the early years of the last century, when slavery was the all-absorbing question in our country, one of the problems of the Abolitionists was the ultimate disposal of the negro when freed. One solution which commended itself to many was the founding of a free state in Africa, his native home, in which the black man might govern himself. Accordingly, 1816, the American Colonization Society secured a tract of land on the West Coast and sent out some shiploads of freedmen to populate it.

The theory was a beautiful one, but the conditions which confronted the little colony were difficult in the extreme.

Untrained in self-reliance, between the sea on one hand and the savage tribes of the interior on the other, and largely left to their own resources, the people were at first hard pressed for existence.

Surely, it speaks well for them that after twenty-five years the colony proclaimed its independence as the Republic of Liberia and took a place—though a modest one—among the nations.

Liberia occupies a strip of coast some three hundred miles in length between the British Colony of Sierra Leone and the Ivory Coast. It runs back from a hundred to two hundred miles from the interior, having an area of 41,000 square miles.

The climate, of course, is tropical and has had a bad name in the past as being unhealthy for white people. Our white missionaries at Cape Mount, however, have proved that with proper precautions the risk of life is not greater than in any country similarly situated. The soil is fertile and is capable of producing all the necessities of life.

The total population is about 2,060,000, only 60,000 of whom are Americo-Liberians.

The constitution is modeled after our own, all men considered free and equal before the law. Elections are conducted by ballot and every male citizen possessing real estate has the right of suffrage.

The president is elected for two years, the senators for four, the representatives for two. English is the official language.

When the Church in 1820 established a Missionary Society, the little band of transplanted freedmen in Africa seemed the most natural object of its first efforts, and now, after a century has elapsed much has been accomplished by the devoted men and women, not a few of whom gave their lives for the cause.

The Church has educated fully two-thirds of the men of Liberia—presidents, chief justices, senators, missionaries—and trained the women who are their wives.

Cape Mount, the only station at which we have had white missionaries, is in some respects the most important. At this station the Rev. Nathan Matthews founded Saint John's School for boys. At the House of Bethany, Miss Ridgely and Miss Seaman are doing the same service for native girls, while Miss Conway, at Saint Timothy's Hospital, ministers to the bodily ills of all the country-side.

But we are specially interested in Cape Mount because Miss Conway, in charge of St. Timothy's, was a member of St. Stephen's, and surely we should do all we can to encourage and uphold her work.

We make a very earnest appeal for the hospital which is greatly in need of the following list of articles: Sheets, single bed size; pillow cases, 18x36 inches; cotton towels; clothing for patients, any size, bright colors; slips for children; bandages, sponges and smaller dressings; wash cloths, soaps of all kinds; picture books, dolls and toys; money for instruments and surgical supplies; physician's samples.

Any of these articles may be sent to Miss Anne M. Earle, Chairman of Committee, St. Stephen's Parish House, before April 15, 1920.

The King's Daughters

Will have their next meetings January 7th and January 21st in the Guild Room of the Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

We wish to correct an error printed in last month's PARISH NEWS.

The interest received from Mr. Patton's Estate was $31.80, instead of $13.81, as was printed.

This Circle has been very busy sewing on little dresses and skirts to be given to children who need them most.

The members donated $3.00 to the Episcopal Hospital and $5.00 for Christmas baskets.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in December from Church Fund (through Dr. Grammer)	$50 00
From Miss Laura Bell	1 00
From those receiving shoes	6 50
Total	$57 50
Have expended for shoes	$31 69
Balance	$25 81

Have given out fifteen pairs of shoes, and half dozen pairs of overshoes. Last Tuesday three children who could not be fitted with shoes on hand were taken to a store and on paying for the three pairs, ten cents was left from a ten dollar bill, much to the children's astonishment.

However, Santa Claus was not going to desert the children, even with the high cost of shoes.

Last Tuesday I found two large boxes of shoes waiting to be opened and one box of overshoes. It certainly was good of Santa Claus, and we all hope he may have a very Happy New Year. I send our thanks.

The Christmas season in the Sunday School was a most successful one. The Sunday before we were able, with motion pictures, to pictorially show the first Christmas. The week-day festival night, on Friday, the night after Christmas, was crowded with the children, their relatives and friends. The play, after six weeks' rehearsal, was only excelled by the joy that closed the evening. The following Sunday the Christmas story was depicted with slides from paintings by the great masters on The Holy Birth.

G. H. STREAKER.

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan. 4.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 11.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 25.—Miss Ernst

Feb. 1.—Mrs. D. R. Harper
" 8.—Miss Gebhart
" 15.—Miss Crawford
" 22.—Miss Gebhart
" 29.—Misses Wallace

March 7.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 14.—Mrs. Brunner
" 21.—Mrs. Campbell
" 25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 28.—Palm Sunday

April 1.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 4.—Easter
" 11.—Mrs. Atmore
" 18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 25.—Dr. Grammer

May 2.—Miss Dutilh
" 9.—Miss Townsend
" 13.—Miss Williamson
" 16.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 23.—Miss Gregg
" 30.—Mrs. Tourison

June 6.—Miss Dutilh
" 13.—Miss Gebhart
" 20.—Miss Bright
" 27.—Mrs. C. H. Colket

July 4.—Mrs. Nicholson
" 11.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 18.—Mrs. Grammer
" 25.—Miss Lindenmayer

Aug. 1.—Mrs. Clayton
" 8.—Mrs. Heberton
" 15.—Miss Shellenberger
" 22.—
" 29.—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 5.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 12.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 19.—Mrs. Keable
" 26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman

Oct. 3.—Miss Laura Bell
" 10.—Miss Maulsly
" 17.—Mrs. Sheble
" 24.—Mrs. Keable
" 31.—

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison
" 7.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 14.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 21.—
" 28.—Miss Eisenbrey
" 30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor

Dec. 5.—Mrs. Atmore
" 12.—Misses Davis
" 19.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas
" 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Emily Bell

Musical Program

Jan. 4th.

11:00 A. M.—

"Cast Thy Burden" ..... *Mendelssohn*

8 P. M.—

Nunc Dimittis ..... *Parker*
"The First Nowell"
"Sleep Holy Babe"
"Good King Wenceslas"
"A Joyful Christmas Song"
"Silent Night"
Christmas carols repeated by request.

JAN. 11th.

11:00 A. M.—

Te Deum in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
"Be Thou Faithful" ..... *Mendelssohn*

8 P. M.—

Nunc Dimittis ..... *Parker*
"King all Glorious" ..... *Barnby*
"Hark, Hark My Soul" ..... *Shelley*

JAN 18th.

11:00 A. M.—

Te Deum in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
"Fear Ye Not" ..... *Spicker*

8 P. M.—

Nunc Dimittis ..... *Parker*
"Inflammatus" ..... *Rossini*
"O Thou that Tellest" ..... *Haendel*

JAN. 25th.

11:00 A. M.—

Te Deum in E ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate ..... *Mosenthal*
"Adore and Be Still" ..... *Gounod*

8 P. M.—

Deus Misereatur ..... *Parker*
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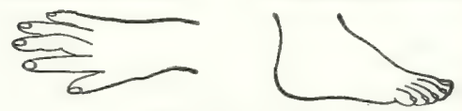

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
12:15 P. M.—Thursday, Holy Communion.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
10:30 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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All meetings at the Parish House.

Officers.

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PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.

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RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.

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Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Eccles, Miss Fisher, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Miss Denny and Miss Dorothy Grammer.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable and Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily, 3 to 10 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
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Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Feb. 1.—Septuagesima Sunday.
" 2.—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 8.—Sexagesima Sunday.
" 15.—Quinquagesima Sunday.
" 18.—Ash Wednesday.
" 22.—First Sunday in Lent.
" 24.—St. Matthias
" 25.—Ember Day.
" 27.—Ember Day.
" 28.—Ember Day.
" 29.—Second Sunday in Lent.

List of Speakers at the Noonday Lenten Services at St. Stephen's.

February 18, Ash Wednesday—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.

February 19.—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.

February 20.—Rev. G. Calvert Carter, Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

February 21.—Rev. James M. Collins, Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

February 23 to 27 inc.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

February 28.—Rev. Phillips Endicott Osgood, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

March 1 to 5 inc.—Canon Samuel McComb, D.D., Church of the Messiah, Baltimore.

March 6.—Rev. Harry K. B. Ogle, Christ Church, Philadelphia.

March 8 to 12 inc.—Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D.D., Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia.

March 13.—Rev. T. Leslie Gossling, St. Matthias' Church, Philadelphia.

March 15 to 19 inc.—Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.

March 20.—Rev. C. Herbert Reese, St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia.

March 22 to 26 inc.—Rev. R. W. Norwood, St. Paul's Memorial Church, Philadelphia.

March 27.—Rev. George N. Holcomb, Trinity Church, Collingdale, Pa.

March 29 to April 2.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

April 3.—Rev. F. B. Keable, Associate, St. Stephen's.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Jan. 11.—Thomas Jenkins Bell, Jr.
" 18.—Nicholas Francis Schulgen.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 31.—George H. Sutterley and Evelyn W. Danielly.
Jan. 23.—William F. Nash and Frances Dessimez.
" 24.—John T. Blourne, Jr. and Louise H. Ziebold.
" 28.—James Henry Little and Mary Norris Cerboni.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Jan. 28.—Mrs. Louise V. Sausser.

Offerings from Second Sunday after Christmas, January 4, 1920 to the Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 25, 1920, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$42 99	
Foreign Missions	68 90	
Christ School, Arden, N. C.	72 42	
Parochial Maintenance	74 95	
		$259 26

Envelope System:

Charities	$131 40	
Parochial Maintenance	343 85	
Missions	160 44	
Theological Education	95	
Our work among boys	4 35	
Benevolent Society	7 05	
S. S. Christmas Festival	14 15	
Domestic Missions	90	
Church Pension Fund	21 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	21 00	
Diocesan Missions	7 15	
Foreign Missions	70 40	
Colored Missions	2 10	
Missionary box	1 00	
Indian Missions	1 00	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	4 20	
City Missions	90	
Deaconess House	1 70	
Sunday School	9 05	
Girl's Friendly	1 30	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1 00	
Woman's Auxiliary	3 40	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	5 00	
Mahan School, China	52 00	
		$865 29

Recapitulation:

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Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

An early Easter shortens the number of Sundays after Epiphany, and unless we are on our guard will lessen the amount of our church work. There is apt to be a general let-down after Easter. For this reason I have established the custom of having the Parish Meeting on a fixed date, the second Wednesday in May.

I wonder how many people in the congregation understand how the church year is lengthened or shortened to adjust it to the variations in the date of Easter. The first change is made in the Sundays after Epiphany. When Easter comes late there are many Sundays after Epiphany. If it is early the number of Sundays after Epiphany is diminished. In one respect it is very unfortunate that the Epiphany Sundays are treated in this way because one of the best collects in the Prayer Book is the collect for the sixth Sunday after Epiphany, which runs as follows:

> "O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end.—Amen."

Inasmuch as Christmas is a fixed date, and there are four Sundays in Advent, before Christmas, it is manifest that there must be some device to make the adjustment between the Sundays after Trinity and the Advent Sundays. This is accomplished by cutting off some of the Sundays after Trinity when Easter comes late, and increasing the number when Easter comes early, always with the understanding that if there be more than 25 Sundays after Trinity, the services of some of those Sundays that were omitted after the Epiphany shall be taken in to supply so many as are wanting. The Collect beginning "Stir up, we beseech thee," is always used on the Sunday next before Advent.

I do not know that this information is of any great value except that it enables people to handle their prayer books intelligently. In old times it was necessary, but now that we have notice boards hung up in the churches, people follow the direction on the board blindly. After a while all such information will only be in the possession of experts, like the understanding of the golden letter in the scheme for calculating Easter, which still encumbers our prayer books.

The next meeting of the League of the Kingdom, the Men's Club of St. Stephen's, has been put down for February 11th, the Wednesday before Ash Wednesday. The last occasion was such a great success that everybody is looking forward with lively anticipations to this next meeting. I hope some one will present a scheme for the registration of the members. While the organization is to be loose and flexible, some organization is necessary. It is, of course, understood that we do not limit our membership to the attendants on St. Stephen's or to members of the Episcopal Church. Any man who would like to join with us is heartily welcome.

I learn from Mr. Keable that carpentering is to be taught the boys in the Newsboys' Club. This is a distinct step forward. It is very desirable that we should be able to make some arrangement to secure better sleeping quarters for some of these lads.

Elsewhere in this number appears a notice of the Mission Study Class. I hope that it may be well attended.

A list of the speakers at the Noonday Lenten Services, which also appears in this number, shows that we have been fortunate in securing a fine list of speakers. I hope the members of our own congregation will make a point of coming to St. Stephen's if they attend a weekday service anywhere. Loyalty to the church would seem to exact this. The Rev. Charles Wood is so well known in Philadelphia that I am sure we will have large congregations during his week; but all these gentlemen who come to us at a sacrifice of time and a great expenditure of energy are entitled to good audiences.

As I announced last Sunday the Woman's Auxiliary has appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. Grammer, Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan and Mrs. Samuel Austin, to raise funds for the erection in the Mahan School, of which Dr. Benjamin Ancell is the principal, of a hall which they hope may be called St. Stephen's Hall. The letter is published elsewhere.

I heartily endorse this appeal and hope that all the guarantors of the special fund to meet the expenses of St. Stephen's Church will follow the example of several gentlemen who have already donated the amount that they had pledged themselves to give to that fund if called on, for the erection of this hall. You remember the treasurer of the church announced that he would not call upon the guarantors this year.

It will interest the congregation to know that Mr. James Milburn Bennett, one of our communicants, has accepted the office of Director of Publicity for the Diocese. He resigned a position on the staff of the Evening Ledger in order to render our Church this service. His office is in the Church House, Twelfth and Walnut streets, Department of Publicity. He would be glad to receive any items of interest with regard to the parish or the diocese. He says that he needs the help of everyone to get the news.

I wish that I could announce in this number that all the repairs to the organ had been completed. As soon as I learn from the organ-builder and Mr. Thunder that the contract has been fulfilled, a special musical service will be given in celebration of the event, and for the purpose of showing the enlarged equipment of the organ.

God has been very good to us in the church in enabling us to render large service to the community in the last three years. If one

were to confine his record to the affairs of our own household, there would be nothing but cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing. But as we look abroad we realize that the world is grappling with many difficult problems, and it is our duty as fellow-workers with God to take them into our hearts, and make them the subject of our prayers, and to devote to them all the energy and time that are at our disposal. I don't see how any Christian person can offer with earnestness the petition, "Thy Kingdom come" without meaning by that phrase to ask God to overrule the folly of men and cause our country to take its proper part in this League of Nations. Without us it can never fulfill its purpose, and standing outside of it we will not be doing our full duty for the uplift of the rest of mankind, as the richest, the most powerful and on the whole the most intelligent community in the world. Certainly there is no other group of white people under a free government of corresponding numbers and power anywhere else on the earth; and for us to stand aloof and consult our own interests without regard to the common welfare, is a shirking of the responsiiblities of our position.

Not only are there national problems that engage our attention, but the civic situation calls for the most thoughtful interest and most careful attention of our Christian citizenship. This new department of Public Welfare is full of possibilities of good and of possibilities of evil. It may be made the instrument of widespread social betterment, or it may be made a tool for building up a vast political organization. Director Tustin has begun well; he needs the support, the sympathy and the helpful watchfulness of the church members of Philadelphia.

Then there is the civil service. This important department of the government needs readjustment, but I must admit that I was greatly shocked to hear the Mayor compare it to a sausage-grinding apparatus for turning out employes, thus depicting it as an obstruction to an efficient administration. Surely, it is not necessary at this date to go over again the arguments in favor of civil service. The conduct of the Executive in steadily enlarging the area of the application of civil service rules is an incontestable proof that the system has commended itself to both parties. From the day of President Cleveland down the application of civil service rules has been steadily extended, unless it may be the present administration is an exception. Undoubtedly, a stiff civil service examination is a formidable barrier in the way of building up a group of political workers by the promise of political preferment. But is there any greater injury to the effective administration of our affairs than making the doorway to preferment not success in the discharge of the duties of the office, but usefulness in the political contest outside of the office? No system can be devised that will not have drawbacks. Undoubtedly the examination has defects as a method of testing the qualifications of candidates, but it has been proven by a long experience that it is much more objectionable to leave these appointments open so that they can be used as rewards for activities in the ward, for eloquence on the rostrum and for deftness in political management. We cannot have a well administered city or a righteous city unless we have good civil service.

In addition to these problems of the nation and of the city, there are the problems of the Church. It is true there are some people who say, "Oh, let us not have any contest inside of the Church. Let us have no arguing about doctrines or government or administration. There is nothing I so dislike as a church contest." But suppose the Reformers had felt that way! Suppose that Athanasius had said, "Well, I really can't engage in a discussion with this sophistical Arius. I went into the church for peace." Suppose that Augustine had said, "I really can't debate this question about the relation of Christianity to the fall of the Roman empire." We never would have had his "City of God," nor his splendid proofs that while the imperial state was decaying there was a new order arising from its ruins. Suppose that Luther and Calvin had sounded this note! Would England ever have had the Great Awakening in the eighteenth century if Wesley had said, "I really can't engage in any struggle with these bishops and parochial clergy who are unwilling to have the gospel preached by itinerant clergymen and lay preachers." The whole history of England would have been changed and the English-speaking people would have been different.

I am profoundly interested, I confess, that the Episcopal Church shall continue to be Protestant in doctrine, and be governed by the system of laws enacted by its proper legislative bodies, the General Convention and the Diocesan Convention. I could not take much interest in its development if it were a society of personal rule rather than the rule of law. As I understand our church it is governed by laws enacted by a representative assembly. Indeed it is the great contribution of Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, to our Church that he organized our congregations into dioceses on that basis. The English bishop on his consecration promises obedience to the archbishop. Here is the form: "In the name of God, Amen. I, N, chosen bishop of the Church and See of N, do promise all due reverence and obedience to the archbishop and to the metropolitical Church of N, and to their successors. So help me God through Jesus Christ."

In our prayer book the promise runs: "In the name of God, Amen. I, N, chosen bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of N, do promise conformity and obedience to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. So help me God through Jesus Christ. Amen." Among the causes for which a bishop may be tried is violation of the constitution or canons of the General Convention, and violation of the canons of the Diocese to which he belongs. In the formation of the Diocese of Pennsylvania it was laid down as a fundamental principle that the powers of the bishops, priests and deacons were to be exercised according to definitely expressed laws.

There has been a great tendency of late years under the influence of the Tractarian Movement to neglect the representative side of our church life. Nothing could be more detrimental to the peace and prosperity of our Church. Those who are accustomed to freedom under law in the State will not be content with anything less in the Church. One of the great problems of our Church's life is to adapt the historic episcopate to local conditions. Our quadrilateral mentions the historic episcopate locally adapted as one of the essentials of church unity. The question ought to be candidly asked whether we have fully adapted the historic episcopate to the local conditions of America. My own conviction is that in our recent legislation we have followed too much the methods of railroad corporations and business enterprises, and have not conformed sufficiently to the proper precedent, namely, the governmental system of our country. We must plan not only for ourselves and our immediate interests, but we must consider the generations that are to come, and the tendency of the various principles that are at work in our Church's life. May God make us wise builders upon the foundation laid by our fathers.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary had a very interesting meeting January 15th. All the committees were represented and the delegates had good reports.

The treasurer has a balance of $111.09 and Miss Magee has collected $154.50 for the United Offering.

Mr. Keable suggested that an occasional penny on the mission side of our envelopes would add to the fund for our great work.

Mr. Ancell spoke a few minutes. He wished to make only two points concerning Mahan School about which he had spoken to the congregation. First that Mahan School was not provided for in the Nation-Wide Campaign, and, second, he was not asking for any scholarships. All of the hundred and fifty boys but six pay their way. All they ask is for room to take more boys.

He asked Miss Bell to appoint a committee in the Auxiliary to consider ways and means to collect funds for the new St. Stephen's Building. Mrs. Grammer, Mrs. McKeehan and Mrs. Austin were appointed.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held February 19th.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

My dear Friend:

As you probably know, the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church is trying, in conjunction with the rest of the congregation, to raise a fund of nineteen thousand dollars to build a hall in the Mahan School at Yangchow, China, of which Dr. Ancell is the head, to be called St. Stephen's Hall. This hall will accommodate sixty additional Chinese students, thus making the school entirely self-supporting. This will lift a burden from the church at large, but most of all from the hearts and minds of the self-sacrificing missionaries who can then go joyfully on with their work.

Now what is this work in which we are to help? Each one of these students carries back to his home and to his town even the wonderful message of Christ, of the kingdom of heaven within us, that manifests itself in a changed life, in a changed concept of man, of his relation to the family and to the state. This Christian education, these new concepts, result in bringing in the glorious light of the sun of righteousness and the rapid growth of an attendant civilization.

Shall not St. Stephen's, which has done so much in the cause of patriotism, which has always been ready to help the poor of this great city, shall it not stretch out a hand to the Orient and plant a seed that shall grow into a beneficent tree? Shall we not have the proud consciousness, the heart-warming joy, of doing great things abroad, as well as at home?

Other churches are occupied with the Nation Wide Campaign; shall not we be as earnest as they, and raise the money for this specific object that has been so well presented by our missionary whose chief reliance must be on those who know him personally and those who know what a great teacher he is?

Let us each one contribute a gift of love for some dear one. Would it not be wonderful to have our loving thoughts of one who has gone before, bring joy into hearts that are depressed and bring light into countless lives that pass through these Christian halls year after year?

Nothing can be too small, for we know the power of small things; nothing can be too large, for we know that nineteen thousand dollars is a large sum to raise.

With great hope and earnest prayer we, your committee, make this plea.

Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan,
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings February 4th to February 18th in Guild Room, Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in January for shoes:

Donation from Mrs. H. G. Brunner	$2.00
From St. Stephen's Church through Mr. Edward Moore	2.50
From those receiving shoes	2.00

The Church Periodical Club.

The Church Periodical Club, like most other organizations of its kind, has been running along with an after-the-war apathy. The magazines that everybody was glad to send to the boys in France or in camps here are no longer needed for that purpose, but they have not yet gotten back into the roads leading to missionaries and church schools. All over the country our recipients have been patiently waiting, for it was really a patriotic service on their part to do without this reading matter while it was going abroad.

So St. Stephen's Branch makes these requests:

If you stopped your magazine during the war, please continue it now, but ask the Librarian for address before sending, as the old address may have changed.

If you can send only occasionally or irregularly, we will be glad for this, too; but do not send to Parish House—get a real live name and write and send direct.

If you don't know just what we are doing but want to help, ask the Librarian for particulars; or contribute a small sum monthly or annually for postage and other necessary running expenses.

Special requests this month: Everybody's Magazine and Pictorial Review.

MARY M. ROBERTS, *Librarian,*
670 N. Fifteenth St.

Mission Study Class.

The Mission Study Class will be held on Friday mornings in Lent at half past 10 o'clock, Mrs. W. Hoover Smith, leader. The text book to be used is called "Neighbors" and treats of Americanization. This study will be found most interesting and instructive, and it is hoped a number of women will attend the sessions to be held in the Parish House, 19 South Tenth Street, second floor.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan.	4.	—Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	11.	—Misses Kirkpatrick
"	18.	—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.	—Miss Ernst
Feb.	1.	—Mrs. D. R. Harper
"	8.	—Miss Gebhart
"	15.	—Miss Crawford
"	22.	—Miss Gebhart
"	29.	—Misses Wallace
March	7.	—Miss S. Eisenbrey
"	14.	—Mrs. Brunner
"	21.	—Mrs. Campbell
"	25.	—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	28.	—Palm Sunday
April	1.	—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	4.	—Easter
"	11.	—Mrs. Atmore
"	18.	—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.	—Dr. Grammer
May	2.	—Miss Dutilh
"	9.	—Miss Townsend
"	13.	—Miss Williamson
"	16.	—Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	23.	—Miss Gregg
"	30.	—Mrs. Tourison
June	6.	—Miss Dutilh
"	13.	—Miss Gebhart
"	20.	—Miss Bright
"	27.	—Mrs. C. H. Colket
July	4.	—Mrs. Nicholson
"	11.	—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	18.	—Mrs. Grammer
"	25.	—Miss Lindenmayer
Aug.	1.	—Mrs. Clayton
"	8.	—Mrs. Heberton
"	15.	—Miss Shellenberger
"	22.	—
"	29.	—Miss Laura Bell
Sept.	5.	—Misses Kirkpatrick
"	12.	—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	19.	—Mrs. Keable
"	26.	—Mrs. E. E. Holman
Oct.	3.	—Miss Laura Bell
"	10.	—Miss Maulsly
"	17.	—Mrs. Sheble
"	24.	—Mrs. Keable
"	31.	—
Nov.	1.	—Mrs. Arrison
"	7.	—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	14.	—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	21.	—
"	28.	—Miss Eisenbrey
"	30.	—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
Dec.	5.	—Mrs. Atmore
"	12.	—Misses Davis
"	19.	—Mrs. Petry
"	25.	—Christmas
"	26.	—Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Emily Bell

MUSICAL PROGRAM.

February 1.

11:00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate E ..... *Mosenthal*
"Come Gracious Spirit" ..... *Maris*
8 P. M.—
Magnificat ..... *Martin*
Trisagion and Sanctus ..... *Hawley*
"O Thou that Tellest" ..... *Haendel*

February 8.

11:00 A. M.—
"Oh Come Let Us Sing" ..... *Mendelssohn*
8 P. M.—
Magnificat ..... *Martin*
"He Watching Over Israel" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"The Prodigal Son" ..... *Van de Water*

February 15.

11:00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E ..... *Buck*
Jubilate ..... *McCollin*
"Fierce was the Wild Billow" ..... *Noble*
8 P. M.—
"Praise the Lord" ..... *Wood*
"Hear, Heavenly Father" ..... *Hummel*
"My Hope is in the Everlasting" ..... *Stainer*

February 22.

11:00 A. M.—
Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Beethoven*
"Art Thou Weary" ..... *Chadwick*
8 P. M.—
"Praise the Lord" ..... *Wood*
"Lift Thine Eyes" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"All Men, All Things" ..... *Mendelssohn*

February 29.

11:00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E ..... *Buck*
Benedictus ..... *Beethoven*
"Power Eternal" ..... *Rossini*
8 P. M.—
Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
"Watchman What of the Night" ..... *Sergeant*
"O Gladsome Light" ..... *Sullivan*

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
12:15 P.M.—Thursday, Holy Communion.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
10:30 A.M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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Trustees.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Superintendednt.
Miss M. Tappen.

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Board of Visitors.

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All meetings at the Parish House.

Officers.

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Cutting Committee.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockins, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
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Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
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DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Anna Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Meisse, Miss V. Zeilin.

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President—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
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Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

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St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Eccles, Miss Fisher, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Miss Denny and Miss Dorothy Grammer.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Rev. F. B. Keable, Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable and Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.
Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. F. Wilbur Smith, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily, 3 to 10 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
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St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

The Associate will be in the Parish House, No. 19 South Tenth Street, daily from 11 to 12 A. M., and the Rector on Wednesdays. Communications can be sent through the Verger, Mr. James Carrigan, 801 Spruce Street, at any time.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 7.—Third Sunday in Lent.
" 14.—Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 21.—Fifth (Passion) Sunday in Lent.
" 25.—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
" 28.—The Sunday next before Easter.
" 29.—Monday before Easter.
" 30.—Tuesday before Easter.
" 31.—Wednesday before Easter.
April 1.—Thursday (Maundy) before Easter.
" 2.—Good Friday.
" 3.—Easter Even.
" 4.—Easter Day.

Parish Register.

CONFIRMATION.

February 1st, 1920,
James Lewis Armstrong
Charles Harrison Frazier
Virginia Johnson Downward
Ethlyn Sturgess Walton
Mary Agnes Donnelly
Elizabeth C. Dare
Beatrice Haskar Cerboni
Margaret Woodhouse
Velma Ida Long
Rae Denman

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 4.—Harry H. Hansen and Mabel M. Thurgate.
" 5.—Lee Arbour Weffing and Edna May Richards.
" 9.—Richard D. Lent and Mildred F. Hammer.
" 9.—Earl M. Smith and Nellie E. Lent.
" 25.—Joseph B. Walton and Emma Kaufmann.
" 25.—Raymond Bruner and Edna Schulgen.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Feb. 11.—Mrs. Mary Lea Wilen.
" .—Rev'd. Charles E. Milnor.

Offerings Received from Septuagesima Sunday, February 1st to Second Sunday in Lent, February 29, 1920, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Bishops' Fund	$ 43 38	
Charities	12 19	
Diocesan Missions	60 05	
Parochial Maintenance	99 57	
Missionary Box	142 02	
Colored Missions	53 70	
		$415 91

Envelope System:

Mahan School	$ 10 38	
Woman's Auxiliary	30	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25	
Charities	165 51	
Parochial Maintenance	356 69	
Missions	147 77	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 25	
Benevolent Society	2 90	
Endowment fund St. Stephen's Church	1 30	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 75	
Church Pensions and Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 00	
Diocesan Missions	253 73	
Foreign Missions	8 07	
Colored Missions	33 80	
Missionary Box	42 43	
Indian Missions	25	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	4 25	
City Missions	1 05	
Deaconess House	15	
Sunday School	2 75	
		$1,040 58
		$1,456 49

Recapitulation.

Charities	$177 70	
Parochial Maintenance	456 26	
Missions	147 77	
St. Stephen's Farm	1 25	
Benevolent Society	2 90	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1 30	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1 75	
Church Pensions and Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 00	
Diocesan Missions	313 78	
Foreign Missions	8 07	
Colored Missions	97 50	
Missionary box	184 45	
Indian Missions	25	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	4 25	
City Missions	1 05	
Deaconess House	15	
Sunday School	2 75	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25	
Woman's Auxiliary	30	
Mahan School	10 38	
Bishops' Fund	43 38	
		$1,456 49

Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

I am wondering whether it would not be a good plan to have a Confirmation Class during April? Two candidates have already made themselves known. Spring is the natural time for confirmation. The frequent services in Lent, the increase in spiritual fervor, make themselves felt even by the young and careless. I wish it could be arranged that all the churches could have confirmation about the same time. It would be a wonderful help. The spirit of inquiry and evangelistic fervor would spread all over the community. I know that there are some children in the Sunday School who are on the verge of being confirmed, and I would like to give them another opportunity to come forward. I, therefore, request anybody who has the matter under consideration to communicate with me. I hope that before Easter I shall have a nice class, and that we can begin to have our meetings during April.

I was quite appalled to learn from an expert that it has been ascertained that 54 per cent. of the population of Philadelphia is outside of the church. One million people were said to be outside of church or synagogue. This is shocking. No wonder Bolshevism spreads. When a man has very little hope of a world to come and realizes that he is getting on in life without much opportunity to enjoy the good things of this world, a fierce rage against existing conditions is apt to take possession of him. He does not consider the generations to come. He simply says, "I am resolved to enjoy some of these good things while there is yet time." I don't wonder that the anarchists and Bolshevists hate Christianity. They regard religion as an opiate. We know that they themselves have lost their sanity, in their frantic eagerness to possess and enjoy. Undoubtedly the Church has not sufficiently emphasized its duty of laying the foundations of the Kingdom of God here on earth. It has dwelt too much in mystic rapture on the vision of the New Jerusalem descending out of the skies. I am profoundly opposed to these Second Adventists who would sap all our energies by teaching that nothing can be accomplished until the Lord comes, that everything must be left to him. There is such a thing as an excessive otherworldliness; still it is not an error into which

mankind as a whole is apt to fall. Much more wide-spread is the error of confining our thoughts entirely to this world and becoming mere inhabitants of earth, without any vistas into the future, without any calm assurance that somewhere in God's universe duty and happiness will meet. For it must always be borne in mind that if the individual does not continue hereafter, then everything ultimately ends in the grave. Science speaks with authority when it tells us that the world will, after a while, be no longer habitable. Sir Oliver Lodge gave us as a limit twenty million years. According to this calculation the world is in its old age, since four hundred million years have passed since it first became habitable; and then, unless the individual persists and carries with him his mind and will, all our knowledge and achievement and sacrifice and heroism will come to nothing. So much of reason in the means, and so little in the end! Who could believe that? The chief glory would be taken from life if this world were not the gateway to another world. Belief in immortality is not merely a comfort and solace to the individual; it is one of the pillars of our civilization. As soon as it is weakened, one of the great steadying influences of society is withdrawn. I do not wonder that the statesmen and social workers are concerned about the churchless masses. It would be a good plan for our church to imitate Lyman Abbott's course during his fruitful pastorate in Brooklyn. I think it would be wise for us to find out what are considered our parish bounds and to make a regular survey of the region. I once investigated the block bounded by Tenth and Eleventh, Walnut and Chestnut Streets. It was a most instructive visitation. In the lodging houses were seventeen or eighteen people, each of whom had a latch-key and came and went when he pleased; there was no parlor nor meeting room, no one knew anything about his neighbor; all of the bonds of social life and convention were relaxed. The trouble with the Church is that we are not anxious enough to bring people out of darkness into light. If we believe, as St. Augustine said, that our hearts are made for God, and that they are restless until they find their rest in Him, then we ought to seek to bring this knowledge of peace into the hearts of our brothers. It is quite worth while to give the poor Christmas dinners and to provide hospitals for them when they are sick, but it would be better if we could give them in their homes that peace which makes a dinner of herbs better than a stalled ox; so that instead of wrangling and discontent there would be cheerful courage and hearty co-operation. Our chief needs are spiritual, not intellectual or physical. The soul of reform is the reform of the soul, as Horace Bushnell said.

If I had the strength I should like in summer time, when there is a dearth of entertainment in the city, and the people are much in the streets, to have one week of bright, helpful evangelistic services, with the church bells pealing out, "Jesus the water of life will give, freely, freely, freely." The trouble lies in us. Was not that a moving picture Dr. Ancell drew of that little Chinese boy with whom he conversed, with such a bright mind and docile disposition and winning ways, who would be so certain to grow up if heathenism did its usual work upon him, hard and backward-looking, suspicious, revengeful and fearful. It is good to know that our missionaries are doing this work for us in China. But we need to seek in the same spirit the Christless and semi-pagan multitudes at our door.

That is, indeed, one of the best results of the heroic labors of our missionary leaders. As we hear of their zeal and longing to help, we realize that we must, in our narrow sphere, follow their Christ-like example, for undoubtedly the missionary's influence extends further than that of any rector of a church in a Christian land. The mere presence of an American teacher in a Chinese town brings a new realm of thought and feeling, and a new civilization before the people of that community. His conduct, his family life, if he is married, his attitude toward his wife, his bearing to his children, his manners, his method of dealing with people, his theory of the universe, his conceptions of God, are all carefully noted. In the case of a school like the Mahan School, I am sure that the whole province feels its effects. While traveling out west some years ago I was talking with a western man about the attitude of the western man to women. "Why," he said, "they are adored. When a handsome woman steps off a train, she shakes five counties!" A school like Mahan School must shake a whole province of the Celestial Empire. Out of Dr. Ancell's former secondary

school of this kind came eleven of our thirteen native missionaries. We see in Dr. Lee what splendid men he turns out. Almost every Sunday some contribution comes in for St. Stephen's Hall, but we have a long way to go yet before we reach even half of our $19,000. Unless we give a little more than half, I do not think we would be entitled to have the building called St. Stephen's Hall. It would be splendid if some one in the congregation would give us a large gift in memory of a dear boy whose own life was cut untimely short. Thus their deep affection for him would bear permanent fruit. What nobler outcome can there be of suffering than an increase of liberality? The good things that we cannot heap upon our dear one we will confer on others. There is no memorial monument like a great benefaction. What a pity it is that the money spent on those gloomy mausoleums out at Laurel Hill was not invested in some foundation for the benefit of mankind! It was a truly royal thought of William III to found Greenwich Hospital in memory of Queen Mary, so that all the British Navy could be blessed by his love for his loyal young queen. What a splendid thing it would be to have an endowment for Mahan School whereby the youth of poor benighted China would be for ages led onward into a new vision of God, a new hope of immortality, and a new happiness in this world.

As I have said to the congregation, Dr. Ancell is an old pupil, for whom I can speak as a sound and uplifting teacher. In order that he may do this work he has declined a great honor and a high position. He has recognized the Divine call in this opportunity, and I trust that we may be able to help him to discharge this great responsibility. I don't know of any congregation in the country that he ought to look to with more assurance than the one in which his old friend and teacher is rector.

The Lenten services have begun most auspiciously. In spite of the fact that we had no fresh voice, but that your rector was the preacher during the week after the first Sunday, the attendance was large, and I appreciated exceedingly the loyalty of my own congregation, for I saw that many of them had made a special effort to be present that week. It was one of the busiest weeks of my life, and I am very glad that I find myself comparatively fit at its close.

It is not necessary that I should repeat in the PARISH NEWS what I said in the church on the last Sunday in February. Differences of opinion about questions of administration are certain to arise, especially in an organization like the Church, in which so many interests center. It is not necessary for either side to impute to the other unworthy motives. I have no doubt the Bishop of the Diocese and those who are with him think that they will advance the cause of God in building this Cathedral by the method which they are pursuing. I think they are mistaken, but I do not asperse their motives. At the same time I claim that I am entitled to credit for the motives which I myself profess—viz., a zeal for representative institutions. We must not allow ourselves to be misled by the phraseology of the reporters. If, for example, I say that I differ, the reporter says I differ "sharply." The headlines are almost always objectionable. Instead of saying that I am opposed to the methods whereby the charter for the new cathedral is being sought, the headlines read "Grammer attacks the Bishop!" Some people are so sensitive to these characteristics of the press that they deprecate any public discussion, but it is my conviction that popular government cannot be protected in church or state without popular methods of appeal to the public. After all, there are greater objections to secrecy than to publicity. Let us walk in the light as children of the light. This is an Apostolic injunction.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-nine members present at the last meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The treasurer has received $438.00 toward St. Stephen's Hall at Mahan School, and we have $147.84 in the treasury for our regular work.

Miss Magee has collected a total of $165.50 for the United Offering.

In addition to the regular reports from our delegates Mrs. Clemens made a special report on the meetings being held at the City Club by the Philadelphia Housing Association.

There are to be six of these meetings, and the Church Women's Housing Association is asked to send delegates so that they may report the work back to the churches.

The next Auxiliary Meeting will be held March 18th.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Church Periodical Club.

Mrs. Kempton, the Diocesan Correspondent, writes that she is anxious to place a good-sized library in some home in the mountains of North Carolina for the children made orphans by the influenza last winter. There are two hundred and sixty-five of them, between the ages of five and fifteen years.

We are asked to collect books, both old and new, and send by parcel post, the week before Palm Sunday, to an address to be given us.

Books left at the Parish House will be gratefully received and forwarded by the librarian.

MARY M. ROBERTS,
Librarian.

Miss Harriet E. Parker has gone to take charge of St. Luke's Hospital, New Bern, N. C. A few weeks ago she resigned the superintendency of the Kensington Hospital for Women after more than eleven years of most successful work.

"The Passion Play"

On Monday evening, March 29th, at 8.15 o'clock, in the Sunday School Room, Miss Anne Earle will give an illustrated lecture on "The Passion Play of Ober-Ammergau," for the members of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to share with the G. F. S. the privilege of hearing this lecture.

Cathedrals and Representative Government.

To the Editor of The Churchman:

Now that some dioceses have cathedrals, and others are trying to get them, it is worth inquiring how this new feature ought to be introduced into our Church's life, and what relation these cathedral foundations should sustain to our representative system.

Of course the cathedral itself, as everyone knows, is as feudal as Warwick Castle. I don't mean by this the bishop's church in those little African towns, which sent so many bishops to the council of Carthage. I mean the cathedrals of our mother Church of England: Durham, "half house of God, half fort against the Scot;" Chester, the noble chapel of a fortress on the Welsh border. I mean Lincoln on its hill, and Ely 'mid its fens. I mean the churches of bishops who are ex-officio peers of the realm. How are these ancient institutions, the splendid incrustations of chivalry and piety, to be adjusted to American institutions? Are there to be chapters, and if so, what are to be their rights and privileges and whence are they to be derived? Is the dean to have anything of the independence that has made English deans so famous, or is he to be a pale reflex of the bishop?

Will the cathedral, as in Baltimore, haughtily require that all parish organizations keep at a respectful distance from the sacred bush of its unceasing devotions, or will it quietly nestle down in some parish church as in Boston, and be content to do the work of a free downtown church, under an ambitious name? These are all interesting questions worth discussion in our church papers.

They are of minor importance, however, compared

to the influence of the cathedral upon the Church's democratic character. That the world is going to become more and more democratic is now not merely a prophecy; it is the base-line from which we make all our calculations. The world has been made safe for democracy, and a democratic world is an unsafe place for institutions and arrangements that are undemocratic: they have the stars in their courses fighting against them, and are destined to be removed, as things that may be shaken.

I don't say that a cathedral cannot be organized on such a basis that it will fit in with a representative scheme of government. Dr. Fulton, who was such an authority on canons and church history in his day, declared that cathedrals could not prosper in America. But he may have been wrong. A negative of this kind is too comprehensive to carry conviction. The truth of the matter is that the cathedral system in America is still on trial, and has yet to prove that it fits in with democracy in the Church.

This much, however, must be admitted: namely, that it has not yet been harmonized with a representative scheme of government. This incongruity has been manifested in the irregular, and in my judgment uncanonical, way in which it has often been inaugurated. In Boston, I learn from a well informed friend, it was the condition of the bequest for a cathedral that the Diocese of Massachusetts should endorse and adopt the project. In other dioceses, as for example, in Washington, the whole scheme was inaugurated outside of the diocesan convention. The question ought to be frankly faced: What is the proper manner in which to introduce into the life of a diocese, this new kind of church? It is true that under the pressure of controversy, it has been claimed that a cathedral must not be likened to a church, but should be considered as possessing the same independence of the diocesan convention that is enjoyed by a school, or a hospital, or a library. But such a contention cannot be seriously maintained. Law often separates arbitrarily things that belong to the same category, as in the well known ruling of the British customs, which classes monkeys with dogs, and turtles with insects. But no court would allow money left for a cathedral to be appropriated for the erection of a gymnasium, or hospital or singing school. A cathedral is always a church, a place of worship, and according to Webster, who is generally admitted to excel in definition, it is "properly the church which contains the cathedral, or bishop's official chair or throne, and which is therefore officially the principal church of a diocese."

It is true that the cathedral is the bishop's church, as well as the diocesan church, but it is not the church of the bishop apart from the diocese. If he resigned his jurisdiction, the cathedral would no longer be his church. It is his church, inasmuch as he is the head of the diocese. Separate him from the diocese and he will lose the church. Let the diocese elect a new bishop, and in due time the cathedral will be his.

One of the fundamentals of church union, according to the famous Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, is "the historic episcopate, locally adapted." To claim that the bishop has the right to fasten on his diocese such an institution as a cathedral without consulting his convention is certainly not adapting the episcopate to American conditions. Imagine the governor of a state undertaking without the consent of the Legislature, by the aid of large gifts from corporations, to construct forts near our railway terminals, and claiming that as long as he asked no appropriations from the Legislature and was content to build his block-houses by gifts, it was nobody's business. Everyone would recognize that such a governor might be a vigorous executive, but that he was not in touch with representative government.

What then shall we say of the method that in some instances has been pursued, and in others may be attempted, indeed is being attempted, whereby the bishop, representing himself to the civil courts as a private citizen, yet claiming at the same time, when he fronts his church people, to act as the official head of the diocese, applies for a charter for a cathedral, with the intention of keeping the whole scheme out of the control of the diocesan convention, until it is out of the plastic stage, and has assumed such a shape that the convention, if it is consulted at all, has practically no freedom of choice?

Most people will say such a method is certainly not in touch with American life and modes of administration. Some canonists will raise the question whether a bishop who has promised to exercise his office in conformity and obedience to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, has acted in this matter in conformity with our discipline. Some will take the ground that however our bishops may derive their orders—and on this there is admittedly a wide diversity of opinion—those powers themselves are to be exercised according to law, and that extra-canonical acts are uncanonical acts; that if bishops are to have the right to inaugurate cathedrals, that right ought to be conferred by canon; and that for a bishop to undertake to introduce this cathedral system, so ancient and also so feudal in England, into our American life, without the authority of his diocesan convention, is to show that he has a feudal conception of his own office, and will certainly be unable to adapt this old institution to our democratic life. Many lovers of our Church will hold that such arbitrary action works an injury to our whole representative scheme of church government, and will, if permitted to become a precedent, diminish the freedom of our Church, and lessen its comfort as a hospitable home for many schools of thought, and also alienate it from the life of our country.

Carl E. Grammer.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Our Ambulance.

February 6, 1920.

Mr. Edward W. Moore,
141 South Fourth St.,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Moore:

Dr. Frazier has referred to me your inquiry about the "gift plate" on the ambulance so generously donated to Base Hospital 34 by members of St. Stephen's Church. Of the value and usefulness of the ambulance many good tales could be told. It carried innumerable loads of wounded from the railway station at Nantes to our Hospital (No. 34) about two miles distant, in the outskirts of Nantes. Eventually all our ambulances were taken over by the Motor Truck Service of the American Expeditionary Forces, and thereafter were no longer under our own control; all motor vehicles being pooled for economy of operation and used by all hospitals indiscriminately. I regret very much that at the time we did not realize that they would thenceforth be lost to us as an individual unit, and that precautions were not taken to remove and preserve the gift plates from St. Stephen's Ambulance and from the other motor equipment with which we were originally provided.

I wish all members of St. Stephen's congregation could realize how great a help their gift proved not only to Base Hospital 34 itself, but to the cause of the wounded in general; and how deeply all of us who were connected with Base Hospital 34 appreciated the interest your church took in us.

With best wishes, always very sincerely,

Astley P. C. Ashhurst.

Letter from Miss Conway.

The following letter has been received by the Parish Visitor from our missionary in Africa:

December 18th, 1919.

St. Timothy's Hospital,
Cape Mount, Liberia, West Africa,

We started out this morning to go to Fallee, but the engine broke down about half a mile from town, and as this was Miss Ridgely's outing—the first she has had for many months—we came down to the beach, and she is now lying by my side, and the girls are making tea.

These are busy days for me. I could hardly spare the time, but my duty is to my fellow workers as well as the natives. There is a big meeting of Government officials and native chiefs. There has been trouble between the Gola tribe and the Liberian Government for a long time, and last year war broke out. Now—the peace conference. They have nearly all the Gola chiefs under arrest; what the outcome will be we do not know. My part is to doctor these poor creatures, and I have had to stay in town two weeks and hardly think I shall get in a trip before Christmas. Shortly after, if all goes well, I hope to go to Monrovia to the inauguration of President-elect King. I suppose you read about his being in America. He is one of the vestrymen of our church in Monrovia. I know him quite well.

I hope to come home some time in the spring. Shall try to get away not later than April or May. Then I would like to go in the country for a couple of months rest. If you hear of a good farm or boarding place, please speak for a room for me for the summer months. Just where I shall go first I do not know. One thing is sure, I cannot pay much board.

Mr. Ramsaur, the young man who came out last spring, is such a fine character and doing splendid work. He has now gone away over to the French border, taking a survey of the country and preaching and teaching as he goes. We need a few more like him.

Did I ever tell you that I had to use the fifty dollars sent by St. Stephen's Sunday School for my motor boat, as I could not get a horse. The boat cost a little over a hundred and fifty, but it is such a comfort. My life is spent chiefly in traveling from one dispensary to the other and back to the hospital. I was so disappointed in not getting a box from Philadelphia this year. The boys' school and Miss Ridgely's school each got one, but the hospital was not thought about. And how much I need drugs and supplies! Now that there are two dispensaries as well as the hospital, more and not less is needed.

Kindest regards to Dr. Grammer and those whom I know at St. Stephen's.

Sarah E. Conway.

P. S.—Last Sunday I had the Secretary of the Interior and of War and a major of the U. S. Army to dinner. High life in Africa!

It is necessary for the Parish Visitor to add this appeal: Our poor women, some of whom have had very serious operations, and others suffering from varicose veins in a dreadful condition, are very much in need of old linen or muslin. Even very small pieces will be most gratefully received.

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Dec. 5.—Mrs. Atmore
" 12.—Misses Davis
" 19.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas
" 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Emily Bell

Musical Program

MARCH 7th.

11.00 A. M.—
"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God"....*Stainer*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc .....*Stainer*
"Hear My Prayer" .....*Mendelssohn*
"Why do the Nations" .....*Haendel*

MARCH 14th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in G .....*Mosenthal*
Jubilate in G .....*Mosenthal*
"Fear Ye Not" .....*Spicker*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc .....*Stainer*
Hymn of the Apostles .....*Gounod*
"Lord how Long" .....*Mendelssohn*

MARCH 21st

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in G. .....*Mosenthal*
Jubilate in G. .....*Mosenthal*
"King all Glorious" .....*Barnby*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....*Martin*
"The Twilight Shadows" .....*Wood*
"Inflammatus" .....*Rossini*

MARCH 28th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in B flat .....*Stanford*
Jubilate in B flat .....*Stanford*
"The Palms" .....*Faure*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....*Martin*
"Jerusalem" .....*Parker*
"When Night Involves the Sky".....*Woodman*

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11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
10:30 A.M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Meisse, Miss V. Zeilin.

TREASURE UNITED OFFERING—Miss Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Mrs. B. Reath.
Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Officers and Mrs. A. Hewson, Mrs. F. Whiting, Mrs. J. W. Douglass and Miss Elsie Dahl.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss H. Stephens.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Eccles, Miss Fisher, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Miss Denny and Miss Dorothy Grammer.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable and Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.
Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. F. Wilbur Smith, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily, except Sunday, 3 to 10 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

April 1.—Maundy Thursday.
" 2.—Good Friday.
" 3.—Easter Even.
" 4.—Easter Day.
" 5.—Easter Monday.
" 6.—Easter Tuesday.
" 11.—First Sunday after Easter.
" 18.—Second Sunday after Easter.
" 25.—St. Mark Evangelist, Third Sunday after Easter.

May 13.—Ascension Day.
" 23.—Whitsunday.
" 30.—Trinity Sunday.

Parish Register.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 6.—John W. Sturtz and Clara Mae Ferren.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March 5.—Julian Taylor.
" 16.—Edna Vreeland.

Offerings Received from Wednesday, March 3, 1920 to Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$49 85	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	58 74	
Missionary Box	183 76	
Parochial Maintenance	190 67	
		$483 02

Envelope System:

Charities	$108 82
Parochial Maintenance	235 57
Missions	174 98
St. Stephen's Farm	7 05
Theological Education	1 05
Work among Boys	5 00
Benevolent Society	2 50
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	3 50
Episcopal Hospital	25
S. S. Xmas. Festival	50
Domestic Missions	1 00

Church Pensions and Aged and Infirm Clergy	25	
Diocesan Missions	44 78	
Foreign Missions	1 00	
Colored Missions	28 28	
Missionary Box	7 60	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	92 60	
City Missions	5 66	
Deaconess House	25	
Sunday School	4 30	
Woman's Auxiliary	25	
Girls' Friendly	30	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1 25	
		$726 74
		$1,209 76

Recapitulation:

Charities	$158 67
Parochial Maintenance	426 24
Missions	174 98
St. Stephen's Farm	7 05
Theological Education	1 05
Our work among Boys	5 00
Benevolent Society	2 50
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	3 50
Episcopal Hospital	25
Sunday School Christmas Festival	50
Domestic Missions	1 00
Church Pensions and Aged and Infirm Clergy	25
Diocesan Missions	44 78
Foreign Missions	1 00
Colored Missions	28 28
Missionary Box	191 36
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	151 34
City Missions	5 66
Deaconess House	25
Sunday School	4 30
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F. B. Keable, Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

I greet you most heartily on this Easter Day. My first thought is that this is the fifteenth Easter we have had together. I can but hope that you feel as I do, that the tie between us grows closer as the years pass. I often sit down and let my mind run over the congregation, pew by pew. Some, of course, I know better than others. Some, I regret to say, I meet but seldom, but I believe all the congregation are fairly well known to me. I cannot stand up in our improved chancel, where the minister can look out over the congregation and see them well, and look at the great congregation without a deep sense of gratitude to God for having laid my lines in such pleasant places. My father used to regard Philadelphia as the garden place of the Episcopal Church in the United States. He was twice called to a church in West Philadelphia, and I can recall as a boy how much he was attracted to this city, though he eventually decided to remain in Baltimore, which he thought the finest city in the world. At one time he had a call to a great church in Chicago, which also called him twice, and he used to tell about visiting a school friend of his in Chicago, afterwards United States Minister to an important post in Europe, who whispered him that he believed he would regret it if he ever left the lovely climate of Baltimore for the Windy City by the Lakes. It is an especial pleasure and gratification to me when any of my father's old parishioners come to St. Stephen's and select it as their church home.

Christmas is the most popular of the Christian festivals, but Easter is surely the greatest of all our feasts. St. Paul said if Christ was not risen from the dead, then was his preaching vain. Unless there is a life beyond it is difficult to see how religion can hold its own. Whatever people may think about these messages that are said to come to us from the hereafter, it is good to be reminded that the departed are not dead. The reality of their existence is brought to our minds by the theories, even if we cannot accept the special communication. For my own part, I am convinced that the universe is one. I cannot take the strange attitude that I do not want any such messages. I notice that the simplest flower cannot bloom without the assistance of the distant sun. Not the smallest cloud can form itself in the sky without the aid of the same great luminary. The unknown metal helium which was discovered in the sun was afterwards found upon this earth. The universe is one. It may be that it is a more spiritual one than we think. I am inclined to think the poet speaks truly along this line. Sir Oliver Lodge quoted some lines which I think everyone will be glad to read. They are from a poem found when he died among the writings of Francis Thompson. The following note from his editor I think is interesting:

"If he had lived, Thompson might have worked upon them and removed here a defective line and there an unexpected elision. But no alteration would he have brought to the purport of it. The prevision of heaven in earth and God in man, pervading his earlier published verse, is here accentuated by a poignantly local and personal allusion; for in these triumphant stanzas he held in retrospect those days and nights of human dereliction he spent beside London's river in the shadow—but all radiance to him—of Charing Cross:"

The Kingdom of God.

"In no strange land."

O world invisible, we view thee,
O world intangible, we touch thee,
O world unknowable, we know thee,
Unapprehensible, we clutch thee.

Does the fish soar to find the ocean,
The eagle plunge to find the air?
That we ask of the stars in motion
If they have rumor of Thee there?

Not where the whirling systems darken
And our benumbed conceiving soars!—
The drift of pinions, would we hearken,
Beats at our own clay-sheltered doors.

The angels keep their ancient places;
Turn but a stone and start a wing;
'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces
That miss the many-splendored thing.

But when so sad, thou canst not sadder,
Cry—and upon that so sore loss
Shall shine the traffic of Jacob's ladder,
Pitched between Heaven and Charing Cross.

Yea, in the night, my Soul, my daughter,
Cry—clinging Heaven's parting hems,
And lo! Christ walking on the water,
Not of Gennesaret, but Thames.

Since I have touched on this subject I will reprint elsewhere an article that I published in relation to spiritualism in a church paper.

I want to remind the congregation that although the farm has been sold the vestry has no intention of giving up the good work of providing for summer outings for the members of our congregation who need such provision. If I correctly estimate the mind of those who have used the farm they do not desire what the poet calls "a lodge in some vast wilderness, a boundless contiguity of shade," but prefer a pleasant outlook, either upon the Delaware River or the Atlantic Ocean, or some scene of cheerful activities. It has been suggested that we should combine with some of the other metropolitan parishes, as the churches in the heart of the city have been designated. We are anxious to act wisely, and those who give to the Easter collection for the farm may be sure that their moneys will be used to provide summer outings, which is the purpose for which the farm stood.

Some sensational accounts that have appeared in the papers, I am afraid may mislead people about the Burd School. That great property has been sold. It had become very expensive to run, and was far too valuable for us to hold. The general policy of the vestry is to rent for a term of years and subsequently to build a structure that can be more economically administered. We are particularly desirous of doing the very best for our wards in giving them every opportunity to equip themselves to be efficient members of society. During the last month two of the girls, Miss Lilian Clift and Miss Lola Bryan, have gone out into excellent positions. We are proud of their record at the High School and at the business college, and the people of St. Stephen's all feel the liveliest interest in their welfare.

The records of attendance show that we have had one of our most successful Lents. In ante-bellum days there used to be a considerable falling off in attendance in the third and fourth weeks of Lent, with a slight improvement in the fifth, and a splendid attendance in Holy Week. This year there was no falling off in those two weeks, a great tribute, I think, to the powers of the speakers, Dr. McComb and Dr. Wood. We are hopeful that this fine Lenten attendance will bear fruit and increase the numbers at the Wednesday meetings throughout the year, and during the last week a special effort will be made to remind the Lenten congregation that the noonday service on Wednesday obtains the year round.

I hope that the congregation will make themselves missionaries to spread abroad this invitation. I hate to suggest the slightest defect in the members of St. Stephen's Church, but may I be permitted to hint that they do not root enough, as the college boys say, for their church? I went down to a great bank to-day and one of the chief officers came up to me and said, "You have a great church down there. I drop in there occasionally, for I think you have got a wonderful church." I was delighted to hear him say that, because such words bring people. If he speaks of our church in that way some of the bank clerks will come in to see what the chief officer thinks worth while at St. Stephen's.

I have been very much surprised to find that a great many people adopt the theory that the churches are only ministering to the people who take pews or accept envelopes, and are making no appeal to the unchurched. It is for the latter that we put the advertisements in the papers, it is for them that we put the placards in the stores. I wish myself that the men of the congregation would devise some plan for putting an invitation in the boxes of the visitors at the hotels, to let them know that we are anxious to have them. I believe in the welcoming hand and in the hearty greeting. It is to emphasize these welcoming aims of the church that I take my stand at the foot of the aisle every Sunday night and shake hands with the people as they pass out. Dr. Rainsford used to take his stand in front of the church before the Sunday morning service and shake hands with the people as they came in. Surely nobody thinks that St. Stephen's is doing its work unless it reaches out. That is the message of our bells—Come in! I am glad to know that we are going to be able to open that central door, and make it more manifest to the passer-by that we are open to visitors.

The hope and zeal of the Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary is being rewarded, though not perhaps to the full measure of their desires, for I am afraid that we are not going to reach the $19,000 mark; indeed, we are a long way off. Nevertheless, we have a number of monthly pledges and one generous contributor whose name can easily be guessed by the congregation, has given $500. That is our largest single contribution, but we will have subscriptions of $400, $300 and $250. I hope that we will make the largest subscription for foreign missions ever known in St. Stephen's, and that will be quite worth while. Surely nothing can be more fundamental in religion than that those who have learned that God is love should pass the good news to those who know it not, who live in fear and uncertainty, and often in dark despair. It hardly seems to admit of debate that if religion is a great boon and comfort and inspiration, it is our duty to hand it on. Especially ought the Christian nations who have increased so much the problem of living for the backward nations see to it that they receive this great gift from us.

According to our custom the election of the vestry will be postponed until the Parish Meeting; the present vestry will hold over till its successor is elected. This is according to our charter. I have no doubt that the legally qualified voters will agree this year as in former years to elect the persons nominated to them as the choice of the parish meeting. In that way we comply with the requirements of our charter and also give to the people who contribute to the upbuilding of the church a voice in its government.

I think I ought to place on record here what I said in the congregation on the fifth Sunday in Lent, that in the death of Edna Vreeland the congregation lost a faithful member to whom under God our church was privileged to discharge in large measure the duty of a mother. This orphan girl was left to our care by her mother, and in spite of her bodily infirmities she was able to make a living and to enjoy the loving and tactful care of Miss Lewis. Her infirmities would have qualified her for a place in an institution, but I am very glad that we were able to throw around her a sufficient number of safeguards and helps to enable her to earn her own livelihood and keep her self-respect until the end. Her death was full of hope and the assurance of a happy hereafter. Surely God rewarded this child upon whom was laid such a heavy task with a happier lot in the world to come. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Miss Lewis for her faithful discharge of this obligation.

The best greetings of this happy season.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Attitude of Spiritual Leaders.

By the Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer.

Now that there has been such a recrudescence of interest in Spiritualism, people are naturally asking what their ministers think upon the subject, and the pulpit cannot hold its peace without coming short of its duty.

Undoubtedly this is a momentous and difficult question. The old belief in witches was a popular theory that it took great moral courage to oppose. This new belief comes not from the ignorant and backward circles, but from leaders of thought, from explorers and investigators; its fountain heads are such books as "Researches in Spiritualism," by Sir William Crookes, Fellow of the Royal Society, and the report on Spiritualism of the London Dialectical Society. Its teachers are such a man of culture as F. W. Myers, such a chemist as Crookes, such a physicist as Sir Oliver Lodge, such a pre-eminent scientist as Alfred Russell Wallace. But it now takes some intellectual courage to profess even a qualified acceptance of the evidence. The orthodox both in religion and in science look askance upon it, and many of the orthodox leaders in both realms are fulminating anathemas against it.

Yet nothing can be clearer, it seems to me, than the duty of keeping an open mind. Not that we are to be credulous and let our desires carry us beyond the proof, but that we should be willing to test the evidence.

The Biblical objection that dealing with sorcerers and witches is forbidden in the Old Testament is surely not well taken. Children are forbidden to come near to the fire, but such parental injunctions ought not to prevent a chemist from studying combustion. We are no longer under the pedagogical leading of the law; we are under grace. The spirit of truth has been promised us as a guide into all truth. This use of the Bible as a bulwark to check a rising tide of thought only injures the influence of that inspired book.

As for the objection that Spiritualism cannot be true, because the finite cannot communicate with the infinite—an objection urged according to the newspapers at a great religious service by a distinguished ecclesiastic—it will not bear a moment's investigation. If the finite cannot communicate with the infinite, why do we pray? If the universe beyond our sense—perception cannot affect our finite lives, how can God's guidance and inspiration be accepted? These theological and Biblical objections are rash and ill-advised. The universe is vast, and our knowledge is but little. A less dogmatic attitude, more of the spirit of a little child, is becoming.

For my own part, I am convinced that the universe is reasonable, and I therefore conclude that it cannot be so unreasonable as to let such a marvelous product as man cease to be, after such a ridiculously short life. This conviction is strengthened by the testimony for the resurrection of Jesus and by the teaching of His disciples.

But I am not unwilling to receive more light. I do not believe that more light would do away with the necessity of faith, and put our lives upon another basis, as I am convinced that the wider the sphere of our knowledge becomes, the greater will be the realm of surrounding mystery. I hold, therefore, that the Church ought not to close the ears of its people with this wax of dogma, for fear that they may be seduced by the siren song of these new prophets.

I do not think, however, that we ought to encourage untrained, immature and unqualified people to enter upon these investigations. There are "diversities of gifts." Not every message is to be received. We are to "try the spirits." There is such a large amount of humbug, deception and unreality in the whole business that a wise shepherd will warn his flock that in this portion of the pasture wolves abound. He will remind them of the danger of building the walls of Zion with untempered mortar. He will point out that if there is any measure of truth in the hypothesis that the spirits of the dead communicate through specially gifted persons, it does not, therefore, follow that they can teach us much about the nature of the hereafter. What could an unborn babe learn about the joys of sight, or hearing, or social converse?

Surely the true attitude in the whole matter is one of willingness to listen to the evidence, with a determined purpose to hold fast to the basic truths that we have already learned, and to give ourselves time to examine into all the bearings of these new phenomena. One of the surest marks of culture is the power to suspend judgment till the evidence has been examined or is all in. There are doubtless many forces in nature unknown to us. It may be that most, or even all, of the phenomena that now are attributed to discarnate personality may be explained by these hitherto undiscovered forces. This is a possibility. But it ought also to be frankly recognized that the inquirers who have recently given most time and thought to these phenomena have, in increasing numbers, come to the conclusion that the messages cannot be explained by telepathy, from brain to brain, but must be regarded as coming from discarnate personalities. The Church can afford to suspend its judgment, to warn the indiscreet, to examine carefully the evidence. The one attitude it cannot afford to take is one of scorn or dogmatic denial.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. A. S. Lippi was the speaker at the March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. She is the President of the Italian Women's Educational Association, a social organization where these foreign women are given fellowship and help from the intelligent class of Italian women who are the leaders.

Mrs. Lippi urged us as church women to send mature women as social workers; and also to give at least ten Italian girls medical training so they may go into the families and, speaking the language and understanding the problems, give the help most needed.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held April 15th.

Church Woman's Housing Association.

The Church Woman's Housing Association was started in March, 1919, at Holy Trinity Church, Mrs. Abbey acting as chairman. In one year it has grown to be a well organized body of women from the different denominations of the churches of Philadelphia, who are doing earnest work for the betterment of the housing conditions in this city. The chief object of the Association is to bring before the church women of our city the many deplorable conditions at present existing, and to stimulate their interest and co-operation.

The chairman, Mrs. Abbey, was fortunate in securing Mr. Ihlder, who is the secretary of the City's Housing Association. He gave six lectures at the City Club, on consecutive Wednesday afternoons during February and March, and was most interesting in telling of the conditions existing in other countries as well as our own, and showing how our laws must, in many instances, be changed before we can have healthful, sanitary and moral housing for our poor people.

Mr. Ihlder spoke of a woman he had met and talked with on one of the London streets, who told him that for three generations back her people had never gone further than two blocks from their home, which was in one of the most crowded courts in the city. All of the women and MEN of our congregation are most earnestly asked to co-operate in this work by going, if possible, with Mr. Ihlder or one of his committee, through some of our slums, and thus seeing conditions as they are here at present.

"In the beginning God put man and woman in a 'Garden,'" and we are told that in the latter days, when there shall be a New Heaven and a New Earth, the children will be playing in the streets. May we, each of us, try to do our part to bring about decent housing and clean, healthful conditions, so that our children in the generations to come may have a fair chance in this city, intended to be a "garden" by its founder, William Penn.

MARGARET H. CLEMENS,
Delegate from St. Stephen's.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society has finished the Endowed Beds at the Episcopal Hospital. I now want the Society to undertake to raise $50,000 for the Endowment Fund, but I think it will take several years to accomplish it. I am an Honorary Associate Member, and I have been asked to take part in aiding this worthy object. I am anxious to raise several thousand dollars, but it cannot be all done at once. I hope the girls will do the best they can to help in this matter.

I should like to raise $5,000 in 1920, and I am sure it can be done; if every one tries, they will succeed in doing this. It will be hard work, but it can be done. It is absolutely necessary to have an Endowment Fund, for the Society wants rooms for meetings and entertainments of different kinds. I said a year ago that the time had come for this. I hope this will appeal to the people, and any contributions can be sent to me.

ANNA J. MAGEE, *Treasurer,*
Honorary Associate Member.
March 13, 1920.

Shoe Fund.

Money received in February and March from those receiving shoes $6.00

Have given out about 16 pairs of shoes and 10 pairs of overshoes.

The little girls are very much pleased this year with the shoes Santa Claus gave them, and many will wear their new shoes Easter Sunday.

The Heart of Serbia

We have a great treat in store for us. On Wednesday, April 14th, at 8 P. M., in the Church, Rosalie S. Morton, M.D., graduate of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Sergeant-Major in the Serbian Army, who was awarded the following decorations: Chevalier of the Order of St. Sava, Commander of the Order of St. Sava, Order of St. John, Medal of Mercy, Medal of Charity, and Serbian Red Cross—Physician, Soldier and Publicist—will deliver her wonderful talk, "The Heart of Serbia," illustrated by her own pictures, many taken secretly, telling the great story of suffering and sacrifice of these brave people.

At the outbreak of the great war Dr. Morton was Professor in the New York Polyclinic Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital and Attending Surgeon in the Vanderbilt Clinic of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Medical Department of Columbia University, and has become famous for her research work on the Bubonic Plague in Ceylon, India, and other parts of the East. She was also a delegate to the Pan-American Medical Congress in Panama and the American Public Health Association Meeting in Havana, and established the first scientific nation-wide program for the Prevention of Disease through Education.

During the war Dr. Morton made a thorough study of the war-work of women physicians and surgeons in England, France, Corsica, Malta, Greece, Serbia, Roumania, Bulgaria and Austria. She was asked by the United States Government to organize for military service the 6,000 women physicians in this country, and became Chairman of the Committee of Women Physicians of the General Medical Board of the Council of National Defence.

In March, 1919, through Dr. Morton's leadership, the International Serbian Educational Committee was formed, and brought to this country during the past few months sixty young men and women of Serbia. These young men and women are under solemn pledge to remain in this country for study and training for four years and then to return home, mentally equipped as teachers and leaders of their stricken fellow countrymen.

Dr. Grammer has appointed a Reception Committee, composed of the following ladies; Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Chairman; Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Miss Magee, Miss Laura Bell, Miss Cornelia L. Ewing, Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr., Mrs. S. H. Austin, Mrs. F. B. Keable, Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder, Mrs. Charles S. Calwell.

We expect a large attendance. Each one should bring friends. Dr. Morton has Lady Astor's gift of making a thrilling address with feminine charm.

King's Daughters.

Received from estate of Mr. William Patton interest (through Mr. Edward W. Moore) $34.49

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings April 7th and April 21st, in Guild Room, Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock. The weather has been so bad and so many of the members have been sick, that the work for the little children has gone slowly, but when finished will do lots of good.

Since last report little Edna Vreeland has died. Although not able to sew much, she seemed to be happy and enjoy the meetings. We all miss her very much, but know she is far happier.

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan.	4.	Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	11.	Misses Kirkpatrick
"	18.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.	Miss Ernst
Feb.	1.	Mrs. D. R. Harper
"	8.	Miss Gebhart
"	15.	Miss Crawford
"	22.	Miss Gebhart
"	29.	Misses Wallace
March	7.	Miss S. Eisenbrey
"	14.	Mrs. Brunner
"	21.	Mrs. Campbell
"	25.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	28.	Palm Sunday
April	1.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	4.	Easter
"	11.	Mrs. Atmore
"	18.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.	Dr. Grammer
May	2.	Miss Dutilh
"	9.	Miss Townsend
"	13.	Miss Williamson
"	16.	Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	23.	Miss Gregg
"	30.	Mrs. Tourison
June	6.	Miss Dutilh
"	13.	Miss Gebhart
"	20.	Miss Stephens
"	27.	Mr. C. H. Colket
July	4.	Mrs. Nicholson
"	11.	Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	18.	Mrs. Grammer
"	25.	Miss Lindenmayer
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Clayton
"	8.	Mrs. Heberton
"	15.	Miss Shellenberger
"	22.	—
"	29.	Miss Laura Bell
Sept.	5.	Misses Kirkpatrick
"	12.	Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	19.	Mrs. Keable
"	26.	Mrs. E. E. Holman
Oct.	3.	Miss Laura Bell
"	10.	Miss Maulsly
"	17.	Mrs. Sheble
"	24.	Mrs. Keable
"	31.	—
Nov.	1.	Mrs. Arrison
"	7.	Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	14.	Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	21.	Miss Bright
"	28.	Miss Eisenbrey
"	30.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
Dec.	5.	Mrs. Atmore
"	12.	Misses Davis
"	19.	Mrs. Petry
"	25.	Christmas
"	26.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Emily Bell

Musical Program

APRIL 4th.

11.00 A. M.—

Te Deum in E flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in F. ..... *Smart*
"Heavenly Father" ..... *Hummel*
Sanctus ..... *Gounod*

8.00 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Barnby*
"Behold I Show You a Mystery" ..... *Wood*
"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" .... *Haendel*

APRIL 11th.

11.00 A. M.—
8.00 P. M.—

Easter Music Repeated.

APRIL 18th.

11.00 A. M.—

Te Deum in E ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate in E ..... *Mosenthal*
"Hosanna" ..... *Granier*

8.00 P. M.—

Nunc Dimittis ..... *Martin*
"Hark, Hark My Soul" ..... *Shelley*
"Fierce was the Wild Billow" ..... *Noble*

APRIL 25th.

11.00 A. M.—

Te Deum in E. ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate in E. ..... *Mosenthal*
"King all Glorious" ..... *Barnby*

8.00 P. M.—

Nunc Dimittis ..... *Martin*
"The Lord is My Light" ..... *Parker*
"Evening Hymn" ..... *Rheinberger*

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264 South 46th Street.
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Lay Reader, MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER.
Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. EDWARD W. MOORE, *Church Warden.*
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Mr. Robt. T. Boyd,

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Mrs. Helen Frame Heaton, Miss Edna W. Mixsell, Miss Marian M. Serverson, Mrs. Mildred V. Comly, Miss Grace Luffbarry, Miss F. Alice Rhoads, Miss Cecile V. Bourguin.

Altos.

Mrs. Louise Underhill Vail, Mrs. Ednah M. Smith, Mrs. Fred'k. B. Keable, Miss A. T. Patterson, Miss Lulu Gruner, Miss Florence Mixsell, Miss Dorothy Silver.

Tenors.

Mr. Royal P. MacLellan, Mr. Robert H. Roberts.

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VERGER.

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(63rd and Market Streets.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Miss M. Tappen.

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BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Chairman; Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. John Coats Browne, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. S. H. Austin, Miss M. McDowell, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Mrs. Chas. S. Calwell.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President—Miss Cornelia L. Ewing.
Directress and Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Hansell.

Managers—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. W. H. Hansell, Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockins, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDER COMMITTEE.
Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Meisse, Miss V. Zeilin.

TREASURE UNITED OFFERING—Miss Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

President—Mrs. Samuel H. Austin.
Vice-President—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
Secretary—Mrs. B. Reath.
Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Officers and Mrs. A. Hewson, Mrs. F. Whiting, Mrs. J. W. Douglass and Miss Elsie Dahl.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss Cerboni.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.—
Executive Board—Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Jones, Miss Eccles, Miss Fisher, Miss Emma Daley, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Miss Denny and Miss Dorothy Grammer.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. F. B. Keable and Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.
Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. F. Wilbur Smith, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Miss C. T. Rynard, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily, except Sunday, 3 to 10 P. M.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

April 11.—Virginia Margaret Harris.
" .—Henry Fauntteroy Harris, Jr.
" 21.—Edward James Morre, 2nd.
" 25.—Mae Mearns Marsh.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 24.—Mitchell Porter Stiles and Pauline Hurff.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 24.—Benjamin R. Thomas.

Offerings received from Wednesday, March 31st, 1920, to the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 16th, 1920, inclusive:

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Missionary Box	$ 56 72
City Missions	23 61
St. Stephen's Farm	162 09
Armenian and Syrian Relief	150 40
International Serbian Educational Committee	413 69
Benevolent Society	53 82
Work Among Boys	50 75
Charities	70 79
Parochical Maintenance	115 43
	$1,097 30

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$161 44	
Parochial Maintenance	368 34	
Missions	191 05	
St. Stephen's Farm	403 90	
Theological Education	40 48	
Work among Boys	47 84	
Benevolent Society	114 08	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	322 45	
Domestic Missions	4 01	
Diocesan Missions	50	
Foreign Missions	25	
Colored Missions	85	
Missionary Box	1 50	
Indian Mission	70	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	8 20	
City Missions	51 71	
Sunday School	14 05	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	186 16	
International Serbian Educational Committee	175 00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	75	
Girls' Friendly Society	50	
		$2,093 76

RECAPITULATION:

Charities	$232 23	
Parochial Maintenance	483 77	
Missions	191 05	
St. Stephen's Farm	565 99	
Theological Education	40 48	
Work among Boys	98 59	
Benevolent Society	167 90	
Endowment Fund (Church)	322 45	
Domestic Missions	4 01	
Diocesan Missions	50	
Foreign Missions	25	
Colored Missions	85	
Missionary Box	58 22	
Indian Missions	70	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	8 20	
City Missions	75 32	
Sunday School	14 05	
Daily Vacation Bible School	75	
Girls' Friendly Society	50	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	336 56	
International Serbian Educational Committee	588 69	
		$3,191 06

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN ALMS BASINS AND ENVELOPES FROM JANUARY 1, 1919 TO MAY 18, 1919.

Alms Basins	$1,878.52	
Envelopes and Special Contributions	4,079.35	
		$5,957.87
For the same period in 1920, January 1st to May 16th, 1920, including Balance on hand, Jan. 1st, 1920	$84.89	
Alms Basins	2,255.49	
Envelopes and Special Contributions	4,811.26	
		$7,066.75
The Treasurer regrets that it is necessary to call the attention of the Congregation to the fact that our contribution for Diocesan Missions this year only amounts to	$370.21	
as against for the like period in 1919.	743.45	
The Diocese asked us to give in 1919		$1,393.87

ALMS BASINS AND ENVELOPES.

Parochial Maintenance	1,800.18	
Easter Decorations	167.99	
		$1,968.17
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	$327.25	
		$ 327.25
General Missions	$ 674.24	
Domestic Missions	5.91	
Diocesan Missions	370.21	
Foreign Missions	148.62	
Colored Missions	118.98	
Missionary Box	435.03	
Indian Missions	1.95	
City Missions	83.53	
Woman's Auxiliary	9.90	
		$1,848.37
Charities	$ 742.99	
St. Stephen's Farm	574.29	
Benevolent Society	204.10	
Episcopal Hospital	.25	
S. S. Christmas Festival	35.08	
Clergy Relief	44.25	
Bishops' Fund	48.38	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	341.56	
		$1,990.90
Theological Education	$ 42.48	
Deaconess House	2.10	
Sunday School	52.25	
Work Among Boys	113.04	
Girls' Friendly Society	2.10	
Daily Vacation Bible School	16.60	
Christ School, Arden, N. C.	72.42	
Mahan School, China	62.38	
International Serbian Educational Committee	588.69	
	$ 932.06	
		$7,066.75

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

With this number the present volume of THE PARISH NEWS closes. We have had a successful year. Yet I think all of us have felt somewhat let down after the extraordinary activities of wartime and Old St. Stephen's Club.

The Newsboys' Club has proven a success; it fills a very useful purpose. The envelope system of the church has been put on a better basis by the excellent work of the Finance Committee. At the Parish meeting on May 12th, all the societies made encouraging reports. I think that the most encouraging aspects of the work of the year have been the steady increase in the Wednesday Noonday Service, the excellence of the night congregation and the sustained vitality of most of the organizations. One of our great problems is the Sunday School. The households from which our children come move farther and farther away from the church. It is a question in my mind whether it would not be worth while to change the hour of the Sunday School or whether we should not embark on a regular campaign to gain more scholars.

The League of the Kingdom ought to be worked up, and I herewith announce a supper for Thursday, June 10th, at 6.30, in the Parish House. The feature of the evening will be an address by the Rev. Herbert Reese, of St. Matthew's Church. Mr. Reese was a chaplain in France, and had a most interesting experience. At a luncheon some weeks ago I heard him tell his story in a delightfully simple and interesting way. It was the general judgment among those present that his was one of the most illuminating accounts they had ever heard of war experiences on the other side. Especially moving was his account of a chaplain who felt it his duty as a Christian and patriot to behave as if bullets were as harmless as falling leaves. I hope that we will have a large attendance. Please save the evening; it will be our last supper of the season.

I think that all of us will agree that a great improvement has been made in the front of the church by the additional glass doors in the central doorway, which enable us to open the front door in cold weather. Another improvement will be made when the new window is placed in the front of the church. The old one has been blown in, in part, and the organ is exposed to the weather. You will recall that Miss Magee gave us five thousand dollars last spring for the improvement of the exterior of the church. With her approval some of this money will be used to put in new front windows. They will have some color in them, and when they are lighted up by electricity, will be a great embellishment to the fortress-like front.

It is a matter of regret that the repairs on the organ have been so long delayed. On one thing we are determined, and that is that we will not give our musical festival in celebration of these enrichments until the organ is in the very best condition.

The resignation of Mrs. H. P. Taylor as the head of the Mothers' Meeting was sent to the Rector at the last meeting of that Society, and was duly reported at the Parochial Meeting. By resolution, the Rector was requested to express to Mrs. Taylor the affection and respect of St. Stephen's, our regret that she is no longer able to attend the Society she presided over so acceptably, and our gratitude for her example of faithful service. Few people have had her wonderful gift of exercising authority for the good of others without any touch of self-seeking or vanity.

May her sunset skies be splendid and serene. As long as she is spared to us, she will be the Honorary President of St. Stephen's Mothers' Meeting. Mrs. Daniel R. Harper was officially appointed the acting president.

I have been very much interested in the healing mission of Mr. Hickson. In some

cases I have recommended people to consult him. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." I am persuaded that the universe is not a block universe, as James puts it, but that personality flows through it as freely as the waves flow through a net. But I do not believe in sacerdotalism. I regard it as an accretion upon Christianity, and a perversion. I can as little believe that the healing wrought by Mr. Hickson's ministry proves sacerdotalism as I could believe that the sum of the angles in a plane triangle is more than two right angles if he should tell it to me, immediately after healing someone. A miracle could not prove sacerdotalism to me. All this sacerdotal paraphernalia, it seems to me, is calculated to build up a theological system that is in the long run hurtful. The woman who touched the robe of Jesus was healed, and she evidently thought that magic came out of the garment. Jesus said, "My daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole." I believe the power of faith is something perfectly wonderful. Every day I see that mind can control matter. Doctors tell us of real diseases that have their origin entirely in the imagination. I believe that with the peace and confidence and strength that come into the human heart by communion with God, great blessings and healings are wrought, but I cannot bear to see these healings made the source of relic worship, or of trust in the magic powers of clergymen ordained in certain ways. I believe that those who have hitherto done most for spiritual healing in the Episcopal Church feel as I do about Mr. Hickson's mission. Moreover, while good health is a wonderful blessing, and one of the chief sources of comfort, it is not the great end of religion. When St. Paul enumerates the fruits of the Spirit, he gives love, joy, peace, but he omits perfect health. "I have pain," said the dying Baxter; "there is no denying sense; I have pain, but I have peace."

The Thursday communions will be discontinued until the fall. The Wednesday Noonday Service will be kept up all summer. The Sunday night service will be continued until July. Mr. Keable will take the first part of his holiday in June.

It will be noticed that some of the old vestrymen have dropped out at this last election, and some new ones have come in. Mr. Reifsnyder and Mr. Lineaweaver felt that they could not continue to serve. Dr. Herbert Old has been elected by the vestry to one of the vacancies, and the other place will be left unfilled for a time until the vestry can ascertain whether Mr. Roland S. Morris is going to remain in this country, or whether he will go back to Japan. We should all like to have Mr. Morris back again on the vestry if he is going to give up his embassy. He always took a special interest in the Burd School, and we believe he would be greatly interested in the problems which that trust lays upon the vestry.

I expect to go to Vermont with my family again this summer. I shall, however, be always in touch with the parish. Every now and then I find that some of the people who have been worshipping with us make themselves known to me, and I learn that they have been coming to the church often for months and sometimes for years. I wish it might be considered a matter of good form for people who are attending a church to come into the vestry and make themselves known to the minister. It would greatly assist us in our services. For my part I never take much interest in preaching to strange congregations, but it is comparatively easy to preach when I see before me a number of people with whom I am acquainted, and of whose problems I have some knowledge. The attendant of the church who makes himself known and becomes a parishioner is a real helper to us in our ministrations.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Annual Report of the Church Warden.

From April 1st, 1918 to Dec. 31st, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

April 1, 1918, Balance on hand.		$1,014.55
General Endowment	$9,920.49	
Rudder Memorial Fund	1,038.27	
Cleemann Endowment Fund	935.23	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund.	1,929.15	
James R. Magee Endowment Fund	762.03	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Endowment Fund	420.76	
Julia Garrett Endowment Fund.	168.28	
Fannie S. Magee Church Building Fund	812.08	
John Austin McDowell Endowment Fund	495.00	
Endowment of Pews	1,284.17	
Endowment of Music	104.18	
Pew Rents	12,252.20	
Parochial Maintenance $6,307.75		
Received from Miss Magee for Insurance on Organ 356.40		
	6,664.15	
Deficiency Fund	5,840.65	
Interest on Deposit	212.42	
Miss Magee, Repairs to Exterior of Church	5,000.00	
Miss Magee, Repairs to Organ..	3,000.00	
Easter Decorations	100.00	
Sunday School	415.45	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	239.24	
Work among Our Boys	385.00	
Patriotic Fund and Service Flag	123.42	
Church Account		52,102.17
Principal—Endowment Fund (Envelopes)	495.55	
" Endowment Fund (Mortgage paid off)	1,600.00	
" John Austin McDowell Legacy	10,000.00	
" Estate of Fannie S. Magee, Legacy	10,000.00	
" Girls' Friendly & King's Daughters (Paid off)	200.00	
" "A" Endowment of Pew	2,500.00	
Principal Account		24,795.55
Campbell Memorial Fund	347.00	
S. B. Wylie-Mitchell Vault Fund	80.86	
Lathrop Legacy	17.22	
Female Benevolent Society	1,080.32	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	398.46	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	54.70	
Fannie S. Magee, Memorials Fund	438.79	
Wilkins Legacy, a/c Girls' Friendly	39.40	
Income on Endowments for specified objects in Parish		2,456.75
Charities	2,731.87	
Missionary Box	712.40	
Special objects in Parish		3,444.27
Missions	2,558.05	
Indian Missions	193.16	
Foreign Missions	198.14	
Domestic Missions	98.48	
Colored Missions	131.22	
Pennsylvania Apportionment		3,179.05
Episcopal Hospital	1,247.85	
City Missions	151.22	
Diocesan Missions	749.75	
Lenten Offering	326.80	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	87.94	
Theological Education	93.25	
Bishop's Offering	14.08	
St. Stephen's Farm	.75	
Wilkins Legacy a/c Farm	23.76	
Special Objects in Diocese..		2,695.40
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Phila.		65.00
Deaconess House		133.32
Woman's Auxiliary		186.51
United Offerings		61.73
Inter-Church Federation of Philadelphia		340.02
Red Cross		114.13
Daily Vacation Bible School		303.16
Church Pension Fund		87.94
Burley Trust		904.26
Ford Car, Episcopal Church at Amherst, Va.		567.71
Armenian and Syrian Relief		265.00
Jewish Relief		44.00
St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School		2.00
McAll Association		86.38
War Commission		1.00
Nation Wide Campaign		1.00
Shoe Fund		2.50
Loans	1,000.00	
Loans returned by Farm	400.00	1,400.00
		$94,253.40
1920		
January 1, To Balance		$9,897.31

Memorandum:

Farm owes Church	$300.00

PAYMENTS.

Rector		$11,083.33
Associate		3,883.33
Verger		2,193.50
Parish Visitor		1,312.50
Rent of Rectory		2,475.00
Choir		7,889.26
Electric Light, Power and Gas..		1,591.89
Coal		941.67
Repairing, Painting, etc.		980.91
Parochial Maintenance $3,820.92		
Insurance on Organ... 356.40		
		4,177.32

Repairs to Organ on a/c of Contract	1,500.00	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	1,234.31	
Sustentation Fund	142.71	
Easter Decorations	178.42	
Sunday School	415.45	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	239.24	
Work among Our Boys	456.04	
Patriotic Fund and Service Flag.	55.00	
Fire Insurance	251.64	
Chimes	3.30	
Church Account		$41,004.82
Principal—Endowment Funds invested		24,315.14
Female Benevolent Society	1,043.36	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	502.40	
Lathrop Legacy	16.48	
Campbell Memorial Fund	313.75	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	50.00	
Specified Objects in Parish.		1,925.99
Missionary Box	712.40	
Charities	2,731.87	
Special Objects in Parish		3,444.27
Missions	1,717.01	
Women's Auxiliary (Missions)	550.00	
Indian Missions	193.16	
Foreign Missions	198.14	
Domestic Missions	98.48	
Colored Missions	131.22	
Pennsylvania Apportionment		2,888.01
Episcopal Hospital	1,247.85	
City Missions	151.22	
Diocesan Missions	749.75	
Bishop's Offering	14.08	
Lenten Offering	326.80	
Theological Education	34.57	
St. Stephen's Farm	40.98	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	87.94	
Special Objects in Diocese		2,653.19
Red Cross		114.13
Belgian Relief Fund		20.80
Armenian and Syrian Relief		260.00
Jewish Relief		43.00
War Commission		1.00
Navy League		6.00
Women's Auxiliary		186.51
United Offerings		61.73
Deaconess House		133.32
Inter-Church Federation of Philadelphia		340.02
Daily Vacation Bible School		303.16
Dr. Phillips' Work in West Phila.		65.00
Church Pension Fund		1,194.41
Ford Car, Episcopal Church at Amherst, Va.		567.71
St. Paul Normal and Industrial School		2.00
McAll Association		86.38
Nation Wide Campaign		1.00
Shoe Fund		2.50
Burley Trust		236.00
Loan Returned		4,000.00
Loan to Farm		500.00
Balance in Penna. Co.		9,897.31
		$94,253.40

Respectfully submitted,

J. Hunter Ewing, *Warden.*
April 1, 1918, to November 10, 1919.

Edward W. Moore, *Warden.*
November 11, 1919, to December 31, 1919.

Final Statement of Special Committee on Parish Finances of St. Stephen's P. E. Church.

As reported at the Parish Meeting, May 12, 1920:

Envelope System for 1920:

Total number of pledges to envelopes	190
Total number of those who will use Envelopes but will not pledge	42
Total number of those who will give as previously	5
Total number of those who have not replied	63
Total number of those who will not pledge for various reasons	19
Total number of those marked off record, removed from Parish, etc.	27
	346

Amount Promised	Inside Parish	Outside Parish
Per Week	$ 64.90	$ 34.16
Per year	$3,728.10	$1,793.70

C. P. Lineaweaver,
Howard Reifsnyder,
Craig Atmore,
Special Committee on Parish Finances.

Lenten Noonday Account, 1920.

Balance on hand from 1919	$ 80.76	
Offerings for Expenses	871.46	
Offerings for Missionary Box	364.25	
Special Check	15.00	
		$1,331.47
Disbursements.		
Harper Printing Co.	$95.15	
Morton Sign Shop	61.00	
Advertising, Five Newspapers	71.70	
Belmont Rubber Co.	33.33	
Bell ringing	20.00	
Verger	70.00	
Chorister	50.00	
Organist	100.00	
Speakers	310.00	
Hotels, etc.	38.05	
		$849.23
To Missionary Box Account		364.25
		$1,213.48
Balance on hand, May 1, 1920		$117.99

Summary, Wednesday Noonday Services.

From April 23, 1919 to February 11, 1920.
Forty-four Services.

Receipts from Boxes		$209.39
Disbursements.		
Harper Printing Co.	$14.25	
Account Book	.75	
Chorister	42.00	
Bell Ringing	20.00	
Organist	86.00	
		$163.00
Balance on hand, Feb. 12, 1920		$46.39

Frederick B. Keable, *Treasurer.*

St. Stephen's Benevolent Society.

St. Stephen's Benevolent Society opened Wednesday, November 5th, with a good attendance. We have done sewing for the Pennsylvania Hospital, the Episcopal, Jefferson, Presbyterian, Howard, Oncologic, Woman's, Presbyterian Orphanage, Southern Home for Destitute Children, and Visiting Nurse Society. We average from ten to seventeen women who do the sewing, and the Society runs six months.

We aim never to make less than 4,000 articles. From November, 1915, to May 1, 1916, we finished 4,781; November, 1916, to May, 1917, was our record year—that year we made 7,000; 1917 to 1918, 4,635; last year 3,150, and from last November to this May 4,699, making 1,549 more than last year. We did not get as much material from the hospitals this year so had to make up the deficiency.

One of our members who takes a deep interest in the work sold the articles left in the closets from May, 1919, to May, 1920, to women who were glad to get them at the cost of the material, aprons and towels, and in this way added to our fund $602.00. Through another member the Germantown Hospital bought over $100.00 of towels and dusters.

The women of the Society are very faithful, never staying away except for some good reason. Our new members have shown so much enthusiasm and done such good work that we feel as if they had been with us always.

Dear Mrs. Browne had to leave us before we closed and will spend the summer with a sister in England. Miss Swift sails in June. We separate for the summer, but it is always a happy day when we meet again the first Wednesday in November.

We accepted with great regret the resignation of Mrs. T. B. Clemens, and hope to get her back in the Benevolent, as she was most faithful in her work.

The Treasurer reports:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

November, 1919—May, 1920.

Cr.		
Balance from previous year		$281.24
Collections		396.11
Income from legacies		74.98
Sales		769.19
Gift		5.00
		$1,526.52
Dr.		
Paid for material	$767.49	
Paid women for sewing	554.43	
		$1,321.92
Balance on hand May 1st, 1920		$204.60

E. S. Hansell, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,
Cornelia L. Ewing, *Vice-President.*

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's has held the usual seven meetings during the season of 1919-1920, with an average attendance of twenty-six. There were neither deaths nor resignations, and eleven new members joined, bringing the number up to one hundred and sixteen names registered. Of these, seventy-four have contributed to the treasury.

At the October meeting, after the corporate communion service, the spiritual side of the Nation-Wide Campaign was explained by Rev. Mr. Keable, followed in November by an illustrated lecture by Rev. Dr. Llewellyn N. Caley, Dean of the Convocation of North Philadelphia on "The Diocese at Work," giving in detail the activity, growth and needs of the churches and missions in the diocese. Both of these talks were helpful in elucidating the object of the Nation-Wide Campaign.

At the December meeting Miss Dorothea Emlen of the Church Mission of Help, spoke eloquently of that branch of work among women and girls, followed by an able paper on Liberia, by Miss Anne M. Earle, and it is

gratifying to record that in response to this appeal, fifty dollars and twenty-five cents were sent to Miss Conway for the purchase of instruments and necessary supplies for St. Timothy's Hospital, Cape Mount, $33.00 in cash for instruments and the remainder the value of articles contributed for the box sent from the Church House.

An important step was taken in January through the formation of a committee consisting of Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan and Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, who, moved by the request of Rev. B. L. Ancell for funds to enlarge the Mahan School at Yangchow, China, have raised through their efforts the goodly sum of $2,203.06.

In February, Mrs. T. B. Clemens gave an account of housing conditions in the city; Mrs. Clemens and Mrs. John C. Browne being delegates from St. Stephen's to the Philadelphia Housing Association will bring reports of such matters to the Auxiliary from time to time.

Mrs. A. S. Lippi, of Italian parentage, told of Italian conditions in Philadelphia at the meeting in March.

The delegates have been most faithful in attendance at the monthly meetings at the Church House, the additional meetings in connection with the Nation-Wide Campaign and the Church Service League, the stated general meetings, various conferences and large missionary meetings, so that St. Stephen's has kept in touch and has been represented by one or more women at every meeting called.

The Mission Study Class, with twelve members, under the leadership of Mrs. W. Horner Smith, considered Americanization in every phase with the aid of the text-book "Neighbors," and much broadening interest was shown by visits to the neighboring churches of Greeks, Italians and Roumanians. The offering of the class of $33 for work among the Italians was presented by the youngest member of the class, Miss Cerboni, at the annual meeting of the Mission Study Classes. A feeling of good fellowship is engendered by these classes and a quickening of the spiritual nature is invariably the result of these hours of study and prayer.

At the last meeting of the Auxiliary in April the annual election resulted in the retention of the present officers, who desire to have the work of the Auxiliary continue to grow in strength of purpose, and in devotion to the object of extending the Kingdom of Christ, and to inspire all women with the sense of responsibility to do their share so far as may be, in the triple manner of service, gifts and prayer and the greatest of these is prayer.

LAURA BELL, *President,*
Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's.

REPORT, MAY 1920.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$ 65.36
From Members	278.25
From Envelope System	353.01
Through Dr. Grammer	50.00
	$746.62

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	$ 3.28
To Speakers	20.00
Diocesan Missions	90.00
Foreign Missions	198.00
Domestic Missions	115.00
Indian Missions	115.00
Colored Missions	163.00
	$704.28
Balance on hand	$42.34

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.
Fannie W. Gebhart,
Almira P. Colket.
May 11, 1920.

Garden Party at Wyck.

The Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia announces a garden party to be given on Thursday, June 3rd, at Wyck, the resident of Mr. C. W. Haines, corner Germantown avenue and Walnut Lane, from 3 until 9 o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents, admit to the lawn where booths will be erected with all kinds of articles for sale, and to the beautiful rose garden, which is one of the sights of Germantown, and it is only on rare occasions that the public may have access to it.

St. Stephen's will have a booth in connection with other parishes of the Convocation and donations of fancy and domestic articles and money are asked for so as to help benefit All Souls' Mission for the Deaf, for which object this garden party is arranged. Candy, cakes, soft drinks, ice cream and a cafeteria with food at moderate prices will enable visitors to have a substantial or a light supper as they desire.

Donations may be sent to Mrs. Nicholas A. Petry, McKean Avenue, Germantown, Chairman of St. Stephen's table, or to Miss Laura Bell, St. Stephen's Parish House, 19 South Tenth Street, President of the Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia. Please help the "silent people" of the Diocese.

Auxiliary Notes.

The following notice has been sent to the Woman's Auxiliary since its last meeting for the season and is, therefore, printed in the PARISH NEWS.

The managers of the Church Farm School, Glen Loch, Pa., will give their annual tea on Friday, June 4th, and invite all members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's to attend. The train leaving Broad Street Station at 2.30 P. M., will be met at Glen Loch. Send name and address to your Secretary, Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Drexel Hill, Pa., so that tea cards may be sent later on to those who signify their intention of going.

Woman's United Thank Offering.

At the sixteenth annual service of the Woman's United Thank Offering of Pennsylvania, Dr. Richardson preached the sermon, his theme being, "God's Grace Sufficient to Save to the Uttermost." He alluded to another meeting in a nearby parish church and spoke frequently of Mr. James Moore Hickson's preaching missions, of the improving bodily infirmities of the multitudes who attended the missions, of their faith and hope and the Father's transcendent power to heal to the uttermost.

While waiting the result of the offering Bishop Rhinelander announced that Deaconess Powell was now finishing her course at the training school and would enter upon missionary labors in the West at graduation.

At the treasurer's meeting which followed in the Parish House Mrs. North presided. Attention was called to the fact that this was a thank offering over and above the Nation-Wide Campaign donations. Of this 199 Parishes and Missions of this Diocese and 162 United Offering list, this number includes four new Parishes.

Comparative contributions: 1913, $3,200; 1916, $5,969; 1919, $7,117, representing about one-fifth of the Communicants of the Diocese.

Mrs. North introduced her successor, Mrs. John Pleasant Hollingsworth, formerly from St. James Parish, who made a short address.

Received during the last three years, $1,200. This year, $337 and 71 subscribers.

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

Missionary Box Committee.

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1919.		
May 14, Balance on hand	$37.14	
May 1, Interest on Deposits	1.01	
Oct. 30, Received of J. Hunter Ewing, from the St. Andrew's Noonday Lenten Services and the Envelopes	287.35	
Dec. 1, Received of Edward W. Moore	18.31	
		$343.81

DR.

Dec. 5, Draft to the Rev. Frank N. Fitzpatrick, Oklahoma City, Okla..	$75.00
Dec. 9, Box to the Rev. J. E. Kimberley, St. Vincent, Minnesota ...	149.70
Also large box of partly worn clothing	
1920.	
Jan. 12, Four Suits of clothing sent to the Rev. Aaron Baker Clark for the Indians in the School at Rosebud, South Dakota	101.75
May 5, Balance	17.36
	$343.81

ALVERTA S. VAN DUSEN, *Treasurer.*

Altar Society.

The Superintendent submits the 26th Annual Report of the Altar Society. There are ten members on the committee and there were two resignations tendered and accepted during the year. It is with much sorrow that she has to report the death of Miss Townsend, who was for years a valued member of this committee.

The Secretary reports for the Memorial Flower Fund a full subscription for all Sundays during the year and for many Saints' days.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 8, 1919	$ 28.98
Received from Dr. Grammer	50.00
Received for Memorial Flower Fund	111.00
Received for Ellicott McConnell Memorial	6.00
	$195.98

EXPENDITURES.

Flowers for the year	$110.00
Ellicott McConnell Memorial	6.00
Fruit for Thanksgiving	7.00
Calendars	3.75
Printing	2.20
Palms	8.00
Express on Palms	2.50
Linen, etc.	10.20
	$149.65
Balance on hand May 12, 1920	$46.33

E. K. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

ANNE E. EISENBREY,
Superintendent Altar Society.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

The meetings of the Aid Society which were discontinued during the Lenten season of 1919 were resumed this year. The attendance was small, not averaging more than five workers at any meeting, but as some of those interested could not attend the meeting they took work home. With this co-operation we were enabled to have a fairly good supply of baby garments for Miss Lewis' work among the poor of the parish. Ninety-three garments and thirty-eight miscellaneous articles were made. Thanks are due to Mrs. Austin for her usual generous donation of six caps and six pinners.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand May 12th, 1919	$17.28
Received from Dr. Grammer	15.00
Received from Mrs. Austin	10.00
Received from Mrs. Atmore	5.00
Received from Mrs. Campbell	6.00
Total	$53.28

EXPENDITURES.

Materials	$49.19
Machine	4.00
	$53.19
Balance on hand May 12th, 1920	$ .09

E. K. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

St. Stephen's Farm.

At our last annual meeting I reported that "In the summer of 1918 there were not as many visitors to the Farm as usual, probably due to the increased incomes of many who used our Summer House for rest and holiday." This condition was even more marked last summer and it did not seem as though our Farm was needed in the way that it had been in past years.

In view of the present conditions, I feel the Vestry did well in selling the Farm. We received for it about what it cost. It was sold to Christ's Home near Warminster, a home for homeless children which has been doing fine work for many years and is kept open all the year. We should be glad and hope that our Farm will be used in a good work for humanity, even greater than ours.

J. HUNTER EWING, *Treasurer*
of Saint Stephen's Farm.

May 12, 1920.

Mothers' Meeting.

May 12, 1920.

The members of the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church have shown their continued interest in the organization by an average attendance of fifty at twenty-one meetings during the past inclement winter. We have lost one member by death, and have added eight new names to our roll. The Annual Sale was held on December 4th.

Mrs. Taylor was present at the communion service on Holy Thursday, though the evening was very stormy. The mothers have been entertained during the winter in various ways by music, recitations and helpful talks.

The season ended with a beautiful pageant, "Flora's Holiday," arranged by Miss Edna E. Marley and given by a number of young girls from the High School.

Miss Mary Page Grammer contributed some charming songs, accompanying herself on the guitar.

Dr. Grammer presided in his usual happy manner, reading a letter to the mothers from Mrs. Taylor, who was unable to be present, and making the presentation of flowers from the "Mothers to the Officers."

The bountiful supply of ice cream and cake furnished by Mrs. Taylor was much enjoyed by the large audience.

B. M. HARPER,
Secretary.

Report of the Parish Visitor.

This long, severe winter, with its most cruel weather, the cold east winds, snow, sleet and icy streets, the high price of coal, as well as the high price of everything else, caused much suffering, for wages, pensions and salaries would not stretch far enough, and consequently the destitution was greater than ever.

There have been many appeals to us this year. A Southern woman whose father was at one time a slave owner, is so reduced that she has absolutely nothing but what we are able to provide for her. Dr. Grammer has made it possible for her to have a good warm room all winter. She is ill and not able to work and earn even a little money.

On our visiting list is a woman suffering from tuberculosis. The doctor tells her he cannot help her unless she gives up work and goes to bed and rests, but she is not able to see her way clear to do that. She writes me: "I am not so well as I was a year ago, as I have the chills and fever all night long, and my lung is affected, but I am keeping it all to myself, as the doctor says I am not dangerous to anyone, and I am very careful. I am now starting to take milk and eggs again, and will fight it off. There was such a lovely piece in the paper about a man who had tuberculosis, and he fought it off, and if it is will power it needs I will fight it off." It is refreshing to meet with a person who has so much power of will to fight off encroaching disease.

A widow with two little children finds it hard work even to keep them supplied with shoes, for they will wear them out in running, which worries her considerably, and she says she scolds them; but when the children try to comfort her by saying, "Never mind, mother, we will soon be able to work," she reproaches herself for being so impatient when she ought to be thankful that the children are well and happy, even if they do wear out their shoes.

A little child of five years witnessed her father's death by an accident; as a result, she has been subject ever since to epilepsy, and now although grown, she is not able to work, and her mother is obliged to support her. This she does by scrubbing offices.

The little babies came into their share of good warm clothing this winter. Although we had a number of layettes, the calls were loud and long, and we were soon out of supplies. But St. Stephen's Aid Society worked well for us during Lent and replenished our stock, for which both we and the babies are very grateful.

A gentleman (we do not know what we would do without him, he is such a friend of the poor) gave us nine blankets and a number of boxes each containing two pairs of good warm union suits for men. One of many grateful letters received runs thus:

"My husband wishes me to tell you how pleased he was to receive those two thick warm union suits, and to thank you very much. They could not have come at a better time, as his others are three years old, and I can scarcely patch them any more. We were looking forward to an early spring, so that his old ones would last him, but it seems there is no end to this winter, and now it is snowing again, so you can think how nicely they have come in."

Mrs. Adinell Hewson made us a present of a ton of coal this winter. Last spring she also gave us a number of bundles of warm clothing, which did excellent service this winter for many who could not afford to buy them. Any person having winter clothing no longer needed, and not wishing to pack it away for the summer, will do much good by sending it to St. Stephen's, where it will be taken care of and distributed next winter.

Miss Gebhart's yearly memorial has been given to us regularly for years. Although it is always needed, it has never been more so than this year; we are applying it to one of our poor families, consisting of four little children and two women; only one of them is able to work.

Our one hundred and twenty-six Christmas baskets went to one hundred and twenty-six needy homes, for there are so many people that can hardly live under present conditions. Many letters thanking the donors were received. One reads as follows:

"I do want to thank you for the wonderful Christmas basket received. It was, indeed, a precious load and a heavy one, but none too heavy for all the goodness it contained. I wish you could have seen how we enjoyed our Christmas dinner! Our little boy always says the 'grace' Miss Dale used at the Farm, and without anyone telling him, he added, 'Dear

Jesus, we thank Thee for this awful good dinner,' whereupon his little brother added, 'Mother, it is a wonder he didn't forget God for being so good to us.' I added a prayer for those who were so good as to help make up this wonderful Christmas basket."

Each summer Mrs. Albert Pancoast has sent one of our crippled women to the Mercer House at Atlantic City for a specified time. We are very thankful to her for this great kindness, as it is a bright spot in this afflicted woman's life. Mr. Luffbarry looks well after a family consisting of three children with mother and grandmother; the mother works in a laundry to support them all. The grandmother stays at home and takes care of the children, and Mr. Luffbarry's regular allowance comes every month and adds so much to her hard-earned wages.

Many hospitals have been visited continually during the year, as we usually have some of our sick in them. The women of the Mothers' Meeting and the Sunday School scholars are visited faithfully when ill.

On one of the coldest days this winter it was necessary to go to the cemetery to lay at rest a man who had died of cancer, one who had been separated for nineteen years from his wife; but in his need she came and ministered to him until his death. After Mr. Keable had read the Burial Service over him the body was taken to the cemetery in an undertaker's wagon, as there was no money to pay for a hearse, while the wife and myself followed in a trolley. On our return trip to the city we were glad to accept the shelter of the wagon, as it was one of the worst days in the winter, with snow thick upon the ground and the rain turning to hail as it fell.

These are a few of the many cases which have been helped in the past year. It seems to me that St. Stephen's has a record of much good accomplished, for which we may all be truly thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

K. H. Lewis.

The Sunday School.

The Sunday School happily survives in spite of the many uses its building has been put to during and since the war. In fact, we seem to have had a renewal of life. One of the joys of Sunday School work is that its constant youthful re-enforcements keep it ever young. Scholars grow big and move into the church or away, for reasons good and otherwise, the faithful remain, but the school goes on forever. In our school the sessions continue all the year, summer and winter, and in the summer time we have had two sessions—the second one being an afternoon session at the Farm.

We find our brass band of boys, under the good guidance of Mr. Cooke, brings in much enthusiasm and our girls are finding much interest in the possibilities of a string orchestra for them. We are all very grateful to our good friends of the church who have made this possible through the thoughtfulness and leadership of Mr. Keable.

For a number of Sundays we have had 100 children present long before the opening service at 9.45 A. M., and their happy smiling faces prove that we are winning the big majority to early attendance. We have a roll of 200 names, with an attendance at our best of 150, scholars, officers and teachers. Considering our location this speaks well for the spirit of the school.

Those who were with us at the last June picnic at the Farm, will agree that we never had a happier outing, and, of course, we are saddened to lose the place we all loved so much. But youth never dies and we are planning for other outings and we hope for as successful an excursion this year.

Some wise ones think our method of procedure should be more along pedagogical lines or as secular schools are run; whereas, really, a Sunday School is a small band of faithful men and women, mostly women of the Church, bringing and keeping the young to the love and obedience of the ideals and teachings of their Guide and Master—the Christ. In the Sunday School it is the personal influence of a devout teacher over a small group that wins them for a holy life. Often the seed of love planted in apparently inattentive scholars, does not sprout until later in life when watered by trials and difficulties; these seeds and fond memories of their teachers' lives and thoughts come to fruition and add more souls to the Kingdom of Christ's Love.

Even at our Christmas festival our play, given by the children, is consecrated with prayer in the name of the Christ to show His loving desire to make others happy. We feel that last Christmas we were able to present one of the best among the many we have yet given.

Our winter schedule of lessons culminated in our beautiful Easter Carol Service, when we all marched into the church on the Sunday morning following Easter, when Rev. Mr. Keable so wisely arranged the giving of potted plants to each scholar. Our Lenten offering to missions, then formally presented at the altar, amounted to $165.00, quite surpassing former years. So that all together we were pleased to report an excellent spirit of progress among the young of our church through the Sunday School.

Faithfully submitted,

G. H. Streaker, *Supt.*

Kings' Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

Balance from 1919	$20.00
Interest received from estate of Mr. W. Patton (through Mr. Hunter Ewing)	31.80
Interest received from estate of Mr. W. Patton (through Mr. Edward Moore)	34.49
Dues from Members of Circle	7.35
Donations received	5.25
Money received from Members of Circle for Christmas Baskets	5.00
Total	$103.89
Expended during the year	85.64
Balance	$18.25

A donation of clothing made by this Circle, of dresses, skirts, etc., etc., was given to St. Christopher's Hospital, Huntingdon and Lawrence Streets. The little dresses were so bright and pretty that the nurses each wanted them for the particular child they were interested in.

Disbursements.

State and International dues	$2.50
Donation to the Episcopal Hospital	3.00
Donation to Christmas baskets	5.00
To the Women's Auxiliary for Mr. Ancell's Hall, in China	2.00
Home for Aged Couples	15.25
For flowers for the sick	1.50
Incidentals	3.00
For material for sewing garments	53.39
	$85.64

Shoe Fund.

Balance from 1919 to 1920	$5.70
Money received through Dr. Grammer from church fund	50.00
Donation received	5.50
Money received from those receiving Shoes	18.25
Total	$79.45
Expended for shoes	75.75
Balance	$3.70

Have given out during the year 175 pairs of shoes and 50 pairs of overshoes.

It would have been impossible to give out so many pairs of shoes, at the high price they have been, had not Santa Claus remembered the children and sent at Christmas time three large boxes of shoes and overshoes. Many thanks to him.

The Burd School.

It has been said that happy is the land which is without history, and, apart from a momentous event which has just taken place in connection with the property of the Burd School, the Committee of Women Visitors has again the pleasant duty of reporting that the work of the school to which they give their attention continues to be carried out in a satisfactory and gratifying manner. The general health of the children has been good, although all but four succumbed to "flu" while measles, mumps and pink-eye claimed their victims. Two little girls had pneumonia. One proved a very serious case but it is good to be able to report her recovery. Efficient and at the same time, sympathetic discipline has been maintained and the general atmosphere of the school is one of happiness and well being.

Nine new pupils have been admitted during the year, six have left having completed the course, leaving at present forty inmates. Two of the older girls were confirmed and one of the little ones was baptised. In December a musicale was given to which Miss Tappen invited the members of the Vestry, the Board of Visitors and also the teachers of the various schools attended by the girls of the Burd School. Miss Tappen's desire was to give the teachers an opportunity to see the surroundings of the Home and thus enable them to form a correct estimate of the advantages afforded by this institution. It was a delight-

ful affair and it was also very gratifying to have the head of the Banks Business College say that the girls who came to him from the Burd School could always be distinguished by their quiet deportment and good manners.

About ten days ago, by the aid of Miss Tappen, some of the pupils conceived and produced a play for the benefit of the Armenians which resulted in their raising a fund of over $100. Let us hope that the work of the school may be continued as happily and successfully for many years to come in its new quarters.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

May 12, 1920.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Monday evening, October 6th, St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society opened for the season of 1919-1920.

The activities of the Branch this season have been many and varied.

Twice during the winter the members prepared and served supper for the men of the congregation.

One evening was spent helping Dr. Rose pack Christmas presents, to be sent to the French orphans.

Three French orphans have been supported and our adopted shut-in visited each week by two girls. Baskets of provisions and flowers have also been sent her at the holiday seasons.

No part of our work is more enjoyed than the filling of the fifty Christmas stockings for the children in the Philadelphia Hospital. This year, at the special request of the head social worker at the hospital, handkerchiefs and a hair ribbon were added to the contents of each girl's stocking and handkerchiefs and neckties to each boy's.

Twenty-five Christmas boxes, filled with candy and small toys, nine dressed dolls and a large box of toys were sent to St. John's Neighborhood House.

This year the members worked harder than ever for their "Special Effort" and were rewarded by the splendid result of $458.50. This money, raised for missionary and charitable objects, was divided among the following:

Materials for Lenten sewing	$60.00
Girls' Friendly Lodge	25.00
Cape May Holiday House	10.00
Young Women's Christian Association	10.00
Mahan School (China)	25.00
Little House of St. Pantaleon (France)	36.50
Sister Elizabeth's Work (Hawbury House, England)	25.00
Christ School (Arden, North Carolina)	50.00
Children's Country Week Association	10.00
Relief in the Near East (Armenia)	50.00
Serbian Educational Work	50.00
St. Stephen's Newsboys' Club	25.00
Church Mission of Help	10.00
Seamen's Church Institute	15.00
General Missions	15.00
Beneficial Fund	20.00
Special case of a girl in need	15.00
Miss Wilken's Memorial Flowers	2.00
	$453.50

Thirty children's knitted caps and sweaters were made and sent to the French orphans.

During Lent the members made ninety-four garments for St. Thomas's Mission (Colored), Eastover, S. C., and twenty-one children's sweaters and caps for San Juan Indian Mission Hospital, Farmington, N. M.

The Married Branch Helpers met on Wednesday afternoons during Lent and made twenty-five articles of children's clothing for the City Mission.

Hallowe'en, Christmas and Easter were celebrated with appropriate parties and the turkey dinner, enjoyed through the kindness of Mr. Reifsnyder, will be long remembered.

Very successful Millinery and Elocution Classes have been held during the season and the ever popular suppers served every Monday evening.

Our good friend, Mrs. David D. Wood, assisted by her daughter and a friend, gave us a delightful evening of music.

Mrs. Edwin C. Grice and Miss Lida Stokes Adams gave instructive and inspiring talks on "Citizenship."

The older members of the Branch were rejoiced by several visits from their beloved friend, Sister Elizabeth, and all thoroughly enjoyed the evening. She spoke on "Conditions Existing in England During the War."

Monday in Holy Week Mr. Keable gave a lecture on the "Passion Play of Oberammergau." The beautiful pictures and the reverent and inspiring description of the play were greatly appreciated.

The Branch has been strengthened and helped by the addition of three new Working Associates.

Most grateful thanks are offered to those who have encouraged and helped us in our work and as the record of another year comes to an end, it is with the deepest realization of the continued blessing of God and in firm reliance upon His strength for the future.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

From June, 1919 to May 5, 1920.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on Hand, June 2, 1919	$385.88
To Dues to date	76.69
Contributions	31.25
Income from Legacies	181.36
Lenten Material sold	2.85
Hospital Bed, Punch Cards	39.00
Sister Elizabeth, collected from members	37.50
Beneficial Fund from Supper Girls	12.00
Special Effort Fund	453.50
Interest on Deposits	9.75
	$1,229.78

EXPENSES OF BRANCH.

Dues to Central Council	$ 48.16
Housekeeping Expenses, Classes, etc.	173.01
Lenten Sewing purchased	59.80
Beneficial Fund transferred to Western Saving Fund	167.95
Paid to Missions	274.00
Paid to Social Service	134.00
	$856.92
Balance on hand May 5, 1920	372.86
	$1,229.78

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct
Bertha Bennett,
Mabel Bennett.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

(*Reprinted from "The Open Window."*)

Dear Friends: There is no word more beautiful than "friends" to one who has been confined to a chair for years, whose hands are incapable of the slightest task, yet whose mind is so active as to crave companionship. Through you, dear friends, several young people during the last two years have put more sunshine into my life, as Miss McCollin's band of the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church remembers me constantly with visits and gifts. On Easter I received a plant, on Thanksgiving a basket of fruit; one Christmas a box with a gift package to be opened every hour, and this Christmas a dressing sack, hot water bottle and other things designed for an invalid's comfort and happiness. Were I to attempt to make a comparison, however, I am inclined to think I would express my greatest delight at the birthday party that the girls gave me in my room, at which time I fully realized that all that those dear girls have been doing for me has been truly a work of love. It is beautiful to realize that there is a good bit of heaven here on earth.—Mrs. James Kelly, 1813 W. Berks St., Philadelphia.

Church Periodical Club.

The call for children's books is sounding from all parts of the country. Community and parish libraries are being established as the only places for wholesome recreation. The shelves must be filled and we are all asked to help.

In response to an urgent appeal sent us by a faithful worker in St. Paul's School for orphans at Beaufort, N. C., five packages of books were forwarded. These were most gratefully received.

In a recent letter the secretary says: "You dear Pennsylvania folks really make me feel that I shall realize my desire to see established in Beaufort a library which shall be open for the free use of all our town people.

"At present our greatest need is for reference books, particularly those relating to English and United States history to be used in our History Map Work."

Many of St. Stephen's faithful church members send magazines regularly each month to missionaries and shut-ins in all parts of the world and frequently receive most interesting letters of appreciation and thanks.

A missionary in the State of Washington tells how his two boys "just devour the Popular Mechanics magazine and I myself enjoy many parts of it."

A clergyman's wife, at Lewistown, Mont., says: "Ever since we were married, fifteen years ago, we have enjoyed the privileges of the Church Periodical Club, but at no time has it meant more than it does now. In these days of moderate salaries for clergymen and immoderate prices of even the bare necessities, there is very little margin for books and magazines."

Again, a retired clergyman, now living at Poolesville, Md., thanks us most heartily for offering to send the Atlantic Monthly, as he says: "It will help to while away a portion of an exceedingly quiet life."

The periodicals subscribed for directly through the publishers are always most gladly welcomed.

Since the beginning of the year twenty ladies of St. Stephen's have shown their interest by enrolling as Associate Members of our Periodical Club and, as there is no regular appropriation for carrying on the work, the ten dollars so contributed will be of great use in mailing periodicals and books sent to the librarian at the Parish House.

The report for the year January 1, 1919, to January 1, 1920, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

January, 1919—Balance	
Received from donors	$2.75
Sale of paper	.35
Received from Rector's Fund	10.00
	$13.10

EXPENSES.

Postage	$3.23
Express	1.50
Sunday School lesson leaflets to Cuba for Mr. Carreras	4.15
To Diocesan Treasurer	4.00
Balance	.22
	$13.10

Current periodicals sent regularly	43
Contributors	23
Books of all kinds sent	108
Magazines and papers	945
Christmas and Easter cards	929
Miscellaneous, including tracts, catechisms, pictures, games, scrap oooks, etc.	489

MARY M. ROBERTS,
Librarian.

Report of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

The summer of 1919 was the seventh season of the Vacation Bible School held at St. Stephen's Church. It was undoubtedly the most successful year.

We opened the school on June 30th, and closed it on the 9th of August. It was in session six weeks. Total enrollment, 120; daily average attendance, 55. During the first two weeks the enrollment and attendance grew most alarmingly. It was quite a problem to handle the various classes with only two instructors. In order to relieve the situation, one of the older girls was made an assistant helper. She had attended the school for a number of years and, therefore, knew quite a little of the work. This plan relieved the situation immediately. Then followed a rainy season during which time the enrollment stayed just about the same. The daily attendance dropped down to normal.

Of the children enrolled, 54 were Protestants, 32 were Catholics and 34 were Jewish. They were between 1 and 14 years of age. We actually had two children who were only one year of age. They were called the "Mascots" of the school. The different nationalities represented were: Americans, Italians, Hebrews, Poles, Hungarians, Greeks and during the last few days we had three lovely Japanese children. They could not speak a word of English. It was very difficult to get the parents of these children to consent to their coming to the school. They were afraid something would happen to them. When one of the older girls of the school brought them, she had to give their father her name and address. She also had to promise that the children would be back in their home at a certain time.

The school was in charge of a principal who was assisted by a manual training teacher and a kindergarten teacher. The staff of teachers is very efficient and has been connected with the school the past three years.

The daily order of exercises has been outlined, to avoid confusion, as well as to secure the proper amount of change and variety for the children. The order of exercises in the Bible School was as follows: 9.15-9.30 doors open and registration. Devotional exercises were then held, after which a few minutes were given to "Habit Talks." Then followed the music period. The moral and spiritual purpose of the school is kept in view through the music activity. The Bible period came next in order. The supreme purpose of the school is to develop clean Christ-like character in boys and girls. Hence the daily Bible lesson is not to furnish dogmatic or sectarian teaching, but elementary Christian instruction that can be applied to the daily life of the young, who are exposed to the temptations of the streets. At the end of the six weeks one is quite impressed with the number of Bible stories the children remembered and also the great number of Bible verses memorized. The number of songs and hymns that they remembered is also amazing.

The manual period followed the Bible period. In this time, the object is not to make

things but to build character. Slurring over mistakes in baskets or bead work, in fact any work at all they are engaged in, is steadily discouraged. The children are trained to respect material that does not belong to them. Unselfishness is developed in them by inducing them to work for the pleasure and comfort of the sick and crippled.

At 11.25-11.30 closing exercises are conducted. This consists of the salute to the flag, the singing of "America" and the children's Benediction being said or sung.

The total cost of the school, including salaries and materials, was $143; an amount much less than it cost to run the school any previous year.

The school will open this year on Monday, June 28th, and will close on Friday, August 6th.

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan.	4.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	11.—Misses Kirkpatrick
"	18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.—Miss Ernst
Feb.	1.—Mrs. D. R. Harper
"	8.—Miss Gebhart
"	15.—Miss Crawford
"	22.—Miss Gebhart
"	29.—Misses Wallace
March	7.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
"	14.—Mrs. Brunner
"	21.—Mrs. Campbell
"	25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	28.—Palm Sunday
April	1.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	4.—Easter
"	11.—Mrs. Atmore
"	18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.—Dr. Grammer
May	2.—Miss Dutilh
"	9.—Miss Townsend
"	13.—Miss Williamson
"	16.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	23.—Miss Gregg
"	30.—Mrs. Tourison
June	6.—Miss Dutilh
"	13.—Miss Gebhart
"	20.—Miss Stephens
"	27.—Mr. C. H. Colket
July	4.—Mrs. Nicholson
"	11.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	18.—Mrs. Grammer
"	25.—Miss Lindenmayer
Aug.	1.—Mrs. Clayton
"	8.—Mrs. Heberton
"	15.—Miss Shellenberger
"	22.—Miss Emma Himes
"	29.—Miss Laura Bell
Sept.	5.—Misses Kirkpatrick
"	12.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	19.—Mrs. Keable
"	26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman
Oct.	3.—Miss Laura Bell
"	10.—Miss Maulsly
"	17.—Mrs. Sheble
"	24.—Mrs. Keable
"	31.—Girls' Friendly Society.
Nov.	1.—Mrs. Arrison
"	7.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	14.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	21.—Miss Bright
"	28.—Miss Eisenbrey
"	30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
Dec.	5.—Mrs. Atmore
"	12.—Misses Davis
"	19.—Mrs. Petry
"	25.—Christmas
"	26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Emily Bell

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10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

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Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

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Boy's Band—Mondays, 7.30 P. M.
Seniors—Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.
Boy's Brigade—Friday, 7.00 P. M.
Newsboys—Daily, except Sunday, 3 to 10 P. M.

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Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Oct. 3.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 10.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
" 17.—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
" 18.—St. Luke, Evangelist.
" 24.—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
" 28.—St. Simon and St. Jude.
" 31.—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

June 6.—Clarence Lewis Austin.
" 6.—Thomas Elliott.
Aug. 29.—Katherine Mary Boyle.
Sept. 12.—George Louis Phillips.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

May 9.—Shadrach Hawke and Marion Meyers Casner.
" 14.—Fred Godfrey Schmied and Jane Matilda Proctor.
" 20.—William J. Nichelson, Thelma Mae Norton.
" 26.—John B. Carson, Frances Tyson.
" 28.—Daniel R. Lewis, Alice M. Green.

June 2.—William Ross, Helen M. Underdown.
" 11.—William J. Palmer, Ellen C. Clark.
" 17.—Robert Price, Anna M. Shutt.
" 19.—Arthur F. Beyerle, Lillian D. Carter.
" 23.—John T. Wallace, Madeline Ewing.
" 30.—Charles Byron Hart, Gwendoline Ethel May.

July 6.—Percy Howard Vivian, Ella M. Brewer.
" 24.—Bernard J. Carrington, Annie J. Butterworth.

Aug. 4.—Raymond R. Hartman, Alma C. Underhill.
" 7.—Frank Martin Durr, Mary Eliza Myers.
" 14.—Frank Richter, Clara B. Brandner.

Sept. 6.—Gerald Earpe Yeaton, Mary Carter Roff.
" 14.—Cloyd S. O. Mansberger, Anna L. Crowther.
" 22.—Henry G. Reifsnyder, Irene M. Heckert.
" 27.—Emory Landon, Valeria E. Hopkins.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

May 12.—Henry La Barre Jayne.
" 29.—Mary Lovett Frescold.
June 10.—Romalda O. Kempton.
July 1.—Catherine Thorn Rynard.
" 13.—Edward Blackwell, M.D.
Aug. 6.—Theresa Carver Longshore.
" 11.—Robert McMorris.
" 30.—Mary Spring Gardiner Frazier.
Sept. 2.—Mary E. Jones.
" 9.—Robert Kerr.
Oct. 1.—Richard Lincoln O'Donnel.

Offerings Received from Whitsun Day, May 23, 1920 to the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Sept. 26, 1920.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Sunday School	$81.98	
Domestic Missions	40.80	
Charities	102.16	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25.01	
Indian Missions	25.26	
City Missions	23.47	
Parochial Maintenance	186.94	
Girls' Friendly Society	32.80	
Girls' Friendly Society Endowment	65.05	
		$583.47

Envelope System:

Charities	$294.30	
Parochial Maintenance	902.53	
Missions	482.52	
Farm (Outing Fund)	6.90	
Theological Education	6.15	
Work Among Boys	29.81	
Benevolent Society	41.10	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.00	
Sunday School Xmas Festival	2.25	
Domestic Mission	44.14	
Diocesan Missions	1.65	
Foreign Missions	1.50	
Colored Missions	1.15	
Missionary Box	1.55	
Indian Missions	37.15	
Easter Decorations	2.05	
City Missions	2.00	
Deaconess House	1.35	
Sunday School	128.14	
Girls' Friendly Society	40.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	62.31	
Woman's Auxiliary	7.35	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	7.00	
		$2,103.90
		$2,687.37

Recapitulation:

Charities	$ 396.46
Parochial Maintenance	1,089.47
Missions	482.52
St. Stephen's Farm (Outing Fund)	6.90
Theological Education	6.15
Our Work among Boys	29.81
Benevolent Society	41.10
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.00
Sunday School Christmas Festival	2.25
Domestic Missions	84.94
Diocesan Missions	1.65
Foreign Missions	1.50
Colored Missions	1.15
Missionary Box	1.55
Indian Missions	62.41
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	2.05
City Missions	25.47
Deaconess House	1.35
Sunday School	210.12
Girls' Friendly Society	72.80
Girls' Friendly Society, General Endowment	65.05
Daily Vacation Bible School	87.32
Woman's Auxiliary	7.35
Armenian and Syrian Relief	7.00
	$2,687.37

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

Rector's Letter.

Fifteen years—a decade and a half—what a goodly period it is! There are only five such periods in the life of a man 75 years old. Two of them will carry a man from his birth to the grand climacteric of his physical vigor. Thirty years used to be a generation, and I have been rector of St. Stephen's for half that time. There is not a girl at the Burd School that can recollect any rector before me. The boys and girls that were just out of their "teens" when I appeared on the scene are now settled in various careers.

Of all the vestrymen who united in that unanimous call that brought me from Norfolk, only one is now on the vestry, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing. Long may he be with us, to cheer our meetings and aid our deliberations by his cordial friendliness and his wise and progressive counsels.

Many have been the changes. What a noble company has journeyed on from this old church. Mr. Cleemann, our faithful accounting warden of so many years, such a devoted lover of St. Stephen's; Mr. George L. Crawford, the eminent lawyer; Clayton Fotterall MacMichael, our Sunday School Superintendent, and Secretary of the Vestry; J. Austin McDowell, who took such special interest in the Burd School; Miss Fanny and Miss Eliza Magee, and their brothers, James and Horace, who made such generous bequests to the Church; Dr. Mitchell, of whose great gifts we were so proud, and Mrs. Mitchell, who meant so much to our Benevolent Society; Miss Maria S. Wilkins, our gracious and inspiring Secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society; Mr. William H. Hollar, the Chairman of our Building Committee; Dr. David D. Wood, our wonderful organist; the Rev. Robert Long, and the Rev. Mr. Miller, our assistants; Mr. Joseph Clayton our Verger for many years. What a goodly company it is, who have crossed over the river of death ahead of us.

I have restricted myself to the officeholders and standard bearers. How the list would lengthen out if I spoke of the earnest men and helpful women who lived to serve, and found in Christ a Captain and Leader, who have passed on from this regiment of the Church Militant to join the Church Triumphant. We thank God for their good examples.

In the list of burials since our last issue, a list that is unusually small, it will be noted that we have lost some members of long standing. Mrs. Kempton was an old member, who had long been kept at home by ill health, but who always valued her membership here. Miss Rynard was one of our most regular attendants. After a long illness she seemed on the road to recovery. I had, indeed, given thanks at her request for her recovery, when suddenly her vital powers failed. She was a true Christian, unselfish, brave, cheerful, helpful, a blessing to all who knew her.

Dr. Edward Blackwell, a recent accession to our membership, a graduate of Princeton, where he was a classmate of President Wilson, was a busy physician, who loved to worship with us. His favorite service was the Sunday night service.

Mrs. Theresa C. Longshore was a devout Friend, a leader in that communion so honorably connected with the history of Pennsylvania. Her connection with St. Stephen's was through Old St. Stephen's Club, in which she was a faithful and helpful worker. She seemed so full of serene cheerfulness and abounding vitality, and she had so much to live for in her large family of young children that her death is an inscrutable mystery, and seems hard to reconcile with wisdom and love. But who are we, the children of a day, the poor limited inhabiters of earth, that we should presume to imagine that we can understand all of the ways of Him who filleth all things, and worketh for ultimate ends.

Similar submission and facts are called for by the death of Mrs. Mary Spring Gardiner Frazier, the wife of Dr. Chas. H. Frazier. A singularly ardent and idealistic nature, sensitive to the call of great causes, eager to join in the crusade against sin, oppression, injustice and wrong, it is good to know that she found in St. Stephen's a congenial church home.

By the death of Richard L. O'Donnel, one of our oldest members loses her only son. For several years, while he lived at Merion, Mr. O'Donnel had a pew at St. Stephen's, and attended our services as regularly as the conditions of his life permitted. When he became the head of the Eastern Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, he was obliged to move to Pittsburgh, but when he reached the end of his earthly career, the family desired that the service should be at St. Stephen's.

To all those who have been bereaved by these deaths, we give our deepest sympathy. "'Tis hard to part, when friends are dear." While it is true that for the Christian it is a gain to die, it is none the less true that such partings are like the tearing off of an arm, like a fearful blow upon one's heart. It is natural and it is certainly not wrong to grieve at such separations, but we must not sorrow as those without hope. In our grief we must remember that there are glorious promises, and that God expects us to trust Him, and to accept as loyal children the conditions under which we receive the gift of life.

This last month has been so crowded with personal incidents that touch my own life very closely that I have not been able to give much time to the PARISH NEWS. That is the explanation of the late appearance of this number. As Mr. Keable informed the congregation my mother fell and broke her right arm and shoulder on September 23rd; on September 29th my family sailed to spend a year abroad in Grenoble, France, and on the night of the same day, my brother, William Sparrow Grammer, died. He was next in age to me,

and we were in our boyhood inseparable companions. He left behind a noble example of unselfishness and fidelity. I have appreciated much the messages of sympathy from the congregation. I thank God for such a brother and such friends and for the blessed hope of immortality which has been brought to us by Jesus Christ. My mother, I am thankful to say, is on the road to recovery.

In November all our societies will be having their regular meetings, the Benevolent, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Girls' Friendly, the Mothers' Meeting, the King's Daughters.

I hope that we may be able to get the men together in some efficient Brotherhood, Club or Fraternity. If the League of the Kingdom sounds too ecclesiastical, or out of touch with modern life, can't some other name be found? The youths who attend our church are entitled to Christian fellowship, not only in worship, but also in social hours. Some announcement will shortly be made about the Newsboys' Club.

I am obliged to appeal to those who contribute to the Rector's official purse to send me the contributions that they have so generously been giving for years at this time. Out of this fund are paid the salary of a secretary, who comes one or two mornings a week, as the need may be, the cost of publishing the PARISH NEWS, the stationery of the office, the expenses of the Altar Society, and various expenses incidental to the running of a large church. The high cost of printing has left me in debt to the printers.

Perhaps I ought to state definitely my plans of residence. I am staying at the Burd School, and will move with that school to the new quarters, 4226 Baltimore Avenue. On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings I expect to be at my office in the Parish House. I can always be reached either through the office or at the Burd School.

Dr. Leighton Parks, in his agreeable articles in the *Atlantic* tells of a visit to an English home, where the head of the family, at the close of the week, after family prayers, said a few words to his collected household and asked them to forgive him any faults or transgressions he might have committed during the week. On the second Sunday in October, the anniversary of my first sermon in St. Stephen's, fifteen years ago, I spoke of some of the problems that confronted us at the beginning of my rectorship, of the severe injury that the Church had sustained in its prestige, of the uncertainty and disheartenment of the time. To God, I would ascribe the praise for having given us the rich opportunities of service that we have enjoyed together in the past years. I thank Him for the loyalty of the old parishioners and for the accession of new members.

If I have spoken any words of wisdom at any crisis I realize profoundly that it has been chiefly due to the help that I have received, as a minister of the Word, for whom loving friends are praying, as an agent, working for the Kingdom of God, I have always been upheld by the conviction that I have a message.

I wish to acknowledge frankly that I have this treasure in an earthern vessel. After the example of that English friend of Dr. Parks, I ask my congregation to overlook my shortcomings. I have tried to speak out clearly my convictions. If I have seemed to come short in gentleness of tone or consideration of the views of others, I beg you to believe that this was not my intention.

For the record of these fifteen years I am, on the whole, profoundly grateful, and I wish to express again my appreciation of the faithful assistance I have received from my staff, of the wise counsel and work of the Vestry, and of the friendliness and responsiveness of the congregation.

Hitherto the Lord hath helped us, and looking to Him, let us go bravely forward into the unknown.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The death of Mrs. Annie Bliss McConnell, wife of Rev. S. D. McConnell, D.D., a former rector of St. Stephen's, took place at her residence in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, on August 3, 1920. Those in the parish who knew her well and valued her friendship will long remember her cheery manner and interest shown in her surroundings while living in Philadelphia.

LAURA BELL.

Woman's Auxiliary.

The dates of the regular monthly meetings of the various committees of the Woman's Auxiliary which are held at the Church House have been changed as follows:

The Diocesan Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 A. M.

Committee on Colored Missions the first Wednesday at 2.30 P. M.

Domestic Committee the second Wednesday at 2.30 P. M.

Foreign Committee the third Wednesday at 2.30 P. M.

Indian Hope the fourth Wednesday at 2.30 P. M.

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in the Parish House Thursday, October 21st. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.15.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society will reopen for the season of 1920-21, on Monday evening, October 11th.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

Mothers' Meeting.

The Mothers' Meeting will open for the season on the first Thursday in November.

B. M. HARPER,
Secretary.

Kings' Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

The King's Daughters will reassemble on the third Wednesday in October.

The Sunday School.

On June 29th, a most delightful day, we had our annual excursion. Of course, we missed the farm; but that passed-joy was well replaced for the day at least, by the delights of Willow Grove. We had about 100 with us, mostly of the younger scholars, as the older ones were employed. The woodland there made a good picnic ground and the music and varied attractions made the day fly quickly by. We arrived safely home escaping a coming shower.

Our summer sessions began in July with a continued good attendance every Sunday morning. Our motion pictures, to those who came early, proved a good way to keep us on time. We are indebted to Mr. Carrigan for his faithfulness in operating for us, and to the helpfulness of Miss Lewis.

Our lessons were taught as one big class and were on episodes from the out-of-door life of the Master.

Mr. Cook frequently helped us with the music. Mr. Klink and Mr. Keable came to the rescue when the Superintendent was, on several occasions, called to speak elsewhere.

The older girls had a day at Atlantic City and the boys were fortunately able to have a week at "Treasure Island." The Church Picnic by auto busses to Valley Forge, was enjoyed by many of the scholars and teachers, all of whom are, of course, hungry to go there again.

We have had a very good summer school and are looking forward to opening in regular winter session with teachers and classes on Sunday morning, October 3rd. Mr. Keable has very kindly invited us, the teachers, to a meeting at his home on Friday evening, the 24th of September, when we expect to plan for an enthusiastic rally of our forces this fall. Several new teachers are lining up for the winter's work with the children. We are grateful to all who have helped us and will welcome all who would care to join our fold.

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

St. Stephen's Band.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 16, 1920.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report as follows: Saint Stephen's Boys' Band, season 1919-1920. Organized, October 27, 1919. Operations suspended June 29, 1920, 36 sessions.

4 Public appearances (3-Sunday School, 1-Church.)	
Total Attendance, exclusive public appearances	547
Greatest Attendance	24
Least Attendance	9
Average	15.2
Members on Roll	45
Instrumentation	25

Accomplishment:

Joseph Bushman, Cornetist, qualified for service in Sunday School.

Russel Nissen, Baritone, qualified for service in Sunday School.

Scherzer, Trombone, qualified for service in Sunday School.

Scheuffle, Trombone, qualified for service in Sunday School.

C. Fortune, Bass, qualified for professional services, 6th Reg. N. G. P. Band.

Nucleus for next season:

5 Cornets, B flat.
2 Altos, E flat.
3 Trombones, B flat.
2 Baritones, B flat.
1 Bass, E flat.
1 Batteryman.

Open for next season:

1 Cornet, B flat.
2 Altos, E flat.
2 Trombones, B flat.
2 Bass, E flat.
4 Batterymen.

Recommendations:

The change of two Valve Trombones for Slide Trombones as Schauffle and Scherzer are now big enough to handle same, and the addition of a woodwind section of Four B Flats Clarinets and one E Flat Clarinet (15 Key and 5 Ring Model) and one Piccolo D Flat (Myer System 6 Keys).

Progress was greatly retarded by changes in membership and the failure of some of the boys to do home practice. This feature is overcoming itself by a natural process of elimination by the survival of the fittest.

H. Fenton Cooke,
Bandmaster.

Musical Program

OCTOBER 3rd.

11.00 A. M.—

"God is a Spirit" ..... *Bennett*

8.00 P. M.—

Magnificat in A ..... *Martin*
"I am Alpha" ..... *Stainer*
"Judge Me O God" ..... *Buck*

OCTOBER 10th.

11.00 A. M.—

Te Deum in G ..... *Mosenthal*
Jubilate in G ..... *Mosenthal*
Invocation ..... *Hammond*

8.00 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Martin*
"The Twilight Shadows" ..... *Wood*
"Watchman what of the Night" ..... *Sergeant*

OCTOBER 17th.

11.00 A. M.—

"Fierce was the Wild Billow" ..... *Noble*

8.00 P. M.—

"I Waited for the Lord" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"The Lord is our Light" ..... *Parker*

OCTOBER 24th.

11.00 A. M.—

"Fear ye not, O Israel" ..... *Spicker*

8.00 P. M.—

"Consider and Hear Me" ..... *Pflueger*
"There shall be no Night There" ..... *Wood*

OCTOBER 31st.

11.00 A. M.—

"Blessed are the Departed"

8.00 P. M.—

"As Pants the Hart" ..... *Spohr*
"Lord be Gracious" ..... *Rossini*

The Church Periodical Club.

The need for magazines is as great as ever. Have you a Harpers', Popular Mechanics, an American Magazine — anything — which you would be willing to send to some one who has little or no reading matter?

We are particularly grateful for a promise to send regularly once a month—as late as you choose. Many of our far-away clergymen or shut-ins can get them in no other way.

In order to appreciate the hunger for reading matter among isolated people, we need to cultivate our imagination. Let us all try to realize that these magazines and other periodicals, with their articles, pictures and advertisements represent to many a man and woman public library, concert, theatre, opera, intellectual companionship and the nameless something due to mere contact with the wider stream of human life.

Mary M. Roberts,
Librarian.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan. 4.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 11.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 25.—Miss Ernst

Feb. 1.—Mrs. D. R. Harper
" 8.—Miss Gebhart
" 15.—Miss Crawford
" 22.—Miss Gebhart
" 29.—Misses Wallace

March 7.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 14.—Mrs. Brunner
" 21.—Mrs. Campbell
" 25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 28.—Palm Sunday

April 1.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 4.—Easter
" 11.—Mrs. Atmore
" 18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 25.—Dr. Grammer

May 2.—Miss Dutilh
" 9.—Miss Townsend
" 13.—Miss Williamson
" 16.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 23.—Miss Gregg
" 30.—Mrs. Tourison

June 6.—Miss Dutilh
" 13.—Miss Gebhart
" 20.—Miss Stephens
" 27.—Mr. C. H. Colket

July 4.—Mrs. Nicholson
" 11.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 18.—Mrs. Grammer
" 25.—Miss Lindenmayer

Aug. 1.—Mrs. Clayton
" 8.—Mrs. Heberton
" 15.—Miss Shellenberger
" 22.—Miss Emma Himes
" 29.—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 5.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 12.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 19.—Mrs. Keable
" 26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman

Oct. 3.—Miss Laura Bell
" 10.—Miss Maulsly
" 17.—Mrs. Sheble
" 24.—Mrs. Keable
" 31.—Girls' Friendly Society

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison
" 7.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 14.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 21.—Miss Bright
" 28.—Miss Eisenbrey
" 30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor

Dec. 5.—Mrs. Atmore
" 12.—Misses Davis
" 19.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas
" 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Emily Bell

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The Regular Services Will Be:

1:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Offerings Received from the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 3, 1920 to the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, October 31, 1920, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 53 29	
Woman's Auxiliary	63 17	
Parochial Maintenance	132 00	
Work Among Boys	111 82	
		$360 28

Envelope System:

Charities	$133 77	
Parochial Maintenance	480 84	
Missions	218 93	
Outing Fund (Farm)	1 05	
Theological Education	1 25	
Work Among Boys	50 04	
Benevolent Society	10 00	
Endowment Fund (Church)	10	
S. S. Xmas Festival	1 55	
Domestic Missions	3 10	
Indian Missions	7 30	
Easter Decorations	25	
City Missions	1 55	
Deaconess House	1 25	
Sunday School	46 40	
Girls' Friendly Society	14 35	
Daily Vacation Bible School	4 60	
Woman's Auxiliary	48 93	
		$1,025 26
		$1,385 54

Recapitulation:

Charities	$187 06
Parochial Maintenance	612 84
Missions	218 93
St. Stephen's Farm	1 05
Theological Education	1 25
Our Work Among Boys	161 86
Benevolent Society	10 00
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	10
Sunday School Xmas Festival	1 55
Domestic Missions	3 10
Indian Missions	7 30
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	25
City Missions	1 55
Deaconess House	1 25
Sunday School	46 40
Girls' Friendly Society	14 35
Daily Vacation Bible School	4 60
Woman's Auxiliary	112 10
	$1,385 54

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

Church Work Fund.

Contributions to the Church Work Fund:

Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	$10 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Ashbel Welch	30 00
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Miss Ella R. Dwier	5 00
Miss E. L. Williamson	5 00
Anonymous	20 00
Edward J. Moore	50 00
Charles N. Van Dusen	10 00
Howard H. Bilyeu	5 00
Miss Harriet E. Parker	2 00
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Herbert Old	15 00
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Miss Mary M. Roberts	5 00
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	50 00
Miss Mary De Haven Bright	5 00
Miss Emily Bell	10 00
Dr. Addinell Hewson	10 00
Miss Laura Bell	15 00
Dr. Emory R. Johnson	15 00
Mrs. James M. Arrison	20 00
Miss Louise Betts Edwards	5 00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	25 00
Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice	2 00
William J. Kirkpatrick	5 00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	25 00
Miss Emma Klahr	10 00

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

The great purpose of this year's work ought to be the revival of the parochial activities that were suppressed during the war and afterwards by Old St. Stephen's Club, and its successor, the Newsboys' Club. We used to have a flourishing dancing class that met weekly under the supervision of Miss Lewis, and often had an attendance of 50 or 60. This must be revived. To that end I am calling a meeting of the young men and youths and of chaperones and girls on Wednesday, November 10th, at 8 o'clock, in the room above the Vestry in the Parish House.

After a discussion of plans we will adjourn to the Sunday School Building for a dance. Ladies who will be willing to act as chaperones with Miss Lewis are requested to attend this conference. A pressing invitation is extended to the Girls' Friendly and the St. Stephen's members of that society in particular, are most earnestly urged to give us their coöperation.

Boys above 16 are also cordially invited. Let us have a large attendance and spend a pleasant evening together making wise plans and winding up with pleasant festivities.

Why should not the dramatic club be revived? Under the influence of Clayton Fotterall McMichael our young people at one time showed much histrionic talent; let us have some specimens of it. There are some very interesting Irish plays of one or two short acts that are quite worth while. Then there are single acts of great plays that might be rendered.

Bishop Heber has an exquisitely versified play based on the story of Bluebeard, that I have long been anxious to have presented. I wish that the Girls' Friendly would attempt it. The Oriental scenes, with tent, etc., would be most picturesque. Heber's lines are effective and beautiful. One couplet lingers in my memory, it is a kind of farewell apology for Bluebeard:

"Of wives, poor man, enough he has seen;
'Tis always unlucky to marry sixteen."

Then, too, resuming the projects of the winter, we ought to revive our Men's Club. I like the title the League of the Kingdom. But any title will serve. Can't we have a committee to get up a dinner between now and Xmas? Let the first be a men's dinner to plan for Sunday evening suppers such as we once had, and then let us have in January a dinner for men and women. It will surely be a great success. I never enjoyed anything more than those Sunday evening subscription suppers; very simple and informal, winding up with heart-to-heart talks in the twilight about the table, when men told how helpful they found such fellowship, and how glad they were to know one another, not as business men, or professional men, certainly not as members of political parties, or with reference to any of earth's distinctions, but as immortal spirits, all journeying together as in a caravan, from time to eternity; all like mountain climbers linked together by common interests, seeking to scale the toppling crags, and climb upward to the shining tablelands where God Himself is moon and sun. Can't we in such gatherings arouse ourselves to a more fervent zeal for the betterment of society, and the reclamation of the erring and fallen?

It often seems as if the church was conducted on the principle that those who want religion should come and ask for it, and those who stay away should be abandoned, as having deliberately chosen evil; whereas, in truth, they may fear that we don't want them. Why should we not have a committee to see that invitations to attend St. Stephen's are hung up in the dressing rooms of theatres and of great department stores? Why should we not have hand-bills inviting to our night service handed out on Sunday night on the corner of Tenth and Market streets, to the throngs that surge along only half a square away from our church? The power of a well-worded and direct appeal may be seen any Wednesday. The clangor of our bells fills the air at noon. People stop and listen to a well-known hymn-tune, then they notice the open doors of the church and go over and read the attractive notice board. If that is all, some helpful thoughts have been suggested to them; but that is not all; often the reader enters to worship and hear a message. Can we not carry out our fishing lines still further? Should we not definitely seek the wanderers? Ought we not to put an invitation in the letter boxes for visitors in the neighboring hotels?

Two Sundays ago two salesmen dropped in at the evening service. One of them explained that he brought a friend with the assurance that he would find a helpful service and ad-

dress, and that he based his promise on his own previous experience. They were interested in viewing our memorials and assured us that St. Stephen's would be a regular station with them in their business trips. May it become such a station of the cross for many, such a house of refreshment on their pilgrimway to numbers of our tempted, tired, struggling, aspiring fellowmen.

O, ye Corinthians, wrote St. Paul, to those early converts, "our mouth is open unto you, and our heart is enlarged. . . . Now for a recompense in the same be ye also enlarged."

I feel that God has been wonderfully good to me. If He has cast me down He has also raised me up. He has proved in time of trouble a refuge and strength. If we have found religion an anchor to hold us in temptation and a beacon light to guide and cheer us when the way has been dark and fears gathered shall we not endeavor to hand on this blessing to others? What is the meaning of our General Thanksgiving, if it does not lead to general effort?

Are we not open to the condemnation of hypocrisy if we don't make our gratitude evident not only in our lips but also in our lives?

Confirmation at St. Stephen's will come on the morning of the fourth Sunday in Lent, March the sixth. This is the best date that we have had for a long time, for what ought to be a great feast of ingathering.

It is exceedingly difficult to get together a class about Xmas time, or in January. Social engagements make many claims at such a season on people who are at all responsive to social duties. But the fourth Sunday in Lent is preceded by weeks of special devotion and is such a propitious date that we ought to gather together a large class. The instructions will begin about the first of February, but the gathering in of recruits ought to begin at once. I have already four names. Why shouldn't we have forty? "Come with us and we will do thee good." Such is our invitation. Less and less am I willing to emphasize the doctrinal forms; more and more would I stress the need of earnestness of spirit. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God. Do we really want to know and do God's will? Do we dedicate ourselves to the building up of His Kingdom? Are we really seeking the things of others? Do we really want to be like Jesus of Nazareth, to walk in the steps of His most holy life, not thinking our own thoughts, nor speaking our own words, nor walking in the ways of ease and self-indulgence? That is the core of the whole matter. Unless there is this self-surrender, we can never know anything of the peace or joy or strength that is promised in psalm and hymn, and that is expressed for us Sunday after Sunday in triumphant chant.

Such a religion is so simple that a child can live it; it is so far-reaching that the greatest genius cannot soar above it, or travel into realms where he will not find that it will gleam before him, like the polar star before the voyager on the sea.

It will be a source of regret to many that the Newsboys' Club has been discontinued. Yet this sorrow will not be shared by every one, for a social worker drew me aside after the last Wednesday service and confided to me her satisfaction that we had discontinued our efforts in that line, since many social workers feel that these boys ought to be drawn off to a better occupation, and, indeed, she assured me that there was a feeling among experts that our efforts were alleviative rather than remedial.

In the administration of the club I had learned of this conviction; still I feel that there was much to be said on the other side. There the boys are at our back door, playing craps; sleeping at times in store boxes, or coal holes, untouched by religion, or any uplifting influences of power. I thought the experiment worth trying, and hoped that it might develop into the foundation of a Newsboys' Home. Mr. Keable, Mr. Reifsnyder, Mr. Boyd, Dr. Cooper and a group of ladies, with Mrs. Reifsnyder at their head, did faithful service. We had an excellent staff, for the boys liked and respected Mrs. Place. Mr. Kaler had really unique ability in handling them.

Mr. Keable points out in the following communication the reasons for his vote:

November 3, 1920.

I presume that in the next issue of the "Parish News" you will make mention of the closing of The Newsboys' Club, but since the meeting of the Directors on October 28th, some of our good friends have expressed their surprise on learning that I voted in favor of closing. My principal reason for so voting was because I was convinced that it was not possible to carry on in our present old and inadequate building such a club as I hoped to develop.

In the first place our limited accommodations would not permit us to provide separate rooms for the Junior and Senior members. To deny admittance to boys over 17 was not agreeable to me. If we had done that in the beginning we would not have reached Morris, or Benjamin, or Eddie, three boys over 18 who for the last nine months have made good. One of these boys was away from his home for at least five years. He now lives with his parents and has a goodly sum of money in the bank with one of our Vestryman as Trustee.

Eddie was a runaway from Tamaqua; was arrested for "playing craps" but since May has been working in Detroit. In October some of us received splendid letters from him expressing his appreciation of the Club.

In the second place it was impossible to carry on such classes of instruction as I had in mind.

We tried a Wood Working Class which was held on the stage of the Assembly room, but just as soon as the Boys Brigade began their drilling on the Main floor at 8 o'clock the would-be wood worker simply could not resist watching, and sometimes making fun of the awkward squad. My vision of other classes faded away, for there was no place for them, not even in the cellar.

My own reason for accepting the necessity for closing are:

1. The impossibility of raising the necessary funds, about $80 a week.

2. Limitations of our equipment, which prevented us from opening classes, etc.

3. The fact that the older boys ought to be encouraged to get into a steadier work. There were also peculiar drawbacks on the work with the younger boys.

4. The manifest need of our Sunday School Building for our church's own social activities, a need which we could not properly disregard, unless the Newsboys' Club did a work of enduring value.

I hate to give up an undertaking; but the reasons were overwhelming. We had too few contributors to support the kind of work that would be truly remedial. There is reason to believe that we can expend the same energy more usefully in other directions.

The newsboys will always find a hearty welcome at St. Stephen's. We shall do what we can to hold those whom we have helped and to attract others by our services and social activities.

By the death of Dr. George S. Gerhard, we lost one of our most regular attendants. Confirmed late in life, he selected St. Stephen's as his Church home, coming all the way in from Overbrook faithfully every Sunday morning. After service he was accustomed to take some of the Burd School girls back to their home in his car. He was exceedingly kind to these children, making a most generous subscription to a Liberty Loan through them.

It was a privilege to be called on to minister to him in his last hours. An acute attack of dilation of the heart came upon him, while he was visiting the hospital at Bryn Mawr, of which he bore such a leading part in its foundation and ministration. "If this is my last illness," he said, before he became unconscious, "Tell ——— I die in harness." Thus ended a life of large usefulness peacefully.

There was an exceedingly large attendance at his funeral in St. Stephen's. He who had prolonged the life of so many by his skill, had

at last succumbed to disease. There is a peculiar pathos in the death of a physician. A representation of the Burd School was in the congregation. Greatly were the children grieved to learn of the death of their kind friend.

Among our communicants for the past year or so was James P. Duffy, an invalid employee of Mr. Reifsnyder's firm. By birth and early training he was a Roman Catholic, but he had become alienated from that church, and drawn by his deep affection for Mr. Reifsnyder, a feudal loyalty comparable to the devotion of a Highlander to his chief, he attended St. Stephen's, sitting in Mr. Reifsnyder's pew. Learning that I was quite willing to administer the Communion to him, he came regularly to the Lord's Supper. While always devoted to the head of the firm he served, he had not been a man of devotion, or particularly high morality in former days, but as his bodily infirmities grew, he turned more to religion. His great affection softened and ennobled him, and in the closing months of his life his progress in the religious life was remarkable.

He had a penetrating vision into the great moralities and pieties of life. His words were singularly simple and profound. Especially unique was his strong missionary spirit, his yearning to help others to make religion a reality in their lives.

He requested a friend to buy a wedding present for him for a young couple, and especially directed that it should be a picture with a religious subject. There ought to be something in a home, he said, to speak of religion. He earnestly asked me to say some words at his funeral. He wished it to be a helpful ceremony. Above all, he yearned to have me say some words expressive of his gratitude to Mr. Reifsnyder, that people might know what kind of man his friend was. Never have I known a man to exhibit more zeal to help others with less thought of self. As he lay on his dying bed, a Roman Catholic priest burst into the room, and asked an explanation of his conduct in leaving his mother church. Duffy met him with dignity and gentleness. "I am following my heart to heaven," he said in his simple and forceable way.

He would not be drawn into controversy. He refused to make explanations that might bring in others. But he was absolutely assured that he was in the right path. He had no fear and he was filled with great gratitude and love.

Here is the message that I read at his service. Mr. Keable wrote it down for him:

I realize that my time on earth is short, for I am growing weaker every day. But before I go I want to say a few words which can be read after I am gone, then no one can say that I am seeking notoriety, or have anything up my sleeve.

I have been in Mr. Reifsnyder's employ for many years, and he has always treated me with the greatest kindness and consideration. Nothing has ever been too much trouble for him so long as he could be any help to me. He has been like a good father to me, and during these months of sickness no one could have shown more love for me than he has.

And Mrs. Reifsnyder has been very thoughtful of me, and I appreciate the many things which she secured in order to make me comfortable. I believe that good deeds should be made known, so that other employers might be encouraged to take a personal interest in those who work for them. And workmen should talk things over with their boss, because it is to the interests of both sides to live and work together in happiness. In this way there can be a square deal for everybody.

I want to thank all my friends who have been so kind to me. I hope Mr. Longshore will have much happiness.

To all at the store I want to say that Mr. Reifsnyder will be just as kind to you as he has been to me if you treat him as your friend, for I know he wants to be a true friend to all.

Goodbye, and God bless you all.

I feel that in publishing this letter here I am fulfilling the wish of a loyal heart.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Auxiliary Notes.

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Woman's Auxiliary for the season of 1920-1921, was held on Thursday, October 21st, at 11 o'clock, preceded by the celebration of Holy Communion. There was a small attendance, but much interest was shown in the various activities reported and discussed. Among other things the working of the new supply bureau at 1011 Locust Street, was dwelt upon, and the Auxiliary voted to coöperate so far as possible with the method inaugurated. In order to pay for materials used, every member in every parish is asked to buy one or more pencils at ten cents apiece. A gross of pencils is at the disposal of any one at St. Stephen's who wishes to purchase for offices or personal use, and more may be procured at any time through Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

A welcome gift of a motor boat was made to Mr. and Mrs. Ancell on their return to China, and this will enable them to visit other cities more easily from Yangchow. The cost was three thousand dollars, collected by the Foreign Committee of the Diocese and St. Stephen's Auxiliary contributed twenty-five dollars toward the fund.

The reports of the delegates are so interesting and so widen the outlook into the Church and the world that it seems a great pity that every woman in the parish does not connect herself in some way with the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Please think this over, every woman reader, and come to the meetings held on the third Thursday of each month to hear what is being done and help do it; or, if it is impossible to attend, please contribute your mite to the treasurer, so that you may be represented in the missionary cause.

A true little incident may be of interest in this connection. A woman not kindly disposed towards missions or regular contributions thereto on being appealed to for a weekly subscription through the supporting envelope system said she would give a fifty cent piece every time she got one in change, thinking to herself there were not so very many in circulation as to involve her deeply, and she did not often get them. However, her conscience would be absolved. (We are very human!) Some time elapsed before a fifty cent piece was received in change, and true to her pledge she deposited it in the envelope. Shortly afterward another coin turned up in change, and soon it seemed as though fifty cent pieces were in very rapid circulation. Gradually the fifty cents for missions became a habit and a pleasure, and when the coins did not come in fast enough she actually went to the bank and got them for the weekly envelope.

So do missions grow by supplying the wherewithal for the support of those missionaries who are privileged to give their lives and service for the recognized work of extending the Kingdom of Christ.

LAURA BELL.

United Offering.

The notice for the United Offering of 1920 and 1921 was sent in October to all former subscribers to this branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and a generous response from many has already been made. So far as possible a copy of the United Thank Offering number of *The Spirit of Missions* was mailed with each appeal. The amount of subscriptions to date now is $242.00.

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

The June Garden Party at Wyck.

The garden party at Wyck in June last, at which St. Stephen's had a table, cleared one thousand dollars, five hundred of which was given to All Souls' Church for the Deaf, and five hundred to the Free Church of St. John.

Many thanks are due to the members of St. Stephen's who so kindly contributed articles and money as well as their time and service. During the community singing in the circle formed on the lawn, it was a pleasure to see and hear our Rector and his family mingling their voices with the chorus in a harmonious quartette.

LAURA BELL.

Diocesan Conference.

The women of the Church will hold Conference and Devotional Meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, December 1st and 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut Sts. Meeting on Wednesday evening, December 1st, at 8 o'clock, especially for young women, is under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Thursday, December 2nd, Devotional Meeting at 10.30, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary. Corporate Communion and Address by Rev. Samuel McComb, D.D., of Baltimore.

Afternoon Conference at 2.30 o'clock, conducted by the Church Service League.

Luncheon tickets for sale at the Educational Room, Church House.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Monday evening, November 1st, Mrs. Edward Parker explained the "Marking of the Ballot," to the members of the Branch. This talk was followed by a Hallowe'en costume party.

King's Daughters (Whatsoever Circle)

Will have their next meeting November 17th, in the Guild Room in the Parish House at 8 o'clock.

Money received from estate of Mr. William Patton (through Mr. Edward W. Moore, Church Warden), $34.03.

Shoe Fund.

About the 16th or 17th of November the work will start in. You can find out which day by asking Miss Kate Lewis, Parish Worker. The time will be from 11 until 12 o'clock.

Written long ago by Sir Matthew Hale, a great English Judge; and it is still true.

"A Sabbath well spent
Brings a week of content
And health for the joys of tomorrow.
But a Sabbath profaned,
Whatever be gained,
Is a sure forerunner of sorrow."

Musical Program

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NOVEMBER 7th.

"God So Loved the World" ..... *Stainer*

NOVEMBER 14th.

Te Deum ..... *West*
Jubilate ..... *Calkin*
"What Have I to Do With Thee".... *Mendelssohn*
Magnificat ..... *Stainer*
"God that Madest Earth and Heaven"... *Naylor*
"Come Ye Blessed" ..... *Scott*

NOVEMBER 21st.

Te Deum ..... *West*
Jubilate ..... *Calkin*
"Lord Is My Light" ..... *Parker*
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Martin*
"Saviour When Night Involves the Sky" ..... *Woodman*
"All Men" ..... *Mendelssohn*

NOVEMBER 25th.

Te Deum E flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in F ..... *Smart*
Thanksgiving Anthem ..... *Kinder*

NOVEMBER 28th.

Te Deum ..... *West*
Jubilate ..... *Calkin*
"Oh Come Everyone that Thirsteth," *Mendelssohn*
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Martin*
"The Lord is My Shepherd" ..... *Schubert*
"Why Do the Nations" ..... *Handel*

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan. 4.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 11.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 25.—Miss Ernst

Feb. 1.—Mrs. D. R. Harper
" 8.—Miss Gebhart
" 15.—Miss Crawford
" 22.—Miss Gebhart
" 29.—Misses Wallace

March 7.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 14.—Mrs. Brunner
" 21.—Mrs. Campbell
" 25.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 28.—Palm Sunday

April 1.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 4.—Easter
" 11.—Mrs. Atmore
" 18.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 25.—Dr. Grammer

May 2.—Miss Dutilh
" 9.—Miss Townsend
" 13.—Miss Williamson
" 16.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 23.—Miss Gregg
" 30.—Mrs. Tourison

June 6.—Miss Dutilh
" 13.—Miss Gebhart
" 20.—Miss Stephens
" 27.—Mr. C. H. Colket

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" 11.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 18.—Mrs. Grammer
" 25.—Miss Lindenmayer

Aug. 1.—Mrs. Clayton
" 8.—Mrs. Heberton
" 15.—Miss Shellenberger
" 22.—Miss Emma Himes
" 29.—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 5.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 12.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 19.—Mrs. Keable
" 26.—Mrs. E. E. Holman

Oct. 3.—Miss Laura Bell
" 10.—Miss Maulsly
" 17.—Mrs. Sheble
" 24.—Mrs. Keable
" 31.—Girls' Friendly Society

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison
" 7.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 14.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 21.—Miss Bright
" 28.—Miss Eisenbrey
" 30.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor

Dec. 5.—Mrs. Atmore
" 12.—Misses Davis
" 19.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas
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11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

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Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
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Boys' Club.

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Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.

Senior Boys—Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mr. Keable.
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Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

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Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Clarence Austin.

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Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

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Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Dec. 7.—The Second Sunday in Advent.
" 14.—The Third Sunday in Advent.
" 21.—The Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 22.—St. Thomas, Apostle.
" 25.—Christmas Day.
" 26.—St. Stephen, Martyr.
" 27.—St. John, Evangelist.
" 28.—Holy Innocents.

Parish Register.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Nov. 8.—Joseph Thomas Pierce and Rebecca Minnie Schurr.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Nov. 18.—Richard Lovell Wallace
18.—Eleanor Isabel Jones.
24.—Burrell Ives.

Offerings Received from All Saints Day, November 1st, 1920 to Advent Sunday, November 28, 1920, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 40.22	
Red Cross Society	105.92	
Benevolent Society	75.11	
Episcopal Hospital	61.28	
Parochial Maintenance	132.48	
		$415.01

Envelope System:

Charities	$116.18
Parochial Maintenance	272.37
Missions	150.41
Work Among Boys	31.25

Benevolent Society	152.43	
Episcopal Hospital	636.55	
S. S. Xmas Festival	3.71	
Domestic Missions	1.10	
Church Pensions	14.00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	7.00	
Diocesan Missions	30.00	
Indian Missions	2.20	
Deaconess House	40.38	
Sunday School	7.10	
Girls' Friendly Society	4.30	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.10	
Woman's Auxiliary	9.95	
		$1,481.03
		$1,896.04

Recapitulation:

Charities	$156.40
Parochial Maintenance	404.85
Missions	150.41
Work Among Boys	31.25
Benevolent Society	227.54
Episcopal Hospital	697.83
S. S. Xmas Festival	3.71
Domestic Missions	1.10
Church Pension Fund	14.00
Aged and Infirm Clergy	7.00
Diocesan Missions	30.00
Indian Missions	2.20
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FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

Additional Subscriptions to the Church Work Fund.

Envelope No 37	$ 1 00
Miss Susannah G. Haydock	5 00
Miss Eliza Sheaff	1 00
C. Howard Colket	25 00
Miss Martha A. McDowell	20 00
Mrs. A. V. Brunner	30 00
Mrs. T. B. Clemens	2 00
Mrs. Nicholas Petry	5 00
Mrs. B. B. Reath	10 00
Miss Frances W. Gebhart	10 00
H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00
Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	10 00
W. Gardner Crowell	25 00
Mrs. M. E. Eastwood	10 00
Mrs. Brantley Ellis	5 00
Miss Mary T. Schaffer	5 00
Mrs. D. R. Harper	5 00
Miss Anna Magee	25 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
W. H. Hollar, Jr.	15 00
Mrs. Annie Mink	5 00
Mr. J. M. Whitham	25 00
Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton	5 00
Miss Mary E. Snyder	5 00
Mrs. Mortimer Brown	5 00
Mrs. E. S. Musting	5 00
Mrs. W. R. Nicholson	5 00

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I must appeal to you for the usual contributions to the Christmas baskets. We sent out ninety-eight baskets last year, and fed about a thousand people. I remind you that provisions are very high, and the poor are beginning to feel the shutting down of the factories and alterations in the labor market. Most of our baskets go to widows with children and to aged people. We make it a rule to investigate the cases and every precaution is taken that the baskets get into the right hands. The work has been done so efficiently that I think it would be inadvisable to change the committee; I am reappointing Mr. Van Dusen, Mr. Reifsnyder and our verger. Miss Lewis is already getting up her lists.

The best piece of news this month is the wonderful success of our first mid-day Communion. We had 180 persons at the prayer service. The communion service began at ten minutes to one, and closed at twenty minutes past one. In place of the Gloria Excelsis a hymn was sung. To the astonishment of all of us 67 persons remained to receive the Communion. The next celebration of this character will be on the last Wednesday of December, the 29th.

I believe that this noonday service would be greatly helped if we had cards distributed in the office buildings and signs put up in the stores and hotels, the same as we do at the Lenten season.

I am very anxious to have a subscription supper on Sunday, December 12th, at 6 o'clock, in the room above the vestry. For the morning congregation Dr. Cooper and Mr. Ellis are the committee, and for the evening congregation Mr. Barton and Mr. Hasenpat. I particularly invite strangers to join us on this occasion and make themselves known. The

men of the congregation will understand that if the gentlemen of the committee approach them they are seeking to have them join with us on that evening.

Numerous are the appeals that come to a rector at this time. For example, I received a letter from Mr. R. F. W. Beekman, Rector of the American Church at Paris. That church was injured during the war, and they are trying to put it back in condition. I hope that those who have visited it, or have any friends over in France who might attend this church will make some response. I will be delighted to send the contributions on to Dr. Beekman, who is a very fine man. Mr. Caldwell, of our church, used to be a vestryman there.

Then there is that little colony of 300 people of mixed blood, predominantly Indian. I want to remind the congregation that I am anxious to get up a box of old clothes for them, especially men's garments. If they will give them to Miss Lewis, I will appreciate it very much. Everyone will be interested in these extracts from a letter written by Miss Wagner, who has given her life to working among them:

"The children are all looked after, I think. The grown-ups never have any remembrances. I have often wished they could have, as they never had any Christmas. If you felt you could do it, I think a pair of warm gloves for the women, and a change purse for the men. You may think this last a funny request, but they are always asking me if I have any. Those who are fortunate enough to possess one always pull them out with an air of prosperity. Then perhaps you could send some candy for them. I should say about three dozen of each would give every man and woman a present.

"There are two little boys who come to school that I could cry over. They are in rags and tatters, and I know the family is in awful hard straits. Lowrie Branham, aged nine, and Ambler Branham, aged 12. Underwear and some trousers and a sweater or a suit of some kind. Can you help them out? Also Polly Adcox (wife of J. Adcox) needs a pair of shoes very badly, size 5½.

"If you can interest some of your friends to send a box or barrel of any kind of second-hand men's, women's or children's clothes we will be more than obliged. We need men's clothing most particularly. They are so high now at the stores.

"The things for Lowrie and Ambler I would like right away if I can have them. They have fairly good shoes.

"The presents for the men and women I would like about or before the 15th of December if possible. After that things get delayed in the holiday rush, and our mail carrier has so much to do."

Everyone on the list of envelope-users or pew-holders has received an invitation to attend the opening of the Burd School on December 11th, from 4 to 6. I hope that there will be a large attendance. Punctually at 4 there will be a brief service in the chapel. There will be no formal dedication of this building. It is not yet determined whether it will be anything more than our temporary home, but it seems proper that there should be some religious service in entering into these new quarters, some invocation of God's blessing upon the school in these altered conditions. I, therefore, ask the people to depart from the usual custom of afternoon receptions, not to wait till 5 or after before putting in an appearance. I hope there will be a good attendance punctually at 4. The building will then be open for inspection. I am sure everyone will recognize at once that this building is much less expensive to warm and light, and that the accommodations are superior in every respect. One very desirable achievement is that greater prominence is given to Mr. and Mrs. Burd, and also to Dr. Ducachet, who shared in some degree the honor of being one of the founders. Their portraits have been cleaned, put in good condition, and hung where everybody can see them.

The Nation-Wide Campaign has asked me to be one of a hundred speakers who place themselves at the disposal of the Executive Council to conduct missions. I did not feel at liberty to decline such a request. At the same time I pointed out to the authorities that I expected to leave for a long holiday in the spring, and that there was much to be done before I sailed. I also regretfully confessed that my throat was not very strong, and I did not think I could stand up under a mission of two weeks. That is the time most of the missioners were asked to give. They accepted me on these terms, and promised not to call on me for more than a week's serv-

ice. I felt that the congregation would not wish me to decline to coöperate with such a movement.

All of us are deeply grieved over the trouble that has come to the Wallace family, in the death of their brother, Richard. He was brought up in St. Stephen's and always had a warm spot for it in his heart. When his little boy died suddenly it was to the Rector of St. Stephen's that he turned for consolation in those agonizing moments. Mine was the sad privilege of burying the boy. I never knew a more devoted father. May God comfort his wife and brothers and sisters. I cannot believe that these deep affections, so much stronger than is necessary for any earthly purpose, should be given us except as a pledge of immortality.

It was very gratifying to me, and I am sure it will be gratifying to the congregation that in the struggle that we have been making in behalf of a high standard for the Board of Moving Picture Censors, Dr. Twombly and I have received the endorsement of the Church-women's Association. At a recent meeting they passed the following resolution:

Whereas—The influence of the Moving Picture is very great upon the mind of youth both for good and evil, and

Whereas—We believe in careful censorship of all films, and as a group of Christian women we deplore any change in our Board of Censors as its work thus far has proved its value and placed the films chosen in Pennsylvania on a higher plane than those of most other states,

Be it Resolved—That we commend the Rev. Drs. Grammer and Twombly for the stand they have taken in this matter and that we in turn ask the Governor for an explanation that will justify his action in remaving Dr. Oberholtzer who has most carefully guarded the interest of the common good during his years of service.

I think this is the most joyous season of the year, this period between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We ought to join the S. P. U. G. and cut out all gifts of social convention. Such money might be given to the Red Cross Society, or as Mr. Bok has suggested, to Mr. Hoover's Relief Fund. It is dreadful to think of the people in the world who are dying of hunger. I do not advocate this policy, however, with regard to the children. I think childhood and youth are entitled to Christmas experiences. Let us economize in our self-indulgences and not in our charities.

I feel confident that we will have our usual bountiful baskets, our usual happy Sunday School celebration. The best of all gifts would be if we could unify our hearts and give ourselves entirely to God. I am persuaded that is the reason why we do not have more power. There is always some Achan's wedge of gold or Babylonish garment. There is always some secret chamber such as Ezekiel found in the temple, where idolatrous rites are being practiced. We want to give ourselves to God with a reservation that He will let us have our own way in some important particulars.

After all the giving of this Christmas season, if we could give ourselves more heartily to God it would be the happiest season of our lives. "Unite my heart to fear thy name," says the Psalmist. Before you get another copy of the PARISH NEWS 1921 will be upon us. I hope we will enter this New Year with a new consecration, with a new zeal. Christianity will never get away from the military metaphors; the pacifists are entirely mistaken about it. We will always have to fight a good fight—not against flesh and blood, except perhaps our own flesh and our own blood—but against self-indulgence and selfishness and cowardice and sin in all its forms; a fight for righteousness, for the welfare of others, and for God. Let us gird up our loins, let us consecrate ourselves to the cause of God.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Memorial Banner.

On Sunday, November 14th, a banner was presented to St. Stephen's in memory of our young men who gave their lives in the Great War. It is an exquisite piece of needlework. On a white front is embroidered in gold the text, "They Fought a Good Fight." Underneath are crossed palms. Then follow the names of the six young men. Under all are six golden stars. The names are:

JOSEPH F. COVERT,
JOSEPH G. LAMB,
JAMES STORK,
JAMES J. PAGE,
S. C. HETHERINGTON,
LEWIS G. SMITH.

The final location has not been determined. Near the baptismal font, where we dedicate the children to be "Faithful soldiers and servants to their life's end," has been suggested. But for the unveiling it was hung on the north wall under the gallery, near the Angel of the Resurrection. Mr. Wilson Leithede, a cousin of Joseph Covert, unveiled it, after the Rector had made this announcement:

"This banner is presented to St. Stephen's Church by one of its most benevolent and revered members, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, for many years the beloved head of the Mothers' Meeting. Zealous, beneficent, firm, she has been in her life a leader in this city in all manner of good works, in the fairs of the Civil War, in the organization and management of the Home for Aged Couples, and in many other enterprises. In this Church her chief office was the Presidency of the Mothers' Meeting, where she was a wise ruler and a real inspiration by her staunch and generous character. She always took a great interest in the Embroidery Class, and in the decoration of the chancel. She had a large share in the making of our magnificent pall. She also presented to the Church our splendid purple Advent hangings, decorated with the stubborn thistle bursting into blossoms. She is now unable to attend the Church, and suffers from great weakness; but she still thinks of the Church. She can no longer attend and sends this beautiful memorial of heroic youth, early cut down for a great cause:

"May God bless her, comfort the mourners and inspire us to gather in the harvest that these men sowed."

An appropriate anthem was then sung. In the service the rector spoke more at length upon the great cause for which these men had given their lives.

There Is No Death.

The first and second verses were sung at the unveiling of the Memorial Banner, Nov. 14, 1920.

I tell you they have not died,
They live and breathe with you;
They walk here at your side,
They tell you things are true.
Why dream of poppied sod
When you can feel their breath
When flow'r and soul and God
Know there is no death.

Death's but an open door,
We move from room to room
There is one life, no more;
No dying and no tomb.
Why seek ye them above,
Those that ye love dear?
The all of God is Love,
The all of God is Here.

I tell you they have not died,
Their hands clasp yours and mine;
They are but glorified,
They have become divine.
They live, they know, they see.
They shout with every breath:
Life is eternity.
There is no death.

—Gordon Johnstone.

The Sunday School.

We are full of preparation for the Christmas Season. Each Sunday the Christmas Carols precede the lesson. This year we have commenced a new three-year course of lessons, beginning with the Old Testament Stories.

Our attendance is good. New scholars are coming in. The specially selected motion pictures, which are shown before the opening of the session, bring the scholars in on time. Several teachers have retired from active service, but others have joined us to fill their places. Miss Elizabeth Davis and Miss Trussell have recently taken classes.

Our carols will be sung and Christmas pictures shown on the screen Sunday morning, December 26th, before the church service, at

9.30. We cordially invite all who will to be present.

The School's Christmas Festival this year will be held on Tuesday evening, December 28th, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday School Building. A musical play entitled "Cinderella's Christmas Party" is now in rehearsal. The children are happily preparing to do their part to make others merry during Christmas week. We will welcome all who will come to our entertainment.

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The speaker at the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was Mrs. A. F. Kempton, President of the Church Periodical Club of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. There are about one hundred parish librarians working in the Diocese, and it will stimulate our interest in this work to see what the club did from April, 1918, to January, 1920:

Current Periodicals	7,476
Contributors	3,892
Bibles, Prayer, Hymnals, etc.	3,243
Books, both Secular and Theological	15,024
Tracts and Catechisms	10,823
Odd magazines, sent in bulk	111,605
Christmas and Easter Cards	29,267
Picture Cards and Calendars	25,634
Sheets of Music	1,231
Games and Scrap Books, for Hospitals	8,366
Boxes sent by Express, contents not counted; Camps and Hospitals	930

The December meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Thursday, the 16th, at 11 o'clock.

B. E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Kings Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

Will have their next meeting December 1st and December 15th, in the Guild Room of Parish House, at 8 o'clock.

This Circle is now busy sewing for the poor children in St. Christopher's Hospital, and would be glad to have others help sew if they are interested in the work.

They have also donated $2.00 to the Episcopal Hospital as a Thanksgiving gift.

Shoe Fund.

The shoe closet was opened November 8th, and will be open every Monday from half past 10 o'clock until 12 o'clock. Mrs. Vanderslice will be there. She has had to change the morning for the present.

Handwork of the Southern Mountaineers.

Those interested in the beautiful handwork of the Southern Mountaineers can see examples of their work by applying to Miss Julia C. MacAlister, 2212 Rittenhouse Street (telephone, Locust 2352-J). A special exhibition of the Alnwick Bedspreads will be held on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd, but sample can always be seen and orders taken at any time.

In the making of the Alnwick Bedspreads an old industry has been revived, for these creamy white spreads in the beautiful designs in tufted and knotted work are exact reproductions of old English bedspreads.

It would be hard to tell what this work means to these Southern women, but it keeps many of them from starvation. Therefore, in encouraging this beautiful native industry, we are giving our money where it is desperately needed, and we are gaining an endless source of pleasure for ourselves. These spreads are practical and economical, as well as beautiful, for they launder well, do not soil or wrinkle easily, and last a lifetime.

Upon the Way.

What will it matter in a little while
That for a day
We met and gave a word, a touch, a smile,
Upon the way?

What will it matter whether hearts were brave
And lives were true,
That you gave me the sympathy I crave,
As I gave you?

These trifles! Can it be they make or mar
A human life?
Are souls as lightly waved as rushes are
By love or strife?

Yea, yea! a look the fainting heart may break
Or make it whole;
And just one word, if said for love's sweet sake,
May save a soul.

—May Riley Smith.

Memorial Flower Fund

Jan.	4.	Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	11.	Misses Kirkpatrick
"	18.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.	Miss Ernst
Feb.	1.	Mrs. D. R. Harper
"	8.	Miss Gebhart
"	15.	Miss Crawford
"	22.	Miss Gebhart
"	29.	Misses Wallace
March	7.	Miss S. Eisenbrey
"	14.	Mrs. Brunner
"	21.	Mrs. Campbell
"	25.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	28.	Palm Sunday
April	1.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	4.	Easter
"	11.	Mrs. Atmore
"	18.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	25.	Dr. Grammer
May	2.	Miss Dutilh
"	9.	Miss Townsend
"	13.	Miss Williamson
"	16.	Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	23.	Miss Gregg
"	30.	Mrs. Tourison
June	6.	Miss Dutilh
"	13.	Miss Gebhart
"	20.	Miss Stephens
"	27.	Mr. C. H. Colket
July	4.	Mrs. Nicholson
"	11.	Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	18.	Mrs. Grammer
"	25.	Miss Lindenmayer
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Clayton
"	8.	Mrs. Heberton
"	15.	Miss Shellenberger
"	22.	Miss Emma Himes
"	29.	Miss Laura Bell
Sept.	5.	Misses Kirkpatrick
"	12.	Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	19.	Mrs. Keable
"	26.	Mrs. E. E. Holman
Oct.	3.	Miss Laura Bell
"	10.	Miss Maulsly
"	17.	Mrs. Sheble
"	24.	Mrs. Keable
"	31.	Girls' Friendly Society
Nov.	1.	Mrs. Arrison
"	7.	Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	14.	Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	21.	Miss Bright
"	28.	Miss Eisenbrey
"	30.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
Dec.	5.	Mrs. Atmore
"	12.	Misses Davis
"	19.	Mrs. Petry
"	25.	Christmas
"	26.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Miss Emily Bell

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Altos.

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Basses.

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James Carrigan,
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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday of the Month.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Mid-week Noonday Services every Wednesday, 12:30 to 12:55.

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The Burd School.

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TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockius, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.

Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

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Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

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Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
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Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

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Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

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Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

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President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
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Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

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Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.

Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.

Senior Boys—Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
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President—The Rector.
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Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
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The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
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Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Jan. 1.—The Circumcision.
" 2.—The Second Sunday after Christmas.
" 6.—The Epiphany.
" 9.—The First Sunday after the Epiphany.
" 16.—The Second Sunday after the Epiphany.
" 23.—Septuagesima.
" 25.—Conversion of St. Paul.
" 30.—Sexagesima.

Feb. 9.—Ash Wednesday.
" 13.—First Sunday in Lent.

Mar. 25.—Good Friday.
" 27.—Easter Day.

May 5.—Ascension Day.
" 15.—Whitsunday.
" 22.—Trinity Sunday.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Dec. 12.—Dorothy May Barkley, Victor Farnum Lavell, Lloyd Francis Welsh.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 11.—Smith Ely and Ethel Douth.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Dec. 1.—Charles C. Price and Hester McConnell.

The Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

I wish you a Happy New Year. Now that the century has attained its majority, I suppose we ought to cast away childish things and attempt manly tasks. I am persuaded that the old devotional books were all wrong in their efforts to inculcate humility by meditation and self-examination. The real way to gain a proper realization of our limitations and our pettiness is to grapple with some really great tasks, to essay some enterprise of high endeavor; not to consult with Prudence the timid entertainer of strangers on their way to the Celestial City whom Bunyan portrays as presiding over the House Beautiful, but whom he really should have made a distant relation of Mr. Worldly Wiseman; but to take into our counsels Mr. Greatheart and Mr. Valiant and that glorious band who destroyed the castle of Giant Despair, and made the way to the Celestial City easier for other pilgrims. Let us call such graces into council; let us not take counsel with flesh and blood, that is with worldly-minded and low-toned people.

Do you remember that witty reply of young Walter Raleigh in Scott's *Kenilworth* to Queen Elizabeth? Raleigh had gone up to the court to make the apologies of his master, the Earl of Sussex, for the reception which the Queen's physician had met at the Earl's headquarters, where he had been refused admission. He found the imperious daughter of Henry VIII very much offended by this refusal of the physician who had gone as her emissary, and as a gracious condescension on her part. She asked sternly who had put the slight upon her messenger; whereupon young Raleigh, who had just won his way and got his foot upon the rounds of the ladder of her favor by his famous episode with the clerk, bravely spoke up and said he was to blame. "Young man," said the surprised and offended Queen, "Don't you know that in the multitude of counsellors there is safety?" "Yes," answered Raleigh, "But I always thought that meant safety for the counsellors." The clever Queen was placated by a reply which combined so much wit and wisdom. Most counsellors say no; it is the safest thing to say. Nothing being done there is no misadventure to rise up and confute their counsel. The sins of omission, the neglected openings, the splendid opportunities—these are easily forgotten. There is many a life that dries up because the parching breezes of timidity and fear and distrust wither all the buds of hope. Especially as we grow old must we be on our guard against the undue development of the inhibitive powers. Some people's first instinct is always to say no. They remind one of a sally of Tom Reed, the famous speaker, who said of the American Congress at one time that it resembled an engine whose brakes and backing powers were far superior to the forces that made for progress.

At all events, if one wishes to learn humility, he must not cultivate great timidity and avoid every difficult task. The people who sit on the side lines and never attempt anything are the most opinionated and critical. They have no comprehension of the difficulties of achievement, and they are really ignorant of the forces that carry all enterprises of great pith and moment on to a successful conclusion; of the power of aspiration, of the truth that unseen helpers will be raised up for a good cause; above all, of the supreme conviction which sustains all high enterprise and heroic natures that at heart the universe is friendly and good, and that the great power which expresses itself through all these phenomena is working out some splendid plan of which these heroic souls have caught some vague glimpse. I sometimes think it is a pity that our churches are so solidly built, and speak so of permanence and ancient traditions and long usage. Really every child of faith is an emigrant, like Abraham, the Hebrew, for emigrant is the nearest translation of the meaning of the Hebrew term. We are on our way into a land of promise. We are supposed to be conducting those in our charge into a new realm where God will be more purely served, where ancient idolatries, the idolatries of power and of place and of genius will be thrown aside, and love and service and purity and truth will be exalted, where God Himself is King and Sun.

One of the most heroic enterprises a man can attempt in the world is to undertake to make himself a means of religious helpfulness. Such a purpose requires that he shall endeavor to live in such a spirit and so order his conversation that he will arouse the spirits of others to more loving and gracious service. I have known some very unselfish people who shrank from this endeavor. They lived very unselfish lives, but they were unwilling to reveal the mainspring of their efforts, and, therefore, people ascribed to natural goodness and amiability the graces which in many cases were entirely due to self-conquest and constant prayer. So they deprived God of His glory, and gained for themselves for their disposition, a praise that should have been given to religion. There is nothing really more helpful than a brave avowal of one's effort to lead a Christian life. Indeed, I think it ought to tend to humility, because no one can say this without realizing that he has his treasure in an earthy vessel, and that the earthiness of the vessel is much more manifest than the presence of the treasure.

Let us not shrink from saying a word of cordial greeting to the stranger in our midst, from asking a friend to come to church with us, from doing what we can to build up the Kingdom of God. No set rules can be given. For my part I have never thought much of this mechanism of teaching. The great rule for the good teacher is to fill himself with the subject, to have a passionate desire to impart it. The ways will vary according to the idiosyncrasy of the learner. The analogy holds good in religious teaching. The chief thing is to have a sense of the spirituality of the universe, of our own selves as spirits with an immortal destiny, and with fateful issues depending on our fidelity, and of our fellow men as kindred spirits with similar problems, similar trials, similar weaknesses, and needing our help, our sympathy, our love.

This year Lent comes very early. Ash Wednesday falls on the 9th day of February; there are only two Sundays after Epiphany. Easter will be on the 27th of March, almost as early as the feast can fall. You remember that Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon after the vernal equinox, and if the moon falls on Sunday, it is the Sunday thereafter. So you see it is not possible for Easter to come more than five days earlier, as the equinox is on the 21st. Confirmation will be on the morning of the fourth Sunday in Lent, which will be March 6th. It will be necessary to begin our class of confirmation in February.

I have never thought that it was an injury to the parish that I am the President of the Board of Trustees of Sweet Briar College, which has enlarged my administrative experience very considerably. I have learned many lessons of value on that Board. But these responsibilities require some thought and some energy and I shall be obliged to go down to the College in January and it may be in April before I sail, to make some final arrangements. I was never busier in my life, and if I am unable to do much pastoral visiting, I want the congregation to know that I am always at their command. The other day a friend called me up to let me know that a member of the congregation had sickness in the home. I called at once, and felt very much indebted to that friend. Both Mr. Keable and I are very grateful to anyone who will let us know of such cases.

If you will study Mr. Keable's report you will see that we did much better with the envelopes last year than ever before. Both the regular and the special offerings were larger. Let me urge the members of the congregation to co-operate with this envelope system. It has been the salvation of the church. Especially do I appreciate the helpfulness of those who have expressed an intention to increase their gifts. He that soweth plenteously shall reap also plenteously.

I give elsewhere a copy of the remarks that I made in announcing Miss Magee's generous intention to give us a roof that will adequately protect the church. We cannot be sufficiently grateful for the helpfulness of this generous friend. The new outside window over the front doors, also her gift, was at last completed on Wednesday, the 29th. The maker is D'Ascenzo. The firm has had to struggle with many difficulties in the labor situation. The committee in charge of the matter consisted of Mr. E. W. Moore and Mr. Keable. The result will, I am sure, be pronounced by everyone a success. By day it has the effect of a fine mosaic. At night it will be brilliantly illuminated. We trust it will attract many a passer-by. As the window looks out directly upon Ludlow Street, its light can be seen for many squares away. It is a long needed improvement; the lead of the old window had degenerated and the panes were about to fall out.

I sent out over 350 Christmas cards, but I find that I am receiving remembrances from many people who were not on my list. I wish that I could acknowledge all of these tokens of friendship. I can assure you that my heart is warmed by the kind messages that they have conveyed. May I in this way express my grateful thanks?

The day before Wednesday, the 22nd, I received two hundred cards from one of the attendants at the noonday service, a member of a firm that manufactures Christmas and anniversary cards. In the name of his partner and himself, and as a token of his appreciation of our noonday service, he sent these beautiful cards with their envelopes, and requested me to sign them and give them out to the Wednesday congregation. He also told me in his liberality that more cards were at our service if we needed them, and that they intended to make this an annual custom at Easter and Christmas. I signed them and handed them out to the attendants on the 22nd. I desire, in the name of the noonday congregation, to thank the donor for this gift of Christian fellowship.

No one can enjoy Christmas so well as those who pass the anniversary with the young. Of course, I miss my family very much, but I think it is no disloyalty to say that there was a special charm about the Christmas in the Burd School. On the eve of the day, as we were going out to sing the carols at Mr. Van Dusen's home, one of the little girls pointed to the evening star. We had a magnificent view of the skies at the new Burd School, from which we have a glorious sunset, and on that evening you will recall, the evening star shone with rare effulgence. The little girl pointed to it, and said, "The Star of Bethlehem. I know all about it. How I wish I could see what that star sees!"

I must not close without speaking about the death of Mr. Charles Price. He was not a member of this congregation, but he placed us under a debt of gratitude by his generous service as an expert auditor, in auditing for us the accounts of St. Stephen's Club. The way in which our books were kept by Mr. Boyd and the expert auditing they received from Mr. Price undoubtedly played a large part in procuring for us the generous contribution of $12,000 from the War Chest for the conduct of the Club. Mr. Price was a Quaker by heritage and conviction, and in his last days had turned with renewed devotion to the Plymouth Meeting, but the beauty of our service and the friendships that he had formed in our church made the family invite me to conduct the funeral. It was most gratifying to be able to render this service and to show in this way our appreciation for all that Mr. Price had done for us.

I should be very much gratified if we were to have a successful supper for men and women on the third Wednesday of this month, January 19th. We would like to have the supper at 6 o'clock, and afterwards adjourn to see what a successful Social Hour we have. I think I had better reappoint the same committee who handled the last supper: Dr. Cooper and Mr. Ellis for the morning congregation, and Mr. Barton and Mr. Hasenpat for the evening. I will ask Mr. Klink to ascertain whether any attendants at the noonday service would like to join us. I think we can get a satisfactory supper for $1.50. We ought to begin promptly at 6 o'clock, in order to have a good time chatting and a little music. The names of subscribers can be handed in to the verger or to members of the committee, or to Mr. Keable and myself. I would be delighted to have a successful supper before Lent.

This letter is already long enough, and I cannot close better than with the words of St. Paul: "Now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Another Gift from Miss Magee—The Roof.

On Sunday, December 19th, the Rector informed the congregation that Miss Magee was concerned to learn that the roof of the church was leaking, and needed extensive repairs. Although she had given $5,000 a year ago for sundry improvements to our exterior, the chief of which was the gift of new windows over the front doors, she had decided to give enough to restore this depleted fund to $5,000, and desired to have it expended on the roof. This generous intention was made known to the Vestry, and that body had resolved that in recognition of the large gifts of Miss Anna J. Magee to St. Stephen's Church, and her unfailing helpfulness, the Vestry does now set apart the westernmost window on the north side of the church, the only window on the ground floor that is not filled with memorial glass, and hereby reserves it for a memorial window in which shall be commemorated suitably after we shall lose her, the generosity of Miss Magee and the gratitude of this Parish.

Dr. Grammer also spoke of his own personal gratitude to Miss Magee, both for these wonderful gifts of a new chancel, a new interior, new lights and new ventilation, but also for the way in which the gifts were given.

He said that he could not wait to let stone or glass express these sentiments of gratitude, but felt constrained to utter them now, while Miss Magee was with us, and could know how her gifts were appreciated.

Christmas Baskets.

The Christmas baskets were the finest we ever sent out. The distribution was well managed and many homes were made happy by the generous gifts of the congregation. Special thanks are due to Mr. Atmore for the mincemeat, and to Mr. Clement Restein for his barrels of chickens. We reached our high water mark with the largest number of the largest baskets ever given. Mr. Van Dusen's report is excellent reading.

A New Hymnal.

We have begun with the new hymnal. For a while we shall select only hymns contained in both. We hope that the congregation will equip themselves as soon as possible with the new books. With the notes the price is one dollar—without the notes 40 cents. Some visitor asked by what authority St. Stephen's adopts a new hymnal? The question reveals ignorance that needs enlightenment. The General Convention adopted this new hymnal and recommended its use, but an option is left to the congregation. We are going to follow the recommendation of the Convention.

Let us be patient with the small inconveniences of the transition. In time I am sure, we shall find that we have changed for the better.

The Wednesday Evening Club.

The Wednesday Evening Club has now reached a membership of twenty-three enrolled members, and eight special members. The average attendance is about forty-five or fifty. The expenses are $15.00 a night. It will be necessary to raise $30.00 monthly, in addition to the amount paid in by members, to pay the orchestra and minor expenses.

A number of social clubs of this character ask people to become associate members at a dollar a month for seven months—associate members to have the privilege of sending some one they are interested in.

I hope that twenty-nine persons will join me in enrolling themselves as associate members. We need good music to conduct an up-to-date social club of this kind. Names may be sent to me—or to Miss Edna P. Marley, Cynwyd, Pa.

C. E. G.

The congregation will be interested to know that one of our members, Mr. Henry Johnson, the Reading Terminal foreman, has retired after thirty years' service with that corporation. In *The Pilot* for December there is a very pleasant sketch of Mr. Johnson from which I copy the following:

"Mr. Johnson was one of a family of twelve children, nine of whom are living at the present time. He and his three brothers served in the Civil War, being in the 107th New York Volunteers. He served with Sherman, being at the capture of Atlanta, and the famous March to the Sea. He was wounded in North Carolina. His mother, who died several years ago, lived to be 99 years and 6 months old. The traveling public regrets Mr. Johnson's retirement. He will be missed very much after having the smile, the kindness and unlimited amount of geniality around the Reading Terminal. He has no plans for the future, but believes he is entitled to rest. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Penna. R. R. Veterans' Association, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. At times when Mr. Baer was moving

through the station he would recognize the Grand Army button, being a veteran himself, and would give Mr. Johnson the regulation salutation."

Mr. Johnson is a regular communicant and attendant at St. Stephen's. His hoary head is one of our crowns of glory.

A Pleasant Letter.

Lansdowne, Pa.
August 21, 1920.

Rev. Carl E. Grammer,
St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.

DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

I feel constrained to send you a little good-by message and do this with a feeling of great regret. I am simply one of those who have found the noon-day service at St. Stephen's helpful and full of inspiration. Somehow, I just needed that quiet half-hour and the helpful message it brought.

I am now denied the privilege of further attending and keenly feel the loss of that which helped to straighten out some of the crooked lines in my life.

Pardon the liberty taken, but I wanted you to know this.

Sincerely,

From Mrs. Ramsaur.

Bendoo,
Territory G., Cape Mount,
Liberia, W. Africa.

My dear Friends:

Many, many thanks for those lovely spoons, it was a great and pleasant surprise to think you still remember me. We were married the second of June and came right up to Bendoo the same day to open new work. You remember sending the fifty dollars for a horse a few years ago. As there was not a horse to be had just at that time, I used the money to help build the "Bendoo," the boat which carried us up here and which we use for all our water trips. Bendoo, as you perhaps have heard before, is about fifteen miles from Cape Mount and right on the wide Pisu Lake. I must tell you a little of this wonderful lake —early in the morning it is so calm that it looks quite like a mirror, then about noon when the sea breeze comes up, it is rough like the sea. I have known very good sailors to get horribly seasick crossing. From our side, across to the other side is ten miles. There are huge alligators very near the shore.

Now we are having church and school right in our own home; later we will have a church by itself, as a few weeks ago one of the largest houses, unfurnished, in town was turned over to us. We have twelve children staying in the house with us, the other boys and young men come to day and night school. It is such interesting work to see how day by day we gain a little more with these native people. Mr. Ramsaur baptized five a few weeks ago and we have as many more ready again. Our last communion service was attended by ten communicants. We are trying once a month to get together all the old mission boys, who have settled in their native homes. So far we feel much encouraged.

What the Bishop wants us to do later we do not know. I should like to do pioneer work altogether if we had enough workers to fill the places opened. Again we thank you and would be indeed glad to hear from any one who can find the time and cares to. My kindest regards to Dr. Grammer and all those of the Sunday School.

Sincerely,
Sara Conway Ramsaur.

October 23rd, 1920.
(Mrs. Wm. Hope Ramsaur)

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Our reports at the December meeting were full of Christmas spirit. A splendid box valued at $150 has been sent through Miss Washington's Committee, to a colored missionary in Charlestown, W. Va. Miss Roberts has sent four boxes of toys, knives, gloves, mufflers, etc., to the Indian children at Cannon Ball, N. D., and Christmas stockings are being collected to send to St. John's Settlement.

Miss Magee has collected $293.50 for the United Offering.

Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast gave us an address on the Church Service League. The Parish organization of the League is called a unit, and consists of a federation of all the women's societies or departments of work in the Parish, with the understanding that during the year the activities of the unit shall include some definite service in the Parish, the community, the Diocese, the nation, and the world.

Our next meeting will be held January 20th.

B. E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

An Echo of St. Stephen's Day.

In Kumamoto, South Japan, is the little hospital of the Resurrection of Hope, a hospital for lepers, of whom there are so many in that land. The hospital was founded by Miss Riddell, an English woman, whose sympathy was aroused in learning that little or nothing was done to ameliorate the condition of the poor outcasts, who travel from shrine to shrine as pilgrims, while their strength lasts, and finally lose their identity as human beings. The hospital is situated in the outskirts of Kumamoto, in seven acres of ground, and here sixty-seven men and women are happily sheltered, dependent for their support on voluntary contributions from friends of suffering humanity.

For a number of years ten members of St. Stephen's Woman's Auxiliary have made themselves responsible for the running expenses and work of the hospital for one day in the year, and the day chosen is *St. Stephen's Day,* when the inmates are told that these members of St. Stephen's Church in Philadelphia are remembering them in their prayers and are glad to do something for their relief.

Since the institution of this hospital some twenty-five years ago, the Japanese Government has established five asylums for the roadside leper beggars, and scientists are considering the subject more seriously than ever before.

LAURA BELL,
President Woman's Auxiliary,
St. Stephen's Church.

Offerings Received from the Second Sunday in Advent, December 5th to First Sunday after Christmas, December 26, 1920, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 46 27	
Parochial Maintenance	127 53	
Sunday School Xmas. Festival	55 31	
Church Pensions and Aged and Infirm Clergy	80 56	
		$309 67

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$167 33	
Parochial Maintenance	339 92	
Missions	182 72	
Outing Fund	2 50	
Theological Education	35	
Work Among Boys	24 07	
Benevolent Society	73 18	
Endowment Fund, Church	1 05	
Episcopal Hospital	74 00	
S. S. Xmas. Festival	98 75	
Domestic Missions	25 60	
Church Pension Fund	171 31	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	97 69	
Diocesan Missions	10 00	
Indian Missions	11 00	
Easter Decorations, etc.	2 00	
City Missions	50	
Deaconess House	6 83	
Sunday School	27 25	
Girls' Friendly Society	11 95	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1 25	
Woman's Auxiliary	12 20	
Amherst Mission, Virginia	11 00	
Armenian Relief	124 50	
Serbian Relief	22 50	
Hoover Fund	51 50	
		$1,550 95
		$1,860 62

RECAPITULATION:

Charities	$213 60
Parochial Maintenance	467 45
Missions	182 72
Outing Fund	2 50
Theological Education	35
Work Among Boys	24 07
Benevolent Society	73 18
Endowment Fund, Church	1 05
Episcopal Hospital	74 00
S. S. Xmas. Festival	154 06
Domestic Missions	25 60
Church Pension Fund	225 01
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	124 55
Diocesan Missions	10 00
Indian Missions	11 00
Easter Decorations	2 00
City Missions	50
Deaconess House	6 83
Sunday School	27 25
Girls' Friendly Society	11 95
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	$1,860 62

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

Total Offerings Received During the Year 1920.

Books closed December 28th.

ALMS BASINS:

Charities	$ 417 76	
Parochial Maintenance	1,059 57	
Outing Fund	162 09	
Work Among Boys	162 57	
Benevolent Society	128 93	
Episcopal Hospital	61 28	
S. S. Xmas Festival	55 31	
Domestic Missions	40 80	
Church Pension Fund	53 70	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	26 86	
Diocesan Missions	60 05	
Foreign Missions	68 90	
Colored Missions	53 70	
Missionary Box	382 50	
Indian Missions	25 26	
Easter Decorations, Church and Sunday School	58 74	
City Missions	47 08	
Sunday School	81 98	
Girls' Friendly Society	32 80	
Girls' Friendly Society, General Endowment	65 05	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25 01	
Woman's Auxiliary	63 17	
Christ School, Arden, N. C.	72 42	
Bishop's Fund	48 38	
Red Cross Society	105 92	
Armenian Relief	150 40	
International Serbian Educational Committee	413 69	
		$3,923 92

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	$1,278 75	
*Parochial Maintenance	3,300 11	
Missions	1,708 82	
Outing Fund	422 65	
Theological Education	50 23	
Work Among Boys	192 36	
Benevolent Society	403 24	
Endowment Fund, Church	329 40	
Episcopal Hospital	710 80	
S. S. Xmas. Festival	122 66	
Domestic Missions	79 85	
Church Pension Fund	207 43	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.	126 82	
Diocesan Missions	351 81	
Foreign Missions	81 22	
Colored Missions	66 18	
Missionary Box	54 08	
Indian Missions	59 60	
Easter Decorations	113 55	
City Missions	63 37	
Deaconess House	51 91	
Sunday School	239 04	
Girls' Friendly Society	72 70	
Daily Vacation Bible School..	73 51	
Woman's Auxiliary	82 38	
Mahan School, China	62 38	
International Serbian Educational Committee	175 00	
Amherst Mission, Virginia	11 00	
**Hoover Fund	51 50	
Serbian Relief	22 50	
Armenian Relief	322 66	
		$10,887 51
Total		$14,811 43

*Including Interest on Deposits to April 25, 1920, $38.42.

**January 1st, two additional contributions for the support of Invisible Guests have been received since this report was prepared. One for $20.00 and the other for $45.00.

RECAPITULATION:

Charities	$1,696 51
Parochial Maintenance	4,359 68
Missions	1,708 82
Outing Fund	584 74
Theological Education	50 23
Work Among Boys	354 93
Benevolent Society	532 17
Endowment Fund, Church	329 40
Episcopal Hospital	772 08
S. S. Xmas. Festival	177 97
Domestic Missions	120 65
Church Pension Fund	261 13
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	153 68
Diocesan Missions	411 86
Foreign Missions	150 12
Colored Missions	119 88
Missionary Box	436 58
Indian Missions	84 86
Easter Decorations	172 29
City Missions	110 45
Deaconess House	51 91
Sunday School	321 02
Girls' Friendly Society	105 50
Daily Vacation Bible School	98 52
Woman's Auxiliary	145 55
Amherst Mission, Virginia	11 00
Christ School, Arden, N. C.	72 42
Mahan School, China	62 38
Bishop's Fund	48 38
Girls' Friendly Society, Endowment	65 05
Red Cross Society	105 92
International Serbian Educational Committee	588 69
Serbian Relief	22 50
Hoover Fund	51 50
Armenian Relief	473 06
	$14,811 43

Balances on hand December 31, 1919:

Parochial Maintenance	$15 11
Work Among Boys	5 10
Benevolent Society	23 75
S. S. Xmas. Festival	18 68
Colored Missions	25
City Missions	60
Sunday School	2 10
Daily Vacation Bible School	13 35
Woman's Auxiliary	5 95
	$84 89

Making a total of ..... $14,896 32 remitted to the Accounting Warden during 1920.

Total Contributions for all Purposes through Basins and Envelopes:

1918	$ 9,679 42
1919	13,514 96
1920	14,811 43

The Gain for Parochial Maintenance:

1918	$2,373 30
1919	3,961 98
1920	4,374 79

The increase for General Missions (not including Sunday School Offerings):

1918	$1,139 86
1919	1,543 18
1920	1,708 82

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society.

The members of the Branch had the pleasure of sending to the children in the Philadelphia Hospital at Christmas:

55 large stockings filled with dolls, games, toys and candies; 9 dressed dolls; 55 childrens' books; 30 postal-card sets; 107 toys and games.

The Christmas entertainment took place on Monday evening, December 27th, when the Elocution Class presented two excellent one-act plays.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

Christmas Dinner.

Account of Christmas dinner for the Poor, Christmas 1920.

December 1919, Balance on hand from Christmas dinner 1919		$107.38
CONTRIBUTORS—1920:		
Miss Harriet E. Parker	1 00	
Mrs. Josephine Heberton	2 00	
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10 00	
Mrs. Nicholas A. Petry	1 00	
Mr. Nicholas A. Petry	1 00	
Mrs. Annie Mink	1 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Boyd	2 00	
Mr. John G. Whilldin	10 00	
Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr.	50 00	
Mrs. Benjamin Reath	10 00	
Mrs. Edward R. Fell	3 00	
Mrs. Timothy B. Clemens	1 00	
Mrs. Oliver A. Judson	5 00	
Mr. Dahl	1 00	
Frank G. Cooper, D.D.S.	10 00	
Mrs. Blackwell	1 00	
Mr. John H. Parry	2 00	
Miss I. W. Higham	1 00	
Miss E. K. Shutz	2 00	
Mrs. Mary Leupold	1 85	
Mrs. John T. Lewis, Jr.	5 00	
Miss E. Carrigan	1 50	
Miss Mae Suedden	1 00	
Miss Minnie Carrigan	1 00	
Mrs. Mary Love	1 00	
Mrs. Florence D. Fitzpatrick	6 00	
Mrs. Emile C. Donaldson	1 00	
Mr. W. R. McGowan	1 00	
Miss Ella R. Dwier	1 00	
Miss Washington	1 00	
Miss Ella H. Headman	1 00	
Miss Marion Headman	1 00	
Miss Mary M. Roberts	1 00	
Miss Laura Bell	3 00	
Miss Eliza K. Sheaff	1 00	
Miss Susannah G. Haydock	2 00	
Miss Katharine Miesse	1 00	
Miss L. F. Thorn	1 00	
Miss Louise Betts Edwards	1 00	
Miss M. Price	1 00	
Miss Anne M. Earle	1 00	
Mrs. Joseph Clayton	2 00	
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	10 00	
Miss Pauline Carpen	2 00	
Mrs. R. E. Atmore	5 00	
Mrs. A. J. Thorn	1 00	
Miss M. F. Shaeffer	2 00	
Miss Mary Swift	1 00	
Miss Fannie W. Gebhart	2 00	
Mr. Wm. H. Ruhl	1 00	
Dean Emory R. Johnson	2 00	
Mr. Walter S. Wright	2 00	
Mr. R. MacFarlane Tilley	50	
Mr. J. W. Deal	25	
The King's Daughters	5 00	
Miss Alverta S. Van Dusen	2 00	
Mr. Charles N. Van Dusen	5 00	
Mr. Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr.	10 00	
Envelope No. 162	1 00	
Envelope No. 261	25	
Mrs. Adelaide V. Brunner	10 00	
Miss Florence E. Barclay	5 00	
Mrs. E. E. Holman	50	
Miss Florence B. Fitzpatrick	1 00	
Miss M. J. Hecker	1 00	
Miss Mary E. Bean	1 00	
The Misses Davis	3 00	
Miss Elizabeth Pyne	1 00	
Miss Emily Bell	3 00	
Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin	2 00	
Mr. C. K. Klink	1 00	
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ellis	2 00	
Mrs. K. Mayne	1 00	
Miss Cornelia L. Ewing	5 00	
Mrs. Marie F. Reifsnyder	1 00	
Envelope No. 22	5 00	
Envelope No. 100	5 00	
Envelope No. 66	1 00	
A visitor	25	
Miss Emily E. Shroder	10 00	
Mrs. J. K. Walker	2 00	
Mrs. James E. Arrison	5 00	
Mrs. E. L. Suydam	25 00	
Mrs. Samuel H. Austin	25 00	
Miss Williamson	3 00	
Mrs. Frederick B. Keable	2 00	
Mr. W. Gardiner Crowell	5 00	
Mr. Howard Reifsnyder	25 00	
Herbert Old, M. D.	5 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Beauveau Borie	5 00	
Mr. Chas. F. Pieffer	1 00	
Mr. J. Edward Leithead	2 00	
Mr. W. C.. Leithead	2 00	
Mrs. Horace Sheble	2 00	
Mr. G. C. Kadel	1 00	
Mrs. David G. Anderson	5 00	
Mr. Hasenpat	10 00	
Mrs. John Francis Coombs	10 00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Mustin	2 00	
Envelope No. 138	2 00	
Mrs. Henry Gordon Thunder	1 00	
Miss Rose Dunnwean	2 00	
Mrs. Hall	3 00	
Miss Agnes M. Babbitt	1 00	
Miss Magee	3 00	
Miss Maulsby	5 00	
Mrs. Howard Bilyeu	2 00	
Cash not designated	96 50	
		$621 98

DISBURSEMENT.

Car tickets		$10 50
Messengers to take dinners to the homes		6 25
Cleaning guild rooms		2 50
Dinners for helpers		2 75
120 loaves of bread		13 45
3 boxes of corn flakes	$11 75	
Discount 1%	12	
		11 58
100 lb. boxes chocolates	50 00	
Discount 2% 10 days	1 00	
		49 00

8 doz. India relish	15 20	
4 cases canned corn	13 20	
4 cases canned tomatoes	8 00	
2 cases condensed milk	12 00	
	48 40	
Discount	48	
		47 92
100 lbs. rice	11 00	
50 lbs. ½ lb. bags mixed tea	19 00	
	30 00	
Discount 1%	30	
		29 70
10 doz. Market baskets	35 00	
Discount 2%	70	
		34 30
573 lbs. chickens	217 74	
7 Boxes apples	22 05	
1¾ pks. onions	2 06	
4 boxes cabbage	9 00	
15 bu. white potatoes	21 00	
10 baskets sweet potatotes	10 00	
10 bunches celery	8 50	
2 bu. carrots	3 00	
2 bu. turnips	2 80	
3 boxes oranges	9 75	
115 paper bags	3 45	
100 quarts cranberries	18 00	
230 lbs. granulated sugar	20 70	
3 balls twine	1 05	
		349 10
		$557 05
December 28, 1920, Cash balance on hand.		64 93
		$621 98

Each basket contained 23 articles, as follows:

Bread, corn flakes, Indian relish, canned corn, canned tomatoes, condensed milk, rice, tea, apples, onions, cabbage, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, celery, carrots, turnips, cranberries, sugar, chickens, oranges, candy, mince pies and a twig of holly.

One hundred and twenty baskets were distributed, each basket contained sufficient articles for a Christmas dinner for at least twelve persons, giving a Christmas dinner to about fourteen hundred and forty.

Through the usual Christmas kindness of Mr. Clement Restein the committee were able to add 200 pounds of chickens and through the kindness of Mr. Craig Atmore, 120 mince pies. The committee feels that all who received the baskets had a most generous and enjoyable Christmas dinner.

Average cost of each basket, with articles contributed, $6.02.

Yours respectfully,

HOWARD REIFSNYDER,
JOS. B. VAN DUSEN, JR.
JAMES CARRIGAN,
Dinner Committee.

MISS KATE LEWIS, Church Visitor, *Distributor.*

The Sunday School.

Christmas is always the high peak in Sunday Schools. Ours, of course, was the best ever. Sunday, December 26th, our morning session was given over largely to the childhood of Jesus, as depicted by the great artists. Besides the slides, we had wonderful moving pictures appropriate to Christmas. Mr. Keable wisely suggested that the candies be distributed on Sunday, which allowed our Christmas Festival, Tuesday evening, December 28th, to be given over entirely to the addresses, carols and the play. The room was filled to overflowing with the mothers and friends. The little and big players—all of our school—did remarkably well, as per program herewith. We are grateful to our generous friends in the church who so kindly helped by their offerings.

"CINDERELLA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY"

Musical Leader .....Miss Charlotte W. Nodine

Characters by the Scholars and Teachers

Princess Cinderella, of the Fairy Kingdom .....Anna Connelly
Prince Charming, her consort.....Joseph Bushman
Fairy God-mother, in this Kingdom of Childhood .....Elizabeth Shields
Jack Frost, the Court Jolly .....Harry Shields
Master of Ceremonies .....G. H. Streaker
Star-bright, the Fairy .....Nellie Bushman
Court Jester .....Charlie Acker
Maids of Honor of the Palace: Florence Myers, Hazel Cree, Shirley Edwards, Lillian Bovell, Dorothy Ziegler, Elizabeth Steele, Isabel Harman and Eleanor Biddle.
Snow Ball Fairies, the fairest flowers from the Master's Garden, Primary Department Scholars.
Footmen and Knights of Honor: Frank Acker, Russell Nissen, Charles Dickson, John Stiniskey.
Duchess of Devonshire, a guest ..Elizabeth Bushman
Martha Washington, another, with old memories .....Florence Myers
Two Holland Princesses
Violet Kuhn and Anna Bushman
Countess of Bannockburn, a Scotch lassie .....Gladys Leupold
Princess Ikemu, from the Flowery Kingdom .....Dorothy Dilg
Old Lame Woman, Love in disguise...Ethel Trussell
Sewing Girl (Happiness) incognito ...Elsie Wilmott
Old Wood Cutter, Health in reality ...Robert Brown
The Sugar Plum Tree, recitative .....Isabel Harman
The Court Musician .....Prof. H. Fenton Cooke
The Goddess of Liberty, from America, Ethlyn Walton
Santa Claus .....As Usual

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G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan.	2.	Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	9.	Misses Kirkpatrick
"	16.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	23.	Miss Ernst
"	30.	Mrs. D. R. Harper
Feb.	6.	Miss Gebhart
"	13.	Miss Crawford
"	20.	Miss Gebhart
"	27.	Misses Wallace
March	6.	Miss S. Eisenbrey
"	13.	Mrs. Brunner
"	20.	Palm Sunday
"	24.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	27.	Easter
April	3.	Mrs. W. B. Campbell
"	4.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	10.	Mrs. Atmore
"	17.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor
"	24.	Dr. Grammer
May	1.	Miss Dutilh
"	5.	Miss Williamson
"	8.	Miss Townsend
"	15.	Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	22.	Miss Gregg
"	29.	Mrs. Tourison
June	5.	Miss Dutilh
"	12.	Miss Gebhart
"	19.	Miss Stephens
"	26.	Mr. C. H. Colket
July	3.	Mrs. Nicholson
"	10.	Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	17.	Mrs. Grammer
"	24.	Miss Lindenmayer
"	31.	Mrs. Clayton
Aug.	7.	Mrs. Heberton
"	14.	Miss Shellenberger
"	21.	Miss Emma Himes
"	28.	Miss Laura Bell
Sept.	4.	Misses Kirkpatrick
"	11.	Mrs. Keable
"	18.	Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	25.	Mrs. E. E. Holman
Oct.	2.	Miss Laura Bell
"	9.	Miss Maulsby
"	16.	Mrs. Sheble
"	23.	Mrs. Keable
"	30.	Girls' Friendly Society
Nov.	1.	Mrs. Arrison
"	6.	Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
"	13.	Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	20.	Miss Bright
"	27.	Miss Eisenbrey
Dec.	4.	Mrs. Atmore
"	11.	Misses Davis
"	18.	Mrs. Petry
"	25.	Christmas
"	26.	Mrs. H. P. Taylor

MUSICAL PROGRAM

JANUARY 9th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in F .....*Smart*
"Even Me" .....*Warren*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis in A .....*Martin*
"Lord Vouchsafe" .....*Rossini*
"When Thou Comest" .....*Rossini*

JANUARY 16th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in F .....*Smart*
"Adore and Be Still" .....*Gounod*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis in A .....*Martin*
"From the Morning Watch" .....*Gounod*
"Still, Still With Thee" .....*Foote*

JANUARY 23rd.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in F .....*Smart*
"Thou Shalt Break Them" .....*Haendel*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis in A .....*Martin*
"Protect Us" .....*Curschmann*
"Prayer" .....*Costa*

JANUARY 30th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in F .....*Smart*
"Lead Kindly Light" .....*Beidemann*

8.00 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis in A .....*Martin*
"If With All Your Hearts" .....*Mendelssohn*
"Hymn of the Apostles" .....*Gounod*

The Benevolent Society.

The Benevolent Society, which meets every Wednesday at 10 o'clock, is in need of good sewers. Anyone who wishes to earn some money will please report at the Parish House, 19 South Tenth Street, any Wednesday.

C. L. EWING,
Vice-President.

Shoe Fund.

We always have something nice to say about Santa Claus, for the dear old gentleman did not forget the children this year. One

would think he would, as shoes are so very high; but he did not. Last Monday, with the help of Master Coll (one of the Sunday School boys) Mrs. Vanderslice unpacked four large boxes of shoes and overshoes. And we are sure all wish Santa Claus a very Happy New Year!

Shoe Closet will be open Monday mornings from 10.30 until 12 o'clock.

Kings Daughters (Whatsoever Circle).

Interest received from estate of Mr. William Patton (through Mr. Edward Moore, Church Warden) $37.50

This Circle will have its next meetings January 5th and January 26th, in Guild Room of Parish House, at a quarter of 8 o'clock.

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A. M. on other Sundays in Lent.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Noonday Services daily 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

PRINCIPAL.
Miss M. Tappen.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Chairman; Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. John Coats Browne, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss M. McDowell, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Mrs. Chas. S. Calwell.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockius, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey and Mrs. L. Hall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDER COMMITTEE.
Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Miesse, Miss V. Zeilin.

TREASURER UNITED OFFERING—Miss Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

Honorary Chairman—Mrs. E. R. Fell.
Chairman and Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.
Associates—Mrs. F. P. Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss Cerboni.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.
Executive Board—Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Davis, Miss Trussell.

Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Martha Evans, Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Elsie Wilmott.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.
Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

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Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. F. Wilbur Smith, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Mrs. Vanderslice.
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.

Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.

Senior Boys—Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mr. Keable.
Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

Wednesday Evening Club—Wednesdays at 8 P. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Clarence Austin.

St. Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Director—Charles L. McKeehan.
Vice-Director—William H. Hansell.
Secretary-Treasurer—Abram G. Tatnall.

The Junior Brotherhood.

Director—George H. Streaker.
Vice-Director—Henry Ahtes.
Secretary-Treasurer—James Merchant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

CHURCH CALENDAR.

February 2.—Purification of the Virgin Mary.
" 6.—Quinquagesima.
" 9.—Ash Wednesday.
" 13.—The First Sunday in Lent.
" 16, 18, 19.—Ember Days.
" 20.—The Second Sunday in Lent.
" 24.—St. Matthias.
" 27.—The Third Sunday in Lent.

March 25.—Good Friday.
" 27.—Easter Day.

May 5.—Ascension Day.
" 15.—Whitsunday.
" 22—Trinity Sunday.

PARISH REGISTER.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Jan. 23.—Hazel Anna Howard.
" 23.—Frederick Crozier Hasselberg.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Jan. 8.—James H. Sengstack, Margaret R. Kerfoot.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Jan. 8.—Mrs. Susan (Henry P.) Taylor.
" 12.—Mrs. May Adams.
" 17.—Mrs. Louise Suydam (S. H.) Austin.

Speakers for Lenten Noonday Services.

Addresses may be expected as follows:

February 9. (Ash Wednesday)—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.

February 10.—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.

February 11.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

February 12.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, Associate.

February 14 to 18 inc.—Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D.D., First Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

February 19.—Rev. James M. Collins, Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

February 21 to 25 inc.—Rev. Elwood Worcester, D.D., Emmanuel Church, Boston.

February 26.—Rev. Phillips Endicott Osgood, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

February 28 to March 4 inc.—Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D., Princeton Theological Seminary.

March 5.—Rev. Wood R. Stewart, St. Martin's in the Field, Philadelphia.

March 7 to 11 inc.—Rev. Richard W. Trapnell, St. Andrew's, Wilmington, Del.

March 12.—Rev. C. Herbert Reese, St. Matthew's Philadelphia.

March 14 to 18 inc.—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, Bishop of Delaware.

March 19.—Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis, Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia.

March 21 to 25 inc.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

March 26.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, Associate.

Offerings Received from January 1st, 1921 to Sexagesima, January 30th, 1921, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 58 19	
Foreign Missions	54 27	
Parochical Maintenance	161 48	
		$273 94

Envelope System:

Charities	$149 03	
Parochial Maintenance	525 41	
Missions	223 09	
Outing Fund	18 40	
Theological Education	65	
Work Among Boys	5 27	
Benevolent Society	14 37	
Endowment Fund (church)	23 92	
Episcopal Hospital	10 50	
S. S. Xmas. Festival	12 00	
Domestic Mission	55	
Church Pension Fund	53 21	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.	29 79	
Diocesan Missions	23 47	
Foreign Missions	43 04	
Colored Missions	2 15	
Missionary Box	2 24	
Indian Missions	77	
Decorations and Altar Society.	5 00	
City Missions	1 95	
Deaconess House	3 67	
Sunday School	8 25	
Daily Vacation Bible School..	70	
Girls' Friendly Society	55	
Woman's Auxiliary	2 97	
Deficit Fund	30 00	
Hoover Fund	256 00	
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Frederick B. Keable, Treasurer.

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

When you receive this number Lent will be hard upon us. The list of speakers is published in detail elsewhere. Every one will be glad to know that Dr. Worcester will not only speak at the noon-day services from February 21st to 25th, inclusive; but will also preach at both services on Sunday, February 20th. His theme at the evening service will be "Psychical Research and Its Results." It is ten years since Dr. Worcester gave his remarkable noonday addresses on the healing power of faith in God. We shall all be interested to meet and hear him again.

The Bishop gave me a free hand in inviting ministers from other churches. The Lambeth Conference has advocated fraternal intercourse, and the Bishop is in sympathy with the deliverances of that great gathering. Consequently I have had a larger liberty than heretofore and have availed myself of it to invite the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Erdman, the widely-known professor in Princeton Theological Seminary, for five days one week, and the Rev. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, for five days in another week. Dr. Jones will be the first Baptist minister to preach in our pulpit. The great services of Baptists to religious liberty, and missionary enterprise, have made the whole world their debtors, and it will be pleasant to have a minister of the church of Robert Hall, whom Lord Macaulay admired so greatly, and of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, who was so highly esteemed by Gladstone.

Dr. Cook, the Bishop of Delaware, has been heard with great enthusiasm in Philadelphia, on other occasions. He will certainly draw a large congregation as all of us are profoundly interested in a leader who has the difficult task of cheering and re-invigorating a diocese, after the crashing blow of the secession of Dr. Kinsman to Rome. Dr. Kinsman's influence must be reckoned with and counteracted. With the natural zeal of a proselyte he wishes to vindicate his action, and to bring some of his former associates to the same conclusion. Agreeing with him in so many of his first principles, prejudices, and estimates of value, they ought, he feels, to reach the same conclusion. Logically he has much the best of the argument, and one feels sorry for the ritualists as he shoots at them his keen arrows winged by feathers from their nest.

Fortunately, there are two sides to this old controversy with Rome, and the victory can readily be won, if the controversy is conducted on right lines. There are other gifts and graces besides submission to lofty claims of authority. A more manly, enterprising, and social type of Christianity, our Church, rightly interpreted, is fully calculated to produce and foster, and Dr. Cook is, from all we learn, admirably equipped to expound and illustrate it.

As Delaware is socially and industrially united with the closest ties to Pennsylvania, I thought it would be interesting to have the rector of the most prominent historic parish in Wilmington, Dr. Richard Trapnell, also take five days. He has had wonderful success in reviving old St. Andrew's, a church ever venerable for its good works, and the long rectorship of wise and saintly Bishop Alfred Lee.

My brethren in the city have most kindly helped us out on Saturday, and according to our use, we shall have the pleasure of inaugurating the season with Bishop Garland on Ash Wednesday, and Bishop Talbot on the following Thursday

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Last spring Mr. Jordan of the Keith Theatre wrote me that he would be very glad to lend me that great auditorium for noon-day services in Lent, and asked me if I could use it. I feel that it would not be advisable to transfer our services since there are distinct advantages in the associations of a building set apart for sacred uses. Yet it seemed to me that such a fine offer ought not to be declined. Theatre services make a special appeal to many people. So I turned the offer over to the Inter-Church Federation which will have noon-day services from Tuesday to Friday, inclusive, throughout Lent. There is room for all. The more widely diffused the habit of Lenten observance and noon-day addresses, the better for our St. Stephen's service, and what is more important, the better for the cause.

On Sunday morning, March 6th, Bishop Rhinelander will administer the rite of Confirmation to all those ready and desirous to

renew their baptismal vows and to enlist in the service of God in our branch of the Church.

The Confirmation Class will meet on Fridays at 8 o'clock, beginning with Friday, February 4th. The Rector will prepare the class as usual. Not for years have we had confirmation on such a favorable date, and we ought to have a fine ingathering of recruits. While attendance on the class is required, if possible, in the case of the young, it is only recommended with adults, and there is no fixed rule, each individual's special problems and conditions being considered.

I do not generally care to make this letter a record of the incidents of the month past. Our main purpose is to set out a program in this letter. Yet I must not omit some recognition of the fine work of those in charge of the church dinner, in the Sunday School room on Wednesday, January 19th. It was our first subscription dinner for women as well as men. The total attendance was 120, the largest we have yet reached at such a function. Miss Anna J. Magee was the guest of honor, and sat to the right of the rector who took advantage of the occasion to thank Miss Magee again for the new window in the front of the church, and also for the promise of a sum sufficient to put the roof of the church in first-class condition. The tributes of gratitude to Miss Magee were general. In January St. Stephen's completed its 98th year. Our centennial is only two years off. Every one felt grateful to all our benefactors and especially to our living benefactor, Miss Magee, that our church is in such fine condition. In the next two years it is hoped that some adequate task will be undertaken that the rounding out of a century may be commemorated by some suitable and, if possible, monumental achievement.

Mr. Keable, Dr. Herbert Old, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Lucas, Mr. Ewing and Mr. Reifsnyder were all called upon to make brief addresses, and Mrs. Heaton favored us with a couple of solos.

Pictures of historic Philadelphia were shown while the tables were being cleared away, and at 9 o'clock the Wednesday Evening Club began its usual week-day dance. Numbers of the diners remained to watch or participate in the dancing. The fellowship was enthusiastically hearty and fraternal. Everyone voted the occasion a great success and many thanks are due to the Committee and to our zealous Verger, who had so large a part in the arrangements.

During the month we had two bereavements: On January 8th died Mrs. Henry P. Taylor, after a long illness. The funeral was on Saturday morning in St. Stephen's; her coffin, covered by the richly embroidered purple pall in whose completion she took such a lively interest. The burial was beside her husband in the family cemetery in Pottsville. In fulfillment of my promise I went up to Pottsville and read the service at the grave. The notice of the funeral was too brief and the hour of the service at St. Stephen's too early to permit many of her friends to attend; so I preached on Sunday night, a sermon in memory of her as a Mother in Israel. I told of her great work in the affairs of the Civil War, of her benevolent despotism as the loved head of the Mothers' Meeting, and of her leading part in the foundation of the Home for Aged Couples. Staunch, prudent, administrative, loving, Mrs. Taylor was a friend to count on, and an influence for good both by her works and her character.

She left the bulk of her estate, as was expected, to the Home for Aged Couples, but she did not forget the Church, leaving $500 to the church at Pottsville, where she grew up and where her father was a pillar, and bequeathing $200 to St. Stephen's. Long will she be held in grateful remembrance.

The news that Mrs. Louise Suydam Austin had an incurable disease, only slowly gained credence. When I first saw her on my return from the summer holiday, she was half-sitting, half-reclining on a sofa in her upstairs sitting room, and was rejecting emphatically the suggestion that her sickness might prevent a journey westward of her brother. She had a wonderful gift of throwing herself into the topics of the day, ignoring her own condition. Like the sinking of the sun in the tropics, her earthly end came rapidly. She had no illusions and faced the inevitable change with Christian resignation and courage, sustained by an unfailing faith, by the wonderful support of her mother and sister, and by the return and ministrations of her daughter, son-in-law and grandson. She was not brought up in St. Stephen's, had been a great world-traveler, and was not able for many years to take much part in parochial activities; yet St. Stephen's was very dear to her. As far as her health permitted she served in the Benevolent, on the Missionary Box Committee, and on the Ladies' Aid. By her will she left us $5,000—enough to endow for all time two pews.

Never can I forget the rare distinction and charm she possessed when I first saw her. There was never anything haughty in her words or bearing, but she seemed fitted to fill and decorate some elevated sphere. On further acquaintance I discovered that she lived in a realm of high loyalties, of tender consideration and deeds of kindness to others, and of strong affection for relations and friends. In that stately form there was a wonderful spirit. She was a rare woman.

Our sympathy goes out to all her bereaved relations, and especially to her aged mother, who has the rare glory of comforting others, at an age when most people are the recipients and not the bestowers of consolation. She has shown in these sad days, that the promise, as the days so shall thy strength be, is true to those who claim it.

Helpful as are these additions to our endowments, we must not hide it from ourselves that our income has nothing like the purchasing power that it once possessed, and that it will be necessary for all of us to do our part to keep St. Stephen's up to the level of real efficiency. Greatly is our church needed in this conservative city, with its Quaker and evangelical traditions, inclining the churches to avoid any aggressive work for reform.

St. Stephen's has a unique position in the city. There are other churches, that are liberal in their theology, but they are in many cases, ethically Tory, or conservative, distrusting democratic institutions, and dreading the march of ethical ideals. They stand apart from civil life, and social problems. They have no use for prohibition or woman's suffrage. There are, on the other hand, many churches that take an active interest in public affairs, and reform movements, but linking themselves up with out-worn theories of Sabbath observance, or ecclesiastical authority, and opposing the introduction of scientific method into theological thought. For about a half century St. Stephen's has stood for a sane and progressive theology, subordinating the denominational features of the church to the fundamental truths of our faith, and accepting with cheeerful confidence the new light that God has caused to break upon the darkening world. I hope that I am not claiming too much when I profess that I have endeavored to take these liberal principles out of the realm of technical theology, or ecclesiastical reconstruction, and to apply them to the problems of life, personal and corporate. I believe that if we pray, "Thy kingdom come," it is our duty to point out the road by which the consummation may be reached. I believe in being ethically as well as theologically progressive. Everything that deeply effects the moral welfare of the race concerns the pulpit.

The church must be more than an oratory, it must also be a school of instruction. It must be more than a comforter and rescuer, it must also be a dynamo to energize and the exalter of ideals for society, as well as for the individual. May God make St. Stephen's such a church. May He forgive us where we have come short in rising to our opportunities, and may He bless the endeavors that have been made for the sake of His Cause.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Miss Alice Wright was our speaker at the January meeting of the Auxiliary. She is a teacher in St. Mark's Mission at Nanana, Alaska, where they have a school of thirty boys and girls and minister to all the village of 300 Indians. They try to take the children into the school at the age of seven and keep them at least five years.

It was an interesting story Miss Wright told of the little Indian girls making their clothes and baking bread for the large family of thirty, and of the little boys raising a garden of fine vegetables. She is here trying to obtain scholarships, which are $200.00 each.

B. E. Hollar,
Secretary.

Mahan School.

There are still a few pledges to the Mahan School Fund, promised through the Woman's Auxiliary, that have not been paid.

I shall be very glad to receive them, that I may turn in a complete report at the end of our year of collecting.

Ella Headman,
Treasurer.

Golden Jubilee of the Woman's Auxiliary.

In order to commemorate this anniversary it was resolved at the last Triennial meeting, to raise a fund of $50,000, the revenue from which will be used for the benefit of missionaries while at home from service, for study, medical care or recreation. This fund will be known as the "Emery Fund," in recognition of the devoted services of three sisters who organized and conducted the work of the Auxiliary for over forty years.

It is hoped that every woman in the church will contribute at least 50 cents (one cent for each year), also that others connected in any way with St. Stephen's, both men and women, will respond liberally to the appeal.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. William B. Campbell, Treasurer, 1711 Pine Street, Philadelphia.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

The meetings of the Aid Society will be held as usual in the Parish House on Friday mornings, during Lent, at 10 o'clock. As the activities of this organization may not have been brought to the notice of the new members of our congregation it seems well to state that the object of this Society is to make baby garments, to be distributed by Miss Lewis, our Parish Worker, in her work among the poor of the Parish. It is hoped the attendance may be large as Miss Lewis tells me she has almost exhausted the supply with which we filled her closet in the spring. We are hoping for new members this year and will gladly give out work to be done at home for those who are unable to attend the meetings.

Emily K. Campbell,
President.

The Mission Study Class.

The Mission Study Class will be held on Friday mornings in Lent in the Parish House, beginning on Friday, February 11th, at 11 o'clock, with Mrs. W. Horner-Smith as leader. Mrs. Smith is the President of the Churchwomen's Club, and it is an especial privilege to have her conduct the class.

The text book to be used is the General Survey of the Needs and Activities of the Episcopal Church, and contains much information unknown to the average church member.

Those who were in the class last year are asked to come again, and it is hoped that new members will be interested enough to join. Books will be ordered for those members who signify their intention to attend the class.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Monday evening, February 14th, at 8:15 o'clock, the Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, of the Chapel of the Mediator, will address the members of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society. Members of the congregation will be cordially welcomed.

Grace V. D. Lucas,
Branch Secretary.

Church Periodical Club.

Our work has grown considerably during the past year. Beginning with 43 magazines sent by 23 donors, we now have 75 current periodicals mailed regularly by 40 persons.

There is much variety in all we do; much more than is generally supposed.

Besides sending to missionaries and shut-ins in far away, lonely places, we give bright, cheerful stories and pictures to the sick in hospitals and homes near at hand.

This is the month in which those interested in the work are asked to become Associate Members by the payment of 50 cents or more. The money is needed to help in paying the postage on the magazines and books mailed from our own Parish House..

Just at present we are interested in collecting books for seamen.

We all had experience in entertaining our young sailor boys during the war and can readily understand how lonely and homesick many of them often are.

Forty clergymen of the church, in as many different ports, have agreed to act as "Friends in Port" to the seamen of the particular towns and cities in which their parishes are situated.

We can also act as volunteer "Friends in Port." Our plan is to collect 25 good novels, pack them in a strong wooden box and send by freight to some seaboard town.

Book plates will be provided, if desired, and all will go as St. Stephen's Gift to the Seamen's Library.

Please look over your books at home (if you do not care to buy new ones) and send or bring to the Parish House any that you can spare.

Mary M. Roberts,
Librarian.

Shoe Fund.

We have given out one dozen pairs of shoes and half dozen pairs of overshoes in January.

Received from those securing shoes, $2.25.

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters will have their next meetings February 9th and 23rd, in the Guild Room, Parish House, quarter of 8 o'clock.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 6th.

11 A. M.—

"God So Loved the World" ..... *Stainer*

8 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Stainer*
"My Hope Is in the Everlasting" ..... *Stainer*
"Date Sonitum" ..... *Costa*

FEBRUARY 13th.

11 A. M.—

Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Chant*
"Adore and be Still" ..... *Gounod*

8 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Stainer*
"God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" ..... *Scott*
"From the Morning Watch" ..... *Gounod*

FEBRUARY 20th.

11 A. M.—

Te Deum in B minor ..... *Buck*
Benedictus ..... *Chant*
"Grieve Not" ..... *Stainer*

8 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Stainer*
"Art Thou Weary" ..... *Chadwick*
"Protect Us" ..... *Curschman*

FEBRUARY 27th.

11 A. M.—

Te Deum in B minor ..... *Buck*
Benedictus ..... *Chant*
"Trisagion and Sanctus" ..... *Hawley*

8 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Stainer*
"When Thou Comest" ..... *Rossini*
"Lord How Long" ..... *Mendelssohn*

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 9.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 16.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 23.—Miss Ernst
" 30.—Mrs. D. R. Harper

Feb. 6.—Miss Gebhart
" 13.—Miss Crawford
" 20.—Miss Gebhart
" 27.—Misses Wallace

March 6.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 13.—Mrs. Brunner
" 20.—Palm Sunday
" 24.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 27.—Easter

April 3.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell
" 4.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 10.—Mrs. Atmore
" 17.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 24.—Dr. Grammer

May 1.—Miss Dutilh
" 5.—Miss Williamson
" 8.—Miss Townsend
" 15.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 22.—Miss Gregg
" 29.—Mrs. Tourison

June 5.—Miss Dutilh
" 12.—Miss Gebhart
" 19.—Miss Stephens
" 26.—Mr. C. H. Colket

July 3.—Mrs. Nicholson
" 10.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 17.—Mrs. Grammer
" 24.—Miss Lindenmayer
" 31.—Mrs. Clayton

Aug. 7.—Mrs. Heberton
" 14.—Miss Shellenberger
" 21.—Miss Emma Himes
" 28.—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 4.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 11.—Mrs. Keable
" 18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 25.—Mrs. E. E. Holman

Oct. 2.—Miss Laura Bell
" 9.—Miss Maulsby
" 16.—Mrs. Sheble
" 23.—Mrs. Keable
" 30.—Girls' Friendly Society

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison
" 6.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
" 13.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 20.—Miss Bright
" 27.—Miss Eisenbrey

Dec. 4.—Mrs. Atmore
" 11.—Misses Davis
" 18.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas
" 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor

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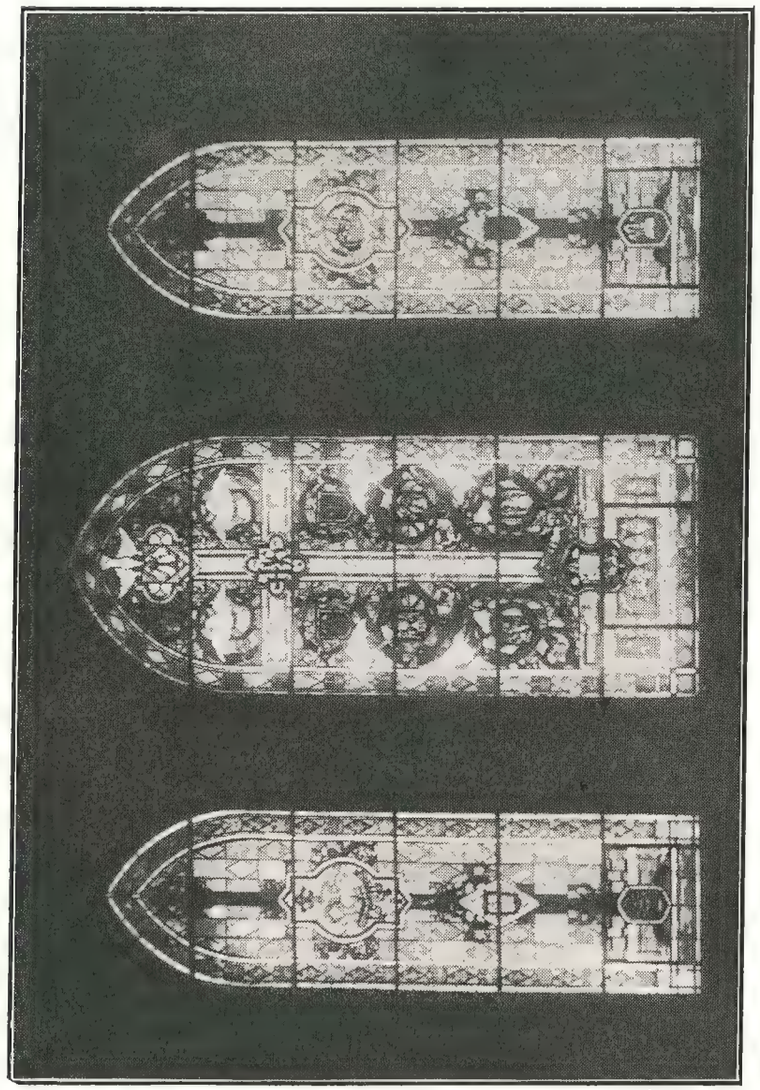

THE NEW WINDOW

The Parish News.

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Parish House Telephone—Filbert 3807.

Vestry.

MR. EDWARD W. MOORE, *Church Warden.*
J. B. VAN DUSEN, JR., *Rector's Warden.*

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Mr. C. L. McKeehan.
Dr. Addinell Hewson,
Mr. Robt. T. Boyd,
Mr. Craig Atmore,
Prof. Emory R. Johnson,
Mr. Chas. S. Calwell.
Dr. Herbert Old.

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Sopranos.

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Altos.

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VERGER.

James Carrigan,
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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A. M. on other Sundays in Lent.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Noonday Services daily 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

PRINCIPAL.
Miss M. Tappen.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. W. B. Campbell, Chairman; Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. John Coats Browne, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss M. McDowell, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Mrs. Chas. S. Calwell.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President—Miss Cornelia L. Ewing.
Directress and Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Isabel P. Davis, 202 North 34th Street.

Managers—Mrs. Atmore, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. Colket, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. E. Atmore, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockius, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan. Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry. Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey and Mrs. L. Hall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDER COMMITTEE.
Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Miesse, Miss V. Zeilin.

TREASURER UNITED OFFERING—Miss Magee.

Missionary Box Committee.

Honorary Chairman—Mrs. E. R. Fell.
Chairman and Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.
Associates—Mrs. F. P. Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss Cerboni.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.
Executive Board—Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Davis, Miss Trussell.

Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Martha Evans, Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Elsie Wilmott.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. F. Wilbur Smith, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore, Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.
Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.
Senior Boys—Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mr. Keable.
Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.
Wednesday Evening Club—Wednesdays at 8 P. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Clarence Austin.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

March 6.—The Fourth Sunday in Lent.
" 13.—The Fifth Sunday in Lent.
" 20.—Sunday next before Easter.
" 21.—Monday before Easter.
" 22.—Tuesday before Easter.
" 23.—Wednesday before Easter.
" 24.—Maundy Thursday.
" 25.—Good Friday.
" 26.—Easter Even.
" 27.—Easter Day.
" 28.—Easter Monday.
" 29.—Easter Tuesday.
May 5.—Ascension Day.
" 15.—Whitsunday.
" 22.—Trinity Sunday.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Feb. 6.—Henrietta Louise Cramer, Kathyrn Edith Walter, Charles Dean Stewart.
" 18.—Mary Patricia Hanen.
" 28.—Frank Gordon Cooper, Irene Heckert Reifsnyder, Henry Gilham Reifsnyder.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 4.—Henry R. Thomas, Dorothy Underdown.
" 16.—Fred L. Bickel, Jr., Thekla Kauffmann.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Feb. 5.—Elizabeth Ellen Buschman.
" 18.—Isabella Jenner.
" 18.—Harvey Martin, Jr.
" 23.—Col. Louis J. Magill.
" 25.—Mrs. Virginia Vanderslice.

Noonday Lenten Services.

Speakers

Feb. 28 to March 4, incl.—Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D., Princeton Theological Seminary.
March 5.—Rev. Wood R. Stewart, St. Martins in the Field, Philadelphia.
March 7 to 11, incl.—Rev. Richard W. Trapnell, St. Andrew's, Wilmington, Del.
March 12.—Rev. C. Herbert Reese, St. Matthew's, Philadelphia.
March 14 to 18, incl.—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.
March 19.—Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis, Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia.
March 21 to 25.—To be announced later.
March 26.—Rev. Frederick B. Keable, Associate, St. Stephen's.

Holy Week Services.

Monday—10.30 A. M. and Noonday.
Tuesday—10.30 A. M. and Noonday.
Wednesday—10.30 A. M. and Noonday.
Maundy Thursday—10.30 A. M. Holy Communion, Noonday; 5 P. M. Holy Comunion; 8 P. M. Holy Communion.
Good Friday—10.30 A. M. and Noonday.
Easter Even—Noonday.
Easter Day—8 A. M. Holy Communion; 11 A. M. Morning Prayer and Communion; 8 P. M. Evening Prayer.

The Right Reverend P. M. Rhinelander, S.T.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will visit St. Stephen's on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 6th at 11 A. M.

The Right Reverend Thomas J. Garland, D.D., has kindly promised to occupy the Pulpit in St. Stephen's at the 11 o'clock Service on Easter Day.

Offerings Received from Quinquagesima, Feb. 6th, 1921 to the Third Sunday in Lent, Feb. 27th, 1921, Inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 69.39	
Colored Missions	23.39	
Diocesan Missions	91.53	
Missionary Box	220.77	
Parochial Maintenance	59.65	
		$ 464.73

ENVELOPE SYSTEM:

Charities	150.27	
Parochial Maintenance	175.22	
Missions	112.36	
Outing Fund	1.00	
Work Among Boys	.25	
Benevolent Society	1.50	
S. S. Xmas Festival	1.15	
Diocesan Missions	363.57	
Foreign Missions	3.47	
Colored Missions	28.70	
Missionary Box	47.54	
Indian Missions	.25	
Decorations, Altar Society	.55	
Deaconess House	.25	
Sunday School	1.25	
Girls' Friendly Society	.25	
D. V. Bible School	.25	
Woman's Auxiliary	.25	
China Relief Fund	60.00	
		$ 948.08
		$1,412.81

RECAPITULATION:

Charities	$219.66
Parochial Maintenance	234.87
Missions	112.36
Outing Fund	1.00
Work Among Boys	.25
Benevolent Society	1.50
S. S. Xmas Festival	1.15
Diocesan Missions	455.10
Foreign Missions	3.47
Colored Missions	52.09
Missionary Box	268.31
Indian Missions	.25
Decorations and Altar Society	.55
Deaconess House	.25
Sunday School	1.25
Girls' Friendly Society	.25
D. V. Bible School	.25
Woman's Auxiliary	.25
China Relief Fund	60.00
	$1,412.81

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

Report, St. Stephen's Church.

RECEIPTS.

January 1, 1920, Balance on hand		$ 9,897.31
General Endowment	$6,432.84	
Rudder Memorial Fund	563.57	
Cleeman Endowment Fund	521.72	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund	1,101.69	
James R. Magee Endowment Fund	412.49	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Endowment Fund	210.37	
Julia Garrett Endowment Fund	84.14	
Fannie S. Magee Church Building Fund	494.67	
John Austin McDowell Endowment Fund	495.00	
Endowment of Pews	820.36	
Endowment of Music	52.46	
Interest on Deposits	152.53	
Pew Rents	5,987.72	
Parochial Maintenance	4,903.92	
Repairs	29.74	
Church Pension	462.29	
Total Church Account No. 1		$22,725.51
Sunday School	$ 323.12	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	196.65	
Easter Decorations	312.04	
Work Among Our Boys	360.03	
Total Church Account No. 2		$ 1,191.84
Principal—Endowment Fund (Envelopes)	$ 329.40	
" Proceeds Sale of Farm	17,841.00	
" Baby Fund	258.60	
Total Principal Account		$18,429.00
Campbell Memorial Fund	$ 428.86	
S. B. Wylie-Mitchell Vault Fund	39.60	
Lathrop Legacy	8.42	
Female Benevolent Society	819.53	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	404.85	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	27.72	
Fannie S. Magee, Memorials Fund	265.95	
Baby Fund	6.33	
Wilkins Legacy a/c Girls' Friendly	19.80	
Wilkins Legacy a/c Farm	15.84	
St. Stephen's Farm	7.40	
Farm and Recreation Fund	282.15	
Total Income on Endowments for Specified Objects in Parish		$ 2,326.45
Charities	$1,696.51	
Daily Vacation Bible School	111.87	
Total Special Objects in Parish		$1,808.38
Missionary Box	$ 436.58	
Missions	1,708.82	
Missions (Sunday School)	138.85	
Indian Missions	84.86	
Foreign Missions	150.12	
Colored Missions	120.13	
Domestic Missions	125.30	
Lenten Offering (Sunday School)	165.79	
Woman's Auxiliary	151.50	
Total Pennsylvania Apportionment		$ 3,081.95
City Missions	$ 111.05	
Diocesan Missions	911.86	
Diocesan Missions (Sunday School)	20.36	
Bishop's Fund	48.38	
Episcopal Hospital	777.08	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	356.84	
Theological Education	50.23	
Deaconess House	51.91	
Total Special Objects in Diocese		$2,327.71
American Red Cross Society	$ 105.92	
Armenian and Syrian Relief	473.06	
Mahan School in China	1,255.38	
Christ School, Arden, N. C.	72.42	
International Serbian Educational Committee	588.69	
Amherst Mission	11.50	
European Relief Committee	51.50	
Serbian Child Welfare Association	22.50	
St. Stephen's Burial Lot	100.00	
Loan Returned by Farm	95.92	
	$64,564.54	
January 1, 1921, To Balance	$ 6,136.48	

PAYMENTS.

Rector	$7,000.00
Associate	2,500.00
Verger	1,440.00
Parish Visitor	942.50
Rent of Rectory	1,350.00
Choir	5,069.44
Electric Light, Power and Gas	666.26
Coal	1,022.78
Repairing, Painting, etc.	1,338.54
Episcopal and Convention Fund	800.67
Sustentation Fund	82.53
Church Pension Fund	807.31
Insurance	1,768.00
Parochial Maintenance	2,251.60
Total Church Account No. 1	$27,039.63
Sunday School	$ 323.12
Sunday School Christmas Festival	196.65
Easter Decorations	148.25
Work Among Our Boys	360.03
Repairs to Organ, balance of Contract	1,500.00
Total Church Account No. 2	$ 2,528.05
Principal—Endowments Fund Invested	$17,899.62
Campbell Memorial Fund	$ 392.50
Lathrop Legacy	12.62
Female Benevolence Society	886.35
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	440.30
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	25.00
St. Stephen's Farm	23.99
Farm and Recreation Fund	282.15
Total Specified Objects in Parish	$ 2,062.91
Charities	1,696.51
Daily Vacation Bible School	111.87
Total Special Objects in Parish	$ 1,808.38
Missions	1,838.71
Woman's Auxiliary (Missions)	300.00
Woman's Auxiliary	151.50
Lenten Offering	165.79
Indian Missions	84.86
Foreign Missions	150.12
Colored Missions	120.13
Domestic Missions	125.30
Missionary Box	436.58
Pennsylvania Apportionment	$ 3,372.99
City Missions	$ 111.05
Diocesan Missions	932.22
Bishop's Fund	48.38
Episcopal Hospital	777.08
Aged and Infirm Clergy	356.84
Theological Education	108.91
Deaconess House	51.91
Total Special Objects in Parish	$ 2,386.39
American Red Cross Society	$ 105.92
Armenian and Syrian Relief	478.06
Christ School, Arden, N. C.	72.42
International Serbian Educational Committee	588.69
Amherst Mission	11.00
European Relief Council	51.50
Serbian Child Welfare Association	22.50
Balance in Penna. Co.	6,136.48
	$64,564.54

EDWARD W. MOORE, *Accounting Warden.*

The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

The physicians have informed me that I need entire rest from public speaking for six months. They have also strongly advised muteness for some weeks. St. Paul especially condemns whisperers; but my medical advisers wish me to belong to that class. I am glad to say that my general condition has been pronounced good; my trouble is local, in the larynx. I have a good hope that by complete rest I shall gain more vocal strength than I have had for years. This voice-box of mine, it seems, needs a vacation to readjust itself to its tasks. Already I feel improved, but I have been especially warned not to be deceived by such ameliorations, but to keep up my silence, and press on to the goal of a full recovery.

I am avoiding temptation by keeping away from the church, a line of conduct that I would not commend to others. My passage has been engaged for April 13th on the Fabre Line to Marseilles; but if I can get a berth by March 23rd, it will be expedient to embark then, as I am accomplishing nothing by waiting here.

I shall not slip away without coming down to St. Stephen's, and joining in our common worship. I had hoped to preach a farewell sermon, and say some words of admonition and gratitude; to stir you up to the task of making our church fulfil its function in the community, and to thank you for all your goodness to me, and for this holiday; but it is manifest that it would be wrong to attempt any such utterance, much as I yearn to express myself in this way.

I am turning over everything to Mr. Keable and the Vestry. I feel sure that they will keep the ship on an even keel. The great secret of prosperity in a church is mutual good-will and kindliness.

I am a great believer in passing through the Vestry the available members of the congregation, so as to bring home widely the relation of the Vestry to the congregation, and to acquaint as many members as possible with the affairs of the Church. But this year I hope that I shall not be asked to be too consistent. The circumstances are peculiar, and I should be very glad to have the Vestrymen of 1920-1921 all re-elected, and some former Vestrymen elected to fill up the vacancy. All these officials have worked together and know one another.

Mr. Keable will, I am sure, keep the services along the well-established lines. Much additional duty and responsibility will be thrown on him, and he has welcomed the plan of having special preachers invited to assist in the preaching. The Vestry has approved this scheme, and will make the necessary appropriations. I have asked the assistance of men of high standing as preachers and scholars.

We have, however, other attractions beside the preaching. One is a well-rendered service and fine music. We must make every effort to keep up that side. Then, too, there is the fellowship of the Church. I had hoped that this would have been increased by another supper; the last was such a success, and I had a secret hope that another supper might be held before I sailed, a farewell festivity.

But I knew that it would not be wise to run into such temptation. How could a person as vocal as I by disposition and talent, sit quiet, or content myself with whispers at such an entertainment? It must be given up, so far as I am concerned. But why should there not be another supper about June 1st before the summer partings?

Wouldn't it be a good idea to make such an occasion a time to introduce new members? Why not have a Visiting Committee to help Mr. Keable by looking up visitors, strangers and possible new members, and then bring all their recruits to this feast of ingathering? Of course, Mr. Keable will call as much as he can. But there is a special charm in a visit from a member of the congregation. The minister's visit is often considered official. The other is looked on as a peculiarly gracious act.

I intend to send a letter to THE PARISH NEWS for April and May. The physicians told me that there was nothing to prevent my using my pen, provided that I do not overdo it.

When I return I hope to see the Burd School grounds an ornament to the neighborhood and well equipped for sport; the problem of heating the church economically and thoroughly solved; the roof in number one condition, and the congregation invigorated by their efforts to help the church to fulfil its tasks, with the rector on a vacation, and the associate taxed to discharge the weekly routine and additional duties. May God grant it. I confidently hope that all things will so work together for good.

The sudden death of Mrs. Vanderslice on Friday, February 25th, was a great shock to all of us. On Wednesday she was at the regular weekly meeting of the King's Daughters, her health seemed normal, and on Friday she had passed to where beyond these voices there is peace. All of us feel the greatest sympathy with Dr. Vanderslice. Great indeed is his bereavement. St. Stephen's shares it. She was a faithful and loving Sunday School teacher and the animating spirit of our Whatsoever Chapter of the King's Daughters. The Country Week Association found in her a constant helper. She was also in charge of the Shoe Fund. Now that she has followed Mrs. H. P. Taylor we realize that greater responsibilities fall on the rest of us to keep up the works they inaugurated and sustained.

Another bereavement has befallen us in the sudden death of Col. Lewis J. Magill, of the U. S. Marine Corps. This distinguished officer was confirmed in St. Stephen's and kept his membership in the Parish in spite of the long distance between his home in the Navy Yard and the Church.

Dr. Worcester, who married him to Miss McKeehan, the daughter of Mrs. C. Watson McKeehan, and the sister of Mr. Charles L. McKeehan, assisted Mr. Keable in the service.

Wherever these departed friends may be in God's vast universe, we know that they are under the loving Creator's care and we pray that they may know of the love of those they have left behind.

Let me say a word concerning this talk about an amendment of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution before the latter has been fairly tried. Of course, there was a large number of people who were opposed to this prohibition amendment. It was carried in spite of their opposition. Now that we are meeting difficulties in putting the law into effective operation, difficulties that all wise people anticipated, these enemies of the scheme rush forward and cry, "See, the whole measure was crude, rash; let's modify it!" But it is a fundamental law in parliamentary procedure, that only those who voted in favor of a measure, can move a reconsideration. It means absolutely nothing when these enemies of the measure from the beginning, cry out for an amendment of an amendment.

As for these pleas, made by eminent lawyers, that the law is contrary to our Constitution, or State's rights, or individual rights. There is, of course, no weight to be attached to such unfee-ed opinions. Alcohol has been pronounced by the most eminent authorities an injury to the health and morals of mankind. The State has the same right to restrict its sale and use, that it has to control the sale and use of opium. The diminution in the number of the inmates in our reformatories and jails, and in the number of cases for trial in our criminal courts, is overwhelming evidence in favor of the new laws. Let any one study the report in *The Survey,* of November 6, 1920, on two years without drink in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and put that evidence against the opinions of traveling salesmen and the talk of the clubs and hotels, and he will be convinced that prohibition is a success, when it is loyally obeyed.

In Grand Rapids crime decreased 49 per cent. Here is one paragraph of "The Gist of the Grand Rapids Findings:"

"Witnesses almost unanimously said that the two most noticeable effects of prohibition were the change it had brought in family life and the fact that the younger generation was growing up without a taste for alcohol." Here is the testimony of a dealer in shoes:

"There used to be a saloon right back of my store here across the alley. Fathers used to come in with their children and say, 'I want a pair of shoes for the kid; try on a few while I get a drink.' The father would go out and in a few minutes he'd come back with a few drinks in him, and some of his spare change spent, and he'd buy the cheapest pair of shoes in the store for the child. Now that's all stopped. Fathers take pride in getting the best shoes they can afford for their children."

No one is qualified, in my judgment, to give an opinion on this great measure of public policy who has not read this interpretation of prohibition in Grand Rapids, an investigation begun at the suggestion of Mr. Justice Brandeis, as the basis for exhibiting, to quote his letter:

"First, What further gain may be expected

from the elimination of these causes? And, second, What else must be done to make this a livable world?"

Certainly the answer to this last question is not to condone law-breaking or modify this great amendment.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The New Windows.

Upon viewing the new windows just completed by The D'Ascenzo Studios of Philadelphia for the openings over the main entrance of St. Stephen's Church, one is immediately impressed by the sybolism that is woven into every portion of these great panes of leaded glass.

The windows were especially designed for night illumination and the great cross which is the central feature of the windows may be seen flaming as it were out upon the night like the cross of Constantine. From the base of the cross springs the vine, weaving in and out in ever ascending spirals to the upper portion of the window, typifying the Church of Christ, with its far-reaching activities, and its mounting optimism.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me." This, then, is the theme of the central window. Our Lord represented by the Cross. "By whom we have now received atonement," and His church upon earth. In the branches of the vine may be seen white doves, symbols of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

At the centre of the intersecting arms of the cross in medallion form and monogramed are the letters I. H. S., and immediately below upon six shields pendant from the vine are emblazoned Alpha and Omega, and the four symbols of the evangelists—the angel, the lion, the ox, and the eagle.

In the extreme upper portion of the window is seen a chalice and wafer typifying the blessed sacrament. The grape clusters of the vine are also suggestive of the same idea. At the base of the window upon a shield of antique form are seen the attributes of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr; these are the book, the palm and five stones, the palm and stones being the symbols of martyrdom.

In the borders of the windows, used as a repeating pattern, may be seen the crown symbol which is sometimes used to suggest the crown of life, the crown of glory, the crown of righteousness. The two windows on either side of the central window contain the vine as the leading motif with the addition of two beautifully suggestive medallions, one of which shows a representation of the ark and rainbow, the other the Paschal Lamb, upon the book of the seven seals. Other emblems are the anchor, the table of the law, the sheaf of wheat, and the Pelican, plucking down from her breast in order that the young birds may rest in comfort, and symbolizing the care of the Church for her children.

The colors of these windows also have a special meaning; for instance, white is the symbol of light, and since Our Lord is the Light of the World, white is His color; hence, the white cross as the principal feature of the composition. White is also the symbol of purity; hence the seven white doves symbolizing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Blue, the color of the sky, introduced in the border of the windows, is a symbol of heaven, faith, truth and constancy.

Yellow is a symbol of the sun, God's greatest gift of nature, and is used in the field of the windows as a symbol of fruitfulness, plenty and joy.

Red is a symbol of martyrdom and of holy zeal, and is used on the shield of the four evangelists as a distinguishing mark of their commanding position among the disciples.

MUSIC FOR MARCH.

MARCH 6th.

11 A. M.—
Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Crotch*
"Come Gracious Spirit" ..... *Marzo*
8 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Stainer*
"By Babylon's Wave" ..... *Gounod*
"Out of Darkness" ..... *Rossini*

MARCH 13th.

11 A. M.—
"From the Morning Watch" ..... *Gounod*
8 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Stainer*
"Blessed Jesus" ..... *Dvorak*
"He was Despised" ..... *Haendel*

MARCH 20th.

11 A. M.—
Te Deum in G ..... *Mosenthal*
Benedictus ..... *Crotch*
Jerusalem ..... *Parker*
8 P. M.—
Nunc Dimittis ..... *Stainer*
"When Thou Comest" ..... *Rossini*
"Send Out Thy Light" ..... *Gounod*

MARCH 27th.

11 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat ..... *Buck*
Gloria ..... *Gounod*
"Behold I Tell You a Mystery" ..... *Wood*
"Sanctus" ..... *Gounod*
8 P. M.—
Magnificat in E ..... *Parker*
"Easter Song" ..... *Maunder*
"Hosanna" ..... *Granier*
"Hallelujah Chorus" ..... *Haendel*

The Sunday School.

We have just mailed to the Diocesan Board of Religious Education the report of our Sunday School. It is cheering to record that we have a total enrollment of 175 scholars, teachers and officers, with an average attendance, both summer and winter, of about 100. During these recent winter months we have added ten new scholars, besides adding four new teachers. This gives us the hopeful view, particularly those of us who have been with the school many years, that though we teachers and officers may pass on, yet our loved school will continue in the same place with its good work.

This is deeply impressed upon us today as we older ones gather at the funeral services of our faithful fellow-worker and teacher, Mrs. Virginia Vanderslice. Few of us are left who can look back on all her years of loving service in the Vineyard of the Master. But many, many, by the hundreds, of little folk and young women, grown up now, will today think with affectionate memories of her loving Christian ministrations.

There will be a teacher's deepest joy felt the first Sunday in March when the Bishop holds Confirmation Services in our church, and Miss Eccles, Miss Lufbarry, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Kennedy and Miss Trussell, of our school, see fruition in their work, as their scholars kneel at the sacred altar. May God stir us all to a sweeter appreciation of Sunday School work, as we see these young people consecrating their lives, in the name of the Christ.

It is, indeed, stimulating to see a secular newspaper, like the *North American,* devoting several columns of the front page, daily for weeks, to the cause of the Sunday School, giving freely most excellent articles on the value to America and it's Republican Institutions, of this religious work, not only among the young but for the adult in Bible Classes of our American Sunday School. We are very grateful.

G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were twenty-three members present at the February meeting of the Auxiliary. As our time was limited our regular reports were set aside in order that we might have an address by Miss Riddell, who has established a leper hospital in Japan. It was a pathetic story she told of these poor creatures, who sometimes have the disease thirty years.

Miss Riddell bought four acres and has built small buildings in gardens, where they try to make the seventy inmates comfortable.

For several years the Auxiliary has given $10 a year to furnish food for one day. We chose St. Stephen's Day.

Miss Riddell is here now trying to raise an endowment fund. The interest on $250 will provide for the upkeep of the hospital one day.

Miss Magee has collected $324.50 for the United Offering.

The next meeting will be held March 17th.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 9.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 16.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 23.—Miss Ernst
" 30.—Mrs. D. R. Harper

Feb. 6.—Miss Gebhart
" 13.—Miss Crawford
" 20.—Miss Gebhart
" 27.—Misses Wallace

March 6.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 13.—Mrs. Brunner
" 20.—Palm Sunday
" 24.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 27.—Easter

April 3.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell
" 4.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 10.—Mrs. Atmore
" 17.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor
" 24.—Dr. Grammer

May 1.—Miss Dutilh
" 5.—Miss Williamson
" 8.—Miss Townsend
" 15.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 22.—Miss Gregg
" 29.—Mrs. Tourison

June 5.—Miss Dutilh
" 12.—Miss Gebhart
" 19.—Miss Stephens
" 26.—Mr. C. H. Colket

July 3.—Mrs. Nicholson
" 10.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 17.—Mrs. Grammer
" 24.—Miss Lindenmayer
" 31.—Mrs. Clayton

Aug. 7.—Mrs. Heberton
" 14.—Miss Shellenberger
" 21.—Miss Emma Himes
" 28.—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 4.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 11.—Mrs. Keable
" 18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 25.—Mrs. E. E. Holman

Oct. 2.—Miss Laura Bell
" 9.—Miss Maulsby
" 16.—Mrs. Sheble
" 23.—Mrs. Keable
" 30.—Girls' Friendly Society

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison
" 6.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
" 13.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 20.—Miss Bright
" 27.—Miss Eisenbrey

Dec. 4.—Mrs. Atmore
" 11.—Misses Davis
" 18.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas
" 26.—Mrs. H. P. Taylor

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11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Noonday Services daily 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.
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Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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President.
Executive Board—Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Davis, Miss Trussell.

Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans, Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Elsie Wilmott.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. H. P. Taylor.
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Second Assistant, Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—
Secretary—Miss Bertha Walshe.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesdays in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.

Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.

Senior Boys—Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mr. Keable.
Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

Wednesday Evening Club—Wednesdays at 8 P. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Clarence Austin.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
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***Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society*—Miss Elizabeth Washington.**

***Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association*—Miss Emily Bell.**

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—***The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.***

Church Calendar.

April 3.—The First Sunday after Easter.
" 4.—Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.
" 10.—The Second Sunday after Easter.
" 17.—The Third Sunday after Easter.
" 24.—The Fourth Sunday after Easter.
" 25.—St. Mark's Day.

May 5.—Ascension Day.
" 15.—Whitsunday.
" 22.—Trinity Sunday.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

March 12.—Elizabeth Flury Andrews.
" 13.—Marie Elizabeth Eissler.

CONFIRMATIONS.

March 6.—Elizabeth Shields
Anna Ziegler
Anna May Zimmerman
Elizabeth Bushman
Joseph Thomas Bushman
Helen Tudor Blackwell
Julia Neill Mayer Polk
Isabella Elliott
Elsie Mary Walter
Emma Dorothy M. Tomlinson
Grace M. Henderson
Elizabeth Florence Sauer
Bradford Steele Magill
Irene Reifsnyder
Henry Gillam Reifsnyder
Leroy Christian Hartranft
Charles Francis Zimmerman
Frank Gordon Cooper
Wm. Frank Kenton
Randolp S. Blackwell
Kathryn Edith Walter
Charles D. Stewart
Lorenz Ernest Riedel.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March 1.—Virginia Vanderslice.
Katherine Dubin Alexandroff.

Offerings received from the Fourth Wednesday in Lent, March 2nd, 1921 to Easter Day, March 27th, 1921, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Missionary Box	$115 37	
Diocesan Missions	60 18	
Bishop's Fund	64 46	
Decorations and Altar Society	69 95	
Parochial Maintenance	97 44	
City Missions	51 71	
Outing Fund	315 42	
Charities	27 83	
		$802 36

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Charities	$195 60	
Parochial Maintenance	219 02	
Missions	221 55	
Outing Fund	295 07	
Theological Education	2 35	
Our work among boys	32 75	
Benevolent Society	12 75	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	266 00	
Sunday School Xmas. Festival	1 35	
Domestic Missions	2 50	
Diocesan Missions	37 30	
Foreign Missions	1 55	
Colored Missions	14 63	
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Indian Missions	1 50	
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City Missions	54 33	
Deaconess House	1 25	
Sunday School	11 50	
Girls' Friendly Society	2 00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2 50	
Woman's Auxiliary	1 00	
China Relief Fund	525 00	
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Recapitulation:

Charities	$223 43
Parochial Maintenance	316 46
Missions	221 55
Outing Fund	610 49
Theological Education	2 35
Our work among boys	32 75
Benevolent Society	12 75
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	266 00
Sunday School Xmas. Festival	1 35
Domestic Missions	2 50
Diocesan Missions	97 48
Foreign Missons	1 55
Colored Missions	14 63
Missionary Box	121 42
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FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

A Pastoral Letter.

March 20, 1921.

I had hoped that I might say a few parting words this morning. My throat has improved so much that I have expert advice that a few sentences would not injure me. But I am convinced that any prolonged vocal effort on my part would be unprofitable, affording more concern than pleasure to my auditors. I, therefore, forebear and avail myself of Mr. Keable's kindness.

My first thought was to write a sermon; and to this end I began to search for a suitable text. When I was a theological student the Bishop of Virginia used to insist that the divinity students must not preach sermons like full-fledged ministers. We had a number of mission stations in outlying rural districts, where we conducted services and exhorted the people, who called our crude efforts "sermons." We sought to *make* them sermons, for we were, of course, trying to learn to preach, as well as to help those people. Yet the Bishop insisted that laymen such as we still were, must not *preach sermons*. The difficulty was overcome by a subtle distinction. We were told by the professor in charge of the mission that a discourse on a text of Scripture was a sermon, while without a text a discourse was only an address.

I shall only make, according to this distinction, an address this morning, and it shall be brief.

Fifteen and a half years ago, October 1, 1905, I became the rector of this great city church, which possessed fine traditions and unique distinction; but had recently sustained a blow that struck it to its base in the sudden resignation of a discouraged rector, after a rectorship of a few weeks. His rectorship was so brief it has been almost entirely forgotten We must not judge any man by a single act. His career, as a whole, was helpful, and distinguished. He had fine gifts and he used them faithfully for the good of his fellowmen, and the extension of the Kingdom. But in his retreat from his task, before he had fairly grappled with it, he showed a lack of a due appreciation of the obligation of a contract. If the Vestry had treated him as he treated the Vestry we should have heard loud complaints in clerical circles. Not until I arrived on the ground did I realize how great an injury had been inflicted on the Church.

I shall not deny that the first years were very hard. I had, however, a staunch people. New organizations were created. New members came in, and gradually it became apparent that we were holding our own, and in some directions moving forward.

Nothing aided more than the envelope system. I want to thank especially those who helped me to inaugurate it. The old members proved staunch, and the new members brought us fresh zeal, and enthusiasm. When the great World War broke out, and our country drew her sword St. Stephen's Church did a work that was unparalleled. Only the other day in Baltimore a young man remarked that he would like to show me some attention to repay in some measure the wonderful kindness of Old St. Stephen's Club. There was nothing like it in the country, he said.

For whatever measure of success has marked these years, I have to thank, under God, many kind friends. It would be invidious to mention names.

I am quite aware that my rectorship will in the years to come be referred to as the rectorship in which Miss Anna J. Magee made the wonderful interior improvements, and the Burd School nearly doubled its endowment, and was put on a new basis. I believe that it will also be remembered as the time when the Wednesday noonday service throughout the year was inaugurated. And now, after fifteen and a half years of use, my throat requires a prolonged rest, and the Vestry has generously voted me a six months' holiday. In a few days I sail.

How can I part from you better than by following the example of the English host, of whom Dr. Leighton Parks tells us in his recent pleasant articles in the *Atlantic Monthly?* At family prayers at the close of the week, this gentleman used to ask his family, and servants to forgive him for any failure during the week in patience, consideration or kindness.

I have not been *wittingly unjust* to any one; but who can tell his sins of omissions? I fear I have often failed in patience. You must forgive me. If I have seemed harsh in any actions, I beg you to believe that it has always been a principle with me not to turn disagreeable decisions or actions over to others, but to assume that responsibility as one of the obligations of leadership.

As I look back over my life I thank God that He led me into the ministry. I have always claimed the liberty of the pulpit, and have always found the congregation cordially appreciative of outspokenness.

At one time I was an old-fashioned Evangelical in doctrine. In my studies as a professor at the Virginia Seminary, I became convinced that the evangelical view of the Bible was untenable, and I became an out-and-out broad churchman. My position at the great evangelical seminary became uncongenial and I was glad to resume a pastoral charge in Norfolk, from which city I came to Philadelphia. A profound theological reconstruction, such as I underwent is a very exhausting process, and the experience has given me great sympathy with people who feel the necessity of re-stating their faith in new terms. While I have abandoned most of the evangelical formulæ, I love the evangelical spirit. The older I grow the simpler seem the essential elements of religion. God is a spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth. He that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? The origin of all things must be *Love*—seeking to create intelligent objects of affection. The *source* of our redemption is clearly stated to be the *Love* of God for a sinful world. The *end* toward which all things work is the Kingdom of Love. If we live for others, we are walking in the steps of Jesus Christ. We must turn to God for help. Not merely to escape the punishment of our sins, but that He may make us into helpers of others, so that the world may be better and happier for our lives.

I shall think of you often, and pray for you regularly, while I am gone, and I ask you to do the same for me. I hope that I may return to you strengthened in body, and in spirit. I feel confident that all will go well in my ab-

sence. Mr. Keable will be in charge of the services and parochial activities, and with my approval has been invited to sit with the Vestry. Additional preachers will be brought in to aid at the Sunday services, that Mr. Keable may not be overburdened.

For many reasons I have always liked a church with rented pews. I like to call the roll, so to speak, by looking over the pews. In my first parish the pews were *supposed* to be free, but they were really reserved for certain people by prescriptive use, so I knew some of the weaknesses of the free pews. Yet recently I have had brought home to me some of the weaknesses of the system of pew rents. More and more do people resent the renting of pews in a church. The current of opinion is running against this ancient custom. It is probable that we may have to abandon it. In the meantime I beg of the renters of pews and sittings, that they will be forbearing and patient. Ought I not to go further, and ask you to be given to hospitality? When I was looking into the Diocesan journals before I accepted the call to St. Stephen's, I noted that Dr. Worcester reported all pews as free after the Lord's Prayer. We must live up to that announcement. My instruction has been free to members after eleven—continuing the old custom.

When a pew is rented in a church, it is taken with the understanding that the occupant will conduct himself in a Christian way. Where a renter flagrantly offends, the Vestry is justified in refusing to continue to rent to such a person. We must be zealous for the honor of the Church. We must be loyal to the purposes for which the Church exists. I hope that these visiting preachers, all men with a message, may bring many new visitors to our church. I bespeak for them a hospitable reception.

A real step forward will be taken, if a committee of hospitality be organized, and strangers welcomed and looked up. Mr. Keable hopes to effect something of this kind. I shall be delighted to hear of his success. I want you to have the usual Parish meeting. All the reports will be sent to Mr. Keable, and read at the meeting. I hope that the meeting will nominate to the pew-renters for election the same vestrymen who now hold office, and will fill the vacancy with some former vestryman. It is wiser to avoid experiments at this time.

One of the responsibilities of a Christian minister is to point out the duties of Christian citizenship. The support of the churches was absolutely indispensable in securing the new charter, and in electing the present mayor and city council. The price of liberty and good government is unceasing vigilance. We must remember that the innumerable offices of government will certainly be used by ambitious politicians to build up a political machine, unless they are checked. Our protection against such domination is the Civil Service Law, which aims to bestow office upon merit, and to keep men in office, if faithful and efficient. I beg you not allow yourselves to be deceived by plausibilities. A civil service law, where large freedom of selection is allowed to the administration, fails of its purpose. The personal favor of the mayor becomes too influential and the merit of the candidate ceases to be the chief consideration.

My European address will be published in THE PARISH NEWS. I sail direct to Marseilles and will join my family in Grenoble. We shall not travel extensively; but will remain in the Southern part of France or Switzerland—possibly spending some weeks in Venice and Northern Italy. I shall write letters to THE PARISH NEWS for April and May, and will ask Mr. Keable to read messages from me from time to time from the chancel.

I want to thank you most heartily for all your kindnesses and co-operation. I feel like a father leaving a family. A church does not run itself. There is more management than appears on the surface. I believe in pointing out faults privately, and in praising merits publicly. Nothing brings more reproach on the religion of Jesus than a spirit of censoriousness and criticism in a church. Jesus hated Pharisaism, and warns against seeing the faults of others, and overlooking our own—seeing the mote in our brother's eye, and not realizing the beam in our own eye. Let us avoid this.

May God bless and keep you. I hate to say good-bye. No, it is only for six months. I love this city, and this church. My heart will often turn fondly to these narrow and badly cleaned streets, where live such a staunch and patient people; where I have such dear friends and parishioners; where so many good works are being done.

Let us try to lead the lives of sincere followers of Jesus Christ, who went about doing good; who fulfilled His Father's will; who is not ashamed to call us brethren.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." *Amen.*

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Immediately after the reading of the Pastoral letter Mr. Keable, on behalf of the Parishioners, presented to Dr. Grammer a purse of $1,700 as an expression of their good will and affection.

Some Lenten Reflections.

Now that the season of Lent is past it would be well to think over what these six weeks have done to strengthen one's spiritual life. It has been good to see the crowds assembled daily, eager to hear the message, and the solemnity of Maundy Thursday, the thrill of Good Friday, followed by the exhuberant joy of the Easter Sunday, makes the culmination of this season of meditation and penitence, but church attendance alone is as nothing if the soul has not really been quickened so that the spirit of unchristian coldness, hardness and lack of charity should disappear under the warming influence of the spirit of Christ.

L. B.

The Convocation of North Philadelphia.

The Convocation of North Philadelphia will hold its May meeting at St. Stephen's, at 5 o'clock, on Tuesday, May 10th, preceded by a meeting of the Woman's Aid at 3.30. Supper will be served at 6.30, by invitation of the Parish, at which the Convocation meets, as is the custom, so St. Stephen's will have the opportunity to act as host on this occasion. Mr. Keable and Mr. Medary, the newly-elected Dean of the Convocation, will arrange for the speakers and the supper will be attended to by a committee formed for that date.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's held a meeting on March 17th, when reports were given by the delegates covering two months in most cases, owing to having had the time at the previous meeting appropriated by a speaker. Interesting and encouraging reports they were, making one wish that every appeal could be answered at once. However, all pledges up to date have been paid and special contributions also made.

The announcement that future meetings of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Auxiliary would be held in the new Church House on Rittenhouse Square, was received with joy.

Letters of thanks for missionary boxes warmed the hearts of the givers, and a letter from a Chinese student at Mahan School, Yangchow, telling of his study of the Bible, was touching indeed.

An effort is being made to raise $250, the necessary amount to support the leper hospital at Kumamoto for one day in perpetuity, *St. Stephen's Day,* and Miss Washington and Miss Headman are being encouraged by dona-

tions received, and are hopeful that all who hear of this worthy object may feel like helping St. Stephen's Parish permanently to carry on this Christian work in the House of the Resurrection of Hope.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be in the Parish House on Thursday, April 21st, at 10.30 o'clock, when Mrs. John Thompson Spencer will give her deferred address about this hospital, as she and her husband visited it when in Japan.

After the meeting and during the afternoon of April 21st until 6 o'clock, there will be a sale of jellies, cakes, etc., for the benefit of the Supply Bureau of the Diocese, and the Guild Room will be temporarily called the Blue Post Shop, following the example of a similar sale in the parishes throughout the Diocese held on different days for the same purpose.

Members of the Parish are asked kindly to contribute desired articles and then, as is usually the case, to come and buy them! Tea and cake will be served for 25 cents.

LAURA BELL, *President,*
Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's.

Report of the United Thank Offering.

Since my last report I have received $28.00 more, making a total received of $347.50. A recent communication from the Diocesan Treasurer, lays special emphasis on the importance of doubling this contribution by the next Triennial in 1922, and offers more encouragement in the fact that already we are 33 per cent. better than at the last Triennial. Hard, steady work by every one will bring the desired results. In conclusion, Mrs. Hollingsworth adds: "I want to tell you that as I come to get deeper into my work as Diocesan Treasurer, I am learning the value and power of praying for an offering." I hope all of you are learning this, too.

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

A Golden Jubilee! Fifty Years of Service.

The Woman's Auxiliary intend to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of this organization by a contribution of $50,000 to the Presiding Bishop and Council. This money will form a trust fund to be known as the Emery Fund in grateful recognition and loving appreciation of the devoted labors of three sisters: Mrs. Irving, organizer of the Auxiliary; Miss Julia C. Emery, secretary for forty years, and Miss M. T. Emery, head of the box work for many years. The income from this fund will be used for missionaries at home on furlough, for board, medical care, study or recreation.

It is hoped that every woman in the church will contribute at least 50 cents (one cent for each year).

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. William B. Campbell, Treasurer, 1711 Pine Street, or may be enclosed in an envelope and marked "Emery Fund" and placed on the alms basins.

The Mission Study Class.

The Mission Study Class of St. Stephen's has held weekly meetings during Lent, with an average attendance of twelve, augmented by visitors on several occasions, notably Mr. Keable and Dr. Worcester. Under the leadership of Mrs. Horner Smith the class devoted the time to the aim of the course, "to see the task and realize the need of grace," by studying the General Survey of the Episcopal Church and becoming more familiar with its organization, what it stands for and its needs.

The Diocesan Session for all Mission Study Classes on "The Church's Task," will be held at Holy Trinity Parish House on Tuesday evening, April 19th, at 8 P. M. Members of all the classes and their friends are cordially invited. The offering brought by all the classes will be presented at this time. St. Stephen's offering of $35 will be given to the Bishop Rowe Foundation Fund for work in Alaska.

Urges Care for Youths.

The following is from a Philadelphia newspaper of March 31, 1921:

"Because business men do not take sufficient interest in the well-being of the boys and young men who make an initial misstep, they are largely responsible for the present crime wave, Charles Edwin Fox, Assistant District Attorney, told members of the Rotary Club at their weekly luncheon yesterday in the Bellevue-Stratford.

"The speaker urged the business men to interest themselves in the 'Big Brother' movement, take a personal interest in individuals, get them positions, stimulate their interest in athletics and generally keep a kindly supervising eye over them until better citizens are the result.

"He pointed out that the source of crime was with the young, as 75 per cent. of all crimes are committed by young men. Getting at the boys is a logical course of prevention of crime, he said."

The Young Men's Club.

The congregation will no doubt be pleased to know that the St. Stephen's Young Men's Club has just completed its plans, organizing a base ball team for the coming season; this team to be known as the St. Stephen's Base Ball Club.

In view of the fact that we have no grounds of our own, we will play all of our games on the opposing clubs' fields, and it seems only right that we should equip our team with uniforms.

As the funds of "The Work Among Our Boys" have been exhausted during the winter through expenditures towards the instruction and recreation of the younger boys of the Parish, we are forced to call upon the congregation for funds to equip the older boys' base ball team.

Contributions will gladly be received by Robert T. Boyd, Treasurer, Y. M. C.

The Sunday School.

This has been one of our happiest of Eastertides. Thirteen of our boys and girls, as a result of their recent confirmation, came to their sacred communion for the first time in the church. None but the teachers who have so hopefully led them and the clergy who minister to them, realize the sacredness of this scene as they see the care-free and often apparently thoughtless young people, consecrating themselves for the first time in the memorial service of the Lord's Supper.

On both Palm Sunday and Easter, we were able, with the most beautiful of lantern slides, to show the Christ story to the school. We were also fortunate in getting several reels of motion pictures to take us to the scenes of modern Jerusalem at Easter time. We were pleased to have our parents and church friends out on Wednesday during Holy Week to repeat this pictured story of the life of the Master. We hope more of our friends will visit us on our Sunday sessions and give us the cheer of their presence.

Our annual procession into the church on the Sunday following Easter, singing our carols of the Risen Christ, was indeed successful. Mr. Keable gave us a good address. We believe we sang our hymns and carols more heartily than ever. We are always pleased on this occasion with the kindly words and presence of our relatives and friends, but particularly with the sight of former scholars of the school. Let us always make this our big, happy, reunion day.

We are glad to say that our school is very much alive. It is taking in new scholars and we are very grateful to all who made possible the gift of a potted plant to each member present last Sunday, April 3rd, as well as the delicious egg of Easter.

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

Personal mail for Doctor Grammer may be addressed to:

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Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

For the first time in many years the King's Daughters met this past month without their beloved President and leader. Attendance at our meetings was to Mrs. Vanderslice not only a duty but her greatest pleasure, and she allowed nothing to keep her away. She was indeed faithful until the end. We shall miss her leadership and her loving thought for each of us, but we shall strive earnestly to carry on our work and to accomplish even more than heretofore, in affectionate remembrance of one who always urged us to do everything "In His Name."

Meetings will be held April 6th and 20th, in the Guild Room.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the American Guild of Organists and the Fifty-first Public Service by the Pennsylvania Chapter will be observed by a special service in St. Stephen's on Wednesday evening, April 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock.

An address will be given by the Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour.

The order of service includes the following musical program:

Prelude—Consolation .....*H. Alexander Matthews*
(Music Doctor.)
(Quartet for Violin, Cello, Harp and Organ.)
Magnificat in E .....*Horatio W. Parker*
Anthem—"O Let the Nations Rejoice" *Ralph Kinder*
Organ Voluntary—Canzonetta, *Miss Frances McCollin*
Meditation .....*Harry C. Banks, Jr.*
Festal Prelude .....*Gaston Dettier*
Anthem—"Behold, I Show You a Mystery"
David D. Wood
Organ—"The House of God" .*Henry Gordon Thunder*
(Words by Carl E. Grammer.)
Organ Nocturne .....*Rollo F. Maitland*

The Wednesday Evening Club will hold its final dance for this season on Friday evening, April 15th. Tickets can be secured from Miss Marley, Mrs. C. E. Campbell or Mrs. C. Austin.

From Amherst, Va.

March 1, 1921.

My dear Mr.

I do not know whether Miss Wagner wrote you of two purchases I have made out of the fund of $11. sent from St. Stephen's. You never could guess if you do not know. She has to cut the hair of many of the little boys. She asked me for clippers and scissors and so I got her a pair of each and she is ready for business; and gets through the job in less than one half the time.

I am finding every minute of my time filled. I have a Community Teachers' Training Class with 17 Ministers, and the Baptist, Methodist, Disciples, Lutheran and our own Church are represented. The fellowship is fine and the work a great joy. Then I teach Bible History in the High School twice a week to 34 boys and girls. That too is a great joy.

Hope you and yours are well.

Cordially yours,

Thomas D. Lewis.

Benedictus es Domine.

(May be sung in place of Te Deum.)

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: praised and exalted above all for ever:

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths and dwellest between the Cherubim: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are thou on the Glorious throne of thy Kingdom: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: praised and exalted above all for ever.

Though I have read a great deal of modern inquiry I have found nothing to shake my childlike faith in the simple rescript of Christ and Him crucified * * * Never in the history of the world was Jesus of Nazareth so interesting and predominant * * * Can you discover another in word and deed, in luminous far-reaching power of speech, an example to walk by the side of this the Anointed One of your race and of my belief? * * * I would not inveigh against the Church or its ministry; I would not stigmatize temporal preaching; I would have ministers of religion as free to discuss the things of this world as the statesmen and the journalists; but with this difference: That the objective point with them shall be the regeneration of man through the grace of God.—*From "Marse Henry," the Autobiography of Henry Watterson.*

Moving Pictures and Dance.

Under the auspices of St. Stephen's Club for Boys, Parish House, 19 South Tenth Street, Thursday, April 21st, 1921, at 8 P. M. Subscription, 50 cents. Admit one.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, May 11th.

Musical Program

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APRIL 3rd.

11.00 A. M.—
"Break Forth Into Joy" .....*Barnby*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....*Parker*
"Behold I Show You a Mystery".....*Wood*
"Unfold Ye Portals" .....*Gounod*

APRIL 10th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in B flat .....*Stanford*
"Hear My Prayer" .....*Mendelssohn*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....*Parker*
"If With all Your Hearts" .....*Mendelssohn*
"I Will Lay Me Down in Peace" .....*Gadsby*

APRIL 17th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in B flat .....*Stanford*
"Thou O God Most High .....*Costa*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat in E .....*Parker*
"Oh for a Closer Walk with God".....*Foster*
"Lord, We Bless Thee" .....*Rossini*

APRIL 24th.

11.00 A. M.—
Te Deum in E flat .....*Buck*
Jubilate in B flat .....*Stanford*
"Be Thou Faithful" .....*Mendelssohn*

8.00 P. M.—
Magnificat .....*Parker*
"To the Angels" .....*Zardo*
"The Lord is My Light" .....*Parker*

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 9.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 16.—Mrs. Lamb
" 23.—Miss Ernst
" 30.—Mrs. D. R. Harper

Feb. 6.—Miss Gebhart
" 13.—Miss Crawford
" 20.—Miss Gebhart
" 27.—Misses Wallace

March 6.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 13.—Mrs. Brunner
" 20.—Palm Sunday
" 24.—Mrs. Lamb
" 27.—Easter

April 3.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell
" 4.—Mrs. Lamb
" 10.—Mrs. Atmore
" 17.—Mrs. Lamb
" 24.—Dr. Grammer

May 1.—Miss Dutilh
" 5.—Miss Williamson
" 8.—Miss Townsend
" 15.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 22.—Miss Gregg
" 29.—Mrs. Tourison

June 5.—Miss Dutilh
" 12.—Miss Gebhart
" 19.—Miss Stephens
" 26.—Mr. C. H. Colket

July 3.—Mrs. Nicholson
" 10.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 17.—Mrs. Grammer
" 24.—Miss Lindenmayer
" 31.—Mrs. Clayton

Aug. 7.—Mrs. Heberton
" 14.—Miss Shellenberger
" 21.—Miss Emma Himes
" 28.—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 4.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 11.—Mrs. Keable
" 18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 25.—Mrs. E. E. Holman

Oct. 2.—Miss Laura Bell
" 9.—Miss Maulsby
" 16.—Mrs. Sheble
" 23.—Mrs. Keable
" 30.—Girls' Friendly Society

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison
" 6.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
" 13.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 20.—Miss Bright
" 27.—Miss Eisenbrey

Dec. 4.—Mrs. Atmore
" 11.—Misses Davis
" 18.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas

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Mr. John Vandersloot, Mr. Wilbur C. Demarest, Mr. Thomas C. Martindale, Mr. Albert Heer and Mr. J. C. Wrenshall, Jr.

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Noonday Services daily 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.

(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

PRINCIPAL.
Miss M. Tappen.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BOARD OF VISITORS.

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Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockius, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey and Mrs. L. Hall.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 00 A. M.

Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.

Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Frank Whiting.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
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FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.

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Honorary Chairman—Mrs. E. R. Fell.
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Associates—Mrs. F. P. Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss Cerboni.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.
Executive Board—Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Davis, Miss Trussell.

Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans, Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Elsie Wilmott.

Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9-30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. F. Wilbur Smith, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesday in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.

Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.

Senior Boys—Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mr. Keable.
Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

Wednesday Evening Club—Wednesdays at 8 P. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Clarence Austin.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

***Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society*—Miss Elizabeth Washington.**

***Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association*—Miss Emily Bell.**

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—***The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.***

Church Calendar.

May 1.—St. Philip and St. James, the Fifth Sunday after Easter.
" 5.—Ascension Day.
" 8.—Sunday after Ascension.
" 15.—Whitsunday.
" 22.—Trinity Sunday.
" 29.—First Sunday after Trinity.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

April 24.—Sarah Ann Metz.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 1.—Henry C. Gruber and Elizabeth S. Evans.
" 28.—Robert James Brown and Ruth Ann Bates.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 23.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Atmore.

Offerings Received from the First Sunday after Easter, April 3, 1921 to the Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 24, 1921, inclusive.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$ 13 57	
Parochial Maintenance	83 74	
Benevolent Society	40 49	
		$137 80

Envelope System:

Charities	$118 87	
Parochial Maintenance	183 85	
Missions	82 55	
Outing Fund	202 90	
Theological Education	41 04	
Our work among boys	30	
Benevolent Society	83 02	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	17 45	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	75	
Domestic Missions	30	
Diocesan Missions	15 25	
Foreign Missions	05	
Colored Missions	2 56	
Missionary Box	17	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	10 36	
City Missions	3 37	
Deaconess House	25	
Sunday School	40	
Daily Vacation Bible School	10	
		$763 54

Recapitulation:

Charities	$132 44
Parochial Maintenance	267 59
Missions	82 55
Outing Fund	202 90

Theological Education	41 04	
Our work among boys	30	
Benevolent Society	123 51	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	17 45	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	75	
Domestic Missions	30	
Diocesan Missions	15 25	
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Colored Missions	2 56	
Missionary Box	17	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	10 36	
City Missions	3 37	
Deaconess House	25	
Sunday School	40	
Daily Vacation Bible School	10	
		$901 34

Summary, Wednesday Noonday Services.

From Jan. 7th, 1920 to Feb. 11th, April 7th to Dec. 29th, 1920. Forty-five Services.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1920	$ 35 55	
Receipts from Boxes	370 47	
		$406 02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Harper Printing Co.	$ 29 35	
Morton Sign Shop	40 00	
Geo. W. Jacobs (Hymnals)	34 35	
Chorister	64 50	
Bell Ringing	44 00	
Organist	102 00	
		$314 20
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1921	$ 91 82	
		$406 02

Lenten Noonday Account, 1921.

Balance on hand from 1920	$ 117 99	
Offerings for Expenses	1,125 56	
Offerings for Missionary Box	358 89	
Offerings for Diocesan Missions	60 18	
		$1,662 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Harper Printing Co.	$ 53 40	
Morton Sign Shop	38 00	
Advertising	64 95	
Bell Ringing	20 00	
Chorister	50 00	
Verger	70 00	
Hotels	83 00	
Speakers	565 00	
Organist	100 00	
Sundries	3 00	
	$1,047 35	
To Missionary Box Fund	$358 89	
To Diocesan Missions	60 18	
	$ 419 07	
		$1,466 42
Balance on hand May 1921	$ 196 20	

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter.

Sunday, April 3, 1921,
In Sight of the Azores,
10.45 A. M.

MY DEAR MR. KEABLE:

The good steamship *Patria* is moving along so quietly over the dark blue seas under a beautiful sky of blue checkered with white fleecy clouds, and I withdraw awhile into the writing room to send you and the dear people of St. Stephen's an affectionate greeting. Our first ten days were stormy, and the veil of silence must be drawn over those experiences; but the last days have been delightful. Obeying the physician's instructions I have talked only at meals, and have been rigidly silent on deck. Fortunately I have some delightful books. Now I am deep in Wells' marvelous History of the World. Its style is delightful, its generalizations are entrancing and illuminating, and I find it more fascinating than any novel in my packet. There is a French marquis on board, and it is great fun to watch the judicious manner in which he derives the maximum of pleasure from his cup of coffee and his cigarette. Like Clemenceau he is always gloved. I cannot emulate his economy of pleasure, and simply revel in Wells.

Although five days late in starting, the *Patria* is not making up time. On the contrary it is taking two days longer than on the crossing in September, when my family was on it. Then from New York to Marseilles was 14 days; with us it will take 16. We arrive at Algiers on the 8th, Palermo the 10th, Naples the 11th, and Marseilles the 13th. Mrs. Grammer will meet me there.

I am now going to have a little quiet service of my own. As part of it I shall learn by heart the 120th hymn in the New Hymnal. I shall also read the 104th Psalm, that splendid description of nature as the handiwork of God. Then my thoughts will turn to St. Stephen's. I shall hear the choir, with my mental ears, sing "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." I shall see that much loved interior with its soft lights and exquisitely refined colors. I shall hear the chant, and how vividly I shall see the congregation—"my flock" (I love the word)—the company of which I am Captain, the Teacher, the spiritual leader—and then again, my kind friends, my co-workers, who have in many ways helped me as much as I can have helped them; who have so patiently accepted my limitations and so generously appraised my services to them. I do not think that I expressed sufficiently my appreciation of that wonderful purse, that will make my holiday as free from financial care as it will be from pastoral work. I could not express myself at the time. Indeed words fail me now. Mr. Barton wisely advised me not to see the list, since through some cause I might miss some names; but assured me that there was no personal solicitation, that the gifts were entirely spontaneous, and came from many members. So would I have it. After a while the money will be spent; but the memory that my congregation felt so warmly toward me and expressed their feeling spontaneously in such a generous way will be a life-long possession and inspiration.

I regret that I could not get a letter to you for the April PARISH NEWS. I spent Good Friday visiting the New York churches, and Easter morning I attended St. Bartholomew's. It was most instructive to observe how that great choir rendered the service, and to hear Dr. Leighton Parks. I was astonished to find that he administered the Lord's Supper in only one kind. Instead of handing around the cup, he simply held it up, and said, "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, to preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Remember that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful." It seems to me that individual cups have many advantages over this mutilation of the sacrament. Dr. Park's method shows an entire disregard of our historic contention that the church has no right to withdraw the cup from the laity.

Another feature of the service that displeased me was the singing of the Te Deum in Latin, in order to fit in with the music of Dvorak. The Latin of the age in which the Te Deum was written does not compare in richness with the Elizabethan English; linguistically it is an inferior tongue. A Protestant church ought not to subordinate thought to music in this fashion. On the other hand I was perfectly charmed with the exquisitely soft *amens* of the choir. On the whole I thought that our service surpassed theirs, for they did not have a single hymn for congregational singing—not one. The only hymns were the processional, recessional, and a hymn sung a verse at a time by the choir, between the tables at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Te Deum took twenty minutes, and the service did not close till 1.20.

Let me send as a greeting from mid-ocean these lines that I learned by heart yesterday. They are by the editor of a newspaper in Franklin, Pa., W. P. F. Ferguson:

For those who fly to seek the haven's shelter,
The coastwise shoals and sands hold peril dread.
Let such reef sail and sound the foaming welter,
And hold the anchor ready at the head.

But not so we. Outbound our course is headed,
Sea room waits yon; behind us all our fears.
Free ocean's space holds nothing to be dreaded,
Nor perils lie in God's eternal years.

Welcome, then, offshore wind! Each sail home-sheeted,
The charted course true held, to sea, to sea!
Whatever comes, it shall be bravely greeted,
And nothing feared in all that is to be.

Surely that is the spirit in which we ought to journey into the future. Forgetting the things which are behind—forgetting after repenting—and reaching forth unto the things which are before, and trusting that God will not suffer us to be tried above that which we are able to bear, but will sustain, deliver and guide us to the end.

Please remember me cordially to everyone. If you can make this serve for a letter to the PARISH NEWS for May, please do so, for I foresee that it will be difficult for me to get a letter to you in time. If I can, I will. I shall look forward with eagerness to letters. I have no doubt that later news from Philadelphia will be awaiting me when I arrive in Marseilles. The wise way will be to treat my absence as simply a longer summer holiday.

Remember me cordially to your household. Mrs. Keable is really one of the staff, as our Wednesday organist. Remember me to the night as well as the morning congregation, and give my greetings to the Wednesday worshippers.

Your friend and brother in the ministry,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

VILLA BELLE DONNE,
LA TRENCHE, ISERE, FRANCE.

April 24, 1921.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

It is raining and the mountains have hidden their snowy summits. I had planned to spend this day attending in the morning mass and a Protestant service also, and a great socialist meeting in honor of Faures in the afternoon; but on going out, I found the train ran at such long intervals, and the walking was so poor that I went around the circle, for I cannot say around the corner, the streets curve so in La Trenche, and attended the Parish Church. I entered the church about 9.45 and found the curé ascending the pulpit. He first knelt and read a little litany. The soft, low, and general responses were like the rustling of the leaves of a wood. It shows that Protestantism has profoundly modified Roman Catholicism that these prayers were in French.

At the conclusion of the brief litany the members of the congregation, who were kneeling between the pulpit and the front door turned their chairs, on which they were kneeling, around, and used them for seats. The front part of the congregation sat in their chairs just as they were and turned their backs on the altar. The sermon was about twenty minutes long. The preacher was an exceedingly refined and intellectual-looking old man, small, ascetic in appearance, authoritative yet dramatic in manner. His elocution was fine, although at times he lowered his voice too much. Outside of the assisting ministers and the schoolboys, who sat inside of the chancel without vestments, there were about ten men present in a congregation of one hundred. Time does not count with these people. A little boy in a soiled surplice went around the whole church taking up the collection. The gifts were taken up in a copper receptacle with a hole in the top. Nothing but coins seemed to be inserted. After the sermon, while the preacher made his way to the chancel, the congregation stood. He was waylaid by a woman just as he was about to pass within the rails, and had quite a little talk, while all the congregation patiently waited. At the following mass I could not hear even the murmur of the celebrant's voice, he spoke so low. My feet became so cold from the stone floor that I decided to return to my pension and wait till some more propitious day for my round of vists to Grenoble's churches.

I like very much the lofty interiors of these French churches. Some of them are very old. One, St. Laurent, has in the crypt a tomb of the Merovingian era. Just think of such antiquity, of a Frenchman who lived under those kings who derived their title from Chlovis, the first French king, the convert of Bishop Remigues, to whom the Christian bishop gave the famous injunction, "Burn what thou hast adored, and adore what thou hast burnt." I sat the other day for fifteen minutes in this church and tried to realize the ages.

Of course, my most thrilling experience in the way of attending worship was in Algiers. Friday is the sacred day of the week with Musselmen, and I was fortunate enough to reach Algiers on that day. As I had never been in a Mohammedan country before and didn't care a snap for the French improvement in Algiers, compared to its monuments of Moorish civilization, I took a special guide and made my way back as quickly as possible to the Mohammedan quarter. I was fortunate to get into the mosque early enough to have a half hour of the service. Only men were allowed on the ground floor except a few venerable matrons who were permitted to crouch against the wall.

The mosque was full of worshippers who arrayed themselves in parallel lines, at right angles to the length of the mosque, and about ten feet apart. The portion of the mosque used by worshippers was covered with rugs, and before anyone stepped on a rug, he took off his shoes and washed his feet. There was a little lavatory for this purpose, behind screen-doors. The reader was intoning the Koran. The listeners at times rose, prostrated themselves, placed their faces against the rug, and then sat up again. Some performed these actions with remarkable fervor. Away back in the seventh century Mohammed began his religion with some great thoughts, viz., the oneness and sovereignty of God, and the brotherhood of all believers. He made these great truths immediately effective by announcing himself not as one of many prophets, but as the supreme prophet. "God is one and Mohammed is His prophet." This exclusive view has in the long run prevented his religion from growing. It is sad to think that the great purpose of the large congregation of devotees was not to gain knowledge of truth, or sweetness and purity of life, but to make themselves secure for the hereafter.

I attended two mosques, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The latter was very strict, indeed—no one was permitted to step on any portion of its floor unless shoeless, and no woman was permitted on its ground floor. Yet all this insistence on religious duties does not make itself felt in morals, for the guide-book informed the tourists that it was unsafe to go into the Kasba, the Moorish section of the city, without a guide. Mohammedanism is evidently a powerful religion, but it does not seem to confer peace or joy. The faces were sad; the old men looked centuries old. Never have I seen such aged looking people. Yet I doubt whether their longevity is really great. The children are set to work very early. In a rug factory I saw girls of 8 or 10 at work at the frames. The boys drive donkeys and help in manifold ways. It is sad to see the women with all their faces covered except their eyes. Never have I seen such nests of closely built houses, such narrow streets, often overarched completely, such tiny shops and such hungry humanity. I have seen something like it at Genoa and Naples, but nothing so oriental and so foreign to our civilization. Many of the doors had fine knockers and well carved archways or door-posts; often a hand would be painted above the door, with the forefinger pointing upward to ward off the evil eye. The French engineers have run water pipes most skillfully into these quarters and there are frequent hydrants, but there is a great scarcity of light and air. The windows, at least on the exterior, are few, and these iron-barred. The interior courts can only be little wells between the high walls, and I judge that disease must always be lurking in that section of the city.

Well, I must not spend this day of rest working at my desk, even if the occupation is as agreeable as writing to my dear friends at St. Stephen's. While I am here in France in the flesh, I am often back in Philadelphia in the spirit. Neither French Protestants with their restrained worship in which not even the Creed or the Lord's Prayer is said in unison, nor the Roman Catholics with their mere attendance at the mass know how delightful worship can be made with responsive readings, uplifting chants, heart-stirring hymns and prayers that make our requests and devotion known in simple and manly language to a Father whom we respect, and before whom we do not think it necessary to abase ourselves as slaves.

I have met an interesting Frenchman, who was formerly a Roman Catholic priest, a missionary in China. The system of Rome, both dogmatic and ecclesiastical, became intolerable and unbelievable, and he left his mission and abandoned the church. In time he married and became a professor of languages in Bulgaria. There the war found him. He made his way back to France and became a chaplain and useful interpreter in the French army. His knowledge of English qualified him to be an interpreter in our army also, where he met Bishop Brent and Bishop Perry, of Rhode Island, Dr. Freeman, Dr. McKim's successor in Washington, and others of our clergy. A prayer-book fell into his hands, and he has been marvelously attracted to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. It belongs to the United States and that means much. It signified to these people liberty, kindness, prosperity and progress. In Grenoble the Americans are far the most popular of all the foreigners. As Emerson said so well, America is another name for opportunity —especially to these people.

The French Protestants are cold, and I fear, proud. Their religion has in many cases become a matter of descent rather than of conviction. They look on themselves as the intellectual and moral aristocracy of France. They have not given a hearty welcome to such recruits from Rome. I took a long walk with this M. Thiebaud and his wife yesterday afternoon. Unlike many priests who lose faith, his opposition was not so much to the superstitions of Rome as to the blindness of that church. His old faith had been lost, not by the discoveries of the forgeries of the Isaderian Decietals and of the famous Donation of Constantine, nor by a critical examination of the errors of the Vulgate, nor by the study of the development of doctrine; the chief propulsive force was his grasp of the great doctrine of the Friends, that there is a Light that lighteneth every man that cometh into the

world. He quotes over and over again the Latin of the great text, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found." In the meditation of the required half hour of silence daily, he found God. He had a great illumination. In his experience neither priest nor sacrament nor the vast dogmatic system of Rome had part. Spirit met with spirit, and he felt, he knew, that he was a child of God, and that his Father was dealing with him. He has lent me a statement of another priest, a cultivated Alsatian, which shows that other priests are treading the same painful path of renunciation.

France seems to have no use for this cultivated man, and I wish that I could get a place for M. Thiebaud in some American school or college. He is a fine scholar in French, Latin and English. He is also wonderfully gifted with religious sensibility and moral courage.

I shall probably have more to say about him.

Your friend and rector,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

In the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Atmore, which occurred, after a very brief illness, on Wednesday evening, April 20th, the church lost one of its most faithful members. For over 35 years a Communicant of St. Stephen's, Mrs. Atmore was devoted to its services, zealous for its welfare, and generous in her response to its appeals. Of quiet activity and cheerful disposition she found much delight in her work in the Benevolent Society. Mrs. Atmore was greatly interested in the Home for the Homeless on Fitzwater Street, having been a manager of that home for twenty-four years, nineteen of which she acted as treasurer. Her highest qualities and those for which she will be most remembered sprang from a loving heart filled with a desire to "do good unto all." The Burial Service was read at the home of her son, Mr. Craig Atmore, and the interment took place at West Laurel Hill. Just as the body was about to be lowered into its last resting place the bells in the nearby tower chimed out the familiar strain:

"Lord through this hour
Be thou our Guide,
So by thy Power,
No foot shall slide."

And a brilliant shaft of light from the sinking sun broke through the cloudy sky as though to remind us of that "Golden Evening" which brightens in the West.

We shall think of her, as Robert Louis Stevenson wrote of "A Departed Friend:"

"She is not dead, this friend, not dead,
But in the path we mortals tread
Got some few trifling steps ahead,
And nearer to the end.
So that we, too, once past the bend
Shall meet again face to face,
This friend we fancy dead."

Report of the Benevolent Society.

The Benevolent Society opened the first Wednesday in November with a good attendance which continued during the winter. These women come in bad weather as well as good, and show the same earnest attention to their work that they have always done. We have finished in the last six months 5,252 articles.

Materials were so high and the hospitals are so in need of money they have sent us much less than usual, so we have bought materials and made bungalow dresses, children's dresses, aprons of all kinds, towels, and housecloths, selling them at almost the cost of the material, selling them as much as we could to people who needed to get them at a low rate, and our money coming back to us so that it is all spent in paying the women who do the sewing.

Two of our members have gone to their rest, Mrs. Samuel H. Austin, after a long illness, borne with great fortitude. When she was not well enough to come to us, she asked to have material sent to her and returned beautifully cut out garments.

Mrs. Robert E. Atmore left us we thought well. She had been in the Society many years, always showing the deepest interest, accomplishing so much in her quiet, peaceful way. Two of our most lovely members have gone from us and will be deeply missed.

As we grow older the other side seems very near, and we wonder whether we will be allowed to meet them again and all do better work together there.

Good accounts come from our President, Mrs. Grammer and we hope to have her with us when we open next November.

I was very much touched by a lovely little address being made to me at our last meeting, when I was presented by the Society with two beautiful garden aprons, and I am glad to express my gratitude in my report.

We are all happier if we have a hobby and mine is my garden.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA L. EWING,
Vice-President.

May 11, 1921.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MAY 11, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from Edw. W. Moore, Accounting Warden...	$416 05	
Cash received from Edw. W. Moore, Accounting Warden ..	364 72	
Cash received from Edw. W. Moore, Accounting Warden ..	7 02	
Cash Donation from Rev. George C. Carter	25 00	
Cash Donation from Sales	796 11	
Total Receipts		$1,608 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Materials	$624 98	
Paid for Sewing	608 34	
		$1,243 32
Balance on Hand		$ 365 58

Note—The above statement does not include donations of material received from time to time from Miss Cornelia L. Ewing.

ISABEL P. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,
Wm. J. Kirkpatrick.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The usual seven meetings of St. Stephen's Auxiliary have been held, beginning with the communion service preceding the first meeting in October. Report was made of the acknowledgment of the gift of a motor boat to Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Ancell, of Yangchow, China, toward the purchase of which St. Stephen's Auxiliary had contributed twenty-five dollars.

Report was also made of the result of the garden party at Wyck in June last, at which fair St. Stephen's had a table in conjunction with other parishes, when the thousand dollars made were given in amounts of five hundred dollars respectively to the Free Church of St. John and All Souls' Church for the Deaf.

A former pupil of the Burd School, now married and living in Cuba, visited the Auxiliary at this meeting and made a contribution to the treasury, and the money was sent to Miss Ashhurst's School in Guantanamo, Cuba, thus being bread cast upon the waters.

Mention should be made of the stimulus given St. Stephen's branch of the Church Periodical Club through having heard Mrs. A. F. Kempton, President of that Club in the diocese, address the Auxiliary at the November meeting.

Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast, Secretary of the Church Service League, explained the workings of the League and how it extends beyond the parish to the community, diocese, nation and the world, embracing every opportunity for service.

Alaska was the subject discussed at the January meeting by Miss Alice Wright, who brought many native-made articles to illustrate her talk about work among the Indians and the Mission at Neuana, and the sum of twenty-five dollars was given toward its support.

Miss Riddell, of Kumamoto, Japan, was the speaker at the meeting in February, and enlisted the sympathy of all who heard her. Her suggestion that St. Stephen's Auxiliary should permanently support the Leper Hospital on St. Stephen's Day instead of providing for it annually on that date, is being acted upon, and the necessary amount of $250 lacks but $41 to complete the fund. This insures the payment of all expenses of the hospital on St. Stephen's Day in perpetuity, a pleasant thought to dwell upon in connection with the afflicted patients for whom the prayers of St. Stephen's Auxiliary are offered at the Christmas season, and the Auxiliary is remembered in the same way at that time in Japan.

In March the delegates gave full reports covering two months, showing that all pledges had been paid, and the announcement that future meetings of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary would be held in the new Church House, 202 South Nineteenth Street, was received with great satisfaction.

On April 21st, Mrs. John Thompson Spencer, a former parishioner, added interest to the project of the Leper Hospital fund by telling of her visit to that hospital when recently in Japan, and emphasized the esteem with which Miss Riddell is regarded by the Japanese Government for her philanthropic work

for the lepers. Following the meeting a sale of food and fancy articles was held for the benefit of the Supply Bureau of the Diocese, and the room never looked more attractive, set with tea tables under the care of Mrs. Lucas and Miss Van Dusen. Business was brisk at first in the morning, but only four members of the parish came for afternoon tea, a great disappointment to the committee who spent the day in the Parish House. However, the amount of sixty dollars was realized as the result of the sale and sent to the Supply Bureau, to represent St. Stephen's participation in the new system organized.

In addition to such active work the delegates have attended many meetings in the diocese, all day conferences at St. Stephen's and Holy Trinity, Educational Day, Bishop Brick's Fund presentation, United Thank Offering services and other devotional meetings. There has been an average attendance of twenty-four members with the addition of three new members and four lost by death.

A Mission Study Class was held during Lent with Mrs. W. Horner Smith as leader, the text-book used being the Survey, and at the Diocesan Session of all Mission Study Classes Mrs. Clemens presented the offering from St. Stephen's Class of thirty-five dollars for the Bishop Rowe Foundation for work in Alaska.

As soon as one phase of work is finished another is taken up, and next month interest and support by attendance are asked at the Garden Party to be given at Wyck, corner Germantown Avenue and Walnut Lane, on Thursday, June 9th, from 2 until 8 o'clock.

St. Stephen's will have a table for fancy and domestic articles at this fair in co-operation with several other parishes, and tickets are to be sold at 25 cents, which includes admission to the rose-garden. The object is to raise one thousand dollars as was done last year, and the beneficiary will be Emmanuel Church to help rebuild this, the oldest church in Kensington, now falling to pieces.

After this the members of the Auxiliary will probably separate for the summer, with the hope of a reunion in the autumn with renewed energy and interest in the work each one is called upon to do on earth for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

May St. Stephen's continue constant in well-doing, dear *old* St. Stephen's, beautiful *new* St. Stephen's.

LAURA BELL,
President, Woman's Auxiliary,
of St. Stephen's.

The last meeting of the Auxiliary for this season was held on April 21st, with twenty-four members present.

Our Treasurer reported the endowment fund we are trying to raise for Miss Riddell's Leper Hospital has grown to $153.00.

Miss Farrell announced the receipt of a check for $250.00 for a day's endowment from a friend in Camden to whom Miss Farrell had told the story of Miss Riddell and her work.

Miss Magee has collected $352.00 for the United Offering. This came from eighty-eight contributors.

Mrs. Clemens reported over two thousand members enrolled this year in Mission Study Classes in the Diocese.

Miss Roberts received $5.00 from the Girls' Friendly for books for St. Paul's College, Tokio. She read a letter acknowledging books and magazines that she had sent to the Recreation Hut at Camp Dix.

Mrs. Higham reported having given $10.00 from St. Stephen's toward a fund to help clear the debt on an industrial school for colored students at Ford Valley, Georgia.

Miss Washington has collected among her friends, nine victrola records to send the American boy in the leper hospital.

Miss Campbell has received $43.50 towards the Emery Fund. So our work goes on in every field.

Mrs. John T. Spencer was our speaker for the day. She has visited Miss Riddell's hospital and came to tell us of the wonderful influence Miss Riddell has been, and is now, in Japan in changing the attitude of the country towards these afflicted lepers.

Our annual election was conducted by Mr. Keable. The incumbent officers were re-elected except our Vice-President. Mrs. McKeehan sent in her resignation on account of illness, and Mrs. Frank H. Whiting was elected to fill her place.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Secty.*

Report of Women's Auxiliary, May 1921.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at opening of year	$ 42 34	
From members	240 11	
Envelope System	151 50	
Church Funds	300 00	
Mission Study Class	35 00	
Sale for Blue Post Shop	60 00	
		$828 95

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	$ 14 50	
Stationery and postage	7 66	
Diocesan Missions	107 66	
Foreign Missions	152 66	
Domestic Missions (Including $35 from Mission Study Class)	164 66	
Indian Missions	147 66	
Colored Missions	145 30	
To Blue Post Shop	60 00	
		$800 10
Balance		$ 28 85

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct. May 11, 1921.
Emily K. Campbell,
Alverta S. Van Dusen.

In addition the Auxiliary raised $16.00 for the Chinese Famine Fund by the sale of "stamps," and has raised $209 towards endowing one day in Miss Riddell's Hospital for Lepers at Kumamyto, Japan. Forty-one dollars yet remains to be raised as $250 is the goal.

Emery Fund.

RECEIVED:

Miss Laura Bell	$10 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barton	5 00
Mrs. Lucas	5 00
Miss Williamson	3 00
Miss Headman	50
Mrs. Herman W. Schulz	1 00
Mrs. Brunner	2 00
Miss Maulsby	50
Mrs. Pancoast and Mrs. Reath	5 00
Mrs. Hewson	2 00
Miss Van Dusen	50
Mrs. Barcjinsky	50
Miss Ditmars	1 00
Mrs. Higham	50
Miss Margaret Davis	50
Miss Isabel Davis	50
Miss Louise B. Edwards	1 00
Miss Eisenbrey	1 00
Miss Sarah Eisenbrey	1 00
Miss Emily Bell	2 00
Mrs. Keable	1 00
Mrs. Whiting	2 00
Mrs. Clemens	50
Miss Roberts	50
Miss Magee	50
Mrs. Elizabeth Martin	50
Miss Farrell	50
Miss Elizabeth Davis	50
Miss Ella B. Dwier	2 00
Mrs. McKeehan	3 00
Mrs. W. B. Campbell	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Kuhn	50
Mrs. George Donehower	50
A Parishioner	5 00
Mrs. Arrison	1 00
Miss Dutilh	25 00
April 11th, 1921	$87 50

Contributions to this Fund may be sent to
MRS. WM. B. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer,*
1711 Pine Street.

United Thank Offering.

The seventeenth annual service of the women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the presentation of the United Thank Offering was held on April 28th, at 10.30, in the Chapel of the Mediator. The Rev. Philip Endicott Osgood in his sermon briefly spoke upon the unitedness, the power of thankful giving, the sacramental offering of self, and the real value of each gift being represented only by the relatedness of the motive behind it.

Bishop Rhinelander was the celebrant at the communion service which followed. After the recessional hymn, the total of the second presentation of the United Thank Offering for this triennium was announced as being $11,-112.25.

Immediately after the service a meeting for the parish treasurers was held in the Parish House, with Mrs. John Hollingsworth, Diocesan Treasurer, in the chair. Mrs. Hollingsworth, in her brief address, stated that the total for the two years of this triennium was $32,516.45, but added that the presentation of last year was $21,404.20, which included a few large individual thank offerings. She further emphasized three points: First, the missionary ideal, the whole church for the love of God, working for the salvation of the whole world. Second, the goal of $125,000 for the total of this triennium, which has a large balance for Pennsylvania, to accomplish in this and next year. Third, more individual givers, and an honor roll parish, where every communicant would make some offering, large or small, and make it with prayerful heart.

St. Stephen's offering was $400 and represented 88 subscribers. Can we not in the

year to come, put our beloved St. Stephen's on the honor roll Parish? Cannot every woman communicant be represented in this United Thank Offering?

Very truly yours,

ANNA J. MAGEE,
Treasurer.

April 12, 1921.

Missionary Box.

The Missionary Box Committee was late in beginning its work this year on account of reorganization and the death of its much-beloved chairman, Mrs. Samuel H. Austin. A new chairman was appointed by Dr. Grammer, also new members on the committee. Interesting and grateful letters have been received from recipients of the boxes.

May 5, 1920, Balance on hand	$ 17 36
Nov. 10, Received from Edward W. Moore, Warden from Noonday Lenten Services and the Envelope System	436 58
	$453 94

EXPENDITURES.

Nov., Box to the Rev. James T. Jeffreys, Charleston, Virginia	$158 16
Dec., Diocesan Supply Bureau	25 00
Feb. 1921, Box to the Rev. F. J. Chipp, Riverton, Wyoming	252 48
Balance on Hand	18 30
	$453 94

ALVERTA S. VAN DUSEN,
Chairman and Treasurer.

Audited and found correct. May 7, 1921.
ROBT. T. BOYD.

Kumamyto, Japan.

Through the interest aroused in Miss Riddell's Hospital for Lepers in Kumamyto, Japan, by a member of St. Stephen's Auxiliary Mrs. Caleb J. Brinton, Jr., has endowed a day, March 16th, in memory of her husband. The interest of this amount will feed the patients at the hospital on that date (yearly), when Miss Riddell reminds them of the donor and of the one in whose memory the gift has been made.

St. Stephen's hopes very soon to complete the amount needed to endow "St. Stephen's Day."

ELIZABETH C. WASHINGTON.

April 30, 1921.

Altar Society.

The Altar Society presents its 27th Annual Report.

The Superintendent reports the usual routine work of the committees and that during the past year fifteen purificators and four stole collars were made for St. Stephen's.

The Misses Eisenbrey presented a gift of hand-made lace for the Altar and Credence Table, and Miss Swift presented a gift of fine linen, of which eight stole collars were made by Miss Maulsby.

The Treasurer submits the following:

Balance on hand May 12, 1920	$ 46 33	
Received Dr. Grammer	50 00	
Received Balance of Easter Decoration Fund 1920	163 92	
Received Easter Decorations, 1921	179 81	
Received Memorial Flower Fund	105 00	
Total		$545 06

EXPENDITURE.

Flowers	$104 50	
Palms	3 00	
Express on Palms	1 50	
Calendars	4 50	
Fruit for Thanksgiving	7 00	
Dusters, etc.	1 16	
Purificators	3 00	
Easter Decorations	96 00	
Plants for Sundays	33 75	
Repairing Stoles	10 13	
Repairing Stoles and Surplices	4 50	
		$269 04
Balance on hand May 11, 1921		$276 02

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

It is delightful to be able to report a renewed interest in the activities of this organization and a regular attendance during this Lenten season exceeding that of previous years.

The death of Mrs. Austin and of Mrs. Atmore, two of the original members of the Society, will be deeply felt, as the success of our work in the past has been largely due to their active interest and generosity, their unsolicited gifts of money and garments being received each year long in advance of our working season.

Miss Lewis reports much distress among her people owing to the cessation of employment in factories and mills. It is, therefore, a satisfaction to know we have left a well filled closet to help her in comforting and alleviating many cases of want and distress.

Two pieces of outing flannel were presented to the Society; also gifts of money. One hundred and thirty garments and 50 miscellaneous articles were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand April, 1920		$ 09
Received:		
Dr. Grammer	$10 00	
Baby Fund	6 33	
Parishioner	5 00	
Parishioner	1 36	
Mrs. Atmore	5 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Barton	10 00	
Mrs. Isabelle Phillips	1 00	
Members of Aid Society	50	
Mrs. Boyd	1 00	
		$ 40 28
Expenditures		39 09
Balance on hand May 11, 1921		$ 1 19

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL, *President.*

The Sunday School.

The past year in the Sunday School has been very encouraging. While we have lost several teachers we have found others to take their places and thus kept our teaching force in good shape. These winter months have brought us in 19 new scholars and in our competitive plan for a "better and a bigger" school we hope, under the present cheerful outlook, to close the winter sessions July 1st with an enrollment of 200 scholars, teachers and officers.

Our school never closes but has a session every Sunday morning, summer and winter. In the summer we always had two sessions, the extra one being every Sunday afternoon at the farm, which we miss so much. Our winter session closes with an outing, which last year was at Willow Grove and more than successful. We are looking forward to an equally good time on our excursion the last of the coming June.

Our entertainments and social features have taken place with the accustomed joy. We have been represented always at the Sunday School institutes and conventions. We were made most happy at the recent missionary offering meeting of the Diocese at Holy Trinity by exceeding our last year's Lenten gifts to the Mission Cause.

Our Easter carol service and procession into the church, the Sunday morning after Easter, proved our continued interest, loyalty and activity; but the Confirmation service is the one that shows the fruition of Sunday School work at its best. This spring when the Bishop came our teachers were made most happy by having thirteen of those who were confirmed, from the school, thus again showing how the church should value this never-failing well-spring which brings into its communion and membership every year our boys and girls, keeping it ever young with their buoyant aspirations after the Christ ideals.

Our Mother's Day celebration of May 8th, should have had out every member of the church to have witnessed the talent and spontaneous co-operation of those who took part in the dialogue and tableaux. Not forgetting the rendering of those sweet hymns by Miss Grace Luffbarry, nor the delivery of the lines by the princes and young girls; none of us will soon forget the fine picture of "Mother and Child," their exquisite posing in the scene by Mrs. John Mearns and her little daughter Virginia. So with pageantry and play we are planning to develop the Christian character in our schools as well as by appropriate lessons from the Sacred Scriptures each Sunday.

On Sunday morning, June 12th, "Children's Day," the Primary Department, under the efficient leadership of Miss M. Corrigan, assisted by her faithful teachers, will occupy the main school platform, with songs, recitations and tableaux. So come all who will and be happy with us. We are very grateful to all our friends of the church for their financial assistance. But, besides a few new teachers, will you kindly assist us in adding new scholars to our membership? We can accommodate all ages, from babies on Miss Sinclair's Cradle Roll and the little ones in the Primary Department, to the adults in Mr. Klink's Bible Class.

So again we say, come join us or send some one and help make our school grow "Better and Bigger."

Faithfully,

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

May 11, 1921.

Sunday School Expenses, 1920.

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1920....	$110 82	
From E. W. Moore, Warden	323 12	
		$433 94
DISBURSEMENTS.		
To H. F. Cooke, Music	$23 75	
Miss F. Fisher, Music	32 50	
Jacobs & Co., Leaflets	59 91	
Margolis Bros., Eggs	13 50	
Breyer Ice Cream Co.	8 20	
Greathead & Co. Programs	37 75	
Sundries	12 18	
Geo. H. Streaker, Slides	7 00	
Picnic:		
T. Martindale	2 40	
J. Wolfe, Provisions	32 78	
Car Fares, etc., per Geo. H. Streaker	49 00	
Breyer Ice Cream Co.	13 91	
		$292 88
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1920.....		$141 06

Sunday School Offerings Account.

Jan. 1st to December 31st, 1920:		
Class Offerings	$140 44	
Interest on Bond and Deposits..	2 40	
Lenten Offering	165 80	
Advent Offering	20 36	
		$329 00
DISBURSEMENTS.		
To Edward W. Moore, Warden.		
April 20, 1920, Lenten offering for Missions	$165 79	
Dec. 17, 1920, For General Missions	138 85	
Dec. 29, 1920, For Diocesan Missions	20 36	
		$325 00
Balance on Hand Dec. 31st, 1920		$ 4 00

Sunday School Christmas Festival.

RECEIPTS.		
Dec. 30, 1920, from E. W. Moore, Warden..		$196 65
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Dec. 31, 1920, Quaker City Choco. Co.	$115 75	
To E. T. Candy	14 00	
To M. N. Candy	1 60	
Jan. 19, 1921, Geo. H. Streaker, Costumes, Carols, etc.	30 70	
		$162 05
Balance on hand May 12, 1921		$34 60

R. ETHEL KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

The Girls' Friendly Society.

Another year has passed in the history of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, a year filled with both work and pleasure.

The Branch meetings are held every Monday evening from the first of October until the end of May.

Our speakers this season have been: Mrs. Edward Parker who, on the evening before the election when women first exercised the right of franchise, explained "The Marking of the Ballot;" Miss Betson, who told of the proposed G. F. S. Rest Room it is hoped to have in Washington in memory of our first national president, Mrs. Thomas Roberts; Miss Anne Earle, who gave a beautifully illustrated lecture on Norway.

At Christmas the Branch made and sent:

15 Hand knitted sweaters.
21 Hand knitted caps.
2 Hand knitted scarfs.

to the French orphans.

55 Large well filled stockings.
9 dressed dolls.
55 Children's books.
107 toys and games.

to the Philadelphia Hospital.

The Social Service Worker there tells us that nothing that comes to the hospital throughout the year gives such joy, not only to the children but also to the nurses and orderlies, as these stockings sent by St. Stephen's Branch.

In response to appeals received the Branch has sent:

$105.00 to the Herbert Hoover Child Feeding Fund.
5.00 to the Chinese Famine Fund.
75.00 for repairs to the G. F. S. Lodge.
5.00 to St. Andrews, Porto Rico.
10.00 to The Church Hill Setterlee Settlement Hospital at Columbia, S. C.
60 Partly worn garments.
10 Pairs partly worn shoes.
27 New garments.
10 Hats.

to the P. E. City Mission.

On February 14th the Rev. Phillips E. Osgood conducted our Lenten service and gave a very interesting and helpful address.

The Lenten sewing (57 garments) was sent this year to the West Blue Ridge Mission, Jancey, Va., and The House of the Holy Child, Philadelphia.

The Married Branch Helpers met on Thursday afternoons during Lent and made 42 garments for The Home for the Homeless.

It was a very real help to the Branch Secretary to have these garments cut and parceled by the Pennsylvania Diocesan Supply Bureau.

Successful classes have been carried on throughout the season in millinery, elocution and knitting, and the ever popular suppers have been prepared and served by some of our faithful members.

Our "Special Effort," that is the money worked for by the members to carry on the mission and charitable work of the Branch, amounted this year to $388.10 and has been given to the following objects:

Episcopal Hospital (for sheets and pillow cases)	$25 00
Sister Elizabeth's Work in England	25 00
Serbian Educational Work	25 00
St. Paul's College Library, Tokyo	5 00
Little House of Saint Panteleon for support of a French orphan	36 50
Christ School—Arden North Carolina	25 00
Seaman's Church Institute (Emergency Fund)	25 00
Church Mission of Help	15 00
Children's Country Week Association	10 00
Cape May Holiday House	10 00
Memorial Flowers (Miss Wilkins)	2 00
Materials for Lenten Sewing	60 00
Beneficial Fund	50 00
Held for Missions for next year	25 00
Mr. Keable—to be used at his discretion...	34 60
Birthday present for children of a former member	5 00
Holy Comforter, Girls' Friendly Branch	10 00
	$388 10

The Branch is an annual contributor to the Travelers' Aid Society and this year has become a member of the Consumers' League.

During the war our social evenings were almost entirely given up, but this past winter we have had a number of delightful parties of various kinds.

A children's party, when the members and associates came dressed as little girls and boys, will long be remembered as an evening of almost continuous laughter and pure fun, while moving pictures (given for the first time in the history of the Branch), charades, and one-act plays with some really beautiful aesthetic dancing by the children from the Southwark Neighborhood house, furnished entertainment and pleasure on other evenings.

Our own excellent elocution class provided the Christmas, and will provide the closing night entertainment.

The G. F. S. as a society, stands for high ideals of womanhood, it believes that life should be clean and joyous, reflecting our recognition of God our Father and certainly there never was a time when Christian girls and women were more needed to help emphasize Christian standards.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from all sources	$1,330 40
Disbursements	1,035 71
Balance on hand May 5, 1921	$294 69

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.
ELLEN WILLIAMS,
LILLIAN SPIESS.

St. Stephen's Girls' Friendly Society. Report 1920-1921.

Balance on hand May 5, 1920		$ 372 86
RECEIPTS.		
Dues to date	$129 61	
Contributions	32 59	
Beneficial Fund	89 24	
Church Envelopes	139 54	
Income from Legacies	79 56	
Herbert Hoover Fund	70 60	
Cape May Holiday House	24 76	
Special Effort	383 10	
Interest on deposits	8 54	
		$ 957 54
		$1,330 40
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Expense Classes, Housekeeping, supplies, parties, etc.	$239 00	
Memorial Flowers	4 00	
Dues Central Council	68 55	
Paid to Missions	282 80	
Paid for Social Service	441 36	
		$1,035 71
Balance on hand May 5, 1921		$ 294 69
MISSION PAYMENTS.		
Lenten Sewing	$61 30	
China Famine Fund	5 00	
St. Andrew's, Porto Rico	5 00	
Satterlee Settlement S. C.	10 00	
All Saints Mis. Bontos	5 00	
Hoover Fund	105 00	
Serbian Education Fund	25 00	
St. Paul's School Tokyo	5 00	
Little House St. Panteleon	36 50	
Christ Church Home S. C.	25 00	
		$282 80
SOCIAL SERVICE.		
Holiday House	$34 76	
Seamen's Institute	40 00	
Beneficial Fund for Members in need	170 00	
Consumer's League	2 00	

Sister Elizabeth's Work	25 00	
G. F. S. Lodge	75 00	
Holy Comforter Mem.	10 00	
Episcopal Hospital	25 00	
Church Mission of Help	15 00	
Children's Country Week	10 00	
Mr. Keable, work in Parish	34 60	
		$441 36

BENEFICIAL FUND.

Balance on hand May 5, 1920	$167 95	
Receipts up to May 5, 1921	89 24	
		$257 19
Disbursements to May 5, 1921		110 00
Balance May 5, 1921		$147 19

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,
Ellen Williams,
Lillian Spiess.

Members of the Girls' Friendly Elocution Class, assisted by a few of the boys, will give two plays, "Jack O'Hearts" and "Tickets, Please," on Thursday evening, May 26th, at 8.15. Their object is to raise sufficient funds with which to buy new scenery, etc. This will surely be of interest to everyone. Subscription, 50 cents.

Burd School.

The event of paramount interest during the past year and in fact the greatest event in the history of the Burd School since its foundation in 1856 has been the sale of the old property and the removal of the school to its new premises, 4226 Baltimore Avenue. This removal was accomplished at a minimum inconvenience owing to the admirable management of our Superintendent and a formal opening of the new home was held on Saturday, December 11th. It is natural there should have been much sentimental regret and reluctance felt in leaving the old home, but when the comfort of the beautiful new premises with its modern appliances is contrasted with the remembered discomfort and often very cold rooms of the old house and generally lukewarm food during the winter months, the change is altogether a delightful one for the inmates of the school. Within a week of the removal two cases of diphtheria developed, due, without doubt, to the general overhauling and inspection of old dolls and toys. As our new premises are within city limits these cases were sent immediately to the Municipal Hospital, thus rendering a general quarantine of the school unnecessary. The children received excellent care, one child being held at the hospital for four months before a negative culture could be obtained. The only other case of serious illness was one of pneumonia. Through the kindness of Dr. Lewis the child was sent to the Woman's West Philadelphia Hospital, where she secured exceptional attention, being assigned a private room during the first two weeks of her illness and afterwards transferred to the ward for two weeks' convalescence, for which the hospital refused to make any charge.

As all dolls and toys were destroyed owing to the fear of further contagion, Dr. Grammer made an appeal to the congregation to supply the want which this destruction entailed and within a short time our little girls were once again happily mothering their dollies. Apart from these three serious cases of illness, the health of the children has been excellent and the doctor in charge considers there has been a decided improvement in their general condition during the past year.

On Saturday, April 30th, Miss Tappan extended an invitation to "Tea" to the teachers of the various schools attended by the Burd girls. It was gratifying to find these teachers so interested and the many flattering allusions to the general deportment of our girls was an indirect tribute to the influence maintained by our Superintendent.

Our Board of Visitors find their duties of inspection very pleasant as the standard of work demanded and maintained is of high excellence.

During the past year four girls have left the school and four have been admitted; at present the school has forty members.

The Burd School is a real home in every sense of the word as the happy faces and merry voices which meet one at all times amply testify.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

Report of the Mothers' Meeting.

The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church for the season of 1920-21 opened on Thursday, November 4, 1920, and closed on April 28, 1921.

The average attendance has been 55. We have lost five members by death and added 13 new names to our roll.

Though the Mothers' Meeting suffered a serious loss in the death of Mrs. Taylor on January 6th, the members have continued to show their loyalty to the organization by their interested attendance at the meetings.

The usual fair was held on December 2nd, netting $114, which the members have voted to go towards a rug for the vestry room.

Kind friends have furnished entertainment of various descriptions for many evenings.

The season ended with a delightful program of music and readings, with ice cream and cake instead of the tea and cake served at the other meetings.

The increased attendance and the addition to the roll of a number of young women encourages us to believe that the Mothers' Meeting has a real place in the activities of St. Stephen's Church.

Respectfully submitted,
B. M. HARPER,
President.

Parish Visitor's Report.

On account of the mild winter we have had there has been less suffering from lack of heat, and less insistent begging for coal. But as a balance, there has been much sickness and more deprivations, more enforced idleness and more discontent.

Little babies come uninvited into such homes where there is no work for the fathers and many children, too young to do anything toward the support of the family except selling the evening papers; yet the babies come. Other mouths to feed, other little feet to be shod. In a dismal court without sunshine, without much light, two little babies arrived, and demanded everything babies should have as their right. Yet there was almost nothing for either. But through the goodness of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's whose members made layettes for newcomers through the Lenten season, we have been able to have these little ones fully clothed and made comfortable.

Our Garment Society is helpful, and Miss Lammot, the treasurer, is always ready to buy new garments that are very much needed and that we could not get otherwise.

Mrs. Addinell Hewson made us a present of two tons of coal and some bundles of extra good clothing for which there was great need. Mrs. Brunner sent us a check, part of which bought a ton of coal, and the rest was used for a person in great need.

The Misses McAllister and Mrs. Joseph Clayton gave some warm clothing which was thankfully received.

Miss Gebhart's annual memorial has been given to us regularly for years. We spent it for the families where the fathers were out of work. On Thanksgiving Day seven families were remembered by receiving groceries or some other necessity.

On Sunday before Thanksgiving Mr. Carrigan brought to me a gentleman, a stranger, who asked for the name of a family to whom I would like a Thanksgiving dinner sent. The woman I selected for the gift received it and wrote me as follows:

"I am writing to tell you that I received the box you gave my name for, and I just tell you it was the most wonderful box I ever received in all my life. It certainly was up to date in every way; nothing lacking, even to a turkey. Just imagine, a great big one at that, and a lot of odd things. I can't think of them all. I am so thankful I don't know how to say it, only this, I am sure that God put it in both your hearts to think of me. Please do thank the Gentleman that gave it to me."

This woman has one daughter subject to epilepsy and now although grown she is not able to work. Another daughter, twenty-six years old, works very well for a while, then stops and won't work until she takes a notion again. Of course, she is not well balanced. The mother is obliged to take care of them. This she does by scrubbing offices.

Many, many letters of thanks have been received for the bountiful baskets that were sent out on Christmas. A woman writes: "Christmas week I suffered more than I can tell with asthma. Well, one afternoon I felt worse than ever, so in desperation I brought out the Christmas box of candy which was in the basket. A few pieces of candy remained and I gave it to my little boy to keep him quiet. The paper was in the box and after a while he was saying to himself, 'Good-bye, old Christmas, here you go in the fire, but we can be thankful, Christmas, you will come again.'"

Last summer St. Stephen's Farm was very much missed; nevertheless, we had a very

happy time with several picnics which *all* enjoyed, for *we* included the mothers, sisters and brothers of the children. A number of our older women were sent to the Mercer House, Atlantic City, for two weeks. They all had, as one of them expressed it, "an ideal time."

One of our women has been fortunate enough to get in the "Indigent Widows and Single Women's Home," 3615 Chestnut Street. She had saved a good part of the money necessary, and Dr. Grammer made up the balance. Another of our women who has just been received in the same home, is a trained nurse. She fell and broke her hip many years ago and has had to go on crutches ever since. Some of her wealthy patients and some friends in St. Stephen's made up the $400 needed to get in the home.

Some time ago we placed three little brothers in the Lincoln Home. The mother, a young widow, without means of support, except what she earned, was thus left with but one child to look after. The boys had been in the home only a few months when the mother took it into her head she could support them herself. Notwithstanding all Dr. Grammer and the rest of us could say to the contrary, she persisted in taking the boys home. I have always taken a deep interest in the mother, as I taught her in the Parish School. After a time she found she had made a mistake in trying to support and look after the boys. I certainly thought they would go to destruction, but we often find that what we think is the worst thing that could happen turns out for the very best, as in this case. The boys names were put on the list for admission to Girard College. When their turn came around they passed the examination and were admitted. One of their teachers, Miss Dare, is a member of St. Stephen's Church and reports they are doing well. The third little boy will be admitted to Girard College, we hope, when old enough.

As I look back over the past year I am grateful to Mr. Keable for the great interest he has always taken in the work. We have had problems which it was really necessary for him to decide—one court case, and several where the fathers were out of work, rent overdue and the constable expected if some help was not forthcoming.

On Wednesday morning, just before the service, a letter was handed to Mr. Keable from one of our poor families, all the members out of work, asking for the loan of money to pay rent as the constable was expected in less than a half hour. We hardly knew what to do, as we do not make a practice of doing this, but in this case, we took the chance. About three weeks ago on Sunday morning, Mr. Keable had an envelope handed to him with the whole of the rent, gratefully returned. That made us both very happy, as we felt we had not been deceived.

Each week brings its round of duties; visiting the hospitals, the well and the sick at home, distributing clothing and other necessities to those in need.

Respectfully submitted,
KATE H. LEWIS.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.
Whatsoever Circle.

YEARLY REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May, 1920.....	$18 25	
Received interest on Patton legacy.	71 53	
Donations from members for Christmas baskets	5 00	
Dues and contributions from members	14 32	
		$109 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Episcopal Hospital	$ 2 00	
Christmas baskets	5 00	
Flowers for sick, etc.	4 00	
Donations to special cases	3 35	
State and County dues	2 50	
Fund for Rector	5 00	
Refreshments—social evening	4 45	
Purchases of materials, etc., during year	42 34	
Donation to Home for Aged Couples	14 32	
		$ 82 96
Balance on hand May 4, 1921.....		$ 26 14

The garments which we took to St. Christopher's Hospital last spring were so much appreciated that it has been a pleasure to work again for the same cause, and during the past winter we have made and hope to take to the hospital early in June the following articles:

10 petticoats.
11 bibs.
5 dresses.
12 napkins.
3 kimonos.
2 washrags.
2 large postal card albums, filled.

B. T. W.

Church Periodical Club.

The past year has been a busy one and the work has grown steadily, but surely, all the time. More of our people are coming to know the purpose and aim of the work. It is seldom that a week passes without an offer to help along the good cause.

Besides the large number of current periodicals now being sent regularly by our faithful members, many books and magazines have gone out from the Parish House.

Money was collected and packages of Christmas cheer sent to those who otherwise might have had nothing to brighten their holiday season.

Four boxes, three of them filled with new and fresh toys and games for children, and one with warm, knitted articles for the grown folks, were sent to St. James' Indian Mission, at Cannon Ball, North Dakota.

Another package of toys and games went to the Rev. Mr. Beer, at Santo Domingo. All were most gratefully received.

Miss Elliott, in charge of the Mission at Cannon Ball, said in her letter to us: "Just imagine my joy when I found that we were to receive these gifts from St. Stephen's. It means that our children will have the happiest Christmas they have ever had and I can hardly wait for Christmas to come."

Fourteen bright and clean children's story books, contributed by a generous church member, were mailed to St. Agnes Settlement House in Kensington.

Deaconess Morris, in acknowledging the gift said: "We have, indeed, cause to be grateful to you. They are precisely the kind of books of which we are in such great need."

Books and magazines have been sent for the use of the soldiers at Camp Dix, N. J.

A letter of thanks from Chaplain Hill, Headquarters 26th Infantry, says that "the Regimental Recreation Hut serves over 1,500 men. They especially enjoy story magazines, and, on account of the long distance from communities large enough to look after the 11,000 men of our camp, the huts are a very important and necessary part of our work. I hope you will find it possible to interest others in this good work."

Bundles of magazines are being sent through Captain B. B. Dorry, Room 427, Post Office Building, to the seamen employed on lightships and in lighthouses along our coast.

Packages of bright, cheery magazines are taken to the sick and convalescent in the hospitals and homes throughout the city.

Ten dollars was contributed towards the purchase of books for the library of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, Japan.

Half of this amount was very generously given by the members of our Girls' Friendly Society.

Quite recently a box containing 37 good novels was sent as St. Stephen's gift to a branch of the Seamen's Institute Library, conducted by St. Andrew's Church, at Tampa, Florida.

Mr. Cavanaugh, on receiving it, wrote: "Yours is one of the most complete libraries sent here."

Thus through its reading matter the Church Periodical Club offers an opportunity to reduce ignorance, to lighten suffering and to express Christian friendliness, touching the lives of many thousands every year and reaching to all parts of the world.

The report for the year January 1, 1920, to January 1, 1921, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

January, 1920, Balance	$ 22	
Received from donors	66 51	
Received from Rector's fund	10 00	
		$76 73

EXPENSES.

Postage	$ 5 45	
Express	11 07	
Contents of Christmas boxes	25 00	
To Diocesan Treasurer	4 00	
Sundries	13 40	
Balance	17 81	
		$76 73

Current Periodicals sent regularly	75
Contributors of same	40
Books of all kinds sent	141
Magazines and papers	998
Christmas and Easter cards	350
Miscellaneous, including tracts, catechisms, pictures, games, scrap books, etc.	1526

Ten institutions of our own Diocese were aided.

MARY M. ROBERTS, *Librarian.*

Report of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

The Vacation Bible School held at St. Stephen's Church in the summer of 1920, was the eighth consecutive successful season.

The school opened Monday, June 28th, with a good attendance. It was in session six weeks, closing August 6th. Total enrollment 115; daily average attendance, 55.

Of the children enrolled, 39 were Protestants, 48 Catholics and 28 were Jewish. They were between 1 and 14 years of age. Americans, Greeks, Hebrews, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Polish, Italians and Russians were the nationalities represented.

The usual staff of teachers, which were the manual training and kindergarten teachers, together with the principal, were in charge of the school.

Interest was added to the school when the boys and girls tried to see who could bring in the greatest number of new children. The spirit of rivalry was quite keen.

During the early years of the history of the Bible School held here, it was necessary to resort to unique ways of introducing the school to the children, who were found to be numerous in our nearby courts and narrow streets. Announcements were made in a nearby public school. Moving picture places advertised the school. Cards were printed and given to children as they were passing on the streets. Every summer it was also necessary for the principal to spend a few hours each day after the school closed, looking along the "highways and byways" for children, so as to tell them about the school. Now in recent years these tactics do not need to be resorted to. The children in this vicinity know of the school and dearly love it. They eagerly tell other children about it. Announcements are sent out to the children a few days before the school opens and upon opening day, one wonders if the school has ever been closed, owing to the number present. The children never forget the school, and the good the school has done for them. Every summer a child or two returns as a visitor. They return as visitors as now they are unable to attend the school because they have either moved out of the city or else are working.

A daily order of exercises has been outlined, to avoid confusion, as well as to secure the proper amount of change and variety for the children. The order of exercises in the Bible School was as follows: Nine-fifteen to 9.30, doors open and registration. Devotional exercises were then held, after which a few minutes were given to "Habit Talks." Just before these "Habit Talks" are given the kindergarten children go out to their room where they remain until closing time. The music period followed the "Habit Talks." The moral and spiritual purpose of the school is kept in view through the music activity. The Bible period came next in order. The supreme purpose of the school is to develop clean Christlike characters in boys and girls. Thus the daily Bible lesson is not to furnish dogmatic or sectarian teaching, but elementary Christian instruction that can be applied to the daily life of the young, who are exposed to the temptations of the streets.

At the end of six weeks one is quite impressed with the number of Bible stories the children remembered and also the number of Bible verses they memorized. The number of songs and hymns that they remembered is also amazing. The manual period followed the Bible period. In this time, the object is not only to make things but to build character. Slurring over mistakes in basket or bead work, in fact any work at all that they are engaged in, is steadily discouraged. The children are trained to respect material that does not belong to them. Unselfishness is developed in them by inducing them to work for the pleasure and comfort of the sick and crippled.

At 11.25 and 11.30 closing exercises are conducted. These consist of the salute to the flag, the singing of "America" and the children's benediction being said or sung.

Owing to the advance in prices the total cost of the school, including salaries and materials, was $150.

There is no doubt that the Vacation Bible School has been proven a success. Not long ago, at a mass meeting of Sunday Schools conducted at the Academy of Music, it there was pointed out the value of a Vacation Bible School. It is needless to say that our school at St. Stephen's has made a deep impression upon the children.

Preparations for the coming season have already been started. The children also are eagerly looking forward to the re-opening of the school and have already been inquiring about it.

The school will open this year on Monday, June 27th, and will close on Friday, August 5th.

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

Daily Vacation Bible School.

Financial Report, 1920.

Balance from 1919	$ 63 53	
By Check, E. W. Moore, Warden ..	111 87	
		$175 40

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Checks to Charlotte Nodine for Teachers and Materials	$150 00
Balance on hand, Dec. 1920	$25 40

FREDERICK B. KEABLE, *Treasurer.*

The Convocation of North Philadelphia.

Tuesday, May 10th, was a busy day at St. Stephen's, as the Woman's Aid of the Convocation held a meeting at 3.30 o'clock in the Parish House. The Convocation assembled at 5.00 in the church, at 6.30 dinner was served in the Sunday School building to 117 clergy and delegates, and as the Psalmist says, "Great was the company of the preachers."

The newly-elected Dean, Rev. Henry M. Medary, presided, and addresses were made by Bishop Hulse, of Cuba; Rev. Gilbert Pember, Rev. Dr. Ferrant, Rev. Frederick B. Keable and Miss Laura Bell, President of the Woman's Aid. A feeling of good fellowship prevailed.

The "Amen."

One of the most beautiful and inspiring parts of the musical service at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday mornings is the choir's rendering of Stainer's "Seven Fold Amen." It is given at the close of the morning prayers before the sermon.

The first chords are in slow reverent tone as of the congregation in unison with the voice of the clergyman in the closing prayer.

Then as minister and people remain on bended knees the organ notes swell in force and grandeur, and, in the words of Revelation, as "The voice of a great multitude saying 'Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and power be unto our God for ever and ever.'"

It seems as if the whole world must be assembled in worship—one vast congregation united in prayer and praise and the "Amen" ascending from earth to the Everlasting Gates. The repeated notes in lower, tender cadence reverberate as an echo that enters the heart of each listener.

To one as the seven "Amens" of Revelations and to another as the "Amens" to the Seven Words of the Cross.

Memorial Flower Fund.

Jan.	2.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	9.—Misses Kirkpatrick
"	16.—Mrs. Lamb
"	23.—Miss Ernst
"	30.—Mrs. D. R. Harper
Feb.	6.—Miss Gebhart
"	13.—Miss Crawford
"	20.—Miss Gebhart
"	27.—Misses Wallace
March	6.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
"	13.—Mrs. Brunner
"	20.—Palm Sunday
"	24.—Mrs. Lamb
"	27.—Easter
April	3.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell
"	4.—Mrs. Lamb
"	10.—Mrs. Atmore
"	17.—Mrs. Lamb
"	24.—Dr. Grammer
May	1.—Miss Dutilh
"	5.—Miss Williamson
"	8.—Miss Townsend
"	15.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
"	22.—Miss Gregg
"	29.—Mrs. Tourison
June	5.—Miss Dutilh
"	12.—Miss Gebhart
"	19.—Miss Stephens
"	26.—Mr. C. H. Colket
July	3.—Mrs. Nicholson
"	10.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	17.—Mrs. Grammer
"	24.—Miss Lindenmayer
"	31.—Mrs. Clayton
Aug.	7.—Mrs. Heberton
"	14.—Miss Shellenberger
"	21.—Miss Emma Himes
"	28.—Miss Laura Bell
Sept.	4.—Misses Kirkpatrick
"	11.—Mrs. Keable
"	18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
"	25.—Mrs. E. E. Holman
Oct.	2.—Miss Laura Bell
"	9.—Miss Maulsby
"	16.—Mrs. Sheble
"	23.—Mrs. Keable
"	30.—Girls' Friendly Society
Nov.	1.—Mrs. Arrison
"	6.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
"	13.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
"	20.—Miss Bright
"	27.—Miss Eisenbrey
Dec.	4.—Mrs. Atmore
"	11.—Misses Davis
"	18.—Mrs. Petry
"	25.—Christmas

Rev. Frederick B. Keable

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Lay Reader, Mr. George H. Streaker,

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Vestry.

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J. B. Van Dusen, Jr., *Rector's Warden.*

Mr. J. Hunter Ewing
Mr. C. L. McKeehan
Dr. Addinell Hewson
Mr. Robt. T. Boyd
Mr. Craig Atmore,
Prof. Emory R. Johnson
Mr. Chas. S. Calwell
Dr. Herbert Old
Mr. Roland S. Morris
Mr. Howard Reifsnyder

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Altos.

Mrs. Louise Underhill Vail, Mrs. Edna C. Smith, Mrs. Carl Mankey, Miss Lulu Gruner, Miss Dorothy Silver and Mrs. Mary Morrison.

Tenors.

Mr. Horace Clement, Mr. Robert H. Roberts, Mr. Leavitt H. Smith, Mr. Adley B. Nichols and Mr. Leonard McGarvey.

Basses.

Mr. John Vandersloot, Mr. Wilbur C. Demarest. Mr. Thomas C. Martindale, Mr. Harry H. Watson and Mr. J. C. Wrenshall, Jr.

Verger.

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Noonday Services daily 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

Trustees.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

Principal.

Miss M. Tappen.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

Board of Visitors.

Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Chairman; Mrs. Frank H. Whiting, Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Charles S. Calwell, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss M. McDowell, Miss Mary DeHaven Bright, Mrs. Jay M. Whitham.

Benevolent Society.

All meetings at the Parish House.

Officers.

President—Mrs Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President—Miss Cornelia L. Ewing.
Directress and Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Isabel P. Davis, 202 North 34th Street
Managers—Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. Colket, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Cutting Committee.

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Miss Hutchinson, Miss Bockius, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. McKeehan, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey and Mrs. L. Hall.

Parcelling Committee.

Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10:00 A. M.

Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.

Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church.

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Frank Whiting.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Runnymede Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Elia Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Addinell Hewson.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Elizabeth Washington.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.

DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Miesse, Miss V. Zeilin.

TREASURER UNITED OFFERING—Miss Magee.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY—Miss Anna Farrell.

Missionary Box Committee.

Honorary Chairman—Mrs. E. R. Fell.
Chairman and Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.
Associates—Mrs. F. P. Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

Altar Society.

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss Cerboni.

St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.
Executive Board—Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Miss G. Luffbarry, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Davis, Miss Trussell.
Intermediate Class—Miss Elsie Traul.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans, Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Elsie Wilmott.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Holman.
Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Pianist—Mrs. I. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. F. Wilbur Smith, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

Meets first and third Wednesday in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.

Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.

Senior Boys—Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—
Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

Wednesday Evening Club—Wednesdays at 8 P. M.
President—The Rector.
Vice-President—The Associate.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Clarence Austin.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the *Pew.*

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Nov. 1.—All Saints Day.
" 6.—24th Sunday after Trinity.
" 13.—25th Sunday after Trinity.
" 20.—Sunday next before Advent.
" 24.—"Thanksgiving."
" 27.—First Sunday in Advent.
" 30.—St. Andrew's Day.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

July 27.—Anna Mary Zane.
Sept. 4.—Calender Price Kochersperger Whidden
" 11.—William James Bell.
Oct. 9.—Clarence George Falen.
" 23.—Henry Gillam Reifsnyder.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

May 14.—Robert Thomas Boyd, Jr. and Bessie Mead.
" 28.—William J. Minford and Elizabeth Atkinson.
June 2.—Paul B. Hartman and Grace Luffbarry.
" 4.—John Hancock Arnett and Katharine W. McCollin.
" 11.—Charles Tregear and Margaret E. Cover.
" 20.—Samuel Nicholl and Maud Wilson.
" 22.—Arthur Hoodley and Charlotte Evans Shepler.
July 6.—James O. O'Brien and Laurine Firth.
" 16.—Charles P. McGinley and Mable W. Batty.
" 19.—Andrew J. Price and Caroline Riley.
Aug. 2.—Frank O. Toy, Jr. and Elizabeth M. Bergerson.
" 5.—Charles J. Ebaugh and Marion Jones.
" 17.—Ronald Earl Ross and Dorothy Mary Whitman.
" 20.—William Perkins and Marion L. Gordon.
" 20.—Emmett Lee Held and Naomi Stonesifer.
Sept. 10.—Frederick J. Wood and Margaret I. Kraft.
" 21.—William Brady and Mary M. Greely.
Oct. 8.—John Struthers Dunn and Marguerite Lautonbach.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

May 4.—Lambert F. Mitchell.
June 28.—Mrs. Mary E. (Warren) Child.
July 6.—Louis Schum.
" 9.—Miss Clara Weber.
" 15.—Ernest Isitt.
Aug. 4.—Harry J. Smith.
" 15.—Mrs. Jane F. O'Donnel.
" 22.—Mrs. Rosanna Lemley.
" 23.—Rutif Van Brunt.
" 25.—Josephine B. Barton.
Sept. 5.—Mrs. Lithian H. Dean.
" 13.—Samuel Moore, Jr.
" 24.—John W. Trinkle.
Oct. 11.—Miss Emily Dutilh.
" 13.—The Rev. Frederick B. Keable.

Offerings Received from the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 1, 1921, to the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, October 30, 1921.

Offerings placed in the Alms Basins, exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$174.72	
Parochial Maintenance	380.83	
Work among Boys	104.85	
Domestic Missions	29.72	
Sunday School	77.21	
Girls' Friendly Society	10.85	
Daily Vacation Bible School	19.67	
		$797.55

Envelope System:

Charities	501.31	
Parochial Maintenance	1,388.40	
Missions	708.96	
Outing Fund	6.96	
Theological Education	7.79	
Our Work Among Boys	118.73	
Benevolent Society	78.19	
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	2.25	
Sunday School Xmas Festival	12.60	
Domestic Missions	48.22	
Church Pension Fund	1.25	
Diocesan Missions	21.00	
Foreign Missions	.85	
Colored Missions	1.90	
Missionary Box	.35	
Indian Missions	57.36	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	6.70	
City Missions	4.16	
Deaconess House	6.85	
Sunday School	162.87	
Girls' Friendly Society	53.31	
Daily Vacation Bible School	75.89	
Woman's Auxiliary	44.11	
Armenian Relief	1.00	
		$3,311.01
		$4,108.56

Recapitulation:

Charities	$675.73
Parochial Maintenance	1,769.23
Missions	708.96
Outing Fund	6.96
Theological Education	7.79
Our Work Among Boys	223.58
Benevolent Society	78.19
Endowment Fund St. Stephen's Church	2.25
Sunday School Xmas Festival	12.60
Domestic Missions	77.94
Church Pension Fund	1.25
Diocesan Missions	21.00
Foreign Missions	.85
Colored Missions	1.90
Missionary Box	.35
Indian Missions	57.36
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	6.70
City Missions	4.16
Deaconess House	6.85
Sunday School	240.08
Girls' Friendly Society	64.16
Daily Vacation Bible School	95.56
Woman's Auxiliary	44.11
Armenian Relief	1.00
	$4,108.56

CARL E. GRAMMER, *Treasurer, Pro-tem.*

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I cannot tell you how pleasant it is to take my pen in hand and write these words. I feel as if I had, indeed, come back to health when I resume my old tasks. The preparation of a sermon in such a means of grace that it was as if I had been deprived of one of the chief aids to a religious life in my exclusion from the pulpit for so many months. It is good to be back; it is good to take up the old responsibilities; it is good to become vocal once more and deliver the message that God has taught me; it is good to meet once more my dear friends and parishioners, to be back at my post; it was good to visit Europe, but it is better to be home.

I have spoken at a Sunday morning sermon in the church of my appreciation of Mr. Keable's work at St. Stephen's, and of my affection for him. We were friends as well as coworkers, and I shall always be grateful for the affectionate welcome that he gave me not long before he died. It was my privilege to remain beside him till he had ceased to recognize anyone. All of us deeply sympathize with Mrs. Keable in her great loss, and with Mr. Keable's aged mother who, in spite of her 86 years, came on to his funeral. May God support and comfort them. I print below a memorial notice of Mr. Keable, and also a letter from Mrs. Keable. I have asked Mrs. Keable to continue to be our organist on Wednesdays and at the Lenten Services. I shall be content to rely on temporary aid for a season. Mr. Boyd has kindly consented to take care of the envelope system till January first.

Our parish is surely in need of a larger building for its parochial activities. During the summer the question was under consideration of building, or renting, a Community House under the care of St. Stephen's. A promising plan is now under consideration. Any announcement would be premature at this time, but matters have gone so far that the committee is at work distributing bags to hold pennies, and a bazaar or fair will be held on December 8th at the Bellevue-Stratford. An official announcement and list of the heads of the committees is published elsewhere in this issue. Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder is the chairman.

Our church can only prosper and render useful service by planning large things. There is no great need for the usual style of church and parish house on Tenth Street near Market. What is needed is a church that addresses itself not merely to parochial problems, but that concerns itself with the problems of the city and nation (*urbi et orbi*); that renders a large service to the community, and seeks to meet men's needs, irrespective of their creeds. We want a parish house that will also be a community house, that will not only shelter and provide room for our parish activities, but also enable us to reach the boys in the streets, the girls in the shops, and if possible the students, medical and pharmaceutical, the clerks and toilers of all sorts who are all around us in their boarding-houses. It is a great task, but it is also a great opportunity.

I am obliged to ask for the annual contributions to the Church Work Fund. This fund provides me with the services of a secretary, with stationery for the office, and finances the PARISH NEWS, which has become much more expensive, with the increased cost of printing, but is none the less an essential medium of communication. It also enables me to move freely in many ways in helping in parish activities. Some faithful and most generous subscribers have passed away, and I hope that the members of the church will not overlook this appeal. I have already received $100 from Mr. Reifsnyder, $50 from Mr. Barton, and $10 from Mrs. Lucas. These acknowledgments are printed in the PARISH NEWS, as the only businesslike way of acknowledging such gifts. A mere private note is nothing. No one could check up my accounts and show that all my receipts are properly accounted for, unless there was some method of proving that all contributions were duly recorded. We accomplish this by publishing an acknowledgment of all such contributions.

I have laid down the following rules for the Verger, which will be posted on the Parish House door: This Parish House will be open from 9.30 to 1, and from 3 to 5. It will also be open in the evenings for the regular meetings.

It is useless to 'phone to the church before 9.30 or between 1 and 3. The doors of the church will be opened fifteen minutes before all services. Arrangements for special services should be made with the Rector, who will be in the vestry from 11 to 12.30. The telephone has been set up again at the rectory. The number is Filbert 3939.

I must not close without a tribute of affection and gratitude to the members who have gone to their rest since I left. Mrs. Atmore was a wonderful woman, so quiet, so wise and so helpful. She will be greatly missed in the Benevolent. A generous helper of good causes and a truly Christian character. Mrs. Vanderslice was the head of our King's Daughters, and for many years a teacher in the Sunday School. She also gave much time to the Shoe Fund. We shall feel the loss of her sympathetic spirit. She was the centre of quite a band. Mrs. O'Donnel was a brave and

staunch mother who brought up successfully a large family. Her infirmities had long prevented her from attending church.

In some cases death is unmistakably a good angel. This was true in the case of Mrs. Rosanna Lemley, one of the oldest members of our Mothers' Meeting, and Mr. Samuel Moore, Jr. Mr. Moore was one of my first friends in the parish; a man of unusual gifts for friendship and social fellowship. He suffered much, but he was never embittered by his pains, and only grew ever more and more trustful and resigned to tread his painful way to his Father's house. Mr. Trinkle was a helper of our church, who for years contributed most generously in memory of his wife. Miss Dutilh was one of the oldest of our members. She has left St. Stephen's $1,000. She was another example of the refining and uplifting power of suffering rightly endured.

We are the poorer for the loss of these friends; but we are the richer for the example of their lives, of their patience under pain, of their resignation to God's will. I can only trust that others will come in to take their places and carry on the good work.

It has been good to see the fine attendance at Mrs. Patterson's class in the practice of the presence of God. Her message of the privilege and blessedness of walking with God, communing with God, and drawing help constantly from an unseen, but ever present Friend is a lesson that we sorely need in this bustling age. Let us keep an outward calm, a sanctity in our hearts. Our tasks are too great for haste, too high for rivalry and God is with us to direct our steps.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

Church Work Fund Appeal

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I must appeal to you for your annual contribution to the Church Work Fund. Through this fund I conduct my office, and help on many of the activities of the church. A rector is in a very hopeless position unless he has an official purse that he can use in this way.

Only this week I have had occasion to fall back on this fund. An unusually gifted missioner was willing to give a mission at St. Stephen's. She exacted no stipulated fee, but is dependent on her work for her support. I promised her what I ascertained to be the usual amount; relying on this fund I was able to go ahead promptly with the class, which is successful and growing. If the class contributes the full amount, I will be repaid.

Out of this fund I started a dancing class of young people last year that proved a great success. The young are entitled to social pleasures, and the church should provide them.

The older members are very loyal in their steady contributions to this fund. I make these specifications for the newer acquisitions to the parish. You have always been very generous in the past, and I am going to ask you to be as generous as possible with me this fall, for until I get another minister to work beside me, I shall require additional secretarial assistance. Moreover, the expense of printing has increased very much. Please draw your checks to the order of Carl E. Grammer, Rector.

Cordially yours,
CARL E. GRAMMER.

The death of Mr. Keable on Monday, October 10th, came as a great shock to the parish and Mr. Keable's many friends. It was the general hope that God would grant the prayers for the recovery of this useful worker in His vineyard. But though prayer is potent, it is not omnipotent. God has use for His faithful servant elsewhere, and he was taken from us.

Frederick Brymer Keable was born May 28th, 1872, in Wimbledon, England, of English stock on both sides. Left fatherless at fourteen, he worked for a time in the Bank of England, where he doubtless acquired his remarkable accuracy with figures. At the age of seventeen he emigrated to America. His musical voice early gained him reputation as a chorister. He always expressed a desire to enter the ministry. This wish came to the knowledge of Bishop Frederic Dan Huntington, of Central New York, who had him trained in his diocesan divinity school at Syracuse. In 1874 he was ordained deacon.

After charges in New York at Manlius, Norwich and Jordan, he accepted a call to be vicar of St. Timothy's, South Philadelphia, a chapel of St. James' Church. Here he met and married Miss Rose Ethel Whidden. In 1909 he became rector of St. Luke's, Bustleton, where his civic zeal made him a leading spirit in obtaining a new public school building, and a better water supply for the town.

In 1916 he accepted a call to be the Associate in St. Stephen's Church. By this new title he was given a more dignified position than is usually accorded to an assistant minister. The Sunday School and the work among young men and boys were especially committed to his care. When the rector left for a six months' absence in Europe, he turned over the entire administration of the parish to Mr. Keable, who presided at the vestry meetings and participated in the discussions. The work prospered under his care, especially the Wednesday noonday service, and he was looking forward to a well-earned holiday, when he was taken ill on September 16th.

During his illness he received many tokens of the warm regard of the congregation of St. Stephen's, and of the attendants at the services of the church.

During the World War he did an extraordinary work in Old St. Stephen's Club, where he was a leading spirit and indefatigable worker. Thousands of boys came under his influence, and knew something of his pastoral care. He was also the inaugurator and first director of St. Stephen's Club for newsboys and other little merchants of the street.

The funeral service was conducted in St. Stephen's Church by the rector, the Bishop of Pennsylvania and the Coadjutor Bishop attending, with many clergy of the diocese. The Vestry of St. Stephen's were the honorary pall bearers. Young men of the Church's Club were the active pall bearers. The burial was beside Dr. Rutter in St. Stephen's lot at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

A remarkable son, a devoted husband, a sincere Christian, a helpful and loyal friend, a faithful and useful minister, he has left behind an example that is a blessing and an inspiration.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Club, held Tuesday evening, October 11th, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Our beloved President and Friend, has been called from his labours here by the Master whom he so faithfully served, we desire fittingly to express our love and gratitude for his unfailing devotion to his work with us, and his constant efforts in our behalf, and

Whereas, His Christian character and honorable and upright life, will ever serve as an inspiration to us, to emulate him in our future lives and conduct;

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Young Men's Club of Old St. Stephen's Church, do hereby tender to his Wife and Family, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

WALTER R. MCGOWAN, *Secretary.*
ROBERT T. BOYD, *Treasurer.*
FRANK G. COOPER, *Vice-President.*

DEAR DOCTOR GRAMMER:

I want to thank you for your many kindnesses to me in my great sorrow, and for the happy years my dear husband spent as your associate.

I know quite well that they were the happiest of his career, and his joy through your placing such confidence and trust in him during your absence was unbounded. The loyalty of St. Stephen's congregation and your own commendatory letters from abroad made for him the happiest summer of his ministry.

He seemed in the best of health all summer, eagerly looking forward to the first Sunday in October when he would again assist you at the Lord's table, and then return to you the trust unbroken.

May I ask you to express my appreciation to the congregation for their loving sympathy and kindness during my husband's sickness and since my bereavement?

I know God is giving me strength to bear this great trial, and I hope that I will soon be able to return to St. Stephen's and find comfort in the church and with the people Mr. Keable loved.

Ever so cordially yours,

ROSE ETHEL KEABLE.

Oct. 19, 1921.

On Armistice Day, November 11th, the church will be open all day. A service will be held, beginning at 11.45 and closing at 12.30. The moments of silence will commence at 12 o'clock. A chorus of eighty male voices from the Fortnightly Club will render a special anthem.

The Annual Memorial Service of the 103d Engineers, Companies B and E, will be held this year on Sunday, November 13th, the nearest Sunday to the Armistice, according to precedent, at 8 P. M. The Rector has been requested to preach the sermon.

Rev. Frederic P. Houghton, former Chaplain of the 103d Engineers, will take part in the service. A special musical program has been arranged by Henry Gordon Thunder, organist of St. Stephen's.

A Bazaar for the benefit of St. Stephen's Community House will be held on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, December 8th, at the Bellevue-Stratford. Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder, Chairman, has secured the use of the Clover Room and the Red Room.

Committees for the Bazaar. The following assignments have been made:

Cake.—Mrs. Whiting.
Infant's Wear.—Mrs. E. W. Moore.
Hot Dogs, etc.—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.
Christmas Cards, Books, Stationery, etc.—Mrs. Wm. L. Baily.
Fortune Teller.—Miss Crawford.
Supper.—Mrs. Robert Boyd.
Tea.—Mrs. Donald Torrey.
Miscellaneous Articles, (Mother's Table)—Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Higham.
Fancy and Practical Articles, (Benevolent Society)—Mrs. Grammer and Miss Ewing.
Sweaters, Stockings, etc., (Woman's Auxiliary)—Miss Laura Bell.
Girls' Friendly Society.—Mrs. Lucas, Miss Van Dusen.
Children's Table.—Mrs. Calwell.

Donations for the Bazaar are earnestly requested, and may be brought or sent to the Parish House. All packages should be marked "For the Bazaar." Books in good condition will be most acceptable.

Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder invites the ladies of St. Stephen's congregation and their friends to meet at her home, 3914 Walnut Street, on the Thursdays of November, to sew for the Bazaar. Will not everyone who is able plan to devote the day or a part of the day, to this work? Guests are asked to bring scissors, thimbles, needles, etc., and a box luncheon. Coffee will be provided. The house will be open from 9 A. M. Materials to be made up may be sent to the house if desired.

The Sunday School.

Our Sunday School is open the year around. We wind up our winter and spring sessions with an annual picnic. This year we were most fortunate in being able to take the school in auto cars to Valley Forge. About 100 went. It was a glorious ride with a delicious luncheon on the picnic grounds of the Washington Memorial Chapel. Besides visiting this beautiful church we had an open-air meeting after dinner, when the Rev. Dr. Burke gave us the thrilling story of Valley Forge. We are particularly indebted to Mr. Keable and our good kind friends of St. Stephen's, who made financially possible this delightful outing.

During July, August and September there was an average attendance of about fifty to eighty scholars. The school is run during this part of the year as one big class under the leadership of the superintendent. The study this summer was the missionary work of the church. A week was arranged for some of the boys for an outing under Captain Heritage up on the Perkiomen, the older girls getting a like outing with Mrs. Nissen in charge.

Our fall session began with a "Rally" on Sunday, October 2nd, the teachers being in their classes. We had a good attendance of about 150. The Rector arrived back in time to give us a stirring address. It was a happy re-union, only marred by the serious illness of Mr. Keable; then to be later saddened by the unexpected but higher call of God for the loved Associate to his eternal home. We miss and shall continue to miss him very much.

But we can best honor his memory by pushing on hopefully for a "bigger and better" Sunday School. Our prospects are good for the winter; though one teacher has resigned, we have three new ones to take up this most important work of our church. We have important plans for bettering the coming activities of our school and will gladly welcome visitors or those who would care to assist in this part of church work.

We are indebted to Mr. Carrigan for his faithfulness each Sunday morning in helping us illustrate with the lantern and to Miss Lewis in looking after scholars and to the teachers who so kindly took leadership on several Sundays of the Summer.

The attendance of the officers, teachers and scholars of all departments of the school at the memorial service to the memory of Mr. Keable, proves their loyalty and their appreciation of his sincere, earnest and loving pastoral care and interest in the Sunday School.

Faithfully,
G. H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.
Whatsoever Circle.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

The Circle has held two meetings this season, and we are again working on garments for the little folks at St. Christopher's Hospital. We would like to increase our membership, and will welcome any who would care to meet and sew with us. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, from 7.30 until 9.30.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

On Sunday, October 16th, a Corporate Communion was celebrated by members of the Woman's Auxiliary all over the United States. It was well attended in St. Stephen's by our Branch.

Our first regular monthly meeting was held October 20th, in the Parish House. Dr. Grammer conducted our short service and made a few remarks of high tribute to Mr. Keable, after which we sang Mr. Keable's favorite hymn, "O Lamb of God, Still Keep Me."

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Hewson, and adopted by the Auxiliary:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove Rev. Frederick B. Keable from the scene of his earthly labor and pilgrimage, and to take him to that heavenly home of those who fulfill His will, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church should express its appreciation of the beautiful character of Mr. Keable, who won the respect and esteem of all who knew him and were privileged to come within the sphere of his influence.

The many friends who mourn his loss will always remember him as a loyal minister of Christ, a helpful spiritual leader, an untiring and conscientious worker, and a typical example of a true Christian who has gone to his reward.

A wreath of pink roses was sent as a last tribute by the members of the Auxiliary.

The speaker at the first meeting was Mrs. Ramsaur, who was our own Miss Conway. She told us of her little hospital building in Liberia, which she had built for five hundred dollars, since she was here five years ago, in which she has given medical treatment to between eight and ten thousand patients. The Auxiliary voted twenty-five dollars to her work.

The reports of our own delegates show there is much active work to be done this year.

Miss Magee has collected $79.00 from 25 donors, as her beginning of the United Offering Fund.

During the summer the Auxiliary has lost two members by death—Miss Dutilh; and Mrs. Thomas Lee.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

Church Visitor's Letter.

The past summer has been an unusual one, as there was much suffering among the working people, due to lack of work, labor strikes, and the continued rise in house rents.

Many cases have been brought to our attention, some of whom have never applied before for help in any way, and conditions at times were most alarming.

One family in particular included eight children, with not one old enough to help in their support. The father worked about seven weeks in six months, and in fact was not able to do even that, as he was suffering from a severe case of diseased mastoids. We took him to Jefferson Hospital for treatment, and as his was a serious case, an immediate operation was necessary. It is good to record that the operation was successful.

During the summer we housed and fed the family with the assistance of Mrs. John Coats Browne who has been very generous, and has taken a great deal of interest in this special case, as the mother of the family is well known to us, having been working for the Benevolent Society for fourteen years.

Mrs. Moore has also been very kind in sending groceries and provisions to them, and has interested some of her friends in their behalf. Each of the children had the pleasure of a two weeks' stay in the country through her kindness.

The father at present is working on a small building operation, which will help them out for a short time. Yet assistance is greatly needed for them and a number of others equally in want of assistance.

At present the outlook for the coming winter is not very encouraging, and I want to make a plea for the Garment Society (especially for children's undergarments). Will not some of the members of our congregation kindly remember us in these needs, now that the winter is advancing? I assure you that any wearing apparel will be most gratefully received.

Sincerely yours,

KATE H. LEWIS.

Garden Party at Wych.

Acknowledgments of gifts and thanks to the members of St. Stephen's who kindly took an interest in the garden party and fair at Wych in Germantown last summer are here tendered. Those who attended the bazaar on that ideal day in June will be interested to learn that after paying expenses, one thousand dollars were given to Emmanuel Church in Kensington, the cornerstone of the new building having been recently laid, and one hundred dollars went toward the furnishing of a room in the Seamen's Institute, as a testimonial to Rev. Dr. Caley, the former dean of the Northern Convocation.

The proceeds from the sale at St. Stephen's table and tickets sold through the parish amounted to one hundred and seventy-five dollars. The table was in charge of Miss Louise B. Bell, Mrs. John Coats Browne and Mrs. T. B. Clemens.

As is probably known, an annual entertainment is arranged by the twenty-three parishes of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, to help one of the missions in that district, and St. Stephen's is glad to do her part through the Woman's Aid.

LAURA BELL,
President of the Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Phila.

Church Periodical Club.

The magazines from our St. Stephen's go to Alaska, to the South and West, to remote areas in all parts of the world, and bring cheer to many homes. We have now 42 contributors sending regularly 90 periodicals. It's a little trouble to mail them always on time, but I am sure it pays, for we are constantly receiving most interesting letters of thanks and appreciation.

Special requests this month are for the Atlantic Monthly and The Pilgrim, Harper's and Century. Then, too, Christmas is coming, and, as at this time last year, we are collecting toys, games (or money to buy the new ones) to be sent to the little children of the Sioux Indians, at St. James Mission, Cannon Ball, North Dakota. Last year we were able to give them "the happiest Christmas they ever had." Will you not help to do the same this year?

Contributions will be gladly received at the Parish House by the Librarian.

MARY M. ROBERTS.

Basket Ball.

Mr. Keable, having answered his summons to that mysterious realm, by the Master Architect, has not entirely left us. His charming personality and untiring energy has consecrated a memory in the hearts of the younger folk that will not soon be lost.

It is not given to all of us to be able to capture the hearts of our future citizens, as our dear Pastor and President succeeded in doing. If no other worldly credit be given him this success will carry his memory through the coming years.

With this thought in mind Old St. Stephen's Club has started what is hoped will be a very successful Basket Ball season. They secured the services of some of the best players in the city. The management hopes that by filling in the weak spots of last year's team, he will be able to defeat some of the leading teams of this vicinity.

St. Stephen's has an unusual situation as far as Basket Ball is concerned. The fact that there are not many young men in the congregation who take any active part in the social organization of the Church, makes it necessary for these organizations to draw on strangers for their membership. The Manager of the Basket Ball team is trying to overcome this difficulty by making St. Stephen's prominent among the leading teams, thus making it interesting to every one, male and female, young and old, who take any interest in sports.

It is to be hoped that the members of the Parish will take notice of this and come out and give the boys a little encouragement.

"The Hospital of the Resurrection of Hope."

It has been our habit for some years past to provide the food for one day for the patients of the Leper Hospital of Kumamoto, Japan, St. Stephen's being the day chosen and $10.00 the amount required. When Miss Riddell, the wonderful English woman who started and for years has carried on this work, addressed our Auxiliary meeting last spring, she inspired us with so much enthusiasm that we decided to endow St. Stephen's Day, and so have this permanent link between our church and this appealing work. We now have $230 of the $250 required in hand. Will not one or several of our congregation complete this sum, that it may be forwarded to Miss Riddell before St. Stephen's Day draws near?

It has been the custom at the service at the Hospital on that day to remember our parish in their prayers. Let us not forget them in our prayers on St. Stephen's Day. It was Miss Riddell's idea to change the name of "Leper Hospital," to the beautiful one of the "Resurrection of Hope."

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MUSICAL PROGRAM.

NOVEMBER 6th.

11.00 A. M.—

"O Holy Jesu" ..... *Luoff*

8 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Martin*
"I am Alpha" ..... *Stainer*
"Then Shall the Righteous" ..... *Mendelssohn*

NOVEMBER 13th.

11.00 A. M.—

Te Deum ..... *Norris*
Jubilate ..... *Whiting*
"Silent and Alone" ..... *Henrich*

8 P. M.—Special Service:

3rd Annual Service, 103rd U. S. Engineers.

NOVEMBER 20th.

11.00 A. M.—

Te Deum ..... *Norris*
Jubilate ..... *Whiting*
"Come Gracious Spirit" ..... *Nargo*

8 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Martin*
"Out of the Deep" ..... *Marks*
"All Men" ..... *Mendelssohn*

NOVEMBER 24th, THANKSGIVING.

10.30 A. M.—

Te Deum in E flat ..... *Buck*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
"A Song of Thanksgiving" ..... *Allitsen*

NOVEMBER 27th.

11.00 A. M.—

Te Deum ..... *Norris*
Jubilate ..... *Whiting*
"He in Tears that Soweth" ..... *Hiller*

8 P. M.—

Magnificat ..... *Martin*
"Hear Ye Israel" ..... *Mendelssohn*
Trixagion and Sanctus ..... *Hawley*

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND.

Jan. 2.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 9.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 16.—Mrs. Lamb
" 23.—Miss Ernst
" 30.—Mrs. D. R. Harper

Feb. 6.—Miss Gebhart
" 13.—Miss Crawford
" 20.—Miss Gebhart
" 27.—Misses Wallace

March 6.—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 13.—Mrs. Brunner
" 20.—Palm Sunday
" 24.—Mrs. Lamb
" 27.—Easter

April 3.—Mrs. W. B. Campbell
" 4.—Mrs. Lamb
" 10.—Mrs. Atmore
" 17.—Mrs. Lamb
" 24.—Dr. Grammer

May 1.—Miss Dutilh
" 5.—Miss Williamson
" 8.—Miss Townsend
" 15.—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 22.—Miss Gregg
" 29.—Mrs. Tourison

June 5.—Miss Dutilh
" 12.—Miss Gebhart
" 19.—Miss Stephens
" 26.—Mr. C. H. Colket

July 3.—Mrs. Nicholson
" 10.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 17.—Mrs. Grammer
" 24.—Miss Lindenmayer

" 31.—Mrs. Clayton
Aug. 7.—Mrs. Heberton
" 14.—Miss Shellenberger
" 21.—Miss Emma Himes
" 28.—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 4.—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 11.—Mrs. Keable
" 18.—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 25.—Mrs. E. E. Holman

Oct. 2.—Miss Laura Bell
" 9.—Miss Maulsby
" 16.—Mrs. Sheble
" 23.—Mrs. Keable
" 30.—Girls' Friendly Society

Nov. 1.—Mrs. Arrison
" 6.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
" 13.—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 20.—Miss Bright
" 27.—Miss Eisenbrey

Dec. 4.—Mrs. Atmore
" 11.—Misses Davis
" 18.—Mrs. Petry
" 25.—Christmas

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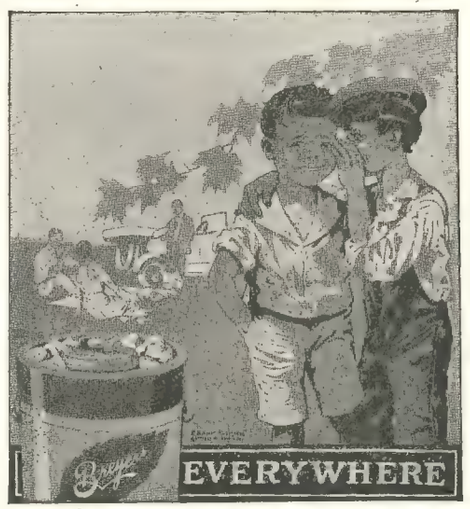

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The Regular Services Will Be:

11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Noonday Services daily 12:30 to 12:55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10.00 A. M.

Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 10:00 A. M.

Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.

Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.

Mrs. J. C. Browne.

Garment Committee.

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

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Treasurer—Miss Elia Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

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Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.

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Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

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St. Stephen's Aid Society.

President.
Executive Board—Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Lautenbach, Mrs. Hall.
Meets Fridays during Lent at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

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Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Mrs. Paul B. Hartman, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Davis, Miss Trussell.
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Assistant—Miss Elsie Traul.
Teachers—Miss Lola Bryan, Miss Lillian Clift, Miss Martha Evans, Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Elsie Wilmott.
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Men's Bible Class.

9.45 A. M.

Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
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Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

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King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesday in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.
Boy's Band—Tuesdays. H. Fenton Cooke, Director.
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Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

St. Stephen's Dance Club.

Meets each Friday at 8.00 P. M.

President—The Rector.
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Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 670 N. 15th St.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Dec. 4.—The Second Sunday in Advent.
" 11.—The Third Sunday in Advent.
" 14.—Ember Day.
" 16.—Ember Day.
" 17.—Ember Day.
" 18.—The Fourth Sunday in Advent.
" 21.—St. Thomas.
" 25.—Sunday: Christmas Day.
" 26.—St. Stephen.
" 27.—St. John the Evangelist.
" 28.—Holy Innocents.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Nov. 13.—Harry William Schulgen.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Oct. 27.—Calvin T. Hastings and Agnes E. Myers. Robert Earle Nicholson and Mary Anne Dinmore.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Oct. 18.—Caroline W. Lee.
" 20.—Ralph Wurtz Dundas.
Nov. 5.—Mrs. Sarah A. Moore.
" 22.—Charles N. Van Dusen.

Special Notice.

The Verger asks those who have taken tickets for the Fair please to remit quickly, in order that he may settle with the Committee.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church. Whatsoever Circle.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

The members find a great deal of pleasure in sewing on the little garments for the children in St. Christopher's Hospital, and our meetings have been very interesting. We do need more members, though, in order to do a larger work. We are also working for the coming Bazaar, and hope to give the committee in charge a generous contribution of fancy articles. We meet December 7th and 21st.

Contributions to Church Work Fund.

Miss Mary Schaeffer	$ 5 00
Charles N. Van Dusen	10 00
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Miss Emily Bell	10 00
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Miss Elizabeth Dare	5 00
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Miss Louise Betts Edwards	5 00
Miss Ella P. Dwier	5 00
W. Gardner Crowell	25 00
Miss Elizabeth Jones	5 00
Dr. Wm. R. Nicholson	5 00
Miss Frances Fisher	5 00
Mr. J. M. Whitham	25 00
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr.	35 00
Mrs. Wm. Eastwood	10 00
Mr. Wm. J. Kirkpatrick	5 00
Miss M. A. McDowell	25 00
Special gift	50 00
Miss Ella Headman	5 00
Three Sisters	15 00
Dr. Frank G. Cooper	10 00
Mrs. Wm. K. Barclay	10 00

Rector's Letter.

My dear Parishioners:

Of course, the greatest interest in the parish just at this time is the Bazaar. I have been presenting the cause before the various Societies, and the response is so hearty that I feel sure we will make a great success of it. All the committees have been formed and one member has sold a hundred tickets. If one member can sell a hundred tickets, how many tickets could four hundred members sell if they were all animated by the same spirit? I have just heard of another who has sold fifty. This is very encouraging.

But we must remember that it is not enough to sell tickets and to collect novelties and attractive Christmas gifts. No fair can succeed without buyers.. Now, of course, this bazaar is to be conducted on the highest and most ethical principles. There will be no raffles, and there will be no bulldozing. Still people must not be too sensitive. We have not got an attractive committee to sell without hope that they will be able to commend their wares and make numerous sales. My advice to a person going to a fair is *Iago's*, to quote a rather unsavory personage:

"Put money in thy purse."

I am afraid the intimation that refreshment is given with tickets may mislead people. That only means, I believe, that you get a plate of ice cream, to cheer you at that critical moment when you cross the Rubicon. The supper will be 80 cents, not including ice cream and cake, which will bring it up to a dollar. It is hoped that many people will take their evening meal with us. A collective enterprise of this kind is certain to bring us all closer together if we enter into it heartily.

The cordial support that this effort is receiving is shown in the response that Mr. Harry T. Jordan made to a request, that he allow a slide to be exhibited in Keith's Theatre, with a notice of the Bazaar, if it would not break any of his rules. He replied, "We have no rules that cannot be broken for St. Stephen's, so send on your slide." What a fine spirit of co-operation is here seen between stage and church, between the givers of pleasure and the teachers of duty.

During this month we will give out the new envelopes. This system is essential to the maintenance of the church, and to the discharge of our duty as Christian stewards. It is unnecessary to defend the envelope system. It has come into use in all the churches, and is a recognized and approved plan of systematic giving. If we could all only bring ourselves to set aside a certain portion of our income, definitely asking ourselves how much do I think I can afford to give, and then devote so much for general causes and so much to the Church, the financial problem of the church would be solved. The unsystematic giver would be perfectly astonished to find out how little he really does give. Here is a man who attends church occasionally, and thinks himself generous because when he goes, he deposits a dollar in the plate. He would probably discover, if he kept an account of his gifts, that he was not giving more than thirty dollars a year. When the decision is once made to give a certain proportion, the carrying out of it becomes a pleasure. One's conscience is at ease. He knows that he has studied the matter, and that he is doing what wisdom indicates as his duty. I think it is a great mistake for the wealthier people in the congregation to think that the poor are lying back on them. My observation is that the poor give much more generously in proportion to their means. For example, a concert is given in behalf of some benevolent object. The tickets cost as much to the poor as to the rich, but the purchase of a ticket is a much more generous act on the part of a poor person The rich people remember the occasions when they come to the rescue. We appreciate this help, and are profoundly grateful to these members who help us out; I was going to say the more generous members, but it may be that the most generous members are those whose gifts amount to little in pecuniary value, for surely the Church has not so far departed from the teachings of Jesus, who praised the widow who gave the two mites, as to forget that the spiritual value of the gift depends upon the sacrifice at which it is made. We must not forget the numerous occasions when the poor give more in proportion than the rich. Let us all dismiss from our minds the idea that the poorer members of the congregation are expecting the rich to do more than their share. Let each man do his best. That is all that God asks of us—to do our best.

The Vestry is endeavoring to regulate our expenses according to our income. Some economies, I am sure, we can make. I think I can see my way to a saving of fifteen hundred dollars, and still further economies may be made. But we ought also to endeavor to increase our gifts. There is danger if too much emphasis is laid upon economy that we may lessen the efficiency of the church. No institution can be successfully administered unless room is given for initiative and experiment.

I want to call the attention of the congregation to the extraordinary instance that has been afforded in Lancaster of the power of the Christian pulpit. That city has long been dominated by a political boss. A boss is distinguished from a leader by the fact that the leader enlists public support by the wisdom of his policies; his instrument of persuasion is reason. The boss is a man who gains a following by the distribution of favors; the instruments of his power are intimidation, special favors, protection and special privileges. By these instrumentalities he makes friends with great pubiic utility corporations, and places his henchmen in office in the jails, on

the police force, and in public bureaus. Of course, he soundly berates civil service, or any other barrier that keeps him from rewarding his followers. By his successful manipulation of people and appeals to low motives, he lowers the whole moral tone of the community. As Chief Justice Taft has said, "You cannot have private morality and public immorality." In the long run public immoralities will eat into the whole social system.

Now in Lancaster the rector of the Episcopal Church found this bossism keeping back moral progress in every sphere. If the Law and Order Society wished to put down vice and showed that a certain policeman was protecting vice, they found the mayor frankly admitting that he could not discharge that policeman because the boss was behind him. The county jail was discovered to be in a miserable condition. This fact was brought to light by the escape of a dangerous prisoner who went home and committed murder. It was shown that prisoners got out for little excursions by the permission of the jailor, who was protected by the boss. Even the judiciary was under the same malign influence. At last the tyranny became so heavy that a reform movement was begun. This clergyman was particularly asked to keep out of it. The reform was to be advocated on purely financial grounds. The inefficiency of the boss rule was to be indicated, but the root of the evil was not touched. When at last it became manifest that the campaign would not be successful unless the true issues were brought out, this clergyman preached three sermons stating the real moral issue. To show the forces that he had to oppose, I will say that some corporations and the street car people used all their influence in behalf of the boss. Many employees were told that they would lose their places if they voted for the reform candidate. Yet he was elected by an overwhelming majority. One brave man awoke the conscience of the community.

Some people have an idea that the chief instrumentality in bringing about reform must be an organization, and they deprecate any pointing out of evils until the organization is established. But reformers cannot work on those lines. On what grounds can they get together an organization? They have no right to appeal to the base motives that are so harmful—place, privilege, protection—plunder, in brief. The only point on which they can unite their followers is the spiritual bond of patriotism, zeal for public welfare, devotion to righteousness. These emotions are not stirred up in secret committee meetings. They are best aroused by public appeals, by earnest argument, by exposures of the evil under which society labors. What Philadelphia needs is ministers of the type of this Lancaster clergyman, whom I have the privilege to call my friend. I need not say that I am speaking of the Rev. Dr. Twombly. He was called to a chair in the Cambridge Divinity School, where he would receive two and a half times as great a salary as he is receiving in Lancaster, and where he would be surrounded by friends of his youth, for he is a New England man. But he refused that he might fight this fight to a finish in Lancaster. He is surely to be congratulated that he is privileged to win this victory, and to reap the fruits of his self-sacrifice.

I am very fortunate in securing helpers in the manifold additional tasks that have fallen to me, through the loss of Mr. Keable's loyal assistance.

The treasurership of the Mid-Week Noonday Service has been accepted by Mr. W. Gardner Crowell. The boxes bring in enough, without special appeal, to finance this service without additional expense to the Church except the extra cleaning required. I treat this service as a community service, rather than a parish service, and am gratified that it can be financed without any additional expense to our parish. It has gained a solid body of adherents, and evidently meets a real need. The average attendance this autumn has been about 160.

The task of collecting the material for the PARISH NEWS, reading the proofs, and managing our little monthly paper has been most kindly taken by Mrs. Daniel Roberts Harper. For a number of years she was the efficient editor of a very interesting bulletin published by her school mates to enable them to keep in touch with one another after their graduation. She has, therefore, had experience in such work. I will furnish the regular monthly letter, but Mrs. Harper will be the editor. We are going to imitate the vigorous methods of that great financier, Mr. Ford, who met the high prices after the war by a vigorous reduction of expenses. The cost of paper and printing is so high that on the first of January the PARISH NEWS will doubtless appear in a cheaper form. Mrs. Harper is addressing herself with energy and wisdom to this task of reconstruction.

It would be premature to announce the method whereby I plan to take care of the envelope system, without imposing any longer upon the kindness of Mr. Boyd, and also without placing this responsibility in the hands of a clergyman, whose special training was never given him that he should give up as much time as these envelopes require, to what the New Testament calls "serving tables." It is sufficient to announce here that if the Vestry approves of the method I shall recommend, this problem will, I believe, be most satisfactorily solved.

The whole congregation was shocked to learn on Sunday morning, November 20th, that Mr. Charles N. Van Dusen had died that very morning at 2 o'clock, after six hours of illness. He had been in his usual health and spirits on Saturday. Gaining no assent to his suggestion of attending the Swarthmore-Haverford football game, he had gone down to the Union League where, as one of the attendants told me with tears in his eyes, he abounded in pleasant raillery. After dinner he went to his room. The sound of a fall brought his brothers and Mr. Boyd to his side. He explained that he must have fainted and soon passed into a state of coma. A physician was immediately summoned. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital near by. All the resources of medical skill were exhausted, but he never regained consciousness.

By his death a wide circle was bereaved. The attendance at the funeral showed that an unusually large number of people shared in the sorrow of his family.

At St. Stephen's he will be greatly missed. He was a regular attendant, for many years acting as chief usher at the Lenten services. In conjunction with his brother, Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, and Mr. Robert T. Boyd, he took care of the envelope system during the first years of its introduction. During the World War he acted for six months as the Executive Manager of Old St. Stephen's Club for enlisted men, not missing a single night during that period. On appointing him to this responsible post, I told him that he would have to keep a menagerie of two bears—Bear and Forbear. On resigning the office into my hands, he told me with a characteristic combination of raillery and earnestness, that he had had frequent use for those two bears. Every one in the Club respected him for his staunchness, and appreciated our indebtedness to him. He was a man to be depended upon. I always felt a special friendship for him. Brave, contented, cheerful, dependable, he was a source of happiness in the home. He took his civic responsibilities seriously and was the kind of citizen Philadelphia needs. So youthful was his spirit and so vigorous was his bearing that we were astonished to learn that he was in his 58th year. At such times we thank God anew for the revelation of life and immortality in Christ Jesus. We hear again, by faith, the comforting assurance of Jesus to Martha, Thy brother shall rise again.

I must not close this letter without reminding the congregation of the duty of doing the Christmas shopping as early as possible in order to lighten the burdens of the clerks, that grow to crushing weight in the last week before our great holiday of joy.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There was no speaker at the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, but plans for the Bazaar were discussed.

The Auxiliary is to have the booth for sweaters, hosiery and other useful articles. Each member is asked to contribute two articles and help raise a working fund as most of the sweaters and hosiery will have to be bought.

Miss Magee has $225.00 collected from sixty-seven contributors toward the United Offering.

The sum of eleven dollars is still needed to complete the endowment fund of $250.00 for St. Stephen's Day at Miss Riddell's leper hospital.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR.

The Sunday School.

The Christmas season is always the high peak of our year of activity. New scholars are coming in and we are fortunate in this December having to report and welcome four teachers, Miss Farrell, Miss Shade, Miss Mary P. Grammer and Miss Dorothy Grammer; not forgetting Mr. Burroughs with his flute.

We have been able this fall to have the finest type of motion pictures with which to interest the children and get them present at 9.30 A. M. Thus we have largely overcome lateness. Appropriate Christmas pictures will be used with the carols on Sunday, December 25th. Come and enjoy a session with our school. We are particularly cordial in inviting all our church people and the children's friends to our Christmas festival, Tuesday evening, December 27th, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday School Room (in rear of church), when we present "Christmas in an Old Castle," by the scholars, after eight weeks of preparation. Come and be happy with us.

GEORGE H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND.

Jan. 2.	—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 9.	—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 16.	—Mrs. Lamb
" 23.	—Miss Ernst
" 30.	—Mrs. D. R. Harper
Feb. 6.	—Miss Gebhart
" 13.	—Miss Crawford
" 20.	—Miss Gebhart
" 27.	—Misses Wallace
March 6.	—Miss S. Eisenbrey
" 13.	—Mrs. Brunner
" 20.	—Palm Sunday
" 24.	—Mrs. Lamb
" 27.	—Easter
April 3.	—Mrs. W. B. Campbell
" 4.	—Mrs. Lamb
" 10.	—Mrs. Atmore
" 17.	—Mrs. Lamb
" 24.	—Dr. Grammer
May 1.	—Miss Dutilh
" 5.	—Miss Williamson
" 8.	—Miss Townsend
" 15.	—Mrs. C. H. Colket
" 22.	—Miss Gregg
" 29.	—Mrs. Tourison
June 5.	—Miss Dutilh
" 12.	—Miss Gebhart
" 19.	—Miss Stephens
" 26.	—Mr. C. H. Colket
July 3.	—Mrs. Nicholson
" 10.	—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 17.	—Mrs. Grammer
" 24.	—Miss Lindenmayer
" 31.	—Mrs. Clayton
Aug. 7.	—Mrs. Heberton
" 14.	—Miss Shellenberger
" 21.	—Miss Emma Himes
" 28.	—Miss Laura Bell
Sept. 4.	—Misses Kirkpatrick
" 11.	—Mrs. Keable
" 18.	—Mrs. Ed. R. Fell
" 25.	—Mrs. E. E. Holman
Oct. 2.	—Miss Laura Bell
" 9.	—Miss Maulsby
" 16.	—Mrs. Sheble
" 23.	—Mrs. Keable
" 30.	—Girls' Friendly Society
Nov. 1.	—Mrs. Arrison
" 6.	—Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
" 13.	—Mrs. W. R. Taylor
" 20.	—Miss Bright
" 27.	—Miss Eisenbrey
Dec. 4.	—Mrs. Atmore
" 11.	—Misses Davis
" 18.	—Mrs. Petry
" 25.	—Christmas

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11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Every Wednesday Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

The Burd School.
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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

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Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu.

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Mrs. J. C. Browne.

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9.45 A. M.

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Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the *Pew.*

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Jan. 1—Sunday, New Year's.
" 2—Monday, Circumcision.
" 6—Friday, Epiphany.
" 8—Sunday, First Sunday after Epiphany.
" 15—Sunday, Second Sunday after Epiphany.
" 22—Sunday, Third Sunday after Epiphany.
" 25—Wednesday, Conversion of St. Paul.
" 29—Sunday, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

Parish Register.

MARRIED

Dec. 3—Joseph P. Mitchell, Mary L. Lyden.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Dec. 9—Henry H. Barton, Jr.

CONFIRMED BY BISHOP GARLAND

Dec. 23—Edward Shippen Morris.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Account of Christmas Dinner for the Poor, Christmas, 1921.

December, 1920, Balance on hand from Christmas Dinner, 1920	$64.93

CONTRIBUTORS, 1921

Mrs. Lewis Jones	$1.00
Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas	10.00
Mrs. Oliver A. Judson	5.00
H. W.	1.00
Mrs. Katherine Miesse	1.00
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Dr. Chas. H. Frazier	25.00
Mr. Lewis H. Van Dusen	1.00
Mrs. David G. Anderson	3.00
Miss Louise Betts Edwards	1.00
Cash Not Designated	88.16
	$482.76
	$ 547.69

DISBURSEMENTS

100 lbs. Chocolate in boxes		$75.00
100 lbs. S. C. Rice, at 9c.	$9.00	
50 lbs. Mixed Tea 1/2 lb. bags, at 38c.	19.00	
	$28.00	
1 per cent. discount	.28	
		$27.72
3 boxes of Oranges, at $4.75	$14.25	
100 bunches of Celery, at 9c.	9.00	
1 bag of Turnips	1.75	
3 barrels Cabbage, at $3.80	11.40	
3 baskets of Carrots, at 80c.	2.40	
7 bags of White Potatoes (15 bushels) at $2.40	23.80	
7 boxes of Apples, at $2.75	19.25	
2 baskets of Onions, at $1.75	3.50	
		$85.35
140 head of Chicken, 571 lbs. at 35c.		199.85
6 dozen 1 bushel baskets, at $3.25	19.50	
1 per cent discount	.20	
		$19.30
4/50 sugar, 200 lbs., at $5.70	$11.40	
1 per cent. discount	.11	
		$11.29
Car Tickets	$10.00	
Dinners for Helpers	3.00	
		$13.00
100 loaves of Bread	$10.00	
Carrying baskets to homes	2.00	
Carrying articles to second floor	3.00	
Cash dinners for the poor	3.00	
Cleaning Guild Room	2.00	
		$20.00
Hauling articles from wharf		$4.00
		$455.51
Dec. 27, 1921, Cash balance on hand		$92.18
		$547.69

Each basket contained fifteen articles, as follows:

Chickens, Bread, Rice, Celery, Turnips, Cabbage, Carrots, White Potatoes, Onions, Apples, Mince Pies, Tea, Sugar and Candy.

One hundred and ten baskets were distributed, each basket contained sufficient articles for a Christmas dinner for at least twelve persons, giving a Christmas dinner to about 1.320 persons.

Through the usual Christmas kindness of Mr. Clement Reistien the Committee were able to add 200 lbs. of Chickens, and through the kindness of Mr. Craig Atmore, 110 Mince Pies. The Committee feels that all who received the baskets had a most generous and enjoyable Christmas dinner.

Average cost of each basket, with articles contributed, $5.50.

HOWARD REIFSNYDER,
JOSEPH B. VAN DUSEN, JR.,
JAMES CARRIGAN,
Dinner Committee.

MISS KATE H. LEWIS,
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Additional subscriptions to the Church Work Fund:

Mrs. E. E. Holman	$2.00
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Miss Agnes M. Babbitt	2.00
Mrs. George T. Townsley	2.00

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I wish you all a Happy New Year. Many signs of hope are in the sky. The Washington Conference is drawing to a successful close. Many battleships will be scrapped, and the competitive race in ships of war has been halted. The vexed question of the Island of Yap has been peacefully settled, and Japan is withdrawing from Shantung. The alliance between England and Japan has been succeeded by a four-power alliance in which we are included. A long step has been taken towards the ultimate goal, the Federation of the world. The great burden of militarism is being lightened, and mankind will soon be able to re-establish itself economically now that it has thrown off this old man of the mountain, that has so long ridden Europe. Moreover, Prohibition is steadily doing its great work. What the prohibition of opium was to China the prohibition of alcohol will be to America—the inauguration of a new era. We feel like singing with Matthew Arnold:

> "The world's great era dawns in sheen
> After long ages rude,
> Divinelier imaged, clearer seen,
> With happier zeal pursued."

There is much, too, to encourage us at St. Stephen's. I have before me the report of the executive office of the diocese, showing the amounts credited to the parishes and missions during the first eleven months of 1921 and 1920. I place beside ours the reports of some churches of the same Protestant character or of similar location:

	11 mos. of 1921	11 mos. of 1920
St. Stephen's	$5,545.27	$2,370.90
St. Luke's and the Epiphany	5,505.72	3,728.19
St. Andrew's	1,210.07	1,030.35
Holy Trinity	22,029.66	13,816.66
St. James'	7,497.28	9,837.58
Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia	3,626.00	4,524.00

I ought to point out that in 1920 we gave more than the figures indicate, but that our February offering that year was credited back to 1919, as there was a change in the fiscal year. The comparison shows that we are increasing in liberality to diocesan objects, and so far as comparison can be any guide in such matters, doing our part. Moreover, in the course of the year the congregation gave me a most generous purse of $1,743.00. This autumn a purse of over $2,900.00 has been raised as a tribute of affection and to provide for the expenses of Mr. Keable's illness and funeral. With a congregation of such generosity and such ability, there is no reason for discouragement.

We have, moreover, received in the course of the year for the Endowment Fund $1,000.00 from the estate of Miss Rynard, $1,000.00 from the estate of Mrs. H. P. Taylor, and there will come to us in the course of the year $4,700.00 from the estate of Miss Dutilh. Mrs. Samuel H. Austin left a bequest of $5,000.00 to St. Stephen's. This codicil was added to her will within a month of her decease, and is, therefore, invalid in law. Her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Jones, of Los Angeles, California, has generously directed that her mother's intention be carried out, and the money will in due time be paid to St. Stephen's. Mrs. Mary E. Atmore also left us the sum of $500, the income to provide flowers for the Atmore window at Christmas and Easter. Her heirs have added another $100 to this bequest as they learned from her papers that their mother had this addition in mind. By such additions our Endowment Fund is steadily increasing, and the time will certainly arrive when the income from the Endowment will be sufficient to enable us to make St. Stephen's a free church, if we so desire, or will make us strong enough to support adequately the Community House we are planning.

I hope that the envelope system may be universally accepted, and that our gifts for parochial purposes may be increased so that our deficit of $6,000.00, which has been accumulated in the last two and a half years, may be wiped out. To that end I am studying every possible economy of operation. While I should like to blot this deficit out at Easter, I shall be satisfied if we live within our income and pay off most of it then. What is needed is courage, patience and generosity. No church brings out the best in its members that makes no appeal to them for self-denial on its

behalf. The days when St. Stephen's met all its expenses by its pew rental and only took up an offering on Sunday morning of about seventy-five dollars, were not glorious strenuous days, but times of Capuan ease. We are in a much more wholesome condition to-day, and regrets for those lazy times are unworthy and weakening.

The most encouraging of all the features of our corporate life is the steady popularity of the midweek noonday service. We have a regular attendance of a little over 160. Some of our attendants are more than listeners; they are fellow-workers who bring in their friends and help to knit the worshippers into a band of brothers. At our monthly communion after the last midweek service of the month there were sixty communicants. On the Wednesday before Christmas we had an attendance of 200. Christmas cards were given them by two generous fellow worshippers.

Elsewhere will appear a report from the Bazaar, which was a wonderful success. Mrs. Reifsnyder showed herself a born organizer and director and was supported by an able and charming staff. A generous friend donated those rooms in the Bellevue-Stratford, and never have I seen a church fair in such a charming setting. As I looked at the brilliant scene the lines of Byron came to my mind—slightly altered:

"There was a sound of revelry by night,
And (the Bellevue-Stratford) had gathered then
Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright
The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men.
A thousand hearts beat happily—"

I did not omit the words "chivalry" and "brave," for it takes the qualities these words denote to embark on a fair and to make it a success. I hear that the net profits will be over three thousand dollars. Many friends outside the church came to our aid with generous gifts and friendly services. Mr. Dooner's kindness and generosity in helping out with the cuisine demand special acknowledgment. Dooner's Hotel and St. Stephen's church have long been good friends and coworkers. The whole endeavor in its working and in its results was helpful to the church and to the future Community House.

As to this last the committee in charge of that enterprise has nothing yet to report. Progress is being made in the plans, but the stage of publication has not yet been reached. Since the cause of the delay does not lie in us, and it does not indicate any impediment, we do not regret it, as it would not suit us to give up the use of our Sunday School building this winter. Moreover, the longer the construction is deferred the less will probably be the cost.

With the assistance of Mrs. Donehower I am endeavoring to bring up to date our card list of members and attendants. We have an addressing machine that will greatly facilitate the work of the office if we can get the addresses correct. Please let me know of any change of address.

Beginning with this number THE PARISH NEWS will be under the editorship of Mrs. Daniel Roberts Harper. The price of paper and printing has increased greatly, and we are trying to reduce the cost of this monthly. To this end we are limiting ourselves to twelve pages, and are going to place the material in the printers' hands by the Tuesday before the last Sunday in the month—*i. e.*, twelve days before its distribution. Will the secretaries of the societies, and those who desire notices published please take notice?

Upon my nomination the Vestry elected Miss Ella Headman to be the treasurer of the Envelope System. She will be assisted by her sister, Miss Marian Headman. Miss Ella Headman is the treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, and her accuracy and businesslike methods are well known. We are greatly indebted to these ladies for undertaking this responsible duty.

Our parish sustained a great loss in the death on December 7th, of Mr. H. H. Barton, Jr. About twelve years ago Mr. and Mrs. Barton began a custom that they continued ever after, of leaving their home near Holmesburg in November and taking rooms until the middle of the spring at the Hotel Stenton. They early selected St. Stephen's as their church home for this period. Mr. Barton was confirmed and became one of the most zealous

of our members in a modest fashion that was peculiarly his own. To him we owe the tuning of our bells and an increase in their number. He loved to think that their music brought a message to the sick in the hospital near-by, and to the workers in the business houses all around us. He also gave the reflectors that illuminate the windows of the reredos at night. He loved the Sunday night service, and used to aid in ushering the attendants to their seats. His contribution in gifts and personal service in Old St. Stephen's Club was most generous.

His nature was refined and gentle. He inherited a large business from his father and bore many responsibilities from his youth with dignity and reticence. These cares made him decline the seat in the Vestry to which he was elected, but he was constantly working for the church in his quiet way, and a score of new members are traceable to his influence. More valuable even than his attendance or his frequent gifts was the influence of his gentle loving spirit. The depth and Christian tone of his feeling are revealed in this memorandum which he carried about in his purse:

Enemies must be expected in life; how shall they be met? Jesus showed how. First: He was fearless. He never retreated from the truth or proved disloyal to His duty. Second: He was firm. He continued to call hypocrites, hypocrites, and false leaders, false. There was no weak silence or compromise on His part. Third: He was measurably indifferent. He did not let the presence of enemies interrupt His mission, but He went right on with His work. Much opposition dies by inattention. And then, He kept a soft heart toward all His foes. The worst injury an enemy can do one, is to incite him to hatred.

Jesus loved His enemies—loved them too well to cease opposing their errors—and to the end His spirit was, "Father, forgive them."

Greatly will he be missed at St. Stephen's. Our tenderest sympathy goes out to his wife. May she be sustained and comforted by a hope full of immortality.

I feel that I owe it to her memory and to the congregation's friendship to tell you something of my mother, who died on December 15th, after a long illness, in her 88th year. When I brought her to my home from Baltimore in the autumn of 1912, nine years ago, she had long been so deaf that we communicated with her entirely by writing. It was impossible at her great age, and with her failing sight, to establish new methods of communication. She was, therefore, largely shut out from outside influences and friendships. She was, however, greatly blessed in the companionship and loving attention of Miss Margaret Muller, who for the last eight years was like a daughter to her.

My mother was born in August, 1834, in Gambier, Ohio, where her father, Dr. William Sparrow, of English-Irish stock, was Vice-President of the College and professor of Theology in the Seminary of both of which his brother-in-law, Bishop Philander Chase was the founder and president. She loved to recall that among her father's pupils in that church college were President Rutherford B. Hayes, Henry Winter Davis, the gifted Maryland radical, and Secretary Stanton. The latter was a wayward lad until Dr. Sparrow awoke his conscience and ambition. The friendship between them continued through life. When all the trees around Alexandria were cut down for Union fortifications, Secretary Stanton had the grove of Dr. Sparrow's seminary preserved and when the great war secretary lay on his deathbed in Washington, he had his old professor summoned to his side.

In 1841 Dr. Sparrow went to the Theological Seminary of Virginia, where he was Dean and Professor of Theology for thirty-three years. Though of evangelical training, his uncle, the Rev. Peter Roe, having been one of the evangelical fathers of the Church of Ireland, Dr. Sparrow was much influenced by the teachings of Whately and Arnold and the Oriel School. In those days there were only two theological seminaries of any importance in our Church, New York and Alexandria, and the latter drew the Protestant-minded students from the whole Church. Among his pupils were Bishop Potter of New York, Bishop Dudley of Kentucky, Bishops Whittle, Randolph and Peterkin of Virginia and Bishop Phillips Brooks of Massachusetts. In the life of Phillips Brooks, it is recorded that our Church's greatest preacher testified that Dr. Sparrow was one of three men who had made him what he was. The spirit of Dr. Sparrow's teaching is indicated by his own saying that is cut on his tombstone and has become a classical quotation with the alumni of the Virginia Seminary: "Seek the truth, come whence it may, cost what it will."

My grandmother was Frances Greenleaf In-

graham, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., through whom my mother was related to the Ingrahams and Kips, of New York, Bishop William Ingraham Kip being her first cousin, to Bishop Burgess, of Maine, to Noah Webster, the lexicographer, to Christopher Cranch, the poet, and to the Greenleafs, of Massachusetts.

When the Civil War broke out, Dr. Sparrow was a Northern sympathizer. Though he refugeed in Staunton, Virginia, he never attended any services of prayer for the success of the Confederacy. His three sons, however, went with their college mates into the Southern army, and his brother, Edward Sparrow, who married the niece of Jefferson Davis, was a senator from Louisiana in the Confederate Senate, and the chairman of the Committee on the War. Part of the first draft of the constitution of the Confederacy is in his handwriting. Another brother, Thomas Sparrow, was in the Federal Congress from Ohio. These political differences never produced any alienations in the family circle. Some of the daughters married in the South and some in the North, all to Episcopal ministers, but their religious feelings were too strong to allow such secular affairs to break the ties of blood and affection.

Before that great civil contest arose my mother, who was the fifth daughter and child in a family of ten, married the Rev. Julius Eckhardt Grammer, son of G. C. Grammer, a banker of Washington, D. C., who emigrated to America from Wurtenberg in the first decade of the 19th century, to avoid conscription into the armies of Napoleon Bonaparte. In 1864 my father moved from Columbus, Ohio, where he was rector of Trinity Church, to be for twenty-eight years the rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, one of the oldest and most prominent churches of the Monumental City. My parents had seven sons and one daughter. Three of the boys died in infancy, and I grew up as the eldest son in a family of one girl and four boys.

My father was a man who delighted in meeting people, a public character, a popular speaker for occasions of all sorts, as well as the rector of a large church. The life of our home centered in my mother, who had a great help in her eldest child, a singularly consecrated and unselfish daughter. I can never be sufficiently grateful for the religious atmosphere of our home. Whenever I read many Bible stories, particularly in the Old Testament, I recall vividly my father's reading them at family prayers in his singularly natural, and yet exquisitely musical voice. My sister Maud was a wonderful help to us boys. She was a heroic soul, filled with a hunger and thirst after righteousness, and as entirely consecrated to duty as any person I ever knew.

The two great passions of my mother's life were a love of good literature and a love of righteousness. By reason of her deafness she was excluded from general conversation. She, therefore, took refuge in reading, always seeking to know the best books. She taught herself to real German fluently, though she was never partial to German life. Her memory was a storehouse of fine poetry. My father greatly admired her literary gifts, and used to call her playfully "Accuracy." She loved to talk about the books she was reading and was a great educational influence. The literary passion of her life was George Eliot. Rarely have I known a mother who so dominated her children by her lofty and inflexible standards, and the serene dignity of her character. She was like a higher conscience to all of us.

My sister died suddenly in 1894, and my mother was never the same woman after her loss. She said at the time that she felt as if she had been cut in two, and half of her had been buried in my sister's grave. My father's sudden death in 1901 was another shattering blow, and her last years were full of sorrows and growing limitations. It was sad to see her suffer, and though the breaking of such a tie is inexpressibly painful, I am thankful that she is at rest.

I am confident that there is a life beyond the grave, but I have little faith in any descriptions of it. Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. I am content with the truth expressed so tenderly by our Quaker poet:

> "I know not where His islands lift
> Their fronded palms in air;
> I only know I cannot drift
> Beyond His love and care."

I am grateful to God for a Christian mother of high idealism. I am also grateful to my friends and congregation for their messages and words of sympathy.

The funeral was from Grace and St. Peter's, in Baltimore, on Saturday, December 17th, at 2 P. M., where many of my father's old parishioners and family friends, as well as relations, paid her the last tribute of respect. The burial was in our family lot in Loudon Park, beside her husband's grave. She has left seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

As I have spoken of my mother's ancestry it seems due to my father to say something about the Grammers. There are Grammers in England and France as well as in Germany—all spelling their names alike. This wide dispersion has made me conjecture that they were originally French Huguenots. Now that the Germans have behaved so badly, I am the more inclined to this view; but I cannot prove it. There was in Virginia an Episcopal minister by the name of Grammer of French descent, who would confuse the genealogist in years to come, if we were people of sufficient prominence to figure on the page of history. He was Dr. Grammer, the son of Dr. Grammer, an Episcopal minister; his wife was a Page, and he was connected with the Virginia Seminary, as a trustee. All of which held true of me except that I was connected with the seminary as a professor. And we were no relation!

My name, Carl, was given me after a first cousin of my father, who won a scholarship in a German University, that gave him the privilege of traveling in America. His visit occurred at the time of my birth. He was a Lutheran minister and was called to a church in Philadelphia, but returned to Wurtemberg to become, in course of time, the Court Chaplain. I am afraid he carried back a poor idea of American scholarship; he was astounded to learn that our Doctors of Divinity could not converse in Latin. My name Eckhardt is derived from my father's grandmother, who was the daughter of an Alsatian, a surgeon in the French Army. My ancestors the Greenleafs were originally French. So I have in my veins English, Irish, German and French blood.

Let me again wish you all a Happy New Year. We have lost many loyal members, but the Head of the Church is with us to guide us.

Yours cordially,

CARL ECKHARDT GRAMMER.

The Sunday School.

The month of December has been most encouraging. Besides the addition to our teaching force we have secured a number of new scholars. The Rector has been in regularly, questioning the boys and girls, keying them up to the lesson standard. Our motion pictures have been of an unusually high excellence being unique and of high value in holding interest. The Christmas story will be illustrated with the finest art slides by the Superintendent. For eight weeks our play, "Christmas in an Old Castle," has been in rehearsal and should prove the usual success. We trust that many of our church friends will enjoy the occasion with us on December 27th.

George H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

The Bazaar.

The Bazaar held at the Bellevue-Stratford on December 8th, from 3 until 11 P. M., for the benefit of the New Community House, was a success, made possible by hard work and hearty co-operation and good feeling among the members of the committee.

Over $3,000 clear of expenses was realized. A complete report will be ready in a few days.

The chairman of the committee extends to each of her co-workers and to the many others who assisted, her earnest appreciation and thanks.

HANNAH G. REIFSNYDER,
Chairman.

This official report is most satisfactory, but I can but regard it as too modestly brief to satisfy the curiosity of the congregation and the friends of the Community House outside of our Parish.

The following were the tables:

The Benevolent Society—Mrs. Grammer and Miss Ewing.

The Woman's Auxiliary—Miss Laura Bell and Mrs. Hewson.

The Girls' Friendly—Presided over by Miss McAllister and the Misses Fitzpatrick, in the absence of Mrs. Lucas.

The Mothers—Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Higham.

Children's Table—Mrs. Calwell and Mrs. Raspin.

Dolls—Mrs. Bacon.

Baby Table—Miss Swift.

Hot Dogs and Ice Cream—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr.

Flowers—Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis.

Cake—Mrs. Frank Whiting.

King's Daughters—Miss Walshe.

Dancing—Mrs. Charles Campbell and Miss Edna Marley.

Tea—Miss Tappen.

Fortune Telling—Miss Frances Crawford.

Supper—Presided over by Mrs. Harper, but all arrangements made by Mrs. Boyd. Mrs. Clemens in charge of the kitchen.

Our quarters in the Bellevue-Stratford were beautiful, but were not spacious enough to enable us to display our wares. Toward the close of the evening the rooms were too crowded for free access to the booths of would-be purchasers. So much material was left on hand that on Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening a sale of the residue was held at the Parish House with excellent results.

C. E. G.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

There were many letters and full reports read at the December meeting held the 15th.

The Missionary Box Committee has sent a large box to a clergyman's family in Arkansas. The Church Periodical Club has sent out six packages of toys and mittens, gloves and mufflers, amounting to $33.00. Three of the packages went to Indian children at Cannon Ball, N. D.

The Endowment Fund of $250.00 for the leper hospital, The Resurrection of Hope, has been completed. This fund maintains the hospital one day—St. Stephen's Day.

Ten pairs of Christmas stockings were promised to be filled for St. John's House. Miss Magee has collected $283.00 from eighty-two subscribers for the United Offering.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.
Whatsoever Circle.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
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We feel gratified that our table at the Bazaar proved such a success. All our members co-operated to make our part of this wonderful event a pleasure. We were glad to add a new member to our band this past month. Meetings will be held January 4th and 18th, at 8 o'clock.

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND.

Jan. 1—
" 8—Mrs. Lamb.
" 15—Misses Kirkpatrick.
" 22—Miss Ernst
" 29—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

Feb. 5—Miss Gebhart.
" 12—Miss Crawford.
" 19—Miss Gebhart.
" 26—Misses Wallace.

Mar. 5—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
" 12—Mrs. Brunner.
" 19—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
" 25—Mrs. Lamb.
" 26—Dr. Grammer.

Apr. 2—Mrs. Howard Sheble.
" 9—Palm Sunday.
" 13—Mrs. Lamb.
" 16—Easter.
" 23—Mrs. Lamb.
" 30—Mrs. Howard Sheble.

May 7—Mrs. Woodward.
" 14—Miss Townsend.
" 21—Miss Gregg.
" 25—Miss Williamson.
" 28—Mrs. Tourison.

June 4—Mrs. Woodward.
" 11—Miss Gebhart.
" 18—Miss Hope Stephens.
" 25—

July 2—Mrs. Nicholson.
" 9—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 16—
" 23—Miss Lindenmayer.
" 30—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 6—Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton.
" 13—Miss Shellenberger.
" 20—Miss Emma Himes.
" 27—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 3—Misses Kirkpatrick.
" 10—Miss Maulsby.
" 17—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 24—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 1—Miss Laura Bell.
" 8—Miss Maulsby.
" 15—Mrs. Howard Sheble.
" 22—Mrs. Keable.
" 29—Girls' Friendly Society.

Nov. 1—Mrs. Arrison.
" 5—Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor.
" 12—Mrs. Wm. Rice Taylor.
" 19—Miss Bright.
" 26—Miss Eisenbrey.

Dec. 3—Mrs. Howard Sheble.
" 10—Misses Davis.
" 17—Mrs. Petry.
" 24—Miss Emily Bell.
" 25—Christmas.

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11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Every Wednesday Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss Cerboni.

Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Mrs. Paul B. Hartman, Mrs. Roberts, Miss A. Farrell, Miss E. Shade, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Trussell.
Intermediate Class—Miss E. Willmott.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Assistant—Miss Willmott.
Teachers—Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Mary Page Grammer.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

Men's Bible Class.
9.45 A. M.

Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

Mothers' Meetings.

PARISH HOUSE.

Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.
Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

Girls' Friendly Society.

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.

Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesday in the month.

Boys' Club.

Boy's Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.

Young Men's Club—7.30 P. M., Wednesdays.
President—
Vice-President—Dr. Frank G. Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

St. Stephen's Dance Club.

Meets each Friday at 8.00 P. M.

President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mr. Harry J. Hauger.
Directors—Mrs. Charles C. Campbell, Miss Edna E. Marley.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 863 Corinthian Avenue.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

Forms of Bequest.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

Church Calendar.

Feb. 5.—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
" 12.—Septuagesima.
" 19.—Sexagesima.
" 26.—Quinquagesima.

Parish Register.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Dec. 28.—Marian Dorothy Hale.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Jan. 3.—Colin Noblett and Masie K. Moore.
" 7.—Leon Benjamin Dennish and Mildred M. Overton.
" 7.—Theodore Bourquin Redstreake and Marie Jervis.
" 20.—John D. McNalley and Edith M. Rabb.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Jan. 3.—Frank Ziegler.
" 13.—William W. W. Dwier.

Speakers, Noonday Lenten Services.

The list of speakers at the Noonday Lenten Services at St. Stephen's is as follows:

March 1.—(Ash Wednesday) Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.
March 2.—Rev. George Calvert Carter, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
March 3.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
March 4.—Rev. Albert Stork.
March 6 to 10 inclusive.—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.
March 11.—Rev. J. P. Morris, Vicar of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, Phila.
March 13 to 17 inclusive.—Harris E. Kirk, D.D., Minister of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md.
March 18.—Rev. Granville Taylor, St. Paul Memorial Church, Phila.
March 20 to 24 inclusive.—Rev. James Empringham, D.D., Yonkers, N. Y.
March 25.—Rev. John Kennedy Moorhouse, Rector of Calvary Church, Conshohocken, Pa.
March 27 to 31 inclusive.—Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D.D., Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Phila.
April 1.—Rev. Clarence Herbert Reese, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Phila.
April 3 to 7 inclusive.—Rev. J. Howard Melish, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.
April 8.—Rev. William Y. Edwards, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown.
April 10 to 14 inclusive.—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
April 15.—Rev. Albert Stork.

The Accounting Warden's Statement.

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1st, 1921, Balance on hand.		$6,136.48
General Endowments	$7,309.12	
Rudder Memorial Fund	754.84	
Cleeman Endowment Fund	497.28	
Horace Magee Endowment Fund.	1,097.75	
James R. Magee Endowment Fund	411.22	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Endowment Fund	210.37	
Julia Garrett Endowment Fund.	84.15	
Fannie S. Magee Church Building Fund	525.74	
John Austin McDowell Endowment Fund	495.00	
Endowment of Pews	882.08	
Endowment of Music	51.72	
Pew Rents	5,519.72	
Interest on Deposits	72.66	
Church Pension Fund	425.55	
Parochial Maintenance and Repairs	4,191.79	
Total Church Account No. 1		22,528.99
Miss Magee for Repairs	3,350.00	
Easter Decoration and Altar Society	188.76	
Work Among Our Boys	294.91	
Sunday School for Christmas Festival	160.66	
Sunday School	285.59	
Total Church Account No. 2		4,279.92
Loan from Pennsylvania Co.	3,000.00	
Total Church Account No. 3		3,000.00
Endowment Fund (Envelopes)	309.67	
Sale of Stool	27.50	
Legacy—Estate of Catherine F. Rynard	1,000.00	
Legacy—Estate of Susan R. Taylor	1,000.00	
Total Principal Account		2,337.17
Campbell Memorial Fund	177.32	
S. B. Wylie-Mitchell Vault Fund	39.60	
Lathrop Legacy	8.42	
Female Benevolent Society	601.05	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	254.24	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	31.03	
Fannie S. Magee, Memorial Fund	280.36	
Baby Fund	12.63	
Wilkins Legacy a/c Girls' Friendly	19.30	
Wilkins Legacy a/c Farm	15.84	
Farm and Recreation Fund	552.54	
Outing Fund	842.05	
Total Income on Endowments for Specified objects in Parish		2,834.38
Charities	1,773.99	
Daily Vacation Bible School	102.06	
Total Special Objects in Parish		1,876.05
Missionary Box	392.49	
Missions	1,485.08	
Foreign Missions	103.28	
Lenten Offering (Sunday School)	179.76	
Domestic Missions	83.49	
Colored Missions	73.38	
Woman's Auxiliary	358.04	
Indian Missions	74.08	
Total Pennsylvania Apportionment		2,749.60
City Missions	115.67	
Diocesan Missions	612.40	
Bishop's Fund	64.46	
Episcopal Hospital	675.03	
Theological Education	52.28	
Deaconess House	57.97	
Total Special Objects in Diocese		1,577.81
Mahan School in China	10.00	
Mahan School in China (Woman's Auxiliary)	2,553.37	
European Relief Council	281.00	
China Relief Fund	585.00	
St. Stephen's Burial Lot	25.00	
Armenian Relief	1.00	
American Red Cross Society	278.99	
Total Various Accounts		3,734.36
		$51,054.76

PAYMENTS

Salaries	$11,876.00	
Rent of the Rectory	1,350.00	
Choir	5,126.42	
Electric Light, Power and Gas	513.00	
Coal	451.50	
Repairing, Painting, etc.	888.32	
Church Pension Fund	799.96	
Fire Insurance	380.80	
Interest on Note	66.00	
Honorariums	470.00	
Parochial Maintenance	2,401.95	
Episcopal and Convention Fund	738.33	
Sustentation Fund	316.43	
Total Church Account No. 1		$25,378.71
Repairs to Windows	3,000.00	
Repairs to Roof	3,442.10	
Easter Decorations and Altar Society	343.73	
Work Among Our Boys	294.91	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	160.66	
Sunday School	285.59	
Total Church Account No. 2		7,526.99
Principal—Endowments Fund Invested		1,000.00
Campbell Memorial Fund	250.00	
Lathrop Legacy	8.42	
Female Benevolence Society	601.05	
Girls' Friendly and King's Daughters	249.03	
Mary Cadwalader Mitchell Monument Fund	25.00	
Fannie S. Magee Memorial Fund	15.00	

Baby Fund	12.66	
Wilkins Legacy a/c Girls' Friendly	19.30	
Wilkins Legacy a/c Farm	7.92	
Farm and Recreation Fund	282.15	
Outing Fund	842.05	
Total Specified Objects in Parish		2,312.58
Charities	1,773.99	
Daily Vacation Bible School	102.06	
Total Special Objects in Parish		1,876.05
Missionary Box	392.49	
Missions	1,485.08	
Foreign Missions	103.28	
Lenten Offerings (Sunday School)	179.76	
Domestic Missions	83.49	
Colored Missions	73.38	
Woman's Auxiliary	358.04	
Indian Missions	74.08	
Total Pennsylvania Apportionment		2,749.60
City Missions	115.67	
Diocesan Missions	612.40	
Bishop's Fund	64.46	
Episcopal Hospital	675.03	
Theological Education	52.28	
Deaconess House	57.97	
Total Special Objects in the Diocese		1,577.81
Mahan School in China	3,818.75	
European Relief Council	281.00	
China Relief Fund	585.00	
St. Stephen's Burial Lot	95.00	
Armenian Relief	1.00	
American Red Cross	278.99	
Balance in Penna. Co.	3,573.28	
Total Various Accounts		8,633.02
		$51,054.76

The Accounting Warden writes that owing to the confusion existing in December, due to the vacancy in this wardenship, it has been necessary to make the books balance properly by carrying accounts receivable and payable. This of course was not done in previous years. For this same reason the Treasurers of some of the societies may be unable to check out with him. He thinks that this ought to be stated for their enlightenment, when the account is published in the Parish News.

Offerings Received from Jan. 1st, to Jan. 15th, 1922.

Charities	$ 205.44
Parochial Maintenance	390.43
Missions	112.55
Outing Fund	17.20
Theological Education	1.70
Our work among boys	2.80
Benevolent Society	13.00
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	2.25
Episcopal Hospital	12.00
Sunday School Christmas Festival	11.90
Domestic Missions	2.70
Church Pension Fund	18.90
Aged and Infirm Clergy	40.90
Diocesan Missions	8.00
Foreign Missions	134.38
Colored Missions	3.40
Missionary box	.65
Indian Missions	2.70
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	6.80
City Missions	.05
Deaconess House	2.70
Sunday School	14.10
Girls' Friendly Society	1.60
Daily Vacation Bible School	.70
Woman's Auxiliary	1.75
Deficit Fund	10.00
	$1,018.60

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Treasurer's Report.

ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY HOUSE BAZAAR

RECEIPTS

Benevolent Society Table	$1,030.11
Woman's Auxiliary Table	480.42
Toy Table	335.57
Candy Table	313.66
Supper Table	312.21
Baby Table	262.29
Mother's Meeting Table	261.94
Hot Dogs Table	154.14
Flower Table	86.65
Tea Table	74.23
Cake Table	66.34
King's Daughters' Table	62.36
Fortune Teller	34.95
Wardrobe	12.50
Dance	6.10
Poster	1.00
Tickets	914.36
Unspecified Donations	163.75
Total Receipts	$4,572.60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Stamps	$12.75	
Express	3.00	
Signs	7.50	
Two Men Helpers	10.00	
Advertising	4.50	
Wm. T. Dougherty (cooking pan)	1.50	
		39.25
		$4,533.35

The Tables incurred and paid the following expenses:

Benevolent Table	$111.88
Woman's Auxiliary	145.14
Supper	7.38
Mother's	20.00
Hot Dogs	17.85
Flowers	35.10
Dance	33.60
Tickets—Ice Cream	37.64

We are indebted to a generous friend for paying a large part of the expenses.

ISABEL P. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Bishop Garland has most considerately postponed his visit till some time after Easter, the exact date to be arranged later, so that I shall have larger opportunity to gather together a confirmation class. I am greatly indebted to the members of the congregation who have given me the names of candidates. I shall be glad to know of anyone who is considering this helpful profession of allegiance to God.

The latest returns from the Bazaar for the Community House show that the net proceeds are a little over $4,400.00—a magnificant result. I hear that Mrs. Reifsnyder gave a luncheon to the heads of the various tables, and that a far-reaching campaign is being inaugurated for a still greater effort. If it attains anything like an equal success, we shall have taken a long stride toward a community building. The overcrowded condition of our Sunday School room at the Christmas entertainment of the Sunday School showed our need of a larger assembly room.

By the resignations of Mr. E. W. Moore and Dr. Addinell Hewson, two vacancies were created in the Vestry. At the January meeting the Vestry elected I. Smith Raspin, Esq., of the Philadelphia Bar, and Mr. M. Brantley Ellis, of the firm of Cadbury, Ellis and Haines, both pew renters and communicants of our church. They are young and enthusiastic men, and can be counted on to render helpful service. At the same meeting Mr. Craig Atmore was elected to the Accounting Wardenship. The son of a father who is commemorated in one of the most original of our memorial windows, and of a mother whose faithful service and gentle wisdom are gratefully remembered in the Benevolent Society, he has grown up in St. Stephen's and has numerous and strong ties with the church. As the head of a large business he has unusual facilities and training for handling our finances.

It is important that the winter residents who come in to Philadelphia from the suburbs should be made to realize that there is both a cordial welcome and a field of work for them in St. Stephen's. The Woman's Auxiliary is especially eager for their visits. It meets on the third Thursday of the month at 11.00 A. M., in the Parish House. The Benevolent Society meets every Wednesday, from 10 to 12.

Greatly are we interested in the fight to support the Prohibition Law that is now part of the Constitution of the United States. There is no argument in favor of the prohibition of opium in China that is not applicable to the prohibition of alcohol in the United States. Sir Victor Horsley, one of the greatest surgeons of England, pronounced alcohol a poison that only differs from other poisons in its delayed effects. Chemists and physicians now unite in showing its deleterious consequences. Governor Allen, of Kansas, testifies that they had in Kansas for a season the same trouble with bootleggers that we are having in Pennsylvania, and that in the end the beneficial effects of the law were so manifest that no one in Kansas would now think of going back to the old condition. Experience, science, the Church, the State, have all agreed in approving prohibition. As for this wave of reaction against this beneficent law, I can only quote Athanasius, "It will pass, it will pass."

Dr. Empringham showed conclusively in his convincing sermon that the Congress that passed the Eighteenth Amendment was elected before our soldiers went abroad, and, therefore that no advantage was taken of their absence to "slip one over on them." It is cause for great dissatisfaction and vigorous protest that aid was withdrawn from the Church Temperance Society by the Nation-Wide Campaign just at this crisis, when its testimony is so helpful. What better aid could we give the missionary than the support of a civilization which chiefly through the Christian Churches had been purged of a beverage that is so productive of crime, insanity, misery and disease?

The eminent Hugh Price Hughes, of London, used to fill a great hall on Sunday afternoons by discussing public questions from the Christian point of view. There is great need for such discussions here in Philadelphia. I heard an eminent philosopher report on China and its problems the other day, who brought to my mind the blunt saying of John Bright, when John Stuart Mill voted against the secrecy of the ballot on the visionary ground that no man worthy of the vote would desire to conceal his vote; a high-sounding reason, indeed, but somewhat overstrained when so stout a leader as William Cullen Bryant refused to declare how he voted at a crisis in New York, and particularly in view of the necessity of secrecy to protect both the purity and the freedom of the ballot box: "The trouble with these great thinkers," said plain-spoken John Bright, "is that they so often thing wrong." Great logical gifts are often a real obstacle to the collecting of information. Rarely is the great reasoner a gifted observer. Some brilliant generalization often closes the thinker's mind to all facts that do not fit into it. The philosophic Burke for all his profundity judged the French Revolution less justly than that keen observer Arthur Young. Professor Dewey's recent scholarly address in this city on China was a shining example of this kind of observation. He could see no hope in the fact that America refused to acquiesce in Japan's aggressions in Shantung nor in the limitation of naval armaments, nor in proclamation of the open door in China. In spite of her supineness and selfish individualism, he portrayed China as Christian in spirit because she was unwarlike, and so-called Christian lands as unchristian because of their militarism, regardless of the conditions that created it, or of their numerous charities, philanthropies and moralities. A great missionary who had spent many years in China, said that nothing impressed him more on his return to America than the wide prevalence of sympathy and help in a Christian land. An automobile accident in New York brings to the scene scores of helpers, while a junk could sink in the Yangtse Kiang River, and the people on the bank and on passing boats would pay no heed to the distress of the drowning.

Yet, reports Prof. Dewey, China is Christian in spirit. Undoubtedly a great logician, is he a great observer? One recalls the saying of Jowett to George William Ward, "What is logic but a dodge?" This reasoner was so occupied in leading up to his paradox, that he could not even see that America is acting the part of the Good Samaritan toward China in this conference at Washington.

One of the great needs of our Church is a fully equipped set of chimes. Some years ago our old bells, which were only sufficient for peals, were retuned and several additional bells were added. But today the tuning has lost its correctness, and our sweet bells are now jangled and out of tune. The following quotation from Andrew Carnegie will show what a spell the music of a church bell can cast upon a powerful nature:

"As we drove down the Pends I was standing on the front seat of the coach with Provost Walls, when I heard the first toll of the Abbey bell, tolled in honor of my mother and myself. My knees sank down under me, the tears came rushing before I knew it, and I turned around to tell the Provost that I must give in. For a moment I felt as if I were about to faint. Fortunately, I saw there was no crowd before us for a little distance. I had time to regain control, and biting my lips till they actually bled, I murmured, "No matter, keep cool, you must go on." But never can there come to my ears on earth, nor enter so deep into my soul, a sound that shall haunt and subdue me with its sweet, melting, gracious power as that did.

By that curfew I had been laid in my little couch to sleep the sleep of childish innocence. Father and mother, sometimes one and sometimes the other, had told me as they bent lovingly over me night after night, what that bell said as it tolled. Many good words has that bell spoken to me through their translations. No wrong thing did I do through the day, which that voice from all I knew of heaven and the great Father there, did not tell me kindly about ere I sank to sleep, speaking the words so plainly that I knew that the power that moved it had seen all, and was not angry, never angry, never, but so very *very* sorry. Nor is that bell dumb to me today, when I hear its voice. It still has the message, and how it sounded to welcome back the exiled mother and son under its precious care.

Rousseau wished to die to the strains of sweet music. Could I choose my accompaniment, I could wish to pass into the dim beyond with the tolling of the Abbey bell sounding in my ears, telling me of the race that had been run, and calling me, as it had called the little white-haired lad for the last time *to sleep*."

What more beautiful memorial could be added to the rich memorials of St. Stephen's than a fine chime of sweet bells whose music would soothe the sufferers as they lie in bed in

the hospital, would summon to the Wednesday noonday service the clerk at his desk, and would on Sunday send the message of its hymns to the dwellers all around, to the wayfarer on the street, to the traveler waiting wearily for his train in the railroad station, to the thoughtless, the tempted, the lonely and the sad?

The Lenten list of speakers is about ready to print. Everyone will be gratified to learn that we have secured Bishop Cook, of Delaware; Dr. Melish, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Empringham, of New York.

The Lenten cards will be issued shortly.

Mrs. Grammer is anxious to meet the members of the congregation after her long absence in Europe, and has resumed her custom of being at home on Monday afternoon. I can always be found in the Vestry from 10 to 1 on Tuesday, and from 11 to 12 on Wednesday morning.

I am anxious to get a correct mailing list for THE PARISH NEWS, and to avoid sending more than one copy to one address. Will those who wish to have the paper mailed to them, please send their names and addresses to Mrs. D. R. Harper, 211 West Chelten Avenue, Germantown?

I reopen my letter to write a brief addition about the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on Thursday, the 19th. It was a great success. The reports of the committees were brief and full of interest, and the address of Mrs. Roland S. Morris on Japanese characteristics, which portrayed the Japanese from an original point of view, was much appreciated. It was pleasant to know how Japan appeared when viewed from the windows of the American embassy. Her display of exquisite Japanese articles of apparel revealed to all the artistic refinement of that Oriental civilization. The President of the Auxiliary, Miss Laura Bell, showed true generalship, as well as a most generous hospitality, in combining with this address an afternoon tea, to which leading church women were invited from outside, as well as the Bishops and Dean of the Convocation and members of our Vestry. The attendance was most gratifying, especially in view of the important diocesan meetings on that day. Among our guests were Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Roberts, the President of the New Century Club, Dean Medary and Messrs. Van Dusen, Atmore, Reifsnyder, Raspin and Dr. Old, of the Vestry. The Rector embraced the opportunity to present in their new dignities, the wife of the new Accounting Warden, Mrs. Craig Atmore, and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin and Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis, the wives of the two new Vestrymen.

A meeting of this kind in which the extension of the Kingdom of God into the uttermost parts of the earth is first considered, prayed for and aided, and then good will and fellowship in the parish are furthered by social converse, is the best kind of missionary meeting. I am sure more men will come next time.

I am glad to report that Mr. Ellis has kindly taken off my hands the care of the church's advertising. Mr. James Burns has kindly accepted the position of Business Manager of this paper. This is a great help, for I anticipate that he will be able to put us on a good basis. I am declining all invitations to preach elsewhere, or to make addresses, except one address that I am to make to railroad employees in February, and am giving as an explanation of my declinations my desire to give myself, after my holiday of six months and previous sickness for two months, entirely to the preaching and pastoral care of St. Stephen's Church. I believe that God is blessing our work, and feel confident that all are working loyally and bravely. We can do a large and worthy work for the cause of God and the service of man.

Sincerely yours

Carl E Grammer.

A cablegram from Monrovia has just been received, announcing the death of Mrs. Ramsaur, best known to our congregation as Miss Conway. Mrs. Ramsaur made an address at our woman's Auxiliary meeting last Autumn, and had just returned to Liberia, when she died. She was a brave pioneer of the church, and fell in the front rank. Further details will be eagerly looked for by her friends in the Parish.

On Thursday, February 16th, at 7 P. M., we will have our Annual Winter Subscription Dinner. Last year we had this dinner in the Sunday School building, and followed it by a dance. This year it will be held in the large dining room of the Burd School, 4226 Baltimore Avenue.

In the Bazaar there was wonderful co-operation in work. In this dinner let us have the same spirit of co-operation in fellowship. The men now have a chance to take hold. I hope that not one of them will fail to subscribe and to attend. We will have no caterer, the dinner will be provided by the ladies of the congregation. There will be special attractions—music, short speeches and a delightful evening. Let us then talk together of the proper way to celebrate the centennial of the church, which will be in January, 1923.

Subsrriptions may be given to the Verger, a dollar a plate.

C. E. G.

Extract from a Letter from Miss Cleaver.

Our congregation is very much gratified by the attendance upon our services of so many of the students at the Training School for Deaconesses. Miss Fannie E. Cleaver attended St. Stephen's through her whole course, and we give below some extracts from a letter she wrote to Mr. Reifsnyder on Thanksgiving Day. He received it only a few days ago. Let us not forget her up under the Arctic Circle, when we pray for the laborers in the vineyard.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOSPITAL
Fort Yukon, Alaska.

Thanksgiving Day,
November 24, 1921.

My dear Mr. Reifsnyder:

Your wonderful letter of September 15th received in the last mail; also yours of September 21st. The date of the mail was November 10th, and this was our first trail mail. By this we mean that every letter and package we received came via dog-team. We did not have a letter from the last of September until then, and how many do you think I received? None less than thirty-five, so you see how busy I have been kept answering them. You know I have considerable work to do, besides answering letters, but I am gradually getting them caught up.

I do so love to receive letters, as you can readily understand away up here, and also delight as much in answering them, so it is no task. Some people do not enjoy writing, but I am one who does, and always have had a huge correspondence. I am so happy to think that you have been added to my list, and did certainly have a very pleasant time reading your entertaining letter, really I could term it an epistle, for it was so helpful, as well as interesting and entertaining. It did me almost as much good as talking right to you, although it was not quite the same, for we always do have such a good time chatting.

Everyone speaks of the hot, rather unpleasant summer, but I can only say that it was perfect up here. The only disagreeable day I experienced was the one in Chicago, about the Fourth of July, and since then it could not have been nicer. The mails have been very slow, as seems to be the custom in Alaska, and after you are here for awhile, they tell me you get quite used to it. You see it was six weeks between deliveries and the last time, owing to the change in route from the steam boat to the dog team. From now on, we shall receive mail every two weeks, until spring, then when the change comes again from dog team back to steam boat, there will be that long wait again.

Since I wrote you last time, we have enjoyed watching the weather and the change of days. I shall try to give you an idea of what it is like, although it is rather difficult. Ever since we came in July the days have been getting shorter and shorter, the entire day being June 22, when the sun never ceases to shine. From then until now, and until December 22nd, the sun rises fifteen minutes later and sets fifteen minutes earlier, so that to-day the sunrise was about nine to ten o'clock, and it set about two. In December it will be light for about two hours, from eleven to one. Now it is exactly three our time, and for quite a while I have been writing with gaslight. From December 22 until June 22 the days increase accordingly as they decrease until we have all day again. This is the way the sun treats this country, because we are about three miles north of the Arctic Circle; consequently, within the Arctic region. It is a very interesting and wonderful country, and I know you would enjoy it for at least one winter.

The temperature has dropped in proportion to the shortness of the days. In July it was quite warm. I think I told you as hot as 80, and now it is as cold as thirty-five below, and will increase to 65 and 70, as we approach Christmas time. September 14th we had our first snow, and up until now we have still had a nice white covering on our ground. At present, we have had about three feet of snow, but it is so dry and soft that we do not mind it at all. It soon gets packed down, and the Indians make trails which are very easy to follow. Everywhere you want to go are their trails, which are no less than little paths about 18 inches wide.

The river is beautiful, frozen solidly for about three

feet, and entirely across its width and throughout its length. The Yukon is three miles wide in front of the hospital, and directly across is the Arctic Circle line. This river does not freeze like the Delaware or Schuylkill would, but freezes in great masses, heaped up on top of the other. The entire surface is points and slabs of ice which is very interesting to see. Before it freezes, the ice "runs" in the river, as they call it. The pieces are as large as fifteen feet square, and as small as one foot square. They race down seemingly trying to get ahead of each other, then there comes a jam. The ice seems to back up from everywhere all around, from the mountains, the Porcupine, the Yukon itself, and everywhere. The jam causes a great creekling, and finally it runs very slowly and then stops for the entire winter, never moving until next Spring. There is a smooth place right in front of the hospital now, and this has been used for skating, and it will remain there until the "break-up," as they call the melting.

The main trails are cut on the river, and the mail man goes right down the river from Fort Yukon to Circle to get our mail. He has taken me out in his sled with his six beautiful dogs, and we had such a good time. I have walked over the Yukon and stood in the middle, surrounded with this wonderful ice, even sat on the huge slabs in the prettiest part. One Sunday afternoon, we walked a mile and a half straight across, and then came back, for we thought to walk six miles in one afternoon, and it was quite cold, was a little too far.

We still go hunting for rabbits, but I never seem to want to kill the pretty things; however, I do like to eat them, better than I do the moose. The moose is very much like beef, but so often has gristle in it, and this is what I do not like. In September the rabbits were the color of the woods, a beautiful brown, but now they are handsome, all white and as pretty as can be. When you walk through the woods, you can see their little ears pointing at you. I love to watch them come out to eat, and carry home the spruce for their families.

The work is as interesting as ever, and as in all hospitals, the patients come and go. At present we have three men, two natives and one white man; also three children, for one of our little girls went home yesterday. She happened to be the daughter of the chief. I wish you could see him. I am going to take his picture some day. The only trouble is, he is very normal looking. I wish they would not wear so many American clothes, they lose all of their originality, but they all still wear parkees, booties, beaver caps, etc., for the winter weather.

As to-day was Thanksgiving, everyone went to church, taking an offering. It was very impressive to see them going with their arms filled. The amount was about $170.00 in provisions and orders in the stores to be filled. I think that was a very good contribution for a chapel full of people, and I can truthfully say a chapel full, for it is seldom empty. You should see them go in, women, babies, men, boys, girls, even dogs come, but they make the dogs stay outside. They are all anxious to come to service and love it. It is really very impressive. Now they are getting ready for Christmas, learning carols. They love to sing, and are indeed very reverent.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Letters of thanks acknowledging receipt of missionary boxes, Christmas stockings for settlement houses, contributions to Camp Dix, etc., were read at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on Thursday afternoon, January 19th, and reports were made by the delegates to the various committees, showing much activity in all directions.

The endowment fund of two hundred and fifty dollars for the permanent support of the Hospital of the Resurrection of Hope at Kumamoto, Japan, for one day annually, namely, St. Stephen's day, is now completed, and it was eminently fitting to hear of this accomplished fact at the same meeting at which Mrs. Roland S. Morris gave an interesting talk of her impressions of the Japanese people, impressions formed during her sojourn in that land as the youngest American ambassadress ever resident there.

Mrs. Morris dwelt upon special characteristics of the Japanese as noted by her, honesty, cleanliness, politeness and modesty and gave several illustrations of these virtues. She brought various articles of Japanese clothing, silks and brocades, rich in color and design, showing artistic taste, and all who heard her and met her at the tea and reception following her address were proud that it was she who had the opportunity to represent our country as a typical American woman in the land of cherry blossoms.

LAURA BELL.

King's Daughter's Whatsoever Circle.

The attendance this season is good and we are making progress with our sewing. Meetings in February will be on the 8th and 15th.

Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Chairman of the Diocesan Committee, asks that the following notice be printed in THE PARISH NEWS:

Mrs. Cox, Chairman of the Wool Department of the Supply Bureau, told of the need of the Diocese for 2,000 knitted garments, and suggested that each parish has a knitting committee made up of members who would be willing to knit garments, the wool being supplied either by a sum raised by the parish or, where this is not possible, by applying to the Supply Bureau itself. The wool can be bought at less than cost price at the Church House Shop, and the description of the garment needed can be got at the same time. Any parish desiring to hear further in this matter, by applying to Spruce 8360, can be put in touch with Mrs. Isaac Davis, of the Church of the Messiah, Gwynedd, who is very glad to go to the parish to start such a Wool Committee.

Your Dance Club has had a series of pleasant Friday evening dances, unhampered (as might be supposed) and plans to open February with a special dance on the third—one more generally heralded than the regular routine—in hope of increasing the attendance throughout the month. The music for the special dance, as well as for every Friday evening during the month (please note), will be furnished by the Old St. Stephen's Club Orchestra, whose playing at the alternate dances during the past months has met with general approval. The growing demand for their music has led to the trial discontinuance of the alterating orchestras, and you now have a full month to prove, by means of your own attendance and the interesting of your friends, that you really wanted what you have so insistently asked for.

Respectfully,

HARRY J. HAUGER,
Secretary.

The Sunday School.

January in the Sunday School has been most encouraging. We have had an average attendance of about one hundred. Books were awarded to five scholars in the main school and to three in the primary department, for making the greatest number of points in punctuality, attendance on both church and the school, besides, of course, attention to lesson study. We are planning in the next few months to develop the class spirit by awarding a banner to the class which, as a whole, has the best attendance and punctuality in regard to its numbers. We will gladly welcome visitors and new scholars.

After eight weeks of hard rehearsal we can happily say that our Christmas musical play was a success. It was a fine evening, Tuesday, December 27th. Our building with its gallery was crowded to the door, "Standing room only." After the Rector's happy opening address and the carols, the story is best told by the program herewith:

A Musical Play in Two Acts.

"CHRISTMAS IN AN OLD CASTLE"

SCENES.

Act. 1.—In the Greenwood, outside the Castle.
Act 2.—Interior, Christmas in the Castle Hall.

STORY.

The Old Witch of the Oak has mixed everybody's dates, even Santa Claus', but is finally redeemed from her evil ways by the fairies within the Castle of Heart's Desire on Christmas Day.

CHARACTERS.

Mabel—A bright child of the Castle..Isabel Harman
John, Prince and heir of the Duke.....Russel Nissen
Isabelle—A little cousin.....Florence Myers
Old Witch of the Oak—Redeemed by a song
Elsie Willmott
Gwendoline—Daughter of the Duke....Helen Fulton
Eva—A girl to the point.....Carrie Lynch
Hermit of the Woods—Transformed by Fairies
Mr. Trainor
Prinkle—Dromio of Essex, who finds the Xmas date
Edward Schweiger
Fairy Bountiful—Queen of the Fairies
Katherine Shelden

FAIRIES.

Violet Kuhn, Katherine Coll, Hazel Cree, Muriel Bowman, Margaret Dorsey, Adelaide Mastick, Dorothy Witherow, Bartina Lynch.
Sir Knight of Old—Santa, in disguise..G. H. Streaker
The Queen of Song .....Gladys Leupold

CHUBBIES.

Kitty Bowman, Elva Bruce, Madlyn Wolliver, Ethel Cree, Eleanor.

BIG-LITTLE MEN

John Coll, Walter and George Blomquist, Charles Acker, Tommy Welsh.

GUESTS.

Tinkle—Prinkle's brother, Dromio of Sussex
Harry Shields
Countess Corinne—A traveller.....Ruth Coate
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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Jan. 19, 1927—Frederick D. Evans and Sarah Page.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Jan. 5—James W. Merchant.
Jan. 7—Adelaide Parry Brunner.
Jan. 8—Margaret Messinger Barr.
Jan. 22—Wilhelmina M. Haase.

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United Thank Offering

As usual at this season I call attention of the Congregation to the Women's United Thank Offering, of which I am the Treasurer for St. Stephen's. I am most anxious to increase the number of subscribers, and the interest in this great work, the only one in our Church carried on by women for women, given in gratitude for blessings received by them, the money going to the support of the women in the Missionary Field. Those using the Missionary calendar will be interested in noticing the number of workers with a star after their names, showing that they are supported by the W. U. T. O. Some of my faithful subscribers have already sent me their contributions; I hope that many others will be renewed, and look forward to the hope of new interest in this great work. Kindly send subscriptions to (Miss) Elizabeth C. Washington, 2101 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

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Amounts placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Missions	$49.07	
Church Farm School for Boys	79.63	
		$128.70
Special appeal for "Expectation"	$470.25	
		470.25
Envelope System:		
Charities	$21.90	
Parochial Maintenance	88.40	
Missions	143.45	
Theological Education	.25	
Our Work Among Young People	.35	
Benevolent Society	7.65	
Episcopal Hospital	206.00	
Domestic Missions	.65	
Church Farm School	127.11	
Community House Debt	.65	
Diocesan Missions	20.15	
Foreign Missions	25.10	
Colored Missions	1.30	
Missionary Box	.10	
Indian Missions	10.65	
Chancel Decorations	.35	
Deaconess House	5.20	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.55	
Woman's Auxiliary	.60	
		660.41
		$1,259.36

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$21.90
Parochial Maintenance	88.40
Missions	662.77
Theological Education	.25
Our Work Among Young People	.35
Benevolent Society	7.65
Episcopal Hospital	206.00
Domestic Missions	.65
Church Farm School	206.74
Community House Debt	.65
Diocesan Missions	20.15
Foreign Missions	25.10
Colored Missions	1.30
Missionary Box	.10
Indian Missions	10.65
Chancel Decorations	.35
Deaconess House	5.20
Daily Vacation Bible School	.55
Woman's Auxiliary	.60
	$1,259.36

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Woman's Auxiliary

At the January meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. William J. Haines gave an interesting and inspiring talk on The Bishop's Crusade.

Confirmation April 3rd

All those who desire to be confirmed or are considering the step are asked to give their names to Dr. Grammer or Mr. Kevin.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM 2ND JAN. TO 16TH JAN., 1927, INC.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$48.04	
Parochial Maintenance	17.78	
		$65.82
Envelope System:		
Charities	$48.30	
Parochial Maintenance	87.10	
Missions	57.40	
Theological Education	.10	
Our Work Among Young People	.10	
Benevolent Society	5.05	
Community House Debt	.95	
Diocesan Missions	.25	
Foreign Missions	41.85	
Missionary Box	.30	
Chancel Decorations	.10	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.15	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.30	
		242.95
		$308.77

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$96.34
Parochial Maintenance	104.88
Missions	57.40
Theological Education	.10
Our Work Among Young People	.10
Benevolent Society	5.05
Community House Debt	.95
Diocesan Missions	.25
Foreign Missions	41.85
Missionary Box	.30
Chancel Decorations	.10
Daily Vacation Bible School	.15
Woman's Auxiliary	1.30
	$308.77

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENVELOPE SYSTEM, 1926

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$254.34	
Parochial Maintenance	216.74	
Missions	506.61	
Theological Education	64.60	
Our Work Among Young People	20.67	
Benevolent Society	110.16	
Episcopal Hospital	30.85	
Domestic Missions	19.84	
Church Farm School	79.63	
Community House Debt	379.49	
Diocesan Missions	13.71	
Foreign Missions	29.10	
Missionary Box	4.15	
Indian Missions	20.30	
Chancel Decorations	58.59	
Deaconess House	29.66	
Daily Vacation Bible School	23.97	
Woman's Auxiliary	24.80	
		$1,887.21
Special appeal for "Expectation".	$795.25	
		795.25

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$813.09	
Parochial Maintenance	2,383.31	
Missions	2,358.73	
Theological Education	77.22	
Our Work Among Young People	66.45	
Benevolent Society	434.23	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.50	
Episcopal Hospital	720.07	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	10.45	
Domestic Missions	64.50	
Church Farm School	127.36	
Community House Debt	481.26	
Diocesan Missions	135.77	
Foreign Missions	89.70	
Colored Missions	107.55	
Missionary Box	51.14	
Indian Missions	76.25	
Chancel Decorations	124.90	
Deaconess House	66.85	
Sunday School	7.20	
Daily Vacation Bible School	71.05	
Woman's Auxiliary	78.05	
Church Work Fund	4.05	
Near East Relief	201.00	
Red Cross Florida Relief	85.56	
National Health Education Society	1.00	
		8,647.24
		$11,329.70

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$1,067.43
Parochial Maintenance	2,621.75
Missions	3,660.59
Theological Education	141.82
Our Work Among Young People	87.12
Benevolent Society	544.39
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.50
Episcopal Hospital	759.92
Domestic Missions	84.34
Church Farm School	206.99
Community House Debt	860.75
Diocesan Missions	149.48
Foreign Missions	118.80
Colored Missions	107.55
Missionary Box	55.29
Indian Missions	96.55
Chancel Decorations	183.49
Deaconess House	96.51
Daily Vacation Bible School	95.02
Woman's Auxiliary	102.85
Near East Relief	202.00
Red Cross Florida Relief	85.56
	$11,329.70

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

As there were no envelopes in 1926 for Sunday School Christmas Festival, Sunday School, and Church Work Fund, the amounts received for above objects have been applied to Parochial Maintenance, and the amount for National Health Education Society was given to Red Cross Florida Relief.

The Rector's Letter

Well, we didn't reach the $7000, which the generous Vestry thought we could give in 1926. I phoned the Church House to-day and learnt that the books had been closed and St. Stephen's was credited with $6217.-13. Last year we gave $6500, so we are $282.78 short of last year's contribution. Well, I wish we had reached the $6500, anyhow; but there is no reason for discouragement. After the wonderful showing of the parish in the great Campaign it was impossible to canvass the congregation again after such a short interval. Moreover the $6500 is the best that the parish has ever done in all its history, so far as the records show. Then, too, we only reached that sum by a regular canvass of the congregation last January; as I have said this was impossible in January, 1927.

On the other hand Miss Headman reports that the total contributed for the Expectation through the envelope system was $5230.73—the largest annual contribution that has ever gone through that channel, and there was an increase in every item over last year except for Colored Missions and the Church Farm School. I do not greatly regret the decrease for Colored Missions for I never have understood why the colored people in the Episcopal Church were not more self-helpful. The colored Baptists and Methodists finance themselves without any aid from the white people. What we give to the colored people ought to go to schools. But I am sorry about the Church Farm School and hope that we can do more for it in 1927. But don't let us have any more drives about Christmas-tide and the first of January. Let us bear the General Church Work in mind, and remember that the money in the pocket marked outside of the Parish is divided between three fields: 1. the Missions and Institutions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; 2. our Domestic work in the States and in our dependences; and, 3. the work in the Foreign field. Hearty thanks go to all who responded so generously to the Vestry's appeal.

I must not omit a tribute to Mrs. Brunner, who was one of the faithful sustainers of the Parish's benevolent activities. Her check for twenty-five dollars could be confidently relied on in answer to any appeal of merit. In her last years her flame of vitality only flickered feebly. Months had to be passed in bed, and a nurse had to be ever at her side; but in her feebleness the sweetness and serenity of her nature was never overcast. There was always about her the radiance of a loving, unselfish heart. She was, indeed, one of the salt of the Earth.

As I so often lament in these columns the last of some parishioner, it is pleasant to record some accessions to our members. The Forbeses and Stephensons had for years been attendants on our services and one of our societies, and now they have officially connected themselves with us and brought in their letters of transfer.

This is cheering. I wish that more would follow their example. Again and again do I meet people who tell me that they are in thorough sympathy with what St. Stephen's stands for; that they agree with me that the Church ought to welcome truth from all quarters, that it ought to be willing to have the old truths expressed in new forms, that the Christian teacher ought not to restrict himself to literary questions about the Bible, or to Ecclesiastical discussions about the organization and worship of the Church, or to doctrinal subjects, or devotional topics, but should point to the application of Christian principles to political questions, national and international, and to economic questions; that there is no real breadth in a pulpit that professing to be broad is really narrow in its interest, and avoids such vital questions as the right attitude toward Sunday observance, Prohibition, and organizing the world for Peace. "We are with you in spirit," such people say, "we believe in a Broad Churchmanship, that is ethically strenuous and does not keep Christianity away from the real problems of Life." But when I inquire what Church they attend they confess with shame, that they give their bodily presence and influence to some Church that stands aloof from all these vital questions and is entirely occupied either with calling on people to stand in the old paths and pronounce the old Shibboleths, or is giving all its vitality to ecclesiasticism and ritual developments. Truly consistency is a jewel that is only worn by the brave—as in the Arthurian

legend, there was a dress that could only be worn by the pure. It is not proper that I should seek to draw people away from other Churches, so I say nothing. But I hold that St. Stephen's has a claim upon the attendance, and support of the people who believe that it stands for the right ideals. No parishioner is expected to agree with every opinion or policy of a Rector, but surely a general agreement with the spirit of a Church is essential, if the services are to be really helpful. I cannot understand how a pulpit that never speaks out till the issue has been decided can be of much value as a stimulator and guide of the spiritual life of a congregation. Such preachers are, in my judgment, like pilots who stay in the safe shelter of the harbor, when the storm is raging without and their services may be most needed, and only go abroad, when there is a calm or the zephyrs are gently blowing and the need of their guidance is reduced to a minimum. But, of course, the mariners who want to wait till the storm is passed, before they venture out upon the high seas, don't care for the pilots, who call upon them to fulfill their schedule and set upon their voyage in defiance of the weather. Mariners who want to play safe and cling to the safe shelter, like the timid pilots. "Birds of a feather," but the proverb is stale and the metaphor inapt.

There is an interesting correspondence in The Chronicle in which the Rev. Frederick Lynch, the well-known writer for the Christian Century, claims that there is really no Romeward tendency in the Ritualists who assembled at Milwaukee. According to Dr. Lynch the test of Roman Catholicism is obedience to the Pope. He observes no tendency on the part of the Ritualists to bow their neck to that yoke. Therefore, they have no Rome-ward proclivities. Surely this is a very shallow view of Roman Catholicism. The vast authority that belongs to the Pope since the Vatican Council of 1870 and its declaration of the infallibility of the Pope is not the only objectionable feature of Roman Catholicism. The doctrine of Transubstantiation and the Medieval view of the Sacraments are, in the judgment of Protestants, hurtful to the spiritual life, making people rely upon magical rites instead of the faithful performance of duty as the chief developers of character. Spiritual directors in the Confessional box do not train up people with consciences rightly exercised through use to discern good and evil. The exaltation of the Church as the sole channel of grace interferes with reliance on the spirit of God. How well Bernard Shaw shows in his Joan of Arc that this theory of the Church as the sole authorized channel of grace brought about the burning of the inspired Maid. It is this exclusive theory that led to the rejection of the prophets that protested against the evils that a supine Church condoned. The essence of Romanism is not the Pope, its essence is the belief that God committed His truth and grace to a definite corporation, and that "none is genuine without its signature."

This error Anglo-Catholicism shares with Roman Catholicism. It is the bond that unites them. It is their common premise. But the advantage of consistency is with Rome, for it holds that the corporation of which the Pope is the head is the sole properly authorized agency for the dispensing of grace and that all other agencies are schismatic and defective. Whereas Anglo-Catholicism teaches that this exclusive corporation exists in three branches, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Anglo-Catholic. We can understand a corporation functioning through branches, but in such cases the branches always acknowledge each other's validity and respect one another's rights. But such is not the relation between Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Anglo-Catholic. Unfortunately for Anglo-Catholicism the smallest and most recent of the three, the Orthodox Church has shown much uncertainty about its regularity, and the Roman Catholic Church, the largest of the three, and the one about whose regularity there is no doubt in the minds of the Anglo-Catholics, absolutely refuses to acknowledge the validity of the Anglo-Catholic branch; flatly denies this theory of valid branches, that do not recognize one another, and asserts that the unity of the Church exists in its union in one organization under one head. This is indeed a staggering blow to Anglo-Catholicism, since on its own theory Rome is a valid Church, a Church with whose teachings Anglo-Catholics agree in the main, in almost everything except the divine right of the Pope. What a dilemma!

Anglo-Catholicism lauds and copies Rome, but Rome disowns Anglo-Catholicism. The more that Anglo-Catholicism conforms to the Roman model and accepts the Roman theology, the harder it becomes to bear that condemnation by the Church so admired and copied. No wonder that Anglo-Catholics are constantly slipping away to Rome. The attraction of the See is both logical and aesthetic. People who stand on a slippery declivity are almost certain to slide down hill and Anglo-Catholics stand in such places.

Cardinal Newman, and hundreds of others would never have left the romantic towers of Oxford for the social ostracism of Roman Catholicism if their logical minds had not compelled them to follow their premise to its conclusion. Anglo-Catholicism holds to this close corporation theory of the Church. That theory exalting the Church into the Mediatorship that belongs to Christ is the seed from which this great tree of Roman Catholicism has grown. This is the explanation of the steady progress of the Ritualists to Roman Catholic usages, devotions, practices, and of the constant drift from that section of our Church to the fold of Peter.

I do not write this because I wish to hurry them on to that logical goal. There are other forces in the world beside logic, and there are more doctrines than one in a theology. Many Anglo-Catholics are really Gallicans, and as between the Gallicans and Ultramontanes my sympathies are with the Gallicans. As long as they are outside of the fence of Roman Catholicism our ritualistic brethren come in contact through other schools in our Church with modern and progressive ideas. Let us hope that the winds that blow in through these open windows may avail to blow away some of the mists that obscure their vision of reality. There are people who are perfectly fascinated by the pomp and beauty of Romish ritual, who are kept from falling under the dominion of its priesthood, by the satisfaction that the Anglo-Catholic ritual, much more refined and elaborate than in most Roman Churches, affords their aesthetic yearnings. Better our Ritualistic confessors, than Jesuit casuistry.

I am not pointing to Roman Catholic Ultramontanism as a goal, which I hope that the Ritualists may soon reach—long may they avoid the despotism of the Roman Curia. My point is that they stand in slippery places, and while I would by no means push them down the hill, nevertheless I do not feel it incumbent on us to abstain from calling out loudly to incautious walkers to avoid their slippery paths for fear of hastening their descent. In my judgment, pace Dr. Lynch, The Chronicle is quite justified in pointing out the Romanizing tendency of the Anglo-Catholic beliefs and practices. No man is a New Testament Christian who does not appreciate that God's Spirit deals directly with each of us and that, however much other agencies may contribute, the chief channel of Divine influence runs direct from the Creator to the Creature. The exaltation of the Church to the position of the sole Trustee of God's grace has proven obstructive to progress, injurious to the characters of those who regard themselves as the authorized channels of grace and hurtful to the manliness of those who are taught to call priests their spiritual masters. Surely Protestantism with its assertion of the right of individual judgment and its confidence that God pardons freely His children who turn to Him in repentance and faith is an advance on the legalism and spiritual domination of Medieval Theology. It is not merely the Pope that Protestantism objects to; it is both Medieval Legalism and Medieval trust in magic. Dr. Lynch seems to us to have an inadequate grasp on the principles at issue.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Mrs. Grammer will be at home, 1008 Clinton Street, after 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoons in February.

Edward James Moore, Jr.

Grief was brought to many hearts by the news of the death of Mr. E. J. Moore, Jr., on January 14th. Though he retired from active business some years ago, and was for nearly a decade a great invalid, Mr. Moore possessed such personal charm, and was so

widely helpful by his thoughtful generosities, that he will be greatly missed in the City and in the Church.

A Philadelphian by birth and training he has left to his native City a fine example of Christian courtesy and unostentatious liberality. His life was remarkable for its singular consistency. Just when he was ready for College he gave up that privilege in order that his elder brother, Frank, who wished to leave business and enter the ministry, might have that advantage. Frank's claim was superior to his, he urged, since his studies would be for self-culture and not like his brother's a qualification for service. In this act he struck the characteristic note of his whole life. He had his reward in the unstinted admiration and love of all his brothers. Samuel the eldest, eventually became associated with him in the firm of E. J. Moore and Co., and his admiration and affection for his younger brother Edward was one of his outstanding characteristics. These two brothers shared a pew in St. Stephen's when I became the Rector, and were most generous helpers of all good causes, as Dr. Worcester told me they had been in his day. When in my second year we got up the reserve fund to provide against the annual deficit that had been occurring for many years, the first subscriptions outside of the Vestry came from Edward and Samuel Moore, two hundred and fifty dollars each, annually for three years. At service one Sunday morning a poor man fainted in a front pew and had to be carried out to the Vestry-room. On inquiry it was ascertained that he had had no breakfast that morning. Mr. Samuel Moore was at the service, and was so much concerned over the scanty and thread-bare clothing of the man, that he commissioned me to fit him out thoroughly, regardless of expense. I began at rubber shoes, and went up—shoes, socks, underclothing, shirts, a suit of clothes, overcoat, and finished with a hat. The bill was considerably over a hundred dollars. But Mr. Moore was dissatisfied; he noticed that gloves had been omitted, and asked me to procure them also.

Mr. E. J. Moore had a pew in St. Peter's Church, Germantown, as well as in St. Stephen's and attended the Sunday morning service there. When I learnt this, I felt somewhat embarrassed, as I did not care to compete with my friend, the Rector of St. Peter's for Mr. Moore's support. So I wrote Mr. Moore frankly that I had no desire to lessen his loyalty to St. Peter's, and that I well understood how it was more convenient for him to attend the morning service at that Church; but I was glad to see that he often attended our afternoon service, and took special pleasure in the music of Dr. Wood. For my part I did not see why he should not belong to two Churches, as men often belong to two clubs, and are directors in several banks. While St. Peter's, Germantown, might be more convenient for worship, and had the claim of a neighborhood Church, I thought that through St. Stephen's he could render larger social service, and that it had the claim of being near his place of business. He replied that he agreed entirely with the sentiments of my letter, and could be counted on to aid St. Stephen's as long as it had a Rector of my liberal and protestant convictions. (The importance of a protestant Rector was even more strongly emphasized by Mr. Samuel Moore.)

Most loyally did E. J. Moore make good these words. To St. Stephen's Farm, near Warminster in Bucks County, he contributed $500 annually, as long as we maintained that summer resort. After his great illness had crippled him so sorely, and the death of his son concentrated his interests more in Germantown, he gave up his pew in St. Stephen's, but to the end he continued a benefaction, that was, I believe, originally begun by his brother Samuel, and annually sent us in the Autumn boxes of new shoes to be distributed to the needy by Miss Lewis.

Never can I forget his wonderful kindness to me when I was ill in the American hospital at Neuilly. He was himself ill at Aix-les-Bains, with a trained nurse, and with many anxieties and problems pressing upon him; yet he at once wrote Mrs. Grammer offering pecuniary aid, and asking permission to provide a private nurse. The generous purse which the Congregation had presented me at my departure for Europe made such help unnecessary, and we could not accept his kind offer. But his friendly solicitude was not satisfied, and at his special request his brother Frank came out to see me in Neuilly to bring his brother's greetings, and ascertain personally my progress. Lovely and beautiful in their lives, in death these devoted brothers were not long divided.

Never can I forget or cease to cherish the pleasant memories of our friendship. When he was still strong, we had many pleasant games of golf together, a delightful trip in Florida one winter, and a charming visit to the White Mountains in their October beauty. Over in Europe I went with Mrs. Grammer from Grenoble to Aix-les-Bains for a week to be near him and Mrs. Moore as well as to have the benefit of the baths, and I saw with admiration that in adversity he was the same man as in prosperity, the victor over circumstances and not their slave. He was indeed a delightful companion and possessed a singular gift of turning the conversation upon topics that were interesting to the other person. His own range of interest was wide, including politics, public affairs, music, theology, ecclesiastical activities of all kind, and especially the history and usages of the Episcopal Church. Greatly will he be missed in the Germantown Hospital of which he was such a munificent benefactor; in St. Peter's Church where he eventually became a Vestryman; in the philanthropies of the City; and by a wide circle of friends.

Many hearts go out in sympathy to his bereaved wife, to whom he was such a devoted and chivalrous husband. He has left to his little grandson the heritage of a wonderful example.

As I write I recall a dramatic incident that brought into high relief his rare union of courage, and humanity. One night he and Mrs. Moore were awakened by a sound as of boring at their bedroom door. The call "Who's there," brought the terrifying reply, "Never you mind; you will soon find out who's here!" This was followed by a determined effort, evidently by more than one person, to burst in the door. Mr. Moore immediately snatched a pistol from his dresser, and fired two shots; one through the door, which he aimed high, with the deliberate purpose of sparing the lives of the burglars, while he frightened them off; the other out of the open window to arouse the neighbors. The rest he saved to protect his wife, if the burglars' repeated efforts to break in should prove successful. They fired two shots in reply through the door. The shots alarmed the neighbors and the baffled burglars quickly slunk away. As Mr. Moore stood pistol in hand at the open window watching the bed-room door and answering the neighbors' calls, he saw his chauffeur come running from the garage toward the house, and warned him to take care lest he run into the burglars in their retreat!

Such was E. J. Moore—aliorum memor, immemor sui (of others thoughtful—thoughtless of self), a follower of the Master, who had the Master's characteristic union of courage and gentleness.

We are confident that a nature so pure, loyal, believing and loving has not been lost to the Universe. Wherever he is in the God's great cosmos, we feel that a heart so loyal and loving must be blessed. Having served and suffered here, he has been translated into other realms.

C. E. G.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Annual Report of Librarian—January 1, 1926 to January 1, 1927

Current periodicals sent regularly	100
Donors of above current periodicals	45
Books, theological and secular	98
Tracts and Catechisms	320
Odd magazines and papers	990
Christmas and Easter cards	189
Picture cards and calendars	92
Pictures, games and miscellaneous	70
Number of institutions in diocese aided	10

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand	$25.15
Received from Rector	45.00
Received from other sources	88.50
Total	$158.65

EXPENDITURES

Postage and stationery	$13.99
Freight and express	3.15
Books	10.00
Magazine subscriptions	71.15
Sundries	3.00
Annual dues	10.00
Balance on hand	47.36
Total	$158.65

MARY M. ROBERTS,
Librarian.

The Christmas Play

The Play, "Why the Chimes Rang," by the Girls' Friendly was a wonderful success. By special request it was repeated for "the Mothers" on January 13th, with a larger house than on the first performance. No one can tell what may be the future of these gifted players, artists and musicians. So we print below the full programme that it may be of record. Perhaps the days may come when St. Stephenites will point with pride to this play as having afforded some celebrity the first opportunity for spreading her wings.

Poetical in its conception, artistic in its setting, uplifting in its influence, thrilling in its climax, the play was a real contribution to our Christmas festivities. It would be insidious to select any one for special praise. But every one will feel, I am sure, that Mr. Kevin's initiative, resource and perseverance were chiefly responsible for the success.

CHRISTMAS PLAY
"WHY THE CHIMES RANG"
In One Act

By Elizabeth Apthorp McFadden from the story of Raymond McDonald Alden
Presented by the Girls' Friendly Society Chapter of the St. Stephen's Players' Guild
Monday Night, January 3, 1927, at 8.15 o'clock

Scene: The interior of a wood-chopper's hut on the edge of a forest.
Time: Dusk of a day of long ago.

CHARACTERS

Holger ..... Emily Shroder
Steen ..... Ruth Zang German
Uncle Bertel ..... Helen Tudor Blackwell
An Old Woman ..... Irene S. Wilder
Rich Young Man ..... Gertrude Ellert
Beautiful Woman ..... Elsie Willmott
The Scholar ..... Grace Armstrong
Lovely Young Girl ..... Florence Wilder
The King ..... Florence Fitzpatrick
An Angel ..... Janet H. Satterthwaite
A Priest ..... Robert Oliver Kevin
A Courtier ..... Laura Vincent

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Musical Director ..... Mrs. David Wood
Musical Director of Players' Guild, Mrs. R. Ethel Keable
Costumes ..... Miss Florence Fitzpatrick
Scenery ..... Miss Katherine Page
Advisor ..... Mrs. Hiram B. Eliason
Property Assistants—Mr. Frederick Fanz, Mr. Alfred King, Mr. James Killip, Mr. Thomas Cramp
Property Director ..... Mr. James Carrigan

Opening remarks by the Rector.

CONFERENCE

Septuagesima Conference of Liberals of the Province of Washington, and parts adjacent, in St. Stephen's Community House, Philadelphia, February 15th and 16th.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
St. Stephen's Community House

2.00 P. M.—Opening, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.
Address of welcome, Rev. Granville Taylor.
2.30 P. M.—Has Psychic Research Made Revelation and Miracle More Reasonable? Rev. Walter F. Prince, Ph.D.
Discussion, Rev. J. L. Hady.
4.00 P. M.—Conversion, Rev. Samuel Shoemaker, Jr., Calvary Church, New York.
Discussion, Rev. George C. Foley, D.D.
8.00 P. M.—The New Testament Teaching on the Lord's Supper. Professor George A. Barton.
Discussion, Rev. James Collins.
9.15 P. M.—The Use and Abuse of Ceremonial. Rev. Beverley Tucker, Jr., D.D., Virginia.
Discussion, Rev. Granville Taylor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th
St. Stephen's Church

10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Address by the Bishop of Pennsylvania.
11.30 A. M.—Paper—Church and State. Rev. Charles O. Scoville, D.D., Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn.
Discussion, Rev. Clifford G. Twombly.
One o'clock in St. Stephen's Community House, lunch by St. Stephen's Church to registered attendants.
2.00 P. M.—Paper—On what steps shall be taken to preserve the comprehensive character of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Rt. Rev. Robert L. Harris, D.D., Marquette.
Discussion—Opened by the Rev. Alexander G. Cummins, D.D.
Charge for registering, $1.00. The floor opened only to registered attendants.
The discussion on the paper by Bishop Harris, limited to the National Church League and to those who wish to become members.

LENTEN SPEAKERS FOR 1927

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
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Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Assistant

March 2, Ash Wednesday—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.
March 3—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.
March 4—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
March 5—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Assistant.

March 7-11—Rev. J. Howard Melish, D.D., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, New York.
March 12—Rev. Harry St. Clair Hathaway, Dean of the Pro-Cathedral, Philadelphia.

March 14-18—Rev. Beverley D. Tucker, Jr., D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia.
March 19—Rev. Frank Goosetray, Rector of the Free Church of St. John, Philadelphia.

March 21—Rev. Henry Coffin, D.D., President of Union Theological Seminary, New York.
March 22—Rev. Alexander MacColl, D.D., Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.
Wednesday 23rd—Rev. Henry Coffin, D.D., President of Union Theological Seminary, New York.
Thursday 24th and Friday 25th—Rev. Alexander MacColl, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.
March 26—Rev. Charles Henry Long, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.

March 28-April 1, inclusive—Rev. R. W. Patton, D.D., Campaign Director of the National Council, New York.
Saturday—Rev. Joseph Manuel, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia.

April 4-April 8—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.
April 9—Rev. John L. Hady, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown.

April 11 and 12—Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook.
Wednesday—Rt. Rev. Frank DuMoulin, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia.
Thursday—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
Good Friday—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church.
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10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Every Wednesday Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

THE BURD SCHOOL

(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.
PRINCIPAL.
Miss M. Tappen.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Chairman; Mrs. Frank H. Whiting, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Charles S. Calwell, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Mary DeHaven Bright, Miss Washington, Miss Sanders, Miss Dwier.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

All meetings at the Parish House.

OFFICERS.
President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President—Miss Cornelia L. Ewing.
Directress and Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Isabel P. Davis, 202 North 34th Street.
Managers—Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. Colket.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Miss Hutchinson, the Misses Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Virginia Zeilin, Miss Magee, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. Charles H. Eacles, Miss Woodward.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Colket, Mrs. Bilyeu, Mrs. Lautenbach.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.
RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

GARMENT COMMITTEE

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Frank Whiting.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 15 Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Miss Ella Headman, 6420 Overbrook Avenue.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.
FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Craig Atmore.
DOMESTIC—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson, Mrs. I. Smith Raspin.
COLORED MISSION—Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. I. W. Higham.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts
DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Miesse, Miss V. Zeilin.
TREASURER UNITED OFFERING—Miss Magee.
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY—Miss Anna Farrell.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—Mrs. E. R. Fell.
Chairman and Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.
Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.
Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Miss Cerboni.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY

St. Stephen's Aid Society will hold its usual meetings on Friday mornings during Lent, at 10 o'clock, in the Parish House. The making of baby garments should appeal to every woman and we are asking the women of the congregation to help us with their interest and co-operation.

E. K. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Miss Swift	Miss Ditmars
Miss Llewellyn	Miss Van Dusen
Miss Hutchinson	Mrs. Boyd
Mrs. Bilyew	Mrs. Phillips
Mrs. Noblit	Mrs. Barczinsky
Miss Haydock	Miss Hehl
Miss Sheaff	Misses Headman
Mrs. Higham	Mrs. Lautenbach
	Miss Zeilin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.

TEACHERS.
Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Sinclair, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Mrs. Paul B. Hartman, Mrs. Robert H. Roberts, Miss A. Farrell, Miss E. Shade, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Trussell.
Intermediate Class—Miss E. Willmott.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.
Superintendent—Miss Minnie Corrigan.
Teachers—Miss Willmott, Miss Anna Connelly and Miss Mary Page Grammer.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.
Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

SPEAKERS NOONDAY LENTEN SERVICES

April 1.—Rev. Clarence Herbert Reese, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Phila.
April 3 to 7 inclusive.—Rev. J. Howard Melish, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.
April 8.—Rev. William Y. Edwards, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown.
April 10 to 14 inclusive.—Bishop Paul Jones.
April 15.—Rev. Albert Stork.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.
Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Miss Katharine McCollin, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.
Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Howard Butcher, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Dr. Caroline M. Purnell, Mrs. Richard N. Thomas, Miss Van Dusen.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesday in the month.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

Wednesdays, 7.30 P. M.
President—
Vice-President—Dr. Frank G. Cooper.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T. Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

THE Young Mens' Club of St. Stephen's is going to give a play for the benefit of the Community House at the Little Theatre, 17th and DeLancey Streets, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 18th, 19th and 20th, at 8.15 P. M. Afterwards there will be dancing. Tickets $1.00, procurable No. 19 S. 10th Street, from Mr. Carrigan or from any member of the Club. The play selected is Booth Tarkington's CLARENCE. Let St. Stephen's folk encourage this effort. We are expecting great things as the players are rehearsing under the direction of Mr. Joseph Fox and Mr. G. Byrom Blackwell.

BOYS' CLUB

Boys' Brigade—Mondays, 7 P. M. Captain Henry Heritage.

ST. STEPHEN'S DANCE CLUB

Meets each Friday at 8 P. M.
President—The Rector.
Treasurer—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mr. Harry J. Hauger.
Directors—Mrs. Charles C. Campbell, Miss Edna E. Marley.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Apr. 2—Fifth Sunday in Lent.
Apr. 9—Palm Sunday.
Apr. 13—Holy Thursday.
Apr. 14—Good Friday.
Apr. 16—Easter Day.
Apr. 23—First Sunday after Easter.
Apr. 30—Second Sunday after Easter.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM.
"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."
Mar. 25—Lillian Gwynne.

HOLY MATRIMONY.
"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."
Mar. 8—Daniel A. Miller and Mary Nagy.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
Feb. 28—Miss Elizabeth L. Williamson.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 863 Corinthian Avenue.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

THE FEMALE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

MISS ELIZABETH WASHINGTON, *Representative of St. Stephen's*

With the hope of increasing its membership, I send a brief explanation of the object of the Society and of the kind of good which it accomplishes. Miss Cleemann had for many years represented St. Stephen's Parish, and at her death I was asked to replace her. This I have done with great interest and enthusiasm but recently with some discouragement as many of the former contributors have died or have moved away so that, in spite of the faithful interest of those who are left, the number is so small that St. Stephen's does not rank as we would like her to do with the other churches.

This Society differs from the "Bishop White Prayer Book Society" in being composed entirely of women, and in supplying the books *absolutely free* of any charge. In 1921 Prayer Books, some small and some large for chancel use and several of the latter for individuals with poor eyesight, small hymnals as well as music hymnals for choir use, to the number of 1,928, have been sent to the struggling missions and churches in every part of the U. S. Could the members of our congregation hear the touching and grateful letters of acknowledgment which they call forth, they would, I feel sure, be glad to take part in keeping up this valuable work.

The subscriptions range from $1.00 per year, and may be sent to me—Elizabeth C. Washington, 2008 Walnut Street.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the *Pew.*

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Parishioners:

We shall have a Confirmation on some date after Easter which will be most convenient to Bishop Garland. The Confirmation class will meet from now on until further notice, on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock sharp, in the Vestry room. Candidates and visitors will be most heartily welcomed. Whenever I begin this work of enlisting and drilling recruits, I am forced to ask myself just what kind of environment have we for them in St. Stephen's. Now as I understand our Church, it stands for certain definite conceptions. Some one once asked me where my Church was situated. I replied its position is not so much geographical as theological. Let me see if I can define clearly our theological position, using the term theological very loosely, making it cover both our ecclesiastical and religious positions. First of all then St. Stephen's began as a Church that had no quarrel with culture. The old Evangelicals were wonderfully fervent and devout people and rendered an invaluable service to our Church; but they distrusted culture, and had little use for beauty. St. Stephen's endeavored to keep religion and culture together. Its music was of a high order, and its beautiful monuments were the finest of their kind in America.

Secondly. Under Dr. McConnell, St. Stephen's showed itself hospitable to new truths. Dean Stanley once remarked that no theologian had influenced theological thought in the 19th century, as profoundly as the great scientist, Charles Darwin. During Dr. McConnell's rectorship St. Stephen's was recognized as possessing a pulpit where religion looked upon science with a friendly eye. Its pulpit was distinctly broad church in its message.

Thirdly. Under Dr. Worcester the value of comparative religion was emphasized and the results of the Higher Criticism of the Old Testament were brought home to the congregation.

I have endeavored to preserve these splendid traditions. The music of the Church is under the charge of a musician of distinguished gifts and is of a high order. Through the generous gifts of many parishioners and especially through the wonderful re-decoration of Miss Magee, the Church has attained one of the most exquisite interiors in the country. The theological breadth has been preserved. Scriptures, Church, and Reason are all proclaimed as roads by which men find God. Church organization, the Scriptures and Christian dogma are all treated as products of a long process of education and development.

I have also endeavored to extend the Church's zeal into new fields and to broaden its sympathies. When I came to St. Stephen's, it possessed no Woman's Auxiliary, and seemed to have small interest either in the life of the diocese or of the city. I organized the Auxiliary, and sought to make the influence of the Church felt in civic reforms. There is such a thing as being theologically progressive, but ethically reactionary, nominally broad, but in spirit narrow, exclusive, unprogressive, Philistine. There are some liberal Churches that like to cultivate aloofness from other Christians. Such Churches condemn in superior tones the crudeness of the theology of their less cultured brethren. Of course they themselves are essentially illiberal, in this attitude.

It is our bounden duty to work as far as possible with other Christians, to minimize differences and exalt agreements. I have sought to make St. Stephen's stand for ecclesiastical as well as theological liberality; for zeal, for righteousness, as well as for zeal for new conceptions of truth. I am also persuaded that a Church is meant to be a fellowship. Such are some of the goals for which I have striven.

More and more does it become plain to me that the great need is fervor of spirit. A belief that doesn't warm, animate, persuade, and control, is not a belief that will mould us, or win others. Let us ask God to make us fervent in spirit. Only in such a spirit can we serve the Lord with gladness, and with efficiency.

THE young men of the Church are going to give a play at the Little Theatre on De Lancey Street for the benefit of the proposed Community House. The dates are May 18th, 19th and 20th. The play is Booth Tarkington's "Clarence". I hope that there will be a liberal purchase of tickets, which are $1.00 apiece. There will be dancing afterwards.

I have been asked to enlist the interest of the congregation in the release of four Philadelphians, who are now serving long terms in Leavenworth prison. They were convicted under war-time legislation. The two counts under which conviction stand were conspiracy against the Draft Act and the Espionage Act. *Our Allies have long since released all their political prisoners;* but here are still in our Federal prisons more than one hundred political prisoners, all of whom were convicted solely for alleged expression of opinion under war time legislation. *now repealed.* The four Philadelphians, Edward F. Doree, Benjamin H. Fletcher, Walter F. Nef and John J. Walsh were convicted with ninety-four others by a jury after a deliberation of twenty-five minutes. Captain Alexander Sidney Lanier, a lawyer, detailed by the Military Intelligence Division, General Staff of the United States Army, to watch the trial, stated publicly that "the verdict rendered was a foregone conclusion from the beginning in obedience to a public hysteria and popular demand." A committee of public spirited Philadelphians has since examined the evidence and states that these four Philadelphians are innocent of the charges against them. The war has been won, the nations are preparing for peace; what possible benefit can it be for the State to punish these men further? Let us unite in asking President Harding to pardon them. Why not advocate the immediate release of all political prisoners? Ought we to fall behind our allies in clemency? Ought not our Nation, after its great victory, to say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach deliverance to the captive and to set at liberty them that are bruised." Further information can be procured from the Philadelphia Civil Liberties Committee, 1400 Morris Building. All appeals for the release of these men should be addressed to President Harding.

It has been a real pleasure to me to give myself up entirely to parish work, as I have done for the past six months. Through the co-operation of the new treasurers of special funds, and of the new staff of the Parish News, it has been possible to meet the requirements of the parish, with assistance only in the Sunday services. With Lent, however, some further aid was indispensable, and the Rev. Mr. Stork, who has been helping us so acceptably on Sunday, has now agreed to give us his full time for a season. With his assistance we are able to celebrate, according to our custom, the Holy Communion every Sunday in Lent, at 11.00 o'clock on the first Sunday, and at 10.15 on other Sundays. Mr. Stork is a graduate of Dickinson College, and also of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones was, as you know, unable to deliver those promised addresses. I took his place here for the week after the fourth Sunday in Lent. I count myself very fortunate in having secured Bishop Paul Jones, sometime Missionary Bishop of Utah, to deliver the addresses that I was scheduled to make in Holy Week. Bishop Jones' earnestness, depth of conviction and moving eloquence are too well known in the Church

to require any extended advertisement. We are very fortunate to have secured him.

On February 28th, at her brother's house on the corner of Forty-second Street and Baltimore Avenue, I had the funeral service of Miss Elizabeth Williamson, the last member in our Church of a family long associated with St. Stephen's. When I came to St. Stephen's, she and her sister, Mrs. Armstrong, were so pre-eminent in the regularity of their attendance at the Saints' Day Services that I felt as if those services belonged especially to them and sought their approval before substituting for them the Communion on the last Wednesday of the month. Miss Williamson was distinctly of the type of Mary of Bethany, gentle, steadfast, loving, with the sweet reasonableness that is the distinguishing note of the sane and moderate churchmanship in which she was trained. It was a joy to minister to such an appreciative parishioner. Her example and memory are a benediction to St. Stephen's.

I want to close with a little appeal for self-denial, not to win merit or to gain spiritual strength so much as to enable us to give to the starving peoples of Europe. I fear that I have not brought these appeals prominently enough before the congregation. I have not wished to embarrass or thwart those who so generously and helpfully are wiping out our debt. But I learn that it has all been extinguished without calling upon the guarantors of the last $600, and feel that the coast is now clear. Let us show our gratitude to God for His mercy, and also help to bind up the wounds of the world by making a generous gift to these funds distributed by Mr. Hoover and others.

Sincerely yours,
CARL E. GRAMMER.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Despite the absence of many members from the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, held on Thursday, March 16th, those who attended were enthusiastic over the address made by Ven. Winfred H. Ziegler, Archdeacon of Albuquerque, N. M. His account of the beginning of work in this missionary district of New Mexico was well thought out and delivered, and stress was laid upon the lives and energy of the men who have spread the Gospel throughout vast regions, traveling many miles to hold services and to extend their work as opportunity offered. Limitations necessitated by lack of means are to be overcome in one instance, by the raising of ten thousand dollars more than the ten thousand already gathered in for the support of St. John's Sanatorium in Albuquerque, and this is the Archdeacon's object now during his sojourn in the east, or exile as he calls it. Eighty-six dollars have been promised thus far by St. Stephen's Auxiliary as the result of this meeting and it is hoped to round out the sum to one hundred dollars, so that life may be prolonged and suffering alleviated in the health-giving air of Albuquerque. Some of the incidents related were indeed most touching. So much time was devoted to his address that the reports of some of the delegates were held over for the next meeting on April 20th.

Announcement was made of the United Thank-Offering service to be held at the Pro-Cathedral, Broad near South Street, at ten o'clock, on Thursday, April 27th.

L. B.

CONTRIBUTED

A SKETCH OF THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH

THE year 1921 marked an important era in the history of the work of the Church, for it was just one hundred years before that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, composed of all members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, was formed, and every parish was asked to emphasize this anniversary in one way or another.

Owing to varied circumstances in our own parish, no special meeting was held or address given, so it is with pleasure that the following article is prepared at the request of the Rector.

Philadelphia is particularly identified with this vital movement in church history as the Board of Directors held its first meeting in November, 1821, in the vestry room of Saint James' Church, and, on November 6, 1921, that event was appropriately recognized in the same church by a pageant illustrating the growth of a hundred years of missionary activity. The first general missionary meeting was also held in Saint James' Church, in 1822, and the first real domestic mission station was founded at St. Augustine, Florida. The project for the first foreign mission also was started in Philadelphia, at the home of Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, of Saint Andrew's, and in 1830, the first foreign missionaries of the American Church sailed for Greece. Naturally, means were solicited to carry on all such work, and in the record of those times it is interesting to read that contributions in cash were supplemented by a hogshead of tobacco, nails, medicine, tracts, lead-pencils and shoes, all equally necessary and comforting! The first bequest to domestic missions came from Mr. Frederick Kohne, of Philadelphia, a bequest of ten thousand dollars.

To the diocese of New York belongs the credit of sending the first missionary boxes and packages of clothing to the Green Bay mission in 1832, and the Female Tract Society of Pennsylvania, precursor of the Church Periodical Club, was sending annually 10,000 tracts throughout the Union. In order to spread information as to missionary progress the monthly magazine, entitled *The Spirit of Missions*, was first issued in 1836, subscription price one dollar annually, and it is a remarkable proof of the value of such a publication that its appearance has been eagerly looked forward to every month by the subscribers from that time to the present, and still more remarkable that the subscription price remains the same. How any one interested in missions can exist without it is inconceivable, and its first illustration was that of one of our early missions, a chapel in Liberia. In 1844, there was already a list of scholarships sustaining schools in Africa, an example of systematic giving, and Pennsylvania voluntarily laid a missionary apportionment upon herself in 1845. The long line of missionary bishops is headed, of course, by Rev. Jackson Kemper, and the lives of these men should be an inspiration to go and do likewise.

This general outline shows how the Society developed, and auxiliaries of women, small bands here and there, helped in various ways from the very first year of its organization, but it was not until 1871, that the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was authorized; therefore, the year 1921 was doubly memorable as being the fiftieth anniversary of that organization as well as the one hundredth year of the existence of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Mary A. Emery was the first Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary and upon her marriage to Dr. Twing, her sister, Miss Julia C. Emery, succeeded to her position, in 1876, continuing the work of general secretary for forty years, resigning a few years before her death, which occurred in January, 1922. Her life was one of devoted service and her last work was the compilation of a book, "A Century of Endeavor", the history of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Auxiliary, etc., from which most of these items of interest have been gleaned. In order to commemorate the lifework of the Emery sisters, all of whom did such noble work, a fund was started to provide a house in New York for the residence of missionaries, home on furlough; fifty thousand dollars were aimed for, but ninety-three thousand quickly flowed in, and the Emery Fund will furnish rest and refreshment to many of our missionary workers. St. Stephen's Auxiliary made a contribution of eighty-seven dollars toward

this sum, and the whole Emery Fund was a centennial offering.

All this by way of preliminary to the explanation of the why and wherefore of the Woman's Auxiliary, which is now called the Woman's Auxiliary to the Presiding Bishop and Council. General headquarters are in the Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, and Miss Grace Lindley is Executive Secretary and there is an Educational Secretary as well. Leaflets are published, information given and speakers arranged for at any time. In our Diocese of Pennsylvania the Woman's Auxiliary has Diocesan, Foreign, Domestic, Indians' Hope, and Colored Mission Committees, holding monthly meetings at which delegates attend from every parish, to listen to reports, fulfil the pledges and meet the speakers who thus keep the Auxiliary workers in touch with the great missionary pulse of the Church. The delegates in turn take notes of everything which transpires at these meetings, and bring back monthly to their own parish as much information as possible. No matter how indifferent a delegate may be at first, she cannot fail to become interested and to interest others.

The Educational Department calls for an Educational Secretary in every parish, with the expectation of having a Mission Study Class held each year in that parish, using the textbook issued by the Department of Education, a valuable and instructive course of study.

The Church Periodical Club has grown with tremendous strides, and books and magazines which otherwise would be lost or destroyed find their way through this channel to distant parts of the country. The missionary boxes sent are always welcome and through the reorganization of the Supply Bureau adopted in many parishes, duplication is avoided and better results accomplished. The United Thank-Offering is made once in three years at the General Convention, and annual services held in the interim as encouragement toward the goal to be attained. This offering from women is for the support of women workers, and a certain amount is set aside for new buildings.

The different Committees make themselves responsible for scholarships, salaries of Bishops and nurses, support of hospitals, etc., and by every parish contributing a small amount the quota is fulfilled. The delegates bring money from their parishes and apply it as needed. Take, for instance, the Foreign Committee pledges which cover a wide field. In China, the districts of Shanghai, Hankow and Anking have a University and schools and beds in hospitals to be supported. In Japan, Tokyo and Kyoto have a college, nurses' school, hospitals, salaries of evangelists and nurses and even life insurances to be paid for by those at home.

Liberia is carrying on industrial and educational work at Monrovia, Cape Palmas and Bendoo, and has lately sustained a great loss in the death from pneumonia of Mrs. William H. Ramsaur, formerly Miss Sarah Conway, connected with Saint Stephen's Parish. Brazil has a special scholarship named after Bishop Kinsolving. These special pledges do not count on the quota, and it is the duty of the delegates to first fulfil the pledges which do count. Cuba also has scholarships and Haiti and Mexico as well. One could enlarge indefinitely on this subject, as each country widens the vista and offers a greater opportunity to extend the kingdom of God.

LAURA BELL,
President Woman's Auxiliary
of Saint Stephen's Parish.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE Sunday School continues full of good spirit. Eighty-five per cent. are always twenty minutes ahead of opening time, in order to enjoy the excellent motion pictures we have been most fortunate in securing of late. We are indebted to the Y. M. C. A., to the Pathé and Universal Film Companies for getting the best of their films. In emphasizing Philadelphia (Our City), we used the excellent reels of the Schlicter Co., through the kindness of Miss Fitzpatrick, of our church. On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday mornings the Life of Christ will be shown by the Superintendent, as is usual each year, using the finest type of Art Colored Slides.

Five little Chinese boys are finding St. Stephen's so attractive, that they come regularly. Miss Zella Cliff, formerly of the Burd School, is now a teacher in our Primary Department. Miss Minnie Corrigan, the efficient head of these little ones of ours, awarded Miss Mary Page Grammer's Class the Banner, for Class Spirit. In the main School Miss Dorothy Grammer and Miss Nodine each have a banner for their class this month, and on the Boys' side, Miss Shade is the winner.

St. Stephen's teachers entertained the Superintendents' Association of the Diocese at supper, on the 17th of February. Eighteen Sunday Schools were represented. We are all very much indebted to Mrs. Nissen, the Chairman, to Mrs. Gensheimer, Mrs. McEwen and to all who assisted in making the evening a success. The same committee are handling our teachers' supper conference of March 22d.

We are always pleased with visitors. Come and see for yourselves. Maybe you would like to help us. Faithfully yours,

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

THE CO-OPERATIVE SHOP

A REPORT given by Mrs. Reath, at the Woman's Auxiliary:

The Co-operative Shop is located at 317 S. 20th Street. Miss Deane is Secretary. You pay $2.00 a year. One ticket is required for the family and those who subscribe are asked to give one article a year if possible. helping those people who are needy. They do not take rummage, but do take partly worn garments. They find women who will knit and do fancy work—will try to sell their work on a 5 or 10 per cent. commission. There is an Employment Bureau, not for domestic help, but for clerical help, stenographers, secretaries and trained nurses. In case of emergency, no charge is made for obtaining them.

Some of the prices follow: Evening dresses, $5.00 to $20.00; waists, $1.00 to $2.50 and shoes from $1.00 to $4.50.

The money is used for Social Service Work in the Diocese under the direction of Bishop Rhinelander and Mr. Richardson.

Miss Alma G. Elkinton has asked me to bring to the knowledge of the congregation the willingness of Mr. Braekvelt, a Belgian artist, to restore old paintings. He has been five years in this country and is, I learn, an artist of merit. But he takes a sensible view of the duties of an artist and is quite willing to do this less ambitious work, and to do it efficiently. His address is M. Louis Braekvelt, Portrait and Landscape Painter, 11 E. Athens Avenue, Ardmore, Pa. His telephone is Ardmore 412 R. He solicits orders for restoring old paintings.

C. E. G.

Nuggets of Wisdom

FROM WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

"This government, the offspring of our own choice, . . . has a just claim to your confidence and SUPPORT. Respect for its authority, COMPLIANCE WITH ITS LAWS . . . are duties enjoined by the fundamental maxims of true liberty. . . . The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the DUTY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO OBEY THE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT."

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Charities	151.26	
Parochial Maintenance	285.75	
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Outing Fund	7.50	
Theological Education	1.60	
Our work among boys	1.55	
Benevolent Society	10.30	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	10.00	
Episcopal Hospital	5.00	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	8.35	
Domestic Missions	2.00	
Church Pension Fund	10.00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	5.00	
Diocesan Missions	11.56	
Foreign Missions	2.83	
Colored Missions	33.60	
Missionary box	37.87	
Indian Missions	2.05	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	9.40	
City Missions	2.00	
Sunday School	7.75	
Girls' Friendly Society	1.50	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.55	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.00	
		713.18
		919.55

RECAPITULATION

Charities	199.37	
Parochial Maintenance	381.54	
Missions	103.76	
Outing Fund	7.50	
Theological Education	1.60	
Our work among boys	1.55	
Benevolent Society	10.30	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	10.00	
Episcopal Hospital	5.00	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	8.35	
Domestic Missions	2.00	
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Aged and Infirm Clergy	5.00	
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Missionary box	49.55	
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" 29—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

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" 12—Miss Crawford.
" 19—Miss Gebhart.
" 26—Misses Wallace.

Mar. 5—Miss S. Eisenbrey.
" 12—Mrs. Brunner.
" 19—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
" 25—Mrs. Lamb.
" 26—Dr. Grammer.

Apr. 2—Mrs. Howard Sheble.
" 9—Palm Sunday.
" 13—Mrs. Lamb.
" 16—Easter.
" 23—Mrs. Lamb.
" 30—Mrs. Howard Sheble.

May 7—Mrs. Woodward.
" 14—Miss Townsend.
" 21—Miss Gregg.
" 25—Mrs. Addams S. McAllister.
" 28—Mrs. Tourison.

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" 11—Miss Gebhart.
" 18—Mrs. Addams S. McAllister.
" 25—

July 2—Mrs. Nicholson.
" 9—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 16—
" 23—Miss Lindenmayer.
" 30—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 6—Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton.
" 13—Miss Shellenberger.
" 20—Miss Emma Himes.
" 27—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 3—Misses Kirkpatrick.
" 10—Miss Maulsby.
" 17—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 24—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 1—Miss Laura Bell.
" 8—Miss Maulsby.
" 15—Mrs. Howard Sheble.
" 22—Mrs. Keable.
" 29—Girls' Friendly Society.

Nov. 1—Mrs. Arrison.
" 5—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 12—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 19—Miss Bright.
" 26—Miss Eisenbrey.

Dec. 3—Mrs. Howard Sheble.
" 10—Misses Davis.
" 17—Mrs. Petry.
" 24—Miss Emily Bell.
" 25—Christmas.

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Musical Programme

For April, 1922

APRIL 2nd

11 A. M.—"Go to dark Gethsemane" ..... *Noble*
8 P. M.—"Oh, day of Penitence ..... *Gounod*
"He was despised" ..... *Handel*
"From Thy Love" ..... *Gounod*

APRIL 9th

11 A. M.—"Benedicite" ..... *Martin*
"Benedictus" ..... *Beethoven*
"Jerusalem" ..... *Parker*
8 P. M.—"Selections from Olivet to Calvary" ..... *Maunder*

APRIL 16th

11 A. M.—"Te Deum in E flat" ..... *Buck*
"Jubilate" ..... *McCollin*
"I know that my Redeemer liveth ..... *Handel*
"Hallelujah Chorus" ..... *Handel*
8 P. M.—"Easter Carols" ..... *Gounod*
"Unfold" ..... *Gounod*
"Hallelujah Chorus" ..... *Handel*

APRIL 23rd

11 A. M.—"Te Deum in E flat" ..... *Buck*
"Jubilate" ..... *McCollin*
"Unfold" ..... *Gounod*
8 P. M.—"I know that my Redeemer liveth ..... *Handel*
"Easter Carols .....

APRIL 30th

11 A. M.—"Te Deum in E flat" ..... *Buck*
"Jubilate" ..... *McCollin*
"God hath appointed a day" ..... *Tours*
8 P. M.—"Light's glittering morn" ..... *West*
"Seek ye the Lord" ..... *Roberts*
"When thou comest" ..... *Rossini*

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8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Every Wednesday Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
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PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM.
"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."
Apr. 13, 1922—Elizabeth K. Hannum.
Apr. 13, 1922—Beatrice Elizabeth Harvey.
Apr. 13, 1922—Catharine Virginia Harvey.
Apr. 30, 1922—Gladys Naomi Barkley.
May 7, 1922—Frederick Towne Panz.

HOLY MATRIMONY.
"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."
Apr. 8, 1922 — Manning de V. Lee and Eunice C. Sandoval.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

May 21—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
May 25—Ascension Day.
May 28—Sunday after Ascension.

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FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.
I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.
I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.
NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

BAZAAR

We hope to hold a Bazaar in the Autumn, but can only do so with the help of every one during the Summer. Each one can do something, however small, and after all it is the little things that help so much toward making anything a success.

Will you all please work for the Bazaar this Summer, as we want it to be as successful as the one we held last Winter.

We would like each one to bring at least two saleable articles in the Fall—remember it is for a Community House which will be a benefit for all—so all must work for its success. MRS. HOWARD REIFSNYDER,
Chairman.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.
Yearly Report

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand as per last report	$26.14	
Income from Patton Legacy	75.00	
From members for Christmas baskets	4.75	
Dues	6.00	
Interest on deposits	.94	
		$112.83

DISBURSEMENTS:

Annual State and County Dues	2.50	
Christmas Baskets	5.00	
Near East Relief	5.00	
Materials	39.53	
Miscellaneous expenses	3.90	
		55.93
Balance on hand May 10, 1922		$56.90

During the past season the King's Daughters have made and given to St. Christopher's Hospital sixty-eight articles—clothing and bed linens,—together with postal card albums and other cards. A dress was made and given to a child whom we knew needed it. This is an increase of twenty-seven articles over what was accomplished last year. We also had charge of a miscellaneous table at St. Stephen's bazaar, which added $62.36 to the Community House fund. Two new members have joined our Circle, so that now we have eleven members, eight of whom are active. We feel we are progressing in our work and hope that next season will show even better results.

B. T. W.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Year ending April 31, 1922:

Receipts	$409.29
Expenses	456.02

LENTEN SERVICES

Receipts	$1,207.69
Expenses	1,162.72

W. GARDINER CROWELL.

NO MAN LIVETH TO HIMSELF

ADDRESS AT THE RADIO BROADCASTING STATION, STRAWBRIDGE AND CLOTHIER, APRIL 2, 1922 BY

CARL E. GRAMMER

THIS truth is brought home to me with peculiar vividness, as I speak to this unseen audience through this wonderful invention. If it seems strange to you to listen in a quiet room to a speaker many miles distant, believe me it is a still more thrilling experience to the speaker himself. I feel as if I were an archer, drawing a bow at a venture, and shooting an arrow into the air, an arrow that in a miraculous manner will multiply itself into ten thousand arrows that will fly in every direction with inconceivable rapidity, and penetrating power. It is indeed a novel experience for us all.

Yet on second thought it becomes plain that this act of mine this afternoon is but one more illustration of what we are doing all the time—is but a new form of an old act. What is this whole universe but a great whispering gallery? Is not this the belief, that is the foundation stone of every Church, where men meet to pray? It not this the bow that speeds their petitions to the skies? Most emphatically do our Sacred Books declare that there is not a cry for help that does not reach the All-Father's ear; that there is not an unkind word to one of his little ones that is not registered on His tablets, perhaps I should say on His recording cylinders.

To this all-hearing ear, to this all-preserving memory we appeal, when we wish to obtain from the witness in the court of justice, the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This unseen Auditor we invoke when we seek to bind our officials to the uttermost fidelity. Could we but realize constantly that this Ear is ever attentive to our words, we should not need to think of other Auditors. His service is liberty indeed. Where fear of God dwells, there is deliverance from all lesser fears. He who fears God, need not fear man.

Since, however, we find it difficult to reach this height, it is helpful to remember that we have countless other auditors. I do not mean disembodied spirits. It is of course, quite possible that they may be all about us, as little incommoded by our bodies as are these wireless messages. We cannot prove that our departed loved ones are not watching us, and listening to our words; but neither can we disprove it. Such a possibility is more and more conceivable. It is more and more manifest that the universe is one, and that the past, present and future are all linked together; that all life is mysteriously intertwined, or as the hymn puts it, that "living saints and dead but one communion make." But I refer not to these disembodied auditors—if such there be. I mean our countless auditors in the flesh. The world is so made that the word spoken in the closet to a friend, is soon proclaimed upon the housetop to the multitude. Who can tell how rumor spreads? We only know that it rushes like lightning from one quarter of the heaven to another. We only know that it has marvelous power to make or mar. We only know that not only do echoes roll from soul to soul, but that whispers and secret confidences often take the same course. When we think how many lives have been ruined by careless words, distorted and magnified by these reverberating echoes—of lovers estranged, of households shattered, of reputations ruined, of hearts broken, of lives embittered, of noble causes injured, we appreciate the loftiness of the praise of a noble woman, in Proverbs, when it says that in her tongue is the law of kindness; we realize the importance of setting a watch to the door of our lips; we understand what Jesus meant when he said, "By thy words shalt thou be justified, and by thy words shalt thou be condemned."

One cause of this mysterious power of words is our ignorance of the real nature of

our hearers. The hydrogen that united with oxygen makes refreshing water, will make a devastating explosion if brought in contact with free oxygen and a flame. The water that brings health as it descends from the hills may bring pestilence as it leaks out of our drains into our wells. The prosperity of a truth, as well as of a jest, lies in the ear of him that heareth. But how difficult it is to adjust the message to the recipient, the truth to the prepossessions of the hearer. The invisibility of my present hearers makes no great increase in this inherent difficulty of the speaker. For, so far as their true nature goes, my visible hearers on Sunday are almost as great a mystery as you invisible auditors. I hardly know whether flesh most reveals or conceals the spirit it serves. Often one feels like saying with Duncan:

"There is no art
To find the mind's construction in the face."

Ugly natures often lurk behind beautiful features, and staring eyes and thick lips may mask delicate souls. How deceitful are appearances. The speaker who stands physically so conspicuous on the platform, may be really quite other than he appears. Looking like a bold champion, he may in reality be the pliant tool; professing to be an ardent patriot, he may be an unscrupulous self-seeker; announcing himself as a voice crying in the wilderness, he may be only an echo of some secret council, or junto, or caucus. The listener who seems so anxious to hear the message may be an embittered soul, who will turn the milk of the word into gall, pervert liberty into license, and twist counsels of prudence into prohibitions and negations. Truly we are encompassed about with mysteries. The Psalmist says of God, that clouds and darkness are round about Him. The same may be said of His children, made in His image and likeness. Wherever we turn, without, within, about and below, we meet mysteries. Out of the darkness behind us, into the darkness before us, we fly like shuttles, each of us a mystery to himself and to others.

Yet amid all this obscurity, one point is clear. Though on the horizon lies darkness still the path before us is plain; though the nature of our shuttles is a mystery, we can see that we are weaving together, as we fly about, some sort of a tapestry, called civilization, and in this tapestry we can discern a pattern disclosing itself, which our guides in the weaving tell us, is the City of God. Through this weaving, we realize that we are not each working for his own self, but are parts of a larger whole, that we are not fighting for our own hands, but are soldiers in a great army. It is this higher unity which enables thought to pass so rapidly from mind to mind, sympathy from breast to breast, courage from heart to heart. We are members one of another. We are brethren, and One is our Father, even our Father in Heaven.

Since we are thus mysteriously bound together in origin, nature and service, my hearer, think not in your quiet room that you can live your life in independence of the common weal, or of mutual service. It is just as unsportsmanlike in you to refuse to play your part manfully, as it would be for the torch-bearer in the torch race, that famous Greek game, to drop his torch, or extinguish its flame. You are no more free to relinquish your post of duty, than is the man in the fire line, handing along buckets to quench a fire, free to break the line by dropping out. You are just as much bound to be staunch, as the Alpine climber is under obligation not to cut, in the hour of peril, the rope that links him to his companions. You have no more right to waste the substance entrusted to your care, of which God has made you the steward, than the guardian has a right to squander the property of his ward. You have no more liberty to leave your post than a sentinel has to leave his. You are no more free to stand aside from the service of God and humanity, than the patriot is free to betray his country's interest

and go over to the enemy. "No man liveth to himself." This wonderful invention that so much enlarges the range of my message, and that opens up such long vistas in various directions, of new pleasures, new conveniences, new facilities, new utilities and new developments, will also prove a new bond uniting us closer and closer together in fellowship, and binding our people into a greater solidarity. May such be the influence of these Sunday afternoon talks. May they make the solitary feel that he is a member of one great family. May they make the frivolous and irresponsible realize how they are bound up with others in the bundle of life and stand in the great judgment of God. May they be blessed in helping on the weaving of the great tapestry or in building up the great city, known as the City of God.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Parishioners:

The annual reports tell their own story. It has been necessary on account of economy, to abbreviate some of them a little, and to omit a few letters. The special sources of thanksgiving are that the Church is entirely out of debt (this statement includes my office which at this time last year was greatly behind) that we had a Confirmation Class of nineteen; that nineteen transfers have been brought to us from St. Andrew's; that a new band has been formed in the Girls' Friendly; that the young people have organized a society of young men and women to be known as Old St. Stephen's Club; that the Dancing Class has had a successful year and most remarkable of all that our 5,000 dollars has been raised for a Community House, and a group is steadily working for another fair for that object next year.

I hate to give up so much space to that Radio address; but it has been asked for by so many persons that I feel constrained to gratify them. It will be an interesting memorial in our archives of this development. I speak of our archives, since our copies of the Parish News are bound up into volumes, which preserves in this way the history of the parish.

It is a source of great regret that his private affairs have compelled Mr. Atmore to resign the Accounting Wardenship which he administered with such marked efficiency and such helpful system. We owe him a great debt for coming to our assistance at a crisis. May He who has lead us safely through the bereavements and trials of this year, lead us through the years to come. The only change in the personnel of the Vestry is the retirement of Mr. Robert T. Boyd, who declined a re-election after many years of faithful service. He will be especially missed in the handling of the Summer outing fund. Mr. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr., whose father was one of our most active Vestrymen, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Our great problems now are to find a suitable rectory and to agree on some feasible plan for an enlarged Community House. The Federal Reserve Bank has not been able to make a proposal that the Vestry can accept. I cannot close without expressing my special gratitude to those who have made it possible for me to run the parish this winter, without the aid of a regular assistant, by undertaking among them the office work that had gradually accumulated in Mr. Keable's hands.

Without the aid of Misses Headman, Mrs. Harper, Mr. W. Gardiner Crowell, I should have been badly off. Mr. Barnes has also greatly assisted me by taking charge of the finances of the Parish News.

I must also express my special gratitude to those who paid off the indebtedness.

Yours cordially

Carl E. Grammer

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING WARDEN FOR APRIL 1922.

For the first quarter of 1922, that is, from January 1st to March 31st, our Receipts for General Expenses were $6,000.00
Expenditures 5,700.00

Balance carried to second quarter . $ 300.00

In order to meet the deficit of $5,652.75, we raised a fund amounting to $5,227.90, leaving $424.85 which has since been secured. The deficit has thus been paid in full. By doing this we save considerable interest on money borrowed for general expenses.

For purposes other than Church Expenses we raised $2,000.00 and paid out $1,500.00.

Our Endowment increased $617.25 by legacy and contributions and has been very largely increased by the increased value of our securities. The Church owes a debt of thanks to Mr. Moore and to the Investment Committee for their foresight in so investing the Church Funds as to give the Church the benefit of this advance.

As the Rectory Committee was unable to secure the house on Clinton Street and as Dr. Grammer is compelled to move not later than September it will be necessary to take immediate action to secure a suitable Rectory for him.

Owing to illness and consequent disorganization in my business I will be unable to continue as Accounting Warden after the election in May. I want to express my thanks to the Vestry for the constant support you have given me and I will be glad to co-operate with my successor so as to make the transfer to him as easy as possible. Craig Atmore

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The Garden Party and Fair at Wyck, 6026 Germantown Avenue, will be held on Thursday, June 8th, from 2 to 9 P.M. Card of admission 25 cents. Music, Supper, Entertainment. Tickets procurable from Miss Bell or the Verger.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY REPORT

THE Benevolent Society opened the first Wednesday in November with a good attendance.

We have taken the General Hospital in addition to those we have had in past years. Our highest record before the war was 7,000 articles but this year we have far surpassed that and made 7,500. The garments have been well cut, and the sewing exceptionally good. Although many in the society have been ill, those who were left always have done the double work cheerfully. A letter came from Miss Olga Newmann, the Russian lady, that she had received the money, and was warmly clad; our box was all wool garments and a pair of blankets.

The women of this society realize the importance of regular attendance or we could never have accomplished what we have in six months. Cornelia L. Ewing,
Vice-Chairman.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Treasurer's Report as of May 10, 1922

Receipts

1921				
May	12	Balance on hand	$365.58	
Aug.	1	Cash received from Mr. Moore, Accounting Warden	75.00	
Oct.	20	Interest from Centennial National Bank..	3.50	
Dec.	19	Envelope Collection...	386.48	
1922				
Jan.	26	Cash received from Mr. Craig Atmore, Accounting Warden.	143.79	
Mar.	30	Cash received from Mr. Craig Atmore, Accounting Warden.	33.41	
		Cash received from Sales	551.82	
		Total Receipts.....		$1,559.58

Disbursements

Paid for Materials	$425.59	
Paid for Sewing	765.44	
		$1,191.03
Balance on hand		$368.55

Isabel P. Davis,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
W. J. Kirkpatrick.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

THE Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's has held the usual seven meetings during the season, and a corporate communion was celebrated by all the branches of the Auxiliary on Sunday, October 16, 1921. Twenty-five members were present at St. Stephen's.

Mrs. William H. Ramsaur of Liberia was the speaker of the first meeting in October and a contribution of twenty-five dollars was made toward her work, and it was a great shock to hear of her death occurring a few months later immediately after her return to Liberia. It is suggested that a memorial to her should be undertaken by the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in the form of an addition to the hospital in which she was so much interested, to be called the Sarah E. Conway Ramsaur Annex and this work will be taken up in the autumn.

Plans for the Bazaar for St. Stephen's Community House were discussed at the November meeting, Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder giving a general outline of the plan, and the successful result under her able management is well known and appreciated.

The December meeting was devoted to hearing the reports of delegates and arranging for Christmas gifts to settlement houses and other charitable enterprises, and in January it was an unusual pleasure to have Mrs. Roland S. Morris tell her experiences in Japan and the impression made upon her by the Japanese; and at the tea following she described in an informal manner the significance of many of the souvenirs she had accumulated.

In February, for lack of time but a brief review of a "Century of Endeavor" written by Miss Emery was given by Miss Laura Bell and amplified later in the PARISH NEWS.

In March, Ven. Winfred H. Ziegler, Archdeacon of New Mexico, gave a stirring account of life in that state and his appeal in behalf of St. John's Sanatorium in Albuquerque met with a generous response of over one hundred dollars.

The election in April brought the meetings to a close, and it was with regret that the Auxiliary relinquished Miss Ella Headman as Treasurer, which office she had filled so faithfully and with such regularity.

Many opportunities are offered to those who attend the meetings to become more familiar with so called church work by going to all-day missionary meetings, to evening missionary mass meetings, to educational days, to delightful meetings in country homes and gardens and to assume that individual responsibility without which there can be neither life nor growth.

The interest in parochial affairs stretches forth to those of the diocese, and it is fitting to mention here the approaching fair at Wyck, the colonial home and garden of Mr. Caspar Wister Haines, 6026 Germantown Avenue, on Thursday, June 8th, from two until nine o'clock. St. Stephen's joins with the other churches of the North Convocation in aiding the Italian Mission and the Hebrew Christian Mission, the beneficiaries this year, and it is requested that the members contribute either money or fancy and domestic articles for sale at that table. The cafeteria, music and dances on the lawn by foreign children are always popular features of this garden party, and every one is welcome.

In reviewing the hours spent together in mutual study as in the Mission Study Class, in actual work as at fairs and other charitable undertakings, in contributing to missions, in hearing speakers from various parts of the country, in reunions to plan for others, the scope of the Woman's Auxiliary covers a wide field, and there is a sense of comradeship and good feeling developed which goes far toward furthering the work set before all those of Christ's fold who love to serve Him and do His will. Would that all the women of St. Stephen's Parish would share in it.

LAURA BELL,
President,
Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's.

ANNUAL REPORT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, MAY, 1922

RECEIPTS

On hand at opening of year	$28.85	
From members	290.75	
From envelope system	58.04	
From Church Funds for quota	300.00	
Through Dr. Grammer	135.00	
From members for missionary	11.00	
Interest on bank account	4.94	
		$828.58
		772.75
		$55.83

EXPENDITURES

Printing and stationery	$13.75	
Diocesan Missions	68.80	
Foreign Missions	125.30	
Domestic Missions	217.30	
Indian Missions	100.80	
Colored Missions	235.80	
To Missionary	11.00	
		$772.75

ELLA HEADMAN,
Treasurer.

May 8, 1922.
Examined and found correct,
ALVERTA S. VAN DUSEN,
MARY C. ELLIS.

The Auxiliary also raised $250 to endow one day in Miss Riddell's Hospital for Lepers in Japan.
This sum did not pass through the usual channels, but was collected, and sent direct to Miss Riddell.

REPORT OF THE UNITED THANK OFFERING OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

THE Eighteenth Annual Service of the Women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania with the Presentation of the United Thank Offering was held at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, on Thursday, April the twenty-seventh, at ten o'clock.

Bishop Rhinelander preached from the text: "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

One hundred and eighty, of the two hundred and sixteen parishes in the Diocese, were represented by a total offering for the year of $12,190.58 from about 8,000 of the 40,000 women communicants.

St. Stephen's United Thank Offering of 1922 is $409.35 from ninety-four subscribers.

Reviewing the other years of this Triennium the amounts are: for 1920, $337.00; for 1921, $400.00 from 80 subscribers, making a triennial total of $1,146.35.

What might it have been if every woman and girl communicant in St. Stephen's could have had even a small share in the offering? The vision of the ideal parish in the United Thank Offering is not one woman missing at roll call.

The offering at Detroit in 1919 was called the Victory Thank Offering for the close of the war. The one to be presented at Portland, Oregon, in September next, will be the Peace Thank Offering.

If there are any in the Parish who still desire the opportunity for a personal representation in this United Peace Thank Offering of 1922, the treasurer will be glad to receive any amount, large or small, until August the twenty-fifth.

I am closing this triennium by sending to every one on the subscribers' list a printed greeting from the three past and present treasurers of this Diocese—the Diocese which has always led in this great Woman's movement in the Church, and I am hoping for a renewed effort and larger results in 1923.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA J. MAGEE, *Treasurer,*
St. Stephen's United Thank Offering.
May the first, 1922.

MOTHERS' MEETING REPORT

The Mothers' Meeting has had a successful year. We have added eighteen new members to our roll, many of them young women with large families of children, who find their only recreation in these weekly social evenings. We have lost through death, one of our faithful members. We feel that we have cause for some pride in our financial report this year. With the proceeds from our own Sale in 1920, and the addition of a gift from Mr. Reifsnyder we purchased a rug for the Vestry Room.

During the year we have contributed to Dr. Grammer's present, to the fund for Mrs.

Keable, to the Church Deficit Fund, given $35 to the Community House Fund and made over $250 at our table at the Fair. The Mothers have sent flowers to the members who have had illness or death in their families. We have a balance of $36 in our treasury.

We feel that having contributed, even in so small a way, to every special fund that has been raised this year, binds us more closely to St. Stephen's Church and gives us a real share in the activity of the Parish.

Respectfully submitted,
B. M. HARPER, *President*

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society presents its 28th Annual Report.

The Superintendent reports the usual routine work of the Committees with an additional member newly elected to the Society. During the year two old purple stoles and two surplices were given to a parish in Maryland and an old Fair Linen Cloth and some other pieces of altar linen were sent to a small parish in Virginia.

The Treasurer submits the following:

Balance on hand May 12, 1921	$276.02	
Received Memorial Flower Fund	99.00	
Received Bank Interest	4.20	
Received Easter Decorations Altar Society	145.26	
Total		$524.48
EXPENDITURES		
Flowers	$138.50	
Laundering Cushion Covers	7.50	
Repairs on Chalice	1.00	
Calendar	1.25	
Thanksgiving Fruit	8.75	
Christmas Decorations	30.95	
Christmas money Caldwell	15.00	
Repairs on Cloth	6.00	
Palms	6.29	
Repairing Vestments	11.00	
Chalice Veil	4.50	
Easter Decorations	85.00	
Linen	5.45	
Printing	2.50	
		323.69
Balance on hand May 10, 1922		200.79
		$524.48

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA E. EISENBREY,
Superintendent.

ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY HOUSE

RECEIPTS		
Proceeds from Bazaar		$4,433.35
Donations		775.05
Penny bags		50.28
		5,258.68
DISBURSEMENTS		
Box for receiving Penny bags	$18.00	
Investments	4,044.50	
		4,062.50
Balance uninvested		$1,196.18

ROBERT T. BOYD.
Treasurer.

Since making up this statement we have invested $1,030.21, leaving a balance on hand uninvested $64.97.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY

The Aid Society held its meetings as usual on Friday mornings during Lent. There was an average attendance of ten members. The whole-hearted co-operation of these workers resulted in renewed interest and very excellent work. All our members expressed regret that with the close of the Lenten Season these pleasant Fridays were discontinued.

One hundred and seven garments were made and seventy-two miscellaneous articles.

Thanks are due to the Benevolent Society for their timely assistance.

Treasurer Reports:

Balance on hand May, 1921	$1.19	
Received from Dr. Grammer	20.00	
Received from Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.	15.00	
Mrs. Phillips	1.00	
A friend	6.75	
Total		$43.94
Expended		43.37
Balance on hand May 10, 1922		$ .57

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
President.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

May 1, 1921:			
Balance on hand		$18.30	
Interest on deposit		1.60	
Oct. 22	Received from Edward W. Moore, Warden.	392.49	
Nov. 7	Contribution from Mrs. Edward R. Fell 1922	5.00	
Mar. 13	Contribution from Mrs. Edward R. Fell	5.00	
			$422.39
EXPENDITURES			
Box to the Rev. R. D. Baldwin, St. Mary's Mission, Middlesboro, Kentucky		$208.45	
Contribution to Diocesan Institutions		25.00	
Purchase of clothing and household articles from Penna. Supply Bureau for Diocesan Institutions		98.50	
			331.95
Balance on hand			90.44
			$422.39

Audited and found correct,
ROBERT T. BOYD.

The Chairman wishes to thank the members of the committee for the promptness and enthusiasm they gave to the work during the past season.

ALVERTA S. VAN DUSEN,
Chairman and Treasurer.

SHOE FUND

A generous member of St. Stephen's contributed two packing boxes of new shoes and one box of rubbers.

Cash donation $1.00.

On February 14th recipietns paid for nine pairs of new shoes	$3.95
On February 14th recipients paid for nine pairs of new rubbers	2.20
Total	$6.20

From which sum five dollars were given to a poor woman toward the purchase of a much-needed new pair.

Thirty-four pairs of shoes; nine partly worn pairs; three pairs rubbers and $6.50 in cash were given out during the winter.

KATE H. LEWIS,
MARY M. ROBERTS.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

ST. STEPHEN'S Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society held its first meeting for the season of 1921-1922 on Monday evening, October 10th, under the shadow of a great sorrow, for our ever faithful and helpful friend, the Rev. Frederick B. Keable, had that morning passed to the higher and fuller life. His memory is held in affectionate regard by the members of the Branch, to whom he was always a true and sympathetic friend.

On November 28th, the Branch entertained the Tenth Annual Southern Neighborhood Conference. The chief address of the evening was on Disarmament.

On December 12th, two members from the Branch of St. Jude and The Nativity visited us and explained their new method of self-government. This subject was later taken up by our Senior Members, who unanimously voted to continue our present form of self-government.

One of our Associates gave a talk on "Thrift" and it has been interesting and encouraging to learn that sixty-six (66) of our members save regularly, and that fifty-four (54) of this number have been saving from one to ten years.

Our recreation has been in the form of:

A delightful reading by Miss Laura Bell.

A Hallowe'en Costume Party.

A Christmas entertainment when the members presented "A Modern Magazine."

A Pantomime Farce "And the Light Went Out."

An evening of music

An evening of monologues by Miss Frances Leedom Hess.

Our work for and gifts to others have been as follows:

At Christmas, fifty-nine large, well-filled stockings and a quantity of dolls and toys to the children in the Philadelphia Hospital.

Thirty-three packages, each containing a half pound box of candy and a small gift, to the 21st Division of the 26th Infantry at Camp Dix.

Six hand-knitted sweaters, twenty hand-knitted children's caps and three hand-knitted pairs of stockings to the Babies' Hospital.

Fifty-two hand-knitted ear-warmers and one hand-knitted sweater to Mount Alto.

One hundred and twenty-two second-hand and twenty-seven new garments to the P. E. City Mission.

Our Lenten Work—some articles bought from the Pennsylvania Diocesan Supply Bureau and others, made by the members—sixty-five garments in all—were sent to Sandy Ridge Mission and Grace House on the Mountain, at St. Paul, Virginia.

During Lent the Married Branch Helpers again met on Thursday afternoons and this year made forty-two pieces of clothing for the Sheltering Arms.

Money Gifts to:

The Cathedral Girls' School, Anking, China	$5.00
St. Luke's Home, Phoenix, Arizona	5.00
All Saints' School, Bontoc, P. I.	5.00

One Band continued its loving care of a "Shut In", the members visiting her every few weeks. They sent her a basket of good things at Thanksgiving and "An Hour Box" at Christmas, and also gave her a "Party" in her room.

A very successful Millinery Class has been conducted through the season; the quality of

the work and the style of the hats has been excellent.

Our Beneficial Fund deserves explanation. This is a fund which is used only to help any of our own members who may need bridging over a hard place. Each year a sum of money, sometimes large, sometimes small, is added to the amount already on hand. Few demands have been made on this fund, but those few have been urgent and the value of the help very real. No one but the Branch Secretary knows to whom assistance is given.

St. Stephen's co-operated with the other Branches in making the G. F. S. Fair in aid of the Seaman's Church Institute the great success it was.

At the Bazaar for St. Stephen's Community House the G. F. S. took entire charge of the Candy Table. One hundred (100) pounds of candy were made by our Associates and Members, and the gratifying amount of $308.66 was realized.

Three (3) services, conducted by Dr. Grammer, have been held in the Church, and at each of these services the organ has been played by one of our Honorary Associates, Miss Frances McCollin.

Forty-three (43) of our members were present at the Annual Service held at Holy Trinity on April 26th.

A new activity this season has been a circulating library within the Branch. The books recommended by the Reading Union and a number of other good stories have been in charge of our Literary Associate, and have been read by a large number of girls.

No report of the Branch would be complete without mention of the weekly suppers and the "Special Effort." The Branch Secretary is deeply grateful to a committee of girls who have relieved her of all responsibility concerning these suppers. Each week they are prepared and served by two or three girls and are always greatly enjoyed. With the help of a donation of canned goods, there is not only no deficit, but a balance on hand,—and the price still remains fifteen cents!

The "Special Effort"—this being work done by each individual girl to earn her share of the money the Branch gives to Mission and charitable work—was more successful than ever this year. On March 20th, a novel form of entertainment was arranged by the Committee in charge, and at that time the returns were brought in. A circus, in which the children of the Married Branch Helpers were the performers, provided the entertainment, and a wonderful circus it was, with all the real features, including a parade, clowns, a dancer in harem costume, a monkey who jumped through hoops, a tight-rope walker, a strong man, a sandwich man, a balloon boy, lemonade, peanuts, and, finally, chariot races! After the returns were all in, it was found that four hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents ($450.50) had been earned for our work.

This amount has been voted to the following objects:

St. Stephen's Community House. (In loving memory of our kind and faithful friend The Rev. Frederick B. Keable)	$100.00	
St. Stephen's Outing Fund	20.00	
For Lenten sewing	60.00	
May Adams' children	5.00	
Miss Wilkins' Memorial Flowers	2.00	
Missions and Social Service Work for next season	25.00	
Beneficial Fund	12.00	
Cape May Holiday House	30.00	
G. F. S. Washington Centre—Rest Room	5.00	
Church Farm School	5.00	
Children's Country Week Association	10.00	
Church Mission of Help	17.50	
Hospital for Consumptives at Chestnut Hill	25.00	
Episcopal Hospital	25.00	
Seaman's Church Institute	25.00	
Toward Deficit of Camp Dix Committee	5.00	
Support of French Orphan	36.50	
Sister Elizabeth's work at Hawbury Mission House, England	17.50	
Christ School, Arden, N. C.	25.00	
		$450.50

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand May 5, 1921	$294.69
Total Receipts	1,011.11
	1,305.80
Total Disbursements	706.21
	599.59
Balance in General Fund	268.59
Balance awaiting distribution	331.00
	$559.59
Beneficial Fund (On deposit in Western Saving Fund)	176.08

MARY TWEEDIE,
Treasurer.

The Branch is thankful for its opportunities of service, and whatever work for others it has been able to do during the past season has been done in His name and for His dear sake who is the source of all inspiration and blessing.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

PARISH VISITOR'S REPORT

THE most beautiful season of the year is upon us, and as we raise our hearts with joy and thanksgiving, it seems to us that all nature is rejoicing, too. The trees put on their most beautiful garments; their tender green leaves and their budding boughs all bring joy to us because it is a foretaste of the relief of many ills that fly away at the approach of spring.

The past year has been unusually severe, and full of great hardships and deprivations for the working people. In almost every house visited, the men and boys were out of work, many had been idle a year, and some for a year and a half. It is especially hard when a man has held a position for years, and then through no fault of his own, but because of the stringency of the times or some other cause, has lost that position. Again and again he is turned away heart-sick, and he begins to feel keenly that life has conquered him, and he is down and out.

Scarcity of houses and high rents are among the main troubles. Some of our people who once paid $19 or less a month, are now compelled to pay $30 or even $35 a month, and when the men have little work, it is more than a problem for them to exist.

Last summer one of our women who supports herself and her children came to us in deep distress, as she was in arrears with her rent and about to be turned out of her home. The rent was $13 and Mr. Keable's advice was to help her. In a few days we received the following letter from her: "I am sure you will be surprised at this, but it is a fact. When I offered the landlord the money he would not accept it; he said he knew I could not pay that much. He said he could not be bothered every month with a constable's notice, so he gave us some days to get out of the house. At last I found a little house for $8 a month. It cost me $3 to move, and I spent $2 for something to eat. I do not like the house, it is away back in the corner of an alley. I do hope I will have better luck. I will start out on Monday morning with a determination to get better work."

We found the little house consisted of three rooms, one above the other, with a high brick wall so close to it that on first entering one could see nothing but darkness. But it is a shelter for her and her children. She has had work all winter and is still working.

A family whose extreme poverty (caused by the father's illness and an operation, together with lack of work) has caused us much thought for the past year, consists of the father, mother and eight children, all too young to work. Another little one is expected this summer. With all we could afford to do for them, there surely must have been of necessity a great deal of doing without.

Mrs. John Coats Browne has been most generous in her help toward the care of this special family. Mrs. Bilyeu and some of her friends sent us quite a number of new garments for these children. Miss Moore and her friends interested the Rev. Mr. Whiteside, a Methodist Minister, in this family, last summer. He placed six of the children in the country with well-to-do families, and within walking distance of each other, so that they could see each other every day, as they had never been separated before. The

children all received good wholesome food and there was a marked improvement in their appearance on their return home. It certainly was a great help to us, and we appreciated it.

Some years ago we had a family of children attending our Sunday School that gave us much anxiety. The home from which these children came was in the poorest section of our city, and their parents were entirely unfit to bring them up. Through the attention of our assistant Minister at that time, a clergyman and his wife were interested in them, and decided to take one of these little girls to live in their home. She is now a young woman ready for a business career.

The minister and his wife took a deep interest in her physical, moral and intellectual development, which enabled her to graduate from the High School in three years. She is still living in the Rectory of the Clergyman, where she is a great comfort and addition to the home life. This young girl has exercised a good influence over her own family, especially her mother. The father is now dead and the mother has turned from her evil ways. She has married again, her present husband being a kind and upright man. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me."

Miss Gebhart's annual memorial gift of $25 was a help to several families where the fathers were out of work. Many of our poor families were made glad by receiving half-worn clothing and shoes sent to the Garment Society by a number of our congregation and their friends. This Society does most excellent work; it is open every Tuesday morning during the winter from half past ten to twelve, and a number of times during the winter on Thursday evenings, from six to seven o'clock thus giving an opportunity to those who cannot come during the morning hours.

Five tons of coal were given to us by a kind friend and distributed where it was most needed. Just think what a ton of coal means to those who are forced by circumstances to buy it by the bucket!

Special thanks are due to the ladies who made the layettes during the Lenten season, as we are expecting four little new-comers this summer. We were also able to send a nice package to the *Sheltering Arms* for their needs.

The decoration of fruit in the church on the day of the feast of Thanksgiving is never wasted. First it gladdens the eye of all the churchgoers, and then it refreshes the poor and sick to whose homes it finds its way.

Four persons were admitted through us to the Philadelphia Hospital, and two into the Jefferson Hospital.

At Christmas one hundred and twenty baskets were given out. Many letters of thanks were received. One woman writes, "I want to thank you for that lovely basket. I think it is heavier each year, and wasn't that just one grand box of candy? It was packed so nice, it was a shame to spoil the box, and the mince pies were so good, too."

Last summer our outings were very much enjoyed. Mr. Keable and Mr. Carrigan arranged each trip for our people, and made a bright spot for many. Our first trip was the Mothers' Meeting picnic at Willow Grove. Then there were two excursions to Valley Forge by auto for our Sunday School scholars. In August a bungalow was rented for two weeks at Spring Mount, Pa., the younger boys going there the first week under the care of Captain and Mrs. Heritage; the girls the second week, with Mrs. Nissen, one of our Sunday School Teachers, taking charge. A boat was hired which gave them great pleasure, and they all enjoyed bathing in Perkiomen Creek.

The Parish Visitor when not engaged at the Parish House receiving callers and attending to other duties, is out visiting. Our people are much scattered, some living at long distances from the church, in Germantown, West Philadelphia, Fox Chase, and the extreme southern section of the city.

As I look back on the year that has passed, I am very thankful to my Heavenly Father for the health and strength He has given me to do this work, which I truly love, and for the great assistance I have received from Dr. Grammer and St. Stephen's congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
KATE H. LEWIS,
Parish Visitor.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE BURD SCHOOL

THE second winter in the new home has passed very happily for the children and all those interested in the welfare of the Burd School. There have been no developments of particular importance since the submission of my last report.

In March a very delightful entertainment was given which was well attended by our church members and friends of the School. The children appeared in Shadow Pictures of old nursery rhymes, accompanying these tableaux with appropriate songs. The music for one picture, which received much applause, was composed by Miss Frances McCollin, who also assisted in training the children to sing these rhymes. At the close of the entertainment two of our pupils who had recently graduated were congratulated upon having finished their school term. One received a diploma and is qualified to fill a position as typewriter and stenographer. The other pupil is now a student of Physical Culture at Temple University, hoping at the end of her course to secure a position as instructor in this branch. In each instance the congratulatory message from the Board of Trustees was accompanied by the presentation of a wrist watch, to encourage punctuality and an ever present memory of happy years in the Burd School. Three children have been withdrawn during the year owing to the re-marriage of the mother. It is a pleasure to be able to report that a former pupil has found congenial employment with a family where she has the entire charge of a little boy. She has given much satisfaction and has endeared herself to her employers.

There has been no serious illness during the year and the children are finding health and much pleasure in their interest in the garden where Miss Tappan has permitted them to sow flower seeds. Three children have been admitted during the year. There are at present two vacancies to report.

The Board of Visitors continues to find the standard of work and discipline well maintained, combined with a spirit of happiness and good feeling.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
Chairman of the Board of Visitors.
May 10, 1922.

REPORT ON YOUNG MEN'S CLUB, ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

DR. CARL E. GRAMMER,

DEAR DOCTOR GRAMMER:

Old St. Stephen's Club had its origin in the group of young boys who have been associated with the Church and have grown to manhood under the friendly interest and helpfulness of Mr. Boyd and several others for many years past. After the work in the Newsboys' Club was discontinued, it was carried on as the Young Men's Club, under the leadership of Mr. Keable. The first important move was in the organization of the baseball club, which was fully equipped through the generous assistance of a number of members of the congregation and some friends outside. The baseball season was impaired by the lack of an athletic field in which to practice, and without which no organization of the kind can attain proficiency. Previous to the sale of St. Stephen's farm, it was the custom for the young men to go there. The death of Mr. Keable was a great loss, but we have endeavored since to keep up the morale. Our membership was about forty, of which number we could probably count on twenty or less for

fairly regular attendance. The basketball team was organized and had a very successful season, being defeated only twice in the season in the games played in the Church League. Experience proved, however, that the club attendance suffered by reason of the meeting nights being entirely given up to practice and games, and finally, by unanimous vote of the club, it was decided to discontinue the League games. We had, at various meetings, discussed the question of having a dramatic performance, this not being new to some of the young people, and early in January, it was decided that we would endeavor to present a farce comedy, entitled "Clarence", and the young people comprising the cast, have been working earnestly in study and rehearsals to that end, under the direction of Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Fox, and they report that the progress made has been very satisfactory. In passing, it is only just to call attention to the faithful and untiring efforts in this work, of Mr. Thomas J. Bell and Mr. Carrigan.

On Wednesday April 19, 1922, was held the first formal meeting at which the young ladies were present, and by unanimous vote the name "Old St. Stephen's Club" was adopted. The officers elected were: President, F. G. Cooper; Vice-President, Miss Florence Sherrard; Secretary, Walter McGowan; Treasurer, Robert T. Boyd; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Anna Bixler. A permanent entertainment committee, consisting of three young ladies and three young men, was appointed for the ensuing year, and it is hoped that the club membership will be increased, and that our efforts to provide pleasant and instructive entertainment will prove successful.

Respectfully submitted,
F. G. COOPER.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB, ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

Disbursements	$771.85	
Advanced for Play ("Clarence")	51.74	
Receipts:		$823.59
Envelope System	294.91	
Donations and dues		
Entertainments and sale of Shuffle Board	473.12	
		768.03
Deficit		$55.56

ROBERT T. BOYD,
Treasurer.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

THE forwarding of current periodicals regularly by individual members of St. Stephen's constitutes the first and largest work of the Church Periodical Club, developing the personal touch between sender and recipient.

That is the basis of all our effort.

The books and periodicals vary from the Bible to fashion magazines; the places reached from Liberia to Alaska; the spirit is that of Christmas carried all through the year.

During the month of November the same appeals were sent out as in the previous year and met with an even more generous response, for thirty-three dollars were received.

This was used to purchase Christmas cheer.

The little Indian boys and girls at Cannon Ball, North Dakota, received two packages of new and unbreakable games and toys; the older folks at the same mission, a package of twenty-seven new and warm and fleecy articles of clothing.

Another package of toys and games went to help the Rev. Percy C. Adams in his work among the miners at Ashland, Pa.; and another to the Rev. A. H. Beer for his poor people at Santa Domingo; and still another to a clergyman's family in the South.

All were most gratefully received.

In answer to numerous appeals for books from needy theological students, a generous church member very kindly supplied the funds for their purchase.

In his acknowledgment for books sent, one such student, Mr. Samuel Hardman, of Red Cloud, Nebraska, writes: "The splendid response by your branch of the Church Periodical Club is most helpful."

Another student, now the Rev. Joseph C. Jamison, of Oklahoma, ordained February 16th, after thanking us for the books supplied him, said: "I shall put them at the service of other candidates for the Ministry, and competent Lay Readers, so that their mission of help may be continued and extended."

We contributed five dollars to help in buying books for a Mission Study Traveling Library to be used in the rural districts of Pennsylvania.

Catechisms and tracts were sent to the Rev. F. M. Johnson, Jr., at Marfa, Texas.

In sending thanks, he assures us that "they will be used to good advantage." He has thirteen missions in his care.

We have given fifty dollars in all toward the purchase of books for the library of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, Japan.

Of this amount, twenty dollars were collected last year (1921) and the remaining thirty, since January 1, 1922.

Magazines are taken regularly to the sick and convalescent in the hospitals and homes throughout the city.

Thus the Church Periodical Club stands for personal interest, for friendships formed, and for a constant reminder, especially to our far-away missionaries, of the support of the Church at home; for as one has well said: "It helps us to realize the Communion of Saints."

The financial report for the year January 1, 1921, to January 1, 1922, is as follows:

RECEIPTS

January, 1921, Balance	$17.81	
Received from donors	119.74	
Received from Rector's fund	25.00	
Total		$162.55

EXPENSES

Postage	12.94
Express	5.72
Contents of Christmas boxes	32.95
To Diocesan Treasurer	10.00
Books (including $44.50 as subscriptions to magazines, passing through my hands)	95.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1922	5.94
Total	162.55

Current periodicals sent regularly	90
Contributors of same	42
Books of all kinds sent	287
Odd magazines and papers	1,167
Christmas and Easter cards	1,665
Miscellaneous, including tracts, catechisms, pictures, games, scrap books, etc	2,039
Traveling Libraries	1

Ten institutions of our own Diocese were aided.

MARY M. ROBERTS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THE Vacation Bible School opened Monday, June 27, 1921, with an excellent attendance, and continued in session six weeks. Total enrollment was one hundred and fifteen and average attendance forty-seven. Americans, Greeks, Russians, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Italians and Germans were the nationalities represented in the school. Church connection of entire enrollment—thirty-one Protestants, thirty-one Jewish and fifty-three Catholics. A manual training teacher and a kindergarten teacher together with the principal were in charge of the school.

The results of the Vacation Bible School are worth while as it takes the children off the streets for six weeks in the hot summer. Their lives are thus made safer and their parents are free from anxiety. To keep their hands busy in making practical and useful articles is worth while. To instill patriotism is worth while. To teach as many Bible lessons in six weeks as a Sunday School could in seven months is worth while. Thus one sees that the Bible School proved to be of great interest and untold value to the children, as well as being the means of a great amount of joy and happiness.

The boys and girls were very enthusiastic and eager to make things to sell at the Bazaar held for the purpose of the new Community House. They made hammocks, string holders, skirt holders, a reed basket, a whisk-broom holder and wash cloths which brought

in the sum of $33. This was most encouraging.

The White-Williams Foundation of 1522 Cherry Street co-operated with the school in that they kept in touch with a certain family whose children would often play on their way to school and probably not reach the school before it was out and their parents desired the children to attend the Vacation school daily. By this co-operation we were able to keep these children in school. Since last summer these same children of which I have spoken, have become members of our Sunday School. All told, there are nine children of the Vacation Bible School who have become members of our Sunday School during this past year. These results are very apparent and really worth while.

Preparations for the coming season are well under way, and the children are all anxiously waiting for Monday, June 26th, on which day the school will open. It will close on Friday, August 4th.

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

Financial Report, 1921.

RECEIPTS

Received by checks from Mr. Keable	$150.00	
Received from donors outside of Parish	4.04	
		$154.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of teachers	141.00	
Materials for school	13.04	
		$154.04

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

MISSION STUDY CLASS

THE St. Stephen's Parish class for the study of Missions met every Friday morning during Lent, in the Parish house. The class consisted of eight regular members under the Leadership of Mrs. Horner-Smith.

The "Study" that included a "Survey" of the countries of the Orient, Liberia, as well as the colored people of our own Land, and the Southern Mountaineers, must have seemed a large subject to handle, yet our Leader made each lesson one of definite impression.

The close attention of the members of the class and the animated discussion that often followed was an evidence of their interest in the subject and also without doubt, an earnest of the achievement of the object pursued by the teacher, namely, "the development of the Missionary mind."

A voluntary offering for the Southern Mountaineers, amounting to $25, was presented at the Diocesan meeting of all the classes held at the close of the season.

This offering from the St. Stephen's Parish Mission Study Class was considered as a portion of the "appropriation for St. Stephen's Parish."

ANNA FARRELL,
Educational Secretary of St. Stephen's.

May, 1922.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

MUCH as we missed Mr. Keable we are thankful to say that the Sunday School has had a good year. The Secretary, Mrs. Nissen, reports one hundred and four Scholars in the Main School, and fifty in the Primary (under the conscientious leadership of Miss Minnie Corrigan). With fifteen teachers and three officers—in all, we have a total membership of one hundred and seventy-two.

Our School never closes, but is continuous, winter and summer. The Superintendent in summer teaches it as one big class. The winter sessions are from October to July, with a division into the Main and Primary departments, and these divided and graded into fifteen classes, with fifteen efficient and loyal teachers.

Christmas has its annual Play, Easter its Carol Service in the church, then the bringing to Confirmation, and June its excursion. Last year we went to Valley Forge, a most delightful occasion.

The highest type of educational motion pictures are used before each session of the school, thus giving us a punctual and interested attendance of pupils. Our awards for bringing in new scholars have been useful and successful. Our lessons have been catechised by the Rector and reviewed on the Screen by the Superintendent. The Treasurer, Mrs. Keable, reports a balance of $179.55 in our treasury, after all expenses have been paid up to May 10th. For this we are indebted to the liberal contribution of our church friends.

We have contributed to Missions, in our Sunday offerings, by report of our treasurer $232.88; besides our Lenten offerings to the same cause was $157.18—total for the year $390.06.

So we can happily report an enthusiasm and faithfulness most cheering.

GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system.

Charities	$ 96.74	
Chancel Decorations	46.37	
Parochial Maintenance	144.01	
Colored Missions	15.07	
Outing Fund	195.96	
Sunday School Easter Offering for Missions	34.87	$533.02
ENVELOPE SYSTEM		
Charities	219.67	
Parochial Maintenance	396.85	
Missions	263.90	
Outing Fund	223.90	
Theological Education	38.27	
Our work among boys	4.30	
Benevolent Society	7.80	
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	161.40	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	8.60	
Domestic Missions	3.25	
Diocesan Missions	7.45	
Foreign Missions	.60	
Colored Missions	12.95	
Missionary box	5.00	
Indian Missions	3.35	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	76.49	
City Missions	38.12	
Deaconess House	.25	
Sunday School	7.60	
Girls' Friendly Society	1.05	
Daily Vacation Bible School	3.75	
Woman's Auxiliary	.30	
Deficit Fund	50.00	
Community Fund	10.00	
Near East Relief	5.00	
		$1549.85
		$2082.87

RECAPITULATION

Charities	316.41
Parochial Maintenance	540.86
Missions	263.90
Outing Fund	419.86
Theologiacl Education	38.27
Our work among boys	4.30
Benevolent Society	7.80
Endowment fund, St. Stephen's Church	161.40
Sunday School Christmas Festival	8.60
Domestic Missions	3.25
Dioceasn Missions	7.45
Foreign Missions	.60
Colored Missions	28.02
Missionary box	5.00
Indian Missions	3.35
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	122.86
City Missions	38.12
Deaconess House	.25
Sunday School	7.60
Girls' Friendly Society	1.05
Daily Vacation Bible School	3.75
Woman's Auxiliary	.30
Deficit Fund	50.00
Community House	10.00
Near East Relief	5.00
Sunday School Easter Offering for Missions	34.87
	2082.87

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

A SCOTCH BLESSING

If after the kirk you bide a wee,
There's some wad like to speak to ye.
If after kirk you rise and flee,
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.
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11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Noonday Lenten Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

MR. STORK'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS

10—10.50 A. M.
Every Sunday Morning

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PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

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We feel greatly indebted to our many friends who helped us make our Cake and Candy Sale such a success. It was an experiment this time and we were uncertain as to results; but we learned that many people enjoy home-made cakes and candies; $58.00 was realized at this sale, and to this sum we were able to add $12.00 which has been contributed from time to time by our members, making a total of $70.00 which we have given to the Treasurer of the Community House Fund in loving memory of Mrs. Vanderslice—our first inspiration in this work. To all who helped us in *any way*, whether by contributions or by coming to purchase, many thanks.

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With God—go over the sea;
Without Him—not over the threshold.
—*Russian Proverb.*

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Charities	42.72	
Parochial Maintenance	154.91	
Diocesan Missions	37.01	
Community House	322.22	
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Charities	170.58	
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Outing Fund	1.00	
Theological Education	.10	
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Episcopal Hospital	3.70	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	2.55	
Domestic Missions	.20	
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Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	1.35	
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Sunday School	4.30	
Girls' Friendly Society	.30	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.15	
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Near East Relief	1.00	
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		1,488.74

RECAPITULATION

Charities	213.30
Parochial Maintenance	544.48
Missions	174.32
Outing Fund	1.00
Theological Education	.10
Our Work Among Boys	.85
Benevolent Society	4.40
Episcopal Hospital	3.70
Sunday School Christmas Festival	2.55
Domestic Missions	.20
Church Pension Fund	2.00
Aged and Infirm Clergy	11.45
Diocesan Missions	147.73
Foreign Missions	10.78
Colored Missions	.10
Missionary Box	39.77
Indian Missions	.15
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	1.35
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

March 4—Third Sunday in Lent
March 11—Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 18—Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 25—Palm Sunday
March 29—Holy Thursday
March 30—Good Friday
April 1—Easter Day

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Feb. 11, 1923—Ethel Florence Buffington.
Feb. 11, 1923—Edmund Buffington.
Feb. 18, 1923—Edward Earl Ebling.
Feb. 22, 1923—Ethel May Elfline.
Feb. 25, 1923—James Everett Bacon, Jr.

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 2, 1923—Henry L. Viney and Minnie J. Rau.
Feb. 8, 1923—John H. Aktes and Martha E. Mitchell.
Feb. 10, 1923—Frederick F. Shoemaker and Adaline H. Turner.
Feb. 22, 1923—William S. Fithian and Anna L. Strauchen.
Feb. 27, 1923—Roy Erdman and Helen Beidler.

Christian Burial

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Jan. 4, 1923—Mary L. Durand.
Jan. 25, 1923—Albert Crawford McEwen.
—Dorothy Dilge.
Feb. 5, 1923—Sophia Joy.
Feb. 6, 1923—Caroline M. Purnell.
Feb. 12, 1923—Elizabeth Pearce.
Feb. 13, 1923—Robert Thompson.
Feb. 15, 1923—William W. West.
Feb. 19, 1923—Jane Cunningham.

Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 11, 1923

Russell H. Nissen	Roland L. S. Kuhn,
Leonard Scherzer	William L. Scherzer
Herbert C. Scheufele	Thomas S. Myers
Gertrude M. Sauer	Isabel Harman
Dorothy F. Ziegler	Shirley I. Edwards
Lillian F. Bovell	Dorothy E. Bixler

Minerva Irene Welsh.

But rather mourn the apathetic throng,
The cowed and the meek,
Who see the world's anguish and its wrongs
And dare not speak.

—*Ralph Chaplin.*

FEMALE P. E. PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

At the last meeting of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society, the delegates from the different parishes were urged to try to add to the number of subscribers from their respective churches.

Owing to the Prayer Books and Hymnals having more than doubled in price for the first time, this Society finds itself unable to respond to the many appeals, of which there is a long waiting list. With an increase in the number of subscribers from each church, the difficulty will at once be solved.

The appeals from the small churches and missions from even the most remote parts of the country, are often most pathetic, and we cannot fail to see the necessity for the books if the work is to be carried on. The books are furnished free of charge. Will not some members of the congregation show their interest in this work, by joining the Society of which the dues are one dollar or more yearly.

Checks may be sent, or the money given to Miss Washington, 2008 Walnut Street.

LENTEN SPEAKERS

March 12 to 16 inclusive—Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.

March 17—Rev. James C. Crosson, Rector of St. Jude and the Nativity.

March 19 to 23 inclusive,—Right Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.

March 24—Rev. William Y. Edwards, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

March 26 and 27—Rev. Z. B. Phillips, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour.

March 28, 29, 30—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

March 31—Rev. Albert Stork, Assistant at St. Stephen's Church.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Sweet Briar, Virginia,
March 2nd, 1923.

My Dear Parishioners:

I think that you will agree with me that our Centennial was a wonderful success. From the opening reception at the Burd School to the closing banquet every celebration had a special interest. The sermon of Sunday morning and the papers of the Historical Evening will be published, I am sure, and will be greatly valued. The exquisitely decorated chancel, the glorious music and the cordial words of Bishop Garland and Dr. Twombly were worthy of the 100th anniversary of our Consecration, and of the great gift that Miss Magee presented to the Church.

If there had been sufficient time at our disposal I should have liked to ask Dr. Washburn of Christ Church, and Dr. Hill of the First Presbyterian Church, the one, the rector of the oldest Episcopalia and the other the pastor of the oldest Presbyterian Church in the City, our near neighbors, to speak some words of congratulation and fellowship on our historical night. If the following letter from Dr. Washburn had been received in time, I should have read it at one of the celebrations. Letit stand here as a greeting from the Mother Parish of the City:

My dear Dr. Grammer:

The courteous invitation of the Rector, Church Warden and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church to attend the Centennial Celebrations is gratefully acknowledged.

I had fully hoped to attend on Wednesday evening; but find to my real regret that I am bound by a previous engagement to preach up state at that time.

May I say to you and your people at this happy time in your history how sincerely I rejoice with you on having rounded the century mark so vigorously and with such manifestations of divine approval.

In 1823 the venerated rector of Christ Church and Bishop of the Diocese was beginning to reap some of the fruits of his patient and wise spiritual leadership of the historic communion in the new Republic. He had gathered about him a remarkable group of young ministers, De Lancey, Kemper, Muhlenberg and others; amongst them Montgomery. His interest in the founding of St. Stephen's must have been more than official. You will edify and stimulate us all by the publication of the historical papers read at your anniversary.

But that which warms the heart of your brethren at this time is the reinvigoration that has been brought to every department of your venerated parish in these days.

The notable reconstruction and adornment of the edifice—within and without—is a splendid accomplishment. As our nearest neighbor to the west, it heartens us to have our downtown sister so sturdy and beautiful.

Above all we rejoice over the noble measure of religious vitality that centers in and radiates from the beautified sanctuary.

God bless the rector of St. Stephen's and his loyal congregation, and quicken in us all the zeal for His house that is consuming.

Fraternally yours,
Louis C. Washburn.

Let me thank again all those who cooperated in making these celebrations memorable, and helpful, and then turn to other themes. For a time I dare say that all of us yearn for a change of topic. Deeply as I appreciated the kind words spoken about my ministry, I felt as if it some be a relief to the congregation to have me disappear for a time. "Let us cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils, whose foundations are in the clay," said the prophet, and I hope that on Sunday you heard nothing of either the organization or the rector, but the sermon was of God who is all in all, path, motive, guide, original and end, whom to know is life, and whom to serve is the supreme end of existence.

I, myself, attained a complete change of scene by coming to this Virginia College. I

have been on its Board of Directors since the beginning, and can remember many anxious sessions, and critical seasons. But the rapids and falls are now behind us, and our prosperity deepens and widens like a noble river as it broadens out into the estuary that connects it with the sea. A visit here is only a source of pleasure to a director. We are officially classed by the General Education Board as a College of the highest grade, and in our 17th year have 325 matriculate students, our utmost capacity, without a "special" student in our halls. I write this letter in the College library on Friday afternoon. A score of girls are studying at the tables. The silence is unbroken. The windows are half open, and I hear the sound of the carpenters at work on an inn that we are erecting near the library for the convenience of our visitors.

The winter climate of this region is a wonderful combination of tonic mountain breeze and warm southern sun. A blue haze covers the mountains today, and the pines, cedars, larches and magnolia trees, not to speak of Sweet Briar house's colossal boxbushes, give warmth and tone to the landscape.

The College is very proud of having secured Miss Maude Royden to speak here on March 14th. I hope that many of our congregation will hear her in Philadelphia. The newspapers report her as unfriendly to prohibition; but I can not think them accurate. When a social and moral experiment of that is no sign of wisdom for a visitor, unacquainted with our problems, or with the measure of success that prohibition has attained in a state like Kansas, where it has long been in force, to give us her opinion of the outcome. The measure of success already attained with unsympathetic agents entrusted with the enforcement of the law is a pledge of our success under more favorable auspices. The Christian sentiment of our country is practically unanimous for the prohibition laws.

We hope that Miss Royden will show the women of America that women have a call to religious teaching, as well as to charitable and administrative work. The day is not far distant, when our pulpits must be open to women of prophetic and evangelistic gifts like Anna Howard Shaw, Eva Booth, and Maude Royden. God so clearly equipped and called these women to the ministry of teaching and exhortation, that the Church ought to ask itself "Who are we that we should fight against God."

When this number of the PARISH NEWS reaches you, Lent will be half over. The noonday congregations have been most encouraging. The addresses have been on a high plane. Both Dr. Melish and Dr. Twombly are preachers of a modern theology, who have not exhausted their spiritual earnestness in reconstructing their theology. The fires that melted their old dogma into more fluid forms still send forth light and heat. I hope the members of the Congregation will consider these noonday services as parish services and realize that as such, they are entitled to their loyal attendance and helpful ushering.

It seems to me that we could not do better than devote our Easter offering to the Community House. The reconstruction of the Sunday School building is clearly our divinely appointed task. That cause should now be given the right of way. We have no reason to believe that building will be appreciably cheaper for many years. When the interior of the Church was reconstructed during the war, objection was made that the improvement should have been postponed till prices went down. We now know that such delay would have doubled their expense. He who waits in these days for falling prices, will be like Horace's traveler, who waited at the ford till the river ran dry. Our Sunday School suffers, our parish activities languish, and the community work is impossible, until we erect a new, larger and well equipped building.

Let us begin at once to raise the money with the assurance that He who has set us the task will aid us to perform it.

Let us show forth our thankfulness for the rich equipment that we have inherited from former generations, and the splendid gifts that have been made in our own day by contributing, and pledging contributions liberally to this Community House.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The following telegram was received during our Centenial Celebration from the famous actor John Drew—who was baptized in St. Stephen's Church.

MISS EMILY BELL:

Warmest felicitations on this most auspicious occasion.

JOHN DREW,
February 28.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

In spite of the cold weather Thursday, February 15th, there were twenty members present at the Woman's Auxiliary.

There were many announcements of Lenten Meetings, Mrs. Pattison's Talks, the Aid Society and the Mission Study Class.

There were appeals from Archdeacon Baskerville through the Committee on Colored Missions for the money for salaries of teachers in the rural districts in South Carolina; Mr. Page asks for books for the people in Altivista, Va., a small textile town, and from the Diocesan Committee an appeal comes for money for a small car for Deaconess Morris in Zieglersville. She has collected seven hundred books and distributes them among the people there who are fourteen miles from a church.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held March 15th.

B. E. HOLLAR, *Sec'y.*

1823 THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1923

The teachers of St. Stephen's Sunday School are a long line of Saints, Triumphant in the past and Militant in the present. (We would that we could list them all in this article.) Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's daughter Maria, a faithful young teacher of the past, has a beautifully sculptured memorial near the altar of our sanctuary. Dr. David D. Wood, for so long our loved musical teacher, has his memory honored in marble near the church entrance. Clayton F. McMichael, an excellent teacher and superintendent, had his name memorialized in bronze on our Sunday School wall and this will no doubt be restored with the new building; the rest, dead and living, are recorded in the Parish papers; but more than this, all are deep in the shrines of thousands of memories—are honored in the loving hearts of those who have been trained for Christian service in St. Stephen's Sunday School and brought by them to the clergy for their sacred ministrations at Baptism, Confirmation, Death and Marriage.

On Sunday, February 25th, before the morning church service, we celebrated our One Hundredth Anniversary.

A loved young teacher of the Sunday School, married some years ago, our present Church Historian and Rector's Warden, Hon. Roland S. Morris, hence we are indebted to Mrs. Morris for thus tightening the cord of affection between the church and school. He was with us on this Anniversary and with well chosen remarks assured us of our birth as an organization, one hundred years ago, and rejoiced with us that: "The Spirit then awakened still is Living ever Young."

Mrs. Stevenson, a daughter of a former vestryman, received from us on this occasion flowers and applause, as we honored this living scholar who was a member of our school in 1861.

Among the many teachers and scholars of

the past who were present (and we were crowded to overflowing), Miss Minnie Corrigan was likewise honored for her faithful work in the Primary department.

The Rector's greetings and Dr. Elwood Worcester's happy remarks and fine memories from his Rectorship, were duly appreciated. The School responded with enthusiasm and never sang the sweet old hymns better. Particularly happy was the rendering of David D. Wood's "Little Brown Penny", written by him years ago for our "Infants" as their offering hymn, and Miss Ramer who now leads the little ones, will revive its use.

A fitting close to this memorable morning, was the Baptism of a former teacher's child, Mrs. "Bessie" Cleeman Clayton Bacon's baby boy, by Doctor Worcester, at our sacred Baptismal font, where the writer and hundreds of St. Stephen's Sunday School are happy to have there been received into the great church family of Christ.

So we all look forward to the joys of the Easter season grateful and hopeful that we may "be ever living ever young".

Faithfully,

G. H. Streaker, *Supt.*

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND, 1923

Jan. 7—Mrs. Lamb.
" 14—Misses Kirkpatrick.
" 21—Miss Ernst.
" 28—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

Feb. 4—Miss Gebhart.
" 11—Miss Gregg,
" 18—Miss Gebhart
" 25—Mrs. Sheble.

Mar. 4—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
" 11—Mrs. Brunner.
" 18—Mrs. Lamb.
" 25—Palm Sunday.
" 29—Mrs. Lamb.

Apr. 1—Easter.
" 8—Mrs. Sheble.
" 15—Dr. Grammer.
" 22—Mrs. Lamb.
" 29—Mrs. Sheble.

May 6—Mrs. Woodward.
" 13—Miss Townsend.
" 20—
" 27—Mrs. Tourison.

June 3—Mrs. Woodward.
" 10—Miss Gebhart.
" 17—Mrs. Addams S. McAllister.
" 24—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.

July 1—
" 8—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 15—Mrs. Nicholson.
" 22—Miss Lindenmayer.
" 29—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 5—Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton.
" 12—Miss Shellenberger.
" 19—Miss Emma Himes.
" 26—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 2—Miss Kirkpatrick.
" 9—Mrs. Sheble.
" 16—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 23—
" 30—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell.
" 14—Miss Maulsby.
" 21—Mrs. Sheble.
" 28—Mrs. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mrs. Arrison.
" 4—Girls' Friendly Society.
" 11—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 18—Miss Eisenbrey.
" 25—Miss Bright.

Dec. 2—Mrs. Sheble.
" 9—Misses Davis.
" 16—Mrs. Petry.
" 23—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 25—Christmas.
" 30—Miss Emily Bell.

Mrs. William B. Campbell, *Treasurer*,
1711 Pine Street.

Owing to the increase in the price of flowers, it has been found impossible to provide sufficiently good flowers for the altar at our present expenditure of $2 a Sunday. Dr. Grammer has consented to allow an increase of $1 per Sunday and has requested the secretary of the Altar Society to inform the subscribers to the Memorial Flower Fund of his decision. It is hoped that this will meet with the approval and co-operation of our subscribers and that they will communicate with Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, as to their intention of continuing their subscriptions at the advanced rate.

E. B. Campbell,
Sec. Altar Society.

Musical Program

MARCH 4th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Ave Maria ..... *Schubert*
Anthem—God so loved the world (Crucifixion) ..... *Stainer*
Organ Postlude—Communion ..... *Batiste*
7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:
Finlandia ..... *Sibelius*
Lamentation ..... *Guilmant*
Soprano solo—Jerusalem, Thou that killest the Prophets (St. Paul) ..... *Mendelssohn*
Allegro Maestoso—from sonata ..... *Elgar*
Anthems—The Trees and the Master ..... *Protheroe*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit ..... *Stainer*
He is watching over Israel (Elijah) ..... *Mendelssohn*

MARCH 11th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Introduction to Parsifal ..... *Wagner*
Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Chant*
Anthem—Jerusalem (Gallia) ..... *Gounod*
Organ Postlude—in A minor ..... *Calkin*
7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:
Shepherd's Hey ..... *Grainger*
In a Monastery Garden ..... *Ketelberg*
Menuet ..... *Coleridge Taylor*
Baritone solo—God My Father (Seven Last Words) ..... *Dubois*
Andante Cantabile ..... *Tschaikowsky*
Anthems—Behold the Master passeth by ..... *Stevenson*
O my Vineyard (Redemption) ..... *Gounod*
Duet—The Cross ..... *Ware*

MARCH 18th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Romance ..... *Duane*
Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Chant*
Anthem—Blessed Jesu (Stabat Mater) ..... *Dvorak*
Organ Postlude—March ..... *Rogers*
7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:
Praeludium ..... *Jarnefelt*

Evening Song ..... *Bairstow*
Song without Words ..... *Moskowsky*
Contralto solo—My sins, My Saviour ..... *Gilchrist*
Meditation ..... *Massenet*
Anthems—Tedeum in C (requested) ..... *Duane*
Beside the Cross (Redemption) ..... *Gounod*
Duet—The Crucifix ..... *Faure*

MARCH 25th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—In Paradisum ..... *Dubois*
Benedicite ..... *Martin*
Benedictus ..... *Chant*
Baritone solo—The Palms ..... *Faure*
Organ Postlude—March to Calvary ..... *Stainer*
7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:
Adagio Pathetique ..... *Beethoven*
Largo—New World Symphony ..... *Dvorak*
Prayer ..... *Wolf Ferrari*
Tenor solo—Hope ..... *Kursteiner*
Allegro Cantabile (Fifth Symphony) ..... *Widor*

LENTEN MUSICAL SERVICE

SELECTIONS FROM ROSSINI'S STABAT MATER

Chorus—Lord most holy
Duet—Power Eternal
Quartet—I have longed for Thy salvation
Solo and Chorus—When He cometh

Nuggets of Wisdom

"Say not "I love the Lord" unless you find
Within you, welling up by day and night,
A love, strong, full and deep, for all mankind."

Repentance is less strong and less beautiful than its elder brother, innocence.—*Farrar.*

"Look out for choices: they run into Habit, Character, Destiny."

"Everyone who follows Christ is by profession a peacemaker."

Is not life full of opportunities for learning love?

—*Henry Drummond.*

A minute's delay in opening the mouth will frequently save hours of apologies and explanations.

—*Arthur J. Fisher.*

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

—*Ralph W. Emerson.*

A man's true wealth is the good he does.

—*Anon.*

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10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Every Wdenesday:
Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

THE BURD SCHOOL

(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

TRUSTEES.
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

PRINCIPAL.
Miss Margaret Tappen.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

BOARD OF VISITORS.

Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Chairman; Mrs. Frank H. Whiting, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Charles S. Calwell, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Mary DeHaven Bright, Miss Washington, Miss Sanders, Miss Dwier, Miss Marion Headman.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

All meetings at the Parish House.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
Vice-President—Miss Cornelia L. Ewing.
Directress and Assistant—Miss Margaret Davis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Isabel P. Davis, 202 North 34th Street.
Managers—Mrs. Robert T. Boyd, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Miss Swift.

CUTTING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Miss Hutchinson, Miss E. J. Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Miss Magee, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Miss Swift, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey, Mrs. Charles H. Eacles.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. Bilyeu, Miss Moore.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.
Mrs. R. T. Boyd, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE.
Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE.
Mrs. John Coats Browne.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.
Mrs. Robert T. Boyd.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
Mrs. J. C. Browne.

GARMENT COMMITTEE

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.
President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Frank Whiting, Mrs. Benjamine B. Reath.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 15 Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis, 115 Argyle Road Ardmore, Penna.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY.

FOREIGN—Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Craig Atmore.
DOMESTIC—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Magee, Mrs. Dwight Lowrey, Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson, Mrs. I. Smith Raspin.
COLORED MISSION—Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. I. W. Higham, Mrs. F. L. Mann.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Mary M. Roberts.
DIOCESAN—Mrs. H. S. Lucas, Mrs. K. Miesse, Miss V. Zeilin.
TREASURER UNITED OFFERING—Miss Magee.
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY—Miss Anna Farrell.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—Mrs. E. R. Fell.
Chairman and Treasurer—Miss Alverta Van Dusen.
Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets first Wednesday in February, April, etc.
President—The Rector.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
Superintendent of Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary of Chancel Committee—Mrs. Campbell.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.

Misses Eisenbrey, Miss Headman, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Crawford, Miss Maulsby, Miss Mary Lee Kirkpatrick, Miss Swift, Mrs. Howard Bilyeu, Mrs. Charles H. Oberholtzer, Miss Moore.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary—Mrs. Nissen.
Treasurer—Mrs. Keable.

TEACHERS.

Mr. George H. Streaker, Miss Eccles, Miss Nodine, Miss K. Kennedy, Mrs. Robert H. Roberts, Miss Dorothy Grammer, Miss Trussell, Miss Murdoch.
Intermediate Class—
Musicians—Miss E. Walton, Mr. W. Yates.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Teachers—Miss Anna Raimer, Miss V. Downward, Miss Zella Clift, Miss Emily Denny, Miss Swift.
Secretary of Cradle Roll—Miss Sinclair.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

MR. STORK'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS

10—10.50 A. M.
Every Sunday Morning

MOTHERS' MEETINGS

PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
First Assistant and Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.
Treasurer Provident Fund—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Meets Mondays, at 7.00-9.30 P. M.
Branch Secretary—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES.

Miss Helen Shellenberger, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. John Arnett, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Mrs. David D. Wood, Mrs. Anderson Polk.
Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. Leonard T. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Mrs. C. Howard Colket, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Oliver A. Judson, Miss Magee, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Miss Van Dusen.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.
Meets first and third Wednesday in the month.

OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Wednesdays, 8.00 P. M.
President—Dr. Frank G. Cooper.
Vice-President—Miss Florence S. Sherrard.
Treasurer—Mr. Robt. T Boyd.
Secretary—Mr. Walter McGowan.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 863 Corinthian Avenue.

Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

'Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."
March 20, 1923—Doris Irene Pierce.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."
March 17, 1923—Sylvester Hampton and Laura Haigh
March 17, 1923—John Allen and Anna Helmbold.

Members of the congregation who have recently changed their address are earnestly requested to let us know. A card adressed to Mr. Stork at the parish house, containing the new address, will be appreciated.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED FROM MARCH 4th TO MARCH 25th INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system.

Charities	133.35	
Parochial Maintenance	50.90	
Easter Decoration for Church and Sunday School	46.15	
		230.40

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	161.62	
Parochial Maintenance	324.80	
Missions	177.23	
Outing Fund	6.75	
Theological Education	5.60	
Our Work Among Boys	5.15	
Benevolent Society	7.00	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	7.00	
Episcopal Hospital	.50	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	4.00	
Domestic Missions	4.00	
Church Pension Fund	.25	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.10	
Diocesan Missions	7.10	
Foreign Missions	4.50	
Colored Missions	11.70	
Missionary Box	9.75	
Indian Missions	5.00	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	97.25	
City Missions	.25	
Deaconess House	4.05	
Sunday School	5.35	
Girls' Friendly Society	4.05	
Daily Vacation Bible School	5.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.05	
Church Work Fund	4.25	
Community House	200.00	
Conwell Fund	8.25	
		1,074.55
		1,304.95

RECAPITULATION

Charities	294.97
Parochial Maintenance	375.70
Missions	177.23
Outing Fund	6.75
Theological Education	5.60
Our Work Among Boys	5.15
Benevolent Society	7.00
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	7.00
Episcopal Hospital	.50
Sunday School Christmas Festival	4.00
Domestic Missions	4.00
Church Pension Fund	.25
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.10
Diocesan Missions	7.10
Foreign Missions	4.50
Colored Missions	11.70
Missionary Box	9.75
Indian Missions	5.00
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	143.40
City Missions	.25
Deaconess House	4.05
Sunday School	5.35
Girls' Friendly Society	4.05
Daily Vacation Bible School	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary	4.05
Church Work Fund	4.25
Community House	200.00
Conwell Fund	8.25
	1,304.95

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer*.

CHURCH CALENDAR

April 1—Easter Sunday.
April 8—First Sunday after Easter.
April 15—Second Sunday after Easter.
April 22—Third Sunday after Easter.
April 29—Fourth Sunday after Easter.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Parishioners:

"The Lord is risen. The Lord is risen indeed." Thus did the early Christians salute one another on Easter morning, and thus I salute you today. God is good—Christ has revealed immortality. Let us be of good courage, and greet the unseen with a cheer. After death is life, and before death we have an opportunity to serve the cause and people that we love best.

Nothing gives me more concern than the proper equipment of St. Stephen's for its future. A great hotel is coming into this neighborhood, and there is every reason to believe that the population immediately around the Church will not grow less. It will doubtless change in character; but it will need a church none the less. I am convinced that the greatest need of St. Stephen's will always be a minister with a living message. He must have a fine choir and a cordial and co-operative congregation. The Church will require a Community House that can shelter its Sunday School and parochial activities, and afford a field for Community Service. Such a Community House must not be such a heavy burden that it will crush the Church to provide it with an adequate staff or in default of such co-workers exhaust all the energies of the Rector in administrative details. An effective preacher needs time for thought, reading and meeting people. St. Stephen's must not so plan its future, that its pulpit will lose its attraction. But neither can our Sunday School long flourish in its present cramped quarters. Now that we have a beautiful and splendidly equipped Church, a new, convenient and well-situated Rectory, we must round out our equipment with an adequate Community Building. I shall later, and at greater length present a plan, that has been maturing in my mind.

But the manifold engagements of the day, which included a noonday Lenten address to the students of the University in Houston Hall, a call on a candidate for confirmation, and an afternoon given to the supervision of the moving into 1008 Clinton, have postponed the editorial till late at night, and it must be brief. One service of gratitude I must mention. The expenses of our elaborate programs and music and special decorations far exceeded the moderate appropriation, made by the Vestry at my request. These additional expenses have most generously been defrayed by Miss Magee according to her custom on such occasions. I hope that it will not be long before the literature of our celebrations, the sermon of Dr. Worcester, the historical brochure of Mr. Penniman and the address of Mr. Morris may be procurable in printed form.

Let me close with a line about the envelope system. This has now become such an approved and recognized form of giving, that I am going to send to every member of my Confirmation Class a package of the envelopes. On Easter-day one-third of our fiscal year has passed. I will make a report at the Parish Meeting in May on the fidelity with which the envelopes are being used, thus far. You will note that the Parish Meeting will be postponed according to our custom till May. Due notice of the exact date will be given. I hope that we may have a good attendance and inspiring, though brief reports.

And now, brethren, I commend you unto God, and to the word of his grace that is able to build you up—Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB

The "History of Old St. Stephen's Club", long promised and often delayed, is nearly ready for publication.

No part of the little book will be of more interest than the appendix, which will contain an alphabetical list of the workers in the Club. I am very anxious that it should be exact, and can think of no better way to secure this accuracy, than by publishing the list here, that I may learn from the congregation, if any names have been omitted. As the last proof will be returned to the printer shortly, additional names should be sent at once.

C. E. G.

March 13, 1923.

The Rev. Carl E. Grammer, D. D.,
St. Stephen's Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

You certainly deserve much credit for your Centennial. It was the finest series of meetings of this kind I have ever attended and I was particularly impressed by the fact that so much of the material was supplied by the past and present members of the congregation.

I hope you will succeed in getting the Parish House and I wish you would let me know how that matter turns out.

Yours faithfully,
Elwood Worcester.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE NAMES OF WORKERS IN ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB

A

Aiken, Richard C.
Atmore, Mr. and Mrs. Craig

B

Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. E.
Baily, Mrs. Wm.
Bartlett, Miss Marjorie
Barton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jr.
Baton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E.
Benade, Miss
Berry, Miss Emma L.
Bilyeu, Mr. and Mrs. H. H.
Bispham, Miss Marie S.
Blankarn, J. H.
Boggs, William
Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T.
Brey, Mr. and Mrs. Newton
Bryan, Mrs. Arthur
Bryan, Miss Lola
Buch, F. W.
Burmester, Miss S. W.
Byle, Miss Adelaide

C

Cairns, William
Calwell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S.
Campbell, Mrs. C. E.
Campbell, Mrs. Wm. B.
Carpen, Miss Pauline
Carre, Mrs. Edmund R.
Carrigan, James
Claghorn, Mrs. J. W.
Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. T. B.
Clift, Miss Lillian
Colket, Mrs. Howard C.
Collier, Miss Elizabeth
Cooper, Dr. and Mrs. Frank G.
Corson, Mr. and Mrs. Newton W.
Coward, Mrs.
Crawford, Miss Frances
Cross, Miss Frances

D

Dahl, Harold J.
Davis, Miss Elizabeth
Davis, Miss Isabelle
Davis Miss Margaret
Denny, Miss Anna W.
Diehl, Miss Anne
Dale, Miss Elizabeth

E

Eisenbrey, Miss Sara
Engelke, Alexander
Elsner, Miss Florence
Ellis, Frank D.
Evans, Miss Frances
Evans, Miss Martha
Ewing, Miss Alice
Ewing, Miss Cornelia L.
Ewing, J. Hunter

F

Farquhar, J. I.
Finley, Miss Elizabeth
Fiss, Miss Lillie M.

G

Gardner, Edward C.
Griffith, Miss Anne
Grammer, Dr. and Mrs. C. E.
Grammer, Miss Dorothy
Grant, Miss Agnes
Guernsey, Miss
Gwilliam, Fred

H

Haln, J. Elmer
Hall, Miss A. L.
Hancock, Mrs. W. H.
Hammell, Miss L.
Hansell, Mrs. W. H.
Harper, Mrs. D. R.
Headman, Miss Ella
Heaton, Mrs. Wallace D.
Hedkert, Miss Irene
Hewson, Mrs. Addinell
Higham, Mrs. Idella
Hoffman, Miss Phoebe
Hollar, Mrs. Wm. H., Jr.
Holt, Miss Mary J.
Hopkinson, Miss Emily
Howard, Mr. A. C.
Howard, Miss Marie
Hutchings, Miss Alice
Hutt, Samuel

J

Jacobs, Miss
Johnson, Dean Emory R.

K

Keable, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B.
Keely, Miss C.
Kennedy, Miss Katharine
Kirkpatrick, The Misses
Kitson, Mrs. Ernest
Kugel, Miss Irene

L

Lautenbach, Mrs. A. P. W.
Lewars, Mr. and Mrs. George H.
Lewis, Mr. Samuel B.
Lewis, Miss K. W.
Lindenmayer, Miss Josephine
Lineaweaver, Charles P.
Longshore, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A.
Luffbarry, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew
Luffbarry, Miss Grace
Lucas, Mrs. H. Spencer

Mc

MacFaden, John
McGowan, Mr. Wm. M.
McWahn, James
McVitty, Mr. and Mrs. Albert

M

Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T.
Marbourg, Mrs. E. M.
Marley, Miss Edna E.
Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E.
Matthews, Miss Alice
Matthews, Allen
Mearns, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Megill, Miss Elizabeth M.
Miller, Mrs. C. R.
Mink, Mrs. Annie
Mitchell, Mrs. John
Moniot, Achilles E.
Moniot, Dick
Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. J.
Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. W.
Muller, Mrs. L. P.
Muller, Miss K.

N

Neely, Robert
Nissen, Mrs. H. P.
Noblit, Mrs. C. E.
Nodine, Miss CharlotteW.

O

O'Brien, Miss M.
O'Donnel, Miss Sarah
Owsley, Mrs. M. S.

P

Peacock, Samuel W.
Plumly, Miss Helen V.
Preston, Miss Margaret
Price, Mrs. Charles
Putnam, Miss Amelia T.

R

Ramer, Miss Anna
Reath, Mrs. B. B.
Reifsnyder, Mr. and Mrs. Howard
Reifsnyder, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Jr.
Roberts, Miss Mary M.
Robinson, Mrs. Arthur
Rose, The Misses
Rowland, Miss Elizabeth
Rowland, John C.
Rowland, Miss Lillie
Royall, T. A., Jr.
Ruby, Miss

S

Sensenig, Miss Miriam J.
Shade, Miss Edith
Sherrard, Miss Florence
Stevenson, H. T.
Stueart, Richard
Stewart, A. J.
Streaker, George H.

T

Tappen, Miss Margaret
Thompson, Mrs. Thos. W.
Thunder, Henry G.
Tomlinson, Mrs. W. T.

U

Umstead, Charles W.

V

Van Dusen, Miss Alverta S.
Van Dusen, Mr. Charles N.
Van Dusen, J. B., Jr.

W

Walker, Mrs. John K.
Wallace, John H.
Watson, Mrs. Newbold
Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood
Watt, Robert
Weightman, William
Why, Miss Bessie
Wiese, Miss
Wilder, the Misses
Willitts, M. W., Jr.
Wolf, Miss D.
Wolf, Miss C.
Wood, Mrs. D. D.
Woodhouse, Miss Mathilde

Y

Yeaton, Miss

Z

Zeilin, Miss F. Virginia

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. John H. Neill was the speaker at the March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. She is organizing a guild of workers from different parishes who will interest themselves in giving personal service to the Philadelphia General Hospital.

There are eighteen hundred patients and many of them have no friends to visit them. The workers pledge to visit and give friendship to the patients, and help those who can walk to the meetings in the chapel; to help give entertainments and an occasional treat; to follow up the babies who are baptized in the Chapel, and in a way be sponsor to them.

Anyone can volunteer to give certain hours each week, and Mrs. Neill will appreciate it very much. Her address is 1219 South 50th Street.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held April 19th at eleven o'clock.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR, *Sec'y.*

NOTICE OF PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice: that the rents of the Pews and Sittings will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by check make payable to order of Charles S. Calwell, Warden, and remit to Jos. B. Van Dusen, Jr., Room No. 1001, Stephen Girard Building, No. 21 South Twelfth Street, Phila.

COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND

After the banquet at the Burd School on February 28th, Miss Laura Bell had so many requests for copies of her poem "The Little Grey Towers", that the verses have been printed and may be obtained from the Verger at ten cents apiece for the benefit of the Community House.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

An Easter Carol Service

It is surprising how quickly the modern boy and girl read and learn musical compositions which they have not before heard.

In our Sunday School Play of last Christmas, which we gave before four large audiences, it took eight weeks of practice, for the reason that the whole musical play, of one and a half hours' duration, had to be all memorized.

In our Easter Carols, which are all new, the words will be printed on the programs; yet the music of seven carols was well learned by the school in three sessions. In order to perfect them we will practice these most tuneful selections for six Sunday mornings.

Kindly keep in mind, Sunday morning of April 8th, the next after Easter, when the Sunday School, scholars and teachers will have their annual procession into the church, at the regular morning service. You may think in different ways of the Risen Christ, but whatever your opinions may be, they will be deepened and strengthened when you hear our young people and little ones sing their Easter Carols.

We trust you will all be present. We particularly urge not only parents and relatives, but former scholars, teachers and friends of young folk, to come and join with us in expressing the joys of Easter, the coming spring, and the Risen Christ.

Faithfully,

G. H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

At an informal meeting of St. Stephen's Benevolent Society held March 14th, the following letter was read from the Episcopal Hospital:

Feb. 19th, 1923.

ISABEL P. DAVIS, Sec'y.

DEAR MADAM:

I wish to congratulate you for the wonderful way in which the members of your Society work. The making of nearly 450 gowns has been no small piece of work and we wish to express to you and through you to them, our appreciation of their efforts.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRIET M. GILLETT.
Directress of Nurses.

NUGGETS OF WISDOM

The Church Militant is no place for saints, only for human beings who would keep one another company on a difficult road and the company of ONE who went before and knows the hardships—and the glories—of the way.

—*Grace S. Richmond's "Red and Black,"*

Never to have a big thought or generous impulse is *poverty.*

—*From "Inspiration."*

To day is your day and mine; the only day we have; the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify, in the great world, we do not understand, but we are here to play, and now is our time.—*David Starr Jordan.*

There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

—*Edwin Markham.*

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND, 1923

Jan. 7—Mrs. Lamb.
" 14—Misses Kirkpatrick.
" 21—Miss Ernst.
" 28—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

Feb. 4—Miss Gebhart.
" 11—Miss Gregg,
" 18—Miss Gebhart
" 25—Mrs. Sheble.

Mar. 4—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
" 11—Mrs. Brunner.
" 18—Mrs. Lamb.
" 25—Palm Sunday.
" 29—Mrs. Lamb.

Apr. 1—Easter.
" 8—Mrs. Sheble.
" 15—Dr. Grammer.
" 22—Mrs. Lamb.
" 29—Mrs. Sheble.

May 6—Mrs. Woodward.
" 13—Miss Townsend.
" 20—Mrs. Higham.
" 27—Mrs. Tourison.

June 3—Mrs. Woodward.
" 10—Miss Gebhart.
" 17—Mrs. Addams S. McAllister.
" 24—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.

July 1—
" 8—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 15—Mrs. Nicholson.
" 22—Miss Lindenmayer.
" 29—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 5—Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton.
" 12—Miss Shellenberger.
" 19—Miss Emma Himes.
" 26—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 2—Miss Kirkpatrick.
" 9—Mrs. Sheble.
" 16—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 23—Miss Susan C. Thackara
" 30—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell.
" 14—Miss Maulsby.
" 21—Mrs. Sheble.
" 28—Mrs. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mrs. Arrison.
" 4—Girls' Friendly Society.
" 11—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 18—Miss Eisenbrey.
" 25—Miss Bright.

Dec. 2—Mrs. Sheble.
" 9—Misses Davis.
" 16—Mrs. Petry.
" 23—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 25—Christmas.
" 30—Miss Emily Bell.

MRS. WILLIAM B. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer*,
1711 Pine Street.

Owing to the increase in the price of flowers, it has been found impossible to provide sufficiently good flowers for the altar at our present expenditure of $2 a Sunday. Dr. Grammer has consented to allow an increase of $1 per Sunday and has requested the secretary of the Altar Society to inform the subscribers to the Memorial Flower Fund of his decision. It is hoped that this will meet with the approval and co-operation of our subscribers and that they will communicate with Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, as to their intention of continuing their subscriptions at the advanced rate.

E. B. CAMPBELL,
Sec. Altar Society.

'Speak a shade more kindly than the year before;
Pray a little oftener, love a little more;
Cling a little closer to the Father's love;
Then life below shall liker grow to the life above."

Within the four seas all men are brethren.—*Confucius.*

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of ages may be preserved by quotation.—*Benj. Disraeli.*

"If there were nothing left worth dying for, there would be nothing left worth living for."

The High Standard:
The highest standard man can raise,
When face to face with evil ways,
Is just to try, with all his might,
To be the thing, both day and night,
The boy of his
Is sure he is.

—*John Kendrick Bangs.*

Musical Program

APRIL 1st

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Spring Song ..... *Hollins*
TeDeum (Festival) ..... *Buck*
Amthem—Christ is Risen ..... *Fehrmann*
Organ Postlude—Easter Morning ..... *Malling*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:
March on Easter themes ..... *Andrews*
Spring Song ..... *Mendelssohn*
Alleluia ..... *Dubois*
Soprano solo—I know that my Redeemer liveth ..... *Handel*
Chanson de Joie ..... *Hailing*
Anthems—By early morning light ..... *Traditional*
Christ when a Child ..... *Tschaikowsky*
The Three Lilies ..... *Old Breton*
Behold I show you a mystery ..... *Wood*

APRIL 8th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Berceuse ..... *Kinder*
Anthem—By early morning light ..... *Traditional*
Organ Postlude—Alleluia ..... *Loret*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital
Offertory in D ..... *Batiste*
Menuet in G ..... *Beethoven*
In Springtime ..... *Hollins*
Baritone solo—Be comforted ye that mourn ..... *Fischer*
At Evening ..... *Buck*
Anthems—Christ is Risen ..... *Fehrmann*
Christ has won the Victory ..... *Hawley*
Hosannah ..... *Granier*

APRIL 15th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Adoration ..... *Guilmant*
TeDeum in A ..... *Parker*
Jubilate in F ..... *Smart*
Anthem—How lovely are Thy messengers ..... *Mendelssohn*
Organ Postlude—March ..... *Guilmant*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:

Prelude in C sharp minor ..... *Rachmaninoff*
Une Larme ..... *Moussorgsky*
Allegretto from Scherazade Suite ..... *Rimsky Korsakow*
Contralto solo—O Come and Mourn ..... *Moussorgsky*
Andante from Pathetique Symphony ..... *Tschaikowsky*
Anthems—Crossing the Bar ..... *Barnby*
What of the Night ..... *Thompson*
The Lord is My Rock ..... *Woodman*

APRIL 22nd

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Melody ..... *Guilmant*
TeDeum in A ..... *Parker*
Jubilate in F ..... *Smart*
Anthem—Morning Hymn ..... *Henschel*
Organ Postlude—Allegro—fifth sonata ..... *Guilman*$_t$

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:

March—Pomp and Circumstance ..... *Elgar*
Voice of the Chimes ..... *Luigini*
Tone Poem ..... *Dett*
Tenor solo—Recit. and Aria from the Creation ..... *Haydn*
La Fileuse ..... *Raff*
Anthems—I sought the Lord ..... *Stevenson*
The Lost Sheep ..... *Foster*
In heavenly love abiding ..... *Parker*

APRIL 29th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Andante from concerto ..... *Mendelssohn*
TeDeum in A ..... *Parker*
Jubilate in F ..... *Smart*
Anthem—O come every one that thirsteth ..... *Mendelssohn*
Organ Postlude—March of the Priests ..... *Mendelssohn*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:

Paean ..... *Matthews*
Salut d'amour ..... *Elgar*
Evening Song ..... *Schumann*
Duet—Lord I have loved Thy habitation ..... *Matthews*
In the Twilight ..... *Harker*
Anthems—List the Cherubic Host ..... *Gaul*
Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah ..... *Mozart*
Trio from the Creation ..... *Haydn*

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE:

11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month and at
10:15 A.M. on the Third Sunday.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
Every Wdenesday:
Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., Stephen Girard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW.

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.
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RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED.
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9.45 A. M.
Mr. Clarence K. Klink.

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10—10.50 A. M.
Every Sunday Morning

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PARISH HOUSE.
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

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PARISH REGISTER

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"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."
April 8, 1923—Edward McCollin Arnett.
April 8, 1923—William Sheldon Simila.
April 8, 1923—Catherine Rebecca Woodfall.
April 8, 1923—Elmer John Long.

CONFIRMATION

March 27, 1923—Elizabeth Howard.
March 27, 1923—John Curtin Runkle.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."
April 11, 1923—John Pierce Bretherton and Marion Reineke.
April 18, 1923—William A. Linton, Jr., and Florence D. L. Pearce.
April 25, 1923—Walter S. Beckett and Lillian E. Clift.
May 5, 1923—Herbert H. Moore and Florence Eschert.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
March 26, 1923—Anna M. Ditmars.
March 28, 1923—Clara G. Ford.
April 11, 1923—Elizabeth B. Judson.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED FROM MARCH 29TH TO MAY 6TH INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Charities	60.60	
Parochial Maintenance	71.17	
Missions	42.47	
Benevolent Society	41.80	
Colored Missions	27.93	
Community House	1337.21	
		1580.64

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	96.85	
Parochial Maintenance	330.89	
Missions	181.96	
Outing Fund	141.06	
Theological Education	40.58	
Our Work Among Boys	3.75	
Benevolent Society	91.66	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	238.90	
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1.00	
Domestic Missions	2.20	
Church Pension Fund	1.00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.10	
Diocesan Missions	5.67	
Foreign Missions	.50	
Colored Missions	87.45	
Missionary Box	1.67	
Indian Missions	2.20	
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	13.65	
Sunday School	5.05	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.20	
Conwell Fund	2.00	
Community House (Sale "Little Gray Towers")	30.00	
Sewanee Hospital	24.75	
		1305.09
		2885.73

RECAPITULATION

Charities	156.91
Parochial Maintenance	402.06
Missions	224.43
Outing Fund	141.06
Theological Education	40.58
Our Work Among Boys	3.75
Benevolent Society	133.46
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	238.90
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1.00
Domestic Missions	2.20
Church Pension Fund	1.00
Aged and Infirm Clergy	.10
Diocesan Missions	5.67
Foreign Missions	.50
Colored Missions	115.38
Missionary Box	1.67
Indian Missions	2.20
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	13.65
Sunday School	5.05
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.20
Conwell Fund	2.00
Community House	1367.21
Sewanee Hospital	24.75
	2885.73

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Parishioners:

With this number we close another volume of the Parish News. We had a fine Parish Meeting, though I should like to have had a larger attendance. It was, however, a raw, inclement evening for the season, and many of our men were out of the city or detained by pressing engagements. The various reports will show the condition of the work. They are brief, and worth reading.

Mr. Reifsnyder is such a generous helper of various causes and such a promoter of fellowship in the congregation that there was general disappointment at his refusal to allow himself to be nominated for re-election on the Vestry. With that exception all the old Vestrymen were re-elected. Two new members were added: Mr. Jay M. Whitham, who is not new to the duties of a vestryman, as he has served in that capacity in other parishes elsewhere, and Dr. Frank G. Cooper, who is the President of Old St. Stephen's Club for Young People. Readers of the Parish News will be interested to know that Mr. Whitham has collected most of the "Nuggets of Wisdom" that enrich our pages.

Since the last issue of the Parish News Miss Anna J. Magee has made the generous proposition to the Parish which has been read from the chancel and formally accepted by the Vestry, but ought to be recorded here—as these monthly numbers are bound eventually in a volume, which will constitute an authentic record of the chief events in the life of the Parish.

Her offer was that if we raise the $20,000 that we have on hand for the Community House to $25,000, she will give the church $25,000 and if we raise $10,000 making our sum $30,000, she will give $30,000. This generous offer the Vestry has accepted in the name of the congregation. It was resolved to set to work at once to collect subscriptions. Ten thousand dollars is a good deal of money, but let us remember how we took Liberty Loan and Victory Bonds during the war. We felt that Patriotism required it and we managed it somehow. Now Providence has placed this task upon us. Our Sunday School Building was always inadequate; now is the time to erect an edifice that will serve a larger purpose and enable our church to do a community work, as well as develop its own societies. I hope the committee will ask for pledges that cover two years. This will lighten the burden. Greatly do we miss at such a crisis some of our generous givers who have been taken from us. But surely the need will procure the funds. I can but hope that those who recall what valuable service St. Stephen's rendered the whole nation in the World War will come to our aid.

The loss of the use of that building for nearly two years by some of our societies was a great blow to their development. That patriotic service cost the church more than money. I say this not repiningly for it was a privilege and honor to be able to render it. It was the most remarkable achievement in the century of the church's life. But I mention it, because I feel that the service entitles the church to the assistance of our friends and well-wishers.

By the death at Atlantic City of Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce Judson, St. Stephen's lost its oldest communicant. Her husband, Dr. Oliver Judson, was a vestryman for years and was especially interested in the welfare of the Burd School. Her son, Mr. Oliver Boyce Judson, was also on the Vestry for a season. Mrs. Judson's maiden name was Boyce and she was born in Georgetown, D. C.

She was a loyal member of our Parish and one of those staunch church people able to give a reason for the hope that is in them, and also for any line of action she might approve.

After an illness of three days, she passed from these scenes in her sleep. Her funeral service was at St. Stephen's. Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord.

Efforts are constantly being made to obtain permission for the opening of moving-picture halls and theatres on Sundays. The plea advanced is the entertainment of the masses, but the actual motive is the profits of such performances. In New York State the movement to permit Sunday performances in legitimate theatres was successfully opposed by the Actors' Equity Association. Mr. Grant Mitchell tells me that this great association is resolved to preserve for the actor one day of rest. My own investigations convince me that the operatives in the moving picture theatres would express the same desire if they dared to speak out.

We do not seek to bring back the Puritan Sabbath, or to restrict harmless pleasure on the Lord's Day, but we think that money-making should stop on Sunday for the theatre and moving-picture people as well as for the grocer and the candy store. Let entertainments that charge for admission be prohibited on the day of rest and a clear line is drawn and all occupations placed on the same footing.

In closing let me mention that the address of Dr. James Hosmer Penniman at our Centennial Celebration has been enlarged and recast and is now published as a brochure under the title, "Philadelphia in the Early Eighteen Hundreds." Copies may be procured from Mr. Stork at fifty cents apiece. The income from the sales will go toward the Community House.

Miss Bell's verses on the Little Gray Towers, were sold for the benefit of the same cause and brought into our treasury over thirty dollars. Another contribution to the same purpose came from the Girls' Friendly in a gift of one hundred dollars in memory of Mr. Keable. Thus, the influence of his faithful ministry continues to bless the Parish.

As I give this letter to Mrs. Harper, a registered letter is handed me which contains a fourth Liberty Loan bond for one hundred dollars. This bond is presented to St. Stephen's Community House in memory of their "dear Mother, Mrs. Sarah C. E. Thackara, who has been gone from us just one year," by her children.

What a hopeful sign is such a gift.

Yours cordially,

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

CALENDAR

May 6—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
May 13—Sunday after Ascension.
May 20—Whit Sunday.
May 27—Trinity Sunday.

THE PARISH MEETING

The Parish Meeting was held according to our custom on the second Wednesday in May at 8 o'clock.

After a hymn and prayer, Dr. Grammer announced the method of procedure. A meeting of the pew holders and renters of sittings was then called with Mr. Joseph B. Van Dusen, Jr., in the chair. On motion of Mr. Atmore it was resolved that the vote of the pewholders and renters be cast for the persons nominated by the Parish Meeting. A Parish Meeting then followed, and all the old vestrymen were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Reifsnyder, who declined a re-election for personal reasons to the manifest regret of all. Two new members were also elected: Mr. J. M. Whitham and Dr. Frank Cooper.

The reports of the various societies which follow were then read by the chairmen and secretaries. At the close refreshments were served by a committee of ladies under the chairmanship of Mrs. William B. Campbell. It was an encouraging and harmonious gathering.

TO THE USERS OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM

At the annual Parish meeting Dr. Grammer asked me to make some statement about the use of the envelopes.

There were sent out at the beginning of the year 322 packages accompanied by pledge cards and literature; 63 of these were never heard from, by which I mean, no pledge cards were returned, nor have any envelopes been returned to the Church; 183 envelopes are used faithfully, and three persons sent in pledge cards stating the amount pledged, but as yet no envelopes have been received. We would appreciate it very much, when another year comes, and the envelopes and cards are sent out, if everyone who intends using the envelopes would return the pledge cards, even if they do not wish to make a pledge. This is a means by which we know the packages have been received. In the case of the 63 envelopes we have no definite knowledge that they ever reached their destination.

And now may I say a few words to the users of the envelopes, with the hope you will realize that these remarks are not made in any spirit of criticism, but with the knowledge that you all wish to co-operate with us. In sending in several envelopes with one sum of money to be divided among them, please mark the amounts on each side, and also fasten the envelopes together either by banding them together, or putting them all in one large envelope. In putting money in one side only to be divided in two, mark on each side the amount they should contain.

Please do not tear the dates off the envelopes sending in several at a time, or paste one envelope over the date of another, as it is most necessary to leave the nature and objects of charity unmutilated.

ELLA HEADMAN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING WARDEN

St. Stephen's Church

The finances of the Church are in a satisfactory condition. To a considerable extent this is due to large gifts for special purposes, and also to the wise administration of the finances when Mr. E. W. Moore was Accounting Warden.

At that time a large amount of Church funds was invested in Government securities, purchased at very low prices. The securities have since been sold at high prices and the funds re-invested in first mortgages, bearing six per cent. This has increased our Principal Account and the interest returns to the church.

Mr. Atmore during his short term as Accounting Warden modernized the books and accounts so that the present Accounting Warden found his task comparatively easy.

In addition to the increase in Principal Account from the profits on sales of securities, we have received for the account of the Endowment Fund, between the period January 1, 1922, to April 30, 1923, a total of $5,500.

The amount collected and paid for work within the Church—in other words, operating expenses—was $31,100.

There was also collected for work outside the Church—societies, missions, etc., $12,300.

During this period the improvements to the exterior of the Church were made, costing $14,400, which amount was contributed by Miss Magee.

The new Rectory at 1008 Clinton Street was purchased and improved, costing the Church $23,000 in addition to the $10,000 which Miss Magee contributed for this purpose.

Of course everyone is familiar with the loss which we have had by fire, part of the Sunday School building having been destroyed. The fund now in the Accounting Warden's hands for the purpose of rebuilding the Sunday School amounts to $20,620. Of this amount $10,900 was received from insurance, and the balance collected from various sources, principally as the result of the activities of the ladies of the Church.

The income from invested funds in the General Endowment Account will not be affected to any great extent, although $23,000 worth of securities were sold and used for the purchase and improvements of the new Rectory. This condition is due to the fact that certain securities were sold in 1922 on which the income averaged from four and one-half per cent. to five per cent., and this money was re-invested in mortgages now yielding six per cent.

Our budget for the year 1923 of possible receipts and expenditures shows a total amount receivable from endowment, collections and other sources of $23,375, and our estimated expenses for the same period amount to about $24,200, so a probable deficit will be shown for the year of $845. This is not figuring on any special expenditures for improvements or repairs.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES S. CALWELL,
Accounting Warden.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Receipts for year to May 1st	451.25
Expenditures for year to May 1st	374.19

LENTEN SERVICES

Receipts	1238.28
Expenditures	1215.15

W. GARDNER CROWELL, *Treasurer.*

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

MAY 1, 1922:		
Balance on hand	90.44	
Interest on deposits	3.50	
Received from the Accounting Warden, Charles S. Calwell, from the envelopes	106.27	
		200.21
EXPENDITURES:		
Box to Miss Irene Moore, Saint Andrew's Mission, Mayaguez, Porto Rico	95.79	
May 1, 1923, Balance on hand	104.42	
		200.21

Audited and found correct, May 7, 1923.
ROBERT T. BOYD.

The committee sent only one box this season but this one was filled with with fine, useful articles and was gratefully received and acknowledged.

ALVERTA S. VAN DUSEN,
Chairman and Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

For the Year Ending May 9, 1923

The Benevolent Society opened, as usual, the first Wednesday in November. At the end of December our beloved Vice-President, Miss Ewing, suffered a great loss in the death of her brother, Mr. J. Hunter Ewing, since which time she has been seriously ill, but we are all thankful that she is now on the road to recovery. Her absence was keenly felt as she has endeared herself to us all by her thoughtfulness and loving kindness. Under her influence each one tries to do her best.

We have worked hard to make this the banner year of the society and have succeeded, having made 7382 articles, the largest number ever accomplished.

Through the efforts of the Assistant five new hospitals were added to our list; we now do work for twenty-five, the chief ones being Episcopal, Jefferson, Philadelphia General, University and Woman's Hospital of West Philadelphia, and they all tell us the work is beautifully done.

We also made fifty aprons for the Church Supply Bureau, which credits St. Stephen's $50 towards its apportionment.

We closed for the season this morning, when ice cream and cake, donated by several members, were served to the sewers in appreciation of their faithfulness during the past year.

ISABEL P. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT
AS OF MAY 9, 1923

RECEIPTS:		
Balance on hand, May 11, 1922	368.55	
Interest on Deposits	15.18	
Received from Church Warden	605.32	
Received from Sales	562.08	
Total Receipts		1,551.13
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Paid for Material	405.35	
Paid for Sewing	763.58	
		1,168.93
Balance on hand		382.20

ISABEL P. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.
WM. J. KIRKPATRICK.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Another year has passed and this annual record of the Woman's Auxiliary is duly presented. Seven meetings have been held with an average attendance of twenty-two. There were two resignations and two deaths and five new members were added to the list. The delegates have brought reports from the different Committees, and Mrs. J. Alison Scott, President of the Pennsylvania Branch

of the Woman's Auxiliary, keeps in constant touch with the various parishes, either by correspondence or in person, and was the speaker at the November meeting, when she gave details of the General Convention in Portland, Oregon, which she attended as a delegate. There was also an account given of a visit to the Holy Land by Miss Laura Bell at the meeting in October, and Mrs. W. H. George spoke on the Budget and Priorities at the December meeting.

In January it was a great pleasure to welcome Mrs. Grafton Burke from Fort Yukon, Alaska, and to hear of the work carried on by her husband and herself at the hospital, formerly called St. Stephen's, but now is the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, and twenty-five dollars were given toward its support.

Mrs. John H. Neill spoke one morning on Volunteer Hospital Work, making a plea for helpers from every auxiliary to visit the Philadelphia General Hospital and bring a little cheer into the lives of the patients. Other meetings were devoted to arrangements for Lenten classes and to a Conference to discuss and explain the status of parish quotas and Dr. Grammer threw light on the requirements for St. Stephen's.

Through attendance at the monthly meetings at the Church House the delegates become familiar with all forms of missionary activity throughout the United States, China, Japan, Liberia, Mexico and Cuba, and have many opportunities offered them for active service in united effort to advance the work for our Lord in the extension of His kingdom, also to hear and meet those of His workers who are especially identified with missionary stations, and, above all, the privilege is given to respond to the call to those quiet hours appointed to meet together for meditation and prayer, to be thus refreshed and better endowed with spiritual zeal.

LAURA BELL,
Pres. St. Stephen's Woman's Auxiliary.

ANNUAL REPORT, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MAY, 1923

RECEIPTS:		
On hand at opening of year	55.83	
From members	183.50	
From Envelope System	90.17	
From Church Funds for apportionment	300.00	
From Dr. Grammer, for Archdeacon Stuck Memorial Fund	15.00	
From Miss Laura Bell, for Archdeacon Stuck Memorial Fund	10.00	
From Miss Laura Bell, for Sarah Conway Ramsaur Hospital	10.00	
		664.50
EXPENDITURES:		
For Diocesan Missions	45.32	
For Foreign Missions	120.32	
For Domestic Missions	120.32	
For Indian Missions	120.32	
For Colored Missions	120.32	
For Archdeacon Stuck Memorial	25.00	
For Sarah Conway Ramsaur Hospital	25.00	
Budget, 2 payments	50.00	
		626.60
Balance on hand		37.90

MARY C. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct, May 1, 1923.
EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
HARRIET L. COLSTON.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society submits its 29th Annual Report.

The Superintendent reports the continued interest of all members of the Chancel Committee as there have been no resignations during the year.

Two Communion Veils have been purchased and a Veil made from linen on hand.

The Treasurer reports for the Memorial Flower Fund that all Sundays during the year with the exception of Sunday, July 1st, have been subscribed for.

The Treasurer submits the following:

BALANCE:		
On hand May 10, 1922	200.79	
RECEIVED:		
Memorial Flower Fund	117.00	
Interest	.70	
Easter Decorations and Altar Society	158.40	
		476.89
EXPENDITURES:		
Flowers for the year	143.50	
Palms, $3.00; Easter Decorations, $90.00	93.00	
Fruit for Thanksgiving	8.55	
Christmas Greens	25.00	
2 Communion Veils	25.75	
Embroidering Chalice Veils	3.50	
Calendar	1.35	
Repairs on Vestments	1.50	
Cleaning book-markers	.50	
		302.65
Balance on hand May 9, 1923		174.24

ANNE E. EISENBREY,
Superintendent.
E. K. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED THANK OFFERING FOR 1923

The Nineteenth Annual Service of the Women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, with the presentation of the United Thank Offering, took place at St. James's Church, on Thursday, April 26, 1923. The attendance was notable for its size and devotion. The Rev. Dr. Mockridge preached from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians, 2nd Chapter, six and seventh verses—an illuminating sermon. A Celebration of the Holy Communion followed with the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland as the Celebrant.

The offering of this the first year of the present Triennium totalled $11,559.74, being the largest but one of all the first-year offerings—and that one having had a special Thanksgiving.

Frequently, during the year, the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. John P. Hollingsworth, has stressed the importance of the ideal of a substantial increase in the number of subscribers, her watchword being "not how much, but how many" and every woman in the Parish.

The offering from St. Stephen's Parish was $400 from 128 subscribers, the largest number it has yet had. To this the Mothers' Meeting was most helpful.

It was a great pleasure to receive so substantial a contribution from the Mothers' Meeting. I fully appreciate the sacrifice represented by this offering of $30.00, from 68 subscribers whose names accompamy this offering.

The final report of the 1919 United Thank Offering with interest to December 31, 1922, showed the total amount of $509,564.61; with the number of workers at home, 68; number of workers abroad, 109; number of workers on retired list, 19; number of workers in training, 6.

In the words of the Diocesan Treasurer "Let us pray and work together now as in the past."

With grateful thanks for all your help.

Faithfully,
ANNA J. MAGEE, *Parish Treasurer.*

REPORT OF MOTHERS' MEETING

The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church opened for the season of 1922 and 1923 on Thursday, November 2nd, and closed on Thursday, April 26th, with 112 names on the roll. We have lost 2 members by death and about 12 by removal and inability to come out in the evening, and have added 20 new members.

Our attendance has ranged from 28 to 90 with an average of 45.

When we realize that these members come from Fox Chase, Willow Grove, Mt. Airy, Overbrook, West Philadelphia, South Philadelphia, Kensington and from Maple Shade, Clementon, Blackwood and Audubon in New Jersey, we see that these meetings mean much to them.

Our Summer Outing, a trip to Valley Forge, was greatly enjoyed by 95 who participated, our pleasure being much increased by the presence of Dr. Grammer.

In December we held a special party in honor of Mrs. Wilder, the oldest member in point of time.

Our contribution to the Community House Fund was over $122, made at the Mothers' Table. We have sent $31 to Miss Magee for the United Offering, given $10 to the Community House Fund, spent $14 for flowers for members, filled 3 Christmas stockings for St. John's Settlement House and have a balance in the treasury of $22.48.

One member has been confirmed, and three others are awaiting the opportunity for confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,
BLANCHE M. HARPER, *Pres.*

In men, whom men proclaim divine,
I find so much of sin and blot;
In men, whom men condemn as ill,
I find so much of goodness still;
I hestitate to draw the line
Between the two—where God has not.
—*Unknown.*

REPORT OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

In again presenting the annual report of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, the Branch Secretary feels that no account of pleasant and profitable evenings or work accomplished can give an adequate idea of the many acts of kindness and consideration by which the members prove their fidelity to the motto of their Society—"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

During the past season we have had five social evenings:

A Hallowe'en Party.

Folk dancing by children from the Southwark Neighborhood House.

A Christmas entertainment when, through the courtesy of Mr. Streaker, the Sunday School children gave "Bringing in the Yule Log."

A Valentine Party.

An evening of monologues by our great favorite, Miss Frances Leedom Hess.

Talks have been given on the following subjects:

"The Ballot and Issues Involved" by Mrs. Imogene B. Oakley. This proved so interesting and popular that Mrs. Oakley has promised to speak to us again next winter.

"From New York to Trondhjem—Norway" (Illustrated) by the Branch Secretary.

"My Impressions of Coué," by Miss Shellenberger.

"Poetry and the Drama," by Miss Shellenberger.

"African Missions" by Mrs. Wm. W. Arnett.

"My Trip to the Holy Lands," by Miss Laura Bell.

Two services have been held in the church, one of which was a Corporate Communion Service, the first the Branch has ever had. At this service 75 members were present of whom 68 partook of the communion.

The Branch took entire charge of the Supper and the Candy Table at the Bazaar given for St. Stephen's Community House, provided all the food for the Supper and almost all the candy.

At Christmas 80 large filled stockings and a box of toys, valued at $150.00, were sent to the children in the Philadelphia General Hospital.

32 hand knitted caps and sweaters were made for Carr Creek Community Centre at Dirk, Kentucky.

The Lenten Sewing, our allotment from the Department of Missions, has been finished and sent to St. Mary's Indian Mission at Nixon, Nevada, and about three dozen extra garments were made for the Episcopal Hospital.

At the Married Members' Lenten Meetings the attendance was better than it has been for some years past and a goodly number of useful pieces of clothing were made for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, and our own Episcopal Hospital.

One Band continues its loving care of a "Shut-in." At Thanksgiving they sent her a basket of provisions; at Christmas a "Wonder-box" containing a gift for each hour of the day and at Easter a plant. But best of all they visit her from time to time, cheering her with the presence of their young lives.

Members of another Band are writing weekly letters of cheer to soldiers in the Oteen Hospital at Oteen, North Carolina.

The most eagerly anticipated evening of the entire season is the one when the returns from the "Special Effort" are turned in. At that time an entertainment is always provided by the committee in charge and this year a Mock Trial more than fulfilled all expectations. The amount of the Speical Effort reached $400.00 and has been voted to the following objects:

St. Stephen's Community House	100.00
In memory of our kind and faithful friend, the Rev. Frederick B. Keable.	
For materials for next year's Lenten sewing	60.00
Little House of St. Pantaléon	36.50
Episcopal Hospital	25.00
Home for Consumptives	25.00
Beneficial Fund	35.50
Elizabeth Roe Dunning Fund for Blind Girls	25.00
Missions and Social Service Work	25.00
Church Mission of Help	20.00
Children's Country Week Association	10.00
Church Farm School	10.00
Cape May Holiday House	10.00
Sister Elizabeth's Work—England	10.00
Children of a deceased member	5.00
Miss Wilkins' Memorial Flowers	3.00
	400.00

The Millinery Class has been taught by one of our own members and a recent exhibition of hats, worn by living models, showed the work to have been excellent.

No report of St. Stephen's Branch could ever be complete without mention of the weekly suppers. From the beginning to the end of the season the food is bought, cooked and served by faithful members and no matter what the weather or outside attractions a good hot supper is always ready for the girls who come at six o'clock.

The Branch has lost two Working Associates from its already too small number but has been most fortunate in gaining the help and interest of Mrs. David D. Wood, who has been admitted as a Working Associate.

The possibilities of The Girls' Friendly Society are measureless. The most practical and the most spiritual subjects are within its scope. St. Stephen's Branch needs at least one more earnest, devoted woman as a Working Associate. It means weekly meetings, it means learning the viewpoint of girls and knowing their lives; it means prayer that they may "be strengthened and protected" but to an Associate who really cares, life becomes enlarged and enriched through the eternal bonds of friendship.

GRACE V. D. LUCAS,
Branch Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

St. Stephen's Girls' Friendly Society

REPORT FOR PARISH MEETING, MAY 9, 1923

Balance as per last report	599.59	
Receipts to May 3, 1923	1352.75	
		1952.34
Expenditures to May 3, 1923		1148.36
Balance on hand		803.98
Balance is made up as follows:		
Proceeds from Play for New Scenery for St. Stephen's	118.50	
Gift for G. F. S. work	150.00	
Special Effort not distributed	125.50	
General Treasury	409.98	
		803.98

BENEFICIAL FUND:
On Deposit in Western Saving Fund 169.31

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer.*

BURD SCHOOL

As Chairman of the Board of Visitors to the Burd School, it gives me much pleasure to report that the members of our Committee have visited the School every week during the year with the exception of July and August and for a couple of weeks early in the winter during the epidemic of measles. These visits which we regard as helpful inspection have proved, we hope, of some use, as we find our interest in the school is reflected in the work of the children especially in their competitive efforts to win the reward offered for good behavior and the neat condition of rooms and dormitories with special attention given to the care and tidiness of bureau drawers and closets. Their monthly reports from the Public Schools are quite excellent and the record of Burd School girls both at school and at home is an evidence of the standard set by our Principal, who is always ready to help and to encourage.

In February, during the week set aside for the Centennial celebration of the Church, a reception and dinner were given at the school. During the afternoon reception the children sang carols ably led by Miss McCollin and under Dr. Grammer's direction, gave recitations from the Psalms and the Gospels, one child after another taking up the recitation even in the middle of a sentence when called upon by Dr. Grammer, giving a striking example of well trained and active memories. The night of the dinner the children sang a Grace, written by Miss Louise Betts Edwards and set to music by Miss McCollin. The large assembly room used as a dining room on this occasion presented a beautiful appearance made so by a great profusion of lovely flowers. Both of these festivities were most delightful and will furnish pleasant memories for Burd School annals.

Miss Tappen, our Principal, after five years of faithful service has asked for and obtained leave of absence for five months during the coming summer. During her absence Miss Lamb, her assistant, will be left in charge.

We have now forty girls in the School. Four of our older girls were confirmed during the winter. There are three admissions and one death to report, the latter due to meningitis.

Respectfully submitted,
E. K. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

May 9, 1923.

The congregation will be interested in this most gratifying letter from the Commissioner of Public Welfare. The Schick test suggested by the Commissioner had been used in the school before her suggestion was received.—C. E. G.

"MY DEAR DR. GRAMMER:

"It is a pleasure to read of the excellent work being done by the Burd School for Girls. The report of our representative is before me and I wish to congratulate you upon the ideals and achievements of the School.

"The attention that has been given to making the place a home takes it immediately out of the institutional class. But in addition to homelikeness your Superintendent has managed to create an atmosphere of beauty and charm that must have its unconscious influence upon the girls.

"There are many things which I should like to praise but the list would be too long. I will only mention the unusual opportunities given for self-development in the educational advantages offered, the outside contacts which the girls enjoy and the system of allowances through which the girls learn the value of money and gain some experience in buying.

"The health program, too, has features to which most institutions are too often oblivious. I wonder whether you have ever thought of using the Schick test for the immunization against diphtheria. If not, you would, I believe, find this the one thing to make your health protection complete.

"With best wishes for your continued good work, I am

"Very sincerely yours,
"ELLEN C. POTTER, M.D.,
"Commissioner of Public Welfare."

REPORT ON "OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB", ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

As stated in the previous report, our club was reorganized under the present title on April 19, 1922. The first event of importance was the presentation of the play "Clarence", by our club members at the Little Theatre on the evenings of May 18th, 19th and 20th. As a first attempt it proved quite successful, and we were enabled, through receipts from it, and from other small ventures, to redeem our pledge to raise $500 for the benefit of the Community House Fund, sending in our check for $600. Our club membership at the present time numbers sixty, with an average attendance of twenty-five.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Charles S. Walton, of St. David's, Pa., we were permitted to use her beautiful estate with its ponds for bathing and rowing, tennis courts, etc., and the log cabin with all conveniences, for a picnic party on June 10th, when we had sixty present. A moonlight excursion on the Delaware on the evening of August 17th, wound up the summer season of 1922. After reassembling in September, we were again the guests of Mrs. Walton at St. David's on October 7th, and were treated with the greatest kindness and courtesy. In reference to these picnic parties, it gives us pleasure to state that we were proud of the behaviour of our young people, with not a single unpleasant incident to mar the day.

Our Hallowe'en Mask Dance on November 1st, was largely attended. We wished to do something more than provide amusement for ourselves, and in Christmas week, we entertained 76 little children from the vicinity of Second and Lombard Streets, gathered together by the kindly assistance of Mrs. Clayton. The children were given toys and candy, distributed by Santa Claus, impersonated by Mr. Gonzalez, and we were assisted by Mrs. Reifsnyder, Mrs. Calwell, Mrs. Boyd and other willing helpers. We cannot be too thankful that the fire which partially destroyed our Sunday School building did not occur on this occasion.

Other events were the Valentine Dance on February 7th; a series of three instructive lectures with colored lantern slides, on March 7th, 14th and 21st, by H. D. Bailey, A.M., of Muhlenberg College, Pa., and the last event was a dance given on April 18th. With all the other branches of our church work, we are greatly in need of proper facilities, but we hope that in the near future, new quarters will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
F. G. COOPER, *Pres.*

TREASURER'S REPORT "WORK AMONG OUR BOYS"

RECEIPTS:		
Received from Envelope System...	309.91	
Received from Donations.....	10.00	
Received from Sundry Sources....	479.75	
		799.66
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Deficit.....	34.06	
Watchman.....	65.00	
Boys' Brigade.....	111.28	
Young People's Club.....	501.57	
		711.91
Balance, May 5, 1923		87.75

ROBERT T. BOYD, *Treasurer.*

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY

The Aid Society held its usual Meetings on Friday mornings during Lent with an average attendance of ten members.

As our present members have worked together for the past three years, these Lenten meetings are pleasant reunions and the friendly intercourse gives an additional impetus to the work. It is hoped that another year may find more members of our congregation interested in this work of making baby garments for the poor of our Parish.

110 garments were made, also 122 miscellaneous articles.

Thanks are due to the Benevolent Society for its much appreciated assistance.

The Treasurer reports:

BALANCE:		
On hand, May, 1922.....	.57	
RECEIVED:		
Dr. Grammer.....	25.00	
Mrs. H. H. Barton.....	15.00	
Miss Heyl.....	2.00	
Mrs. Phillips.....	1.00	
Mrs. Campbell.....	5.00	
Total.....		48.57
EXPENDED:		
Flannel and Muslin.....	37.53	
Canton flannel.....	5.49	
Buttons, Cotton, etc.....	3.35	
Total.....		46.37
Balance on hand, May, 1923.....		2.20

Respectfully submitted,
E. K. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE PARISH VISITOR

The hard cold winter is over, and the welcome spring has come; the little crocuses and tulips are pushing up through the sod to look at the sun, the birds are beginning to plan a home among the branches of the trees; and the voice of the brook is heard once more in the woods, a babbling happy voice, joining the birds in their grateful hymn of praise that spring is actually here.

It may seem to those reading about it that the work of the Parish Visitor is monotonous, but it is really not so, for there is in each applicant who asks for help a reaching out for sympathy and understanding that goes to make a bond of closer ties than the mere giving and receiving of material things.

Many calls on the sick, in their homes or in the hospitals, were made, for it was a hard winter, and it was a winter that entailed much suffering and deprivations because of the exorbitant price of coal, and sometimes the inability to secure it at any price.

One case among many sad ones was instantly relieved by Dr. Grammer and Miss Magee; it was the case of a woman who after undergoing an operation lay helpless for a year on her bed, her only nurse being an eighteen-year-old daughter, who had also the care of the entire household, with occasional outside help from relatives. Calling upon the mother one day we found the daughter very ill, so Dr. Grammer wrote to Miss Magee, asking for the use of one of her endowed beds at the Jefferson Hospital. The request was instantly granted, and all arrangements were made to receive the patient, but alas! she lived only a few weeks, but she was made comfortable and happy until the end came, and I was with her then, to be of any comfort that I could be, for she was conscious almost to the end. Now what can we do for the mother?

We have on our hands, or rather, Dr. Robert Scott has on his hands, one of our women ill with cancer. He is very good and kind to her; another case on his "Free List." In visiting her one day we found her weeping bitterly; she had broken her glasses by lying on them in bed, not knowing they were there. But she was made happy when we had them repaired. Miss Gebhart's memorial and Mrs. Brunner's check has helped us to make her a little comfortable.

One of our interesting women living in one small room, and having had three partial strokes of paralysis, was made very happy by the present of a ton of coal, which she kept in one corner of her room, as the only place of safety for such a priceless gift.

Mrs. John Coats Browne has also taken a load of anxiety from our shoulders by her interest in a family whom we have had to relieve from time to time. By her help and encouragement the man has been enabled to keep his family together, and now has work, which for some time it seemed impossible to get, notwithstanding his anxiety and willingness to work.

A pretty tale comes like a streak of sunshine—a woman receiving from the Government a pension of twelve dollars a month, because her husband served in the Indian Wars, pays three dollars a month for her room, lives on the balance of the twelve dollars, yet every Sunday, she never fails to put ten cents in her church envelope. Is not that truly "the Widow's Mite"?

We received with joy and distributed with equal joy seven tons of coal from a "Friend indeed," and three extra tons from Mrs. Walter Douglass. All the recipients voiced their gratitude in high notes of gladness and praise.

Because those who had much bore in mind those who had little, eight families were made happy on Thanksgiving Day, and the fruit decorations of the Church also brought happiness and refreshment to the sick.

We distributed baskets to 125 families at Christmas, each basket filled as usual, with chickens, groceries, vegetables, mince pies, candy and fruit, just as we sent when times were easier, but people just as needy.

Layettes made by the Ladies' Aid Society for the little babies were sent where needed.

At the Sheltering Arms they were hailed with joy by two very young mothers, aged fourteen years.

A family of children bereft of their mother was provided for by relatives of the step-father living in North Carolina. The eldest girl refused to go, as she preferred to get work and remain in Philadelphia. One of our "mothers" kindly offered her a home which she accepted, but she did not accept any of the work she could obtain, so it became a problem what to do for her. We finally decided to place her at St. Michael's Home, Mamaranack, N. Y. The results, so far, justify our decision. She is being taught all the useful arts—sewing, dressmaking, cooking, laundry work, and is being kept at it. Each department is under the care of an Episcopal Sister, and several of these have given a favorable report of her deportment, as well as of her work. She has also been confirmed. Dr. Grammer is paying her board, while her step-father clothes her.

On a hazy day in June we had our Sunday School picnic. There were 125 in the party which started to Atlantic City to spend the day. The conductor on the train looked at us curiously, then asked if the children were going to take "a dip in the ocean." He was told that all who could afford it would do so; he then wrote a note to be presented to one of the bath houses by which all were able to have the treat of their lives, a bath in the surf, with a bathing suit and a clean towel, for ten cents. Our next treat was the pier, on which the members of the party were allowed to go on and off at will, for all wore tags. We ate our lunch at the end of the pier and we were all ready for it. In the afternoon all were delighted to have Dr. Grammer join us. We had a most enjoyable time, and all returned home safely, tired, but very happy.

Later in the summer we had our outing for "the Mothers." We had four sight-seeing autos to Valley Forge. That also was a day long to be remembered by many. One of the party wrote a letter of thankfulness: "I don't ever remember enjoying anything so much as that trip to Valley Forge; it was such a wonderful ride, it seemed to put new strength into me for days." Through Dr. Grammer's kindness I was able to brighten and cheer twenty of our women by enabling them to take a short vacation; four were sent to the Mercer Home, Atlantic City, for a week.

The sympathy, the kindness and the generosity of Dr. Grammer and of St. Stephen's people make the heart of the Parish Visitor glow with gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE H. LEWIS.

REPORT OF THE MISSION STUDY CLASS

The little group of ladies who formed the Mission Study Class of St. Stephen's Parish met in an upper room of the Parish House during Lent. The readings and discussions differed in one particular from the method usually followed.

Instead of Missions in foreign lands the foreigner in our country was considered the subject and the title the "American Mission of the Church" was given for the studies of the season of 1923.

The word "American" while it indicated a new feature in the plan of the studies was not understood to limit their influences to the boundaries of America. A prevailing characteristic of the foreign-born is the loyalty to his kindred in the old home.

The pecuniary aid he sends them is only a part or token of this loyal affection. All that he learns and acquires through the privileges of our free institutions he is eager for them to possess also.

There is the nature of an experiment in the effort of Church and nation working together for the same specific object—the making of a good citizen—but there is a difference in the basis of their work. The missionary holds that righteous dealing and integrity of character, the necessary qualities of good citizenship, can be secured only by Christian principles, and the most compelling of these is that of brotherly love. The phrase "the brotherhood of man," so often misused, is in its reality founded on the Christian belief that by the Gift of a loving God men are made brothers.

Because the foreign-born has not been met and treated as a brother the conditions have arisen which have forced nation and church to seek a remedy. There has become a necessity that is aptly described in the expression "A change in the state of mind in the nation." Instead of a mere tolerance, not to say antagonism, of the American to the foreign-born, there should be a welcome for him, which would show an appreciation of his value. For that he has value, every employer knows, be it of the skilled mechanic, or the textile worker or the laborer in the mines or the household domestic, not to mention the gifted singers and musicians, the inventors and discoverers.

The recognition and appreciation of the merits of the foreign-born was the prevailing idea of the committee who made the assignments of the lessons for the classes. The text gives repeated illustrations of loyal service and valuable contributions from these representatives of the various nationalities.

A recital, to spread the information, that is well fitted to foster the spirit of unity and to create the bond of brotherly love. This unity and this love is the underlying and controlling effort of the church.

And the aim and hope of the Mission Study Classes was to give efficient aid in the attainment of this desired result.

On the 19th of April a closing session was held in the Parish House of the church of the Holy Trinity, when offerings were made from all the classes in the diocese.

The contributions from St. Stephen's Parish of $30.00 was assigned to "the general work of the church to carry out its programme of work among the American Missions."

This amount is counted on the quota allotted to the St. Stephen's Parish.

May 10, 1923 ANNA FARRELL, Leader.

REPORT OF THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School opened Monday, June 26, 1922, and continued in session six weeks, closing August 3, 1922. Total enrollment was 109 and average attendance 50. Americans, Greeks, Russians, Hungarians, Lithuanians and Italians were the nationalities represented in the school. Church connection of entire enrollment—33 Protestants, 22 Jewish and 54 Catholics. A manual training teacher and a kindergarten teacher together with the principal were in charge of the school.

It was deemed necessary to change the hours of the school so as to give the cleaners more time to arrange for Church on Sundays. Therefore we held school from 9 A. M. to 12 o'clock noon, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of each week, thus holding school four days a week instead of five. This change worked out most satisfactorily. More work was accomplished in the Bible, Music and Manual Departments owing to the fact that more time was allotted to each department. By the new arrangement we had 3 hours a day, 12 hours a week for school instead of 2 hours a day and 10 hours a week for school, as in previous years.

Constructive and creative instincts dwelling in every boy and girl are developed by the various manual activities taught in the school. The quantity and quality of articles made during the manual training period surpassed those of other years. These children are learning how to bring domestic order out of chaos. The children in the Kindergarten department did most unusual and interesting work under the supervision of a very capable teacher. The Bible and Music work were unusually well done. The Vacation Bible School was most successful during the summer 1922.

Preparations for the coming season are well under way and the children are looking forward with great anticipation for June 27th, on which day the school will open.

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1922

RECEIPTS:		
Received by checks from Dr. Grammer....		150.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries of teachers and materials for school.		150.00

CHARLOTTE W. NODINE.

SHOE FUND

A generous member of St. Stephen's again contributed two packing boxes of new shoes and one box of rubbers.

Recipients paid for eight pairs of new shoes.....	6.25	
Recipients paid for two pairs of new rubbers.....	.30	
Total		6.55

Twenty-nine pairs of new shoes; sixty-one partly worn pairs; twenty-three pairs of new rubbers and $3.25 in cash were given out during the winter.

KATE H. LEWIS,
MARY M. ROBERTS.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Everywhere the Church Periodical Club is becoming better known and there are constant calls for every variety of reading matter.

For certain classes of periodicals, quarterlies and reviews, technical magazines and those for children, the demand far exceeds the supply.

Forty-five individual members of St. Stephen's regularly forward their current periodicals and receive grateful letters in return.

In some cases new subscriptions are taken out in the name of the recipients. In that way the far-away people are always sure of receiving their magazine on time.

We have all of us felt a certain thirll on opening a new magazine, fresh from the hands of the publishers.

As in former years, appeals were sent out during the month of November for money to purchase Christmas cheer.

We received thirty-two dollars and fifty cents, with which we bought toys, games and useful atricles to fill four boxes.

Two of these went to the Indian boys and girls at Cannon Ball, North Dakota; another to a poor family in the South where there are three little ones; and one to assist the Rev. Mr. Brown in his work as Rector of St. Paul's Church, at Wells, Vermont.

In answer to appeals for books from needy theological students, a generous Church member again supplied the funds for their purchase.

The Rev. Mr. Hardman (ordained in April) very gratefully sends a copy of the folder presented by him to his own congregation at Easter. He is now Rector of Grace Church, at Red Cloud, Nebraska, and wishes again to show his appreciation of our help in supplying him with books for study last year.

Deaconess Baker, stationed at St. Elizabeth's Indian School, at Wakpala, South Dakota, thanks us for the Easter cards sent them; also for the renewal of the subscription to a magazine, "The American Boy," telling us that "It is read by our boys, then by the white boys in the little town of Wakpala and then goes to the home of an Indian where some men read it."

Thanks were received for the 125 books sent to help in forming a Community Library at Altavista, Virginia.

The Rev. Charles W. Freeland, at Anniston, Alabama, thanks us for magazines which he carries to the soldiers at Camp McClellan, six miles away. He says that: "The Camp is rapidly filling up for the summer and such contributions are more than ever welcome."

Packages of novels are often sent to brighten the lives of lonely people, living far from any public libraries.

As we go forward in our work let us strive by our prayers and enthusiasm to help those who are carrying the Gospel to all nations, and our rural work at home, so they may feel that the Church Periodical Club stands behind them for Christian education and recreation.

The financial report for the year January 1, 1922, to January 1, 1923, is as follows:

RECEIPTS:

January, 1922, balance	5.94	
Received from donors	167.70	
Received from Rector's fund	14.00	
Total		187.64

EXPENSES:

Postage	7.65	
Express	5.35	
Contents of Christmas boxes	32.50	
To Diocesan Treasurer	10.00	
Books (including $44.30 as subscriptions, to magazines, passing through my hands)	105.75	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1923	26.39	
Total		187.64

MARY M. ROBERTS, *Librarian.*

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Whatsoever Circle

YEARLY REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand May 10, 1922	56.90	
Income from Patton Legacy	75.00	
Dues from members	6.60	
From members for Christmas baskets	5.00	
Receipts from Cake and Candy Sale	58.00	
Contributions toward Com. House Fund, from members	12.00	
		213.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Annual State and County Dues	2.75	
Donation to Christmas baskets	5.00	
Christmas Present	2.98	
Community House Fund (in memory of Mrs. E. S. Vanderslice)	70.00	
Evening's entertainment given to the "Sheltering Arms"	3.97	
Materials and supplies	17.84	
		102.54
BALANCE		110.96

The first half of the past season the King's Daughters devoted to making articles for the Bazaar. We were privileged to take charge of the table selling articles for infants and children—always an interesting department, and through the kindness of many friends we had very attractive things to sell. Our proceeds amounted to $114.50.

In February we had a successful cake and candy sale, which gave us $58.00. To this sum was added an amount contributed by our members, which made a total of $70.00. This money was given to the Community House Fund in loving memory of Mrs. Vanderslice.

The remainder of our time was spent in helping with a small part of the Lenten sewing and also in making a few children's dresses, which are to be given to Miss Lewis for distribution.

Two of our members spent an evening at the "Sheltering Arms." A number of games were played and prizes given, after which refreshments were served.

Each year we feel we progress at least a little, and we trust that we may be able to accomplish much more in the future.

B. T. W.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

After our report of May, 1922, the next big event in our Sunday School was the Annual excursion which went to Atlantic City, on Tuesday, June 27, 1922. We took 125 and had a happy day at the Seashore, going via the Reading Railway and using Young's Pier for our headquarters.

The School held its sessions all through the summer in one big class, and was rearranged again in classes with teachers, on Sunday, October 1st, for the winter. Aside from our regular Diocesan series of lessons, on "The Heroes of the Church," we had a continued chapter story in moving pictures each morning, until the fire of December 29th made it impossible to continue this helpful feature. The film story of David Livingstone and Stanley's search for him in Africa, added much attraction to the School and well supplemented the lessons. We are looking cheerfully forward to the new building when we can again use moving photography. Our selection and use of moving picture illustrations we believe has been effective as well as unique in Sunday School work.

The Christmas Play of the "Yule Log" was probably the best we have given. In the four performances, we entertained about 1500, outside of the scholars.

In the mid-winter sessions after the destruction of our building, we were made comfortable in the upper rooms of the Parish House and Miss Ramer took charge of the Primary Department.

At Confirmation we had our usual class of about thirteen boys and girls to be presented to the Bishop. This is always a cheering sight to the faithful teachers.

In the Easter Carol Celebration of April 8th, we made our annual procession into the Church at the eleven o'clock service. This time we had all new carols. The Primary little ones sang sweetly, standing around the illuminated floral cross. The Rector gave us a good address and we made our Lenten offering for Missions which amounted to $136.86.

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Keable, reports that we have given in the year, altogether, $255.46 for missions.

Out of our receipts from the church we have remaining, after paying our expenses for the year, $200.40. Our Christmas festivals of the past two years have been our biggest, and yet we have a balance of $126.47 after paying the expenses of these accounts.

We are grateful to all our church friends for their kindly assistance and are looking forward happily to our June excursion and hopefully to our quarters in the new building.

Faithfully,

GEORGE H. STREAKER, *Supt.*

May 9, 1923

GARDEN PARTY AT WYCK

A garden party and fair will be held in the grounds of Mr. Caspar Wister Haines, 6026 Germantown Avenue, on Thursday, June 7th, from two until eight o'clock. St Stephen's will have the table for domestic and fancy articles, working with Christ Church, the Free Church of St. John and Church of the Advocate. Contributions of money or articles may be sent to Miss Laura Bell at the Parish House, 19 S. 10th Street, marked for the fair at Wyck.

A cafeteria supper will be served beginning at five o'clock, and there will be music and dancing on the lawn by foreign children, and other entertainments during the afternoon. At the request of Dr. Levis, the Dean of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, the proceeds will be given to St. Nathaniel's and other missions in that Convocation. The fair is under the auspices of the Woman's Aid of the North Convocation and St. Stephen's is one of the parishes in the district. All the members of the congregation are asked to kindly assist in this project and tickets at twenty-five cents apiece may be obtained from the verger.

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND, 1923

Jan. 7—Mrs. Lamb.
" 14—Misses Kirkpatrick.
" 21—Miss Ernst.
" 28—Mrs. D. R. Harper.

Feb. 4—Miss Gebhart.
" 11—Miss Gregg,
" 18—Miss Gebhart
" 25—Mrs. Sheble.

Mar. 4—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
" 11—Mrs. Brunner.
" 18—Mrs. Lamb.
" 25—Palm Sunday.
" 29—Mrs. Lamb.

Apr. 1—Easter.
" 8—Mrs. Sheble.
" 15—Dr. Grammer.
" 22—Mrs. Lamb.
" 29—Mrs. Sheble.

May 6—Mrs. Woodward.
" 13—Miss Townsend.
" 20—Mrs. Higham.
" 27—Mrs. Tourison.

June 3—Mrs. Woodward.
" 10—Miss Gebhart.
" 17—Mrs. Addams S. McAllister.
" 24—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.

July 1—Miss Tappen
" 8—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 15—Mrs. Nicholson.
" 22—Miss Lindenmayer.
" 29—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 5—Mrs. Josephine F. Heberton.
" 12—Miss Shellenberger.
" 19—Miss Emma Himes.
" 26—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 2—Misses Kirkpatrick.
" 9—Mrs. Sheble.
" 16—Mrs. Edward R. Fell.
" 23—Miss Susan C. Thackara
" 30—Mrs. E. E. Holman.

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell.
" 14—Miss Maulsby.
" 21—Mrs. Sheble.
" 28—Mrs. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mrs. Arrison.
" 4—Girls' Friendly Society.
" 11—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 18—Miss Eisenbrey.
" 25—Miss Bright.

Dec. 2—Mrs. Sheble.
" 9—Misses Davis.
" 16—Mrs. Petry.
" 23—Mrs. William Rice Taylor.
" 25—Christmas.
" 30—Miss Emily Bell.

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Most solemn promises have been made by the printer that the "History of Old St. Stephen's Club" will be delivered at the Parish House this week. *So mote it be*, as the Masons respond. Hope deferred not only maketh the heart sick, it also checks subscriptions and diminishes interest.

Two hundred and fifty copies have been contracted for. I hope that most of them may be sold. As years pass this record of our patriotic service will gain in interest.

C. E. G.

A NOTE COMPILED FOR THE CENTENNIAL

The Parish Register kept by Dr. Montgomery records only the baptisms and marriages. Under Dr. Ducachet the baptisms, marriages and burials are recorded but not until Dr. Rudder's rectorship do we find a list of confirmations.

The total number of baptisms recorded in the century is 3477; confirmations, 1732; marriages, 1561; burials, 2272.

During Dr. Grammer's rectorship there have been 394 baptisms, 404 confirmations, 462 marriages, 541 burials.

Some men's troubles make 'em sour and mean. Other men—the real sort—rise above their trials and are sweeter spiritually for them.

—*From "Inspiration."*

Hinges of friendship never grow rusty.
—*Anon.*

NUGGETS

If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer Thee.
Make my mortal dreams come true
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant;
Let me find in Thee employ—
Peace that dearer is than joy;
Out of self to love be led,
And to Heaven acclimated,
Until all things sweet and good
Seem my nature's habitude.

The heart benevolent and kind most resembles God.—*Burns.*

The greatest homage you can pay to truth is to use it.—*Emerson.*

Oh do not pray for easy lives,
Pray to be stronger men.
Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers,
Pray for powers equal to your tasks.
Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle,
But you shall be a miracle.
Every day you shall wonder at yourself—
At the richness of life which has come to you by the Grace of God.

—*Phillips Brooks.*

God never made anything that so reflected the attributes of love as the heart of a mother.
—*Rev. H. A. Mooney.*

You will only know a man when you know what he thinks of himself, what he thinks of his fellow man, what he thinks of nature, and what he thinks of God.—*Anon.*

Our own hearts, not other men's opinions, form our true honor.—*Anon.*

Get a firm hold onto yourself, and hold tight. Don't let go.

Courage, hard work, self-mastery and intelligent effort are all essential to successful life.—*Theodore Roosevelt.*

And what we make it, it will be—
So face the future fearlessly.
—*J. E. Laws.*

A kindly act is a kernel sown that brings forth a goodly tree
Whose branches will spread down the seas of time to the gulf of eternity.

God made him? Well, since that's the case
Howe'er he lacks in outer grace,
However he inclines to sin,
There must be something good within.

And that is why, in every man,
I try to find what good I can,
As miners seek the gold that lies
Beyond the reach of human eyes.

—*John Kendrick Bangs.*

When your brother man you measure,
Take him at his best;
Something in him you can treasure;
Overlook the rest.

Though, of his, some trait or fetter
May not suit you to the letter,
Trust him—it will make him better;
Take him at his best.

Make friends. Do not expect friends to make you.

THE TRAVELING SALESMAN

Off the train he hops at daybreak, with a grip in either hand,
With a stomach mighty empty and a wish for Slumberland;
But he never makes a whimper, as he hops into the bus,
For he laughs at real discomforts that would bring the tears from us.
Ever laughs the traveling salesman, and his laugh rings loud and sweet
To the poor, old stranded actor or the beggar on the street,
Just because the salesman helps them to their breakfast and their fare,
Even though it takes a greenback he can ill afford to spare.
On the train he hops at midnight, and when dawn has come again
You can see him swinging blithely from the cold and dreary train.
Just another round of calling, taking orders in a town—
Orders that he thinks are corkers—that the credit man turns down.
Just another round of hustling, just a ten-mile drive or two,
When the wind is full of winter and his hands are numb and blue,
Far from home and good home cooking, far from baby and from wife,
You can bet it takes a hero to endure a salesman's life!

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But with all his cares and hardships, when he creeps to bed alone,
In some little country roadhouse where the cold would freeze a stone,
With the same old smile he slumbers, for inside his watch's case
Is the photo of a wifie and a dimpled baby face.

Only one day at a time. There may never be a tomorrow—
Only one day at a time, and that we can live we know.
The trouble we cannot bear is only the trouble we borrow,
And the troubles that never come are the ones that fret us so.

The noblest question in the world is—
"What good may I do in it?"
—*Benj. Franklin.*

Cultivate forbearance till you heart yields a fine crop of it.—*Spurgeon.*

Base envy withers at another's joy,
And hates that excellence it cannot reach.

Just stand aside, and watch yourself go by;
Think of yourself as "He" instead of "I."
Pick flaws; find fault; forget the man is you,
And strive to make your estimate ring true.
The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink,
Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link,
When you with "He" as substitute for "I"
Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.
—*Strickland W. Gillian.*

Doing nothing for others is
The undoing of oneself.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.
—*Charles Dickens.*

Wrinkles on face—Show Care.
Wrinkles in clothes—Show Don't Care.

Friendship consists in being a friend—not having a friend.—*H. Clay Trumbull.*

Musical Program

MAY 6th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Consolation ..... *Mendelssohn*
Anthem—Christ when a child ..... *Tschaikowsky*
Organ Postlude—Andante in C ..... *Hollins*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:
Cantilene ..... *Faulkes*
Nocturne ..... *Frysinger*
Madrigale ..... *Lemare*
Soprano solo: With verdure clad ..... *Haydn*
Harmonies du Soir ..... *Karg Elert*
Anthems—Father of Mercies ..... *Abt*
Hark, hark my soul ..... *Shelley*
The Lord is my Rock ..... *Woodman*

MAY 13th

11 A. M.—Organ Postlude—Cantilene ..... *Pierne*
TeDeum in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Anthem—List the Cherubic Host ..... *Gaul*
Organ Postlude—Menuet ..... *Calkin*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital:
Prelude in C sharp minor ..... *Rachmaninoff*
Une Larme ..... *Moussorgsky*
Andante Cantabile—Symphony V ..... *Tschaikowsky*
Contralto solo—O come and mourn ..... *Moussorgsky*
Andante from Pathetique Symphony ..... *Tschaikowsky*
Anthems—No shadows Yonder ..... *Gaul*
Break forth into Joy ..... *Rogers*
Souls of the Righteous ..... *Noble*

MAY 20th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Andante from Symphony IV ..... *Widor*
TeDeum in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Anthem—Give ear O Shepherd of Israel ..... *Whiting*
Organ Postlude ..... *Faulkes*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital: (this recital will be played by Rollo F. Maitland, organist of the Church of the New Jerusalem)
Hosannah ..... *Dubois*
Cherubs at Play ..... *Frances McCollin*
Passacaglia ..... *Bach*
Sweet Ringing Chimes ..... *S. Marguerite Maitland*
Christus Ressurexit ..... *Ravenello*
Anthems—Consider and hear me ..... *Pfleuger*
A Song in the Night ..... *Woodman*
What of the Night? ..... *Thompson*

MAY 27th

11 A. M.—Organ Prelude—Prelude ..... *Chopin*
TeDeum in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Jubilate in B flat ..... *Stanford*
Anthem—Lord Thou hast been our refuge ..... *Duane*
Organ Postlude—Recessional March ..... *Kinder*

7.30 P. M.—Organ Recital: (this concludes the series of recitals, which will be continued in October)
Sea Sketches (Neptune) (Sirens) ..... *Stoughton*
Serenade ..... *Pierne*
Duet for tenor and baritone—Watchman, what of the night ..... *Sargeant*
Berceuse ..... *Jarnefelt*
Anthems: 'Neath the Throne of Mercy ..... *Bruch*
The Lord is My Light ..... *Parker*
Still with Thee ..... *Foote*

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A complete list of the choir will be published in the next issue.

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Every Wednesday
Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. M. Brantley Ellis, 1717 Packard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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First meeting November 5th.

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"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

May 31—Robert Charlton Ritchie.
June 14—Georgianna Virginia Reid.
June 14—Ann Barnett.
June 21—Alleine Catharine Gardiner.
June 21—Roberta Shoemaker.
July 12—Mildred Elizabeth Linton.
July 20—Richard Robertson.
July 20—Earl Robertson.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

June 6—Alan R. Mitchell and Stephanie R. Mickl.
June 20—Frederick C. Le Dent and Helen Lechler.
July 25—Harry Arthur Linde and Mildred Collins.
July 29—William R. Greeby and Mabel E. Bond.
Aug. 26—Frederick G. Wacker and Emma M. Smallzel.
Sept. 12—Leslie R. Evans and Margaret W. Dickinson.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 16—Frances Patterson Corning.
July 13—Mrs. Mary I. P. Walter.
July 16—Mrs. Anna Gregory.
July 21—George Bladen.
Aug. 4—Mrs. Louisa Homan.
Aug. —Mrs. C. D. Reeves.
Sept. 3—Mrs. Charles Gibbs.
Sept. 11—Mildred Elizabeth Linton.
Sept. 15—Emily Elizabeth Holman.

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		$1,864.47

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Sunday School Christmas Festival	.10
Domestic Missions	54.96
Community House	2.20
Diocesan Missions	1.80
Foreign Missions	1.80
Colored Missions	7.40
Missionary Box	.75
Indian Missions	47.25
Easter Decorations for Church and Sunday School	3.20
Deaconess House	.10
Sunday School	130.93
Daily Vacation Bible School	76.39
Woman's Auxiliary	4.75
Church Work Fund	.60
National Health Education Society	22.00
	$1,864.47

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

It is pleasant to take up the pen again to write an editorial for this Monthly. I realize that this paper is a real bond of union in our scattered congregation. It is gratifying to find that it is so faithfully read. Through the kindness of Dr. Kobayashi, I am able to afford its readers authentic news of life in Japan. I commend these Japanese letters to the notice of the congregation. Perhaps it will be well to recall how I secured them. Dr. Kobayashi, who was for a time a student of mine in the Virginia Seminary, asked whether I could find any way to help him secure a musical instrument for his musical and delicate daughter. After the earthquake, the fire consumed her guitar, and she was pining for an instrument of music of some kind. The father would gladly write some "Letters from Japan" in return for such aid. So I agreed to raise the money for a second-hand piano. In response to my appeal $75 was contributed, and I have still $75 more to raise; but the piano has been secured, and below is the letter of the happy girl. I hope that the congregation will give me the rest of the promised money speedily.

The death of Mrs. E. Elizabeth Holman on Sunday, September 13th, will come as a shock to the wide circle of friends who knew her in her various activities in her days of health, and realized how closely she and her daughter, Miss Louise Betts Edwards, were bound together. Rarely have I known such a union of spirit as existed between these two, or a parent and child who lived so mutually for each other. Deep and general is the sympathy for the devoted daughter.

Mrs. Holman's last years were full of suffering, courageously borne, and of increasing limitations. But these years when sickness prevented her from attending the church have not made us forget her faithful and efficient service in the Mothers' Meeting, where she brought the annual fair to a new standard of excellence, and supplemented the failing energies of Mrs. Taylor by her co-operation. Nor can we forget her vivid and gifted personality. Happy in the literary gifts and achievements of her daughter, she was also happy in her own love of literature and her own powers of initiative. She was the first woman in Philadelphia to take up the profession of an architect, and she was one of the pioneers in the introduction of the bungalow style of house. It is good to know that she was sustained by faith in God in her months of sickness, and we thank God for the hope that is given us in Jesus Christ of re-unions in the Life Everlasting.

The children of the Burd School return in fine health and spirits from their summer outings: The Seniors at Camp Wamphollobank near Wilkes-Barre, and the Juniors at Camp Gilfillan near Paoli.

The congregation will be pleased to hear that one of the Burd School graduates, Miss Eva Pletsch, who graduated from Temple University, and after a brief stay in the West, took a post-graduate course in Columbia University, New York, is now one of the staff of Temple University.

Another of the Burd School pupils, Miss Isabella Harmon, has been sent this winter to the Moody School at Northfield. It is thought that country air will be beneficial for her, and arrangements have been made for her to study there.

The Community House will be taken possession of for our various activities, as soon as it shall be turned over to us, but the formal opening will be postponed till November, for I want the Bishop to be present, and am anxious to make it a noteworthy occasion.

The congregation will be interested to know that Mr. Crouch reached the conclusion that he preferred teaching to the duties of his post in St. Stephen's and has taken a position in one of the New York High Schools. Our best wishes go with him to this congenial field.

During this month the General Convention will be in session in New Orleans. This will be the first time in the history of our Church that the General Convention has visited one of the Gulf States. The whole South will be interested in its deliberations, and all New Orleans will be impressed, I am sure, by the dignity of its proceedings and the sermons of its great preachers.

It is a source of regret that ill health will prevent Dr. Foley's attendance. The tendency of the Roman Catholic strength in New Orleans will be to moderate the sacramentarianism of our Church, so far as the temper of the community in which it meets will have any influence on the Convention. In Roman Catholic Ireland the English Church is pronouncedly Protestant. When James II was trying to introduce Romanism into English colleges and places of power, the Church of England became keenly aware of the errors of Rome. So I hope that in a city where Roman Catholicism is as strong as it is in the Spanish-French emporium on the lower Mississippi, the absurdity of making our Church a pale copy of the Roman Catholic Church will be strongly felt. May the Assembly be guided by a spirit of good, strong sense. What is needed chiefly in legislative bodies is not zeal, or eloquence, but wisdom. I have always regretted that in order to arouse enthusiasm, the numbers are kept up, and the House of Deputies has become such an unwieldly body. It is a pity that the delegations are not restricted to three clerical and three lay deputies from each diocese or missionary district.

Let us pray that God may send down on its members the spirit of good counsel.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

June 23, 1925.

Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

It is refreshing to find, in Miss Foy's report of her recent visit to the Burd School, nothing but words of praise for the care that is given the children under the competent supervision of Miss Tappem.

Since the work of the Burd School has always stood so high we were exceedingly interested to note that even the somewhat minor detail of a drinking fountain is being supplied. This bespeaks a whole-souled desire to meet all requirements.

We are interested to know that you are sending your Seniors and Juniors to two different camps so as to give as much variety as possible to your children.

Wishing you continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ELLEN C. POTTER, M.D.,
Secretary of Welfare.

P. S.—Because some institutions have quoted sections of the letters that follow official visits made by the Department's staff, and because misrepresentations have therefore occasionally resulted, I am asking institutions to quote my letters in full if they desire to give publicity to any part of them.

1925 GILFILLAN CAMP

Sr. Cup, Efficiency Contest.
First Honor won by Dorothy Witherow.
2nd Honor Efficiency Contest.
Silver pencil won by Katherine Bowman.
1925 Jr. Cup Efficiency Contest.
First Honor won by Cicely Pointer.
2nd Honor Banner won by Mary Pointer.

This hymn composed by Miss Edwards for one of our celebrations ought to be preserved.

C. E. G.

Christian soul! the times are calling,
Altars falling,
Men's hearts failing them for fear;
Unto thee their eyes are turning,
Spirits yearning
For the word of faith and cheer.

Christian soul! great deeds await thee.
Consecrate thee
To the task that nearest lies;
Question not that God will use thee,
Nor refuse thee
Blessing on thy sacrifice.

Walk thou not as one benighted,
Nor affrighted;
Where the foolish sees no God,
Thine to glimpse the fiery column,
Thine the solemn
Comfort of His staff and rod!

LOUISE BETTS EDWARDS.

Mothers' Meeting Annual Outing

July 9th, the day of the annual outing of the Mothers' Meeting, dawned clear and cool, an ideal morning for a river trip. Long before the appointed hour little groups might be seen making their way to the ferry where the William Penn lay at anchor. They were unencumbered with lunch baskets, for the day before Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Higham, assisted by a little band of willing workers, had been at work making six hundred sandwiches and preparing other supplies for the picnic meal.

A few minutes' grace was allowed for the tardy, then the boat turned for her downward trip, near the great bridge, so long hoped and planned for, and now stretching across the Delaware like a dream come true. Mr. Streaker was on hand, and proved an excellent guide, pointing out the objects of interest on both sides—the docks of the New York Shipbuilding Company, with the hulk of a mammoth vessel in the stocks, the deserted plant at Hog Island, with a pathetic collection of unfinished craft piled together

high and dry, the DuPont plant at Wilmington, and many other landmarks were viewed as the William Penn made her way down the stream.

The Rector was there, and pronounced a boat trip an ideal outing, enabling him to meet and group all the members of the party, while the Verger of St. Stephen's was as ever on the alert to ensure everyone's comfort, and guard against possible accidents. The children had room to play and scampered about tirelessly all day. Downstairs music and dancing beguiled the trip, but many preferred the upper deck, and found their best holiday in sitting quietly, watching the green banks slip by.

It was after 1 o'clock when the party landed at Delaware Beach, and trudged up the path to the picnic grounds. Here the luncheon was spread, and the white tablecloths and pasteboard plates and cups gave an air of neatness and refinement to the bare tables. A hearty meal was despatched with much enjoyment, and there was time left for a stroll about the grounds, and even for a dip in the river. Then the whistle blew and the homeward trip was made without accident or mishap. As the vessel neared the dock someone went to the piano and began to play a familiar hymn. One voice joined in, and then another, and soon a volume of sound filled the little cabin which proved that the Mothers were still "going strong" after their long day. Then the boat was made fast, and with many a word of appreciation to the leaders whose careful planning made the outing a success, and with many a handshake and hearty farewell the members of the Mothers' Meeting separated, to meet again in the fall.

E. D.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church Whatsoever Circle

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Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

The first meeting of the season 1925-26 will be held on Tuesday evening, October 20th, at 7.30, on the third floor of the Community House. We will welcome any new member who enjoys doing whatsoever" she can In His Name.

The Sunday School

Full of enthusiasm after the summer vacation, the Sunday School re-opened on September 13th with the Guild-room filled.

June 27th we had our best and biggest outing. One hundred and sixty scholars, teachers and friends had two special cars on the Reading Railway and spent a delightful day at Atlantic City. The school closed the next day, Sunday, for the summer.

Now, we have new teachers joining the tried and faithful ones, and we are looking forward to our "Rally" in the new building in early October.

Faithfully,
George H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

Woman's Auxiliary

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held Thursday, October 15th, 1925.

Letters from Japan

St. Margaret's School,
Takaido-nura,
Tokio-fu, Japan,
June 4, 1925.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

Two Sundays ago I was asked by the rector of Christ Church to preach at its evangelistic campaign meeting. About eighty people came, to whom I spoke on the subject, "The Eternal Christ."

When I finished the rector announced to the audience that he had a card sent up to him from one of the people present, and that card had a message written on it which read as follows: "My name is T. Terai, a lawyer in the city of Aomori. Twenty-eight years ago I was baptized by Mr. Kobayashi who has just preached here. I came up to Tokyo to attend a lawyers' meeting and hearing that Mr. Kobayashi was to preach here tonight, I have come to hear and see him. If you allow me, I shall be glad to speak to the audience on my Christian experience since my baptism."

"I will gladly give Mr. Terai the chance," said the rector, "for you will be interested in a testimony of one of the Christians baptized by this evening's preacher."

Mr. Terai spoke very simply, but his was one of the most extraordinary Christian experiences of steadfast faith in God amidst of trials and discouragements and his talk impressed the audience tremendously. At one time, he and his wife alike were in bed for consumption, while two of his children had an attack of fever, typhoid or otherwise, and the family was poor. But Mr. Terai never wavered in his trust in God. He fought the trial bravely and got well. He was then a clerk in the local court, but he made up his mind to become a lawyer. Examinations for the license are pretty severe. He tried for the first time and failed. The next year he tried again, and again he failed. His hard work revived his lung disease, but nothing daunted him. The third trial was another failure, but at last he passed the examination at the fourth time and became a full qualified lawyer!

During that time and ever since then he has remained the most faithful member of our church, as well as a successful lawyer, in that prosperous city in northern Japan.

After his address, the rector asked the people to leave their names with addresses if they wanted to make further inquiry about Christianity, and fourteen men and women put down their names on inquiry blanks.

A few days ago there was an excavation of very old Chinese manuscripts and paintings in the city. Among them I saw a Nestorian text of the seventh century. I could not read it very well but I found it somewhat mixed up with Buddhism. The title of the sacred roll was, "Jo-tin-min-shin-so-King" (sutra-sacred text). It is possible that this is a Syrian or some such western word. Could you think of any? The roll was owned by one of our Buddhist professors in the Imperial University who could not make out the significance of the title. By the way, this was part of that famous mass of sacred Buddhist rolls discovered by Stein. The completed cyphering of those wonderful scriptures may throw new light on the relation between Christianity in the form of Nestorianism and the Mahayana Buddhism, which teaches salvation by faith in the Saviour Buddha, Amitalea Buddha.

Dr. Addison, of Cambridge Theological School, has just been studying Mahayana Buddhism of the Pure Land sect in Kyoto with the help of its priests there. He is going home very soon and you will find it very interesting and instructive to talk with him on the subject when you have such chance.

The rainy season has set in and days are so dreary now.

With best wishes for you and Mrs. Grammer and many kind friends who show their goodness to my daughter.

Yours very truly,
J. H. Kobayashi.

St. Margaret's School,
Takaido-mura, Tokio-fu,
Japan, June 25, 1925.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

We have bought a piano! The piano was owned by a daughter of an ex-minister to a South American Republic. It is an English made one and has been used for some years, but with a thorough repair and repainting it will make a respectable instrument. A hundred and fifty dollars will just cover the whole cost. It is a bargain. Our musical friend thinks it will answer my daughter's purpose quite well. In a week or so, it will be installed in our house in its new guise. This will be an event in our "defurnitured" household. You can imagine my daughter's joy.

And now, my dear Dr. Grammer, we certainly do not know how to thank you for all that you have so kindly done for us. Our gratitude is very deep indeed. Will you kindly convey our sincere thanks to those good friends who have so gladly joined you to do so much to bring this day of joy into our family.

St. Margaret's School will close the session on July 15th. It has been a busy one with our American Principal, Miss Heywood, who has so ably attended to the laying out of the new school ground, the building of new class rooms and halls, as well as her regular duties. She is going home to spend a few months, and it is quite probable she will be in Philadelphia.

We are all much impressed with and thankful for what the churches in your city have been doing for our school. I have talked to our girls about "the gold, silver and jewel offering" of Philadelphia, and they were deeply impressed.

On July 4th, the great American holiday, sixteen (possibly 17) girls of St. Margaret's School will be confirmed by Bishop McKim. This is one of the largest classes we have ever had.

You will be interested in the envelope I enclose. This was distributed to every door in this neighborhood from a Shinto shrine not far from us. As I have deciphered the mysterious Japanese ideographs on both sides of the envelope you will understand the import of this bit of sacred acts of our native religion. The envelope itself is for rice offering; that is, you fill it with rice and send it to the shrine together with the human effigies done according to the directions given. The rice is the fee.

What is of interest in this matter is the scape-goat idea implied in it. Shintoism puts great emphasis on purity, both physical and spiritual. The purification of one's sins by laying them on a human figure—how that prefigures the sacrifice on the Cross!

Of course, we Christians do not send the envelopes back and the shrine gets so much less rice.

Azalias are now gone and wistarias are going, too. The rainy season this year has not been very rainy so far, though the sky is overcast almost every day. This is our Empress' birthday, and we have no school I write this with the sliding shoji of the room open, for it is quite warm to-day. Our garden trees all glory in their summer splendor—poplars, maples, pines, a plum, a japonica, an azalia, a chestnut, etc. Beyond the valley there stands a magnificent forest of ancient pines and gigantic cryptomerias which compose the garden of a noble family with traditions of feudal heroism. It is so quiet and restful here, though just outside of the city boundary.

I hope you are now enjoying a summer rest with Mrs. Grammer somewhere in a cool place. We expect to stay here in our house.

Once more thanking you and with my best wishes for Mrs. Grammer, yourself and my kind friends in all which my daughter Keiko and my wife most heartily join.

Most sincerely yours,
J. H. Kobayashi.

The Honorable Offering Rice for the Great Purification at Hikawa Shrine

"The Great Purification" of June and December every year is an important divine rite which is performed in accordance with the Imperial decree in order to purify the sins which people unconsciously commit and their defilements, and to drive away misfortunes and sickness. If you write on these effigies your names and ages, and after rubbing your bodies with them and breathing upon them, send them to this shrine, the divine rite of purification will be solemnly performed to the end that their sins and defilements be purified and that evils would come neither upon their own persons nor upon their houses. For that purpose this is herewith sent you.

Note.—It is especially important for those who are in mourning to have this divine rite of purification performed for them.

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139 Shimoshibuya, Tokyo,
Japan, Aug. 8, 1925.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

The piano, after its repairs and tuning, came to my house a week ago.

My father told me that I ought to write and thank you and other friends who did this kind thing for me. Of course, that was exactly what I wanted to do and I am doing so now. Only my English is so imperfect, but with some help from my father I hope I can let you know how grateful I am for what has been done to me.

I always liked music and though I wanted to take piano lessons while in St. Margaret's School my father was afraid he could not afford to buy a piano, so I took organ lessons, as there was a good organ in our house then. But this, together with that lovely guitar, which Mrs. Grammer so kindly gave my sister—alas! now not in this life—was burnt in the recent great fire.

For nearly a year and half, my only musical enjoyment was a little Japanese phonograph with a few records. From last April, however, St. Margaret's School was able to give me chance to take piano lessons once a week. I was allowed to use a school instrument. This was a great privilege. Still, without any instrument at home it was a lonely affair.

I did not know that my father had written you for an organ for me, so you may imagine my great joy when he told me that you would kindly help him to get me one. And how greater my joy was to find that at last a piano was coming to my house instead of an organ!

The piano did come a week ago, as I said, a piano which I wanted to but could not have for the last seven years! It is an event for me. Indeed, it is an event in my household. I am so happy, so joyful, so lively and so very deeply thankful. You have created an absolutely new source of happiness not only for me but also for my parents and brothers, for they do not even seem to mind the noise I make.

My gratitude is so deep that I do not know how to express it. I can only say that I am most truly grateful. Will you kindly give my thanks to my unknown friends who have so kindly joined you in doing me this deed of great goodness?

My previous organ lessons enabled me to start on piano at a grade higher than that of a beginner's. I have finished Duvernay's Mechanism and am now working on Kuhlar's Sonatinen, Band II. I can play Dvorak's Humoreske, Spindler's Hunting Song, Minuet in G, Gipsy Rondo, Ilyinsky's Berceuse, etc.

As my piano teacher, Miss Murray, of California, has gone home, I may enter a music school in the city from the fall.

You may be interested to know that my musical knowledge is serving a Christian purpose, for very often I am asked to play organ for the Japanese services in Trinity Church, our pro-cathedral church, before the fire. To-morrow being Sunday, I am again asked to do that.

With my kindest regards and best wishes for you and Mrs. Grammer, and for my other friends,

Very truly yours,
Keiko Kobayashi.

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.

Every Wednesday
Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.
Thanksgiving Day—10.30 A. M.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. M. Brantley Ellis, 1717 Packard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

THE BURD SCHOOL
(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

TRUSTEES
The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen.

PRINCIPAL
Miss Margaret Tappen.

Receives girls only. The father must be dead; the mother not having married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission.

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Mrs. W. B. Campbell.

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Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

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All meetings at the Parish House, Wednesdays, 10 to 12 o'clock.

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Vice-President—Miss Cornelia L. Ewing.
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Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Isabel P. Davis, 202 N. 34th St.
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Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Miss E. J. Davis, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Mrs. Andrew Luffbarry, Miss Anna Farrell, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey, Miss Swift, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Porter.

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Mrs. I. W. Higham.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE

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SELLING COMMITTEE
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Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 439 Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill.
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Branch President—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
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Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Maybelle Nissen.
Musicians—Mr. W. Yates, Miss Shirley Edwards.

TEACHERS

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Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

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Vice-President—Mr. James Carrigan.
Secretary—Mrs. Keable.
Treasurer—Miss K. Walter.

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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

First meeting November 5th.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Sept. 27—Wendell Woodward Oberholtzer.
Oct. 4—Leonard Anderson Baker, Jr.
Oct. 4—Elsie Alma Glover.
Oct. 5—Adele Helen Menge.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Sept. 30—Norman B. Hollinshead and Florence E. Kroeger.
Oct. 10—Philip A. Livingston and Carol Lukens Cummings.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Oct. —Ada C. Wunder.
Oct. 10—George E. Fletcher.
Oct. 17—Mary M. Brown.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please leave all communications for the Parish News with Mrs. Keable in the COMMUNITY HOUSE, not in the Church Building.

The camel, at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy plain
To have his burden lifted off,
And rest to gain.

My soul, thou, too, shouldst to thy knees,
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let thy Master lift the load
And grant repose.

Labor is like any other commodity in the market—increase the demand for it, and you increase the price of it.—Abraham Lincoln.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 27TH SEPT. to 18TH OCT., INCLUSIVE.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$ 33.61	
Missions	25.11	
Woman's Auxiliary	14.52	
Church Work Fund	49.14	
		$ 122.38
Charities	$144.00	
Parochial Maintenance	358.99	
Missions	241.59	
Our Work Among Young People	1.05	
Benevolent Society	8.46	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	5.00	
Domestic Missions	5.35	
Community House	5.25	
Colored Missions	5.35	
Indian Missions	4.60	
Chancel Decorations	.25	
Sunday School	46.05	
Daily Vacation Bible School	3.55	
Woman's Auxiliary	43.85	
Church Work Fund	53.65	
		$926.99
		$1,049.37

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$177.61
Parochial Maintenance	358.99
Missions	266.70
Our Work Among Young People	1.05
Benevolent Society	8.46
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	5.00
Domestic Missions	5.35
Community House	5.25
Colored Missions	5.35
Indian Missions	4.60
Chancel Decorations	.25
Sunday School	46.05
Daily Vacation Bible School	3.55
Woman's Auxiliary	58.37
Church Work Fund	102.79
	$1,049.37

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The King's Daughters

The King's Daughters started in with their season's work with a most encouraging meeting—all our former members being present, as well as a new member. We find ourselves very much in need of a sewing-machine, and would greatly appreciate it if any one in the congregation could donate a machine in good working order. The November meetings will be on November 3rd and 17th, in the Community House.

Unkind Cut at Humanity

Less than a third of the world's population is white. And only about 10 per cent. of these act that way.—Canton Repository.

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The chief interest of our Congregation just now is the Community House. Let me point out as basic in our policy, that this building is both a Community House and a Parish House. A fair raised $10,000 for a Community House, and many gifts were doubtless contributed with this feature chiefly in mind. But it was always understood that the building would also serve Parochial purposes and the great bulk of the gifts came from St. Stephen's for that object. It was to replace the old building that Miss Anna contributed her $30,000. and the insurance of $10,000 from the old building went to the erection of this new one. It is St. Stephen's Church that has erected it, and undertaken to maintain it. It follows from this that any organization that is connected with St. Stephen's is entitled to the use of this building, with due regard to the convenience, rights of others and under such rules as may be necessary. This will apply to societies whose members are not all members of St. Stephen's. Those organizations are St. Stephen's organizations, and all their members have the privileges of the building.

We should not however deserve the title of a Community House if our membership was limited to these. We are anxious to include others and in such terms as may make the house a community centre. To do this means that there must be some sort of tie in the common use of the house. It must be more than a mere cross-roads of convenience. A lodging house where there is no parlor, is not much of a social force. The aim of a Community House is to help the Community by binding together its isolated elements, sometimes its disintegrating elements, into a social group. This can not be accomplished unless the Community House becomes in some degree a means of association. It will be a help to achieve this, if we follow the example of the Y. M. C. A. and restrict the privileges of the Community House, to those outsiders who shall become members of the St. Stephen's Community House Association. The fee for such members will be one dollar for the period ending June first. All members of St. Stephen's will be official members of the Association. A list of the members from outside and of the St. Stephen's people who use the house will be the list of the active members. To this band all Community House notices will be sent and we hope that among them there will develop a spirit of reciprocity and comradeship. A record is being kept of the meetings and attendance. Beginning with September 23, there have been seventeen meetings with a total attendance of seven hundred and sixteen. Two of these meetings, Mr. Streaker's Sunday afternoon talks, are new departures, that have a great promise. The average attendance at his two meetings was 75. One of our visitors was a deaf lady, who found it a great help in improving the day.

The additional burden upon the Church of this Community House is great. There is the interest on the debt, in round numbers $1,800, and the additional light, heat and service required will amount to much more. We are relying upon the loyal co-operation of the Congregation as a whole and the members of the Community House Association in particular to enable us to meet these additional charges.

The Young People's Club, an organization of much promise, has shown its sense of this obligation by including in the purposes of the Fair, that it will hold on November 20-21, the raising of money for the Community House. I bespeak for them your cordial support in this fine-spirited endeavor.

It has taken time to solve the problem created by the burning of the old Sunday School building. The result is the fulfillment of the counsels of many. It has been slowly worked out in the only spirit in which a voluntary association like a Church can be successful, that is by a spirit of mutual concession. One of the deadliest foes of a Church is the spirit that will not play unless it can have its way. Nothing is gained by yielding to such disruptive folk. Neither can a Church be successfully managed by granting leadership to those who refuse to serve in the ranks first. A mother once came to me and asked me if I would not help her to control a weak and wayward son by interesting him in Church-work. "Put him on your Vestry," she urged. "He must be given some leadership." But what a weak and sycophantish society the Church would be, that tried to win adherents in such a fashion. I have seen this experiment tried with disastrous results. Let the various societies promote to official position, not those whom it hopes to win by the honor, but those who give promise of being useful in the position. This is the only wise course. The best leaders will be those healing, uniting and friendly spirits, who know how to consult and co-operate. The wise leader seeks not to get his way or to impress himself, but endeavors to find the right way and to subordinate himself to the good of the whole.

One of the most exquisite of our English Minor Poets is Archbishop Trench, the eminent scholar. I wonder how many of the congregation are acquainted with these four poems:

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
  Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make,
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
  What parched grounds refresh, as with a shower!
We kneel and all around us seems to lower;
  We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear;
  We kneel how weak, we rise how full of power,
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
  Or others—that we are not always strong,
That we are ever over-borne with care,
  That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer
  And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

Lord, many times I am aweary quite
  Of mine own self, my sin, my vanity—
Yet be not Thou, or I am lost outright,
  Weary of me.

And hate against myself I often bear,
  And enter with myself in fierce debate:
Take Thou my part against myself, nor share
  In that just hate.

Best friends might loathe us, if what things perverse
  We know of our own selves, they also knew:
Lord, Holy One! if Thou who knowest worse
  Shouldst loathe us too!

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I say to thee, do thou repeat
To the first man thou mayest meet
In lane, highway, or open street—

That he and we and all men move
Under a canopy of love,
As broad as the blue sky above;

That doubt and trouble, fear and pain
And anguish, all are shadows vain,
That death itself shall not remain;

That weary deserts we may tread,
A dreary labyrinth may thread,
Through dark ways underground be led;

Yet, if we will one Guide obey,
The dreariest path, the darkest way
Shall issue out in heavenly day;

And we, on divers shores now cast,
Shall meet, our perilous voyage past
All in our Father's house at last.

And ere thou leave him, say thou this,
Yet one word more—they only miss
The winning of that final bliss.

Who will not count it true, that Love,
Blessing, not cursing, rules above,
And that in it we live and move.

Who that a watcher doth remain
Beside a couch of mortal pain,
Deems he can ever smile again?

Oh who that weeps beside a bier
Counts he has any more to fear
From the world's flatteries, false and leer?

And yet anon and he must start
At the light toys in which his heart
Can now already claim its part.

O hearts of ours! so weak and poor
That nothing there can long endure;
And so their hurts find shameful cure,

While every sadder, wiser thought,
Each holier aim which sorrow brought,
Fades quite away and comes to nought.

O Thou, who dost our weakness know,
Watch for us, that the strong hours so
Not wean us from our wholesome woe.

Grant Thou, that we may long retain
The wholesome memories of pain,
Nor wish to lose them soon again.

The Universe Under Moral Government

Viscount Grey's book entitled "Twenty-five Years" is an account of the diplomacy of Europe by one who was in a position of authority behind the scenes. It is written with the careful moderation of a statesman, and not with the unrestrained fault-finding, or the air of omniscience of so many of our newspaper critics. It is well worth the careful study of our statesmen. While it justly places the chief blame of the Great War upon Germany, so far as the blame for that great tragedy can be distributed among the nations, it nevertheless holds that the sole blame can not be laid upon any one nation, but that the conflagration was the

inevitable result of the diligent collection by all parties of such heaps of combustible materials in the shape of armaments and military preparations of all kinds. As for the Kaiser, Lord Grey treats him as a mere pawn in the hands of the militarists.

I may speak on the lessons of this great book at some other time, but I refer to it now for the sake of the passage in which the former Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Great Britain refers to the German attitude toward Turkey. The misgovernment of Abdul Hamid and his ill-treatment of the Christian minorities in Asia Minor was one of the greatest scandals in Europe. England protested, and won the ill will of Turkey but as a sea power could do nothing without the co-operation of the Continent. France was afraid to bring on a European convulsion unless Germany would join in the protest, but this Germany refused to do. This is Lord Grey's significant statement:

"Germany at Constantinople exploited the situation steadily to her own advantage. We (England) sacrificed our influence and material interests in Turkey (by England's protest against the Turkish atrocities). We did, indeed, keep our hands clear and acquit the national conscience, but to do this without effectively helping the objects of our efforts and our sympathy, the Christian minorities in Turkey, was a very barren and unsatisfying result.

"Germany's policy seems to have been based upon a deliberate belief that moral scruples and altruistic motives do not count in international affairs. Germany did not believe that they existed in other nations, and she did not assume them for herself. The highest morality for a German government, was the national interest; this over-rode other considerations, and as such she pursued it at Constantinople. Her policy was completely successful; ours was deadlock and failure. Germany pushed her commercial interests in Turkey; the wealth of Asia Minor was passing into her hands; but she gained these advantages by acting on the belief that morals do not count in policy. It was this mistaken view of human affairs between nations that lost her the war. The very principles and views that for so many years seemed an unqualified success in her Eastern policy had the seeds of destruction in them. Surely the conclusion is irresistible that a policy which rules out all moral purposes, except national interest, has a fatal lack of what is essential to enduring success."

But what does the futility of such a lack indicate except the moral government of the universe?

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Mrs. Mortimer Brown, who was buried on October 17th, after a funeral in the Church, was the daughter of Mr. William S. Price, the Nestor of the Philadelphia bar at the time of his death, and an eminent canon lawyer in his day. In memory of him Mrs. Brown presented the Church the Gamaliel Window on the north wall. Mrs. Brown was a woman of great fortitude and courage, with a capacity for friendship that overlooked all mere differences of opinion.

In theology she was intensely conservative, in churchmanship advanced, in regard to reforms fundamentally opposed to all legislative effort to make the world better; yet she could care for and value those who differed from her in all these points.

Interested in the stage, in literature, in friendship, she was a wonderful host and a loyal friend. Her faith in God was steadfast to the end.

"A Helpful Prayer"

"Almighty Father, the God not of the dead but of the living: we have joy together in all who have faithfully lived and peacefully died, and whose truth and beauty are even now in our hearts. May we be assured that those who are absent from us have found a more perfect rest in thee, and the crown of an unfading life. No longer can we care for them, but thou wilt care for them better than our love could do. By pastures green and by quiet waters, into higher life and service, thou wilt lead them, O thou Eternal Lover of Souls. Cherish and bless them, we pray thee; and give unto us great peace and great hope as we think about them in this still hour. Take the veil from our hearts and join us in one communion with all thy saints on earth and in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen."

A Beautiful Hymn

At the recent funeral of the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D., the eminent leader in the Reformed Church, whose services have been so justly praised in the newspapers, the first hymn was new to me. It was so beautiful that I asked Dr. Leinbach, the Editor of the wise and progressive paper "The Reformed Church Messenger," to send me a copy. This he has kindly done, sending along the following information.

"It is the classic hymn of our denomination, and the author, who was one of the best known pastors of our Church, was afterward a professor in our Theological Seminary. He has written many poems and folk songs, and is held in high regard among our people. This hymn is also the Mercersburg Academy hymn, and I heard Dr. Charles Erdman, of Princeton, refer to it last summer before a great audience and say of it that he thought it was one of the greatest hymns in the language, and that it ought to be in every Christian Hymnal."

I find this hymn is in our hymnal, but I had never observed it.

JESUS, I LIVE TO THEE

Jesus, I live to Thee,
The loveliest and best;
My life in Thee, Thy life in me,
In Thy blest love I rest.

Jesus, I die to Thee,
Whenever death shall come;
To die in Thee is life to me
In my eternal home.

Whether to live or die,
I know not which is best;
To live in Thee is bliss to me,
To die is endless rest.

Living or dying, Lord,
I ask but to be Thine;
My life in Thee, Thy life in me,
Makes heaven forever mine.
—Henry Harbaugh, 1850.

The Sunday School

It is a pleasure to welcome back Miss Murdock to a class in our Sunday School. Mrs. Hopkins, formerly a scholar, is added to our teaching force together with Mr. Hopkins, her husband, who has taken a class of boys. When a pupil of the school returns to be a teacher it gives us much joy. We are happy to welcome Miss Forbes into our teaching staff, also.

A congenial and valuable get together of our teachers was held on Monday evening October 19th at the home of the Superintendent, when many valuable suggestions were made to improve the opportunities now before us in our new building. Chief of these was our plan to hold a big "Rally" on Sunday morning, November first, at 9.30. The little ones of the Primary and several of the Main School classes will add their talents to an interesting program we have arranged, and it is hoped that many of our church people and relatives, besides friends of the children, will be present. The offering that morning will go towards the Japanese Fund. So come and help us in this, but more so, give us the cheer of your presence. You will be more than pleased to see this happy group of over 100 gathered together each Sunday morning in our new Commuity House happily studying God's Word.

Faithfully yours,
George H. Streaker, Supt.

The Sunday 4 o'clock Talks, with Motion Pictures.

The Rector and Vestry having endorsed a plan to use the Auditorium of the New Community House on Sunday afternoons in a series of 4 o'clock talks illustrated by moving pictures under the direction of Mr. Streaker, they were formally opened by Dr. Grammer on October 11th. We are more than cheered by the presence of seventy-five at the opening meeting and believe, as it becomes known, that we will soon fill the fine room with an interested group of adults each Sunday afternoon. The themes will be a series of connected subjects with a Christian application, for adults, and always illustrated with the best of moving photography. After a large experience during and since the war the speaker has secured an unusually fine collection of realistic films to picture his talks. He hopes thereby to reach many passersby, and thus find for those who may desire a regular Church Home and add more to our regular services.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary held its first meeting of the season October 15th, preceded by a Corporate Communion.

There was no speaker but reports of the delegates and planning of the year's work occupied more than the usual time.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 19th, at eleven o'clock.

B. E. Hollar, Secretary.

The Young People's Club will have a "Fair" on Nov. 20-21. Proceeds will be used for the Community House and to entertain poor children at Christmas, and the mothers of the South-east Water Front. It is their aim to make over a thousand dollars and this can only be done with the help and cooperation of the Parish.

They plan to have supper on the first floor, the Fair in the auditorium and dancing on the third floor. Do try to help them make it a great success by your presence, and send donations of any kind to the Community House from now on until the Fair, November 20-21.

The Child in the Garden

When to the garden of untroubled thought
I came of late, and saw the open door,
And wished again to enter, and explore
The sweet, wild ways with stainless bloom inwrought,
And bowers of innocence with beauty fraught,
It seemed some purer voice must speak before
I dared to tread that garden loved of yore—
That Eden lost unknown and found unsought.
Then just within the gate I saw a child—
A stranger-child, yet to my heart most dear—
Who held his hands to me and softly smiled
With eyes that knew no shade of sin or fear;
"Come in," he said, "and play awhile with me;
I am the little child you used to be."

Each has two gifts:
First—Capacity—develop it.
Second—Opportunity—seize it.

Capital is the labor of yesterday.
Labor is the capital of tomorrow.
—Portland "Oregonian."

Memorial Flowers Fund 1925

Jan. 4—Mrs. Joseph Lamb.
11—Miss Kirkpatrick.
18—Miss Ernst.
25—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Feb. 1—Miss Gregg.
8—Miss Gebhart.
15—Miss Gebhart.
22—Mrs. Sheble.

Mar. 1—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
8—Mrs. Brunner.
15—Dr. Grammer.
22—Mrs. Joseph Lamb.
25—Mrs. Joseph Lamb.
29—Mrs. Sheble.

Apr. 5—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
9—Mrs. Joseph Lamb.
12—Easter.
19—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
26—Mrs. Sheble.

May 3—Mrs. Woodward.
10—Miss Townsend.
17—Mrs. Higham.
21—Ascension Day.
24—Miss Tappen.

June 7—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
14—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
21—Miss Gebhart
28—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

July 5—Miss Powell.
12—
19—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
26—Mrs. Clayton.

Aug. 2—Miss Ewing.
9—
16—Mrs. Love.
23—Miss Thackara.
30—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 6—Miss Ewing.
13—Miss Powell.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
27—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 4—Miss Laura Bell.
11—Miss Mauisby.
18—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Mrs. Keable.

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29—Miss Bright.

Dec. 6—Mrs. Sheble.
13—Misses Davis.
20—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
27—Miss Emily Bell.

FOUR MOTTOES

"Look up not down, out and not in, forward and not back, and lend a hand."

Edward Everett Hale.

Sometimes

Across the fields of yesterday
He sometimes comes to me,
A little lad—just back from play—
The lad I used to be.
And yet he smiles so wistfully—
Once he has crept within—
I wonder if he hopes to see
The man I might have been?

—Thos. S. Jones, Jr.

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FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Nov. 17—Franklin S. Weiser and Charlotte Wiltse Nodine.

Women's United Thank Offering

As it is now time for the collection of the dues of the Women's United Thank Offering, I wish to ask my subscribers if they will kindly send me their contributions without waiting to hear from me. Many have already done so, and this is greatly appreciated, but if others who see this notice will respond by sending their dues directly to me it will greatly simplify matters for me. To those who do not, however, I will gladly write a reminder.

Although urged by the General Treasurer to follow the example of many of the churches in making the collection twice a year it was decided to keep to our custom of doing so annually only.

This collection, begun in October, 1925, will be handed in at the April meeting, 1926.

I sincerely trust that we may acquire some new members in this great missionary work for women.

Our ranks have been reduced by death and removal from the city of some of our most generous contributors, but please let us do our part in seeing that St. Stephen's does not fall behind from the place which belongs to her.

Kindly send contributions to Miss Washington, 2101 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

Elizabeth C. Washington,
Treasurer St. Stephen's Church,
for W. U. T. O.

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Charities	$102.04
Parochial Maintenance	131.59
Missions	147.53
Our Work Among Young People	.55
Benevolent Society	156.92
Sunday School Christmas Festival	1.00
Domestic Missions	.70
Community House	5.05
Indian Missions	1.00
Deaconess House	65.74
Sunday School	6.20
Daily Vacation Bible School	.80
Woman's Auxiliary	3.60
Church Work Fund	38.52
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

May I ask those of the congregation who use the envelopes please to send in their envelopes by the last Sunday in December. The envelopes for next year will be somewhat different from this year—some change is made in the objects—in the general direction of giving more for outside purposes. Some objects are provided for in other ways and no longer will appear on the books of the envelope system. It will save much trouble, if this year's contributions can be collected by the end of the year.

Ella Headman, Treasurer.

The contribution of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schulz to the Community House is gratefully acknowledged, and the office would be very much obliged if they would let us have their address.

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Now that the General Convention has closed, it is natural to take the bearings of the ship of the Church. Without any desire to be a sensationalist (and in these days there is a most unfortunate tendency to seek the flamboyant and startling, instead of the balanced and true in statement, and it is very hard to avoid exaggeration, and the use of superlatives), I am going to confess frankly that there is much to give serious concern to those that love the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Catholic Party scored a victory in the change of position of the Prayer of Humble Access. Personally, I prefer the English Communion Service to our own. Those much be-praised additions in our Prayer Book, after the recital of our Lord's words of institution, always seem to me misplaced eloquence. To my mind, the climax should be our Lord's own words. After them our best eloquence is silent devotion. The oblation and invocation and the succeeding prayer should precede the consecration, leaving that as the supreme moment of the service, to be immediately followed by partaking of the elements. Now we shall have still another prayer added to the group that separates the Lord's own words from the distribution.

But even worse than this further departure from the dignified simplicity and restraint of the English service is the fact that the alteration was a victory for the Catholic Party. This faction in our church—for that is the proper name for this disciplined and determined group—cannot safely be encouraged. It is resolved to undo the work of the Reformation. Unless it can be checked, sad days are ahead of the Protestant element in our Church.

The Church of England is now having a hard time with this aggressive and reactionary cult inside of its ranks. But undoubtedly worse days are ahead of our Mother Church. Deeply as we may regret any change in that noble Church that has given such splendid examples of reasonable, religious and holy lives, and produced such fine scholars, theologians, preachers, and missionaries, nevertheless Disestablishment is one of the certainties of the future. The Irish Church has been disestablished. Only a few years ago the Welsh Church was disestablished. The permanent right to defeat the will of the House of Commons has been taken away from the House of Lords, which might have delayed disestablishment. The English Church is no longer the church of a large majority. It is doubtful whether it is the church of the majority. England has in these last days been ruled by Prime Ministers who are not Churchmen. A Labor Party has held office. Disestablishment may linger a while, but it is undoubtedly on its way, and its arrival cannot be long postponed.

That contest will certainly send up the churchmanship of the clergy and many devoted members of the laity many degrees. Sympathy will carry our churchmanship up with theirs. Already we are so high that any such increase will raise our temperature to fever heat. Let anyone recall how the Diocese of Pennsylvania lost seventeen clergymen to the Church of Rome because the privilege of our pulpits was by canon permitted to persons not ministers of our Church. That was eighteen years ago. Since then the Anglo-Catholics have progressed. They do not leave now; they simply announce their intention of altering the Church. They open their conferences with prayers to the Virgin, and advocate the whole cycle of Roman dogmas, except the decrees of the Vatican Council of 1870. Newman predicted this development. "The stumbling-block is no longer," he wrote, "the errors of Rome in the dogmas and practices of the Schoolmen, the abuses the Reformers objected to—no, it is the Tridentine decrees that constitute the offence of Rome. Now the Council of Trent is the great barrier, but we shall soon find that its decrees would not stand in the way, if it were not for the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin." To-day we have passed that milestone; the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin gives no trouble now. We must have Saint Anne among the Black Letter saints, and the only trouble seems to be the infallibility of the Pope.

So runs the tide among Anglo-Catholics. How much more strongly will it run when the Church of England will be deprived of many of her privileges, and some of her endowments. What will be the effect upon our Church? I do not wish to be an alarmist, but I confess that the prospect is dark for those who love our Church and are deeply interested in her welfare. Where is there another Church to be found so comprehensive, so freighted with the aesthetic culture of English civilization, so productive of sweet reasonableness and sincere devotion, so congenial to people of education and refinement, so abundant in its services to all classes, so Scriptural, so sane, so rich in types, so intertwined with the life of the English-speaking people? It is no light matter to allow such a Church to be altered into another pattern.

Yet altered it will be unless the Protestant element realizes the situation and bestirs itself. Wherever "The Living Church" is taken and read, the propaganda is going on. The same is true of "The Witness." "The Southern Churchman" offers no vigorous resistance. Our only Church paper on the other side is "The Churchman," which is most inadequately supported, and not nearly so widely taken as it should be. I wish, myself, that it were less narrowly ecclesiastical in its interests, and had more devotional articles—in brief, that it was more Liberal-Evangelical in tone; but whatever may be its limitations, it is the most liberal, courageous, prophetic sheet that we have, and it ought to be encouraged. I am having some sample copies placed on the table in front of the church. I hope that many copies will be taken in St. Stephen's. It is worth the subscription price many times over.

One of the outstanding leaders of the Church of England, the Rev. H. D. A. Major, D.D., the editor of "The Modern Churchman," will preach in St. Stephen's on Sunday night, December 13th. On the following Monday he will meet at luncheon a group of leading Liberal Clergy of the diocese, and of the neighborhood. The meeting will be in our new Community House. I hope that Dr. Major may arouse our people to the situation.

It is all very well to want rest and quiet, but no one has a right to turn away from duty because his preference is for a quiet life. It is our duty to keep the Protestant Episcopal Church a Scriptural Church, a comprehensive Church, and a learning Church. When God sends us duties and tasks, the meaning is that He does not want us to rest.

Personally, I intend to do all that lies in my power to keep our Church comprehensive, liberal, Scriptural, reasonable and ethical. To this end I tried to get the leading Liberal Evangelical, the gifted Bishop of Birmingham, to visit us for a week in Lent. Unfortunately, he could not be secured. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, a great mathematician, as well as a learned theologian, and his voice would reach circles that need enlightenment. The questions at issue cannot be determined by aesthetic values. Many people treat them in that superficial fashion. I am glad to see that the Holy Cross theologian, Father Hughson, disdains such reasoning. He uses ritual as a means of inculcating dogma, and not for its artistic value. The aesthetes cannot help us, the architects, like the eminent Cram, who thinks that society needs walled towns for its redemption and flees for refuge to the moss-covered, battlemented towers of Rome. We need scholars, and prophets, and lovers of the truth.

Beauty has its own function, but it is truth, and not beauty that makes us free. I shall do what I can to bring the prophets to St. Stephen's.

The formal opening of the Community House on November 17th was a great success. The main auditorium was well filled, though not as crowded as it would have been if all the societies that use the building, and the congregation of St. Stephen's had turned out in force. Still the attendance was creditable, and the interest in the building was fine. Nothing but praise was heard of its solidity, convenience and utility. The Bishop was most generous in his praise of the Church and of the Rector. The evening closed with refreshments and dancing by the young people.

The singing of the Burd School children, under the leadership of Miss Frances McCollin, was much enjoyed.

Dr. Grammer mentioned the following contributions toward the Community House: The Fair in which Mrs. Reifsnyder and Mrs. Calwell were the leaders with the co-operation of Mr. Reifsnyder which raised $10,000.00; the insurance money $10,000.00; Miss Anna J. Magee's $30,000.00, and about $17,000.00 from the congregation. The total

cost of the building was about $100,000.00, and the balance was raised by mortgage. Especial acknowledgment was made of the services of the Building Committee, Mr. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr., and Mr. Jay M. Whitham, who had charge in consultation with the Rector, of the excellent work of Mr. W. P. Trout, the architect and of Jacob Myers and Sons, the contractors. In furnishing the building the Rector was greatly aided by the expert advice of Miss Julia MacAllister, who selected the curtains and tables, by Mrs. Reifnsyder in fitting up the third story and the kitchens and pantry, and by Mr. Reifsnyder in the equipment of the office.

The office of the Community House will be open from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., with Mrs. Keable in charge, except on Saturday, when the office will close at 12.

Mr. Clair will be in charge of the activities in the building from 5 P. M. to 11 P. M., which is the hour for closing. It will be his duty to enforce the rules formulated by the House Committee, which is composed of Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder, Mrs. Daniel Roberts Harper, and Miss Bertha T. Walshe.

A special committee will be appointed to consider the applications for the use of the Community House. The secretary of this committee is Mrs. Keable, and all applications should be made to her.

The Fair on Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, under the competent management of Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder and the Young People's Club, proved a great success. Never were there such suppers at any church fair that I ever attended, nor such music for dancing, nor such encouraging fortunes told, nor such admirable arrangements, nor such bargains at the counters, nor such attendants behind the counters, nor such general sociability, nor, in fine, such a fair. The total net profit was $1,000.00.

Special acknowledgment should be made of the generous kindness of the Band, under the leadership of Mr. Webbe. It discoursed fine music most spiritedly, and was most liberal in its encores. The dancing promoted sociability, as well as increased the receipts. The new floor was much praised for its smoothness for dancing, as well as for its beauty and manifest solidity. We were glad to include among our guests some of the Jefferson Medical students.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

A chorus for the young people and their friends will be held in the Community House, on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock, punctually, commencing December 4th, omitting Christmas and New Years. Young people of both sexes, above 17 years of age, who can carry a tune are eligible for application for membership. No dues with the class, but those not connected with St. Stephen's will be required to qualify by entering the St. Stephen's Community House Association, fee one dollar for membership till October 1st. It is planned to study Christmas carols during December. Miss Frances McCollin has been engaged as choral conductor. Apply to Miss Margaret Tappen, 4226 Baltimore Avenue. Telephone, Woodland 5979.

Prayer at the Opening of the Community House

Almighty and Everlasting God, Thou all-sustaining, over-ruling Spirit, whom the universe covers with a garment, partly revealing and partly concealing—Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has manifested Thyself to us through Thy beloved Son,—we invoke Thy blessing upon our gathering this evening, and upon this house, that is dedicated to Thy greater glory in the larger service of mankind. We praise Thy name that good has come out of evil and the loss inflicted by fire, has through the zeal and liberality of many resulted in gain to this Church in a larger equipment with which to serve the community. We thank Thee for the friends and helpers raised up for the work and for the generous concession made to us by those in authority over us in the city. Especially do we recall with gratitude the generosity of our departed friend and parishioner, Anna J. Magee, whose munificent contribution made this achievement possible. Thou alone knowest whether any knowledge of our doings here is communicated to those who have passed on to the other world. We do not presume to make requests, for Thy thoughts are better than our thoughts and Thy ways pass our understanding. We can only hope that she knows that she is not forgotten and that her gifts were not fruitless.

We thank Thee that no serious accident, no loss of life accompanied the erection of this edifice, and we invoke Thy blessing upon all the activities that may grow up in it. May friendship here abound. May the lonely here find society, the sad find cheer, the ill-equipped find training, the untaught find learning, the friendless find friends, and all men realize that religion which is the solace of the soul in its inward struggles for holiness and peace, is also the inspiration of the activities and sociabilities of life.

And to Thy name shall be the praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Book Revision

A large part of the time of General Convention was given to Prayer Book revision. Some portions of almost every session of both Houses were used for this purpose, under pressure of a determination to complete the revision so that final action might be taken in the Convention of 1928. The Constitution provides that no change shall be made in the Prayer Book unless it be first proposed by one General Convention, then submitted to the conventions of every diocese and then adopted by the next succeeding General Convention.

The Joint Commission on the Revision and Enrichment of the Prayer Book was appointed in 1913. Proposals have been made by the Commission at each succeeding convention. At the Convention of 1922, final action was taken on changes in Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and the Litany. These changes consisted mainly in giving greater flexibility. Among other things, a short Canticle was permitted for use in the place of the Te Deum. A single psalm is permissible and a wide selection is made possible.

The work of this Convention of 1925 was of two sorts, passing on revisions made in 1922 and considering new proposals. Among the changes now finally confirmed are the following. Many new special Prayers have been added and some of the Old Prayers have been amended. Among others there are new Prayers for missions, for social justice, for workers and for prisoners. In the Order for Holy Communion, the Commandments may be read in shortened form. A hymn may be sung before the gospel and "Praise be to Thee, O Christ" may be said after it. Special prayers may be said after the Creed. New Collects, Epistles and Gospels are provided. The prayer of humble access is transferred to a place after the prayer of consecration.

In confirmation the questions and vows of Baptism are repeated. In the Marriage Service the vows of the man and the woman are made alike, the word "obey" being omitted. The words "With all my worldly goods I thee endow" are eliminated. The Visitation of the Sick is a wholly new office. In the Burial Office there are prayers definitely remembering the departed before God. A beautiful service for the Burial of a Child is added:

Among the new changes made in this convention, which must be acted upon finally in 1928, are the following. The three forms of Holy Baptism, for Infants, for Adults and in private, are made one service. Archaic phrases which are misunderstood are dropped. Sponsors are asked questions in answer to which they assume responsibility for the Christian nurture of the children baptized. Further changes were made in the litany, among others the petition for those who travel by land or water is changed to read "by land or by water or by air."

In addition to the Catechism there are provided Services of Instruction, which contain all the questions in the Catechism together with questions on the Church, the Ministry, and Confirmation.

The various services of the Prayer Book have been slightly rearranged, in order to make the use of the book more simple.

In addition to major changes, such as those listed above, there are a multitude of minor revisions intended to avoid vain repetitions and to substitute modern words and phrases for those which have lost their original meaning.

CHILDHOOD'S PLEA

Protect me—ye of larger growth.
Hear my appeal—Please take my hand
And lead me safely through the days
Of childhood into grown-up-land.

The Woman's Auxiliary

At the meeting on Thursday, November 19th, the Auxiliary was honored by the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese, who gave a most instructive and interesting address on Mexico, which country he and Mrs. Garland visited before attending the General Convention in New Orleans. By personal inspection of the status of the work of the Church in Mexico he was enabled to thoroughly understand existing conditions, and it was doubtless owing to his report at the Convention that a new Bishop was elected, Reverend F. W. Creighton, of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, who will shortly enter upon his duties.

There were forty-three present at the meeting, and all who had the privilege of hearing the address were much impressed by the keen observation of the Bishop, and greatly appreciated his bringing specimens and pictures to illustrate the talk.

Laura Bell, President.

The Sunday School

We will have appropriate pictures and exercises as usual on the Sunday before Christmas. But our big Festival will be celebrated on Tuesday evening, December 29th, at 8 o'clock, in the New Sunday School Auditorium of the Community House. We will give a play by the scholars called, "Happiness," to which we cordially invite all who care to come. An offering will be taken for the Japanese Fund.

G. H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

The Christmas Baskets

The Christmas Baskets are one of the unique features of Xmas at St. Stephen's. Last year 124 baskets were given out, containing seven dinners each. The Committee appointed to take charge is Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Mr. C. K. Klink, Mr. Howard Freestone, Mr. James Carrigan. I appeal to the congregation for their generous gifts. Let us make Christmas a time of joy, and a season of manifested good will.

C. E. G.

Memorial Flowers Fund 1925

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29—Mrs. Sheble.
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13—Miss Powell.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
27—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.
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11—Miss Maulsby.
18—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Mrs. Keable.
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15—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
22—Miss Eisenbrey.
29—Miss Bright.
Dec. 6—Mrs. Sheble.
13—Misses Davis.
20—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
27—Miss Emily Bell.

Fair Given by The Young People's Club

The next issue of the Parish News will have a full report of the Fair, but Mrs. Reifsnyder wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members and friends of the Parish who sent donations to the Fair and for the large attendance both days.

An Opinion of Sir Henry Maine, the Great Conservative, and an Authority on Law and Institutions

If any government should be tempted to neglect, even for a moment, its function of compelling obedience to law—if a democracy were to allow a portion of the multitude to set at defiance some law which it happens to dislike, it would be guilty of a crime which hardly any other virtue could redeem.

Dr. Fosdick truly says: "Vital religion is one of the three deepest needs of men. Men must have bread—that is the economic need; they must have friendship—that is the social need; they must have faith in the spiritual meaning of life—that is the religious need."

ON THE DISCOVERY OF THE MALARIA GERM

This day relenting God
Hath placed within my hand
A wondrous thing: and God
Be praised. At His command,
Seeking His secret deeds
With tears and toiling breath,
I find thy cunning seeds—
O million-murdering Death.

I know this little thing
A myriad men will save.
O Death, where is thy sting,
Thy victory, O Grave!

Before Thy feet I fall,
Lord, who made high my fate;
For in the mighty small
Is shown the mighty great.
—Sir Ronald Ross.

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(From Farmer's Magazine, published in 1796.)

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If chance could fashion but a flower,
With perfume for each tiny thief,
And furnish it with sunshine and with shower,
Then chance would be a Creator with the power
To build a world for unbelief.
Fred'k Emerson Brooks.

MOTHER

When I'm feeling blue,
And the skies are gray,
Just a thought of you
Drives my cares away.

Thoughts of you and home,
(Dear old cosey nest),
Cheer me as I roam—
Lull my soul to rest.

You're my dearest friend,
Always staunch and true;
So, till time shall end,
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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
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Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. M. Brantley Ellis, 1717 Packard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Nov. 29.—Richard William Eastwood.
Dec. 13—Maybelle Charlotte Lawrence.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Dec. 9—Catherine Eliza Hutchinson.

I see not a step before me,
As I tread on, another year;
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His Mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance, may brighten as I draw near.

—Mary G. Brainerd

Yesterday is yours no longer;
To-morrow may never be yours;
To-day is yours, and in the living present
You may stretch forth to the things that are before.

—Canon Farrar

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any.

—Dr. Johnson

The secret of getting on is getting started.
Man considereth the deeds,
But God weigheth the intentions.

—Thomas A. Kempis

Search thine own heart, what paineth thee
In others, in thyself may be;
All dust is frail; all flesh is weak;
Be thou the true man thou dost seek,

—Whittier

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Community House	2.65	
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Missionary Box	.10	
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Church Work Fund	22.50	
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RECAPITULATION

Charities	$145.17
Parochial Maintenance	374.84
Missions	306.64
Theological Education	.15
Our Work Among Young People	.50
Benevolent Society	53.05
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	2.50
Episcopal Hospital	535.97
Sunday School Christmas Festival	87.27
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Community House	2.65
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The great secret of making the labor of life easy is to do each duty every day.

—Marsten

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The opening of a new building always means the closing of one task and the inception of another. Now that the building is completed, the task is to make it useful. Thus far the prospects for its large usefulness are quite bright. Our Main Auditorium has been engaged by outsiders once, it has been used once a month for Movies for "the Mothers," and on Sunday Afternoon for movie-pictures and talks by Mr. Streaker. We have 30 young men enrolled in the St. Stephen's Community House Association, that they may enjoy the privilege of basketball. The Young People's Club had a fine fair and has manifested a new vitality.

Our most notable use of the building, however, was on Monday, December 14th, when I gave a luncheon to the Liberals in this region, who are distinguished by their social and cooperative turn of mind, and give promise of being the kind of people from whom associated and Liberal movements might arise. Fifty-five of us sat down together in the main room on the 3rd floor. Bishop Garland honored us by his presence. One of the guests of honor was the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton.

Dr. John Wade, the Vice President of the National Church League, came over for the occasion from New York. From Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington, on the South, from Lancaster and Reading, on the West, from Northern New Jersey, New York, Long Island, and Connecticut, on the North, our visitors assembled. Of course the great attraction was Dr. H. D. A. Major, the Principal of Ripon Hall, Oxford, the Editor of the Modern Churchman, and one of the chief organizers of the Modernists of England. He came to Philadelphia, as my guest, but I shared him with Dr. Carter of Bryn Mawr, at whose Church he preached on the morning of Dec. 13, preaching at St. Stephen's at night. Every one who heard him on that evening, I am sure, was impressed by the charm of his personality, by the breadth of his scholarship, and by the consecutive and logical movement of his thought. He was, however, somewhat uncertain about the exact way in which to speak to his audience. This was revealed by the greater freedom and fluency that he manifested when he addressed an audience of Clergymen at the Church House.

An Oxford Don, he evidently failed to appreciate adequately the ability of an audience of lay people to listen discriminatingly to theological discussions. His address to the clergy was a masterpiece in its singular sweetness, logical coherence, irenic tone, conjoined with definiteness and clearness. Every one was charmed by him.

At the luncheon he spoke more in detail of the causes that had led the English liberals to take the name of Modernists, and of his own work in founding the Modern Churchman. At the close there was a Conference. I explained briefly the principle on which I had gathered my guests together. No lack of friendship was to be suspected, when any prominent liberal in this section was overlooked. Neither was his omission to be considered a reflection upon his Liberalism. But there was no use of bringing in people who would proclaim that they felt any bonds of association a restraint on their freedom and would at once rush out from the fellowship. Neither was there any good sense, it was urged, in including those chronic objectors, or extreme radicals, who disorganize or discredit every movement they are associated with. Such people I explained were left out on the principle so admirably put in the well-known lines in the debate on the Exclusion Bill in England:

> I hear a lion in the lobby roar.
> Say, Mr. Speaker, shall we shut the door
> And keep him there, or shall we let him in
> To try if we can turn him out again?

Of course time has not lessened the truth of Terence's saying, *Quot homines, tot sententiae*, (many men, many minds): but the guests were near enough together in spirit and general convictions for profitable discussion. The occasion was in every way so enjoyable, and so heartening, for as a rule liberal clergymen live somewhat lonely lives theologically and ecclesiastically, that there was a strong and indeed unanimous desire for another such gathering before Lent.

I accordingly offered the Community House for such a meeting on Monday and Tuesday, February 8th and 9th. The suggestion was heartily welcomed. If a Conference is held, it will be under the auspices of the Philadelphia Branch of the National Church League, of which the Rev. Granville Taylor is the President, the Rev. Jas. M. Collins, the Vice-President, and the Rev. Charles Levy, the Secretary. The chief attraction next to the fellowship will be a series of papers on the relation of Liberalism to Christian thought, to the old Church Schools of Anglo-Catholicism and Evangelicalism, to the Church's Legislation, Educational Programme, to Social and Political questions, and perhaps to Mysticism and the Devotional life. If leading Clergymen can be prevailed upon to prepare papers on these interesting themes there ought to be quite a large concourse of the Liberals in the province to hear them. The doors ought to be open to the laity also. Any other course would be most inconsistent with the principles of Liberalism, which teach that "open covenants," should be "openly arrived at."

If St. Stephen's can prove to be the foster mother of such a Conference, affording it warmth, shelter, nourishment, surely it will be serving a most useful purpose in our Church, the very purpose that a highly endowed Church ought to fulfil. What better use could it make of its income, after making reasonable provision to meet the local needs, in its community house and its popular services on week-days, than to spend its main energy in advancing the cause of the truth, and helping on that re-adjustment between our enlarging knowledge, and our theology, which is so essential, if the new generation is to be won, and yet is so painful to older or conservatively minded members of this generation? The true measure of the success of a Church like St. Stephen's is not the number of its members, but the character of its influence on the community.

Such a service can not be looked for from a Church that ministers as a kind of chapel of ease to a wealthy and fashionable congregation, a class in the community that is always theologically conservative, and is markedly lacking in the spirit of adventure, essential to any vigorous liberalism. There is more hope of it from a Church making a popular appeal and attracting the masses. But on the other hand, there is the tendency there to keep in the middle of the road, where the greatest numbers are found, or there is the danger that the teacher may take to sensational methods and flavor his discourse by crude attacks on old beliefs. The Church best equipped to teach a progressive theology wisely, sanely, constructively is an endowed Church that is not dependent for its maintenance upon the popularity of its teaching. Such a Church can sow the seed of the future's harvest.

Judged by such a conception of St. Stephen's proper task, this luncheon to Dr. Major, and this projected conference if it comes off, as there is every reason to hope it will, must be considered as notable occurrences in the history of our Parish.

With this January, we enter upon a new fiscal year, and I make an earnest appeal to every one who attends the Church to accept a carton of envelopes and use them faithfully. St. Stephen's needs your contribution to enable it to bear the additional expense of the Community House, its lighting, heating, cleaning, and keeping open with due safeguards, to pay the interest on the mortgage, and gradually retire it. The Diocese needs our aid for its hospital, its Church Farm School, its missionaries in slums, in jail, and almshouse. The General Church calls for our contributions for its manifold activities, at home and abroad. Let us not give self-indulgently, just where we can see the result and reap the harvest of gratitude. Let us give not sentimentally, but on principle. Let us give at home, for the needy near us are placed by God in our special care, and then let us "cast our bread upon the waters," where no thanks from recipients can reward us, where only God will know of our gifts and the chief motive will be obedience to his Son's command to preach the gospel to every creature. Those who are not on the Envelope lists miss receiving many circulars, for it is our chief mailing list. I am making it a rule to present every person confirmed with a package of envelopes on the principle, that those old enough to assume their baptismal vows, are old enough to make some regular contribution to the Church. It is not the size of the gift that counts. What matters is the *spirit* and fidelity. No one gets the full blessing of giving, who does not deny himself something in order to give.

Let me close with a greeting for the new year. Let us make it a real new year. Let us bring to its tasks a new thoroughness, a new fidelity, a new alacrity, a new cheerfulness, a new and deeper trust in God, a new submission to His will, a new love and comradeship for our fellow men, a new devotion to the Kingdom, a new loyalty, admiration and gratitude to Jesus, and new zeal in the use of the means of Grace, a new trustfulness in the unsearchable counsels of God, that they are loving, and wise and certain to prevail.

Let us apply to the New Year, this hymn for the New Day:

Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new;
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you,
A hope for me and a hope for you.

Here are the skies all burnished brightly,
Here is the spent earth all reborn;
Here are the tired limbs springing lightly,
To face the sun, and to shine with the morn,
In the chrism of the dew and the cool of the dawn.

Every day is a fresh beginning,
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain
And in spite of old sorrows and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain,
Take heart with the day and begin again.

Surely that is the right spirit. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Let us take heart with the year and begin again.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

A Christmas Thought

Jesus was born, and climbed the gorge that leads to manhood's heights,
Obedient to a parent's rule, neglectful of delights,

Learning the wisdom of the wise, the folly of the fools,
And by the inner light of truth correcting both their schools.

Duty to Him, the single aim, with God as path and goal;
The holy books, the hours of prayer, the watch-towers of His soul.

Such was His road to throned heights, His steps we still can trace.
This was the discipline that wrought His power to beauty's grace.

He walked with God on earth's rough ways and God, in union true,
Through Him revealed Himself to man, man's nature to renew.

O Leader, human and divine, we thank Thee for Thy life,
In Thee united are the powers, in us so oft at strife.

That light and hope may shine upon the darkling ways of men,
Send down Thy spirit from on high, be born in us again.

C. E. G.

Letter from Japan

The following letter reached me just too late to be published in the December issue. I am sure that every one will read with interest of Japan's awaking to the need of religious training for children. It is pleasant too to have our missionary encouraged by recognition from the head of his Government. The picture of the piano has not arrived. I am gratified to be able to report that $120 of the promised $150 has already been forwarded to Dr. Kobayashi.

C. E. G.

St. Margaret's School, Takaido-mura,
Tokyo-fu, Japan, November 11, 1925.

My dear Dr. Grammer,

Pardon me for my silence, but I have not been feeling well for two weeks.

I have just come back to my class work from the national conference of the principals of girls' high schools, which was convened by our Education Office and held in Tokyo.

There are now in Japan over 800 government-recognized girls' high schools, both public and private, but this year only one-third of them were called to the meeting. The conference, among others passed three interesting resolutions.

They approved of the growing enthusiasm among girls for physical exercises, but discouraged inter-school games among distant provinces, and were not in favor of some of the games they considered too strenuous for Japanese girls, such as high jump, base ball, etc. Then, they advocated a change in our regulated school curriculums, by which pupils would have a very few required subjects, while they would have greater freedom in choosing their subjects of study.

The third resolution was one of the most important ones that has ever been adopted by such assemblies in Japan, at least, viewed from the standpoint of Christian Schools. A committee was appointed for drawing up a report for the means of the more satisfactory moral training of girls. The report made several suggestions, but the plan most emphatically recommended was to encourage the religious training of pupils. The committee believed that "the religious sentiment of pupils should be cultivated and opportunities for religious belief should be given."

This is all the more remarkable because the great majority of the committee were the principals of government schools, who mostly professed no religion,—and two of them being Buddhists, while there was no Christian on the committee. The Japanese government, like America and France, sticks to the policy of separating religion from education in public and government-recognized private high schools. But while France and America recognized the importance of religious training of children outside of the schools, the Japanese government has always had a tendency of discouraging children's religious education, especially the Christian influence over them. But at the last conference, the representative of the Education Office formally declared to the house that he too recognized the need of religion and that there would be no objection to having devotional meetings in schools outside of regular school hours.

This is a most significant turn of tide in the educational circle of Japan.

The Emperor this year has graciously extended both to my wife and myself his kind invitation to be present at the Chrysanthemum garden party at the Prince Regent's Palace, Hitherto, this privilege was confined to those who held Imperial decorations or certain court ranks, but now it has been extended to me, a simple principal of a private secondary school, a pure and poor democrat with no decorations and ranks. Surely, Japan is getting democratic!

My daughter Keiko has taken a picture of the piano, which I am enclosing. It is not a good one, but we hope it will give some idea of how it looks to you and other kind friends of ours.

With my kind regards and every good wish for Mrs. Grammer and yourself, and other friends, in which Keiko heartily joins.

Yours very sincerely,
J. H. Kobayashi.

P. S. The picture is to be developed and takes a few days, so it will be sent by next mail.

Bill Booster says:

"A quarter don't amount to much around town, but the average man thinks it some punkins in the collection box. Be liberal with your Church. There aint no place in town where money will go so fur."

Carol for St. Stephen's Day

The following poem is kindly sent me by Miss Louise Betts Edwards. It is from the Sloane MSS. and dates from the 14th or 15th Century. Its number in the British Museum, MSS. is 2593. Its explanation of the position of St Stephen's day in the Christian year is noteworthy.

Saint Stephen was a clerk in King Herod's hall,
And served him of bread and cloth as ever king befal.

Stephen out of kitchen came with boar's head on hand,
He saw a star was fair and bright over Bedlem stand.

He cast adown the boar's head and went into the hall,
I forsake thee, King Herod, and thy works all.

I forsake thee, King Herod, and thy works all,
There is a child in Bedlem born is better than we all.

What aileth thee, Stephen? what is thee befallen?
Lacketh thee either meat or drink in King Herod's hall?

Lacketh me neither meat nor drink in King Herod's hall,
There is a child in Bedlem born is better than we all.

What aileth thee, Stephen? art thou wode,[1] or thou 'ginst to brede?[2]
Lacketh thee eigher gold or fee, or any rich weed?

Lacketh not neigher gold nor fee, nor no rich weed,
There is a child in Bedlem born shall helpen us at our need.

That is all so soth[3], Stephen, all so soth I wis,
As this *capon crowe* shall that lieth here in my dish.

That word is not so soon said, that word in that hall,
The *capon crew Christus natus est* among the lords all.

Riseth up my tormentors by two and all by one[4],
And leadeth Stephen out of this town and stoned him with stone.

Taken they Stephen and stoned him in the way,
And therefore is his Even on Christmas Day.

[1] Wode=mad.
[2] 'ginst to brede'.—Dost thou begin to breed?
[3] Soth='True.
[4] —Pronounced as in only and atone. As one.

C. E. G.

Cheerfulness is a sign of wisdom.

O, ye who sigh and languish,
And mourn the lack of power,
Heed ye this gentle whisper;
"Could ye not warch one hour?"

For fruitfulness and blessing,
There is no royal road;
The power for holy service
Is intercourse with God.

St. Stephen's Chimes

(Written to a modification of the classic Scottish tune "Caller Herrin'" which introduces the Bells of St. Andrew in Edinburgh, Scotland, Neil Gow, Composer.)

Hark! Above the City clamor
In a sweet poetic glamour
Like a Choir celestial singing
Old St. Stephen's Bells are ringing.
"*Come!*" says old St. Stephen's rolling
Out its melodies consoling,
Not forgetting in its tolling. . .
"*Welcome, All who come!*"

When the tunes with notes appealing
Wake the chords of buried feeling
Weary brains are briefly brighten'd
Heavy laden hearts are lighten'd.
"*Come!*" says old St. Stephen's, etc.

As the echoes spread the greeting,
Heralding a friendly meeting,
Young and old the call attending
To the Church their ways are wending.
"*Come!*" says old St. Stephen's, etc.

There withdrawn from business wholly,
All their thoughts on worship solely,
Preaching, Praise and Supplication
Blend with quiet Meditation.
"*Come,*" says old St. Stephen's, rolling
Out its melodies consoling,
Not forgetting in its tolling
"*Welcome, All who come!*"

James D. Law.
June 27, 1925

Dr. Carl E. Grammer,
St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia,

Dear Dr. Grammer:

The chief merit of my little St. Stephen poem lies in its music, which of course is not mine. The title "Caller Herrin'" might be despised by those who are not familiar with the story and traditions of that phrase; but apart from the title it is a classic with the people of Scotland.

In olden times the fresh herrings were "cried" through the streets of Edinburgh (and other cities) by stalwart Fishwomen who were either the wives or sisters or in some way related to the Fishermen. It was one of the most picturesque "cries" and as there was a good deal of price-haggling many quaint stories are told of the dealers and the public. Perhaps the most famous is what came to the attention of Lady Nairne. . . Scotland's sweetest songstress. "Ah, leddy, dinna grudge the price: it's nae fish ye are buyin' but the lives o' men."

. . . alluding of course to the many lives lost among the fishermen in those days. Once so the tale goes, Neil Gow, a contemporary of Burns and Scotland's greatest Composer of Dance Music, with a few Lyric Masterpieces to his credit, was on the streets of Edinburgh when the Fish-wives were in full cry, and at the same time the bells of St. Andrew's Church were chiming a tune that seemed to take in all the notes of the scale. The composer went to his room and made a composite tune of the Fish-wife's "Cries" and the Church bells, with the result we now have in the beautiful "Caller Herrin'". Then Lady Nairne wrote a song to the tune and it bears the same title. It is now in most books of Scottish Song and in different keys. Prof. Blackie (the Grand old Man of Scotland) always wrote two sentiments when requested for his autograph. One was a Greek Epigram, which looked scholarly but few could read. The other was the famous line from "Caller Herrin,'" which was also a great favorite with Queen Victoria . . .

"Truth will stand when a'thing's failin'"

I believe the tune is easy for the Chimes, and as a Novelty your Bellringer might try it. After all there has always been a connection with Christianity and Fishermen, not only symbolically, but in the first "Fishers of men."

Some day soon I hope to meet you.

Sincerely yours,
James D. Law.

First Prize

As a minister's son in a divinity school I was unconsciously being shaped into the conventional parson's mold.

Waiving exemption, I enlisted. I found I had enrolled in another school, the courses of which I needed.

The result is that though I would not favor *universal* military training, I so value mine that I would almost approve a year in the Army as a pre-requisite for a theological degree.

I discovered

That intelligence is not a matter of campus experience nor of university degrees.

That essential gentlemanliness is as apt to be found in the immigrant's son as in the college president's.

That because a man appears to be hard-boiled is no evidence that on occasion he may not be as tender as a mother.

That in motive most profanity is an offense against good taste rather than a sin against Deity.

That many virtuous men have foul mouths; that many vicious men are particular even with infinitives.

That a Jew or a Protestant or a Catholic is not to be evaluated by his label, but by the fidelity with which he practices his tenets.

That many a man who claims to have no religion is doing his human best to live "by the faith his lips deny."

That all kind deeds are not done by deacons.

Notes of the Woman's Auxiliary

Two delegates brought reports to the small meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on December 17, and several letters were read and announcements made. The illness of the speaker, Mrs. Dillard, was the cause of regret and disappointment.

Some changes have occurred in the delegation sent from the Parish to the Church House, and it is most important to have regular representation at those meetings so as to bring back information to St. Stephen's Auxiliary. It is an honor and position of trust to be a delegate, and with such representation comes the feeling of responsibility and a deepened interest in the missionary work of the whole Church.

As a matter of record, mention may here be made of the meeting of the Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia on Tuesday, October 13, and their participation in the Supper with the Convocation in the Community House, with a joint attendance of nearly one hundred and twenty.

Mrs. John C. Browne, delegate from St. Stephen's to the Woman's Aid, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of annual contributions for 1926, from the following members. Annual dues to the Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia for January, 1926.

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At our last meeting we filled twenty-five stockings which will be sent to the children at the Hope Day Nursery, and we trust these gifts will give much pleasure to the little ones on Christmas morning. We have also started making some little dresses for these children. We are very grateful for the sewing machine which was sent to us in response to our previous request.

The Young People's Club, through Dr. Grammer, invited Mr. Dooner to the party given to one hundred children and received this very interesting letter in reply.

327 So. 46th St.,
Philadelphia.

Rev. Carl E. Grammer,—

Dear Dr. Grammer,—Please accept my grateful thanks for the invitation to the celebration of the Young People's Club of St. Stephen's, December 30th.

I greatly regret that personally I cannot be present having recently recovered from an attack of the grippe.

The happy recollections of our neighbors, "St. Stephen's," will always remain with my Family and to all employees of Dooner's Hotel who had the privilege of the friendship of the Clergy and members of St. Stephen's Parish.

With best wishes to yourself, the Young People's Club and Members of your Parish for a Happy New Year and a continuously happy year, I am,

Sincerely,
Thomas Francis Dooner.

December 29, 1925.

Mothers' Meeting Sale

A sale of useful and fancy articles, cakes, candies and groceries for the benefit of the Community House, will be held in the Parish House, on Thursday, January 28th, from 3 P. M. to 10 P. M., by the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church.

Will the members and friends of the Congregation kindly send contributions for this Fair to the office.

Memorial Flower Fund, 1926

Jan. 3—Mrs. Lamb.
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24—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.
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Feb. 7—Miss Gebhart.
14—Mrs. Sheble.
21—Miss Gebhart.
28—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 7—Mrs. Brunner.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
28—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.

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4—Easter.
11—Miss Tappen.
18—Mrs. Lamb.
25—Mrs. Sheble.

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11—
18—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
25—

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8—
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22—Miss Thackara.
29—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
12—Miss Powell.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 3—Miss Laura Bell.
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17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Mrs. Keable.
31—

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28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

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12—The Misses Davis.
19—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

Pass It On

When a bit of sunshine hits ye,
After passin' of a cloud
When a fit of laughter gits ye,
An' ye'r spine is feelin' proud
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Vice-President—Mr. James Carrigan.
Secretary—Mrs. Keable.
Treasurer—Miss K. Walter.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock"

Jan. 31—Rodney Morris McCoughin.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Whom God Hath Joined Together Let no Man Put Asunder"

Jan. 2—H. S. McClandlish and Rae W. Taylor.
Jan. 23—Harry A. Krauter and Dorothy Grammer.
Jan. 29—Joseph Shields and May Clark.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the Dead who Die in the Lord"

Dec. 30—Anna Harris Sinclair.
Jan. 13—Harry Gabell.

Mrs. Grammer will be at home, 1008 Clinton Street, after 3 o'clock on Monday afternoons in February.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Annual Report of Librarian—January 1, 1925, to January 1, 1926.

1. Current periodicals sent regularly	102
2. Donors of above current periodicals	42
3. Books, theological and secular	82
4. Odd magazines and papers	1507
5. Christmas and Easter cards	60
6. Picture cards and calendars	207
7. Pictures, games and miscellaneous	8
8. Number of institutions in diocese aided	8

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance on hand	$15.55
Received from Rector	10.00
Received from other sources	112.50
Total	$138.05

Expenditures

Postage and stationery	$16.92
Freight and express	2.68
Books	3.25
Magazine subscriptions	80.05
Annual dues	10.00
Balance on hand	25.15
Total	$138.05

MARY M. ROBERTS, *Librarian.*

OFFERINGS RECEIVED FROM 25th DEC. TO END OF YEAR

Offerings Placed in Alms Basins Exclusive of Envelope System

Parochial Maintenance	$21.11	
Missions	30.19	
Church Farm School for Boys	55.94	
		$107.24

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$11.50	
Parochial Maintenance	57.65	
Missions	384.35	
Theological Education	.05	
Our Work Among Young People	.60	
Benevolent Society	5.10	
Episcopal Hospital	9.75	
S. S. Christmas Festival	22.55	
Domestic Missions	.60	
Community House	.10	
Foreign Missions	10.00	
Colored Missions	.15	
Indian Missions	.60	
Deaconess House	4.95	
Sunday School	2.30	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.60	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.35	
Church Work Fund	4.30	
Church Farm School for Boys	288.45	
		$805.95
		$913.19

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$11.50
Parochial Maintenance	78.76
Missions	414.54
Theological Education	.05
Our Work Among Young People	.60
Benevolent Society	5.10
Episcopal Hospital	9.75
S. S. Christmas Festival	22.55
Domestic Missions	.60
Community House	.10
Foreign Missions	10.00
Colored Missions	.15
Indian Missions	.60
Deaconess House	4.95
Sunday School	2.30
Daily Vacation Bible School	.60
Woman's Auxiliary	2.35
Church Work Fund	4.30
Church Farm School for Boys	344.39
	$913.19

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM 3rd JANUARY TO 17th JANUARY, INCLUSIVE

Offerings Placed in Alms Basins Exclusive of Envelope System

Charities	$30.68	
Parochial Maintenance	26.01	
Foreign Missions	29.10	
		$85.79

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$65.30	
Parochial Maintenance	147.15	
Missions	106.25	
Theological Education	.35	
Our Work Among Young People	.35	
Benevolent Society	8.70	
S. S. Christmas Festival	2.95	
Domestic Missions	.45	
Community House	.80	
Diocesan Missions	.10	
Foreign Missions	40.50	
Colored Missions	.50	
Indian Missions	.35	
Chancel Decorations	.35	
Deaconess House	.95	
Sunday School	1.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.45	
Woman's Auxiliary	.35	
Church Work Fund	.65	
		$377.50
		$463.29

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$95.98	
Parochial Maintenance	173.16	
Missions	106.25	
Theological Education	.35	
Our Work Among Young People	.35	
Benevolent Society	8.70	
S. S. Christmas Festival	2.95	
Domestic Missions	.45	
Community House	.80	
Diocesan Missions	.10	
Foreign Missions	69.60	
Colored Missions	.50	
Indian Missions	.35	
Chancel Decorations	.35	
Deaconess House	.95	
Sunday School	1.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.45	
Woman's Auxiliary	.35	
Church Work Fund	.65	
		$463.29

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENVELOPE SYSTEM, 1925

Offerings Placed in Alms Basins Exclusive of Envelope System

Charities	$314.01	
Parochial Maintenance	322.79	
Missions	481.78	
Benevolent Society	60.18	
Episcopal Hospital	47.86	
S. S. Christmas Festival	23.76	
Domestic Missions	9.01	
Church Farm School for Boys	55.94	
Diocesan Missions	27.41	
Foreign Missions	32.01	
Colored Missions	19.58	
Missionary Box	20.24	
Indian Missions	4.05	
Chancel Decorations	25.21	
Deaconess House	30.48	
Sunday School	29.21	
Daily Vacation Bible School	13.08	
Woman's Auxiliary	14.52	
Church Work Fund	49.14	
National Health Educational Society	22.00	
		$1,602.26

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$1,036.12	
Parochial Maintenance	2,568.54	
Missions	2,675.05	
Outing Fund	.75	
Theological Education	56.99	
Our Work Among Boys	2.70	
Our Work Among Young People	52.95	
Benevolent Society	332.04	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	154.05	
Episcopal Hospital	497.86	
S. S. Christmas Festival	112.61	
Domestic Missions	55.45	
Church Farm School for Boys	409.20	
Community House	80.35	
Diocesan Missions	120.10	
Foreign Missions	67.11	
Colored Missions	113.78	
Missionary Box	52.26	
Indian Missions	51.35	
Chancel Decorations	95.11	
Deaconess House	59.27	
Sunday School	181.67	
Girls' Friendly Society	1.35	
Daily Vacation Bible School	71.91	
Woman's Auxiliary	58.86	
Church Work Fund	145.72	
		$9,053.15
		$10,655.41

As there were no envelopes in 1925 for Outing Fund, Our Work Among Boys' and Girls' Friendly Society, the amounts received for above objects have been applied as follows:

Outing Fund to Missions.

Our Work Among Boys to Our Work Among Young People.

Girls' Friendly Society to Community House.

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$1,350.13	
Parochial Maintenance	2,891.33	
Missions	3,157.58	
Theological Education	56.99	
Our Work Among Young People	55.65	
Benevolent Society	392.22	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	154.05	
Episcopal Hospital	545.72	
S. S. Christmas Festival	136.37	
Domestic Missions	64.46	
Church Farm School for Boys	465.14	
Community House	81.70	
Diocesan Missions	147.51	
Foreign Missions	99.12	
Colored Missions	133.36	
Missionary Box	72.50	
Indian Missions	55.40	
Chancel Decorations	120.32	
Deaconess House	89.75	
Sunday School	210.88	
Daily Vacation Bible School	84.99	
Woman's Auxiliary	73.38	
Church Work Fund	194.86	
National Health Education Society	22.00	
		$10,655.41

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The purpose of this monthly is to prepare the way for the work of the coming month, rather than to record the occurrences of the past month; but there are some incidents of the past month that call for special mention here. The first is the completion of our "Expectation." In 1924 we contributed for causes outside of the Parish about $5,000. For 1925 we were asked to contribute $6,500, but before the last instalment from the envelopes came in, it looked is if we would be $2,200 short. The Vestry assumed the leadership in raising the deficit. The members subscribed $600, and the two wardens, Mr. Morris and Mr. Raspin, made personal canvasses.

By January 18th there was still a deficit, but several members of the Vestry made themselves responsible for it, if it could not be secured from others, and the full amount of our "Expectation" was paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese before the books were closed. Since that date enough subscriptions have come in to meet the deficit completely.

This great success shows what can be done by enthusiasm, loyalty and co-operation. But we ought not to have another such spurt. The right way will be to get to work on this Expectation earlier, and to have it in mind longer. The Vestry has accepted an Expectation of $7000 for 1926. The ideal way to raise this amount would be for everyone to increase the amount in the pocket in the envelope whose contents go for causes outside the Parish. I intend to do this, and I invite other envelope-users to join with me in this method. Others may prefer to make a definite pledge. I hope that the whole matter may be taken up in some way this winter, so that such a drive may not again be necessary. It is manifest we have the money and the loyalty; the only problem is to find the best method to obtain the result.

It was pleasant to learn from Dr. Ancell on January 24th, that Mahan School has secured such a fine position in the educational world in China, and that it will soon be able to re-open with enhanced prestige and with all the inmates that it can accommodate. It was good to hear that the Hall built by St. Stephen's was so useful, and that it had been so much improved in appearance by the porch which was made possible by our supplementary gifts.

Certainly Dr. Ancell's appearance in my pulpit on that Sunday morning was a most opportune help, for I was in no condition to preach a sermon after my youngest daughter's wedding on the previous afternoon. I must embrace this opportunity to thank Mr. Barnes and the choir for the beautiful music on that occasion. It lifted the whole service to a high plane of beauty and dignity. The whole-hearted and friendly interest of the congregation in this great event in my family's life, as shown by their attendance at the ceremony and reception, and their wonderful outpouring of gifts of friendship was most moving, and deeply touched the hearts of Mrs. Grammer and myself, as well as our daughter.

Not unrecorded or unlamented shall our faithful workers pass on to the life beyond the dividing stream of death.

The Benevolent Society lost a faithful cutter, and St. Stephen's a devoted member, in the death of Miss Caroline Hutchinson, who was taken from us in December. Another such worker passed to her reward when Miss Anna Sinclair died. For many years a faithful Sunday School teacher, Miss Sinclair did not allow her increasing years to lessen the fidelity of her attendance upon the services of the church of her loyal devotion. To the last she could be found in her place. During her short illness she left a bequest of five hundred dollars to St. Stephen's. By reason of the time of its writing, this bequest was not valid, but Mr. William S. Ashbrook, her nephew, has notified me that his mother, Mrs. Joseph Ashbrook, will carry out her sister's wishes.

After about eight months of suffering, after many operations, and many sickening alternations of hope and apprehension, Mr. Harry Gabell was delivered on January 13th, from his pains, and passed on to his reward. He was a member of the Confirmation Class of 1924. Through his long sickness he showed unusual fortitude and patience. Wonderful was the grace of God

as shown in his stoutheartedness, and in the marvelous courage and devotion of his wife. May God support and sustain her.

On Wednesday, January 20th, at the High School on Spring Garden Street where she was a teacher, Miss Emma L. Berry made an address in praise of her Alma Mater, Cornell University. Immediately after the address she was taken very ill, and was carried to the Western Homeopathic Hospital, where she died next day. She was buried in her home in New York State, but a service was held for her friends by Mr. McHenry, at 7.30 P. M., on Saturday, the 23rd. Her ill health and her absorbing tasks left her no leisure to devote to church work, but she was a faithful member, and will be missed in the church as well as in the school she served so faithfully.

On March 21st, at the 11 o'clock service we shall have the rite of Confirmation administered. The first meeting of the Confirmation Class will be on Friday, February 5th, at 8 P. M., and there will be regular meetings every Friday from that date to the Confirmation. In these talks the distinctive features of the Protestant Episcopal Church are explained, and the fundamental truths of all the Churches are emphasized. A cordial invitation is given to all who have not yet been confirmed to take this step, and publicly assume the obligations of a follower of Jesus of Nazareth, and of a loyal son of our Heavenly Father. The lectures will close shortly before 9 o'clock.

Any persons who cannot attend at this hour the Rector will be glad to confer with privately, either at their homes, or at the Rector's office.

The Community House attendance for the month of January, up to noon January 27th, and so not including the Fair, the dancing class, etc., was 758. This includes one Sunday School of 120. There are 55 registered members of St. Stephen's Community House Association, outside of the membership through St. Stephen's Church.

The Lenten announcements are as follows:

Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday, Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Feb. 18—Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.

Feb. 19—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

Feb. 20—Rev. Wm. James Cox, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Feb. 22 to 26, inclusive—Rev. J. Howard Melish, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Feb. 27—Rev. James M. Collins, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

March 1 to 5, inclusive—Rev. Murray W. Dewart, Rector of Christ Church, Baltimore, Md.

March 6—Rev. Allen R. Van Meter, Rector of Calvary Church, Germantown.

March 8 to 12, inclusive—Rev. Percy G. Kammerer, Ph.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 13—Rev. Henry B. Kirkland, Pastor-elect of the St. Nicholas Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

March 15 to 19, inclusive—Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.

March 20—Rev. A. H. Haughey, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, Pa.

March 22 to 26, inclusive—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.

March 27—Rev. Harry H. St. Clair Hathaway, Dean of the Pro-Cathedral, Philadelphia.

March 29—Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.

March 30—Rev. Granville Taylor, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

March 31—Rt. Rev. Frank Du Moulin, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

April 1 and 2—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S. T. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church.

April 3—Rev. J. L. Hady, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pa.

All these speakers have proved themselves to be prophetic teachers, men with a message for the times. I renew my request that the men of the congregation make a special effort to be present on Wednesdays and Fridays, and assist in taking up the offerings.

On February 7th and 8th, the Philadelphia Branch of the National Church League will hold a Conference at St. Stephen's. A registration fee is asked of $1.00. All registered attendants are invited to the luncheon on Tuesday. The clergy of the city are providing hospitality for clergy from a distance. The Hospitality Committee is the Rev. Frank Goostray, Rev. Stanley R. West, and the Rev. A. J. Arkin, Chairman. The meeting is entitled a Conference of Liberalism, and is intended primarily for the clergy of the Province of Washington and parts adjacent.

PROGRAM

Monday, Feb. 8, in St. Stephen's Community House

3.00 P. M.—Welcome Remarks.

3.30 P. M.—Liberalism and Anglo-Catholicism, Rev. E. Clowes Chorley, D.D.

4.30 P. M.—Liberalism and Evangelicalism, Rev. Karl Reiland, L.L.D., D.D.

8.30 P. M.—Liberalism and Modernism, Rev. Geo. C. Foley, D.D.

Liberalism and Mysticism, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, in St. Stephen's Church

9.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

11.00 A. M.—Liberalism and Church Legislation, Rev. A. G. Cummins, D.D., Litt. D.

12.00 A. M.—Liberalism and Social and Political Reform, Rev. C. G. Twombly, D.D.

1.00 P. M.—St. Stephen's Church gives a luncheon to all registered attendants at the conference.

2.30 P. M.—Business Meeting and Arrangements for the next Conference. Toasts and Speeches.

4.30 P. M.—Adjournment.

There will be opportunity for brief discussions after each paper.

I hope that it will be a great success and am gratified that we can hold it at St. Stephen's.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Budget for Maintenance

When the Vestry was discussing St. Stephen's Expectation, it was the general opinion that people would give more liberally, if they knew where their gifts were going. Here is the Diocesan Budget for Maintenance:

BUDGET FOR MAINTENANCE

A. Diocesan Maintenance

1. Department of Missions

(1) Convocational Missions:		
a. Germantown	$8,160.26	
b. Chester	13,845.85	
c. Norristown	3,909.55	
d. North Philadelphia	5,885.48	
e. South Philadelphia	720.00	
f. West Philadelphia	2,263.75	
		$34,784.89
(2- Racial Work:		
a. Italian	$5,661.00	
b. Polish	3,050.00	
c. Jewish	3,210.00	
d. Colored	7,032.00	
		$18,953.00
(3) Chaplains:		
a. Galilee Mission	$1,290.00	
b. State College	537.50	
c. Mont Alto	348.30	
		$2,175.80
(4) Diocesan Missionaries and Archdeacons		$8,492.50
Total for Department of Missions		$64,406.19

2. Department of Religious Education

(1) Normal Schools	$1,000.00	
(2) Church Sch. and Ser. L.	1,240.00	
(3) Other Commissions	100.00	
(4) Secretary	4,000.00	
	$6,340.00	
Less income	465.00	
Total for Department of Religious Education		$5,875.00

3. Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions.

(1) Phila. Fed. of Churches	$500.00	
(2) Central Council Dioceses in Penna.	160.00	
(3) Delegates to Confs.	200.00	
(4) Light and Repairs	420.00	
(5) Extra Workers	200.00	
Total for St. John's House		$3,500.00
16. Seamen's Church Institute—Salary.		$3,762.50
17. City Mission.		
(1) Missionaries	$13,530.20	
(2) Chaplain's Department	2,400.00	
Total for the City Mission		$15,930.20
18. Church Farm School		$30.000.00
19. Episcopal Hospital		45,000.00
Total for Diocesan Maintenance		$231,695.14
B. National Council for Maintenance		316,800.00
Total Maintenance Budget to be Apportioned in Quotas		*548,495.14

FORWARD WORK

Diocesan

Collingdale ($10,000.00)	
New Lot in Germantown. Reducing mortgages guaranteed by Council	25,000.00
National Council	25,000.00

Woman's Auxiliary

Mr. and Mrs. Ancell were guests of the Woman's Auxiliary at the January meeting. Each made a short address about their work in China. Mr. Ancell spoke concerning Mahan School and Mrs. Ancell told of her work among the women. She thinks there is no work so worth while as the evangelization of China, because the people are so wonderful and their population constitutes one-fourth of the people of the earth.

It is a great regret that more women of the congregation do not come to the Auxiliary and learn what a small group, with concerted effort, can do.

The delegates bring wonderful reports from their committee meetings at the Church House where appeals come in and where the women set about to fulfill them.

The range of accomplishment is wide: a magazine is sent regularly to a missionary in the Philippines; quilt pieces are sent to a little group of Indian women in the far West; a well is dug for some struggling mission worker, or a house is built. Sometimes it is a dormitory or a church. And when the letters come from all these people acknowledging the efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary, they warm the heart.

Young People's Club Bazaar

The Bazaar given by the Young People's Club on November 20th and 21st, was a great success. The proceeds seem to be an endless stream as we received two checks this week, but I think we must make a report, so any money coming after this date will be held for next Fall, when we hope to have another fair.

Our gross proceeds were $1,513.59; expenses $440.19, leaving a total gain of $1,073.40. We will use $500 for our charity work, and the balance for equipping our club with dishes, silver, linen, kitchenware, etc., the remainder to go to the Community House.

The Club wishes to thank the congregation for their support, without which we could not have made such a success.

Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder,
President.

LETTER FROM JAPAN

St. Margaret's School,
Takaido-mura, Tokyo, Japan,
January 1, 1926.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of December 3rd, and the postal order for $42.00, both of which came to my hand in due time. The money reached me most opportunely, for we Japanese are in special need of money at the end of the year, so I was all the more grateful.

I trust the little picture of the piano and the letter which my daughter wrote you in September, I think, safely reached you. Just now she is working on the book called Czerny. As you say, I hope the day will come when she may be called to play at the radio station, so that you may be able to hear, but I am afraid that is not very certain, as there are so many better musicians than she in Tokyo.

How I wish I were in Philadelphia to hear Dr. Major. I always admire him very much. What the liberals need is exactly what you say on the subject, and I am glad that such a book as the Liberal Evangelican has come out. I have read so many favorable comments on the book, and your article in the Chronicle, for which I thank you most heartily, makes the book so attractive that I expect to get the book as soon as possible.

Eleven girls of St. Margaret's were baptized on December 20th, the fourth Sunday in Advent. On the Christmas Eve we had a Christmas entertainment of the school. Girls recited English Psalms, sang carols in English, had an English play entitled, "The Spirit of Christmas," and a Japanese classical comedy, "Radio," an original piece by one of our teachers

The school gave its Christmas offering Yen 300 toward the Japan's apportionment in the Board's plan to pay off the deficit.

All this made our Christmas a very joyful season.

I write this on the New Year's Eve. The whole city is just as busy and beautiful as a Christmas Eve in America. Every store is decorated; accounts are being settled; the New Year's purchases are made and presents are exchanged. One modern intolerable task in Japan at this season is to address hundreds and thousands of cards of New Year's greetings. I have sent out four hundred of them but expect to answer two hundred more when the New Year postal deliveries bring in my friends' cards of the same import.

From this time on I write on the New Year's Day. The world is completely changed. Absolute calm reigns over the capital. The national flag is put out at every door or gate, which is decorated with pines and bamboos. After eating their time-honored New Year's food, the stewed glutinous rice cakes, etc., people dressed in their best begin to make their New Year calls. Hundreds and thousands resort to the shrine of the late Emperor or some Buddhist temples to pay their earliest respect of the year and ask blessings on themselves and their own families.

Girls play shuttle-cock and battle-dore and boys fly their inevitable kites. Young men and women play *Uta-Karuta*, the classical poem-card game. Theatres and movies are crowded, while the well-to-do people dash off to the fashionable seashore or mountain places of pleasure to spend the three New Year's days—we have three days instead of one, as in America.

My wife and daughter most heartily join me in sending you very sincere New Year wishes and the kindest regards. Will you kindly remember me most cordially to Mrs. Grammer?

Very sincerely yours,
J. H. Kobayashi.

The Sunday School

Mr. Carrigan, our Verger, tells us that the night of our Christmas Festival, Tuesday, December 29th, 1925, he put all the available chairs, 410, in the Auditorium, besides 15 or more people stood. We had fifty in the play, so that all together we had 475 present, when we presented, after six weeks of strenuous rehearsal, our Musical Christmas Play of "Happiness." Of course, all in the play were made happy by the hearty reception given to the performance. We are more than grateful to all who so kindly assisted us, particularly Mr. Sparks for his beautiful scenery and Mr. Clarke who with our young men produced such fine effects with it. As an accompanist, Helen Patman pleased and surprised us all. The nigtt was fine and the players in fine fettle. The good spirit that prevailed and the voluntary consecration of all that took part, successfully carried our Christian Christmas Spirit that we wished to convey and incidentally tell the Road to Happiness. Below we give its outline with thankful appreciation to all who took part.

Marriage has taken two teachers from us recently, Miss Nodine and Miss Grammer, whom we sincerely wish all happiness and success; others will take their places and help us fulfill our mission. The immediate call is the bringing of scholars to Confirmation, and we believe we will have the usual good class to present to the Rector.

Faithfully yours,
George H. Streaker, Sup't.

"HAPPINESS"

Under Direction of the Supt., G. H. Streaker

Pianist, H. Patman.
Dances, E. M. Pletsch.

Act 1, Scene 2—A Dutch Kitchen—The Dream.
Act 1, Scene 2—Wonderland Woods—Christmas Eve, on the Road to Happiness.
Act 2—The Land of Happiness—Up by the Moon, at Christmas Time.

CHARACTERS

Prologue—Lillian Reed.
Princes and Pages.
A Mother from Amsterdam—Gladys Leupold.
Leisel, Her Oldest Daughter—Edna Sturm.
Elsa—Her Youngest Daughter—Eleanor Beckley.
Karl and Rudolph, Young Hollanders—Rob Beckley and Jack Givogasian.
Pellsnickell, a Mythical Old Man—E. M. Trainer.
Old Knight of Good Fellowship—Santa in Disguise.
Happy Habit, Whom We All Should Be—Florence Allison.
Waifs of the Woods—Adelaide Mastick and Elsie Martin.
The Old Witch of Hate—Flo Myers.
Queen of Happiness—Gertrude Allison.
Fairy of Love—Helen Swift.
Blue Bird Fairies—Children from Burd School.
Maids of Amsterdam—Violet Kuhn, Sarah Donoghue, Marion Forbes, Grace Williams, Marion Shoemaker, Anna Sturm and Ruby Verrell.
Garland Girls—Ivy Perry, Mary Pointer and others.
North Wind, That Gives a Winter Storm—E. M. Trainer, Virginia Reed and Bartina Lynch.
Aurora Borealis, Goddess of the Night—Helen Swift.
Maidens of the Moon—Little Burd Girls.
Raphael, the Artist, Who Paints and Gives Life to the Nations—Dolly Glendenning.
Nations Brought to Life by Raphael—Norway, Gladys Leupold; England, Dris Curtis; Ireland, Lindsey Barnett; Japan, Virginia Reed; France, V. Reed and L. Barnett; Spain, Frances Seighman; an Ancient Greek, Grace Williams; an East Indian, Alice Atkinson; Man-in-the-Moon, Elsie Martin, and others.
Animals and Giants in Wonderland Woods—Ralph Pettit, Thos. Kenny, John Killip, Rose Stevenson, John Bell and others.
America, the Goddess of Liberty—Marion Shoemaker.
Santa Claus, as Usual—G. H. Streaker.
The Spirit of America, with a Message to the Queen of Happiness.

"GOD BLESS EVERY-ONE"
and
May you all find the good road to HAPPINESS

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church Whatsoever Circle

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

We are planning to have our annual cake and candy sale on Friday evening, February 26th, from 5 until 10, in the Community House. Donations of any kind will be greatly appreciated, and we hope all our friends will come to our sale and help us make our evening both pleasant and profitable.

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14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Sheble.
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18—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
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15—Mrs. Love.
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19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

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17—Mrs. Sheble.
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21—Miss Eisenbrey.
28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 5—Mrs. Sheble.
12—The Misses Davis.
19—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.

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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. M. Brantley Ellis, 1717 Packard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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There is an urgent request for a missionary box of second-hand clothing in good condition, to be sent to the Rev. I. I. Hewitt, Columbus, Ga., for all ages, including men, women, boys and girls. Please send articles, including shoes, to St. Stephen's Parish, marked care of Mrs. Benjamin Reath, as soon as possible. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Report of Mothers' Meeting Fair

The Mothers' Meeting takes pleasure in reporting the result of the Sale held on Thursday, January 28th, as $200.00, which will be turned over to Dr. Grammer for the Community House.

Thanks are due the members of the congregation who so generously responded to the appeal to help the Mothers make their Sale a success.

Mrs. Grammer will be at home, 1008 Clinton Street, after 3 o'clock on Monday afternoons in March.

Offerings Collected from 24th January to 21st February, 1926, inclusive.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$32.10	
Parochial Maintenance	26.83	
Missions	154.57	
Diocesan Missions	13.71	
Missionary Box	4.15	
		$231.36

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$95.55	
Parochial Maintenance	248.16	
Missions	199.48	
Theological Education	.15	
Our Work Among Young People	.40	
Benevolent Society	2.60	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	.50	
Episcopal Hospital	.25	
S. S. Christmas Festival	3.40	
Domestic Missions	.15	
Christmas Day Offering	.25	
Community House Debt	1.30	
Diocesan Missions	67.22	
Foreign Missions	10.20	
Colored Missions	1.20	
Missionary Box	25.04	
Indian Missions	.15	
Chancel Decorations for Altar Society	1.05	
Deaconess House	.50	
Sunday School	2.45	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.15	
Woman's Auxiliary	.50	
Church Work Fund	1.40	
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RECAPITULATION

Charities	$127.65	
Parochial Maintenance	274.99	
Missions	354.05	
Theological Education	.15	
Our Work Among Young People	.40	
Benevolent Society	2.60	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	.50	
Episcopal Hospital	.25	
S. S. Christmas Festival	3.40	
Domestic Missions	.15	
Christmas Day Offering	.25	
Community House Debt	1.30	
Diocesan Missions	80.93	
Foreign Missions	10.20	
Colored Missions	1.20	
Missionary Box	29.19	
Indian Missions	.15	
Chancel Decorations for Altar Society	1.05	
Deaconess House	.50	
Sunday School	2.45	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.15	
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The chief event of last month was the Liberal Conference. It was a greater success than I had anticipated, though I was all along, in spite of my inability to secure a Biship for the Communion Service on Tuesday, sanguine that it would not be a failure. Both "The Churchman," and the "Southern Churchman" publish laudatory accounts of its proceedings. Here is an extract from the editorial in "The Churchman":

"Altogether about one hundred and fifty of the liberal clergy went to the conference at Philadelphia. Some acknowledged that they had come filled with doubt as to the wisdom of holding such a series of meetings. 'I confess,' said one person, making a typical remark, 'I was afraid that there would be bitterness and partisanship. What impressed me was the utter lack of any such thing; instead, there was a religious spirit which I have never seen surpassed in any group. I now see the value of organization. If the public could have looked in on the sessions, it would have a quite different conception of Liberals, and the things for which they stand.'

"The number of those attending the conference was necessarily limited. It was not intended to be a national but rather a regional gathering. It was not intended to be a spectacular gesture, and wasn't. Dr. Grammer, rector of St. Stephen's Church, and his Vestry, who financed the conference, and who have invited Liberals to a similar conference next year, have done a gracious and constructive piece of service."

From the long and enthusiastic report in the "Southern Churchman," which gives an abstract of each of the six papers, I select this characterization of the spirit of the gathering:

"Every man present felt that he breathed the atmosphere of high adventure. The face of every man there shone with the assurance that he had come into an inheritance of the promise of God; and that some impulse, clear as the call of God to Abraham, impelled him to go out by faith into a place which he should after receive for his own; and that he went out, not knowing whither he went, but certain of the Voice that called and the Light that lit the path. Every man knew that by his presence he would be labeled 'dangerous' by a large body of the Church. One speaker, in the midst of a speech that glowed with loyalty to the truth as it is in Jesus, declared: 'It is fine to talk to you men, for I know that when you came here you blocked forever every road to preferment, and destroyed for ever every hidden hope of becoming a Bishop.' As he said this we thought of what Edmund Burke had said on a great occasion in Parliament: 'I know the map of England as well as any man here present, and I know that the road I am taking does not lead to preferment.'"

These remarks doubtless hold true of some of the clergy in the more conservative dioceses in the Province, but I can not think that any clergyman in the diocese of Pennsylvania felt that he was doing any thing particularly courageous in attending the Conference. Bishop Garland wrote me that he would gladly have made the Communion Address if he had not made all his arrangements before he received the invitation to spend the week elsewhere in special preparation for Lent.

We shall have plenty of time now to prepare for the Conference of next year. I doubt whether we ever can

"recapture
The first fine careless rapture"

the sense of adventure which Dr. Dunn, the Editor of "The Southern Churchman" felt so strongly. But we can have papers, that may perhaps be valuable contributions to current religious thought, worthy to be

gathered into a volume. For example, we might take up the question of the New Testament Miracles. People do not accept Christianity to-day, because of the miracles recorded in the gospel; they are convinced either by the fruits of Christianity, or the moral truths of Christianity, or the mystical experience that the Gospel has produced, or by the weight of authority, and common sense reasoning. I am reading a brilliant course of lectures in which an eminent professor of theology undertakes to prove the truth of Christianity without any appeal to miracles. But the question is worth considering, how much of Christianity would be left if the miracles are all eliminated as parables, or legends, or allegories? Strike out all those stories of miracles and how much would we really know of Jesus? What right would we have to say that He went about doing good? Is such treatment of the miracles historically justifiable? No scholar doubts the Pauline authorship of Galatians. St. Paul refers in that epistle to miracles, as a recognized accompaniment of the gospel message. The same is true of Corinthians. There is no sound philosophical objection to the occurrence of a miracle. It is not a credential of a religious teacher that is unworthy of God, or of man. Science, of course, strenuously objects to miracles. Science also strenuously objects to the freedom of the will, and the creative power of personality. The whole endeavor of science is to make man a mere effect of pre-ceding causes, and to treat his sense of freedom as a delusion. If we do not correct science by philosophy, we shall be accepting the crass view of Darrow, that criminals ought not to be blamed or punished for their crimes, since there is really no such thing as moral accountability. For my part I hold that philosophy is here wiser than science. I hold also that the question of miracles is a question of evidence, and I find the accounts of the miracles of Jesus and His resurrection in the earliest Christian records. I cannot understand how faith in a crucified malefactor could have arisen in Judaea, or spread through the Roman Empire, unless there were, as in Philippi, and Ephesus according to the record, some miracles, and I note that at Athens, where Paul worked no miracle, he made small impression. It seems to me reasonable that miracles should accompany the origin of the new gospel before the appeal to fruits was possible, and I can see good reason, when these collective fruits had been garnered in, why the miracles should not be continued. Without some great purpose, miracles would, in their frequent occurrence, show God deficient in system and foresight, and a partial and undependable ruler of the universe.

It seems to me that it might be worth while to make either Miracles, or Sacraments the chief topic of the next Sexagesima Conference. It could be pointed out which miracles lack evidence, which miracles are clearly later growths, which are part of the primitive faith, and also and this is very important, what are the limitations of science in discussing this question.

For my own part I think most men of science are totally ignorant of philosophy, and have no realization that methods of analysis suitable enough for the realm of causes and effects, are not adequate for what has been well named the realm of ends, the realm where the will is moved not by causes, but by reasons, and decides not by past influences alone, but under the influence of ideals which lie in the future. I think it would be fine to have a conference on miracles, their place in Christianity, and from the point of view of Philosophy and History and Science. To my mind, the chief difference between Liberals and Modernists, is in their attitude toward miracles. The Modernist is abjectly submissive to the scientific point of view; the Liberal is more philosophical.

The Lunch on Tuesday was attended by

117 persons—some of our guests could not remain that long. It was a great occasion. It was most refreshing to see how the clergy enjoyed meeting like-minded men, and how they "tasted," as Ian Maclaren would say, the good things of the speakers. I ought to add that there was a general desire that the papers should be published. It was felt, however, that it would be wise to use them first at similar conferences, and in seminaries, if opportunity could be secured, before giving them permanent form.

By the time that this monthly is issued you will probably have in your hands an appeal from the Committee of the Vestry in regard to our meeting the Expectation in 1926. I hope that we may have a general response. I am proud of the record of the Parish for 1925. Never in all the years of my rectorship, and I make bold to say never in all the years before my day, has the Parish given so much for outside causes. In old days, when the Church had a much larger and richer membership, there was no such system, and no such sense of responsibility for the general work as is abroad to-day.

I do not see how people who claim to be seriously endeavoring to lead the Christian life, can assume the attitude of irresponsibility, and act and speak as if they had no duty in helping the Church in which they are members, to carry out its programme. Loyalty is one of the largest elements in religion—loyalty to our family, to the State, and to the Church, all ought to be found in a follower of Jesus. You are entitled to your rector's loyalty. You would have a right to think me a poor rector if I were harping on the faults of individual members of my congregation, or speaking to outsiders of what I considered the faults of my people. Of course, there are times when the rector ought to reprove, rebuke and testify to the truth with all courage. It is his duty to teach and not to try to win the plaudits of his people. Instruction that does not awake emotion is apt to be fruitless, but emotion that is not based on sound instruction is either evanescent or fanatical. On the other hand a rector is entitled to the loyalty of his people. Little can be done when the crew wants to lay the course, instead of trusting the navigating officer. Popular rule here means shipwreck. The right use of democracy is to seek out and then stand by a leader. I attribute the great success of last year, in raising money, to the increasing loyalty of the congregation, loyalty to me as the rector, loyalty to Bishop Garland as the head of the diocese, loyalty to the Church, as the means of bringing in the Kingdom of God, and spreading the knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus.

I am particularly grateful to the Vestry for its cooperation in raising the Expectation, and I appreciate the way in which the committee is seeking to systematize our giving.

Our greatest need is to get more people to take the envelopes. It would be fine if we could bring the number up to 300. I wonder if this could be accomplished?

While I write the report of the contributions of the churches of the Diocese lies before me. It is, indeed, most gratifying to see St. Stephen's marked with the asterisk that indicates the parishes that have met their Expectations.

Here is our standing:

*St. Stephen's, Philadelphia: Expectation, $6500; payments on expectations, $6500.03; forward work, $250; specials, $1260.00; total, $8,010.03. Through accounting wardens, $5,734.52; other sources, $2,275.51.

It is a special gratification to have such a large proportion pass through the hands of the Accounting Warden. This means that it is given through the plate or envelopes and comes from the congregation as a whole.

I notice that one congregation that contributed far more than we—about $17,500—contributed only about $2,000 of this through the wardens. Of course, that means that a few rich people gave the rest directly to the Diocese and ignored the Parish. Such a report as that is a sign of great weakness in the congregation as a whole. I am hopeful that we can raise $7,000 next year by system, and hope that the great bulk of it will pass through the Church's treasury.

We sustained the loss of a regular attendant and faithful supporter in the sudden death of Miss Emma L. Berry. Miss Berry's ill health for years and her arduous duties as a teacher of Latin in the High School prevented her from taking much part in the Church's activities, but she was one of our most loyal and faithful members, deeply interested in religion, profoundly sympathetic with her Rector and the St. Stephen's spirit, and conscientiously helpful of the cause. Her envelopes were all faithfully paid up till the time of her death.

I had the privilege of paying tribute to her memory in a brief service on February 26th at the High School at 17th and Spring Garden Streets, where she was one of the staff. Would that we could have more members in St. Stephen's of the influential class to which Miss Berry belonged. It is, indeed, an honor to have, as we have, some five or six high school teachers on our roll.

The Confirmation Class meets on Saturday in the Vestry Room from 8 to 8.45. But the Rector would be glad to have private interviews with any who cannot attend at that time. Confirmation will be at 11 o'clock on the morning of March 21st. May God bless our Church and make us a recruiting station for His army.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to M. Brantley Ellis, 1717 Packard Bldg.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY

St. Stephen's Aid Society will hold its usual meetings on Friday mornings during Lent, at 10 o'clock, in the Parish House. The making of baby garments should appeal to every woman and we are asking the women of the congregation to help us with their interest and co-operation.

E. K. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Lenten Speakers

March 8 to 12, inclusive—Rev. Percy G. Kammerer, Ph.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 13—Rev. Henry B. Kirkland, Pastor-elect of the St. Nicholas Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

March 15 to 19, inclusive—Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.

March 20—Rev. A. H. Haughey, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, Pa.

March 22 to 26, inclusive—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.

March 27—Rev. Harry H. St. Clair Hathaway, Dean of the Pro-Cathedral, Philadelphia.

March 29—Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.

March 30—Rev. Granville Taylor, Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia.

March 31—Rt. Rev. Frank Du Moulin, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

April 1 and 2—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church.

April 3—Rev. J. L. Hady, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Pa.

All these speakers have proved themselves to be prophetic teachers, men with a message for the times. I renew my request that the men of the congregation make a special effort to be present on Wednesdays and Fridays, and assist in taking up the offering.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Woodward, the newly elected President of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, was the speaker at the February meeting at St. Stephen's Branch.

Two new efforts were emphasized by Mrs. Woodward which she hoped would be taken up vigorously. Each parish is urged to have an appointed person to enlarge the subscription list of the Spirit of Missions, that more members may be educated and interested in missions. Mrs. Frank H. Whiting was appointed to the work.

The second objective is to have shut-in intercessors in each parish.

The next meeting will be held March 18th at 11 o'clock.

On a preaching trip to Doylestown I noticed a stone bridge over a stream, which suggested the following lines:

THE TWO STREAMS

Through white meadows flows the dark stream
  Ice-encrusted are its sides—
Underneath a massive stone bridge
  Ceaselessly the current glides.

O'er the bridge a highway passes,
  Three low arches bear its weight.
In the rushing-eddying waters,
  Stand their pillars, fixed as fate.

Yet how fast-bound are those waters,
  Tho they seem so wild and free
As they dash against the pillars
  Hurrying to the restless sea.

Tho they flood the farmer's meadows,
  Float his hay stacks, drown his stock,
Waves by law are just as close bound
  As the never-shifting rock.

How diverse the stream the bridge bears!
  Stream of human hopes and fears,
Flowing from Creation's morning
  To the day beyond the year.

Leaning on the bridge's low wall
  Mutual faith, fond lovers vow;
O'er it pass the funeral mourners,
  Plowmen weary from the plow.

Postmen, salesmen, hucksters, housewives,
  Children on their way to school;
Some to fail in life's stern struggle,
  Some to climb to seats of rule.

Upward, downward flow these currents
  As rules will or circumstance;
Some mount upward o'er obstructions,
  Some whirl round in aimless dance.

Strong the force that draws the waters
  From their spring-heads to the sea
Stronger far this wilder current,
  Life of our humanity.

Far through space the waters travel
  From their sources to the sea
Swift through time the life-stream hastens
  Speeding to Eternity.

Wondrous streams from wondrous fountains!
  Wondrous course to wondrous goal!
Wondrous is the whole creation.
  Wondrous most the human soul!

CARL E. GRAMMER.

January 10, 1926.

FRIENDSHIP

The only way to have a friend is to be one.—*R. W. Emerson.*

It is more disgraceful to distrust than to be deceived by our friends.—*Rochefoucauld.*

There is no folly equal to that of throwing away friendship in a world where friendship is so rare.—*Bulwer-Lytton.*

I count myself in nothing else so happy as in rememb'ring my good friends.—*Shakespeare.*

Sincerity, truth, faithfulness come into the very essence of friendship.—*Channing.*

Be what your friends think you are; avoid being what your enemies say you are; go right forward and be happy.—*M. M. Pomeroy.*

He that does a base thing in zeal for a friend, burns the golden thread that ties their hearts together.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

It is well that there is no one without a fault, for he would not have a friend in the world.—*Wm. Hazlitt.*

Friendship is a thing most necessary to life; since without friends no one would choose to live, though possessed of all other advantages.—*Aristotle.*

Suspicion is the bane of friendship.—*Petrarch.*

Do good to thy friend to keep him, to thy enemy to gain him.—*Benj. Franklin.*

Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.—*Rabbi Hillel.*

Frien'ship don't depend on age, but on the kind of a feller you are. A man should keep a boy's heart, an' he'll make fren's like a boy, I don't care how long his whiskers are, ner how gray.—*Judson Kempton.*

A real friend is one who will tell you of your faults and follies in prosperity, and assist you with his hand and heart in adversity.—*Horace Smith.*

Every man will be thy friend while thou hast wherewith to spend.—*Shakespeare.*

Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or to keep one.—*Robt. E. Lee.*

The holy passion for friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime if not asked to lend money.—*Mark Twain.*

To preserve a friend three things are necessary: to honor him present, praise him absent, and assist him in his necessities.—*Italian Proverb.*

You may depend upon it that he is a good man whose friends are all good and whose enemies are characters decidedly bad.—*Lavater.*

There is nothing so great that I fear to do for my friend, nor nothing so small that I will disdain to do for him.—*Sir Philip Sidney.*

Tormented sorely by the chastening rod,
I muttered to myself—"There is no God."
But, faithful friend, I found your soul so true,
That God revealed Himself in giving you.
—*Walter Maline.*

Few people give themselves time to be friends.—*Robert Southey.*

A friendship will be young after the lapse of half a century; a passion is old at the end of three months.—*Madam Swetchine.*

Friendship is to be purchased only by friendship. A man may have authority over others, but he can never have their hearts but by giving his own.—*Thomas Wilson.*

So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—*Robt. Louis Stevenson.*

We touch God's hand whene'er we clasp a friend's.—*Olive Tilford Dargan.*

The cure for all this world's distress
Is found in simple friendliness.
—*John Jarvis Holden.*

I don't meddle with what my friends believe or reject, any more than I ask whether they are rich or poor.—*James Russell Lowell.*

Who talks of a common friendship? There is no such thing in the world. On earth no word is more sublime.—*Henry Drummond.*

Fate can nothing better send
Than a true and loyal friend.
—*Julius Steger.*

He has lived well and happy who has lived in the hearts of his friends.—*Christ. Bannister.*

No matter how far or heavy the load,
Sweet is the journey on friendship's road.
—*J. B. Downie.*

Friendship is precious, not only in the shade but in the sunshine of life; and, thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things, the greater part of life is sunshine.—*Thos. Jefferson.*

The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one.—*Seneca.*

Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives and remembering what one receives.—*Dumas fils.*

There is in friendship something of all relation and something above them all. It is the golden thread that ties the hearts of all the world.—*John Evelyn.*

My coat and I live comfortably together. It has assumed all of my wrinkles, does not hurt me anywhere, has moulded itself on my deformities, and is complacent to all my movements, and I only feel its presence because it keeps me warm. Old coats and old friends are the same thing.—*Victor Hugo.*

Every man should have a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

When true friends meet in adverse hour,
'Tis like a sunbeam through a shower.
—*Sir Walter Scott.*

To Mrs. Browning's question as to what was the secret of life, Charles Kingsley replied "I had a friend."

A friend that you have to buy won't be worth what you pay for him, no matter what that might be.—*Geo. D. Prentice.*

To be rich in friends is to be poor in nothing.—*Lilian Whiting.*

Memorial Flower Fund, 1926

Jan. 3—Mrs. Lamb.
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31—Miss Gregg.

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14—Mrs. Sheble.
21—Miss Gebhart.
28—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 7—Mrs. Brunner.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
28—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.

April 1—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
4—Easter.
11—Miss Tappen.
18—Mrs. Lamb.
25—Mrs. Sheble.

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9—Miss Townsend.
13—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
16—Mrs. Higham.
23—Whitsunday.
30—Mrs. Woodward.

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27—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

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18—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
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Aug. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—
15—Mrs. Love.
22—Miss Thackara.
29—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
12—Miss Powell.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 3—Miss Laura Bell.
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17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Mrs. Keable.
31—

Nov. 1—Mr. James M. Arrison, 3rd, and Mrs. J. R. Shellenberger.
7—Girls' Friendly Society.
14—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
21—Miss Eisenbrey.
28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 5—Mrs. Sheble.
12—The Misses Davis.
19—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

St. Stephen's Community Dance Club had a record attendance of 52 at their third dance, held February 11th, in the Community House.

Owing to the kindly co-operation of Dr. Grammer and Mrs. D. R. Harper, it has been made possible to hold these dances on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

A hearty welcome is extended to all who wish to join us in these dances.

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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Every Wednesday
Organ Recital—12 to 12.30.
Noonday Community Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. M. Brantley Ellis, 1717 Packard Building, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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The offering on April 11th will be for the benefit of the Benevolent Society.

It is earnestly hoped that the church members will co-operate with us by making generous contributions, thus enabling us to continue our winter's work.

The following letter is one of many received from the different hospitals expressing their appreciation for the help given them.

Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia

March 11th, 1926.

Miss Isabel P. Davis, Secretary,
St. Stephen's Church Benevolent Society,
10th above Chestnut Street,
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My dear Miss Davis:

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Missionary Box	12.20	
Chancel Decorations	35.00	
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Sunday School	.75	
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Missions	248.25	
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Our Work Among Young People	.25	
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Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

One of our chief attractions is undoubtedly our beautiful music. From its very foundation St. Stephen's has stood for an alliance between art and religion. It was, perhaps, the chief defect of the Evangelical movement, that in its effort to exalt religion to its rightful dominion over life, it neglected our aesthetic needs and often treated our yearnings for beauty and culture as worldly aspirations. It may be that this attitude was inevitable in a missionary enterprise's initial stages. But certainly it was in the long run a great injury to the educational influence of the Church and unnecessarily antagonized powerful instincts and aspirations. When St. Andrew's was founded in 1823 to express the Evangelical spirit and become a great source of religious influence, St. Stephen's was built a few squares away to supplement the Evangelical message by greater attention to the aesthetics of worship. St. Andrew's facade was on classic lines, a modification of Greco-Roman architecture to meet the needs of Christianity, but St. Stephen's sought to emphasize our indebtedness to the ages before the Reformation by adopting a modified form of the Gothic; its battlemented towers, its pointed arches all being regarded in that day of classical architecture in the Churches as quite a return to the atmosphere of the Middle Ages. It is very extraordinary that this preference for the Gothic did not show itself in the memorial tablet of the first rector, Dr. Montgomery. We have a fine example of a Gothic memorial in the canopy over the bust of Dr. Ducachet, but Dr. Montgomery's tablet with its torches is a modification of the pagan memorials.

But this was only a momentary aberration or lapse, the general policy of the Church was to associate Christianity with the Arts, and to bring into prominence the important contribution that the Arts have received from Christianity. St. Stephen's was a Church where religion was on good terms with the Arts; the Church with Gothic Architecture and beautiful highly cultured music.

When the new organ was given about 18 years ago, some people desired to have it built in the south-east corner of the Church and the choir transferred to the east end. I felt that from an historical and antiquarian point of view it was highly inexpedient to change either the doors of the pews or the position of the choir. It seemed to me that it was best to keep as far as possible the general arrangement that prevailed in the Churches built in the first quarter of the 19th Century, arrangements that would in time gain historic interest. So I persuaded the Vestry to keep the organ and the choir in the west gallery. I have no doubt that the Vestry was influenced by a statement which I obtained from Dean Hodges of the Cambridge Seminary, whom I consulted as to the present English tendency in such matters. The Dean advised me that the expert opinion in England favored taking the choirs out of the Chancel, where they distract the attention of the congregation from the minister, and placing them at a greater distance from the congregation, so that the various musical parts might be heard in the right proportions. This opinion concided with my own and endorsed the line of action that our peculiar conditions made expedient for many reasons. I confess that I accepted it entirely on the Dean's authority and in my own experience of English Churches saw no proof of its accuracy.

But the Dean knew the mind of the experts. In the last number of "The Modern Churchman," Canon Leslie Hunter has an article on Music in Worship in which he gives as one of the reasons why choirs do not make congregations sing—the position of the choirs. "They are in the wrong position," he writes. "If a choir is cooped up in a narrow medieval Chancel, as choirs have been since the Oxford Movement, they can not make a congregation sing. To lead congregational singing, choir and organ should be behind the congregation."

I have heard some people speak of the location of our choir as a defect. Let such critics take note of this expert opinion. We have the choir and organ in the right place. Why can't people appreciate rightly their advantages? No music-lover will sit forward in a Church, that has the Choir in the Chancel. Those front seats are made by that arrangement musically undesirable. A high pulpit also makes these seats undesirable for hearers who want to see the speaker as well as hear him. Yet we persist in arrangements that have a tendency to keep the people far away from the front and then wonder that the people won't take the front seats and will force the preacher to call to them across a chilling interval of empty pews.

Surely we have much to be grateful for in St. Stephen's in the location of our choir, in the moderate altitude of the pulpit and in the singular intimacy, which the position of our Chancel and its separation from the choir, give to our celebration of the Holy Communion. I think we have a wonderful interior. I like our delicate suggestion of Gothic in the windows and arches. I prefer the reminiscence of the middle ages to the suggestions of pagan temples, but I am glad that we have escaped the recessed Chancel, with the choristers singing in the faces of the people in the front pews, and watching the people coming up to receive the elements at the Communion; that we do not have the Communion Table, where the Comfortable words are read, some 30 or 40 feet away from the people to whom those cheering assurances and invitations are to be tenderly announced. One of the glories of St. Stephen's, in my opinion, is its Chancel and its choir gallery.

May God grant us the grace and power to have good preaching in the one, and artistic and uplifting music in the other. Join with them the spirit of cordiality, hospitality, fellowship, and service, and you have the chief elements in the continuance and prosperity of our beloved Church.

Inasmuch as the issue of the repeal of the Volstead Act has been raised by the candidacy of Mr. Vare for a seat in the Senate as a candidate in favor of repeal, it is just as well that we should have the 18th Amendment before us.

Here it is with the pertinent portion of the introduction as given in the World's Almanac:

ARTICLE 18

Liquor Prohibition Amendment

(The following amendment was proposed to the Legislatures of the several States by the 65th Congress, December 18, 1917, and on January 29th, 1919, the United States Secretary of State proclaimed its adoption by 36 States and declared it in effect on January 16, 1920.

Early in 1920 the validity of the 18th Amendment was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in suits to void brought by the States of Rhode Island and New Jersey and various brewers and distillers.)

1.—After one year, after the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, or the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States, and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

2.—The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. (The 3rd article is of no significance, since it reduced the time limit for ratification to seven years. An item of no moment now, since it was ratified in about a year and two months.)

The National Prohibition Act, popularly known as the Volstead Act, providing for Federal Prohibition enforcement, and defin-

ing intoxicating liquor as liquor which contained one-half of one per cent or more of alcohol, passed Congress in October, 1919.

It is not generally known that one-half of one per cent was selected as the proportion at which alcohol becomes intoxicating, because of the precedent established under the license system, when the brewers and saloon keepers claimed that their licenses would be lessened in value and interfered with if unlicensed sellers of soft-drinks were allowed to sell beverages with more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol. The country thought the saloon people ought to know when liquor becomes intoxicating, and they said at above a half of one per cent.

The question before us as citizens is whether we will loyally carry out the decision of the people as expressed in the 18th Amendment? As Albert Shaw well says in the Review of Reviews, it is an insult to our intelligence to tell us that light wines and beers can be legally manufactured, sold and transported in the United States while that 18th Amendment stands. To repeal the Volstead Act will weaken the power of the law, but it will not make the manufacture of light wine and beer lawful; it will simply make lawlessness prevail.

The only way to get light wines and beers is to repeal the 18th Amendment. That repeal will bring back the saloon. No one will get rid of boot-legging and of speak-easies by repealing the Volstead Act. That repeal will only multiply them and increase the lawlessness. The road to law-abiding lies in the other direction, namely, in the steady enforcement of the present law.

While no one will say that taking a drink of liquor inevitably leads to crime, it is absolutely certain that the manufacture and sale for beverage purposes of intoxicating liquor is a prolific source of crime. That being so, I regard the maintenance of this law as a moral issue. The vast majority of the Christian people of this country advocate Prohibition as a measure of high expediency for the morals and welfare of the Country. Churches do not express opinions on fiscal measures, or administrative measures. Moral questions, however, fall within their province. All the Churches look on Prohibition as presenting a moral issue. I do not see how this feature in the present campaign can be overlooked, avoided, or straddled.

It resembles the issue presented by Kansas. Stephen A. Douglas said that he didn't look on slavery as a moral issue and thought that it was a matter to be decided by each new State as it came into the Union. What each new Community wished, he would favor for it. Lincoln replied that the extension of slavery was a moral issue, and one which the Nation must decide. That is the way that this "wet" and "dry" issue in our Pennsylvania Campaign impresses me; it is a moral issue and a national issue. The question is whether we shall loyally carry out the decision of the Nation in the 18th Amendment by retaining the necessary legislation for its enforcement. If all the drys would unite on an outspoken dry candidate, the State might be carried. On one point I am clear, and that is that this is a moral issue.

I repeat here the appeal for the Benevolent Society that appeared in the Bulletin: The Benevolent Society has many unfinished garments in their closets and about five more weeks to work, but lacks sufficient funds to carry on. They have 18 sewers and do work for 15 hospitals. About $200 is needed and the Society will be most grateful for any contributions which will enable them to close in May with a successful season as usual. Miss Isabel Davis, Treasurer.

This number will come into your hands on Easter Sunday. I wish you all the joys of this glorious day.

There is no Death! What seems so is transition,
This life of mortal breath,
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death.

In our Father's house are many mansions.

—To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Let us cheer and comfort one another with these words.

Perhaps I owe it to the congregation in view of the numerous addresses Dr. Empringham made in our pulpit to make some more extended comment than I have yet expressed upon his extraordinary pronouncements in the newspapers. They are a great surprise to me and came as a great shock. I wrote at once to Dr. Empringham about them and have received no reply. I cannot understand his change of face.

The position that Dr. Empringham took in his addresses at St. Stephen's was that the investigations of the bio-chemists, as he called them, a class of scientists to which he belonged, men who study the effects of chemical elements and compounds upon living organisms, and especially upon the constitution of man, have shown that alcohol is a deleterious habit-forming drug—never helpful, but always harmful, even in the smallest quantities; that the peace and comfort that it gives to its users is always comparable to the quiet that is obtained by disconnecting the telephone; that it is delusive, and not based on any new energy, or any improved conditions. I believe that this is the testimony of the majority of the chemists on this subject. The statements of such eminent men as Dr. Mayo of Rochester, and ex-President Eliot of Harvard, had greater weight with me than the allegations of Dr. Empringham. But I thought his statements true. I was glad to have a chemist make them to the congregation.

I heard many people praise his presentation to the skies as superior to the moral argument. I valued it, but I confess that I never regarded it as anything like as conclusive. In the first place it was an argument that we were not in a position to test; it was an appeal to experts, and every one knows that there are physicians who take a different view. Because of my conviction that alcohol is the source of crime, misery and sin, I was delighted to find eminent experts pronouncing it deleterious to health. I was gratified at the corroboration that science gave to my opposition to the use of alcohol as a beverage. But the original basis of my opposition remained the chief ground. This last was only a secondary proof, a corroboration and not the main line of argument. It was the evil effects of alcohol upon character, upon family life, upon the welfare of women and children, the crimes, and miseries that it produced that were the real grounds of my opposition to the saloon.

These were the evils that created the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League and the Temperance Movement, and were the mainspring of the agitations and exertions that led to the enactment of the 18th Amendment.

The economic argument, and the chemical argument were helpful, but they were only secondary. The economic argument was as a rule clear enough, though in the old days of local option I have heard the "wets" argue that saloons brought business to a town, but the chemical argument is not so easily verifiable, and must be accepted by most people on the basis of expert opinion.

Many of us thought that Dr. Empringham's presentation was too exclusively the argument of a chemist, and did not sufficiently emphasize the deleterious effects of alcohol on society, and on character.

Now he comes out and announces that his investigations have convinced him that the present law does more harm than good, and that it will be expedient to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beers. On the time necessary to enforce on this Eastern Seaboard in sections of the country hostile to prohibition, the will of the nation on this subject, Dr. Empringham has no special qualifications for judgment. Indeed as an Englishman he is probably disqualified, for in England laws are more loyally obeyed and strictly enforced than is possible in our vast country, with our traditions of lawlessness and our easy-going methods. The only reason why Dr. Empringham's opinion is given any importance is that it is given out as the opinion of the chief agent of a temperance society. It

has been clearly shown that it was his personal opinion and that it was an entire misspresentation of a little voluntary society, whose agent he was, and certainly not the opinion of the Episcopal Church. It is folly to talk of having light wines and beers, after the repeal of the Volstead Act. As long as the 18th Amendment is unrepealed light wines and beers will be unconstitutional and illegal. No act permitting them can override the 18th Amendment. The repeal of the Volstead Act is only to give license to lawlessness. The theory that contempt for the law will be ended by legalizing once more the one business which always manifested that contempt is about as tenable as the expectation of gathering figs from thistles.

I liked and admired Dr. Empringham, but his change of attitude is so unaccountable and so little justified by his own explanations, that I have lost entirely my confidence in him. His name is **Ichabod,** as the Puritans would say.

On this whole subject of prohibition I want to make one additional remark, and that is, that it is foolish to be greatly influenced on a question of this kind by the opinions of clubs or Society, or the metropolitan press. These are the mouth-pieces of privilege. Mr. Gladstone, now acclaimed as the greatest Englishman of the Victorian Era, was, during the latter portion of his life, bitterly hated by Society, and reviled by the clubs. On my first visit to England I crossed on a Cunard steamship and reference to Mr. Gladstone at a celebration called forth many hisses. Now his policies are all approved; Ireland has a certain amount of autonomy and the House of Lords has had its power curtailed and Gladstone, himself, is recognized as one of the chief glories of England, and one of the world's greatest Statesmen.

This great leader testified that all the chief reforms of the 19th Century in England were opposed by what he called the upper ten thousand and the metropolitan press. The removal of Catholic disabilities, of the disqualifications of nonconformists, the abolition of the rotten boroughs, the repeal of the corn laws, the enactment of the laws that made a cheap press possible, the disestablishment of the Irish Church; to all these great and beneficent reforms the children of privilege and their newspapers were bitterly hostile.

So convinced was Mr. Cobden that "The Times" would be obstructive of any wise reform, that he announced that in his judgment the opposition of that paper was an important element in the success of any project, since the majority of his countrymen believed that it could be counted on to be upon the wrong side. I confess that I feel much that way about the opposition of society people and clubmen as a class. I do not understand how Christian people can defer as abjectly as some do to the opinions of the privileged and prosperous who are quite satisfied to let things go in the old fashion.

There has never been a moral issue in this country, whether it was slavery, or gambling, or racing, or intemperance which this element in our population did not antagonize. Of course, there are outstanding exceptions, and these exceptional people are usually leaders of reform, but I am speaking of the privileged classes as a whole. No class so bitterly resents the slightest inconvenience from the law, which, in their opinion, is meant to protect their privileges and not to restrain their freedom in the slightest degree.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Note

The mis-spelling of "Bishop" in the Rector's letter in the March issue was an error of the printer—as it was correctly printed in the first proof, and inadvertently changed in correcting another word in the line.—Ed.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held April 15th. There was no speaker at the March meeting, but there were an unusual number of reports, letters and appeals. Mrs. Reath would be glad to have some second-hand boy's clothing for the family in Georgia.

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Letter from Japan

139 Shimoshibuya, Tokyo.

Japan, Feb. 26, 1926.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

Just as I was going to write you, there arrived the two bundles of the Parish News of St. Stephen's Church. They were so interesting and instructive alike. What a wonderful work St. Stephen's is doing! The erection of the Community House is a great idea, but it must be a tremendous task even for the congregation so noted for generosity and the willing service as that of St. Stephen's.

I was interested to see my letters in printed form; so was my daughter Keiko. Only it was quite amusing as well as humiliating to find queer expressions and grammatical mistakes so glaringly standing out on the printed pages. I was, however, comforted in the thought that perhaps those alien swelling diction and faults made my letters more "authentic" than otherwise, for often in talking with a foreigner here in Japan I actually get disappointed if he speaks a perfect Japanese, whereas I feel a peculiar fascination towards him if he betrays once in a while his foreign origin by slight accents in the course of his conversation.

Women's problems in Japan are always behind America by some decades, for our women are conservative. Just now, they are making demands to the Government to establish women's institutions for higher learning and to open for them more widely the doors of men's universities.

As to suffrage, one of the women's magazines in Tokyo canvassed the opinions of the principals of Girls' High Schools in Japan on the subject. The result was interesting. The editor sent out two questions to them: (1) Shall the Japanese women be given the suffrage immediately? (2) If not, how many years after?

Out of 600 principals, 99 responded. Of the 99, 37 answered the first question in the affirmative; 59 felt the suffrage was premature, while 3 were absolutely opposed to anything like the woman's suffrage. The last class took the ground that Japan's political organization had a family as a unit and that the family is represented by man, not by woman; there the suffrage is wrong.

This is ultra-conservative and this type of men is fast passing away.

Seventeen St. Margaret's girls will be confirmed by Bishop Reifsnider day after tomorrow. I am preparing four for baptism.

Our alumnae will number just one thousand by next March, including the class to graduate them. Of the 1,000 alumnae, nearly 450 are Christians. Of the present 252 girls, nearly 50 are Christians, while 90 are strongly pro-Christian. Others are mostly undecided, while a very few are Buddhists or Shintoists.

My first letter last year referred to the doll festival, and once more the season for this charming feast has come back. The festival day is March 3rd, but already the shelves of the doll shops are gorgeous with lovely little kings and queens or two sworded warriors and comely court ladies in their flowing garments. Keiko is now too much grown for dolls. Besides, her sets were burnt in the recent great fire, together with that guitar!

Plum trees are in bloom. After them come peach. Then the inevitable cherry blossoms in March.

Japan has no robins to herald the returning spring. The poetical nightingale, however, is already come. The lark, too, was heard singing the other day when it was very warm.

Keiko is now working on Clemente's Sonatinen-Album.

Most heartily she joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Grammer and other friends my best wishes.

Most sincerely yours,
J. H. Kobayashi.

The Sunday School

The Easter Festival of the Sunday School will be held this year as usual on the Sunday after Easter at four in the afternoon. This year we will take advantage of our new Community House and hold our celebration in the Auditorium. The scholars are practicing new carols, tableaux and exercises, which should make it the usual gala occasion.

As this has become an opportunity for reunion of former teachers, scholars, as well as our old and new friends, it is hoped notice will be taken of this announcement and extended by all who read it with a hearty welcome to others. At Christmas time we had an attendance of nearly 500. Will you all help to give us the same happy congregation?

Remember, it will be held on April 11th, the Sunday afternoon after Easter at four o'clock.

Faithfully yours,
GEORGE H. STREAKER, Supt.

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21—Miss Gebhart.
28—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

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14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
28—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.

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4—Easter.
11—Miss Tappen.
18—Mrs. Lamb.
25—Mrs. Sheble.

May 2—Mrs. Woodward.
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16—Mrs. Higham.
23—Whitsunday.
30—Mrs. Woodward.

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20—Miss Gebhart.
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11—
18—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
25—

Aug. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—
15—Mrs. Love.
22—Miss Thackara.
29—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
12—Miss Powell.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 3—Miss Laura Bell.
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17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Mrs. Keable.
31—

Nov. 1—Mr. James M. Arrison, 3rd, and Mrs. J. R. Shellenberger.
7—Girls' Friendly Society.
14—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
21—Miss Eisenbrey.
28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 5—Mrs. Sheble.
12—The Misses Davis.
19—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

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If any one has a Victrola which is not being used, it would be most acceptable and useful in one of our missions in the southern part of the city, where one of St. Stephen's members is in charge of a young girls' club. The need for music in this work is great, but funds are scarce with these children.

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FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Miss E. J. Davis, Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Mrs. Miesse, Mrs. Chas. D. Kenworthey, Miss Swift, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. I. W. Higham.

DISTRIBUTING AND PAYING COMMITTEE

Miss Isabel P. Davis, Mrs. Petry, Miss Kate Lewis.

SELLING COMMITTEE

Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

GARMENT COMMITTEE

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—Miss Lammot.
Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Frank Whiting, Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 439 Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis, 115 Argyle Road, Ardmore, Penna.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY

FOREIGN—Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Craig Atmore.
DOMESTIC—Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson, Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Miss Louisa B. Bell.
COLORED MISSION—Miss Elizabeth Washington, Mrs. F. L. Mann.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Susan C. Thackara.
DIOCESAN—Miss Laura Bell, Miss Janet MacAlister.
TREASURER UNITED THANK OFFERING—Miss Elizabeth C. Washington.

ALTAR SOCIETY

President—The Rector.
Superintendent—Miss Eisenbrey.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
Chancel Committee—Miss Eisenbrey, Miss Sarah Eisenbrey, Miss Maulsby, Miss Swift, Miss Moore, Miss Mann, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara, Mrs. Clarence Klink, Mrs. John A. Crane, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss Anna Taggart.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Meets Monday Evening, 7 to 9.30.

Branch President—Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas.
Branch Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas, Mrs. John H. Arnett, Mrs. David D. Wood, Miss Anna Daley.

Literature Associate—Miss Julia MacAlister.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Leonard M. Beale, Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Beauveau Borie, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, Miss Frances McCollin, Miss Martha A. McDowell, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Miss Van Dusen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Maybelle Nissen.
Musician—Miss Shirley Edwards.

TEACHERS

Mr. G. H. Streaker, Mr. C. K. Klink, Mr. W. Leithead, Mr. Paul Downward. Mrs. R. Roberts, Miss Helen E. Murdock, Miss H. Blackwell, Miss Marion Forbes.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT TEACHERS

Mrs. Schmid, and the Misses V. Downward, E. Shields, A. Bixler, May Allen and Elsie Wood.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 4310 Osage Ave.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

President—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Vice-President—Mr. James Carrigan.
Second Vice-President—Dr. Frank G. Cooper.
Secretary—Mrs. Keable.
Treasurer—Miss K. Walter.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Miss Elizabeth Washington.
Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—
Chairman and Treasurer—
Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. T. B. Clemens, Mrs. J. M. Whitham, Miss Mary Roberts.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

April 25.—James Tyson Carson.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 21.—Herbert A. C. Rauchfuss, Charlotte C. Swartley.
April 24—Charles E. Marbet, Isabel R. Yarnall.
April 26.—Harold J. Hatton, Florence A. Rettenmaier.
May 12.—Frank A. Bastien, Stephany E. Shrameek.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 4.—Mary Grant Craven.
April 26.—Carrie Caughn.

A Prayer Used by Cardinal Newman

Lord, support me all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and my work is done. Then in Thy Mercy grant me safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

AMOUNTS COLLECTED FROM 28th MARCH TO 25th APRIL, 1926, INCLUSIVE.

Amounts placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope System:

Missions	$ 25.66	
Theological Education	64.60	
Our Work among Young People	20.67	
Benevolent Society	80.58	
Community House Debt	379.49	
		$ 571.00

Envelope System:

Charities	47.50	
Parochial Maintenance	214.89	
Missions	142.71	
Theological Education	60.82	
Our Work among Young People	48.90	
Benevolent Society	144.85	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.00	
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	1.25	
Domestic Missions	2.25	
Community House Debt	439.15	
Diocesan Missions	10.75	
Foreign Missions	5.15	
Colored Missions	88.15	
Missionary Box	7.20	
Indian Missions	2.25	
Chancel Decorations for Church and Sunday School	80.15	
Deaconess House	1.10	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.00	
Church Work Fund	.50	
		$1,301.57
		$1,872.57

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$ 47.50	
Parochial Maintenance	214.89	
Missions	168.37	
Theological Education	125.42	
Our Work among Young People	69.57	
Benevolent Society	225.43	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.00	
Sunday School Christmas Festival.	1.25	
Domestic Missions	2.25	
Community House Debt	818.64	
Diocesan Missions	10.75	
Foreign Missions	5.15	
Colored Missions	88.15	
Missionary Box	7.20	
Indian Missions	2.25	
Chancel Decorations for Church and Sunday School	80.15	
Deaconess House	1.10	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.00	
Church Work Fund	.50	
		$1,872.57
For Missions (Expectation) response to Circular Letter		325.00

Ella Headman,
Treasurer.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

This last number of the Parish News has been delayed by the late date of the Parish Meeting, whose proceedings it always reports, and by the session of the Convention, which engaged all your rector's time and thought for the Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week in May.

The Annual Parish Meeting was the largest that we have ever had, and was followed by a very pleasant social hour. The reports speak for themselves and are most encouraging. We met our Expectation and made the best record of giving for thirty years. Indeed, so far as I can discern, the best that the Parish has ever achieved in extra-parochial giving.

The three new Vestrymen elected are all regular attendants of the Church, and interested in our work. Mr. Freeston and Mr. Hauger are well known to the morning congregation by their faithful attendance, and Mr. Hasenpat has long been a kind of vestryman at the Sunday evening services. If we can have our charter amended, we ought to secure for the congregation the right to elect a woman on the Vestry. It is rather preposterous that St. Stephen's, which has for years been regarded as a leader in liberal thought, and a church of progressive ideas, should lag behind in gaining this privilege.

As long as the requisite number of men qualified for a vestry's tasks can be found, I am in favor of calling on the men, who do so much less church work than the women, to discharge these responsibilities. But the largest liberty ought to be procured for the congregation in this election. I hate to see the Church lag behind secular organizations in recognizing the ability of women, in such matters, for I am convinced that it is as administrators and experts in details that women are specially gifted. It is here that their skill as housekeepers displays itself. The Church rightly claims that the exaltation of woman is one of the most manifest benefits of Christianity: let it then live up to its own theories.

The Diocesan Convention was unusually interesting. The Bishop's address rose to the dignity of an Episcopal charge in its broad survey of problems both of the diocese and of the General Church, and the Convention seriously addressed itself to its task of organizing the Church's work efficiently. The defeat of the proposal to have women on the Executive Council was due, not to any opposition to their presence, but to a difference of opinion as to the proper method of choosing them; some favoring Episcopal appointment; some, election by the Convention; some, election by the Executive Council; some, election by the Convocations. This diversity of opinion, and the fact that a committee was to be appointed by the Bishop, under resolution of the Convention, to investigate the Executive Council and the Executive Office, and report its findings and suggestions to the next Convention, are the explanations of the failure of the Convention to take this step, which will inevitably be made in the near future.

Every one was delighted with the ability of the Bishop as a presiding officer, his grasp of parliamentary law, and his insight into the needs of the situation. It is so important that the good name of the Diocese be vindicated and our proper pride in our record be maintained, that every one was gratified to have the Bishop show that the Diocese had done well in its contributions to the General Church. When some one once reviled John Bunyan, that great Christian answered, that though in the sight of God, he did confess himself a miserable sinner, as compared to the Divine Righteousness; nevertheless he claimed that he was entitled in the eyes of man and as judged by earthly standards to be regarded as an upright and honorable person. So while we are willing to admit, in the sight of God, that we might as a diocese give more generously for the extension of Christ's Kingdom; nevertheless in comparison of what we give for our own diocesan needs, and in comparison with what the other dioceses give, we are entitled to be regarded as worthy of the respect of our sister dioceses. This was in substance the Bishop's position. I think that it was helpful and wholesome. A just appreciation of effort is a solid encouragement to greater effort. Fault-findings and a grudging lack of appreciation are very disheartening. The Bishop is going to call on us next year for increased gifts to many worthy objects, but he does not want us to be unjustly criticized. He is loyal to us, and such loyalty on his part awakes loyalty on our side. The Executive Council in New York must not be unfair to the diocese of Pennsylvania. Indeed, it will do well if it turn its scrutiny upon its own methods and expenditures and see whether some improvements cannot be effected there.

There are many ways of helping a church. Two of the chief are, of course, contributions and regular Sunday attendance. There are also personal services on committees. Without the sacrifice of time that faithful workers give, the Church would, indeed, be in a sad condition.

But there are other helpers who are not generally recognized, yet who are entitled to especial gratitude. They are the members of our Church who praise it and bring visitors to it, and seek to procure for it new members. I could name members of the congregation who have brought in many new members. They are continually on the look-out. They bring me names of people who are attracted to us. They ask people who come to the city whether they have ever considered St. Stephen's in looking for a place of worship. Such members are not mere passengers, they are part of the crew, they pull their weight in the boat, they are helpers of the cause. If that spirit of loyalty, cooperation, interest, and cordiality can become more and more the spirit of our members, we may be sure that St. Stephen's will be able to adjust itself to all the needs of the future, and continue to render large service to the city and the Church.

During July and August the Rev. Robert O. Kevin, a recent honor graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, will have charge of the preaching and pastoral work of the parish. He comes to us with the highest commendations, and we are happy to have such a promising clergyman officiating in St. Stephen's in a summer when the Sesqui-Centennial will doubtless bring so many visitors to this historic city.

There is so much propaganda in the newspapers, and our secular press is so unresponsive to moral aspiration, that I have for several years made it a habit to observe carefully the progress of the Prohibition movement throughout the world. It is most instructive to note how solidly this crusade advances. It is generally admitted that the 18th Amendment will never be repealed. Every election and every investigation makes it plainer that the people of the United States will sustain the laws for the enforcement of that amendment, and will eventually organize efficiently the department to enforce it. But most people do not realize how the movement is spreading into other lands. Local option led the way to Prohibition in America and local option is knocking at the doors of England and Scotland. Norway has greatly restricted the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The following special cable shows how temperance is reaching Holland, the land of "schnapps" and gin:

"The Hague, May 10th.—The Premier, Dr. D. J. Dageer, declared in the second chamber of Parliament that the decrease in State revenue from liquor excises was not due to fraud and bootlegging, but to greater sobriety of the Dutch nation as a consequence of the prohibitionists' activities."

In the German Reichstag local option is being debated. In lower Silesia greater limitations have just been placed on saloons. In Bulgaria the Minister of Education insists that the dangerous effects of alcohol be taught in the school, regardless of the large profits that come to the country from its vineyards. In Bombay, India, drastic prohibition legislation has been passed. Economics and medical science have come to the assistance of the moral reformers. It is only a question of time, and the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes will morally be classed with the trade in narcotics, and will be as much under ban as the slave-trade. Prohibition is not an experiment, it is the conclusion of many experiments.

The Diocesan Convention is very loath to accept the new teaching that it is the duty of the Church to interest itself in the application of Christian principles to social and political questions. But our recent Convention could not refuse to endorse the principle that obedience to law, even if the law is opposed to our personal theories or convictions, is a Christian duty. The justification of offering a resolution on such a subject is not limited to the support that it may give to a special law, unpopular in a certain section and with certain classes; it is also useful as creating a precedent that may eventually become a regular custom, the helpful custom of having the Church

speak out frankly and helpfully on moral issues.

How shall the army of the Lord prepare itself efficiently for the battle against wrong if the trumpets give an uncertain sound? Let preachers in the pulpits, and church assemblies in their conventions, speak out boldly on moral issues, and the people will realize that the battle is joined and that the troops are summoned to gather around the standard, and win a victory for righteousness.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Report of Lenten Services and Wednesday Noon-day Services

Lenten Services

These services were as usual well supported notwithstanding several periods of inclement weather, the aggregate attendance being in excess of 17,000.

The service on Good Friday, which was addressed by Bishop Garland, was the largest, the church being filled to its fullest capacity.

Financial Statement

Balance May 6, 1925	$ 264.54
Income	1,118.52
	$1,383.06
Disbursements	1,097.55
Balance April 30, 1926	$ 285.51

Wednesday Services

Having entered upon the eighth year of these services, which were started in 1919, and are held weekly during the entire year, still hold their place among the regular services of the Parish.

Balance May 6, 1925	$ 156.08
Income	245.05
	$ 401.13
Disbursements	241.10
Balance April 30, 1926	$ 160.03

Respectfully submitted,
W. Gardner Crowell,
Treasurer.

Report of the Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society started its work for the season of 1925 and 1926 on November 4th and the secretary was pleased to report a large order for towels and dusters from the Poor Richard Club and the Phi Delta-Theta Fraternity.

We have had a most successful season, the articles made reaching a total of 9,343.

On our books are twenty hospitals and institutions from whom we receive many letters of appreciation for the work done for them. At the present time we have eighteen sewers, a new member five years old, comes regularly carrying a basket 6 by 8 inches, which she says contains her week's work, and before leaving she again fills it with small pieces, her new work.

We made two hundred and fifty rompers for the children's ward of Jefferson Hospital, but as three new wards have recently been opened this number was not nearly sufficient for their requirements and the Board of Managers gladly paid for making an additional six hundred.

I am sorry our funds or rather lack of funds would not permit us to do this extra work without charge, as is always the custom of the Benevolent Society.

In response to Dr. Grammer's appeal $100.69 was received for which we thank the friends who came to our assistance. The treasurer regrets being unable to acknowledge all contributions, having the names only of those who sent to her personally.

We have missed the genial presence of Mrs. John Coates Browne from our meetings this winter and look forward to her being with us again in November.

The Society is most grateful to Mrs. M. Phillips Appleton who has so ably filled her place.

By the death of Miss Hutchinson the Benevolent Society has lost a most faithful and loyal member.

The closing meeting will be held May 5th at which time a luncheon provided by the members will be served; this will be followed by an entertainment of moving pictures shown by Mr. Streaker.

Isabel P. Davis,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report as of April 20th, 1926

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May 7th, 1925	$ 187.05
Interest Centennial Bank	1.66
Received from Accounting Warden	440.98
Special Donations	100.69
Received from Sales	526.83
Received from Jefferson Hospital	300.00
Total Receipts	$1,557.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for material	$ 330.44
Paid for sewing	1,180.37
	$1,510.81
Balance on hand	$ 46.40

Isabel P. Davis,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
Isabel R. Kirkpatrick.

Altar Society

The Superintendent submits the Thirty-Second Annual Report. Two new members were elected at the Annual Meeting in November—Miss Walsh and Miss Taggart.

The Treasurer submits the following report:

Balance on hand May 7th, 1925	$ 106.31
Received for Memorial Flower Fund	155.00
Received for Easter Decorations, 1925	95.31
Received from Collection Envelopes	11.15
Received for Easter Decorations	144.99
	$ 512.76

EXPENDITURES

Easter Decorations, 1925	$ 85.00
Flowers for the year	157.00
Repairing Stole	5.00
Repairing Surplices	9.00
Calendar	1.50
Fruit for Thanksgiving	9.80
Bornot Bros. Co.	2.00
Palms	5.00
	274.30
Balance on hand April 30, 1926	$ 238.46

Respectfully submitted,

Anna E. Eisenbrey,
President.

E. K. Campbell,
Treasurer.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The usual number of meetings, seven in all, have been held during the season, beginning with a corporate communion in October, and a reorganization of the committees. Several deaths have occurred and one new member has been added to the list, with an average attendance of twenty-three out of eighty names.

The first news from the General Convention was received at the meeting in October, from Mrs. C. William Spiess, Secretary of the Woman's Aid of the North Convocation, who wrote from New Orleans a full account of the daily proceedings, and especially stressed the thrill and devotion shown at the wonderful United Thank Offering Service. Further news was brought in November by Bishop Garland, who honored the Auxiliary by repeating the report he had made to the convention on the status of affairs in Mexico, not only in regard to the Church, but existing conditions as well, illustrating his address with various specimens and pictures brought from this neighboring republic.

Mrs. Henry Dillard, Jr., was to have given her impressions of the convention at the December meeting, but a sudden illness and operation prevented her from being present.

In January Dr. and Mrs. Ancell both spoke of their work at Mahan School, Yangchow, China, and of the progress made with the women. The student movement and general unrest had caused St. Stephen's Hall and in fact, the whole school to be closed, and it remains to be seen how matters may be adjusted when these missionaries return to China this autumn.

As new Diocesan officers of the Woman's Auxiliary were elected last fall, it was fitting that so far as possible the various auxiliaries should have the opportunity to meet these officials in their own parishes, so Mrs. George Woodward, the new President, was welcomed at the February meeting, and Mrs. H. F. Baher, the Diocesan Treasurer of the United Thank Offering, with consecrated fervor, spoke most inspiringly at the April meeting.

Mrs. Woodward urged the increased circulation of the Spirit of Missions, that most interesting illustrated monthly magazine which keeps one in touch with the extension

of God's kingdom, and Miss Mary M. Roberts was appointed to ask for subscriptions for this object, and has been quite successful in procuring several new subscribers. Mrs. Woodward also advocated having shut-in intercessors in every parish, who, by their prayers, would not be shut out from active participation in Christian work.

When there is no specified speaker at a meeting, there are always numerous letters and appeals to be considered, which have been received during the month, and it is pleasant to record that these appeals are for the most part generously responded to, by sending boxes of clothing, money, books, cards, toys, Christmas gifts, etc., to different parts of the city and country, thus adding a link to the endless chain of fellowship.

Although it is to be regretted that St. Stephen's was not among the sixty-five parishes holding Mission Study Classes during the year, yet it is most encouraging to learn that ninety-two classes were formed, and one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one persons attended the sessions.

On Educational Day, conducted by Mrs. Hill, successor to Mrs. Pilsbry, two hundred and fifty more people were present as visitors, so that over two thousand were instructed about Latin America; a splendid record.

The aftermath of the convention has been felt throughout by the message brought back in regard to the financial situation of the Church, showing a serious deficit which had been allowed to continue so long that it threatened to undermine the very foundations of the programme adopted, which it is impossible to carry out in its entirety while handicapped by such a tremendous accumulated debt, and great alarm has been occasioned by a knowledge of this fact.

Therefore, the Woman's Auxiliary at New Orleans resolved that they would ask all the Auxiliaries to urge first, the payment in full of all general Church and Parish quotas; second, to overcome a luke-warmness by deeper spiritual understanding and greater consecration through prayer and the sacraments; also the awakening of the women of the Church to more effective service for Christ, united parish effort, the strengthening of our rural and foreign-born work, closer relationship with the missionaries in the field, furthering in every way the spirit of united Christian effort, and finally, the carrying out of a constructive programme of education for peace and the use of our best efforts and strongest influence toward the promotion of international and inter-racial good-will.

May the women of St. Stephen's Auxiliary be enabled to live up to this high standard.

Laura Bell, President,
Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's.

Annual Report of Woman's Auxiliary
April 30, 1926

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May 13, 1926		$ 83.97
From Members	$137.25	
Envelope System	71.33	
Church Funds for Apportionment	300.00	
Miss Laura Bell, for Kuling School, China	25.00	
Special contributors for St. John's Settlement House	7.00	
		$540.58
		$624.55

EXPENDITURES

Diocesan Missions	$ 45.00
Domestic Missions	70.00
Foreign Missions	70.00
Colored Missions	70.00
Indian Hope Mission	70.00
Budget for 1926	25.00
Kuling School, China	25.00
St. John's Settlement House	7.00
	$382.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1926	$242.55

Mary C. Ellis,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:
Ethel Keable,
Idella W. Higham.

Missionary Box Committee

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand May 2, 1925	$ 133.11
Interest on Bank Balance	1.24
Received from the Accounting Warden, I. Smith Raspin	30.04
Received from the Accounting Warden I. Smith Raspin	12.20
Balance on hand April 30, 1926	$ 176.59

Mary C. Ellis,
Treasurer.

Report of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

Fifty-one years ago the Girls' Friendly Society was started in England. At the first meeting five people were present. St. Stephen's Branch in Philadelphia counts itself fortunate in being a unit of this great Society which now extends over the world, having about fifty-nine thousand members in America alone.

The opening meeting of the Branch for the season of 1925-1926 was held on October 12th, and, with the exception of one Monday evening when the Community House was being used by the Clergy, meetings have continued regularly each week.

Two services have been held in the Church, one our Corporate Communion when the Rev. Percy Stockman was the celebrant and the other our Annual Admission Service.

A new Working Associate, Miss Anne R. Daley, has taken charge of the younger girls and has been of great help to the Branch.

Weekly classes, under the care of competent teachers, have been held in elocution and millinery.

The suppers are a much appreciated feature of the Branch life. The food is judiciously purchased and well studied combinations are served. The girls who come regularly always enjoy an hour of good fellowship.

Our Christmas work of dressing dolls and filling stockings for the children in the Philadelphia General Hospital is one of our greatest pleasures, and each year a larger number of little ones have been made happy by gifts from the Girls' Friendly Society. This year 108 large stockings, 47 dressed dolls, 50 net stockings filled with candy, scrap-books and toys were sent to the hospital and 4 stockings to individual children.

One Band made 64 comfort-bags for the Seamen's Church Institute while another sent gifts of clothing and food and contributed toward the over-due rent of a family in distress. This same Band has secured a new and much more suitable position for the father of this family and since last November has sent a quart of milk each day for the two under-nourished children. These children had never tasted milk and at first refused to drink it, now they call it "our quart of milk;" the mother of the family says that for the first time she has enough clothing.

Still another Band continues its gifts and visits to a "Shut-In."

Hand-knitted sweaters, baby-sacques, etc., to the value of $86.00 have been sent to missions through the Diocesan Supply Bureau, and Lenten sewing valued at $76.65 to the Church of the Holy Spirit (Indian) at Paudlet, Utah.

During Lent the married members held six meetings when 36 baby sacques were made for St. Martha's House, 69 bibs for the Sheltering Arms and 6 dresses for St. Michael's & All Angels.

The Branch has given in money:

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

To the Little House of Saint Panteleon	$ 36.50
Christ School—Arden, North Carolina	20.00
Episcopal Hospital	20.00
Church Farm School	10.00
Home for Consumptives at Chestnut Hill	25.00
Sister Elizabeth's Work at Hawbury House, England	20.00
Cape May Holiday House	18.00
Children's Country Week Association	10.00
Elizabeth Roe Dunning Club Fund (for Blind Girls)	25.00
Carr Creek Community Centre	21.00
Diocesan Emergency Loan Fund	5.00
Church Mission of Help	20.00
Toward Provincial Field Secretary's Salary	30.00
Toward Bontoc Scholarship	10.00
Leper Hospital in Albahabad, India	25.00
Home for Indian Girls at Cannon Ball, North Dakota	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Cotter's Work in Wuchang, China	10.00
	$315.50

WITHIN THE PARISH

For memorial flowers in memory of Miss Wilkins	$ 3.00
St. Stephen's Community House	26.41
Toward Scenery for stage in Community House	318.50
	$347.91

$58.24 has been spent for dishes for the Community House.

At Hallowe'en there was a costume party and in Christmas week the Elocution Class gave "The Christmas Story" in pantomime. This was accompanied by singing of carols led by the Branch chorus.

Later in the season the Elocution Class presented two one-act plays and, at the suggestion of Mrs. David Wood, the class, accompanied by their teacher, two associates, and several other members of the Branch, went one evening to the Chapin Memorial Home for the Aged Blind where these plays

were repeated and ice cream and cake provided for the old people there. One might think that the blind would not care for plays but they proved a most interested and appreciative audience.

In January Dr. Douglas Forman gave an interesting illustrated lecture on India.

In March there was an illustrated talk on Italy.

On April 5th, Mrs. Marie A. O'Donnell, Secretary of the Registration Commission, gave an excellent talk on "The Importance of Registering."

April 19th, Miss Beulah Fenimore, Principal of the Kensington High School of Girls, spoke on "Books and Reading."

We are deeply grateful to these friends who took time from their busy lives to bring us their message of interest and help.

There has been much sickness this season among our members and their families and the attendance has not been quite as large as usual, but the work has gone steadily forward and we pray God that He will grant us such a measure of His spirit that the aim of our Society may continue to be not self-gratification but unselfish service.

Grace V. D. Lucas, Branch President.

Aid Society

Having carried on the activities of this little Lenten Society for over thirty years in the old Parish Building, it seemed very strange to begin our work this year in the new Community House. On this account we should have liked to report a record year, but, although those who attended worked most industriously, we only succeeded in finishing 86 baby garments and 135 other articles. Half a piece of flannel was left in the closet with which to begin the work next year.

Treasurer reports balance on hand May 1925		$ 5.81
Received from:		
Dr. Grammer	25.00	
E. W. Moore, Baby Fund	12.63	
Mrs. Lautenbach	5.00	
Misses Davis	2.00	
Mrs. J. Coats Browne	2.00	
Mrs. Campbell	5.00	
		$57.44
Expenditures		55.30
Balance on hand April 30, 1926		$ 2.14

Respectfully submitted,
E. K. Campbell.

Burd School

The past year at the school has been one of much interest and good results. Last summer the experiment of separating the older girls from the younger and sending them to different camps worked out extremely well. This will be repeated again this year, but the holiday will be confined to one month's camp instead of two as in the last two years. The older girls were especially delighted with their experience and returned in the fall with the happiest recollections of their vacation and full of praise for the camp, yet all acknowledged they were glad to be back at the Burd School again. During the winter the school has been almost entirely free from sickness, with the exception of one child who developed scarlet fever two weeks after being admitted. She was sent to the Isolation Hospital and remained there for five months. After her discharge from the hospital she did not return to the school. Apart from this the general health of our girls has been excellent, an evidence of the benefits derived from a summer spent out of doors and of the constant care bestowed upon them at home. Considering the great amount of sickness prevalent in the city during the winter, this is remarkable and a source of congratulation.

It has been decided to postpone the annual celebration until fall. The house requires many repairs and painting, so it was deemed advisable to defer the entertainment until after the renovating and fall house cleaning.

The girls are doing well at school. It is gratifying to report that Helen Fulton entered the Training School for Nurses at the West Philadelphia Woman's Hospital as a probationer a few weeks ago and is doing well, greatly delighted and interested in her work.

Isabelle Harmon is now a student at Northfield, Mass., having been sent there on account of her health. She is quite happy in her present surroundings and the more bracing climate has effected so marked an improvement in her physical condition that all those concerned feel justified in having given her this advantage.

At present we have 37 girls in the school. During the year five have left and four have been admitted. Two were confirmed during Lent. Nowadays the visitor to the Burd School is always met with bright faces and cheerful voices, and the spirit of happiness and good will which prevails is a reflection of Miss Tappen's attitude to all her children.

I have again to thank my fellow members of the Board of Women Visitors for their loyal co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily K. Campbell.

Report of the Young People's Club

We have just completed a very successful season with a present membership of 63, and an average attendance of 34.

The first Wednesday of each month we have an informal supper, followed by our regular business meeting. We devote one Wednesday in the month to work, in preparation for our Annual Fair. The other evenings are used for social entertainment.

In September, through the kindness of Mrs. Henry Walton, we had a very enjoyable picnic at St. David's, which was well attended.

During the winter we have had two very attractive dances.

In November we held our Annual Fair, which was most successful owing to the cooperation of the members of the Club and our friends in the congregation. Out of the proceeds we purchased dishes and silverware for the use of the Club, a piano for the third floor, and gave a sum of money to the Community House Fund; the balance we are using for our charitable work.

With the part of the proceeds from the Fair, which was set aside for our charity work, we took forty children to the Zoological Garden in May, and in June we entertained forty-five mothers at Willow Grove. On December 30th, we had our Christmas party, entertaining 103 children, with moving pictures, refreshments, and toys distributed by Santa Claus, impersonated by Mr. Carrigan. On February 24th we entertained forty-six mothers with a supper, dance and games.

We feel that with our improved surroundings and equipment, we have been fitted for better work, and we hope in the future to increase our usefulness.

Hannah G. Reifsnyder,
President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

CLUB FUND		
On hand Sept. 3	$ 60.84	
Receipts for year	185.99	
Total		$246.83
Expenditures for year		180.84
Balance on hand		$ 65.99
OUTING FUND		
On hand Sept. 3	$ 100.00	
Spent for outing	84.26	
Balance on hand		15.74
CHARITY FUND		
On hand Sept. 3	$ 11.16	
Proceeds from Fair	1,268.54	
Total receipts for year	$ 1,279.70	
Expenditures	962.03	
Balance on hand		$ 317.67

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn E. Walter,
Treasurer.

Mothers' Meeting

The Mothers' Meeting has 155 names on the roll—18 new members and four deaths.

Owing to illness our attendance has not been so large as for several years past, averaging about 50 for the season. Our collections, however, have been larger than ever before, amounting to $53.66.

Our contributions to the activities of the Church have been:

$ 5.00 for decorations for Palm Sunday.
10.00 to the Benevolent Society.
10.00 to the United Thank Offering.
200.00 the result of our Fair, to Dr. Grammer for the Community House.

We are grateful to Dr. Grammer for providing us a delightful evening once a month of moving pictures. We also wish to express our thanks to Mr. Carrigan for so cheerfully giving us his time and attention in getting the reels and showing the pictures.

Our Outing last July, a trip on the Wm. Penn to Delaware Beach, was one of the most successful we have had. Dr. Grammer, Mr. Streaker, Miss Lewis, Mr. Carrigan and some other members of the congregation were with us and all present pronounced it a most enjoyable day.

Respectfully submitted,
Blanche M. Harper,
President.

Report of the Parish Visitor

Another winter has passed in the chain of years of continuous work, work that we love and rejoice in, for although the tasks sometimes seem endless, and there is constant repetition, yet in looking back over the past year, we can see a great deal accomplished in the work of St. Stephen's Parish.

There is the duty of visiting patients in the hospitals. A great deal of time is consumed in this task, yet it pays, as it helps to brighten the day for the sick one, and makes the patients feel that we keep in touch with them. There are many opportunities to help the sick, first with sympathy, and at times with much needed material help as well.

A family whose illness and trouble have caused us much anxiety, is composed of a comparatively young woman and her two sons, the oldest about eleven years of age. While in health she attended our Church and Sunday School. We had her in the Jefferson Hospital for a time, hoping they would be able to ease her suffering. After some weeks her case was found to be hopeless, and she was sent home as incurable.

For the last four years she has been sitting in her chair, day and night, perfectly helpless. At last they have succeeded in getting her on a cot. I try to visit this family every two weeks, but the invalid always tells me how long it has been since she has seen me, and how anxiously she looks forward to my coming.

Her mother is with her, and takes full charge of the family. She is getting quite old, and the care of the household and the sick woman is too much for her. On my last visit I found the young woman lying alone down stairs, her mother up stairs, sick in bed, and her husband away in a hospital. Her sister came and stayed with them a week, but she has her own family to care for, and the sick mother was therefore compelled to be up and around long before she was able to be. The question now with us is what is the best thing to do for her, as they have very little money.

One of the hard things in life is loneliness, and we find it everywhere, for everyone is more or less lonely at times, and it is harder when coupled with poverty. There is one case of particular interest, a woman who at one time had a nice home and all she needed and wanted within reason. She is not fitted for any employment, and her mental state is pitiable, as she has been obliged, through lack of funds, to seek shelter in some of our cheaper rooming houses. She constantly writes me such pathetic letters; for instance, "I am sensitive in regard to my poverty and trouble. I hope a change will come for the better, after having suffered so many months among strange people."

She is totally without means, and is relying solely on friends to help her from time to time. It would be a source of great happiness to me if I could do more for this "gentlewoman."

We have not been able to give out any coal orders this winter, owing to the strike and the great scarcity of coal, and what suffering and privation I have witnessed on account of the lack of fuel! Many families who have never before been compelled to buy coal in small quantities, have been only too glad to purchase it by the bucket. One home in particular I visited on several occasions, and have seen a coal peddler carrying in two buckets in each hand (you can readily imagine the size of the buckets) and the saddest part of it was that the buyer was obliged to pay eighty cents for the four scant buckets. In former years such peddlers were restricted, and had to have a standard size.

Special thanks are due to the ladies who made the Layettes during the Lenten season, as we are expecting some little newcomers this summer.

Miss Gebhart's annual memorial, which has been given us regularly for years, has been a great help to us in the past winter, as in former years.

One hundred and thirty-five generously filled Christmas baskets gave joy to as many needy homes, for there were so many families that found it almost impossible to exist under present conditions, due to the enormously high rents. A house which rented a few years ago for $12.00 a month is now held at from $40.00 to $45.00 a month, with some of the men of the family working only part time. Mrs. John Coats Browne has been most generous toward the care of three special families.

On a bright clear day in June we had our Sunday School picnic. We had 160 in the party, which started to Atlantic City to spend the day. We each carried an individual lunch, and found it was better for all concerned, as it gave us more time to "see the sights."

In the afternoon Mr. Streaker made arrangements for our party to go on and off the pier at will (as we were all tagged). After a very enjoyable day, we met at the end of the pier; ice cream and cake were served, after which we went to the train, homeward bound.

Later in the summer "The Mothers" had their outing, a delightful ride down the river.

The Parish Visitor wishes to thank Dr. Grammer and all who assisted in her work by their gifts and sympathy.

Gratefully submitted,

K. H. Lewis.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church (Whatsoever Circle)

This society has held fifteen meetings during the past season, with an average attendance of ten members. We meet about 6 o'clock and have supper together. This not only allows us more time for our sewing, but also gives us the opportunity for pleasant social intercourse. We have added one member to our list this year.

We started the season by making some articles for the Fair given in the fall by the Young People's Club.

At Christmas, in addition to contributing toward the baskets given by St. Stephen's Church, we gave 25 well-filled stockings to the Hope Day Nursery. We also made and gave to this Day Nursery at Easter 10 bloomer dresses, 6 muslin scrap books and a number of Easter novelties.

On February 26th we held our cake sale, which has come to be an annual affair. We had a very pleasant and profitable evening, earning $103.00—nearly $50.00 of this was given to us in money, and the remainder was the proceeds of our sale. On Easter Sunday we presented our contribution of $100.00 to the Community House Fund at the early service. We have also presented to the Community House a bridge lamp, in loving memory of our former President, Mrs. Vanderslice.

We are at present finishing a number of infants' garments to be given to the Sheltering Arms.

Our work changes from year to year, as various needs present themselves; but we are always trying to do "whatsoever" we find to be done "IN HIS NAME."

Bertha T. Walshe,
President.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May, 1925	$117.92	
Dues received	6.60	
Interest on Patten Legacy	79.28	
Contributions	13.60	
Proceeds of cake sale	103.00	
		$320.40

DISBURSEMENTS

National and County dues	$ 3.50	
Final payment to Japanese Reconstruction Fund	25.00	
Church Christmas baskets	8.00	
Christmas stockings and toys for Hope Day Nursery	23.25	
Annual dues to Travelers' Aid Association	5.00	
Christmas Gift	3.55	
Materials and supplies for sewing	25.42	
Dishes and cooking utensils	18.67	
Donation to Mothers' Fair	2.00	
Community House Fund	100.00	
Lamp for Community House	18.70	
		$233.09
Balance on hand April 30, 1926		$ 87.31

Anna Taggart,
Treasurer.

Shoe Fund

A generous friend of St. Stephen's contributed three packing boxes of new shoes and three boxes of rubbers.

Sixty-eight pairs of new shoes; eighteen pairs of partly worn ones; seventeen pairs of new rubbers; and $4.50 in cash were given out during the winter.

Kate H. Lewis.

A WIFE'S SECRET

You know what I look like.
You know what I say.
You know where I go during the day.
You know what I spend.
You know what I keep.
You know when I wake.
You know when I sleep.
You know what I eat.
You know what I drink.
But there's one thing you don't know.
And that's what I think.

Church Periodical Club

The basic idea of the Church Periodical Club is personal service, and it offers to every member of the Church an opportunity for such service. Its work is so varied that there are few indeed who cannot do something for it. The regular forwarding of a magazine is in itself a simple thing, but at the receiving end it may mean comfort in sorrow, relief in pain or light in darkness.

Back in the eighteen-eighties Mrs. Mortimer Fargo began sending her Church paper to a clergyman who could not subscribe for himself. Realizing that unlimited opportunity existed for such service, Mrs. Fargo, on January 10, 1888, called together a few of her friends and with them organized the Church Periodical Club.

In time that grain of mustard seed "grew and waxed a great tree," until now the work increases so rapidly that even the generosity of its friends cannot keep pace with its needs.

If everyone in the Church would give just such simple service as lay easily within his power, the Church Periodical Club would grow up to its opportunities.

For he "who serves his neighbor serves God."

At first the service to our missionaries meant only a magazine or two, possibly a book. Today it may include anything and everything in the way of printed matter for the use of the missionary, his family and his work. The books and magazines must fill the place of public library, theatre, congenial companions and the intangible influence of dwelling in the midst of the larger things of life.

Mrs. Missionary has very practical needs as well. One writes: "We shall be glad of garden and poultry magazines, for we raise our own 'eats' in this Chinese city."

A teacher, in asking for a fashion paper, explained that if her little Japanese girls **must** wear American clothes, such clothes should be good looking and up-to-date.

When it comes to provision for the missionary's work, the needs are of endless variety. Church school teachers must have reference books and there is a call, steady and persistent, for something for the children to take home, a paper, a little story, a card.

The deaconess trudging up the mountain trail and the general missionary motoring over the plans find equally that a supply of reading matter adds warmth to their welcome where already known and acts as open sesame in strange homes.

Forty-two members of St. Stephen's continue to send regularly 102 current magazines and 40 subscriptions are entered in the names of the recipients.

Our Sunday School leaflets are passed on to others in need of them.

Calendars go out at New Year's and cards are sent at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Money was given to buy books for the reference library to be used by the pupil nurses of our Episcopal Hospital; and to purchase books for the library at Kuling, the mountain resort in China, where our missionaries spend their vacations.

This is usually the only time of year allowed them for reading or study.

We still send magazines to the soldiers at Camp McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama, and to the men of the lighthouses along the coast.

Above all, the work of a Church Periodical Club librarian calls for patience and perseverance in no small degree; for a vision that sees in the material counted worthless by its owner a medium for showing forth the Divine Love; and for constant prayer that through the increase and strengthening of the work the light of the Gospel may shine more perfectly in the dark places of the earth.

The financial report for the year January 1, 1925, to January 1, 1926, is as follows:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand	$ 15.55
Received from Rector	10.00
Received from other sources	112.50
Total	$138.05

EXPENDITURES

Postage and stationery	$ 16.92
Freight and express	2.68
Books	3.25
Magazine subscriptions	80.05
Annual dues	10.00
Balance on hand	25.15
Total	$138.05

Mary M. Roberts,
Librarian.

The Report of the Daily Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School opened June 29th, 1925, and closed August 7th, 1925. The enrollment was 108 with a daily average attendance of 50. Nationalities represented were Americans, Italians, Irish, Greeks, Albanians and Hebrews.

The children were between 3 and 14 years of age. There were the usual number of children who had never attended the school before, together with children who had attended the school year after year, in fact ever since the school was organized, which was in the summer of 1913. A more interesting group of children could not have been found anywhere.

For many of these children of many creeds and nationalities, the vacation spent by attending the Bible school is a happy time. It is during that time spent in the school that the children are not on the streets exposed to physical and moral danger. Here is where manual work—such as sewing, hammock making, basket weaving and raffia work, together with Bible study and organized play went hand in hand.

The religious training and Bible teaching that these children get is the supreme need of all childhood. At the end of six weeks the children not only heard thirty Bible stories but they were able to retell them. They also had memorized five Psalms and over thirty Bible verses.

There were many useful articles on display during the last day of school. The children were exceedingly proud of these things they had made and went home on closing day eager and happy to show their parents what they had so carefully made.

So the Vacation Bible School season of 1925 was most successful.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1925

RECEIPTS

Received by check from Dr. Grammer	$150.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries for teachers and materials for school	$150.00

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte W. Nodine Weiser.

The Sunday School

Our School closed last June, on the 28th, after an excursion on the previous day, Saturday, to Atlantic City. On this successful and happy occasion we took with us 117 of the Sunday School and 43 relatives and friends. Reassembling in September, after the summer holidays, we in October were happy indeed to go into the New Community Building with its most comfortable quarters.

Our "Rally Day" and the fall season had a good attendance. We have averaged through the winter an attendance of about 100 each Sunday. Our Christmas festival and its musical play of "Happiness," held on Tuesday, December 29th, 1925, at 8 P. M., filled our auditorium to the number of 475. We felt that it was a big success.

Our number brought to confirmation was not so large as usual, as many of the scholars approaching that important event in their spiritual growth were hardly mature enough then, but will look forward to the next class.

While marriage has taken from us two of our teachers, others have come cheerfully into our work and brought sincerity and hope into our teaching force; so that the Lenten season found us all active and the Easter Carol Service, of the usual Sunday afternoon after Easter, was an unusually happy event. We departed from the old habit of holding it in the church and held it in our new building, comfortably filling the auditorium and its gallery. The Rector gave us a good address and seemed pleased with the change, as it gave the scholars a better chance to express themselves, which they did in song and Easter recitations.

The little ones of the primary were particularly pleasing. The dialog and tableaux of "Life and Death," was made very effective by the older girls in the characters of Life, Death, Truth, Mother, Pages, Witnesses and Justice. They excellently portrayed a strong Easter lesson of Life after Death. Our traditional flower-decorated cross was as resplendent as ever. The curtain drapery, so kindly loaned by Mr. Sparks, added to the beauty of the tableaux. Mrs. Snyder with her cornet, and Helen Patman at the piano gave us excellent musical leadership, as we repeated the Carols of the 1925 program.

We have found it very much better to use lantern slides to center attention as we sing our Sunday morning hymns. It does not litter the room with books and brings a much more musical response from all. Our contribution to Missions as per our treasurer, Mrs. Nissen's report, as shown below, exhibits a larger amount given by the scholars this year than last. We will join the Sunday School procession at Rittenhouse Square on Sunday afternoon, May 9th, when in the services at Holy Trinity, the Sunday School offerings to Missions will be made.

Faithfully yours,

George H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

I hereby submit the following report of the financial standing of the Sunday School:

"Sunday School Expense Fund":		
Receipts	$326.66	
Expenses	273.75	
Balance in Sunday School Fund		$ 52.91
Christmas Fund:		
Receipts	$124.68	
Expenses	97.65	
Balance in Christmas Fund		$ 27.03
Fund to be given by the Sunday School to Japan		$ 56.17
Total Amount of Funds		$136.11
Sent to Mr. Jacobs for Lenten Offering for 1926		$222.05

Maybelle S. Nissen, Treasurer.

United Thank Offering

At the annual presentation of the United Thank Offering at St. James' Church, on April 29th, thirty-five parishes were heard from and the offerings reached $12,752.15. After the service it was announced that $450.00 more had been added by telephone, making a total of $13,202.15. To this St. Stephen's contributed $300, this representing her offering for 1926; as it is her custom to collect only once a year, while many of the other churches do so semi-annually.

After the service a meeting of the parish treasurers took place in the Guild House.

Mrs. Baker, our Diocesan Treasurer, made a strong plea for the use of the little blue box—the use of which she believes adds greatly to the interest of the subscribers. I can supply them to any one wishing me to do so.

Elizabeth C. Washington.

Garden Party and Fair at Wyck

The participation of St. Stephen's as one of the parishes of the North Convocation is requested in the annual garden party and fair at Wyck. This event is scheduled for Thursday, June 3rd, from 2 until 8 o'clock, at 6026 Germantown Avenue, the colonial home of Mr. Caspar Wister Haines.

This year St. Stephen's will be associated with other parishes at the food table, and contributions of money or food, groceries, home-made jellies, cakes of all kinds, etc., will be gratefully received and acknowledged if sent to the Community House marked for Miss Laura Bell. If any one would prefer to send fancy or domestic articles as before, they will be very acceptable, as all proceeds go to the missions in the North Convocation, particularly St. George's, Venango.

St. Stephen's will also have charge of small articles to be sold for five, ten and twenty-five cents as packages sent by express, this to take the place of the grab-bag and laundry packages of former years, and if securely tied and value marked it will greatly oblige. Tickets may be procured of the verger, at twenty-five cents apiece.

There will be music and dances on the lawn, and a cafeteria supper, and it is hoped the rose garden may be in bloom.

Laura Bell, President,
Woman's Aid of the Convocation
of North Philadelphia.

A Prayer for a Friend Out of Sight

O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, in Whose embrace all creatures live, in whatsoever world or condition they be; I beseech Thee for **him** whose name and dwelling place and every need Thou knowest. Lord, vouchsafe **him** light and rest, peace and refreshment, joy and consolation, in Paradise, in the companionship of saints, in the presence of Christ, in the ample folds of Thy great love.

Grant that **his** life may unfold itself in Thy sight, and find a sweet employment in the spacious fields of eternity. Amen.

Letter from Japan

139 Shimoshibuya,
Tokyo, Japan.

April 12, 1926.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

On March 30th, St. Margaret's School sent out from its walls seventy-three girls, some into the higher institutions of learning and some direct into the world. They were all of them splendid young women.

At the commencement exercises, Dr. Mizuno, Ex-Minister for Home Affairs, and formerly Vice-Governor General of Corea, addressed the graduates. It was a simple speech but his moral earnestness moved the audience a great deal. Although he was not a Christian, the whole tenor of the address was Christian and he paid a tribute to the educational work done by the American Missions.

About a hundred new girls have come in, so that we have gained nearly thirty. Last year, more girls went out than those who came in, but this year already the tide has turned. As the school gets better known in its new neighborhood, applications for entrance will more and more increase, and the future of the school is very bright. Even this year there were thirty more than we could take in.

The rapid growth of this region is simply marvelous, especially since the earthquake. Ten years ago a string of thinly populated villages, it is now a group of fast-growing towns with a total population of about 160,000. The bulk of the people are educated and our new girls come from their homes.

McCormack, the great American tenor, has just arrived in Tokyo. He will go to China first and come back here in May and sing. Already there is a great enthusiasm over him. I don't know whether I can go to hear him. They charge enormous admission fees for such occasions.

Cherries are again in full bloom. Today it is windy and the blossoms are beginning to fall. They are so exquisitely beautiful but short-lived. It was because of this last feature of the cherry blossom that it was often compared to the life of a loyal Samurai in the old feudal days, for he was ever ready to die for his lord and never expected to live long.

"If you ask me what the spirit of Japan's man is, I answer, it is the cherry blossoms that smile in the morning's sunshine,"—that is still the ideal of Japanese loyalty and patriotism. The new tendencies in thought and spirit, however, have seriously affected this time-honored ideal.

Just now I am reading "Science, Religion and Reality," edited by Needham. It is very useful to me, especially one of the articles closely bearing on the History of Religion.

My daughter has just gone out to take cooking lessons from a Japanese man who served as a cook in a very wealthy French family in Paris. Her training in this line has much improved our own dinners, simple as they are. She has gone far in her music book, Czerny. She asked me to give you her kind regards.

I hope this will find you and Mrs. Grammer and other friends all well. Wishing you every good wish,

Most sincerely yours,

J. H. Kobayashi.

2 Cor. 5:1.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, we thank Thee for the mercies of the past day and night; for food and clothing, for sleep and shelter; for the companionship of our fellow men, and for daily opportunities for usefulness.

By our receiving these mercies may we also recognize the duties which they imply. May our love to Thee and our love to our fellow men ever grow stronger by their daily exercise.

Give us grace to face the future with equanimity. We profoundly believe in the future life and that Thou hast not created the wonderful minds of the past and the present minds so fruitful in searching out the secrets of nature and of the human mind and body, and in devising the many means and methods by which man's comfort, intelligence, and general welfare are so wonderfully promoted—only to vanish into oblivion at the death of the body, which is mortal.

We believe that Thou hast given to each of us an immortal Soul, capable of dwelling

with Thee in everlasting bliss. May we so order our lives in this, our temporary home, as to be fitted by Thy grace to inhabit our eternal home. Help us by precept and example to influence our fellow men to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and to enjoy this same faith in the future life.

All of this we ask in the Name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

William W. Keen, M.D., LL.D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Memorial Flower Fund, 1926

Jan. 3—Mrs. Lamb.
10—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17—Miss Ernst.
24—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.
31—Miss Gregg.

Feb. 7—Miss Gebhart.
14—Mrs. Sheble.
21—Miss Gebhart.
28—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 7—Mrs. Brunner.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
28—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.

April 1—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
4—Easter.
11—Miss Tappen.
18—Mrs. Lamb.
25—Mrs. Sheble.

May 2—Mrs. Woodward.
9—Miss Townsend.
13—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
16—Mrs. Higham.
23—Whitsunday.
30—Mrs. Woodward.

June 6—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
13—Mrs. H. H. Barton.
20—Miss Gebhart.
27—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

July 4—Miss Powell.
11—
18—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
25—

Aug. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—
15—Mrs. Love.
22—Miss Thackara.
29—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
12—Miss Powell.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 3—Miss Laura Bell.
10—Miss Maulsby.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Mrs. Keable.
31—

Nov. 1—Mr. James M. Arrison, 3rd, and Mrs. J. R. Shellenberger.
7—Girls' Friendly Society.
14—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
21—Miss Eisenbrey.
28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 5—Mrs. Sheble.
12—The Misses Davis.
19—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

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10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

May 12.—Frank A. Bastien,
Stephany E. Shrameek.
May 22.—Russell Parsons,
Josephine Halt Clark.
June 19.—William E. Groden,
Bertha E. Spoerleim.
July 26.—Santiago Rivera,
Gertrude V. Wagner.
Aug. 28—Herbert P. Eck,
Sylvia M. Bowman.
Sept. 4.—Nelson R. Schurr,
Genevieve E. Popowiaz.
Sept. 4.—Clarence W. Hand,
Rachel S. Charlesworth.
Sept. 11.—William J. Kyle,
Helen M. Wolfe.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

May 22.—Annie Bullock.
May 22.—Sarah F. Engelbert.
May 25.—Elizabeth M. Merchant.
June 13.—Carrie J. Hansche.
June 21.—Florence S. Sherrard.
July 14.—Annabel W. Smith.
July 22.—Augustus G. Brunner.
Aug. 24.—William Birrell Campbell.

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

July 25.—William Thomas Reed.
Sept. 12.—Alice Virginia Edwards.

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PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Pleasant is a vacation with its freedom from routine, with its opportunities for closer intercourse with nature and for reading favorite books, and new books, with its social joys, with leisure for loafing and inviting one's soul; and pleasant is a return to the regular work and to one's customary responsibilities and environment, to one's nitch in the world and service in the cosmos. The summer was welcome with its abundant flowers and foliage, and now the autumn is equally welcome with its parti-colored leaves and its bracing air. Let us greet its tasks with a cheer.

They are, indeed, not few, nor light; but then as Wordsworth tells us we,

"have great allies,
Our friends are exultations, agonies,
And love, and man's unconquerable mind."

People who take shallow, heartless, cold, worldly views have all the deep experiences of life against their thin philosophies, barren negations and superficial cynicism. God is on our side. "If God be for us who can be against us. He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all how shall he not with him freely give us all things." He who began will not give up until He attains his end.

Let us then not be discouraged by the spectacle of lawlessness and selfishness that we see in the government of our city in the conduct of the Sesqui-Centennial, in the public disregard of finer instincts, in the tone of the press, in the sensational use of crime as valuable news. God is working his purpose out through his faithful people and in spite of the Philistines and their allies. It is good to be in Philadelphia right in the midst of the battle. Politics need the Church, Social Life needs the guidance of the Church. Sport will grow more and more brutal without the criticism of the Church. Business will place the dollar above the man, without the teaching of the gospel. The diocese of Pennsylvania is one of the strategic centres of the Protestant Episcopal Church; if we can fill it with the right spirit, we shall help our whole Communion. The city of Philadelphia is the birth place of the nation; if we can cleanse it, we shall benefit the whole Republic.

If the purpose of a Church is like that of a lighthouse to spread its light far and wide especially over dangerous places, then our down-town Church is well situated.

As I announced on the last Sunday in September, the Reverend Robert Oliver Kevin, S.T.B., has accepted a call to be the Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's. An honor graduate of our Philadelphia Divinity School, with wide experience of our city life through his former connection with the press, Mr. Kevin is uniquely equipped to help extend the work of our down-town Church. He has already gained the affection of the members of the congregation with whom he has come in contact this summer, and I hope that his connection with the parish may be long and happy. He is planning to organize a class for Sunday School teachers.

The congregation will learn with regret of the resignation by Mrs. H. Spencer Lucas of the Presidency of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly. Succeeding in this important post the late Miss Maria S. Wilkins, Mrs. Lucas discharged its responsibilities with great fidelity. She leaves behind her one of the most flourishing and numerous branches in the city. While she will be greatly missed I feel certain that the emergency will call forth the loyalty and reserve strength of the members, and that the Branch will in its new and fine quarters be able to continue the old activities.

On July 22nd, one of the hottest days of the year, with the thermometer standing at 100 in the shade, "The Mothers" went on their annual outing. The place was Riverview Beach, on the Delaware, which was reached by a pleasant boat ride on one of the Wilson Line's fine steamers. Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Higham had 150 of the members with them. Mrs. Grammer and I came down from the highlands of New Jersey to participate in the excursion.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan, Miss Lewis and Mrs. Nissen were also of the company and we had a fine day. The great steamship carried an immense crowd of excursionists. All its passage ways were choked with chairs. The day was excessively hot, yet the order, good humor, good behavior were wonderful. All the arrangements for the dinner were admirable and every one voted the excursion a great success. Never was the Mothers' Meeting larger and more useful.

In the death of Mr. William B. Campbell who died suddenly at his summer home at Bass Rocks, Massachusetts, St. Stephen's loses one of its staunch members, one of the members that I found when I came to the parish. In late years his health obliged him to restrict his activities, but he never narrowed his interests, and it was through his cordial sympathy that Mrs. Campbell was able to participate so helpfully in many activities of St. Stephen's. A descendant of one of the most famous Scotch clans, he always kept in close contact with Scotland and his Scotch relations. Like so many Scotchmen he had a special predilection for the language and literature of France. He was a man who rejoiced in the amenities and sociabilities of friendship. A Christian gentleman, he was widely loved and will be greatly missed. The sympathy of many friends goes out to Mrs. Campbell. Severe, indeed, must be the loss of such a husband and the separation from such a comrade. It was one of those marriages that seem to have been made in Heaven.

May God comfort her with a hope full of immortality.

The death of Miss Florence Sherrard occurred in June, and an oral tribute was paid to her in the Church the Sunday after the funeral, but it is only right that there should be some memorial here of such a loyal daughter of our Church. Although the separate numbers of the Parish News seem very ephemeral, nevertheless bound together as they are in memorial volumes, they contribute an enduring record of the activities, vicissitudes and achievements of this historic Church. In the role of its faithful workers Florence Sherrard has an honorable place. I found her, when I came to the Church, a scholar in Miss Denny's class in the Sunday School, she was afterwards a teacher in the school, a prominent member of the Girls' Friendly with unusual dramatic gifts, at one time President of the Young People's Club, and always a devoted and co-operative member of St. Stephen's Church.

Her last illness came upon her suddenly. In her invalidism she was full of courage, and greatly comforted by the attentions of her friends. Her faith was a great support to her in those trying days.

Greatly loving St. Stephen's she was greatly beloved in the Church. Her funeral in her home was largely attended.

The Burd School is one of the great ornaments of our parish as well as one of the chief responsibilities of the Rector and Vestry. The congregation will therefore be interested to know that the school continues to receive the most unstinted praise from Dr. Ellen Potter of the State Welfare Bureau. At the camp where our girls spent August an intelligent visitor praised most highly the excellent manners of "the Burd girls." Three of the girls who graduated last year at the City High School are now receiving further vocational training under the auspices of the school: Shirley Edwards in West Chester, Pa., and Dorothy Ziegler and Lillian Bovell at Farmville, Virginia. This distant school was chosen because no room could be found for our girls at our overcrowded State College. Virginia Downward will conclude this year her course in the University of Pennsylvania.

There are in addition to these graduates from the High School who are supported by the Burd School while completing their preparation, undergraduates who are being trained under the Burd School's supervision such as Isabel Harmon, whose health made it advisable to have her in the bracing climate of Northfield, Massachusetts, where she is studying in the famous Moody School, and Helen Fulton who through the influence of Dr. Mary Lewis, the physician of the School, has obtained a position in the West Philadelphia Hospital for women where she is training to be a nurse.

I ought to have spoken in connection with Virginia Downward of the honors that have been conferred on her by her classmates. She is President of her Sorority and Vice-President of the University Y. W. C. A., and has been selected by each of these organizations as their delegate to their respective annual conventions.

On October 27th advantage will be taken of the presence of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, to combine a reception to the Bishop of the Metropolitan Diocese to which Pennsylvania belonged in Colonial days with the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Garland. There will be a service at Holy Trinity in the afternoon and a reception in the evening in some suitable hall. It will be an occasion of great dignity and will undoubtedly stimulate loyalties and strengthen the sense of diocesan solidarity. It will doubtless prove a valuable precursor of the great campaign that will be inaugurated this winter to put our diocesan institutions on a modern footing of efficiency.

I shall not undertake at the close of this

editorial to speak of the shame that all high-toned citizens, not to say Christian citizens, must feel in the way in which our Sesqui- Centennial was opened and is being conducted. Those poor Shriners how deceived they must feel at having been persuaded to hold their meeting in Philadelphia because of the Sesqui, when at the time of their convention the Sesqui was a mere sketch and suggestion. How every patriot must shudder at a celebration of the foundation of our government, that disgraces itself by breaking the laws of the State, and by accepting money upon conditions that are not observed. Culture and enlightenment were to be fostered as well as patriotism, and to that end two big brutes batter one another for the prize of immenese purses. No love of glory here. The Greek athletes strove for a wreath of laurel or bay; but no such disinterested love of glory for our bruisers. Sordid in its arrangements, sordid in its literature, sordid and brutal in influence, this prize-fight is the crowning infamy. Do not be deceived by sophistry in behalf of this "manly sport." The arguments by which it is justified are the same that were used in defence of the gladiatorial shows which the humane and cultivated Cicero commended as schools for courage, and that exacting moralist Epictetus referred to without reprobation. The sentiment that this prize fight outrages with its brutality, rowdyism, betting, and money getting, is the same Christian sentiment that put down gladiatorial shows, the mutilation of criminals, and the old time flogging in the army and navy. A man, Christianity teaches, is too sacred a being to be pitted against his fellow in this brutal fashion, like fighting cocks or bull-terriers. If the spectacle is uplifting how is it that it attracts such a tough crowd and has such brutal chief actors. No, it is a crying shame that such a spectacle should take place in the city founded by that saint of God, William Penn, and adorned by the life and labors of the great humanitarian and sage Benjamin Franklin, and at a fair in honor of the founding of our enlightened and Christian Republic.

But according to the reasoning of the Sesqui officials anything is proper that brings in money. Perhaps they may yet try the pecuniary value of a great bull fight in the arena.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Burd School

Number of girls who went to Miss Boyd's camp, "Camp Wamphallobank" near Wilkes-Barre:—22.

Girl who received prize for most number of points, Muriel Bowman.

Number of girls who went to Camp Niwauna, Branchville, N. J.:—15.

Girl who received prize for most number of points, Cicely Pointer.

Extract from a letter to Miss Mary Richards.

"Miss Holton, physical supervisor at Plymouth Schools, visited Miss Boyd's camp while the Burd School girls were there. She said the counsellors at the camp were loud in their praise of the behavior of the girls of the Burd School. Every one seemed to think their training to be superior. The Burd School girls made a good impression on all visitors at the Boyd camp."

From The Public Ledger

BURD SCHOOL PUPIL WINS

What is called remarkable tribute to the character building and efficiency of the training of the Burd School, 43d street and Baltimore avenue, was witnessed yesterday, when a 14-year-old girl from that institution was declared the most popular of 300 graduates of the Shaw Junior High School, 54th street and Warrington avenue.

She is Adelaide Stewart Mastick who, following the death of her father, entered the Burd School in 1919 at the age of 7.

She is president of her class and for the last three years has won highest honors for proficiency in study. Her father was a lawyer and her mother a school teacher.

She will enter the West Philadelphia High School for Girls next fall, and she hopes later to enter the University of Pennsylvania.

July 2, 1926.

BURD SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Girls Enrolled, Forty; Living at the Burd School, Thirty-seven; Living at Home and Attending University of Penn, One; Living at Northfield Seminary, One; Living at West Philadelphia Hospital for Women, One; Applications, Three; Girls who passed their grades in school, 99%; First in Grade, Five; President of their Classes, Four; Total Honorary Positions in Public School, Twelve; Going to Summer School One.

Sept. 16, 1926.

Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.,
1008 Clinton Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Grammer:-

Our representative recently visited the Burd School and her report shows that the same high type of service is being rendered the children there that we have nored on previous visits.

The opportunities and help afforded for higher education are especially noteworthy, both in themselves and because they connote careful training through the preceding school life. Your able superintendent, Miss Tappen, seems to have an especial gift for bringing out latent talents and the best qualities in each individual child.

Wishing continued success to the Burd School and assuring you of our real respect for the work that is being done there, I am

Sincerely yours,
Ellen C. Potter, M.D.,
Secretary of Welfare.

LIST OF HONOR STUDENTS

First in Grade:- Comegys School
Gwendolyn Moore
Miriam Mitchell
Mary Pointer
Cicely Pointer
Edwardene Cope

President of Class:
Miriam Mitchell (Comegys)
Adelaide Mastick (Shaw Junior High)
Bernice Bovell (Shaw Junior High)
Katherine Bowman (Shaw Junior High)

Vice-President of Class:
Dorothy Witherow (Shaw Junior High)

Secretary of Class:
Elsie Martin (Shaw Junior High)

Director of Executive Board of "Students' Council"
Bernice Bovell (Shaw Junior High)

The Woman's Auxiliary

St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will hold its first meeting in the Parish House Thursday, October 21st, at eleven o'clock.

Sunday School

Our annual excursion was held on Saturday June 26th, at Atlantic City. About 30 relatives and friends of the scholars went along. We filled two special cars. In all, 152 had a happy day at the sea-side. The Rector and Mr. Kevin enjoyed the day with us.

The next day, Sunday, we adjourned for the Summer holidays and on Sunday morning September 19th, we reassembled with 100 present at roll call.

We will begin our regular winter course of lessons on the first Sunday in October. We cordially invite our friends of St. Stephen's to visit and see what an earnest enthusiastic group of young people we have in our Sunday School room each Sunday morning at 9.30.

Faithfully Yours,
George H. Streaker
Supt.

Letters from Japan

Tokyo, Japan.
June 15, 1926.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

We sent out questionnaire blanks to our graduates asking them what the religious education they received while in the school had done for them since they left their Alma Mater. Here are some of the answers.

Wife of a doctor who has a large hospital of his own in the south of Japan writes: "I was brought up in a Christian family. It was because my father wanted to have Christian influence upon me that he sent me to St. Margaret's. After graduating from the school, I married and had to live far away from my home people. Many a thing has happened to me which has tried my faith and courage and every such time my religious training in St. Margaret's has so much helped me. I have no worldly ambition and the only ambition I have now is to bring up my children as real good Christian men and women. I am grateful for my Christian education in the school."

A girl graduated in the year of the earthquake and still unmarried says: "My life since the commencement is a sort of an extension of my school life. My religious nature was so carefully and effectively nurtured in St. Margaret's. The friends in the Church which I visited often advise me to be baptized but I am waiting the time when I feel a real yearning for it. Studying in a different school I realize more and more how fortunate I was that I spent my five years in a good Christian school. In the earth-quake fire I lost all my things, but I never complained of the calamity. I owe this frame of mind to my religion. My parents often told me that the sight of my uncomplaining submission more broke their hearts than otherwise.

Another girl sticks to her faith bravely in spite of her unfavorable circumstances; "Both at home and at the school I was brought up in a Christian atmosphere, for which I am always thankful. After graduating I was thrust out into a rough world. At present I am working in connection with a business enterprise of my relatives. Here, the people are quite anti-Christian, but God has always strengthened me in the midst of all the opposition and unfriendliness. Christianity makes me contented wherever I am. That seems to me to be its greatness."

A girl who recently married a noble's son writes thus: "As you know, I was so poor in my

health all the time I was in the school. After graduating under many difficulties and frequent delays in 1921, that same year I lost my father and my mother was so ill. With my sick mother to nurse and with my little sisters and brothers to look after, I often spent sleepless nights in tears. But through all these years of trial how Christian faith supported me! Mrs. Hickson's healing ministry did wonders to my health, which has been completely restored. Whenever I was in trouble, my thought of Christ and the cross strengthened and comforted me. I am now happy and always thankful for what the school did for me."

She will be a Baroness some day, and we all wish her happiness.

Many of our graduates have worked and are still working for the Church and lots of them married ministers. If many of them were not baptized while in the school, quite a number received baptism after leaving the school. In consideration of the difficulties connected with marriage, many of the girls are kept from baptism by their parents though the girls themselves are desirous of it. If they are not baptized, they often send their own children to Christian Sunday Schools. Without a single exception, the non-Christian pupils leave the school with all the prejudice against Christianity removed and almost always with a favorable feeling towards the new religion of which they were so ignorant before they came to St. Margaret's.

The amount and extent of Christian influence in a land like this must not be measured by the number of baptisms which came out in the Mission report.

I am afraid this is too late to be of any use for your Parish paper before the summer. I am very sorry, but I have been so very busy these few weeks.

If you are not tired of these "Japan letters," I will keep on for years to come.

Hoping you and Mrs. Grammer will have a pleasant summer vacation, with my kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Kobayashi.

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139 Shimoshibuya, Tokyo,
July 13, 1926

My dear Dr. Grammer,

Your kind letter and the post-office notice of the money order for thirty (30) dollars from you came to my hand in a rapid succession. Thank you.

Yes, that completes the amount which you so kindly promised me to raise for me to help my securing a piano for my daughter, Keiko.

Once more, I beg to tender my heart-felt thanks to you and to the good friends who so kindly joined you to do us this great act of goodness. Every one who has been told of how we came to be in possession of the piano is greatly impressed. Keiko's mother and brothers as well as herself have so often spoken about the wonderful kindness of her American friends.

I hardly need to repeat what I have already said—how the piano has revived my lonely daughter and how our desolate, furnitureless home has been brightened up. We are truly grateful.

Keiko's musical training has been proving useful in religious lines. Since last April, she has served as the regular organist of Trinity Church, formerly the pro-cathedral of the American Church Mission. We are all glad that she can do some service to the Christian cause even in this humble way.

We will close St. Margaret's School on July 15th. The vacation lasts until Sept. 10th. The summer here this year looks to be going very hot.

The new American Ambassador, Mr. MacNeab has so many friends in Japan, and his stay, I hope, will contribute towards a better mutual understanding between the two nations. As I said before, I shall always be glad to write on things Japanese for the Parish News, that is, if you would wish so. It would give me the greatest pleasure to be allowed to do so, as that would be one way in which I could express my appreciation of what you and the kind members of your church have done for me.

Hoping that the summer is not so hot there as it is here and with my kindest regards and good wishes to Mrs. Grammer and you in which my daughter most cordially joins,

Yours most sincerely,

J. H. Kobayashi.

If a man does not make new friendships as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repairs.—*Samuel Johnson.*

A Shrine

I do not know of a better shrine, before which a father or mother may kneel or stand, than that of a sleeping child. I do not know of a holier place, a temple where one is more likely to come into closer touch with all that is infinitely good, where one may come nearer to seeing and feeling God.

From that shrine come matins of love and laughter, of trust and cheer to bless the new day; and before that shrine should fall our vespers, our grateful benedictions for the night.

At the cot of a sleeping babe all man-made ranks and inequalities are ironed out, and all mankind reverently kneels before the living image of the Creator.

To understand a child, to go back and grow up sympathetically with it, to hold its love and confidence, to be accepted by it—without fear or restraint—as a companion and playmate, is just about the greatest good fortune that can come to any man or woman.

—Old Fogy's Inglenook.

Friendship

Our friends see the best in us, and by that very fact call forth the best from us.—*Hugh Black.*

I could not live without the love of my friends.—*John Keats.*

If you have a vice and would rid yourself of it, take for your friends those who have it not.—*Geo. C. Johnston.*

Who seeks a friend without a fault remains without one.—*Turkish Proverb.*

A man's friendships is one of the best measures of his worth.—*Charles Darwin.*

My friend is one whom I can associate with my choicest thought.—*Henry D. Thoreau.*

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is the service of a friend. —*Ralph W. Emerson.*

The best that we find in our travels is an honest friend. He is a fortunate voyager who finds many. —*Robt. Louis Stevenson.*

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.—*Anonymous.*

At Good-cheer House on Friendship Street
The latchstring's hanging from the door;
A pathway's worn for many feet
Have traveled that same way before.
Though it be morn, or noon, or night,
Though outside it may rain or sleet,
You'll find the heart-fires burning bright
At Good-cheer House on Friendship Street.
—*Joseph Morris.*

Be True

Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach!
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

—Horatius Bonar.

I think these verses should be engraven on the heart of every child of man.

—Jay M. Whitman.

I regret that the Churchman favors our entrance upon diplomatic relations with Turkey without any safeguarding of the rights of the Christian minorities. Here is a significant comment on the Lausanne Treaty, which we are asked to sign:

THE LAUSANNE TREATY

Bishop Edward Blake of the Methodist Episcopal Church referred to the Lausanne Treaty some time ago as a striking instance of "dollar diplomacy" and the disregard of human rights. He wrote:

Not a word was said at Lausanne about the protection of the Christian minorities. . . . Oil and tobacco were the big issues, and oil and tobacco were saved. The Christian minorities were left to shift for themselves.

Bishop Blake added the following characteristic instance of the American method of dealing with the Turks:

When Smyrna was sacked by the Turks, 100,000 people were put to death. We had four American destroyers in the habor at the time, but we never lifted a voice or raised a gun to prevent the massacre. Absolute neutrality was the order from Washington.

The American consulate was burned, the American Y. M. C. A. was burned, the main building of the American school for girls was burned, and the American school for boys was looted. No effort was made to save these properties. But a company of American sailors was landed to protect the plant of the Standard Oil Company, and that was the only American property of any importance within a mile of Smyrna that was saved.

Former Ambassador Morgenthau writes that Christian nations do not deserve to be called Christian, if they enter into diplomatic relations with Turkey without any regard to that nation's treatment of the Christians in its dominion.

C. E. G.

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Sept. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
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26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 3—Miss Laura Bell.
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17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Mrs. Keable.
31—

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7—Girls' Friendly Society.
14—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
21—Miss Eisenbrey.
28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright

Dec. 5—Mrs. Sheble.
12—The Misses Davis.
19—Mrs. Petry.
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

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Asked the secret of her loveliness of body and soul, an old lady replied:—

"I use for the lips, truth;
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"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Oct. 26—Thomas J. Reilly and Gladys S. Feige.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Sept. 29—Clarence W. Mearns.

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"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Sept. 26—Rebecca McKelvy.
Oct. 10—William Pearce Linton.

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There should be nothing so much a man's business as his amusements.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

How small a part is played by reason in the conduct of man's affairs.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

Let any man speak long enough, he will get believers.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

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To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

To love playthings well as a child, to lead an adventurous and honorable youth, and to settle when the time arrives, into a green and smiling age, is to be a good artist in life and deserve well of yourself and your neighbor.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The inevitable theme of my letter is the Diocesan Campaign that will be inaugurated after Thanksgiving Day in behalf of the proper equipment of our Diocesan Missions and Institutions. Early in his Episcopate Bishop Garland was asked to allow first one institution and then another to canvass the Diocese for contributions. His answer was that this piece-meal method would weary the Diocese, and work hardship to some of the smaller but very deserving missions and institutions. Accordingly after taking counsel with the Executive Committee and clergy, the Bishop inaugurated a thorough survey of the needs of the Diocesan Missions and Institutions, if they were to be put into a fit condition to render useful service. There was a time when the Pennsylvania institutions of benevolence, such as the Episcopal Hospital, were recognized as the best in their class; but nothing has been done for a generation and they have fallen behind. The goal of the survey is simply to put them into good condition, not to meet their needs for development. This last would be too much for our resources; but the other goal, it is believed, can be reached, if the period of raising the money be extended to five years.

By the survey, it was ascertained that three million and a half would be sufficient. The Diocese has about 68,000 communicant members and many friends and adherents. The campaign is to provide for *human needs* in this Diocese. There will be no quotas assigned to the parishes and missions. The watchword is "Every Parishioner a Member." It is to be a cooperative enterprise. The parish will be the banner parish which has the largest proportion of its communicants subscribing. The raising of the money will be turned over to the parish authorities under the leadership of the Deans of Convocations and the Convocational lay leaders. In the Convocation of North Philadelphia, Dean Levis has beside him as leader of the laymen, Mr. William White and as leader of laywomen, Miss Laura Bell. Each Rector is expected to appoint as leaders of the Campaign in the parish a layman and laywoman and to associate with them on the committee some laymen and laywomen. Mr. I. Smith Raspin, our Accounting Warden, and Miss Ella Headman have accepted the headship of this committee and with them some ten or twelve others will be associated. Every one in the Diocese will be asked to contribute according to his ability. Surely there will be no one who cannot contribute a dollar a year for five years. Certainly there are few who cannot contribute five dollars a year. Many, I hope, will see their way to pledge hundreds or thousands.

There are some people who refuse to pledge themselves for more than they can pay at once. They do not like to be bound; but surely this is not a brave and self-sacrificing temper. It is clearly not co-operative. If this were the general attitude, none of our campaigns would be possible; the Welfare Federation would have to close its doors at once. I am confident that such will not be the spirit in St. Stephen's. While I want every one to do his best, my chief concern is that every one shall participate in this greatest cooperative effort of the Diocese since the day when it founded the Episcopal Hospital.

He must be hard to please who does not find an appealing object in the Episcopal Hospital, or the Church Farm School, or the City Mission for consumptives, or the Galilee Mission; in the Home for Aged Women, for Crippled Children, or our Mission at State College, where we join with the other dioceses in the State in providing for our boys' religious nurture in this state school. I mention a few of the subjects that especially appeal to me. Every authority in the Diocese is behind this campaign, from the Bishop and the Convention, down through the Convocations and parishes to the smallest mission. I have only heard of one rector who will not cooperate, and he is probably one of those men whose likeness is given in the son in the parable, who said, "I will not," and afterwards obeyed. All the Convocations have their appointed leaders. The opening guns of the campaign will be fired from all our pulpits on November 21st. The action will be opened by a dinner on Friday, November 26th, to which the Diocesan Campaign Committee will invite all Parish Committees, including the Rectors. This will doubtless be one of the outstanding Diocesan events of the year, perhaps of a generation. At that time final instruction will be given, and the names of the persons to be solicited will be divided.

On the Sunday following, addresses will be delivered in all the churches, on the need and the opportunity. During the next week the personal solicitation will follow, each Parish Committee being expected to report every day from Monday to Friday on the subscriptions procured by his committee. On Monday, 29th, the final meeting will be held. It is confidently hoped that it will be a victory dinner, such as marked the end of the campaigns for the Divinity School, and the Japanese Reconstruction Fund.

We have a worthy cause, the religious and physical needs of our own people; a community of sufficient numbers and wealth, our 68,000 communicants; a well devised method, and inspiring and intelligent leadership. The cause is God's Cause, the objects are most of them universal in their appeal, and all of them dear to many of our people.

May God give us all the spirit of fellowship, of self-sacrifice, and of loving generosity. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

I hope that in my December letter I may write in thankfulness to God, and in gratitude to a loyal congregation for the unanimity with which they have responded to this appeal for the glory of God and the welfare of the missions and institutions of our Diocese.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

DR. GRAMMER'S ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION

On the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Pennsylvania, October 27, 1926, Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Bishop:

The Committee of the Clerical Brotherhood has honored me with the responsibility of expressing on this interesting occasion the Diocesan sentiments of loyalty, affection and respect. I do so with peculiar pleasure because I feel so strongly personally what I shall say in a representative capacity.

Well do we recall your consecration fifteen years ago. The post you were elected to fill, the Suffragen Bishopric in this Diocese, was a most difficult one, for the Suffragan Bishop though consecrated with the same impressive rites as the Diocesan Bishop, is in fact inducted into but little definite authority. He is one of whom much is expected, while little is given. Into this difficult position, you entered with none of the glamour that is apt to surround the unknown or exotic. Your ministry had been almost entirely spent in this Diocese, and you were intimately known by the clergy and laity. Without withdrawing yourself from the old comradeship, you rose simply and naturally to the level of the new responsibilities.

It is unnecessary to speak at any length of your service as a Suffragan Bishop, since the unmistakable seal of approval was set upon it by your election in 1924 to the Bishopric of the Diocese on the first ballot, a testimonial that was especially noteworthy in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, where frequent ballotings, and long dead-locks, have often marked such elections. The enthusiasm with which our choice was welcomed by the city, proved that your labors in behalf of a better organization of charity, and your outspoken advocacy of social and political righteousness, were widely appreciated; that you were recognized as an outstanding citizen, as well as an ecclesiastical leader. The Christian ministers of the Churches that cooperate with us in civic and philanthropic enterprises, the Protestant ministers, were especially gratified that

one who had always shown himself fraternal and cooperative, who stressed agreements, and not differences, should be our Bishop in the City of Brotherly Love.

Auspicious as were all these features of your election, none was so full of promise as the fact that you were not the candidate of any one school of thought. A comprehensive Church like ours contains many widely divergent schools of churchmanship, and where men are earnest and outspoken, it is only natural that they should endeavor to have the theories and methods that they believe in, gain the approval of the whole body, and control its corporate action. Unfortunately these differences are sometimes so emphasized, that the unity of spirit is destroyed, and the efficiency of the Church is impaired. Fortunate is the Diocese whose Bishop can be looked upon as Friend and Helper by all schools—High and Low, Broad and Ritualist; this is our happy condition to-day. The candidate of no one party, your election was a great harmonizing influence, and every one who knows the inner working of the Diocese appreciates that this propitious beginning has been continued, by your just and wise administration. In the region of thought where truth and reason must decide, we do not want authority to seek to control our understandings. We are glad to have a Bishop who is willing to let men think for themselves; who is content with a unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and relies on the power of the truth to protect the Church's message.

This Diocesan harmony has borne rich fruit. Your unique knowledge of Diocesan needs and problems has enabled you to direct wisely the awakened energies of a harmonized Diocese. The great achievement of raising one million dollars for our Divinity School whose miserable equipment had long called for energetic measures, found in you a mainspring of inspiration and energy, as well as a wise pilot. Its success was a cheering augury. Still more remarkable and heartening was the successful drive for a quarter of a million dollars in behalf of our Mission in Japan, so prostrated by the earthquake, and so little considered by our Church until this Diocese under your leadership set a splendid example.

The great Campaign that you are inaugurating for the better equipment of our Diocesan institutions and missions sets before the Diocese a cause in which all schools of churchmanship can unite under your constructive leadership, and meets a fundamental responsibility of the Christian Church. Well do you appreciate that the care of the flock takes precedence of the decoration of the shepherd's crook; that charity and evangelization have claims superior to aesthetics. I am confident that the response will be hearty and unanimous. Already we feel the groundswell of the tide that will lift the Diocesan missions and institutions of benevolence from the shoals and bars where they are stranded and set them afloat for careers of larger usefulness.

My venerated teacher of theology used to ring the changes on the heart searching theme, that the basis of the ministerial character is the Christian character. We are grateful that the fierce white light that beats upon exalted seats, has only made it more manifest, that the basis of your life is a Christian character. Stanley Baldwin, the English Prime Minister, in his eloquent tribute to Lord Curzon, characterizes that great statesman as a man who erected a facade about himself. We are grateful that you are a man who meets people without any such barrier, which is, we realize, often the product of shyness, but is always a limitation in a leader. Nothing draws our people to you more than the impression that you make on all men, that you realize deeply the truth of Browning's great line—

"All service ranks the same with God."

Nothing gives you greater influence in this community than the conviction that you appreciate that no man can be a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, at the same time seek to please men; that you realize that Jesus came into this world not merely to comfort the sorrowing and forgive the sinner, but also to bring deliverance to the captive, and destroy the works of the devil; that His gospel has a message for society as well as for individuals, for business as well as for worship, for amusement as well as for benevolence.

Not light nor easy is the task of him who has to steer the Christian bark amid the hidden reefs and shifting currents of our civilization, still so largely Pagan, still worshipping so largely wealth and success, position and power. We are grateful that we have in you a leader so wise, large-hearted, tolerant and just, such a loyal follower of our great Captain and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our prayers go up to God on your behalf. May He bless you, and your loyal hearted wife, so deeply interested in your work. Long may you preside over this Diocese, and may the other years of your Bishopric be like unto the beginning.

As a closing word, may I be permitted to anticipate the introduction of our distinguished guest by saying that it is, I am sure, especially gratifying to the whole Diocese to have the Lord Bishop of London with us at the celebration of this anniversary. We want the people of England, and especially the Bishop of the See, which in Colonial times exercised Episcopal supervision over this infant colony, to know by the unmistakable testimony of this occasion, how wisely and lovingly this portion of the old province of Pennsylvania is shepherded, and how loyally our leader is followed. By the presence of the Bishop of London today, our words are made to carry far, and the dignity of the occasion is enhanced, and we rejoice to have him with us for this as well as for other reasons personal to himself.

70th Anniversary of The Burd School

The celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Burd School on October 23rd, was a great success. The program gave a most interesting contrast. First the modern school was shown through shadow pictures, that exhibited the life of the school from rising in the morning, through inspection, and so on to the evening dancing after supper. These scenes were announced by calling them out in a Broad Casting Station. Then the early school was portrayed through tableaux which showed the first twelve pupils, (a reproduction of a photograph), the chapel services, and so on. No pains had been spared to make the rendition life-like. In the chapel scene the windows were portions of the windows in the old chapel. These scenes were announced by a crier, who rang a bell and called them from his high post. Great credit is due to Miss Tappen for the scenario, so to speak, and to the girls for the spirit with which it was carried out.

One of the interesting incidents of the celebration was the presence of a member of the first band, the youngest child in the picture, that Mrs. Burd gathered around her, seventy-five years ago. She is Mrs. Anna B. Kenelhart, of Gettysburg. Being introduced to the audience, she paid a brief and well conceived tribute to the institution as it was in her own time, and complimented the Principal on the changes and improvements.

The great feature of the celebration was undoubtedly the address of Dr. Ellen C. Potter, Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare of the Commonwealth. Nothing could be more gratifying to the Board, to the Principal and her staff, and to the friends of the School, than the judgment that Dr. Potter passed on the School, an opinion that she justified in detail. That judgment was that the School was entitled to a grade of 100 per cent. This estimate, she explained, was based on the report of her experts for four years. The items that she specified as meeting the requirements was a Board of Trustees that took an interest in their trust and had regular meetings; the participation of women in the Board deliberations; the qualifications and ability of the Principal, the tests for admission, the medical care, the food, the clothing, the bed-rooms, the bed-covering, the teaching, the religious training, the social vision. In every thing the School reached the grade of 100 per cent.

In spite of the inclement weather the dining-room hall was filled to its utmost capacity. I wish that the whole congregation and all the clergy of the diocese could have heard that tribute.

C. E. G.

Devotional Day

A Devotional Day for the women of the Diocese, in Old Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street, on Tuesday, November 23rd. Holy Communion, 10.30 A. M., followed by short addresses by Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, of Albany. Box luncheon in Christ Church Neighborhood House at 12.30. Informal Conference, 1.15 to 2.15 P. M. Bishop Oldham will conduct Devotional Services at Christ Church from 2.30 to 3.30. It is desired the young women of the Diocese attend this service. You are needed—bring someone with you.

G. H. Woodward,
President of W. A. of Pa.

The Bohlen Lectures

Mr. John Bohlen of Trinity Church, Philadelphia, founded in 1877 the Bohlen Lectures, which it was hoped would in time take the place in the Protestant Episcopal Church, which the Bampton Lectures have in the Church of England. Not the most ardent American would claim that the lectures have attained that high distinction. But they have undoubtedly contributed to the advancement of our Church's scholarship, and the quickening of religious thought. Most of the lectures have been delivered by professors, but a few were given by Rectors. The only Philadelphia rector was Phillips Brooks, who delivered a course on "The Influence of Jesus" in 1879.

The congregation of St. Stephen's will, I am sure, be interested to learn that I have been invited to deliver these lectures in the spring of 1927. The honor is enhanced by the distinction of the electors, who are the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, and the professors in the Philadelphia Divinity School occupying the chairs of Biblical Literature, Systematic Divinity, and Church History.

With the understanding that, if in spite of my best efforts, I can not get my material into shape in the spring, the delivery of the lectures may be postponed till the autumn, I have accepted the election. The design of Mr. Bohlen was to have the lectures published in book form, and I should much prefer to get them into the final shape before delivering them, although sometimes the lectures are delivered from notes, and the publication waits till a more convenient season.

The theme that I have selected for the course is "Christianity's Appeal to Reason." I hope that I can squeeze what I want to say into five lectures.

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club will have their Annual Fair on Thursday, December 2nd. A chicken and waffle dinner will be served from 5.30 to 7.30. Come and bring your friends. Gifts of money or articles to be sold will be appreciated, and may be sent to the Community House any time. Fancy and useful articles will be on sale.

Fourth Annual Mass Meeting

The fourth annual mass meeting designed to promote interest in international peace will take place on Armistice Sunday, November 7th, at 3.30 o'clock, at the Aldine Theatre.

Twenty-five organizations, including religious, social, educational, men's and women's civic clubs and labor unions, are participating in the mass meeting, and it is expected more than 2,000 will attend. The meeting is free to the public.

With Mrs. Lucretia Blankenburg as Chairman, the Armistice Day Mass Meeting will have a program that is calculated to stimulate wide interest.

Dr. Alexander Lyons, Rabbi of the largest temple in Brooklyn, New York, will address the assemblage on "Our Supreme Need," and he will be followed by Dr. Jesse H. Holmes, of Swarthmore College, in an address on "Imperialism." The Lit Bros. Chorus will render the musical program under the leadership of Henry Hotz, a well known Philadelphia musician.

Both speakers are widely known, having lectured in every part of this country, throughout Europe, in the near East and in the Orient. Dr. Holmes has just returned from a year's travel and study of social and economic conditions in England, Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, Switzerland, Greece, Egypt, India, China, Korea and Japan. His activities included a series of lectures in the universities of some of these countries.

The following notice has been sent to the Parish News:

In one of the rooms of the new building of the Germantown Hospital, a tablet has been placed bearing the following inscription:

> This room was built in affectionate memory of the Rev. Frederick B. Keable, by his friend, Edward Wynne Moore.

I am sure that all of us are gratified that this memorial will perpetuate the memory of Mr. Keable and of the friendship between him and Mr. Edward Moore. St. Stephen's has a right to feel that it has a part in the matter. It was through their connection with this Church that they were brought together. I can but feel that I, who personally brought them together, have a special reason to be pleased.

C. E. G.

NORMAN ANGELL TO DISCUSS CURRENT PROBLEMS

English Author and Lecturer Returns to Lead Conferences

Norman Angell, whose previous lecture tours throughout America have made him a familiar and welcome guest, is to conduct the series of conferences on world affairs arranged by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, for five Monday afternoons beginning October 18th, in the Friends Meeting House at 20 S. 12th Street, Philadelphia.

His cosmopolitan education and experience make Mr. Angell's opinions on such topics as "The Rising Tide of Dictatorship: Where Democracy Fails in America," one of the subjects for discussion, particularly valuable. Born in England, he received part of his education in France, part in the United States where he later became a journalist. He left to go abroad as foreign correspondent for American newspapers, and became general manager for the "Paris Daily Mail." Meanwhile he had been writing extensively on international problems, turning much attention to America and her part in the World War. His most successful book was "The Great Illusion" which underwent translation into twenty-five foreign tongues and has sold well over half a million copies.

Mr. Angell is particularly well known in this vicinity, having lectured at Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges on previous visits to this country, whose point of view he is so uniquely able to grasp. In England his popularity is shown by the fact that when he was asked to stand for Parliament, a group of eminent Englishmen of all parties, including Dean Inge, G. Lowes Dickinson, Bertrand Russell, G. P. Gooch and Arnold Bennett, signed a collective recommendation for his adoption on the ground of the prevision which he had shown in his writings.

Monday, November 8, at 3:30 P. M.—Nationalism. The Organization of a World Society.

Monday, November 15, at 3:30 P. M.—Education for World Citizenship. Our Fear of Freedom.

The Sunday School

The Sunday School is in full winter swing. We are happy to report, all classes now have teachers. Most cordially do we welcome the following new teachers: Mrs. Birney, Miss Davis, Miss Silberberg and Mr. Robinson. In spite of our business location it cheers us very much to have added to our roll a number of new scholars. The Sesqui Exhibition bringing so many guests to the nearby hotels, has added to our visitor's list this past month. They are usually good Sunday School people away from home, who wish to keep up their reputation of "every Sunday being in attendance somewhere," and so they drop in at Old St. Stephen's. A Sunday School Superintendent as well as teachers and scholars have done this.

We managed to save some money from our last summer's outing of the school at Atlantic City, so at the Teacher's Meeting at the Rectory, it was decided to use this fund for a trip to Valley Forge. By the kindness of one of our teachers, Mr. Hopkins, we were able to secure two large autobusses at a price within our means, and we had a delightful outing on October ninth to this historic place. Rev. Mr. Burk was more than hospitable and gracious, so we spent over two hours at the Memorial Chapel. As all the teachers could not get away, we were able to take along a number of the older scholars and a few of our church people. The fall foliage was gloriously brilliant, and our mountain top view from the observatory was a nonforgettable vision of loveliness. Some such hill-top scenes must have inspired the Master, as He climbed the Lebanon Mountains or the hills of Nazareth and contemplated life's mysteries in God's great out-of-doors.

Faithfully yours,
GEORGE H. STREAKER,
Superintendent.

Woman's Auxiliary

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on October 21st, after a corporate communion service. Dr. Grammer made a short address of welcome and the various committees gave reports of work finished during the spring and summer and a new plan for the winter. The next meeting will be on November 18th at 11 o'clock.

Memorial Flower Fund, 1926

Jan. 3—Mrs. Lamb.
10—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17—Miss Ernst.
24—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.
31—Miss Gregg.

Feb. 7—Miss Gebhart.
14—Mrs. Sheble.
21—Miss Gebhart.
28—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 7—Mrs. Brunner.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
28—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.

April 1—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
4—Easter.
11—Miss Tappen.
18—Mrs. Lamb.
25—Mrs. Sheble.

May 2—Mrs. Woodward.
9—Miss Townsend.
13—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
16—Mrs. Higham.
23—Whitsunday.
30—Mrs. Woodward.

June 6—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
13—Mrs. H. H. Barton.
20—Miss Gebhart.
27—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

July 4—~~Miss Powell.~~
11—
18—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
25—

Aug. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—
15—Mrs. Love.
22—Miss Thackara.
29—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
12—Miss Powell.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 3—Miss Laura Bell.
10—Miss Maulsby.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Mrs. Keable.
31—

Nov. 1—Mr. James M. Arrison, 3rd, and Mrs. J. R. Shellenberger.
7—Girls' Friendly Society.
14—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
21—Miss Eisenbrey.
28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 5—Mrs. Sheble.
12—The Misses Davis.
19—~~Mrs. Perry.~~
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

Indeed, there is nothing so evident in life as that there are two sides to a question. . . . Age may have one side, but assuredly Youth has the other. There is nothing more certain than that both are right, except perhaps that both are wrong.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

The sentiments of a man while he is full of ardor and hope are to be received, it is supposed, with some qualification. But when the same person has ignominiously failed and begins to eat up his words, he should be listened to like an oracle.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

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11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE
Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
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First Meeting, November 4th

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—
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PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Nov. 8—Emma F. Hughes.
Nov. 8—George Martin.
Nov. 10—William D. Sherrard.
Nov. 17—Harry C. Martin.
Nov. 22—Henry Hamill.
Nov. 23—Clara E. Jennings.

The Sunday School

As the Advent season comes on the Sunday School becomes full of the anticipations of a Happy Christmas season. We are now singing Christmas carols each Sunday. Our usual Christmas Festival will be held on Tuesday evening, December 28th, at 8 o'clock, to which we cordially invite all who care to come.

Faithfully yours,

G. H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

One sells his soul; another squanders it.
The first buys up the world; the second starves.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 24TH OCT. TO 21ST NOV., 1926, INC.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope system:

Charities	$30.00	
Parochial Maintenance	26.41	
Missions	17.32	
Benevolent Society	29.58	
Deaconess House	29.66	
		$132.97

Envelope system:

Charities	$73.40	
Parochial Maintenance	206.71	
Missions	238.18	
Our Work Among Young People	1.10	
Benevolent Society	92.45	
Domestic Missions	2.95	
Community House Debt	.40	
Indian Missions	1.70	
Deaconess House	40.80	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.65	
Woman's Auxiliary	10.90	
		$670.24
		$803.21

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$103.40
Parochial Maintenance	233.12
Missions	255.50
Our Work Among Young People	1.10
Benevolent Society	122.03
Domestic Missions	2.95
Community House Debt	.40
Indian Missions	1.70
Deaconess House	70.46
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.65
Woman's Auxiliary	10.90
	$803.21

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Community House

The Community House has had an attendance of 1719 since October, which does not include the Sunday School. Besides the usual Parish organizations, the building is being used by the "Taylor School," who use the gymnasium two afternoons a week, and occasionally the auditorium; a small group of girls from a nearby factory meet once a week; a dance class is held on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of every month, and the gymnasium is in demand every night. The Community House Association enrollment is 29.

As sure as ever God puts His children in the furnace, He will be in it with them.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

To write the same things unto you is not irksome to me, and for you it is safe. So I begin this my December letter with the usual Christmas counsels.

Do not, I beg you, postpone your shopping until just before Christmas, when all the stores are crowded, when all the goods have been picked over and all the clerks are tired and rushed and over-worked. Do be forehanded and thoughtful of others—shop early.

Let me commend to you our Christmas baskets. They are a beautiful custom of the Parish. Miss Lewis has gone over the list carefully. Let us see that Christmas cheer is widely diffused.

Let us do our best this last month of the Church's fiscal year to send in all our envelopes. What a fine system these envelopes are, I never had as much comfort in giving, as has been mine since the acceptance of this carton. It enables one to give regularly, systematically and intelligently.

I think that the congregation does not realize generally that we have a mid-week service on Wednesday from 12.30 to 12.55. There are many people outside of the parish who attend this brief service of devotion and exposition. Many testimonies are received that it is found helpful. But I can but notice that many of my own people who are in the Church about that time never think of participating in these services. Can it be that the value of united prayer and praise is not realized? Can it be that we do not understand that one of the most efficient ways of aiding a Church is to join in its devotional services?

Another service of exposition has been inaugurated by Mr. Kevin in his Bible Class on Friday at 8 o'clock. Primarily intended for teachers in the Sunday School, it is open to all.

It is good to see how widely our Parish News is read, and how much it is valued as a means of keeping in touch with the Church, by our scattered congregation, that contains so many "shut-ins." A gentleman in Baltimore, who visits St. Stephen's occasionally, sends us $5.00 as his annual contribution to the Parish News. A missionary's wife writes from Alaska for it. Parishioners whose engagements take them for extended periods of time to other sections have the Parish News as a monthly visitor. A group of students in a Theological Seminary, not of our own Church, ask one of our people every month, to let them see St. Stephen's Parish paper. The Church papers ask to be on our mailing list, and frequently quote our news or our views. I have great confidence in the power of the little Press, throughont the country, the little publications like our Parish News, not under the influence of advertisers like the great dailies, whose refusal to allow any criticism of the "Movies" is such a convincing proof of the control of the advertisers over the news; not whipped into line by party-regularity, like the metropolitan press; not unfriendly to the great Prohibition movement like the city papers (our rural papers are almost all "dry"), but alive to the moral issues involved in the 18th Amendment. Mighty is the witness, and powerful the influence of this little independent press. This paper goes to Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Florida, Washington, D. C., Maine, Nova Scotia, Alaska, California, Illinois, Michigan, Japan, Serbia and Switzerland.

I should like to give a new meaning to the familiar sentence, "My times are in Thy hands." Why should we not in our appointments, and dates, and distribution of time take cognizance of the work and needs of the Church? There is a regular schedule of services, and meetings, why should we not order our life and engagements with an eye to God's work and worship? Take, for example, the Woman's Auxiliary. It has only eight meetings a year. Those meetings fall on the third Thursday of the month from October to May, inclusive. Why cannot those dates be marked in engagement books or calendars? Then "another engagement" would not be made for that morning and the meeting could be cheered and sustained by your presence. Your times, your arrangement of life would be made under the guidance of your duty to God and His cause. Your times would, indeed, be in His hands.

Elsewhere are published the statistics that show how the use of our Community House is being extended. Every month there is in it a meeting of Liberal clergy, and in Septuagesima week, the Annual Conference of the Liberals of the Province of Washington will be held in it. The attendance was over 100 last year, and it is hoped that this year it may be even larger.

The meeting of Anglo-Catholics at Milwaukee showed conclusively to what alarming proportions the Tractarian Movement has grown, and how much of Romish doctrine has been assimilated by our Church. The lovers of the Protestant Episcopal Church who lull themselves into security by dwelling on the staunch Protestantism of the Anglo-Saxon stock, are building on the sand. Already in such a conservative Diocese as ours, and I note the same phenomenon in Virginia, people talk of "the American Church." I cannot bear that arrogant and unreal title. The only Church which has any show of a claim to that name is the so-called Christian Church, organized by Alexander Campbell, of West Virginia. It is the only Church of American origin. If size is to be considered in the claim, it excels there also, for it has more communicants than ourselves. But, of course, size cannot be the basis of our assumption of the title, for in that aspect, the Methodists and Baptists are so far ahead that the rest of the Protestant Churches are nowhere, and if non-Protestant Churches are to be considered, the Roman Catholic Church in the United States has an incontestable claim. There is no Church in the land that is so numerous, that so dominates the Press, that is so mighty in Politics, that works with such solidarity. I was glad to hear Mr. Montgomery advocate the needs of the "Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church." That is the Church in which my father and my grandfather were ministers; it is the Church in which I was baptized, confirmed and ordained. When it drops that title, except to make a union with other Protestant Churches, I shall be out of place in its ministry. I never could abide the arrogance of calling ourselves Churchmen, and excluding from that designation the members of other Churches, our fellow-citizens in the Kingdom who speak a different dialect, but are loyal to the same Master. In England where there is a Church established by law, its members belong to the National Church, and are naturally called Churchmen and others are Non-conformists. But these distinctions are not applicable to the United States. They are inaccurate, and they are arrogant and discourteous. I cannot abide them and never use them. This is only a little matter, a mere **facon de parler,** a mere straw, you may say, but I answer it is a straw that shows which way the wind blows. More and more the Ritualists are striving to undo the work of the Reformation. The crux in the English Reformation was the doctrine of the Lord's Supper. Cranmer changed the sacrifice of the Mass into the Communion Office. The martyrs under Mary were burnt for denying Transubstantiation. Yet it is back into the Mass that the Ritualists are striving to alter our service. Their doctrine of the Real Presence, by which they mean corporeal presence, is for all practical, and devotional purposes the Roman Doctrine. On a Lenten afternoon I dropped into a Ritualist Church, to ascertain whether I could profitably worship with them for a half hour. The Rector was lecturing on the Lord's

Supper and explained, that when he entered the sick room, bearing the consecrated elements, he never spoke a word for he was only an animal bearing their God! Such a view of "these thy creatures of bread and wine" is far from the teaching of our Communion office, as expounded by Cranmer, as historically understood. If that had been the view of the Edwardean and Elizabethan Divines there would have been no Reformation. As one hears such materialistic teaching, the words in Colossians 2-8, come to mind, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ," which that great scholar, Bishop Lightfoot, paraphrases and interprets thus, "Be on your guard; do not suffer yourselves to fall a prey to certain persons who would lead you captive by a hollow and deceitful system, which they call philosophy. They substitute the traditions of men for the truth of God. They enforce an elementary discipline of ordinances fit only for children, belonging to the sphere of material and external things. In Christ you have been exalted into the sphere of the Spirit; do not plunge yourselves again into the atmosphere of material and sensuous things." Similar crude materialistic teaching is being promulgated today by the Ritualists, with a fervor that speaks much for their courage, however little it may be justified by Biblical scholarship or right reason. The only way in which the Protestant Episcopal Church can be preserved against this infection is by a similar zeal and courage on the part of the Protestant and Liberal elements in it. Nothing can be accomplished by vague talk about preserving the comprehensiveness of the Church, if, as is so often the case, these advocates of comprehensiveness think it necessary to refrain from expressing outspokenly, earnestly, pointedly their own liberal sentiments. The Anglo-Catholic does not think that courtesy requires him to refrain from the use of his Romish Nomenclature his "Father this" and "Father that," his chasubles and albs, his Masses, pontifical, high and low, his benedictions, and processions and so forth. While this propaganda is constantly going on, usually conducted by clergymen and laymen who are recent accessions to our ranks, who have no tender associations with our Church's Protestant usages, now centuries old; who exalt extravagantly the grace of its ordinances, and yet have little deference to the opinions of those who have had the advantage of those ordinances and of the Church's training from their earliest years; while all this is going on in Holy Cross Leaflet, Catholic Congresses, and Confraternities of the Blessed Sacrament and so on, I hold that the Protestant element in our Church shows itself either disloyal, or indifferent, or cowardly if it does not endeavor to stem the tide and to awake our people to the peril of our Church. We can never check the movement by borrowing its ritual, copying its ceremonial and seeking to rival the Ritualists in aesthetic richness. What we need is not to copy their rites, but to emulate their outspokenness, their zeal, their moral courage, their team-work. We must organize, we must spread diligently, sound Biblical views. We must supply spiritual needs by a spiritual message and exemplify the teaching in our lives. Against the arrogance of their claims and the materialism of their means of grace, let us set the fellowship of the Saints and the spirituality of the Gospel. Let us copy St. Paul's methods in dealing with the legalistic Judaizers and the superstitious Gnostics. Let us fight the good fight of faith and preserve the freedom and simplicity and spirituality of the religion of Jesus.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The Campaign to Put Our Missions and Charitable Institutions in Good Condition

It is too soon to make any report on this campaign. On the first day $649,435 was reported as pledged. The reports from the Convocations showed how the wealth of the diocese has migrated out into the suburbs. The poorest of our Convocations, according to the Monday returns, are the Convocations of North, South and West Philadelphia.

I was gratified by the showing made by St. Stephen's—both at the amount pledged, in the number of the pledges, and especially at the number of the committee who attended the opening luncheon. No church had a larger delegation nor one that is more loyally cooperating. My great ambition is that every one in the Parish shall contribute. Let us all have part and lot in this great endeavor to minister to those who are in need spiritually or physically. The Mothers' Meeting has made a splendid pledge of $600.00, to be paid in five equal annual payments.

Why should not the members of every organization follow their example? Religion will not mean much to us unless we sacrifice for the cause.

Daily Bible Readings

On the night of the first Sunday in Advent I asked the members of the congregation to join with me in using the Churchman's Kalendar of Daily Bible Readings. Copies are on sale in the Vestry Room at 5 cents apiece. Phillips Brooks has a great sermon on the text, "The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus Hath Set Me Free from the Law of Sin and Death," in which he shows that the spirit has its own proper laws and methods, and it is by using these methods that we can obtain deliverance from the power of evil habits, and the entanglements of our past and of our lower nature.

One of the laws of the spirit is that good habits require system and cultivation.

One of these essential habits for Christian living is the habit of reading the Bible devotionally, reading it not to obtain texts for argument, or for historical investigations, but in order to gain spiritual energy or guidance—reading it as an assistance in our prayers and a subject of meditation for the day.

It is believed that just as united prayer has a peculiar fervor so united Bible reading will be especially effective.

With this end in view a group of which Dean Rousmaniere, of Boston, was the leader, devised a system of daily Bible readings for the Church Year. Now that Dean Rousmaniere has journeyed on to the better land the selections for this year are dedicated to his memory, and I can see on reading over the selections, that they have been chosen in sympathy with the spirit of his ministry.

My suggestion is that the members of the congregation take this booklet and use it regularly. Some times I shall preach on the Bible readings of the week past or the week to come.

Here are the lessons of the First Week in Advent:

S. Nov. 28—Rom. 13:8-14. To walk honestly is to fill our thoughts with God.

M. Nov. 29—Rom. 12:1-21. To live honestly is to make our life an acceptable sacrifice.

T. Nov. 30 (St. Andrew's Day)—St. John 1:35-42. To serve honestly is to bring some one to the Master.

W. Dec. 1—Eph. 6:10-24. To fight honestly is to put on the whole armor of God.

T. Dec. 2—I Cor. 3:9-23. To work honestly is to build on Christ as the foundation.

F. Dec. 3—St. Luke 12:22-34. To develop honestly is to co-operate with God.

S. Dec. 4—I Tim. 2:1-8. To pray honestly is to lift up holy hands.

Here are the lessons for the Second Week in Advent:

S. Dec. 5—Romans 15:4-13. The Scriptures are a vital part of our religious education.

M. Dec. 6—Isaiah 9:1-7. Messianic Prophecy is one of the Old Testament riches.

T. Dec. 7—St. John 5:36-40. The Master knew the Scriptures and their witness to Him.

W. Dec. 8—St. Luke 24:44-49. The risen Lord expounds the prophecies concerning Himself.

T. Dec. 9—Heb. 4: 12-16. The Bible a spiritual weapon, searching the heart.

F. Dec. 10—II Tim. 3:14-17. There was an open Bible and family altar in Timothy's home.

S. Dec. 11—II Pet. 1:16-21. God's message through holy men illumines every dark corner.

Thirty-six people have already taken the Kalendar. Would that 200 would take it.

The Christmas Baskets

I have three requests to make about this time-honored custom of the parish, which confers so much happiness on many homes at Christmas time.

The first is that amid the other demands of the season this fine custom be not forgotten. Expenses mount steadily and it grows harder and harder in many homes to diffuse Christmas comfort. Read our Dickens' Christmas Carol and then make up your mind about these Christmas Baskets.

Second. I would appreciate it if the Committee would exert themselves to secure more helpers in the stocking of the baskets, and their distribution. There are some who can give service and who cannot give much money and there is a joy in personal work that ought to be diffused.

Third. If there are any persons who have been recipients of baskets in former years, but are now more prosperous, I would appreciate it, if they would notify us, if they do not really need the baskets. For it is quite possible there are new members whose names ought to be put on the list. The gift of a basket at Christmas is not a right. Yet we are all loath to drop names of those who have been long on the list. So I put it up to those who are on our list, to help us in this matter. The number of our contributors has diminished and we need to husband our resources.

The committee is: Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Mr. T. Monroe Dobbins, Mr. Howard Freestone, Mr. William Hasenpat, Mr. James Carrigan.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The speaker at the November meeting was Miss Frederica Smith, of St. Agnes School, Kyoto. This school, the Japanese name of which is "The Light in Darkness," was founded fifty years ago by Bishop Williams, with a few pupils. It now has about five hundred girls enrolled in the high school and one hundred in the junior college. Many of the graduates become kindergarten teachers and business women. Of a faculty of forty, nine are graduates of St. Agnes.

The school has several buildings, among them two fine dormitories where one hundred and forty resident pupils live.

It is no longer a question of getting Japanese girls to come to a Christian school but the problem is how to accommodate all those seeking admission.

A new building with assembly room, extra class rooms and a gymnasium is now being constructed and the United Thank Offering is giving $25,000 to help complete this building, as one of its Corporate gifts.

Thirty dollars was given to this cause by St. Stephen's Branch of the Auxiliary.

The next meeting will be held December 16th.

The Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society held its first meeting Wednesday, November 3rd. Hundreds of articles to be made have already been received from the hospitals. The following is one of many letters received:

Philadelphia, May 29, 1926.

My dear Miss Davis:

We wish to extend to you and through you to the other members of your group, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the continued interest which you manifest in this hospital. I wish I could tell you just how much your assistance with the sewing means to us, for I am sure, you will realize that with sixteen hundred patients, it is a rather difficult task to have all needs along this line met.

Sincerely yours,

S. Lillian Clayton,
Directress of Nurses.

You never can tell what your thoughts will do,
In bringing you hate or love,
For thoughts are things and their airy wings
Are swifter than carrier dove.
They follow the law of the universe,
Each kind creates its kind.
And they speed o'er the track and bring you back
Whatever sent from the mind.

"De tendency ob de world," said Unble Eben, "am to improve. But, same as in Aunt Jinny's houskeepin', de improvement can't go on wifout de whole place seemin' kind o' tore up once in a while."

What I spend is not.
What I saved I have not.
What I gave is forever mine.

Interesting Letter from China

Extract from a letter to Mr. Clair from the Rev. E. H. Foster, of China:

You will be glad to know, I am sure, that Mahan School was able to re-open this Fall without any difficulty, after having been closed for a whole year. Furthermore, we feel that our position among the patrons is higher than it has ever been, because they now realize, as some of them did not realize before, that our action in closing the school last year was taken for the sake of law and order. Our old students were scattered among a great many schools. In practically every case they were able to get a promotion of at least one year, and in some cases, from two to three years, above the standing in our school. For this reason a number of them did not come back to us as we would not credit them with more than one year's work; they preferred their higher class standing to sound scholarship. Others were not permitted to come back on account of their activities in the strike of last year. But in spite of all we took back about sixty of our old boys. Over one hundred new students applied for entrance, more than half of whom were younger brothers of our old students; but we thought it wise to limit the number of the new students to that of the old this term. So our enrollment this year is approximately 130 boys. Although the school is smaller than before I think we have done the wise thing. We have eliminated those who were undesirable and, while we regret losing those who were eligible to come back but didn't, those students who have enrolled represent the ones who appreciate the school and mean serious business, and that is what we want. More and more as time goes on, the wisdom of our action in closing for the year becomes apparent. One father, when he enrolled his son, said that he had five sons and all should come to our school and no other because we stand for sound scholarship and sound discipline.

This year I am teaching only three afternoons a week in Mahan in addition to looking after various other duties in connection with the school. It is pleasant and interesting work, especially as one realizes the tremendous possibilities of it all. Our Mission has often been criticised for putting so much emphasis upon institutional, especially educational, work instead of upon the directly evangelistic work. Our institutions bulk so large in comparison with our church membership. I think the criticism is partly fair, but I cannot help feeling that the future will prove the wisdom of our policy. When one comes to estimate what one institution can accomplish directly and indirectly, the tremendous value is immediately apparent. The effects have been very far-reaching and, by and large, of permanent value. Our schools have been the means of educating a select group of students, and through them have also inaugurated movements and created opinions which are bound to bear rich fruit as time goes on. When I compare what one of our institutions has been able to accomplish with what purely evangelistic work as it is generally carried on in China, had done in the same period of time, I feel glad that I have been connected with an institution like Mahan School.

I suppose you would like to know about conditions in the country in general. The only phrase I can use to describe them is "chaos supreme." This is certainly true politically. The militarists are wantonly satiating their desire for personal gain by precipitating a civil war. The Canton government, which has been saturated with Soviet principles, has declared war against the north and sent an army that has been trained in modern warfare by Russian officers. The important cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang, in the very heart of China, have been the objectives. The southern general, Chiang Kai-shek has had a meteoric success. Everything has fallen before him except Wuchang, which he has been besieging for over a month. Hankow has fallen into southern hands. It is on the north bank of the Yangtse River and is the commercial emporium of Central China. Wuchang is directly opposite on the southern bank. The situation is becoming more acute each day. There are periodic air raids, which have killed and injured many, destroyed much property, including some of our own Mission buildings, and started a number of fires raging inside the city. The shortage of food is steadily increasing. Bishop Roots tried to get the besieging general to permit the women and children to leave the city. They agreed to do so but gave such a ridiculously short time for their exit

that only a small percentage was able to leave, and some of these were fired on from the city as they were crossing the Yangtse in small boats. We have about fifteen missionaries still in the city who are valiantly carrying on. The Church General Hospital is full of wounded civilians, and doctors and nurses are busy day and night operating upon those who have been wounded by shrapnel from the bombs that have been dropped from airplanes, etc.

The Wuchang Chamber of Commerce asked Bishop Gilman and Dr. Wakefield to be peace delegates. Bishop Gilman, carrying an American flag, and Dr. Wakefield carrying a bed sheet, left the city while it was under fire and advanced amid shot and shells to the headquarters of the southern army, where they presented the terms upon which the city was willing to surrender. The terms were rejected and the siege has continued since all peace parleys have failed so far.

MOTHER LOVE

Calm be thy sleep as infant slumbers,
Pure as angel thoughts thy dreams;
May every joy this bright world numbers,
Shed o'er thee its mingled beams;
Or, if where pleasure's wing has gilded,
There ever must some pang remain,
Then be thy lot with me divided,
Thine all the bliss and mine the pain.

SCANDAL

A little scandal trickled through
  Where gossip cracked the wall;
And rapidly the volume grew
  That was at first so small;
They strove with truth to fill the rent,
  To heal the ugly breach, but spent
Their efforts all in vain, for like
  The stream that steals out through the dike,
Foul scandal's volume swells and spreads,
  Beginning with a subtle slur,
It quickly wrecks and rips to shreds
  The splendid walls of character.

The happiest people are not those who are loved much, but those who love much—those who give of themselves and rejoice to serve those they love.—Baltimore Sun.

There's joy a-plenty in this world
  To fill life's silver cup,
If you'll only keep the corners
  Of your mouth turned up.

Memorial Flower Fund, 1926

Jan. 3—Mrs. Lamb.
10—Miss Kirkpatrick.
17—Miss Ernst.
24—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.
31—Miss Gregg.

Feb. 7—Miss Gebhart.
14—Mrs. Sheble.
21—Miss Gebhart.
28—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 7—Mrs. Brunner.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
28—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.

April 1—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
4—Easter.
11—Miss Tappen.
18—Mrs. Lamb.
25—Mrs. Sheble.

May 2—Mrs. Woodward.
9—Miss Townsend.
13—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
16—Mrs. Higham.
23—Whitsunday.
30—Mrs. Woodward.

June 6—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
13—Mrs. H. H. Barton.
20—Miss Gebhart.
27—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

July 4—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.
11—King's Daughters.
18—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
25—

Aug. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—
15—Mrs. Love.
22—Miss Thackara.
29—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
12—Miss Powell.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 3—Miss Laura Bell.
10—Miss Maulsby.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Mrs. Keable.
31—

Nov. 1—Mr. James M. Arrison, 3rd, and Mrs. J. R. Shellenberger.
7—Girls' Friendly Society.
14—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
21—Miss Eisenbrey.
28—Miss Mary De Haven Bright

Dec. 5—Mrs. Sheble.
12—The Misses Davis.
19—
25—Christmas Day.
26—Miss Emily Bell.

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Use your money while you're living,
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You can never take it with you—
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  Than the graveyard where you lie,
And tho' you were rich while living,
  You're a pauper when you die.

Use it then some lives to brighten,
  As through life you weary plod,
Place your bank account in Heaven,
  And grow richer toward your God.
Use it wisely, use it freely,
  Do not hoard it to be proud,
You can never take it with you—
  There's no pocket in a shroud.

May every soul that touches mine,
  Be it the slightest contact, get some good,
Some little grace—one kindly thought—
  One inspiration, yet unfelt,—one gleam of faith
To brave the thick'ning ills of life,—
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10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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Thursdays, 7.30 P. M.

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First Meeting, November 4th

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PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Dec. 30—Doris May Beyers.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 11—Charles F. Jenkins, Jr., and Margaret C. Bickley.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Dec. 28—Josephine Dilge.

Mothers' Meeting Sale

A sale of useful and fancy articles, cakes, candies and groceries for the benefit of the Community House will be held in the Community House on Thursday, January 27th, from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M., by the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church.

It is hoped the members of the congregation will co-operate by sending contributions, and also by attending the sale.

Please send contributions to the Community House, marked Mothers' Meeting.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 25TH NOV. TO 19TH DEC., 1926, INC.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope system:

Charities	$13.20	
Parochial Maintenance	38.50	
Missions	46.44	
Episcopal Hospital	30.85	
		$128.99
Envelope system:		
Charities	$127.80	
Parochial Maintenance	342.03	
Missions	267.55	
Theological Education	.20	
Our Work Among Young People	.30	
Benevolent Society	93.18	
Episcopal Hospital	522.82	
Domestic Missions	1.90	
Community House Debt	.30	
Diocesan Missions	.25	
Foreign Missions	.15	
Colored Missions	.20	
Missionary Box	.15	
Indian Missions	1.90	
Chancel Decorations	.10	
Deaconess House	16.25	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.30	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.80	
		$1380.18
		$1509.17

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$141.00
Parochial Maintenance	380.53
Missions	313.99
Theological Education	.20
Our Work Among Young People	.30
Benevolent Society	93.18
Episcopal Hospital	553.67
Domestic Missions	1.90
Community House Debt	.30
Diocesan Missions	.25
Foreign Missions	.15
Colored Missions	.20
Missionary Box	.15
Indian Missions	1.90
Chancel Decorations	.10
Deaconess House	16.25
Daily Vacation Bible School	.30
Woman's Auxiliary	4.80
	$1509.17

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The St. Stephen's Community Dances, held on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month, are again proving a great success, an attendance of from 40 to 60 persons enjoy the three-piece orchestra to its fullest. Mrs. Roberts, the hostess, will be very glad to welcome any strangers if they will introduce themselves to her.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

I wish you a Happy New Year. Now that the Earth begins another swing around the Sun, and we celebrate this new revolution by re-dating our calendars, let us face frankly the great reality that we are traveling through Time as well as through Space, that we stand upon "a bank and shoal of time" and will soon leave it for Eternity. It is a mistake to be so much occupied with the life beyond the grave that this life's duties and pleasures are minimized and overlooked. But that is not a common error to-day. The fashion now is to emphasize the Present, "one life at a time," as Thoreau said. But if this life is the whole concern, then existence loses much of its meaning. We need a future hope, as well as a present task, if we are really to be happy.

"I have endured," said Archbishop Whately, "an amount of anguish in trying to overcome my native shyness, that would be absolutely stupid if this life ended all." Believing himself destined for immortality, he made a heroic struggle to fit himself for continued existence. Let us enter the New Year in that spirit. There can be no happiness with a divided heart; two souls dwelling in one breast, as Faust says in Goethe's masterpiece, the one striving heavenward and the other clinging to earth and sensual joys. What peace and happiness can be the possession of the arrogant, the envious, the bitter, the unloving, the self-seeking, the slave of passion or greed or appetite? "Myself am Hell," says Satan in Paradise Lost. Those distracted by discordant desires are, indeed, already experiencing some of the pains of Hell. With such natures continued existence can only mean continued anguish. Let this, then, be our New Year resolution, that we shall try to die to sin and seek to live in the spirit, that will make life hereafter a life of blessedness.

For I take it, that there is really no solid reason why we should distrust our deepest instincts in this matter. There are some people who are afraid to believe. They dislike to be found on the side of the great mass of mankind. They are afraid that they may be regarded as un-intellectual. But really if we are to be guided by fear the more sensible fear, as Pascal pointed out, is the fear lest there should be a Hereafter, and we should enter it unprepared. If the skeptic proves right, the believer is none the worse off for his belief; but if the believer is right, the skeptic will be proven a blind mole, denying the reality of the sun and utterly unequipped for the higher life. The progress of knowledge has in no way invalidated the sources of our belief in the Hereafter. At the Convention of Scientists in Philadelphia in the last week of the Old Year, an eminent Astronomer declared emphatically that it was inconceivable to him that the vital energy of a personality should cease: to him the great lesson of Science was that continuity runs through and binds together all things.

Don't be afraid to commit your life to so noble a belief, and to scorn the self-indulgence of the timid and ease-loving souls, that shrink from the heroic task of preparing themselves to live in Eternity, to live in a closer and more deeply realized intercourse with our Creator, Sustainer, and Ruler, who is also the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the hater of sin and the lover of mercy and justice.

As it was impossible to get the Parish News out on the first Sunday in the month, I published in the Bulletin, a little New Year's Greeting, which I republish here for the sake of its practical suggestions, and also for the appeal in behalf of the Expectation, which we encouraged the Diocese to entertain as the probable contribution of St. Stephen's to Diocesan and General Church purposes in 1926. Let each contribute as he can to this fund.

A New Year Greeting

Precious beyond price are good resolutions. The man who fails to make a good resolution on New Year's day has either despaired of himself, or is entirely self-satisfied. Here are several resolutions that I recommend to every one:

1. To be more faithful in setting aside a time daily for Bible reading, meditation and prayer. I am much gratified that so many have taken the Churchman's Kalendar of Daily Bible Readings—But remember a memorandum book is of no service unless it is consulted and a Kalendar is worthless unless it is used.

2. To be more regular in Church Attendance. "The strength of mutual purpose pleads more earnestly our common needs." There is a peculiar power in united prayer. By keeping close to the Church, we participate more fully in the life that throbs in the body.

3. To join in the activities as well as in the worship of the Church. Join some class, or society, or organization that is helping on the cause.

4. If you can not render personal service be sure that you take the package of Envelopes. The Diocese is hoping to receive $7,000 from St. Stephen's for the Diocesan and General Church work. Yet I learn that thus far we have only given $4,402.08! Miss Headman informs me that the December envelopes will certainly bring in $400 more. This will bring our contributions up to $4,802.08—But this is a terrible slump from last year, when we contributed $6500. The congregation surpassed itself in the great campaign. Let us not fall down here. I hope that by January 18th, we can raise at **least** $1,697.92 more and bring our total up to $6500—I should love to reach $6500. It was a **mistake** to **attempt** $7000.

I invite all our attendants who have not taken the envelopes to accept a package. The envelope list is the working list of the Church. Those on that list receive all our literature. The services will mean more to you if you are joining in the activities. The package helps to transform a visitor into a member of the household. We believe that you need this closer fellowship and we know that we need you.

According to my promise I publish a list of the subscribers or contributors to the Diocesan Campaign to put our charitable institutions and missions in good condition. St. Stephen's pledged $30,000. The official count of the number of subscriptions is 215. But inasmuch as many of these subscriptions came from a husband and wife, and often times one subscription represented a whole family, it is plain that the actual number of subscribers is many more than this number. Bearing this in mind and remembering that one subscription of $600 represented 120 Mothers and another of $100 forty children at the Burd School, and another the children of the Sunday School, and another a group of young people, and so on, I find that the total of subscribers is equal to the total number of communicants reported by St. Stephen's. Inasmuch as the reports of all the Parishes were published, I think it not unbecoming to give the reports of some of the chief churches in the city. It will be noticed that both in the number of contributors and in the total amount St. Stephen's has a most creditable report. It is, in truth, far beyond my highest hope, and I am profoundly grateful to God for this proof of the vitality and unity of spirit of the Congregation. Especially thanks are due to the unusual efficient and co-operant committee

Mr. Raspin	Dr. Old
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Mr. Ellis	Miss Bright
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Mr. Hollar	Mrs. Christie
Mr. Hauger	Mrs. Harper
Mr. Klink	Miss Walshe

Reports of some of the chief Parishes, Monday, December 13, 1926:

	Communicants	No. pledges	Amount
Holy Trinity	1840	136	$42,629.95
St. James	756	53	16,292.50
St. Luke and The Epiphany	1109	29	29,708.00
St. Mark	1562	139	40,545.50
St. Peter's	794	206	25,859.75
Church of the Saviour, W. Phila.	1418	65	21,938.00
St. Paul, Overbrook	774	58	15,780.50
St. Stephen's	477	215	30,000.92

Perhaps the most significant feature of our Church life in the New Year is the alliance that has been entered into with the Business Women's Christian League. For the last few years these women have been conducting noon-day services on Third Street. The location is, however, too much out of the centre of things. So they are going to join the Business Men in using St. Stephen's Church for their noon-day meetings. They will attend as they may be able, all the noon-day services, but the Tuesday service will be in their charge to provide speakers and hosts and music. They have also joined our Community House by paying the fee for their members and will be given desk-room for their secretary during

the day, in the main room on the ground floor. St. Stephen's is glad to assist these earnest-minded women in all their social and devotional endeavors according to its ability. We believe that the alliance will be reciprocally helpful. Mrs. Clarence Harper is the President of the group.

I cannot close without a special greeting to my shut-in members and our distant friends, who keep in touch with our work through this little parish paper. Wherever you may be, it is good to know that there is a unity of spirit that binds us all together. When I was a Seminary professor, I attended at a session of the General Convention, a conference of representatives of all our Church's Theological Seminaries. I did not expect to discover much fellowship with ritualistic Nashotah or conservative Berkeley. The Conference had hardly opened, before I found to my surprise, that in most things we had a common point of view: all of us tried to control over-eager Bishops, anxious to get men for their fields; all of us struggled to make the students master the subjects, regardless of the special interests of Examining Chaplains—and so on. Our common aim to train an educated and godly ministry proved a wonderful bond. So it is with the earnest seekers after Godliness and Truth. They may gradually frame diverse theologies, different theories of the Church and of the Bible, but if we are really in earnest to live the Christ life, then we have the great tie of a common purpose. Of us it can be really said, "We share our mutual woes, our mutual sorrows bear." Each knows the experience of the other, the disappointments over failure, the sorrow for sin, the struggle to rise above the lower self, the Christian's warfare and the Christian's comfort. Thus we have the consolation of knowing that we do not tread the wine-press of life alone, but belong to a great army of strugglers, sufferers, and realize that in these experiences we are only treading the path the Master trod.

With renewed greeting,

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Make Room for Him

There was no room for them in the Inn.
—St. Luke

Room for the babe new born,
  On this bleak wintry day
In swaddling clothes and manger lorn
  Childhood begins its sway.

Room for the heir, give place;
  He comes to claim his own,
The sweetness of his baby face
  Is radiance from the throne.

Room for the hero, room;
  He comes to dare the worst,
To rush undaunted on his doom
  And triumph, while accurst.

Room for the Saviour, room;
  Angelic hosts on high
Will soon dispel the sad earth's gloom
  And fill with choirs the sky.

Room for Em-man-u-el,
  Oh Earth, so mean and small,
So far from Heaven, so close to Hell,
  Make room for the Lord of all.

C. E. G.

List of Contributors to the Campaign

This list will be revised in the next issue of the Parish News. If by any chance a name has been missed in copying from the various daily reports, we will appreciate it, if you will send us word, as we are trying to get a correct list and it will be some months before one can be had from the Church House.

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Report of Committee on Christmas Baskets

Dear Dr. Grammer:

The Committee appointed by you to collect funds, and to purchase and distribute Christmas Baskets for the poor of the Parish, herewith begs to submit the following report:

Balance on hand as per the written report to you of January 15th, 1926		$16.43
Subscriptions received from November 29th, 1926, to December 28th, 1926		464.98
Total available funds		$481.41
Expenditures—		
Chickens	$168.63	
Coffee	35.64	
Tea	19.80	
Oranges	33.90	
Tomatoes	12.37	
Sugar	13.20	
Potatoes	24.00	
Baskets, paper, twine, etc.	30.48	
Candy	36.00	
Printing cards, envelopes, etc.	14.40	
Stamps, extra help, tips, etc.	15.25	
		$403.67
Receipted bills and vouchers for all of these payments are attached to this report.		
December 29th, 1926. Balance on hand		$77.74

In addition to the above gifts of cash, the Committee gratefully acknowledges:

From Mr. Clement Restein, 48 chickens valued at $66.98.

From Mr. Craig Atmore, 140 mince pies valued at $75.00.

The 103 baskets contained chickens, coffee, tea, oranges, tomatoes, sugar, potatoes, mince pie and candy.

Howard Reifsnyder,
Chairman.
T. Munroe Dobbins
William Hasenpat
James Carrigan
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The Woman's Auxiliary

The December meeting proved one of the most interesting the members have had. There was no speaker but the hour was filled with reports of boxes of books, Christmas cards, toys and small, useful articles being sent to Indian schools and shut-ins.

A wonderful box of clothing and bedding has been sent to Rev. David Swan and his wife, Indian workers in South Dakota, by the Missionary Box Committee.

There was the story of an industrial school in Dante, Va., managed by Deaconess Williams, in which girls from the families of miners are taught domestic science and other useful occupations. Many of them return to their mountain homes as nurses and work among their own people.

Miss Thackara related the story of Miss Elliott's work at St. Mary's School, Springfield, South Dakota, where after three years of drought the Indians are so poor the children have very little to eat and the mothers make baskets and carry them to the school to exchange for food.

At the November meeting Mrs. Grammer made a plea for bedding and second hand clothing which could be made over for the daughters of a mission worker in Idaho.

At the December meeting comes the report of a nice box of clothing being sent and a hundred dollars for bedding.

It is amazing how much the small band who attend the Auxiliary accomplish, but think how much more could be done if more women of the congregation would attend.

B. E. Hollar,
Secretary.

Young People's Club Entertains

On Wednesday evening, December 29th, the Young People's Club entertained twenty children and eight mothers in the Community House. They had a moving picture in the Auditorium which both mothers and children thoroughly enjoyed, after which they went down to the room back of the office, and had a supper of sandwiches, cocoa, ice cream and cake. As they were ready to go home each child was given a nice warm coat. two suits of underwear, two pairs of stockings, and a pair of shoes, all new.

These poor children came through the social workers of the Jefferson Hospital and their cases had been thoroughly investigated, and were all very much in need of the help. A number of our young people were there and did very good work among them. One of the mothers had a little two months' old baby, and some of our girls took it in care for the evening, giving the mother a chance to have a good time.

The Club is giving two hundred dollars to Dr. Grammer for the Community House, which with the money used for the children, came from the proceeds of the Fair held in December. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped us to make the Fair a success.

Hannah G. Reifsnyder,
President.

The Sunday School

Our Christmas Festival was held Tuesday evening, December 28th. It was a stormy evening, but we had a "full house." Our audience of friends and relatives was very appreciative and would have overcrowded the Auditorium had the weather been clear.

The play, as per program below, was well rendered by some fifty of our scholars. We have only praise for their faithfulness, loyalty and excellent co-operative spirit. Through the weeks of hard rehearsal, they finally demonstrated in their performance that "Love," as taught by the Master, is the Real Santa Claus.

Faithfully yours,

George H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

"THE REAL SANTA CLAUS"

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Part I—Grand-pa, reminiscing in the home of some children. Santa arrives, disguised as a tramp, but is shunned by all, except Mollie, a poor little girl, who is a visitor. Prof. Bigwig drops in.

Part II—Same room, later. After the Sandman, Santa Claus arrives. Mollie remembers him as the Old Tramp. He tells of THE REAL SANTA CLAUS; then much Christmas merry-making.

CHARACTERS

Prologue—Little Lillian Reed.
Mollie, with a kind word for everybody—Virginia Reed.
John and his sister who promise to do better—Ruth and Arthur Brauner.
Anna, a singing leader of the children—Eleanor Beckley.
Captain of the football boys—Ross Stevenson.
Laura, fond of the football boys—Ethel Higgins.
The Old Tramp (Santa in disguise)—G. H. Streaker.
Professor Bigwig, fearing only his ma-in-law—E. M. Trainer.
The Ma-in-law—Mrs. Hopkins.
The Yama Girls—Violet Kuhn and Sarah Donoghue.
Fairies, from Fairyland—Edith Fry, Cicely Pointer and others.
Two Hollanders, with dancing feet—Berenice Bovell and Florence Allison.
A "Leetle Dutch Girl," from Amsterdam—Dorothy Hopkins.
A real German, who sings of Snyder's Party—Adelaide Mastick.
A Mechanical Dolly—Lyndsey Barnett.
Six Little Dollies—John and Elsie Bell, Billy and John Zimmerman, Constance Schmid and Edna Hallahan.
Mrs. Santa Claus, who never grows old—Gertrude Allison.
Nicke, her son—Charles Schmidt.
Grand-pa, who dreams and sings of Christmas—William Scherzer.
The Dream Fairy, who keeps us sweet—Muriel Bowman.
LOVE, the Real Santa Claus—Minerva Reed.
SANTA CLAUS, as usual—G. H. Streaker.
Reindeer, special from Alaska, as well as the Little Gray Bear.
Heralds—Emily Carter and others.
Cooks, who know how to make Sunshine Cake—Marie Carter, Mary Pointer, Dot Witherow, Kitty Bowman.
Football Boys, who kick a lot—Robert Beckley, Fred Schmid, Charles Schmidt, Francis and Rob Zimmerman and Robert Brauner.

"GOD BLESS EVERY ONE"
and
May you all find that LOVE is the
REAL SANTA CLAUS

Business Women's Christian League

The spirit and purpose of the Business Women's Christian League will be gathered from this circular they are sending out:

Dear Fellow Member:

At the regular meeting of the Business Women's League held Friday evening, December 3rd, in the Auditorium of the Community House of St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, Dr. Grammer, the Rector, invited the League to co-operate with the Church and the Christian Business Men's League in the Interdenominational Noonday Services held in the Church daily except Saturdays and holidays. He also invited the League to make the Community House their headquarters, offering the use of the Community House and the Parish House of the Church for the League's activities, which includes the Bible Classes, the B. W. C. L. Club, etc.

At this meeting the following actions were taken:

"Moved by Miss Olds, seconded and carried, that we reaffirm our desire to stand by the purpose upon which the League was founded in 1915, viz.: 'The purpose of this organization shall be to associate business women in personal loyalty to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; to promote growth in Christian character and service through physical, social, mental and spiritual training; and to become a social force for the extension of the Kingdom of God.'

"Moved by Mrs. Grice, seconded and carried, that the Business Women's Christian League accept the opportunity to co-operate with St. Stephen's Church and the Christian Business Men's League in the noonday services held daily in the Church; that the League assume responsibility for one day a week.

"Moved by Miss Rogers, seconded and carried, that the Business Women's Christian League express its appreciation of the invitation of Dr. Grammer and the House Committee of the Community House, and accept their generous offer of the use and privilege of the Parish House and the Community House in co-operation with other groups."

This hospitality is extended to the League through a business arrangement so generous and whole hearted and extending such a cordial welcome and good will that the League in accepting this opportunity and privilege will only be able to show its appreciation by the reciprocal good will and co-operation of each individual member availing herself of the privilege offered.

The Community House, in the rear of the Church, is always open. Your B. W. C. L. membership card will entitle you to the privileges of the house. Get the habit of stopping in at your lunch hour or after sup-

per to rest and wait for your evening engagement. It is expected, very soon, that some members of the Board or Committee will be present each day during the noon hours.

With regard to the daily noonday services, from 12.30 to 12.55, under the auspices of the League, arrangements have been made for the Tuesday services as follows:

January 4—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.
January 11—Rev. Edward Burgett Welsh.
January 18—Rev. Orlando T. Steward, D.D.
January 25—Rev. Walter F. McMillin, D.D.
February 1—Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D.
February 8—Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D.D.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday speakers will be announced later.

The opportunities which are thus opened to the League, in being permitted to have a part in these noonday services, are vast. If we use them rightly God will surely give His blessing. It will need the interest and support of every member.

There Will Be Many Ways to Help

We may attend the services as often as possible and receive refreshment and blessing ourselves.

We may bring others to the services.

We may talk about it with enthusiasm at home, among our friends and business associates, both men and women, girls and boys.

We may distribute literature in the stores or office buildings in the near vicinity of the Church.

If, or when, we cannot be present at the noon hour, we can take a few moments to pray, that God's Holy Spirit will bless the service, the speaker and those who hear the message. We might form small prayer groups and pray together in our own Church or home at other times.

Every one can have a part.

The Board of Directors.

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Mar. 6—Mrs. Brunner.
13—Dr. Grammer.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
27—Miss Tappen.

April 3—Mrs. Sheble.
10—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
14—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
17—Easter.
24—

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8—Miss Townsend.
15—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
22—Mrs. Higham.
26—Ascension.
29—Mrs. Woodward.

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July 3—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.
10—King's Daughters.
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24—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
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Aug. 7—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
14—Mrs. Love.
21—
28—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 4—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
11—Miss Powell.
18—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 2—Miss Laura Bell.
9—Miss Maulsby.
16—Miss Thackara.
23—Mrs. Sheble.
30—Mrs. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mr. Arrison and Mrs. Shellenberger.
6—Girls' Friendly Society.
13—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
20—Miss Eisenberg.
27—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 4—Mrs. Sheble.
11—The Misses Davis.
18—Miss Emily Bell.
25—Christmas.

The gift without the giver is bare.

If one is happy his words are singing birds.

Doctrines are but highways which lead to God.

I count no hours but unclouded ones.—Sun Dial.

There ain't nothin' in the world worth doin' wrong for.

Indifference is an evidence of self-centered selfishness.

The kettle, though up to its neck in hot water, sings.

We are not what we think we are, but what we *think*—we are.

To be a friend is to be lifted a little way towards Heaven each day.

Don't permit weeds to choke the pathway leading to your friend's house.

If you see good in everybody, then nearly everybody will see good in you.

My first wish is to see this plague of mankind, *war*, banished from the earth.—George Washington.

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11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Gtn.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Feb. 13—Eleanor Burdett Bacon.
David Sanford Bailey.
Harriet Jones.
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HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 19—James O. Denby and Phyllis Douglas Cochran.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Feb. 9—Anna Woodcraft.
Feb. 24—James Wallace Eccles.

COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Community House attendance for the month of February was 1968.

The Sunday School

All who are now or have been through the many past years members, or interested in our Sunday School, please remember the Sunday afternoon of April 24th, next. The usual Sunday after Easter, when at 4 o'clock we have our Annual Easter Carol Service and Pageant.

Last year we gave it in the new Community House, but the desire seems to be universal that we return to the Church, where, as of old, it will be held this year. It is hoped that all former teachers, scholars and friends will make this as formerly, our big festival re-union of the year.

We are expecting to give a beautiful Pageant that afternoon by the scholars and hope to have the church filled—so pass the word along. Faithfully yours,

G. H. Streaker, Supt.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM 23rd JAN. TO 20th FEB., INCLUSIVE.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Charities	$27.58	
Parochial Maintenance	36.32	
Missions	24.28	
Diocesan Missions	28.02	
		$116.20
Special for Expectation	$47.00	$47.00
Charities	60.99	
Parochial Maintenance	204.58	
Missions	220.63	
Theological Education	1.25	
Our Work Among Young People	1.00	
Benevolent Society	3.10	
Episcopal Hospital	6.25	
Domestic Missions	1.10	
Church Farm School	6.25	
Community House Debt	4.50	
Diocesan Missions	63.75	
Foreign Missions	15.05	
Colored Missions	1.00	
Missionary Box	1.50	
Indian Missions	1.00	
Chancel Decorations	2.25	
Deaconess House	1.60	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.10	
		$597.90
		761.10

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$88.57	
Parochial Maintenance	240.90	
Missions	291.91	
Theological Education	1.25	
Our Work Among Young People	1.00	
Benevolent Society	3.10	
Episcopal Hospital	6.25	
Domestic Missions	1.10	
Church Farm School	6.25	
Community House Debt	4.50	
Diocesan Missions	91.77	
Foreign Missions	15.05	
Colored Missions	1.00	
Missionary Box	1.50	
Indian Missions	1.00	
Chancel Decorations	2.25	
Deaconess House	1.60	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.10	
		$761.10

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

St. Stephen's Aid Society

Mrs. Wm. Campbell wishes to announce that the Friday morning sewing guild during Lent, will have its first meeting the second Friday, March 11th, at 10 o'clock, in the Community House, and a cordial invitation is extended to all women in the Parish.

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

It is hard to realize that we shall be in Lent, when you receive this number of "The Parish News." While Lent is this year almost as late as it can be, nevertheless it seems very near Christmas-tide. So swiftly do the days with their many tasks glide by. I wish that we could have had one more Sunday before Septuagesima, that we might have had that glorious collect for the sixth Sunday after Epiphany; for it is one of the finest Collects in the Prayer Book. The incomparable beauty of our Collects has been brought home to me afresh recently by my daily readings in Dr. McComb's compilation of "Modern Prayers." Not that these last are not good in their way and often suggestive of helpful petitions, but that they attain not to the excellence of our Prayer Book's Collects. I realize, of course, that the collects have the charm of old associations, especially for those who have heard them from childhood, for whom the "matchless music of their ordered words" awakes many sacred memories. But I am not referring to this quality. It would be manifestly unfair to depreciate the new prayers for lacking these overtones of sentiment. It is the compositions themselves, apart from these associations, that I am comparing. It is their substance and form that I have in mind. I hold that both in depth of feeling and reality, and in words and structure of sentences, the Collects have a marked superiority. The new prayers do not view life's problems sufficiently in the light of Eternity, and to my ear there is a note of preciosity and, at times, of sentimentality in their phraseology. They abound too much in colorful adjectives and lack the lofty simplicity and manly directness of the Collects.

Perhaps I should justify this opinion. It is so easy to dogmatize in questions of taste. So I will quote an excellent prayer, No. XXXV in Dr. McComb's collections, italicizing the words on which I intend to make comments. "O Sanctifying God! Inspirer of *great* and saintly souls, who hast given us discernment of the Divine trust of life! Fill us with a true and faithful spirit, ashamed to sleep, while Thou lendest light for another duty, resolute to work Thy will, till our strength be spent—prepared for *cheerful* rest when Thou wilt have us wait *and be ready to depart*. Never in the crush and storm of life may we quench Thy *sweet spirit;* but so cherish *it* that amid earthly and *transitory* things *it* may fill us with the glow of heavenly affections and the light of *tranquil* faith. Amen."

That is a beautiful and moving prayer. On looking up the authorship I discover that it is the composition of that eminent philosopher and noble Christian thinker James Martineau. I have always been a great admirer of his graceful and fluent style, though it has at times seemed to me somewhat Asiatic in its richness of ornament. Am I mistaken in thinking that this prayer would have gained by the omission of some of the adjectives italicized, as for example of the word "great" in the phrase "great and saintly souls," for what man looms up as great, when we have God in our thoughts? As so much of our rest is brought about by sickness and pain, and lazy people find it so easy to rest cheerfully, would it not have been better to say "Content to rest, when Thou wilt have us wait"—As not all waiting is postponed till just before death, would it not have been an improvement to have left off this clause which seems to confine the contemplated waiting to the end of life? Since the prayer is addressed to the "Sanctifying God," it would surely be better to continue to address the indwelling Spirit directly and not speak of the Spirit in the third person. But would not this be an improvement? "In the crush and storm of life may we never quench Thy guiding light, but so cherish it, that amid the darkling scenes of earth it may fill us with the light of faith and the glow of heavenly affections." (Perhaps it is presumptuous to improve on such a sage, seer and stylist as Martineau.) I must confess that after the majestic Collects of the Prayer Book, (and it is with them that I am comparing this petition), the phrase "Thy sweet spirit," later spoken of as "it," instead of spoken to as a personal guide is displeasing. It seems to me the obscurity rather than the transitoriness of this earthly scene is the characteristic of life that makes us particularly cherish the light, so I would substitute "darkling" for "transitory."

Perhaps you are inclined to exclaim, as you read my criticism, "Surely this is over-refinement." I would quite agree with you, if I were speaking of an extemporaneous prayer. But I am now about to show you a perfect model of a prayer. It is quite possible that you may not realize the perfection of its beauty. So by way of contrast I took a prayer that makes a very favorable impression and showed how a careful scrutiny can detect flaws.

Here is a liturgical gem, The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. No flaws here. "Oh God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us sons of God and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen." That is indeed a glorious prayer. It does not limit its view to earth, but lifts up our eyes to the eternal hills, and our immortal destiny, and then seeks to make our high calling effectual in our daily tasks. How majestically it rolls along! I like, too, the pointing of it. Why should the pronouns that refer to the Deity be capitalized? Surely the usage of the Bible and Prayer Book is best; a pronoun is a time-saving and attention-saving device; it simply indicates that the noun just heard still controls. It is usually the last word in the sentence to be emphasized. So this collect pleases me both in its pointing, and in its words, so balanced, so simple, so unadorned by adjectives. I don't believe that I can give better advice to those who are trying to develop habits of devotion than the counsel to make the Sunday Collect a part of their private devotions all through the week. Don't forget this prayer for purity. It is an excellent morning prayer. Especially do I commend it to those who are thinking about Confirmation.

The date of the administration of this helpful rite is April 3rd, at the morning service. Till that date the class for Confirmation will meet in the Vestry at 8 P. M. on Friday evenings. Attendance commits no one. It only signifies that the attendant is considering the step. The decision will be asked only at the close of the course, after the position and teaching of the Protestant Episcopal Church have been explained and the meaning and value of the step have been made clear. Adults who cannot attend at that hour will be given private instruction, and, if it is desired and enough candidates find another time more convenient, another class may be arranged to meet at a different hour. Please speak to the Rector or Mr. Kevin on the subject, and every effort will be made to suit the hours of leisure of those considering this important step.

The Church stands in no need of half-hearted people, who can't make up their minds to struggle against debasing influences and tendencies, and simply want to get through life as comfortably and safely as possible. The great need of the Church is not so much a numerous membership, as a consistent and earnest membership. The Church is not inviting people because it needs people, so much as for the reason that people need the Church. Consider what the Church has to give; the companionship of like-minded men seeking to serve God, the guidance of its experience, the help of its tested methods, the inspiration of its great tasks, the uplift of its united worship, the teaching of its prophetic leaders. Don't ask yourself patronizingly whether you should not help the Church. Ask yourself whether you don't need its aid. Those who come thinking that they have much to bestow on the Church and little to learn or receive from it are usually in their self-sufficiency neither helped themselves nor helpful to others. A sense of need and a desire to learn are the tempers that lead to the most fruitful Christian experience. It is to those who feel themselves poor in things of the spirit, to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, that the invitation is extended.

Sunday evenings at 7 o'clock there will be a meeting for devotion and Christian friendship in the room above the Vestry-room. All are invited, but it is meant especially for the needs of the young people of the Congregation. On the fourth Sunday of the month there will be a subscription supper in the Community House at 6.30. Those wishing to attend, are requested to send their names to Mrs. Keable by the preceding Friday. The charge will be 25 cents.

As I aim to make these pages a prospectus of plans, rather than a record of events, I can not spare much space for the Septuagesima Conference. It was a great success and surpassed both in numbers and enthusiasm the first Conference a year ago. It is true that we missed the faces of many attendants who contributed much to the previous Conference, particularly the attendants from Washington and Baltimore and the editor of the Southern Churchman, Dr. Dunn, who wrote such a glowing account of that initial meeting of Liberals in his Virginia paper. But we realize that the Bishop's Crusade prevented their attendance, and that they will be with us at our next gathering. It was wonderful that, with this Crusade keeping so many away, our attendance should have been larger than last year. Over 200 clergy were present, 130 registered and 127 sat down to the luncheon, which the Vestry of St. Stephen's provided on the second day of the Conference. Our first gathering was not graced by the presence of any Bishops of our Church; but this session had the Bishop of the Diocese as the celebrant and preacher at the Holy Communion. He also attended all our sessions, and had beside him two of his brothers in the Episcopate, Bishop Johnson of Missouri, and Bishop Atwood, the retired Bishop of Arizona. Moreover, we now have as the President of the National League, Bishop Harris of Marquette, whose paper, admirably read in his absence on account of sickness by Dean Southworth, was a trumpet call to the Liberal and Protestant members of our Church to organize, unless they are willing to see the Protestant Episcopal Church lose its Protestant and comprehensive character, and all the modifications and purifications of the Reformation cast aside as mutilations of the Catholicity of a Church, so conformed to Roman doctrine, and so bedizened with Medieval rites, ceremonies and ornaments that its Protestant and progressive members will feel out of place in its worship, and its Protestant preachers unable to stand up and prophesy in its narrow and high pulpits. Let these Anglo-Catholics have their way and few Protestant Candidates will be able to get past their custodians of Catholicity and enter our ministry. If we love our Protestant and Comprehensive Church we ought to realize that it is worth our while to bestir ourselves when these Anglo-Catholics are conducting such a campaign of propaganda and organization to control our Conventions, to modify our ritual, and to alter our canons. Bishop Harris's paper with its 14 points was enthusiastically endorsed for substance.

Organization will begin by the gathering together in other cities of groups similar to of the Philadelphia Branch of the National Church League. For it must not be overlooked that while St. Stephen's provided the place of meeting, it was through the help of the Philadelphia Branch of the National League that the Clergy were provided entertainment, and that it was at the invitation of this Philadelphia group that the Liberals of this region assembled.

One of the pleasant incidents of the Conference was this following letter of salutation from Dr. Major, the editor of the "Modern Churchman" that was read at the luncheon:

Ripon Hall, Oxford.
Feb. 4, 1927.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

I am writing a word of greeting and good wishes to you and your fellow Churchmen meeting in Conference on the fifteenth of this month.

I hope and pray that the Divine Blessing may rest on your undertaking and the Divine Spirit unite and inspire your members.

It is in a sane, reverent, and practical Modernism (or Liberalism as I think you prefer to call it) that the solution of not a few of our problems may be found, for it strives to present our Lord and His Gospel as ever old yet ever new; it claims that Christianity is pre-eminently the Religion of the Spirit; it seeks to unite in a higher synthesis the essential elements in both Protestantism and Catholicism in which truth and freedom, beauty and service, antiquity and modernity have their rightful place.

It is obscurantism, sectarianism, individualism, and materialism that we have most to contend against, and I believe a Modernist Christianity provides a better antidote to these evils than does a Traditionalist Christianity.

The greatest danger which besets us is the danger into which those lead us who think that it pleases God to save His people by stunts and sensationalism.

I should like to be remembered most kindly to Dr. Garland, and to those kind friends in Philadelphia who made my visit there such a very pleasant memory.

Wishing you all success in your Second Conference,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
Henry D. A. Major.

I have kept in close touch with Dr. Major, who organized so effectively the Modernists, as the English clergy of the modern learning prefer to designate themselves. He has been deeply interested in the success of our Conference, and has requested that an outline of its papers and discussions, and a report of its spirit and temper be sent over for publication in his periodical. Nothing can be more helpful than a closer association with this wing of the English Church. In organization and in scholarship they have much to teach us. It is my hope and prayer that we may be able to secure next year the attendance of Bishop Barnes, of Birmingham, or Canon Storr, of Westminster Abbey.

Let no one think that these plans are devised in any spirit of personal hostility or unchristian bitterness. Personalities do not enter. We believe that the Reformation was a step forward, and have no mind to retrace the steps that separate us from Medieval legalism and superstition. Indeed, we hold that a second Reformation is desirable. The first delivered the Protestant world from the tyranny of the priesthood and the bondage of tradition; the second must deliver us from many stereotyped dogmas of the past and from the bondage of the letter. Christianity must be allowed to develop its principles and must be conceived of dynamically rather than statically. Against this programme the Anglo-Catholics are arrayed. They are willing enough, in certain camps, to treat the Bible in the modern spirit, but they will not allow these modern methods to be extended to symbols, rituals, and government. There is as clear-cut an issue between them and the Protestant and Liberal school as existed between St. Paul and the Judaizers of his day. If St. Paul was right to resist the Judaizers in the interest of the liberty of the believer and the purity of the gospel I hold that we are justified in resisting the efforts to limit our freedom in the gospel and to legalize rites for which magical potency is claimed, as exclusive channels of grace. It is difficult to restrain such abuses, but certainly nothing ought to be done to place the authority of the Church behind such a practice as the reservation of the elements for adoration. These are not unimportant questions; they affect the whole future and development of the Episcopal Church.

Let any one go to Indiana and Iowa and ask for the Episcopal Church and he will learn through its smallness and impotence the result of presenting it to Americans as a Church that has no use for the Reformation. The people have simply ignored it and looked on it as a mere dilution and imitation of Roman Catholicism. But enough of this here—for I would not have it understood that the whole aim of this Conference is to check Anglo-Catholicism.

Its fundamental purpose is to develop Christianity as a religion of the spirit, that can express itself in new as well as old forms. To that end we met to study new truths and turn our minds in every possible direction. That was the significance of the paper on Psychic Research. There is much division of opinion among us on that subject, but we are willing to investigate. In this spirit we asked Mr. Shoemaker to speak on Conversion and welcomed his opinion on Mr. Buchman. So we considered under Dr. Barton's competent guidance the New Testament teaching on the Lord's Supper and the Use and Abuse of Ceremonial by the aid of Dr. Beverley D. Tucker's experience in the World War. Neither would we restrict ourselves to Ecclesiastical or doctrinal questions, and for this reason on Wednesday we had a paper on the duty of a free Church in a free State.

In the region of the Middle West, and in the sphere of canonical legislation, the menace of the Anglo-Catholic program with its secret societies, confraternities and organization is the pressing issue. Only organization can meet that peril. But there is no reason why we should neglect the other duty of teaching the new truths that criticism has brought to light about the Bible,

nor of stressing the responsibility of the Church to set up the Kingdom of God on earth, as well as to prepare its members to join the General Assembly and Church of the first born in Heaven. Our program is essentially constructive; but, for the time and the present crisis, the great need is organization and definite measures to protect the freedom and Protestantism that we have inherited.

Next year, I hope, that our Septuagesima Conference may assume larger proportions and make more of a National appeal. I shall make every effort to secure the attendance of some distinguished English leaders.

There are two Lenten resolutions that I suggest to the congregation: the first relates to the Bishops' crusade, that unfortunately war-like and feudal characterization of a spiritual enterprise, and the second is concerned with Lenten self-denial.

By reason of our position, and the responsibilities of our weekday noon-tide services it was impossible to have any special evangelistic services at St. Stephen's. But there is no good reason why we should not participate in the increased enthusiasm for individual, personal work. These conferences of young people before the Sunday evening service are intended to develop a closer fellowship in things of the spirit. But why should not each of us bear in on his heart that Confirmation will come on April 3rd, and that this month is a time of harvesting. Why should not the congregation assist the ministers in gathering in the listless, careless, straying, indifferent and erring? One way of doing this will be to invite people either to come to Confirmation classes, or to attend the services, preferably the evening service, where the appeal is more direct. But any service will do, as all the services for the next four Sundays will be occasions of recruiting. It will be a great help if all the members of the Parish will make an effort to come to both Sunday services, for the month of March; for the whole of Lent would be better, but till the Confirmation Sunday is the most important.

Wonderful is the additional force gained by the message, when it is delivered to a large congregation of sympathizing people. Much of the power of the preacher's appeal is drawn from the congregation, who testify by its presence its appreciation of the message.

We are able to have but few additional Parish services during Lent. The great Noonday Services seem to suffice for our Parish needs. Yet there are many who cannot attend them. So I make this Lenten suggestion that the communicants of the Church make special exertions to attend the Sunday night services this Lent, as well as the Sunday morning services. Try to bring some one with you. The choir sings with superior verve and skill at the second service. The sermon is of a more popular character. I believe that those who come will feel rewarded.

My other Lenten suggestion refers to the Easter offering. It is a long-standing custom in our Church that Lenten self-denial should be so practiced that it will bear fruit in increased offerings at Easter. In many homes children give up desserts during Lent to obtain the money so saved to the housekeeping. In the country children raise chickens, or do chores to earn money for giving. City children have their own methods, running errands, gathering up and selling paper and trash, delivering newspapers, and so on. Then, there is the great open highway of self-denial; walking and saving street-car fares, cutting out moving-pictures and theatres for the season. Men abandon smoking, and women give up ice cream, sundaes and sodas. All these are fruitful methods. Where there is a will, a way will readily be found. All these savings can be gathered up in a fine Easter offering. I hope that we may raise at that time over a thousand dollars for our Expectation. It is a poor plan to put off the raising of this important fund till December and the first weeks in January, Let us bear it in mind during Lent both working for it, and saving for it.

Another suggestion comes to me. Let us add to our Lenten prayers, a special prayer to God that He will bless St. Stephen's richly with the spirit of service, liberality, friendship, and evangelization—of evangelization, so that we may reach out and win the erring and indifferent; of friendship, so that we may provide for our members helpful associations, and Christian interest in one another; of liberality, so that all good causes may derive support from us; of service, so that we may not only be a band of worshippers, enjoying one another's friendship, worshipping together, and learning together, and praying together; but may also be active agents, giving personal service in the great work of making the church an active agent in up-building the Kingdom of God on earth. Let these be our key-words —service, liberality, friendship, and evangelization. All are not given these graces in the same degree, nor are all called upon to render the same contribution in each of these departments of the Christian life. As old men are said to be best for counsel and young men best for action, so some people can render one form of service best, and other people have different forms of service, some are uniquely equipped to give, some for friendship, and some for evangelization. The Spirit giveth not the same gifts to all, but distributeth diversely, to each as he will. But this is the ideal towards which each should strive, with due regard to his special endowments. Here again the old adage will be found true, that where there is a will, there is a way. Let us ask God to give us the will.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

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We are glad to report that our Cake and Candy Sale, held on February 11th, was a success, and, as heretofore, proved how many kind and thoughtful friends we have. We take this opportunity to thank all who in any way showed their interest, either in contributions or by purchasing.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Thomas one of the Vice Presidents of the Interdenominational Church Union, addressed the Woman's Auxiliary at St. Stephen's February 17.

The Protestant Churches in this Union contribute to Social Work in Foreign Missions, Home Missions and City Work.

In the City Work the Union supports a Church worker, Mrs. Griffiths, in the Juvenile Court. The Episcopal Church promises $350 annually towards her salary. Mrs. Thomas asked for help in raising this sum.

The next meeting will be held March 17th.

Beulah E. Hollar, Sec.

The Woman's Aid of North Philadelphia

The Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia held its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 26th, at which the following officers were elected:

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Winfield C. Scott.
Secretary—Mrs. C. William Spiess.
Treasurer, Mrs. Paul F. Mowry.

Mrs. John C. Browne sent the following names of St. Stephen's members with her annual contributions:

Miss Laura Bell	$5.00
Miss Emily Bell	1.00
Mrs. Craig Atmore	2.00
Mrs. Herman H. Birney	1.00
Mrs. John C. Browne	4.00
Mrs. Wm. C. Campbell	1.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie	1.00
The Misses Davis	1.50
The Misses Eisenbrey	1.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis	.50
Miss Fannie Gebhart	.50
Mrs. Rhoda Hay	.50
Miss Ella Headman	.50
Mrs. I. W. Higham	.50
Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.	.50
Mrs. F. L. Mann	1.00
Mrs. Charles E. Noblit	1.00
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Miss Blanche M. Porter	.50
Mrs. Benj. B. Reath	.50
Miss Mary M. Roberts	.50
Miss Mary Swift	.50
Miss Margaret Tappen	.50
Miss Susan C. Thackara	.50
Mrs. W. B. Townsend	2.00
Miss E. C. Washington	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Whitham	.50

Total, thirty dollars from twenty-eight subscribers.

The Woman's Aid pledged five thousand dollars to the Diocese Campaign recently held, one thousand annually for five years, to support the institutions and missions of this Diocese, and plan to have a garden party in early June and other entertainments to raise this amount, relying on the co-operation of the parishes in the North Convocation.

Mothers' Meeting Fair

The Mothers' Meeting reports a cheque for $140.00 turned over to Dr. Grammer for the benefit of the Community House. The members thank the congregation for help in making the fair a success.

Memorial Flower Fund, 1927

Jan. 2—Mrs. Lamb.
9—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16—Miss Ernst.
23—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.
30—Miss Gregg.

Feb. 6—Miss Gebhart.
13—Mrs. Sheble.
20—Miss Gebhart.
27—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 6—Mrs. Brunner.
13—Dr. Grammer.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
27—Miss Tappen.

April 3—Mrs. Sheble.
10—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
14—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
17—Easter.
24—Mrs. Lamb.

May 1—Mrs. Woodward.
8—Miss Townsend.
15—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
22—Mrs. Higham.
26—Ascension.
29—Mrs. Woodward.

June 5—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
12—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
19—Miss Gebhart.
26—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

July 3—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.
10—King's Daughters.
17—
24—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
31—

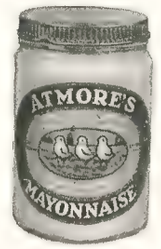
Aug. 7—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
14—Mrs. Love.
21—
28—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 4—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
11—Miss Powell.
18—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 2—Miss Laura Bell.
9—Miss Maulsby.
16—Miss Thackara.
23—Mrs. Sheble.
30—Mrs. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mr. Arrison and Mrs. Shellenberger.
6—Girls' Friendly Society.
13—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
20—Miss Eisenberg.
27—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 4—Mrs. Sheble.
11—The Misses Davis.
18—Miss Emily Bell.
25—Christmas.



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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.

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Mrs. John Coats Browne.

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Treasurer—Miss Lewis.

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KING'S DAUGHTER'S OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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PARISH REGISTER

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 25—Walter C. Hattes and Mary M. Rizer.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March 15—Florence Myers Humphrey.
March 17—John C. Kirkpatrick.
March 17—Laura E. Kirkpatrick.

LENTEN SPEAKERS

March 28-April 1, inclusive—Rev. R. W. Patton, D.D., Campaign Director of the National Council, New York.

Saturday—Rev. Joseph Manuel, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia.

April 4-April 8—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.

April 9—Rev. John L. Hady, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown.

April 11 and 12—Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook.

Wednesday—Rt. Rev. Frank DuMoulin, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia.

Thursday—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.

Good Friday—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church.

Saturday—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Assistant.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly has been making every effort to raise a substantial sum for its mission work. We had a Furmin Supper, which proved both palatable and profitable; also a Waffle Luncheon and the Movies. On April 4th, at 7 and 9 P. M., a motion picture of "Martin Luther—His Life and Time," will be given in the Community House. Admission, 50 cents. At noon on Wednesday, April 20th, there will be another Waffle Luncheon served on the third floor of the Community House. Come and see how enjoyable it will be.

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Community House Debt	.65	
Diocesan Missions	25.45	
Foreign Missions	3.45	
Colored Missions	.25	
Missionary Box	39.65	
Chancel Decorations	.50	
Deaconess House	.10	
		$606.10
		$743.60

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$130.64
Parochial Maintenance	232.95
Missions	288.63
Theological Education	3.30
Benevolent Society	.70
Episcopal Hospital	5.00
Church Farm School	5.00
Community House Debt	.65
Diocesan Missions	25.45
Foreign Missions	3.45
Colored Missions	.25
Missionary Box	46.98
Chancel Decorations	.50
Deaconess House	.10
	$743.60

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. John E. Hill, Diocesan Educational Secretary, was the speaker at the March meeting, of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. She outlined the book "Beyond City Limits," which is used in the mission study classes this year, and which was written to stimulate interest in rural work. The next meeting will be held April 21st, at eleven o'clock.

Beulah E. Hollar, Secy.

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Two more Sundays and it will be Easter, when I hope that we shall have the largest Easter offering for years. The object will be the "Expectation" of St. Stephen's for 1927. That is to say, the amount that is expected of this congregation for these purposes, namely: 1st—The diocesan missions and philanthropic work; 2nd—The missions of our Church throughout the United States including the Indians, colored people with their industrial schools, and the poor whites of the Appalachian region; 3rd—Our work in foreign lands. In the last years we have made a special effort about Christmas and New Year's day to make up what the diocese hoped to receive from us. But the proper time for this effort is Lent, the season of special self-denial, and Easter, our feast of greatest rejoicing, when Christ brought assurance of his Divine sonship, and of Eternal Life by the Resurrection from the dead. As a congregation we have received much, let us also give much.

Let me enumerate the items that ought to excite gratitude: 1st—There has been an unusual spirit of co-operation and friendship in the parish. There has been real team-work. No Church can prosper, where sullen discontent begets dissatisfaction and criticism. The Church can only be a helpful environment for its members, when it has an atmosphere of friendship, loyalty and mutual deference and respect. This spirit has prevailed to an unusual degree this Winter.

2nd—All our societies are doing good work, as I am sure that the annual reports will show.

3rd—We made an extraordinary record in the Campaign for Diocesan Missions and Charities. Our total pledges amounted to $31,000, and the number of persons pledging equaled the number of communicants in the parish. In both respects the totals exceeded our most sanguine anticipations.

4th—The Community House is used more largely than ever. Not only is our building serviceable for the various activities of the parish, for basket-ball, for the Young People's Club, the Girls' Friendly, the movies for the Mothers' meeting once a month, the Dance Club, the Players' Guild, the Boy Scouts, and the supper once a month on the last Sunday night of the month: but it is also affording opportunities for exercise to young men and young women, working in this part of the city, who enroll for basket-ball privileges, and is providing rest-room and meeting places for the members of the Business Women's Christian League. By the payment of $400, this Association has enrolled all its members among those enjoying the privileges of our Community House. Every afternoon the secretary of the Association may be found at her desk, acting as hostess of the rest-room. On Monday and Thursday evenings its members have their Bible classes. I am recounting only their uses of the Community House. They have an additional meeting in the Parish House on Monday, when they make good use of the fine gas range that Mrs. Clayton has so generously given to the Church.

5th—Now that these Christian Business Women have joined with the Christian Business Men in assisting us in providing speakers and attendants for the Daily noonday Services we have in St. Stephen's a practical manifestation of Christian co-operation and fellowship that is, I believe, unparalleled in the Episcopal Church. I know nothing like it anywhere. It seems to me that this beneficent arrangement ought to be more widely known. The average attendance at these Noonday Services throughout the year is nearly 100, not counting the attendance of about 500 daily during the 40 days of Lent.

Of course, such an arrangement would not be feasible without the permission of the Vestry of the Church, and of the Bishop of the Diocese. Nor would it be possible with these legal and canonical approvals, without the spirit of good-will and mutual toleration and co-operation among all parties. With the Business Men the arrangement is now of some six years' standing, and has long passed the experimental stage. With the Business Women, however, the adjustments are just beginning to show their mutual helpfulness. I hope to see that organization resume something of its pristine vigor, now that it has a bureau near the center of the business section, and I am sure that in all our fairs, entertainments, and social endeavors we shall find the members of this loyal organization our helpful allies.

6th—The Second Septuagesima Conference of Liberals surpassed, in the numbers who attended and in the interest of the papers and discussions, the first Conference, uniquely successful though that Conference was. Already plans are maturing that will make the third Conference of more than Provincial importance. Steps are being taken for a similar Conference in the South.

7th—We have organized a band of Boy Scouts with Mr. Richard Robinson at its head. I hope that it will prove an organization that will not only train its members in helpfulness, efficiency and manliness, but that will also reach out and win recruits.

8th—Our music has been exceptionally good this winter and by its attractive power increased our congregations, especially our Sunday night attendance.

9th—In spite of the numerous inclement Sundays, the attendance at the Church has been encouraging.

10th—The Confirmation Class is the largest for several years.

11th—There is a new dramatic club, "The Players' Guild," which has enthusiastic meetings and expects to entertain the congregation this Spring with a play.

12th—On Friday night, from 8 to 9, Mr. Kevin has a Bible Class with an average attendance of ten to fifteen.

13th—The Noon-day Lenten Services have been splendidly attended, showing no falling off in numbers, but rather an increase, and the addresses have been of a uniformly fine character.

That you may appreciate at a glance the numerous activities of the Parish, I have asked Mrs. Keable to prepare a chart of the meetings for one week, in the Church, Parish House, and Community House. It shows not only how largely the buildings are used, but also ought to make every one realize the necessity of making their arrangements with the office well ahead if the use of the rooms is desired.

These are, I think that you will agree with me, all substantial grounds for gratitude, and hopefulness with regard to the future of this down-town Church.

I regret to announce that Miss Washington has resigned the position of Treasurer of the United Offering of the Women of St. Stephen's which she has held since the death of Miss Anna Magee. She brought to the office such sincere interest in the Missionary work of our Church, and has labored so earnestly to keep our parish to its duty, that it is hard to let her drop this responsibility. But she has imperative duties that make it impossible for her to continue. So her resignation is accepted with gratitude for her faithful service. Both in the Woman's Auxiliary, and in the Benevolent Society, which she helped to reorganize, Miss Washington has during my rectorship made a large contribution of personal service and loyal co-operation.

Miss Mary DeHaven Bright, for some years the secretary of our Woman's Aux-

iliary has at my urgency consented to accept this important office. I bespeak for her the co-operation of the women of the Church.

Let me make a practical suggestion: Date your letters and postals. By which I mean put the post office address as well as the time of writing. Also sign. Sometimes the initials do not suggest the whole name. I have a correspondent in the U. S. Navy who sends me pictorial postals from all over the world, with only two initials. Alas, they do not convey to me his name, and I am unable to acknowledge. Young couples whom I marry often send me news of the birth of children, just a card and the name of the child, but no address to which I can reply. There lies on my desk, as I write, a letter of congratulation, which I sent to the old address in the hope that it would follow the couple to Washington whither they have moved. But the post office experts, not so persistent and clever as the British Post Office in such matters, gave up the quest, and the letter is back on my desk, and that couple think of me as one who is indifferent to their friendship and unsympathetic with their joy.

The influence of our Septuagesima Conference spreads like wavelets in a pool. In the last issue of "The Churchman" Dr. Barton's important paper, read at the Conference on Tuesday night, was published in full. High Sacramentarians have always contended that the discourse on eating and drinking Christ's flesh and blood in John vi referred to the Lord's Supper. The Evangelicals pointed out correctly enough, that as all schools agreed that John, the Apostle, wrote the Epistle, and accepted its accuracy as the report of an eyewitness, there was great objection to referring a discourse made a year before the institution of the Lord's Supper, to the as yet uninstituted rite of the Eucharist. Still the phrases, particularly the expression, "drinking my blood," seemed singularly inapplicable to the manna in the wilderness, and the miracle of the loaves, which, according to the narrative, were the occasions of the discourse. The historical setting suggested one interpretation and the language another. Now Professor Barton comes forward, as an expert in the Higher Criticism of the New Testament, and overthrows the historical objection. The Fourth Gospel, he holds, was not written by John, the son of Zebedee, but by another John, much later. It comes after the Epistles of Paul, and the Epistle to the Hebrews. The writer realizes that magical elements are seeping into the Church's sacramental theories from the mystery religions around. So he expands the spiritual teaching that Jesus gave about the true bread from heaven, and makes it applicable to the Lord's Supper. The High Sacramentarians are right, the passage does relate to the Eucharist. The historical objection is overthrown. But let not the victors rejoice too soon. For their conquest proves a veritable Trojan horse to its captors. Since the whole purpose of the discourse, according to the New Learning, is to spiritualize the Lord's Supper and make the means whereby the body of Christ is received to be faith, the flesh profiting nothing, and the truth symbolized being the important, life-giving element.

In another part of the same number of the "Churchman" there is a long quotation from "The Parish News," and still a third quotation in the editorial paragraphs. So it looks as if our little parish paper reached a wide circle of influential readers.

Nothing could be a greater mistake than to imagine that the platform of the National Church League aims at exterminating the Anglo-Catholics or narrowing the comprehensive character of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Here is the situation in a nutshell as I understand it. By the Reformation settlement there was room in the English Church for High Churchmen, Low Churchmen and Broad Churchmen. On the basic principle, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity," a comprehensive Church is a workable organization. Of course, this principle rests on the assumption that essential truths can be trusted to maintain their hold upon men by their inherent vitality, and their own evidence, and will not unravel themselves, and lose their appeal, unless they are bound in by a peculiar selvedge, which edging thereby becomes one of the essentials. Few people can really believe that a particular theory of Orders is necessary to the preservation of a belief in God. Yet this is just the emphasis that the Oxford Movement introduced into the Church of England, and into the Protestant Episcopal Church. Under the Comprehensive theory a bishop could address a confirmation class without inculcating a theory of confirmation which is, indeed, held by the Church of Rome, and our Anglo-Catholic brethren, but which, whether it be true or false, was not adopted by our Church at the Reformation and is not taught in our formularies. Such a bishop would dwell upon the truths on which all parties agree, the benefits derived from prayer, from a public profession of allegiance to Jesus, and from dedication to His service. The debatable nature of the benefit derived from the Bishop's hands could be left in the background where it belongs, as the silence of our Church teaches, and as reason teaches, since the benefit is certainly not dependent upon a dogma about the rite; but upon faith in Jesus Christ. It is a question in my mind whether Comprehension could continue, or would be workable if the Anglo-Catholic theories should become predominant in our Church.

Mr. Sidney Dark, the editor of the "Church Times," the leading Anglo-Catholic journal of the world, is quite frank about it. According to an interview in "The Churchman" of March the fifth, he said: "So far as comprehensiveness is concerned I disagree with the dignitaries of the Church, and a great many of my friends. I agree with Bishop Knox, who, speaking from an opposite point of view to mine, says that Catholicism and Protestantism are two different religions. I do not see how one Church can permanently include both, though comprehensiveness will probably continue for many years."

Mr. Dark understands the men of his school. The peculiar system bulks so large in their theology that they can not tolerate people who wish to express the old truths in new ways. Their conscience clamors for the exercise of despotic authority. The Holy Cross Fathers would not speak at the Garrick Theatre, if cards were distributed announcing along with the Garrick Theatre services, the names and dates of the speakers at St. Stephen's, since this last list bore the name of a Presbyterian minister, who was to speak at St. Stephen's with the approval of the Bishop, and the sanction of the Church's canons. When the Board of Missions sent conferees to a conference at Panama some Catholic champions on the Board resigned their membership.

What will be the result of the growth of this new school that asserts through innumerable publications, all characterized by extraordinary fondness for Roman Catholic phraseology and usages, that it alone expresses fully the mind of the Church; that Low Churchmen and Broad Churchmen are only tolerated deficients in doctrine, permitted by the Church's kind indulgence to officiate for a season at its altars? How can our Church grow if such a school flourishes

among us, a school out of which numbers rush to Rome, if we recognize in the slightest way the gifts of God in the Protestant world? Is it not the part of wisdom, does it not make for ultimate peace to point out plainly that this attitude of this school is hostile to the whole spirit of our Church?

There is here no suggestion that Anglo-Catholics, High Churchmen, Low Churchmen, or Broad Churchmen are outside of the limits of our Church's comprehension. I expressly state that the Church tolerates men who prefer a closed system after the Tridentine pattern. It can tolerate them legally and canonically; but I do ask the question whether they will allow the Church to remain as tolerant and comprehensive as it is, if they gain the upperhand in our General Convention. I doubt whether they can or will. Liberals are content to ground their teachings on evidence; but the children of the Oxford movement can not be satisfied unless they have had their peculiar views set forth by the authority of the Church. I ventured the prediction years ago that this school would attempt to fasten their theories on the Church in the revision of the Prayer Book.

A Bishop has the liberty of any other teacher of theology to spread abroad his views; but he has no right to represent them as the official teachings of our Church, if they are not so set forth in our standards. He cannot come down into the arena as the mouthpiece of a certain school, and at the same time expect the sanctity of the lawn to be respected. He can't represent our Church as the hospitable home and future meeting point of those who believe the great essentials, whose **lex credendi** is the **lex orandi,** and then turn around on those who take their stand on these essentials and intimate that they are disloyal if they do not journey with him further in a certain direction, where to many people the dome of St. Peter's rises up beyond the towers of Oxford as the logical goal. In a word, our Church can not remain what it is, or become what it should become, if those who admire the closed system gain control. It is our bounden duty, if we wish to see its Protestant character maintained to examine the nature of the theories that are being promulgated in many quarters as the Church's official teaching, and to show how unlike they are in their narrow rigidity to the broad and liberal platform laid down in the spacious days of Queen Elizabeth and how impossible their prevalence will make any large usefulness for our Church.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Those whom we admire we inevitably pattern after.

The flower that follows the sun does so even on cloudy days.

To kill "the blues"—just count your blessings.

Cheer has a cash value, while gloom is a predatory enemy.

Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be
As more of heaven in each we see.
—J. Keble.

Spin cheerfully, not tearfully, though wearily you plod.
Spin carefully, spin prayerfully, but leave the thread with God.

Who is wise and understanding among you, let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom.—James, III, 13.

Many a man who is rich according to the standard of men is a pauper in the eyes of God.—Uncle Jerry.

Over the door of a Medical College in France is engraved—"I dressed his wounds. God healed him."

Be what your friends think you are, and avoid being what your enemies say you are.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE FOR ONE WEEK IN THE CHURCH, PARISH HOUSE AND COMMUNITY HOUSE

MARCH 21ST–26TH, 1927

(SOCIETIES NOT LISTED ARE THOSE WHICH MEET ONCE A MONTH OR EVERY OTHER WEEK AND DID NOT MEET AT THIS TIME)

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Noonday Service	346	Noonday Service	370	Noonday Service	386	Noonday Service	297	Noonday Service	337	Service	157	Sunday School	85
Girls' Friendly	65	Girls' Club	6	Benevolent Society Officers and workers	31	Business Women's Dramatic League,	19	Boy Scouts	18			Morning Service	157
Business Women's Bible Class (Parish House)	70	Basket-Ball	12	Basket-Ball	21	Basket-Ball	18	Confirmation Class	20			Sunday School at Service	67
Business Women's Bible Class (Com. House)	35	Special Meeting Y. P. C.	14	Sewing Class	7	Bible Class	24	Choir Rehearsal	24			Evening	101
Basket-Ball	12			Young People's Club	35	Dance Class	62	Aid Society	10			Young People's Fellowship	35
Players' Guild	15			Rummage Sale helpers 12, attendance about 150	162	Mothers' Meeting	70					Supper	30
Minstrel Rehearsal (Parish House)	25					Minstrel Rehearsal (Parish House)	25						
	568		402		642		515		409		157	Total for week 36 meetings	3168

Boy Scouts

During the past month a St. Stephen's troop of the Boy Scouts of America has been organized under the leadership of Mr. Richard Robinson, a new member of the Church, but associated with the scout movement since its beginning.

Starting with a group of five boys from the Sunday School, in one month the troop has grown to eighteen members with a Scout Master, an Assistant Scout Master, and younger troop commanders. Meetings are held weekly on Friday night in the Gymnasium where the troop drills and practices the scout movements.

Saturday afternoons, with the help of Mr. Hopkins, one of the teachers in the Sunday School, the troop has been taking hikes in the country. Before Spring, most of the boys will be instructed sufficiently in wood lore to make their hikes profitable excursions in the country.

The first Friday night in March, the troop was formally inducted in the Philadelphia organization, and most of the boys made third class scouts. Some have since taken the tests and become second class scouts. The field work in the summer is essential to becoming first class scouts and that must wait for a while.

The Rector has given the troop a meeting place on the third floor of the Parish House for the business gatherings, and they will hereafter precede the drill in the gymnasium.

Nearly eighteen years ago, when the Boy Scout movement first reached America, the first troop in Philadelphia to be organized was at St. Stephen's Church. After a few years the troop moved from the neighborhood one by one and it gradually disappeared. But it is particularly fitting that the Scout idea should be reborn in the same Church in Philadelphia where it was first organized.

The troop law requires a boy to be twelve years of age before he can be admitted as a Scout. For boys who have not reached that age, there is an organization known as the Scout Cubs. Very soon there will be sufficient boys to organize a troop of the Cubs, a sort of waiting list for membership in the more mature organization.

During the summer one of the Scout-activities is to spend two weeks in a camp, learning there Nature's story at first hand. This is eagerly awaited by the Church troop, although plans are still tentative where the Camp will be held.

The Sunday School

Our Boy Scout Troop, under the Scoutmastership of Mr. Robinson, one of our Sunday School teachers, is progressing finely—some of the boys are now in scout uniform. We are indebted to Mr. Kevin for starting this excellent organization for our younger boys. Before Boy Scouting officially was started in 1910 in Philadelphia, we had six patrols on our old Farm at Warminster, in 1907-8 and 9, and it is a real joy to see it revived with us in regular organized form.

We believe we will have a larger class than usual from the Sunday School this year, to be presented by the Rector to the Bishop for Confirmation, on the first Sunday morning in April, and, of course, this is cheering to all our teachers, as they see our young people take up in a consecrated way the ideals of the Christ.

The scholars are studying "The Life of Christ" and are now in rehearsal of a Pageant for their Easter carol service, written and arranged from the closing scenes in the Resurrection story. It is called, "The Garden of the Lord."

This Easter Carol Service and Pageant by the scholars will be given in the Church at 4 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time, the first Sunday after Easter, April 24th. We most cordially urge all who love old St. Stephen's to be present, particularly former scholars, teachers and friends. Come and help by your presence to make this the happy festival reunion it has always been, through the many past years.

Faithfully yours,
G. H. Streaker, Supt.

St. Stephen's Aid Society

Mrs. Wm. Campbell wishes to announce that the Friday morning sewing guild during Lent, will meet on Fridays, at 10 o'clock, in the Community House, and a cordial invitation is extended to all women in the Parish.

Memorial Flower Fund, 1927

Jan. 2—Mrs. Lamb.
9—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16—Miss Ernst.
23—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.
30—Miss Gregg.

Feb. 6—Miss Gebhart.
13—Mrs. Sheble.
20—Miss Gebhart.
27—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 6—Mrs. Brunner (In Memory of)
13—Dr. Grammer.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
27—Miss Tappen.

April 3—Mrs. Sheble.
10—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
14—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
17—Easter.
24—Mrs. Lamb.

May 1—Mrs. Woodward.
8—Miss Townsend.
15—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
22—Mrs. Higham.
26—Ascension.
29—Mrs. Woodward.

June 5—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
12—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
19—Miss Gebhart.
26—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

July 3—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.
10—King's Daughters.
17—
24—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
31—

Aug. 7—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
14—Mrs. Love.
21—
28—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 4—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
11—Miss Powell.
18—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

Oct. 2—Miss Laura Bell.
9—Miss Maulsby.
16—Miss Thackara.
23—Mrs. Sheble.
30—Mrs. Keable.

Nov. 1—Mr. Arrison and Mrs. Shellenberger.
6—Girls' Friendly Society.
13—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
20—Miss Eisenbrey.
27—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

Dec. 4—Mrs. Sheble.
11—The Misses Davis.
18—Miss Emily Bell.
25—Christmas.

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

May 8—Marguerite Warren Dunn.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 1—Clinton D. Vance—Ann H. Miller.
April 18—Walter E. Krebs—Kathryn E. Walter.
April 19—R. Bon Maur—Elsie D. Wood.
April 22—Charles B. Darrow—Esther E. Jones.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 22—Ida Olga Johnson.
April 27—Lavinia Kenworthey.
May 9—Florence P. McGann.

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May 3, 1927

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Church Farm School	10.00
Community House Debt	221.89
Diocesan Missions	6.87
Foreign Missions	4.05
Colored Missions	48.70
Missionary Box	8.55
Indian Missions	1.25
Chancel Decorations	70.25
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.30
Woman's Auxiliary	1.00
Flood Sufferers (Red Cross)	99.21
	$1,276.91
	$2,399.68

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$ 145.31
Parochial Maintenance	213.05
Missions	269.20
Theological Education	150.54
Our Work Among Young People	1.00
Benevolent Society	209.10
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.00
Episcopal Hospital	10.00
Domestic Missions	1.00
Church Farm School	10.00
Community House Debt	221.89
Diocesan Missions	6.87
Foreign Missions	4.05
Colored Missions	74.12
Missionary Box	8.55
Indian Missions	1.25
Chancel Decorations	124.94
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.30
Woman's Auxiliary	1.00
Special for Expectation	845.30
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

On one occasion Henry Clay was entertained at a home where one of the boys was having a birthday. Among the presents was a gun from some anonymous giver. The lad was perfectly charmed with the present, and kept wondering who could be the donor. At last Mr. Clay told him that he must not let his ignorance on that point lessen his pleasure in the gift, since the gun would make its own report. I feel that it is not necessary to write much of an editorial comment on the year's work, for each of the societies makes its own report. Do not fail to read the fine record.

The year has been full of harmonious and cheerful work. Much has been due to Mr. Kevin's initiative and loyal co-operation. To him we owe the Friday Bible Class, and the Players' Guild, and the suggestion of the organization of the Boy Scouts. The most notable development of the winter has been the partnership that has been formed with the Business Women's Christian League whereby 400 of its members joined the fellowship of our Community House. Their secretary is allowed a desk in that building. This organization has also taken over the charge of the Noonday Service on Tuesday, and has secured addresses from a number of the leading ministers of Philadelphia.

It will be of interest to the Congregation to know that in the last number of The Churchman there is a fine appreciation of Henry Haliday, who designed the mosaic in the reredos, and the noble Magee window in the transept. Born in 1837 of an English father and Alsatian mother, Haliday early showed marked artistic gifts, and in 1858, at the age of 21, had a picture hung on the line of the exhibition of the Royal Academy. He associated himself at once with Millais, Holman Hunt, and Burne-Jones, and other pre-Raphaelites. Later on he became the designer of stained-glass windows for Messrs. Powell of Whitefriars. This became his principal lifework. Eventually he set up his own works at Hempstead. Besides stained glass, Haliday did sculpture, enamel, mosaic, and much mural work. He is unquestionably best known by his celebrated Dante and Beatrice, which he painted in 1882. His versatility was marvelous. Music was, next to Art, his great joy in life, but he had plenty of hobbies. One was Astronomy, in which he did such good work that he was invited by Norman Lockyer to join the Government Eclipse Expedition to India in 1871-2. He was also deeply versed in Egyptology. He was an accomplished linguist, speaking Italian, French and English, and had a reading knowledge of Greek, Arabic and Norse. In politics he was an ardent Gladstonian Liberal and friend of Home Rule, a good speaker and writer, and an ardent advocate of Woman's Suffrage. He was urged to enter Parliament, but declined. He was also interested in religious and social reforms and numbered among his friends Phillips Brooks, Dean Kitchen, Josephine Butler and R. J. Campbell. It is good to have the work of such a gifted artist, and such an interesting and many-sided personality among the art treasures of our Church. Mr. Clayton told me that the mosaic was constructed under Haliday's supervision by Venetian workmen, who were brought over to London for the purpose.

One of the blessings conferred by trust in a living God, who not only fills and sustains but also directs and rules the Universe, is that one can take a holiday with comfort. When our "watch" is done, and it is time for us to rest, we can forget the work, knowing that things are in competent hands. Nothing is accomplished by worrying or fretting. The boat that has surmounted safely so many mountainous waves, will be able to climb the onrushing billows. Society, that has cast out so many corrupt elements, will be able to purge itself again. The Church, that has passed through so many years of superstition, worldliness, moral laxity, and unbelief, will be able again to reform itself, and open up new fountains of refreshment by the wayside.

He that watcheth over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

It fortifies my soul to know
That though I perish, Truth is so;
I steadier step when I recall
That though I slip, Thou dost not fall.

Let us comfort one another with these thoughts, in these days of waning idealism and timid conformity to the ways and standards of the multitude.

I wish to all my dear friends and parishioners a happy summer season, with a holiday in it from work for some era, and from worry through all its months.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

REPORT OF LENTEN SERVICES AND WEDNESDAY NOONDAY SERVICES

Another successful Lenten season has passed, which was marked with excellent and helpful addresses, generous contributions toward the expenses of the services, and an aggregate attendance of at least 18,000 persons. It is gratifying that notwithstanding the number of noon-day services now held during the Lenten season "St. Stephen's" maintains the position which it has occupied for so many years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance April 30, 1926		$ 285.51
Receipts		1,324.05
		$1,609.56
Disbursements		$1,309.56
Balance May, 2, 1927		$ 300.00

Wednesday Services

We are now entering upon the ninth consecutive year of these services, which are held weekly during the entire year. The interest and attendance still continue, and as shown by the following statement, the generous voluntary contributions are sufficient for the expenses of the services:

Balance April 30, 1926		$ 160.03
Receipts		289.37
		$ 449.40
Disbursements		$ 211.55
Balance May 2, 1927		$ 237.85

Respectfully submitted,
W. GARDNER CROWELL,
Treasurer.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Superintendent of the Altar Society presents the Thirty-third Annual Report.

Four new surplices have been made and a fifth is in process of being finished. Three linen table squares have been made, and many of the old surplices have been repaired. There are eleven active members on the Chancel Committee. Two of our most valued workers have been granted leave of absence for a year or more.

The Treasurer submits the following report:

Balance on hand, April 30, 1926	$238.46	
Received for Memorial Flower Fund	151.00	
Received for New Surplices	100.00	
Received from Appropriation for Altar Society	100.00	
Received from Envelope System	159.89	
Received from Mrs. Combs for Christmas Decorations	10.00	
Received from Bank Interest	4.60	
		$763.95

EXPENDITURES

Easter Decorations 1926	$ 85.00	
Memorial Flowers	181.50	
Linen for Surplices	34.75	
Linen for Table Squares	6.00	
Linen for Repairs	1.00	
Making Surplices and Repairs	56.10	
Fruit for Thanksgiving	9.05	
Calendar	1.50	
Christmas Decorations from Mrs. Combs	10.00	
Palms	3.75	
Cash Book	1.40	
Scissors and Altar Brush	3.35	
Chamois Bags for Communion Goblets	5.50	
		$398.90
Balance on hand, May 11, 1927		$365.05

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA E. EISENBREY, *Superintendent.*
EMILY K. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

St. Stephen's Community Dance

Dismissed on the 28th of April after a very successful season.

We were able to maintain a three-piece orchestra and had an average attendance of fifty friends. During the season we had one party night when refreshments were served and novelty dances were given. Seventy people were in attendance.

We hope to continue same in the Fall.

MRS. R. ROBERTS.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

The first meeting of the Benevolent Society was held on November 3rd, 1926, eight members and twelve sewers in attendance. To the seventeen workers on our list, we have added five, two of whom were in such dire need it was impossible to refuse their request for work.

We frequently receive appeals for extra sewing to help pay for some special object. One woman is supporting a sick daughter, another has a family of eleven children and a husband without work, and still another has been ill all winter and is now trying to earn money to pay the doctor. The help given these women, and through them to the hospitals, would be much greater had we more money.

Eight thousand two hundred and seventy-eight articles were made during the winter. This would have been impossible without the following generous donations:

Miss Ewing	$100.00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	100.00
Mrs. Pancoast	15.00
Mrs. Luffbarry	10.00
Mrs. Ware	10.00
The Misses Davis	10.00
Mrs. Kenworthey	5.00
Mr. Reifsnyder	5.00
Dr. Cooper	1.00
Mr. Freestone	1.00

We cannot expect these friends to come to our assistance every year, and to prevent another S O S appeal, we plan having a rummage sale on the 18th of October, and hope all members of St. Stephen's Church will help us make this venture a great success.

Work was done for twenty-two hospitals and letters of appreciation were received from them all. Five hundred rompers were made for the Children's Ward of Jefferson Hospital, but as this number was not sufficient to carry them through the summer, we made two hundred additional rompers, for which we were paid $100.

We have lost, through death, two of the oldest members of the Society: Mrs. Chas. Kenworthey and Mrs. Armstrong, two dear friends who will be greatly missed.

The resignation of Mrs. Nicholas Petry was received and accepted with much regret. She was an efficient worker and her charming personality endeared her to us all.

We closed May 4th with our usual luncheon provided and served by the members of the Society, to our many faithful sewers.

Respectfully submitted,
ISABEL P. DAVIS,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance, April 20, 1926	$ 46.40	
Received from Accounting Warden	817.30	
Women's Board, Jefferson Hospital	100.00	
Special Donations	257.00	
Received from Sales	205.08	
		$1,425.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Sewing	$1,175.71	
Paid for Material	122.41	
		$1,298.12
Balance on hand, May 4, 1927		$ 127.66

Audited and found correct,
ISABEL E. KIRKPATRICK.

ISABEL P. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

There are sixty-nine names on the list, with an average attendance of twenty-two; three resignations and three new members registered.

The third Thursday of every month, from October through April, has found the faithful and interested members assembled to listen to the reports of the delegates, who keep the parish in touch with missions at home and abroad, and also to hear missionaries, in person, tell about their work with such enthusiasm that it seems futile indeed to begrudge the few hours spent at missionary meetings during the season, as is sometimes voiced by the absentees, who prefer some other method of spending their time, and yet they know not what they miss.

A corporate communion was celebrated at the opening meeting in October, and in November Miss Frederica Smith spoke about St. Agnes' School for five hundred girls at Kyoto, Japan, which school is appropriately called by the Japanese the "Light in Darkness" since its foundation fifty years ago by Bishop Williams, and now, a new building being greatly needed, this object is one of the six selected for advance work by the United Thank Offering as the corporate gift, and the sum of thirty dollars was contributed toward this cause.

As is usual at the December meeting, plans were carried out to send missionary boxes and other gifts to Indian schools, shut-ins and children in settlements, St. John's Settlement being one of the beneficiaries of the Diocesan Committee.

In January Mrs. William J. Haines gave a very inspiring talk about the forthcoming Bishop's Crusade, which is a concerted action to stimulate Christian zeal and to influence others to labor in good works not only as a spasmodic effort, but to continue through life.

In February, Mrs. John D. Thomas, an active officer of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, stressed the importance of having a church worker to watch over the interests of youthful offenders in the Juvenile Court, and St. Stephen's contributed the amount of five dollars asked from each parish toward the salary of this worker.

In March Mrs. John E. Hill, Diocesan Educational Secretary, outlined the book, "Beyond City Limits," the textbook used in the Mission Study Classes this year, so that the members might thus be informed of a few of the problems attendant upon rural parishes, not having had a mission study class to take it up more in detail.

At the April meeting a most interesting account was brought by Mrs. Atmore from the Foreign Committee in regard to affairs in China, and apparently patience must be exercised before conditions are sufficiently adjusted to admit of carrying on the mission work, and even then, not as formerly but with modifications.

When no speaker has been available, the Rector has come forward with remarks of fitting value, anent the Liberal Conference held, and other matters of parochial interest. Many, many opportunities are open to all in the Diocese and parish to attend meetings of all kinds, missionary, educational, social, philanthropic, dramatic and musical, to discuss the work of the church, and how best to perform it in conformance with the will of our Lord, and by so doing, our vision is broadened, our hearts are not hardened, our spiritual life is deepened, and the work of the Lord progresses.

Cannot we women all unite in this purpose, and try to be more steadfast than heretofore and not weary of well-doing in the future?

LAURA BELL,
President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
MAY 11, 1927

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, April 30, 1926		$ 242.55
From Members	$ 135.00	
From Envelope System	105.25	
From Church Funds for Apportionment	300.00	
From Dr. Grammer for salary of worker in Juvenile Court	5.00	
From Miss May Noonan for Indian Missions	13.35	
From Interest on Deposits	2.47	
		$ 561.07
		$ 803.62

EXPENDITURES

Diocesan Missions	$ 55.00
Domestic Missions	130.00
Foreign Missions	130.00
Colored Missions	130.00
Indian Hope Missions	143.35
St. Agnes' School, Kyoto, Japan	30.00
Salary of worker in Juvenile Court	5.00
Annual Dues, Woman's Interdenominational Union of Philadelphia	1.00
Budget for 1927	25.00
Printing	14.50
	$ 663.85
Balance on hand, May 11, 1927	$ 139.77

37 Contributing Members

MARY C. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT
MAY 11, 1927

Balance on hand, April 30, 1926		$ 176.59
Interest on Bank Balances	$ 3.27	
Received from Accounting Warden from Church Envelopes	69.38	
Received from Mrs. Benjamin Reath	25.00	
Received Contributions for box for Mrs. Dumville:		
From Woman's Auxiliary	$ 17.00	
From Mrs. Reath	25.00	
From Mrs. Coombs	50.00	
From Mrs. Reifsnyder	5.00	
From Mrs. John Coats Browne	5.00	
From Miss Millar	2.00	
		$ 201.65
		$ 378.24

EXPENDITURES

11/30/26 — Mrs. Violet Swan, Northfield, Minnesota, for clerical suit for Rev. Mr. Swan and shoes for Mrs. Swan	$ 55.00
1/12/27—Box for Rev. and Mrs. David Swan	139.44
12/8/1926—Check to Mrs. W. S. J. Dumville, Idaho Falls, Idaho	100.00
	$ 294.44
Balance on hand, May 11, 1927	$ 83.80

MARY C. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society met each Monday evening during the past winter.

The resignation of the Branch President left the Branch without any recognized head, and in consequence the members made additional effort to keep the interests of the Society from waning. The winter's activities were many and varied, and every one shared in the responsibility and result. There was a Furman supper, each course being an advertisement; movies, one of them being a splendid showing of the life and time of Martin Luther; waffle luncheons, and a play and fashion show. The proceeds from these various affairs, together with the individual offerings of the members themselves, netted nearly four hundred dollars for the mission work of the Branch.

During the season Dr. Wm. H. Moore gave an interesting talk on "Hunting Big Game in Alaska," with some stereoptican views; Dr. Old and Dean Johnson spent an evening with us and told of some of their experiences in China and Japan; Mrs. Hill, Educational Secretary of the Diocese, spoke to us of the needs of the Christian Church in Rural America.

We had Hallowe'en and Valentine parties, and at Christmas the Elocution Class, under the direction of Mr. Kevin, presented "Why the Chimes Rang." On our Special Effort night this class gave "The Maker of Dreams." Both plays were excellent.

At Christmas we sent 90 well-filled stockings and 45 dressed dolls to the Philadelphia General Hospital. The Branch pledged $100 to the Diocesan Campaign Fund, and just recently gave $50 for the relief of the flood sufferers. During Lent the members made 25 garments, which, with 10 additional garments purchased from the Church Supply Bureau, will be sent by that organization to the Valley Crucis School in North Carolina. The married members also met one afternoon each week during Lent and sewed.

The Branch was represented at the Neighborhood Conference, held at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, and 40 members attended the Annual Service at Holy Trinity Church. One service has been held in St. Stephen's Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand April 30, 1926	$ 585.60	
Receipts to May 6, 1927	605.98	
		$1,191.58
Disbursements		683.81
Balance—consisting of:		
"Special Effort" returns, 1927	$ 385.88	
General Fund	121.89	
		$ 507.77
Balance on hand in Western Saving Fund—for "Beneficial Fund"	$ 154.97	
Interest on same	8.43	
Total		$ 163.40

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer.*

THE MOTHERS' MEETING

The Mothers' Meeting has 166 names on the roll—17 new members and three deaths.

Our average attendance has been 65, with an occasional meeting of 100.

Our collections have amounted to $52.01. This money is used principally for flowers and fruit for sick members, and flowers for the dead.

The net result of our Fair was $140.00, which was used by Dr. Grammer for the electric sign in front of the Community House.

We have contributed our usual $5.00 for Altar decorations for Palm Sunday, and also $5.00 to the Players' Guild in appreciation of their repetition of the Christmas play for the Mothers' Meeting.

Our principal effort this year has been to raise our pledge of $120.00 a year for the Diocesan Campaign Fund. This cheque was sent to the treasurer, Mr. Frazier, on May 7th.

The moving pictures provided by Dr. Grammer for the third Thursday in the month, and managed by Mr. Carrigan, continue to be a great pleasure and attraction and much help to the officers in providing the entertainment.

On July 22nd we had our Annual Outing, a boat ride to Riverview Beach on the Delaware. Dr. and Mrs. Grammer came down to accompany the group of 150 members, and added greatly to our pleasure.

Although the thermometer stood at 100 in the shade, we had a most enjoyable day.

Respectfully submitted,

BLANCHE M. HARPER,
President.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB, 1927

The Young People's Club closes its season with a membership of 43, and an average attendance of 35, with all members on the books in good standing. We meet every week, with the business meeting on the first Wednesday of the month; on that evening we have an informal supper, prepared by the girls and well attended. The other Wednesdays are for social entertainment and work.

In May we took 50 children and four mothers to the Zoo. The young people prepared sandwiches for them and we purchased milk, coffee and ice cream at the restaurant in the Garden, where they were served. At the end of the day we sent them home by bus, a tired and happy crowd.

Through the kindness of Dr. Grammer, who gave us a nice check for the "Outing Fund," we had a picnic in June to the Walton Estate at St. Davids, which the young people enjoyed very much.

In October the Club had a Hallowe'en party, which proved a very happy evening for all.

In December we held our annual Bazaar, when we cleared over six hundred dollars, out of which we gave Dr. Grammer two hundred dollars, which he used for mission work. The balance we used for our own charitable work as follows:

At Christmas we entertained 25 children, provided by the Social Service Department of the Jefferson Hospital. The evening's program commenced at 7 o'clock with a movie, then we had refreshments of sandwiches and cocoa, ice cream and cake. Before they went home each child was given a coat, suit of underwear, stockings and shoes, all of which were new. We also gave each one a box of candy. And the members of the Club, by a special subscription fund collected among themselves, provided toys for the children.

On December 29th a turkey dinner was provided by a friend, for the Club. They had as guests an old gentleman and his sister, whose names were suggested by Miss Lewis. We gave them each a Christmas gift and sent them home happy, with enough provisions to last them several days.

In March we entertained 25 women, obtained from the same source as the children. We provided this group with a full supper, prepared by the girls of the Club; then an interesting movie, and before going home each received a new pair of shoes. They thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which gave much pleasure to the givers as well as the recipients.

On March 16th we gave a card party, making a charge of one dollar for a table, to provide for the running expenses of the Club.

On March 23rd we had a rummage sale, making $172.00. Out of this money we purchased an electric clock, and presented it to Dr. Grammer for the Community House.

April 27th we had a theatre party, going to see "Listen, Dearie." We were pleased to have with us as guests, Dr. and Mrs. Grammer and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin.

The Club attended Church in a body on Sunday evening, March 20th. The service was enjoyed by all, and we hope to attend again in the near future.

HANNAH G. RIEFSNYDER,
President.

UNITED THANK-OFFERING

St. Stephen's contribution to the United Thank-Offering for 1926-27 was $200.00, leaving a balance on hand of $5.03. This was given by 39 subscribers.

The Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society has received from St. Stephen's $18.00.

ELIZABETH C. WASHINGTON.

THE BURD SCHOOL

For many years it has been the custom at the Burd School to celebrate in May or June the anniversary of the founding of the school, and the graduation of the girls who

have passed through the High School during the year. Last year the annual celebration was postponed until October, and, as we did not have a graduating class, it gave Miss Tappen more time for the preparation of a commemorative program and enabled her to procure Dr. Potter as our honor guest for the occasion.

Miss Tappen very happily conceived the idea of tableaux vivants, reproducing in this way the portraits, daguerreotypes and memorials belonging to the school and church. One of the most interesting of these tableaux pictured the daguerreotype of the twelve original pupils. In addition to this, incidents connected with the past and present life of the school were portrayed in song and acting. It was altogether one of the most satisfactory entertainments ever given at the school. Dr. Potter made an address which added greatly to the success of the day, giving the school more than a 100 per cent. rating, as the school far exceeds the State requirements. Such acknowledgment is indeed a tribute to the efficient management of Dr. Grammer, the Board of Trustees and our able Principal.

Our girls go to camp in August; the change made last year in the camp for the younger children proved a very successful improvement, and will be repeated again this year, while the older girls will go to Lily Lake, as usual.

There has been little or no sickness at the school this year; some colds and ear troubles and a few tonsil operations.

The members of the Visiting Committee have made weekly visits of inspection and reported favorably on conditions in the school, especially during Miss Tappen's long illness.

Some of our girls in Miss Eccles' Sunday School Class gave two plays at the Community House. They proved well done and amusing. The proceeds went to the Sunday School's Lenten Offering for Missions. It may interest the members of our congregation to know that the girls have sent $15 of their savings to the flood sufferers.

We have at present 39 pupils in the school. Four new pupils were admitted last year and one child was removed owing to the remarriage of her mother, who was able to support her. Our absentees seem to be doing very well in their respective schools and colleges. Virginia Downward, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected president of her Fraternity. Shirley Edwards is at West Chester Normal School, and Lilian Bovell and Dorothy Ziegler at Virginia State Normal School. Helen Fulton, who was a probationer at the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women, has now been accepted and enrolled as a student nurse. Isabel Harman continues her studies at Northfield Seminary, Massachusetts. All of these girls are sending home good reports and keep in touch with the Burd School through their constant letters. It is gratifying to know that they count the days that bring them nearer their vacations and return to the Burd School; although each one is happy and pleased with her respective school.

Four of our girls were confirmed. The school affords wonderful opportunities to all our children; the beautiful surroundings, bright and happy faces and the excellent régime maintained at the school make the visits of the Board of Visitors more of a pleasure than a duty. I wish to thank all members of this committee for their regular attendance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
Chairman, Board of Women Visitors.

ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY

Interest in the work of the Aid Society brought back many of our faithful workers, and some new members have been enrolled during the Lenten season. The demands made upon Miss Lewis for a constant supply of baby garments do not decrease, so it is satisfactory to report that although we have worked only four Fridays in Lent instead of the usual five mornings, the stock on hand is equal to that of last year.

Through the generosity of Miss Cornelia Ewing, we were able to increase our activities this year, and have added to the usual supply of garments, caps, sacques and baby blankets in most attractive colors and materials which will give an increased joy and pleasure to every mother who receives a layette from Miss Lewis.

Thanks are due to all our members for their contributions and co-operation, and especially to Miss Sheaff who, though unable to attend the meetings, sent an able substitute in a very excellent automatic machine, as a permanent gift to the Society.

One hundred and ninety-six garments were made during Lent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, May 13, 1926	$ 2.14	
Received from Dr. Grammer	20.00	
Received from E. W. Moore Baby Fund	12.75	
Received from Miss Cornelia Ewing for Specials	25.00	
Received from Mrs. John C. Browne	2.00	
Received from Mrs. W. B. Campbell	5.00	
		$ 66.89
Expenditures		$ 49.25
Balance on hand, May 11, 1927		$17.64

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

COMMUNITY HOUSE

The House Committee, of the Community House, composed of Mrs. Daniel R. Harper, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, treasurer; Mrs. R. Ethel Keable, secretary, and Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder, chairman, has held four meetings.

From contributions received from the Mothers' Meeting, Girls' Friendly Society, Young People's Club, King's Daughters, and dues from the Community House Association, we have purchased clothes racks, folding chairs, electric sign, kelvinator for the refrigerator, and banquet tables.

The total number of meetings held in the Community House from May 3rd, 1926, to May 6th, 1927, was 439, with an approximate attendance of 14,663.

The committee gave permission to the Business Women's Christian League to have desk room on the first floor. This is the largest outside organization using the Community House, having an enrolment of 400, and using our building to great advantage.

This season the gymnasium has been in use every evening and some afternoons. The rest of the building is in constaut use by the church organizations and community interests.

HANNAH G. REIFSNYDER,
Chairman.

"WHATSOEVER" CIRCLE OF KING'S DAUGHTERS

The "Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters has held 16 meetings this season, with an average attendance of nine members. We meet twice each month, and after having supper together, we sew for various objects. This year we have made six dresses for children, which will be given to the Hope Day Nursery, together with some linen scrap-books. We also have ready five layettes, consisting of 14 articles each, to go to the Sheltering Arms. We made a few articles for the Young People's Fair in the fall. At Christmas 24 well-filled stockings were sent to the Day Nursery, together with a couple of dolls. We also gave a donation of money to a sick woman at Christmas. In February we held our Cake and Candy Sale, which netted us over $94.00. We made this amount $100.00 and have given it to the fund now being raised to purchase scenery for our stage. Our meetings are very informal, but always interesting, and we thoroughly enjoy our work.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, April 30, 1926	$ 87.31	
Interest on Patten Legacy	82.38	
Interest on Deposits	3.14	
Dues from Members	8.40	
Contributions from Members	10.00	
Proceeds of Cake and Candy Sale	94.55	
		$ 285.78

DISBURSEMENTS

Materials and Supplies	$ 29.01	
Silverware and other Equipment	9.97	
Electric Sewing Machine	64.39	
Refreshments at Closing Party, 1926	3.50	
Travelers' Aid Society	5.00	
State and County Dues	5.25	
First Payment on Diocesan Campaign Fund	10.00	
Contribution to Church Christmas Baskets	5.00	
Expenses of other Christmas work	26.28	
Community House Scenery Fund	100.00	
		$ 258.40
Balance on hand, May 11, 1927		$ 27.38

ANNA TAGGART, *Treasurer.*

BERTHA T. WALSHE,
President.

PARISH VISITOR'S REPORT

The most beautiful season of the year is upon us, and as we raise our hearts with joy and thanksgiving, it seems that all nature is rejoicing, too. The trees put on their most beautiful garments, their tender green leaves and budding boughs all bring joy to us, because it is a foretaste of the relief of many ills that fly away at the approach of spring.

The past winter, while a mild one, has seen a number of people out of work, some of whom have hardly known before what it was to be unemployed.

A number of our men told me of waiting at the newspaper office at night, in order to get the next morning's paper as soon as printed, then going out early in the morning to answer advertisements, only to return home disappointed.

Having visited many people as your parish visitor, let me tell you, friends, the average person is doing the best he can. If you could see and know their struggles, their poverty, their heartaches, you would sympathize with them. There is one family, whose extreme poverty, caused by the father's being out of work, has caused us much anxiety. When the mother first came to our Benevolent Society, she had but one dear little baby boy. Now there are eleven children. Three of the boys are working, and gladly give all their earnings to the mother, but with all they could do there has been of necessity a great deal of hardship and doing without. Mrs. John Coats Browne has been most generous in her help of this special family, and a part of Miss Frances Gebhart's annual memorial gift of $25 has been devoted to their care.

Babies come into homes where there is little work, and often many children too young to do anything toward the support of the family; yet the babies come, but through the goodness of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's, whose members during the Lenten season made layettes for newcomers, we have been able to make seventeen of these little ones comfortable and fully clothed.

A great deal of time is consumed in visiting the sick, yet it is time well spent, as it helps to brighten the day for the invalids and makes them feel that we keep in touch with them. There are many opportunities to reach the sick with sympathy, and at times with sorely needed material help, as well.

One case especially sad and heartrending was the death of a father and mother, within a very short time, leaving two little boys in our charge. The boys have been placed in a home for the present. Mr. Raspin, one of our Vestrymen, has kindly taken charge of their affairs, and it is hoped that there will be enough money left after settlement to give them both a good education.

A young woman who formerly attended our Sunday School was a few years ago left a widow with four children. She was ambitious, and thought she could earn enough to support them all, but she soon found that this was impossible. She made application to Girard College, and succeeded in having the names of two of her boys placed on the waiting list. They passed the examination, and were admitted.

We hear that the boys, Frank and Robert Brenner, are doing well. The older of the two is a sophomore in the high school. He is keeping at the head of his class, and is desirous of being one of the "honor men," so that he can go to the University of Pennsylvania when through this year. He is also working for the prize given by L'Alliance Francaise, for the greatest proficiency in French. He has been promoted to the post of Sergeant in the military battalion, and it is quite possible that he will reach the rank of Captain before he graduates.

Robert, the younger boy, is in the seventh grade. He enters the high school next September. Before their admission to the College they were both members of our Sunday School, and now attend both church and Sunday School at St. Stephen's when they are home for the Christmas and Easter holidays. When we have our Outing during the summer, we always ask permission from the College to have them join us, and when they finish their course we hope to have them back in the church as regular members.

Every summer Mrs. Albert Pancost has sent one of our crippled women to the Mercer Home at Atlantic City for a specified time. We are very thankful for this great kindness, as it is a bright spot in this afflicted woman's life.

We have on our list five worthy people, too old and sick to work or help themselves, to whom a regular monthly allowance is given, which enables them to obtain some necessaries. I am more than thankful to be able to extend this help to them.

Our Sunday School outing last year was a most enjoyable day at Atlantic City. We were all tagged, which permitted us to go on and off the pier at will, and gave the children the treat of a dip in the surf. We were very happy in having Dr. Grammer with us. All returned home in safety, tired, but very happy.

The number of persons receiving Christmas baskets was as large as ever, and the baskets were as bountifully filled. One woman wrote that when she received her basket, she fell on her knees and wept, but her tears were those of thankfulness. One dear old lady who has passed her eightieth year, eagerly asked me if I thought I could afford just a small chicken for her. She is entirely destitute, and is anxiously waiting to be called "home."

A very generous friend of St. Stephen's has for years contributed three packing boxes filled with new shoes and three boxes of new rubbers, to be distributed among children in need of them. Ninety-six pairs of shoes and thirty-five pairs of rubbers were given out during the winter. For this we give thanks to all who made it possible to make these much-needed gifts.

Visiting the Sunday School scholars, the sick, the hospitals, the discouraged, in addition to the regular routine duties, has made up the year's work.

The Parish Visitor wishes to thank the donors for the gifts of half-worn clothing, and to thank also all who have helped her work in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

K. H. LEWIS.

REPORT OF THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR JULY, 1926

The report of Miss Ethel Newman, the principal of the School last summer, I have in its longer form for the perusal of anyone who is interested. I have summarized its statements and condensed them for a brief report, to be submitted to the Parish meeting.

The School was opened June 28th, immediately after the public schools were closed for the summer, and it was ended on July 30th. July 5th was omitted, making 24 teaching days in all. The school was supervised and taught by Miss Ethel Newman, assisted in the instruction by her sister, Miss Isabel. Both were public school teachers.

On the 29th of June, 29 children reported for work. This enrollment grew to 92 before the end of July, although the average attendance was about 40. Of the 92 enrolled, there was but one Protestant child; 74 were Greek Catholics; 7 Jewish, 10 Roman Catholic.

The end and aim of the school was to give the children some knowledge of the Bible, an acquaintance with some of the more familiar hymns, and to equip them with some skill in the manual arts.

I have the list of subjects studied, but prefer to dwell more at length on the handicraft. Seven children made cord hammocks; others baskets of almost every shape and size; sealing wax made jars into flower vases, and unbleached muslin pieces rapidly became aprons.

The kindergarten work was under Miss Isabel, and progressed rapidly. In addition to the Bible and industrial work, special features were added on certain days.

Commencement on July 30th brought with it rewards to many for perfect attendance, faithful attendance, and for bringing the most members. One girl was credited with having added 18 members to the School.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT KEVIN.

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The Church Periodical Club is a clearing-house for books and magazines. The book you have just finished, or the magazine, is quite as valuable as it was before you opened it; its pleasure-giving possibilities are as great.

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If you have books you are willing to pass on, or if you can make a money gift, tell her about it, and she will take care of it for you.

Forty-five members of St. Stephen's continue to send regularly 100 current magazines, 35 of these being direct subscriptions in the names of the recipients. Five of them go to our soldier boys at Camp McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama.

Our Sunday School leaflets are passed on to others in need of them.

Calendars go out at New Year's, and cards are sent at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Many magazines are taken to Jefferson Hospital.

Through Miss Washington, St. Stephen's Representative of the P. E. Prayer Book Society, 100 copies each of the Prayer Book and Hymnal and one dozen Bibles were sent to the Rev. Mr. Carson, at Southwest Harbor, Maine.

A package of 12 books went to aid the Rev. Dr. Saunderson in establishing a Community Library in his Parish at Brownsville, Pa.

Another package was given the Seamen's Institute for the use of the men of the Merchant Marine.

A box of books was sent to St. Elizabeth's Indian School at Wakpala, S. D.

It is a pleasure to recall some of the encouraging messages that have come to us: "My boy stays at home evenings now he has something to read."

"Several students have told me their religious doubts were removed by the books you sent." "The personal contact through correspondence has brought us many a good friend." "When we are blue and downhearted, then we hear from someone a long way off, a word of good cheer, a paper, a book, how ashamed we feel to think of discouragements."

In the prayer of the Church Periodical Club we ask that it may be an instrument of service in His hands.

Look at the means, a magazine, a letter, your own book, or perchance the price of one. See what is wrought "in His hands," ease to a mother's heart, faith to a student, courage to a priest. Can any service be more rewarding?

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THE WYCK FAIR

For a number of years a garden party and fair have been held at 6026 Germantown Avenue, corner Walnut Lane and Germantown Avenue, at the home of Mr. Caspar Wistar Haines, for the benefit of missions in the Convocation of North Philadelphia. St. Stephen's has always taken an active part in this, and will have charge of the cafeteria, under the direction of Mrs. John C. Browne, who will be assisted by other parishes, but will gladly receive contributions of money and articles of food. Anything will be acceptable, as all parishes in the Convocation are working to raise the thousand dollars promised to the Diocesan Campaign this year, and fancy and domestic articles, flowers, books, groceries, etc., will find a ready sale on Thursday, June 2, 1927, from 2 until 8 o'clock. Music and dances on the lawn in the afternoon. Admission, 25 cents. One carfare will take you to the gate, and you can enjoy a good supper in a cool garden near the roses which will then be in bloom.

ST. STEPHEN'S PLAYERS' GUILD REPORT

The Players' Guild is one of the youngest of the parish organizations, and because of its youth, possibly one of the noisiest. But

in the course of a year or two it will settle down to a sedate middle-age, I suppose, doing its work in a normal way.

It was organized last Fall for the double purpose of engaging the interest of several of the young people of the Church who had not been attracted to any of the other activities of the Church life, but who seemed to have an interest in dramatic expression that sometimes bordered closely on devotion; and, secondly, to put to use the excellent stage and stage effects with which the new parish house was equipped.

At the outset it was faced, however, with the lack of stage equipment that is as necessary as good lighting and a curtain. In the preparation of the Christmas play, "Why the Chimes Rang," many technical difficulties had to be overcome by a little ingenuity. Because no charge was made for admission, the expenses of the production, amounting to about $85, were met by private subscription. Almost the entire expense was for the building and painting of scenery.

Then it was realized that a fund for scenery which had been started by the Girls' Friendly Society and into which $300 had been put, needed augmenting. That seemed a worthy purpose to work for, and with the inspiration of this as a goal the Guild, numbering some twenty young people, got down to work on a three-act farce that was expected to pay for itself and provide an additional sum to the scenery fund.

Since several of the parish organizations, the Girls' Friendly, the Young People's Club, the King's Daughters were planning to contribute to the scenery fund, and manifestly the Guild would have the use of the scenery when it was procured, the Dramatic Society organized itself into chapters. These divisions included Girls' Friendly Chapter, which since has produced another one-act play, "The Maker of Dreams," for Special Effort Night; a Sunday School Chapter, which presented two one-act plays, "Captain Bimbo" and "Evening Dress Indispensable," for the Lenten offering of Miss Eccles' class, and from which over $20 was realized; and then the central chapter itself. The plan permits the organizing of various chapters from the various societies, thus insuring the use of the scenery by all of the parish organizations when it is secured, and the added advantage that the central chapter can be called upon for assistance and help in the technical and mechanical details of play presentation. It is a loose organization at the best, but a flexible one.

The heaviest work of the year was the presentation last Friday and Saturday nights of a three-act farce, followed by a dance. The heavy expenses for copyright privileges and the employment of an orchestra, decreased materially the eventual profit. Further, the sale of tickets at 50 cents apiece, was dictated by the desire to be generally helpful to the young people of the Parish by providing them with inexpensive entertainment. Although all the returns have not yet been made for the sale of tickets, I am approximately correct in saying that about 450 people attended the two performances of the play last Friday and Saturday nights, and about 570 tickets were sold. The expenses for the two nights came to $160, and I believe the profit will amount to over $100. I have an itemized list of expenses and sales for any who cares to examine it.

That $100 will be added to the fund, of course, for the acquirement of scenery. To the same fund, I may add, $100 has been contributed by the Daughters of the King, through the kind interest of Miss Bertha Walshe.

Next year the Guild hopes to present a more serious piece of work in the fall as well as a spring play and dance. The general feeling is that it would like one play to be a contribution to the religious life of the Parish in an elevated way, and one that is distinctly worth while. During the summer it is hoped that the acquisition of scenery may begin to be made.

In closing, may I express my appreciation of the way in which the parish responded to the work of the Guild. It was most generous in its purchasing of tickets, even in cases where it was known they could not be used by the immediate purchasers. I believe that the general co-operation the Guild has received will bear good fruit.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT KEVIN.

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

I herewith, as Chairman of the Scout Committee of the Parish, beg leave to submit the following report of its activities and work since organized early in February, under the leadership of Richard Robinson, Scoutmaster.

On January 29th the first meeting took place, with five boys reporting to begin their Scout work. Instruction was given in the fundamentals of good scouting, and the week following the boys reported back with three new candidates. February 12th brought several new boys who were under the Scout age of 12. But they will be organized into the Scout Cubs, a younger group, during the summer. On February 26th the boys went on the first of many hikes they have taken since, when they are instructed in the art of fire building, cooking and the lore of the woods. On March 8th, the Troop was officially admitted into the Philadelphia organization with eight boys taking the Scout oath. It was accompanied by an interesting and impressive ceremony. A brief address of welcome and encouragement was made by Dr. Grammer.

The Troop has steadily grown until now it numbers eighteen. Most of them have their uniforms. They meet on Friday nights for business and drill, and nearly every Saturday afternoon, when the weather is good, for hikes through the suburbs and country about the city.

The Rector has granted the Troop the use of a room on the third floor of the Parish House for meeting purposes. The gymnasium in the basement of the Community House is used for drilling.

Quite recently, because of the mention made of the work of the Troop in the Parish News by Dr. Grammer, a friend of scouting and an old friend of the Rector, has offered several prizes for the successful passing of tests in the development of its work. During the summer the Troop will camp in the country near Philadelphia, although the exact date and place have yet to be decided upon.

In obtaining the services of Mr. Robinson the Rector and I both feel we have received into our Scout work as well as into the membership more recently of the Church itself, a man of many years' experience with boys and their problems, and one who by his devotion and his understanding is well equipped to make Scout Troop No. 2 an important part of the community work of the Parish.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT KEVIN.

The Sunday School

Since last May's report of the Sunday School, we had our June excursion to Atlantic City, with its usual happy day for everybody. Owing to the kindness of everyone, particularly the Reading Railroad officials, who are so liberal in carrying so many of our scholars as children, our expenses were made lighter. We took with us about 155, some 35 of these being relatives and friends who paid their own way. We saved enough on the money allotted to us to take the teachers and a few of the older scholars to Valley Forge by auto bus, at the beginning of our fall sessions. We are indebted to Mr. Hopkins for handling the busses and getting them at a low rate.

Mr. Kevin has very kindly helped us much during the past winter. He has revived the Cross and Crown system of awards for attendance and given us a weekly news sheet. He has, through Mr. Robertson, as Scoutmaster, re-established in regular organized form, a good troop of Boy Scouts.

Our Annual Christmas play—The Real Santa Claus—with some fifty in the cast, had its usual hard work and big success.

The "Life of Christ" has been our study, from Mr. Wm. B. Forbush's excellent system of lessons. We have been able to supplement and illustrate these with beautiful, artistically colored lantern slides. The test of a church being Confirmation, we, as usual, showed the value of the Sunday School, in presenting, through the Rector, to the Bishop a goodly number of our scholars.

Our Easter Carol Service and Pageant, held in the church at 4 P. M., Sunday, April 24th, climaxed our year's activities.

On this happy occasion we had a good clear day. The galleries and main body of the church were filled, with not only the school, but many former scholars to whom we had sent invitations, as well as many relatives and friends. For many years this has served as a festival reunion of Burd School graduates and graduates of the school, and all seem to agree that this was the best yet. We have heard nothing but praise of the finished efforts of the scholars in presenting the beautiful pageant, "In the Garden of the Lord," in which the story of Easter was so well portrayed. For the first time we used dialogue, which the different characters well sustained.

As at this time we present our offerings for missions we are glad to report this amounted to some $238.00.

Faithfully yours,
GEORGE H. STREAKER.

Report of the Sunday School Treasurer

The Lenten offering this year totaled $238.49 and it will be presented June 5th in the Academy of Music at the Diocesan Sunday School Mass Meeting.

To the Japanese Reconstruction Fund the Sunday School during the year gave $100. Its balance in the Christmas Fund is $8.36.

The Lenten Offering is composed of the yearly offering of the Sunday School, which was $127.04; the Lenten Box offering, which was $79.45; and the offering at the service in the afternoon on the first Sunday after Easter, $32.00.

Respectfully submitted,
MAYBELLE S. NISSEN.

I like to fancy that a grateful spirit gives as good as it gets.—An Inland Voyage.

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We must not, in things temporal, take from those who have little, the little that they have.—On Style in Literature.

It is ourselves we cannot forgive, when we deny forgiveness to another.—Prince Otto.

It is a poor heart and a poorer age, that cannot accept the conditions of life with some heroic readiness.—Familiar Studies.

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27—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

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13—Dr. Grammer.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
27—Miss Tappen.

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14—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
17—Easter.
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8—Miss Townsend.
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17—
24—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
31—

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28—Miss Laura Bell.

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25—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.

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CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

May 27—Robert H. Roberts.
Aug. 2—Joseph E. Thropp.
Aug. 3—Ronald Bickerstaff.
Sept. 2—Ella Goforth Weimer.
Sept. 7—Robert M. Black.
Sept. 27—Eliza K. Sheaff.

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

May 22—Florence May Karb.
June 5—Carl Grammer Kräuter.
July 10—Sarah Theresa Reed.
July 24—Elizabeth Mary Lunn Sullinger.
July 24—George Helen Sullinger.
July 24—Ruth Emily Sullinger.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

June 1—Ralph Miller—Grace E. Werner.
June 28—Theodore Patrick Hein—Lillie M. Neumayer.
July 20—Joseph J. Deutsch—Elizabeth Coleman.
Aug. 23—Alfred F. King—Marion Forbes.
Aug. 23—James L. Cooley—Hazel Viol.
Sept. 20—Malcolm G. Sauser—Frances H. Smith.
Sept. 21—John B. Fickling—Florence DeLucas.

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown.

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Theological Education	29.10
Our Work Among Young People	49.72
Benevolent Society	11.10
Episcopal Hospital	11.25
Domestic Missions	54.10
Church Farm School	11.25
Community House Debt	17.10
Diocesan Missions	.80
Foreign Missions	.80
Colored Missions	4.30
Missionary Box	.90
Indian Missions	65.56
Chancel Decorations	4.20
Deaconess House	1.30
Daily Vacation Bible School	98.27
Woman's Auxiliary	6.55
Flood Sufferers (Red Cross)	75.00
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The Rector's Letter

Cragsmoor, New York.

My dear Parishioners:

Before you read this letter, I shall, D. V., be back in my pulpit, and have given you my greeting orally. Still I can not wait till my return to the city to write this editorial letter. So on this rainy day, while streams are running in the motor tracks in the road, and all the sky is gray, and all the landscape seen through sheets of rain, I take my seat on the magic carpet of thought, and find myself standing in the beautiful chancel of St. Stephen's looking into your kind faces. Every Sunday morning I have visited you in this fashion. It has been a comfort to know that you were receiving a helpful message from Mr. Kevin. It has been good to realize that everything has been done well, and that nothing has been slack or slip-shod in the worship. I have often wondered how the travelers among us, the sojourners in resorts and hotels and boarding houses are faring on Sunday. This last Sunday for the first time this summer, there was no public worship, and the lack of Church for one week makes me realize more vividly than ever the immense value of Church-going, for the devotional life and for training in social responsibilities, for bringing home to one's consciousness our membership in the family of man. The Church that I have attended this summer is a Federated Church. On its walls hangs the motto: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things charity." Any follower of Jesus Christ is invited to join. The ministers have all had helpful messages. One was a professor of Yale, a writer of exquisite culture, a great student of Dante, a man whose supreme interest was in beauty and truth. The next month the preacher was of the same liberal school, but his emphasis was different, and the sermon was less of the nature of literature, and in some respects came closer to the practical duties of life. The last preacher was of another turn, and linked the abstract and the concrete close together, never announcing an abstract truth, but always evolving the lesson from some concrete instance. Truly there are diversities of gifts, and the world is richer and life is fuller for them. These men were not rivals nor competitors, the praise of one was no disparagement of the others. Each had his function and part. What was true of these ministers, applies to the different Churches. It would be a great loss to the world, if the Methodists were to lose their fire and fervor, and their spirit of daring and innovation in methods. A Methodist who is the timid slave of convention in his religious life has lost much of the spirit of Wesley. But it would be a great pity if there were no other type of Protestant Christian. It is well that our Church should seek to unite culture and religion, and to emphasize the importance of worship. But certainly it would be unfortunate if there were no simpler services than our own. No one Church meets the needs of all sorts and conditions of men. One of the problems at the Lausanne Conference on Faith and Order was the difficulty of uniting the Churches of Christendom more closely without giving too much authority to the bonds of union and so losing some of the characteristic virtues of the different Churches. Not much can be done while people believe that superstition, that there is only one divinely appointed form of Church government, or that less superstitious but equally invalid doctrine, that the so-called Catholic creeds are the final and ultimate expression of Christianity, obligatory on the minds and consciences of all faithful followers of Jesus. It is one of the basic teachings of the Gospel that we are under the leadership of God's Spirit, who is training the race and leading us into larger truths. When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. Of course, the partial will not

be lost, the elements of truth, the everlasting Gospel, will abide, but they will be taken up into new combinations, and stated in new ways. None of the old values will be lost, of this I am as certain as of the other truth, that new wine needs new wine-skins, and new truth makes inadequate and misleading old doctrinal statements.

But I must not linger too long among these generalizations, important as they are. They were suggested to me by my summer experience in this Federated Church, and the meeting of that Conference on Faith and Order at Lausanne. They were probably due also to engrossment this summer in theology, in the preparation of the Bohlen Lectures that I am to deliver late in the Autumn. The course has grown into ten lectures. If they prove as profitable and interesting to the hearers and readers as they have been to their author, my fondest hopes will be surpassed.

Christian fellowship in this Federated Church has not been a mere phrase. The chief lady in the Church has the most magnificent home on the mountain, a real palace, with its fine gate-house, its gardens, parterres, lake, and splendid rooms, porches, picture gallery and so forth. Every Sunday in August it was announced in Church that she would be at home on Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 7 and would be delighted to welcome her friends and fellow-worshippers. She was called away in the middle of the month by the death of a beloved grandson, but she gave orders that the reception should not be discontinued. To that great-hearted woman and the Federated Church I ascribe in large measure the unusual geniality of this cultured community. Religion prevented culture from becoming selfish, critical and supercilious.

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But I turn from these moralizings to the tasks that lie before us. Of course, one of our major responsibilities is to meet our Expectation. By the new system I receive regular reports of our contributions to this object. The diocesan treasurer calculates the amount that ought to be contributed monthly, if the total is to be raised. According to his calculation we were about $300 behind on the first of September, but inasmuch as most of the congregation were out of the city in the summer, I am confident that this sum will be made up when the summer envelopes come in. I am sure that it will not be necessary to have any special drive about Christmas time to reach our goal. Indeed I hope that we shall go far beyond it easily. I should love to reach $6000. I think that we can do it. I want to do it for the sake of St. Stephen's, as well as for the sake of the cause. Religion can not mean much to people unless they make some sacrifices for it. It is as citizens of the Kingdom and fighters for its dominion that our lives have their chief significance, and we will not work for it unless we both pray for it and make sacrifices for it. No religion is entitled to be called a religion if it is only a convention, or a sedative, or a pose, or a concession to public opinion, that does not control our lives, and make demands on our energy. People who can not give are people who cannot pray, and to whom religion does not mean much.

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I am sure that the reports of the various summer outings will be read with pleasure. I call especial attention to Mr. Robinson's account of the Boy Scouts. A friend has authorized me to give a dinner to the Scouts at which a prize will be awarded. This will come off in October. This band is one of our most important developments. The Boy Scout movement is one of the great uplifting movements of the century. It is elevating and refining boyhood. I hope that our band will grow in all good things.

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I am persuaded that a Church ought to offer a field of service to its members as well as an oratory. We hear a great deal of

criticism of parochialism. A narrow provincial spirit is indeed a great curse in religion as well as in social and political life. But the parish, rightly viewed, is an immense potency for good. Nepotism is an evil, but we should lose much if in dislike of nepotism we weakened family affection. Loyalty to the parish, and interest in its members and activities are essential to the prosperity of the whole Church. How can a man love his brethren whom he has not seen, if he does not care for his brothers whom he does see? Do you remember Romola's despair when she found that Tito Melema, with his large and generous sentiments and enlightened outlook, had no sense of responsibility, and no conscience in his private and personal relations? Who has not met such people? So liberal in profession, so narrow and snobbish in conduct. True liberality is impossible when the heart is unloving. Love and loyalty go together. Let this be ever in our hearts, that our Church can only prosper as it abounds in love and in service. Where these abound there is prosperity; they are the ultimate test.

It is with a great sense of bereavement that I announce the death of Mrs. Mary F. Kensett Whiting, in the Ravine Hotel, Randolph, New Hampshire, on Monday, September 5th. All that I know of the details is that her death was sudden and unexpected, and that she was buried beside her husband in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she spent her early married life. The week before her death, Mrs. Grammer received a letter from her from Cape Cod. She seemed in good health and spirits. Greatly will she be missed in the Woman's Auxiliary of which she was Vice-President, and from her place in Church, which she filled whenever she was in town and her health permitted. For though her face was always singularly sweet and placid, she was a great sufferer from rheumatism these last years. She has been spared further sufferings, and has escaped the trials of old age. With her surely to die was gain. Singularly loyal and brave-hearted, consuming her own smoke, ever turning on others a face full of sweet interest, and quiet self-control, she leaves a great vacancy. She was united to me by many ties, having known my father well in her girlhood in Baltimore, where my father was a friend of her father's. One of her favorite nieces was a parishioner of mine in Norfolk, who was brought into close association with me through the chancel chapter. Mrs. Whiting conferred this inestimable gift upon her friends, that she idealized them and expected of them their very highest and best. She was one of those persons of whom it could be truthfully said:

> None knew her but to love her,
> None named her but to praise.

Wherever she is in God's great universe, we pray that she may know that she was valued and is missed.

The loss of such parishioners makes me realize keenly the necessity of drafting in new recruits. Here we have in St. Stephen's a fine equipment, a fine endowment, an efficient staff, and a unique opportunity. We are a Church equipped for service. Surely that ought to be an attraction to those who want to serve. A Church built upon such an appeal will have its walls cemented by the right mortar, and will not easily be thrown down. Churches built on narrow and exclusive lines, whether those lines be ecclesiastical or social, are out of harmony with the spirit of Christ. Let us build on the right lines, and trust in God.

After the publication of the last number of the "Parish News" in May, we lost the senior member of the choir in point of service, Mr. Robert Roberts, who was also for many years the librarian of the choir and the ringer of the chimes on Sunday.

Some musicians are anything but harmonious. Mr. Roberts, however, was not of that class. He knew how to work harmoniously with others, and is missed by all his associates. Much sympathy goes out to his wife, who stood by him so staunchly and is such a useful teacher in the Sunday School and member of our congregation.

Another member who entered into rest since the last number of this paper is Mr. Robert M. Black, who worshipped with us for many years, and never failed to keep in touch with me by postals from his winter quarters in Florida, or from his summer journeyings.

Just as we go to press I learn of the death of Miss Sheaff. In this last case there is no cause for sorrow. Full of years—86 years old—she is gathered to the rest that remaineth for the people of God. She and Miss Haydock came to St. Stephen's from Holy Trinity Memorial, and were for years regular attendants and faithful helpers of all our causes. Wonderful was their friendship. In literature the famous friendships are between men: David and Jonathan, Orestes and Pylades, Damon and Pythias, Henry of Navarre and Sully, Tennyson and Hallam, but in my experience of life, friendships between women have been as noticeable as friendships between men. I never knew of a stauncher and longer friendship than the one that existed between Miss Haydock and Miss Sheaff, for nearly forty years. What a comfort is the assurance "In my Father's house are many mansions." What promise of reunion is contained in the mention of a "General Assembly in Heaven."

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Benevolent Society

On October 27th the Benevolent Society is planning to have a Rummage Sale, but this cannot be done without the aid of the many friends of the Society. This is the first time that the Benevolent has had a sale of any kind, but this will help in two ways: first, it will afford an opportunity for people to purchase things they need at reasonable prices: second, the proceeds will enable the Society to purchase material and give more work to the sewers this winter. Won't you kindly remember the date, Wednesday, October 19th, and send anything you have to the Community House from now on marked for the Benevolent Society.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's will hold the first meeting of the season on Thursday, October 20th, at 11 o'clock, in the Parish House. All women who can attend are asked to do so.

Wyck Report

The annual garden party at Wyck was held on the first Thursday in June, and owing to the hearty cooperation of the parishes of the North Convocation, one thousand dollars will be given to St. George's, Venango, as the result of the day's entertainment. Acknowledgments and thanks are again due to the members of St. Stephen's, who kindly sent contributions of money and articles of various kinds, as also to those who bought tickets. Much of the success of the fair was owing to the skilful management of the cafeteria by Mrs. John Coates Browne, St. Stephen's being responsible for that department with the aid of other parishes, and everyone enjoyed the good supper prepared.

Mothers' Meeting Picnic

The joys of the open road with the seashore as the goal at the end were experienced by more than a hundred members of the Mothers' Meeting on their annual picnic July 21st.

All the activities of a real vacation were

tightly packed into the few hours of the day —automobiling, the beach, the theater, bathing, the boardwalk, and supper.

At 8 o'clock in the morning five large, luxurious busses left St. Stephen's Community house with the mothers and as many of their children and babies as could go. Among the guests were Dr. Grammer, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin, Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan, Miss Lewis and Mr. Streaker. Earlier in the day Mr. Streaker had taken a train to the shore to make sure that all was in readiness to receive the pilgrimage at the end.

On arriving the Mothers repaired at once to Young's Pier where the headquarters for the day were established. Their milk and coffee and ice cream had been provided in profuse quantities. Then the pursuits of the day were begun. Arm in arm the Mothers viewed the boardwalk and the shops. Then some made ready for a dip in the surf while others took advantage of the many attractions the pier offered for the pleasure of the day.

A minstrel show was a high feature of the afternoon for there, too, Mr. Streaker had anticipated the event. The Mothers were the special audience for Welch's black singers. Many a joke and song had one of St. Stephen's friends for its subject, though all could enjoy it.

At 6 o'clock in the evening the group was gathered together and preparations made for the return journey. Tired mothers, happy and radiant, with arms filled with presents for others at home, filled the automobiles again and settled down for the ride back to the city.

A few hours later saw the end of the trip and the day, and the beginning of another happy memory that will last as long as life will live.

"Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church

Meets first and third Tuesday evening of each month at 7.30.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

The first meeting for the season 1927-1928 will be held on Tuesday evening, October 4th, at 7.30, in the Guild Room, on the third floor of the Community House. We will welcome any new members who enjoy sewing, or any other occupation which the Society engages in, in an effort to do "whatsoever" we find is needed, "In His Name."

The Young People's Club

With many thanks to Dr. Grammer for his kindness in giving us a check from the "Outing Fund," the Young People's Club had their summer picnic on July 9th, this year going to Valley Forge by bus. It was a beautiful afternoon and after visiting the chapel and driving around the historic park, they had supper in a little picnic grove in back of the chapel. Leaving for home in the early evening, after having had an interesting and happy time. On September 24th, they had their Fall picnic, going to Atlantic City by bus. The first meeting of the Club will be on October 5th, at 6.30 P. M.

Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America

Since the last issue of the "Parish News" our troop has steadily gone ahead. We held our regular weekly meetings until the last of July, when we disbanded to meet again the 9th of September.

During the summer months 8 new boys were added to our troop. We had six overnight hikes at Camp Briar Hill, which is on the Schuylkill River at Miquon, Pa., where the boys were instructed in handicraft, camping, pioneering, and many other useful subjects. This summer has been a very profitable one for our boys.

Then came the big week, 7 days at Treasure Island, one of the largest camps for Scouts in the country. I cannot begin to tell you what a wonderful place for boys it is.

In the morning the bugle sounds and everybody is up and ready to take a swim. Then the day starts, and is so full of activities and tests, such as nature hikes, signaling, bird study, path finding, first aid, swimming, life saving, fire building, canoeing and instruction in many other activities.

Then comes night, when everyone gathers at the ceremonial grounds and a big bonfire is built, and where all kinds of stunts are engaged in. There one can hear the old as well as the new songs. At 10 P. M. taps are sounded and a happy but tired band of boys tuck themselves in for the night.

Mr. Streaker, one of our troop committeemen, was able to spend a few days with the boys. He took a few pictures of our own Scouts in action, and I hope in the near future you will be able to see them.

I wish at this time to personally thank our Rector and all those who helped to make the outing the success it was, for I am quite sure had it not been for their kindness my boys would have been denied this happy privilege.

The following boys advanced to First Class Rank while in camp: Jack Girogasian, Fred Schmid, Fred Neiman, Robert Beckley.

R. M. Robinson,
Scout Master.

The Sunday School

On Saturday, June 25th, we had our usual annual excursion to Atlantic City, with three cars on the Reading Railroad, full of happy scholars, teachers, friends and parents. Young's Pier was our headquarters. All arrived safely home with grateful feelings to our good church people, who so generously made possible a whole day at the seashore for every one in the Sunday School who could get away.

The next day, Sunday, with the awarding of prizes, the Sunday School happily closed for the summer time. On Sunday morning, September 19th, we reassembled for the fall and winter season. We had a good opening attendance with many teachers present and were happy to greet our new secretary, Miss Josephine Hecker. We immediately set to work to have a big Rally Day on the first Sunday in October, when we expect every teacher in her class, with several new ones and all scholars back at their winter studies.

The Teachers' Institute of the Diocese will take place Monday afternoon and evening, October 3rd, at the Church of the Holy Apostles. We hope as many of our teachers as can, will take advantage of this annual event in the Sunday School activities of our church. An interesting and most instructive program has been arranged.

Thanks are due to our Girls' Friendly Society for giving the Sunday School $50 for a silk banner. With it we were able at our opening session this September to surprise and please the school by disclosing a beautiful silk and gold banner and a fine church flag. Nor must we forget the beautiful cyclorama of drapery which, under the direction of Mr. Kevin and the sponsorship of The Girls' Friendly Society and The Players' Guild, now adorns the platform.

We extend a cordial invitation to our church friends to come and visit the school.

Faithfully yours,
George H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

Vacation School

One of the few Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the city that are under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was conducted in St. Stephen's Church Community House this summer during the month of July.

The average attendance each day of the sessions was forty. Pupils were recruited largely from the populous section in the foreign neighborhoods south of the Church, thus contributing another of the many community services St. Stephen's Church provides.

The school this year was under the direction of the Rev. Joseph Clair. He was assisted by Miss Esther Hazlett, a teacher in the primary department of the Sunday School. The sessions were in the morning from 9.30 to 11.30 o'clock and were featured by work in manual training, basketry, hammock making, decorating and sewing. The children were taught juvenile songs and given some religious instruction in the stories of the Bible and in the memorization of selected verses.

The last day of the term saw an outing of the school to the Zoological Gardens, where many had their first experience in Nature study at close range. Graduation exercises took place with the awarding of small prizes to the best students and to those most faithful in attendance.

Each year the personnel of the school largely changes because of the rather limited appeal to certain ages; but the changing enrollment adds a growing influence to the lives of many which otherwise would not have been brightened.

Nuggets of Wisdom

Always leave home with loving words, for they may be thy last.

Kind words are the music of the world. They have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes.—F. W. Faber.

He that taketh up the burden of the fainting, lighteneth his own load; the Almighty will put His arms underneath him, he shall lean upon the Lord.

Let us not be ashamed to be friendly or to show any friendly feeling we may have. Let us be the first to give a friendly sign, to nod first, smile first, speak first, give first, and if such a thing is necessary, forgive first and forget first.—Jarvis A. Wood.

I see not a step before me, as I tread on, another year; but the past is still in God's keeping, the future His mercy shall clear, and what looks dark in the distance may brighten as I draw near.—Mary G. Brainerd.

Yesterday is yours no longer; to-morrow may never be yours; to-day is yours, and in the living present you may stretch forth to the things that are before.—Canon Farrar.

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any.—Dr. Johnson.

The secret of getting on is getting started.

Man considereth the deeds, but God weigheth the intentions.—Thomas A. Kempis.

Search thine own heart, what paineth thee in others, in thyself may be; all dust is frail; all flesh is weak; be thou the true man thou dost seek.—Whittier.

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20—Miss Gebhart.
27—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.

Mar. 6—Mrs. Brunner (In Memory of)
13—Dr. Grammer.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
27—Miss Tappen.

April 3—Mrs. Sheble.
10—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
14—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
17—Easter.
24—Mrs. Lamb.

May 1—Mrs. Woodward.
8—Miss Townsend.
15—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
22—Mrs. Higham.
26—Ascension.
29—Mrs. Woodward.

June 5—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
12—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
19—Miss Gebhart.
26—Miss Cornelia Ewing.

July 3—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.
10—King's Daughters.
17—
24—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
31—

Aug. 7—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
14—Mrs. Love.
21—
28—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 4—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
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13—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord."

October 28—Elizabeth Crawford Washington.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder."

October 25—Austin Homer and Evelyn B. Innes.

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown.

$478 Under the Expectation

Dear Dr. Grammer:

By the enclosed report you will see that we are about $478 under the Expectation to the end of September. This, I think, is very satisfactory, and I hope the next three months will enable us to make it up and go over.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

I. Smith Raspin.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 25th SEPT. TO 20th OCT., 1927, INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Charities	$23.60	
Parochial Maintenance	26.60	
Missions	17.25	
Woman's Auxiliary	18.61	
Woman's Auxiliary (Corporate Communion)	2.10	
		$88.16
Charities	$92.20	
Parochial Maintenance	233.90	
Missions	257.14	
Theological Education	2.45	
Our Work Among Young People	16.30	
Benevolent Society	.60	
Episcopal Hospital	16.25	
Domestic Missions	16.85	
Church Farm School	16.25	
Community House Debt	.65	
Diocesan Missions	.10	
Foreign Missions	.10	
Colored Missions	.10	
Indian Missions	5.25	
Chancel Decorations	.10	
Deaconess House	.10	
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.70	
Woman's Auxiliary	50.40	
		711.44
		$799.60

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$115.80
Parochial Maintenance	260.50
Missions	274.39
Theological Education	2.45
Our Work Among Young People	16.30
Benevolent Society	.60
Episcopal Hospital	16.25
Domestic Missions	16.85
Church Farm School	16.25
Community House Debt	.65
Diocesan Missions	.10
Foreign Missions	.10
Colored Missions	.10
Indian Missions	5.25
Chancel Decorations	.10
Deaconess House	.10
Daily Vacation Bible School	2.70
Woman's Auxiliary	71.11
	$799.60

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioner:

The question "With whom does time gallop withal?" should have as its answer, with a rector, who writes a monthly letter in his Parish News. It seems to me only the other day that, high on the mountain's back, I wrote my letter for the Parish News; beholding, as I wrote, with that "inner eye," which is not only "the bliss of solitude," but also the telescope of the writer, the congregation seated in St. Stephen's, under our glorious lanterns, with our great organ in the background. This last month has flown swiftly, indeed. Last week I had to attend the regular Fall meeting of the Board of Overseers of Sweet Briar. On the way down I caught a cold, which kept me out of my pulpit one Sunday and confined me to my bed several days; when I had a fine time reading books. One was a book about Ireland by a Roman Catholic writer. The magnet that brought together all its scattered facts and observations was a desire to exalt the Celts and put them at the top. The writer quotes with much approval the remark of a Spanish author, that the Spanish people need not be cast down, if they have not assimilated much modern culture, for it may be that this modern culture is not such a good thing after all. The Irishman feels the same way about the Celts. This is very much the fashion in which the Apaches feel about our American civilization. In the case of the Indians, we recognize it as sheer stupidity and a great obstacle to their elevation. The same holds true of these other stupid efforts of people to exalt themselves over others instead of estimating themselves humbly and endeavoring to learn and improve. The Celt has his gifts, and the Anglo-Saxon has his, as the squirrel that can crack a nut, and the mountain that cannot crack a nut, but bears forests on its back, have respectively their gifts. I have no doubt that Ireland has a contribution to make to the world, but, I do not believe that it will ever make it by seeking to climb the backward path to the ancient Gaelic speech, and to childish medieval modes of thought. It needs to get rid of superstition and magic. The other book that occupied me was the reminiscences of a German physician, who is like Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, in being both an eminent specialist in medicine and a poet and literary man. Indeed, the German is also an artist and a musician. The great admirations of his life seem to have been his own father and the Swedish dramatist Strindberg. The most noticeable feature in this warm-hearted and generous writer, Carl Ludwig Schleich, so cordially appreciative of the gifts of others, and so richly and variously endowed himself, is the lack of the note of moral strenuousness. Aesthetic values, social values, literary values, scientific values, musical values, are all dwelt upon, but about moral values not a word. Indeed, he seems to be somewhat morality-blind. For example, he tells how a certain celebrated clinician committed suicide by taking opium, and remarks that the method was not very original, and did not compare favorably with the clever device of another physician who committed suicide by cutting a vein in his throat so skilfully that it took Virchow's keen eyes to detect that the bleeding had been artificially produced. This was a "more genial" device. What a comment! It reminds me of the remark of an eminent Jewish scholar, when the Russian pogroms against the Jews were being discussed. He said that he did not object to the pogroms on moral or humanitarian grounds; what he objected to was their lack of taste! How absurd and unworthy! It is a great pity when morality is thus removed from its throne, and aesthetic values are given the highest place. Perhaps my German book may disclose other values later on, and certainly the author is a person of marvelous versatility and sweetness of nature—but my feeling as I read, is that Germany needs what Puritanism gave to the non-moral Elizabethan civilization. Look at your "Green" and note what he says about the lack of veracity of Elizabeth and her statesmen. Refinement of moral and religious feeling is lacking when a gifted and poetic person like Dr. Schleich can tell this anecdote about his mother's father, whom he greatly revered and honored. "He was," he writes, "a strong character with Promethean defiance at times. I recall that once after a wind had blown steadily for 14 days, so that his boats could not leave the harbor, and he had thereby incurred considerable pecuniary loss, he took down his rifle in a rage and rushed out into the fields and shot at the weathervane, and then up into the sky." "Grandfather," the little grandson queried, "at whom did you shoot up there?" "At Him," was the grimly muttered reply. Dr. Schleich's father was a complete agnostic. On his tombstone the son had carved, "The end of life, but not of love." Among other things, a book like this shows the great value of the simple life. The numerous intellectual pursuits of the Schleich family would not have been possible had they allowed luxury to sap their energies or waste their time. Germany has much to teach us on these lines. On the other hand, America, with its Puritan traditions, has much to teach Germany. Central Europe needs greater emphasis on moral values. Perhaps that is what the adversity of this great defeat may do for Central Europe. In the darkness of its disasters, the heavenly lights of morality as the guide of nations and individuals may shine out more clearly.

I suppose that every one in the Parish is interested in the Septuagesima Conference which we have held for two years in February. The aggregate attendance each year was about 200. One of the papers of the first Conference was published in the Modern Churchman, the theological review of the English modernists, and Dr. Barton's paper on the Lord's Supper, was published last year both in the Churchman and also in pamphlet form. The influence of these gatherings has been wide-spread. One of the most manifest outgrowths is the meeting of the Liberal Evangelicals in Richmond, this October, at the invitation of the Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's. Dr. Beverly D. Tucker, Jr., the Rector, writes me, about 110 clergy, including four bishops, accepted. This is a splendid gathering, for only the four Virginia dioceses were included in the invitation. I am looking with eagerness for the reports.

Already arrangements are making for our own Conference. It was so successful as a provincial conference, that it is worth while endeavoring to make it of larger significance. So I asked the National Church League, to co-operate with me in conducting the next, and its leaders have consented. As their mouthpiece I invited Bishop Barnes, of Birmingham, to attend our next Conference—our group agreeing to pay all his expenses. We have English backing for our request. When I saw in the paper the controversy, if I may so designate the interchange of letters between the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop Barnes, I cabled Bishop Barnes that I wanted him all the more for his outspokenness.

This is the situation in the Church of England in a nutshell. The Church of England enjoys as a Protestant Church the privilege of being the National or Established Church. But there has arisen in the English Church a large school, that is nearly Romish in doctrine—and that insists on being nearly Romish in practice. Now large freedom in doctrine, the National

Church has always tolerated; but in practice it has required conformity to the Prayer Book. For years this last requirement has been disregarded. There has been an era of successful law-breaking. The situation is so out of hand, that the bishops propose a new Prayer Book, in which large concessions are made to the lawless Romanizing element. The question arises whether these concessions will satisfy the Romanizers and whether the Bishops who have proven such inefficient disciplinarians will be able to control the ritualistic element from further advances or retrogressions toward Romish usages, and observances. Another difficulty also arises, and that is whether the Church that makes these concessions and authorizes such Romish customs is entitled any longer to be called Protestant, and is the proper home for Protestant clergy. The Archbishop of Canterbury is shocked by the outspoken Protestantism of Bishop Barnes's teaching on the subject of the Sacraments; but the proper subject for his Grace's rebukes are the Romish practices of the Ritualists, in a Protestant Church. Thought and speech the English Church has left free, but conduct it has sought to control. The Archbishop is out of sympathy with his own Church's historic policy, he seems to restrain speech and permits conduct to be uncontrolled. Indeed, he has gone further, he advocates rewarding lawlessness by legalizing many of the lawless usages. I admit that his position is a hard one; the sons of Zeruiah seem too strong for him. But the position of the Protestant clergy is also embarrassing. In the old days they could endure the Romish usages of their ritualistic brethren as personal eccentricities which were clearly without the Church's sanction or approval! But from henceforth Reservation, which is the crux of the controversy, since it supplies the opportunity for adoration of the Elements, will enjoy the approval of the Church. It is no wonder that Bishop Barnes speaks out. The marvel is that more do not interest themselves. For my own part, I am utterly unwilling to say, "such controversy does not interest me. If the Episcopal Church is going to be a halfway house to Rome, let it fill that insignificant role." I love the old Church. I have brought people into its membership. I owe it to the truth and to the people whom I have persuaded to join this Church, to see that it is an efficient organization for the spread of the Kingdom of God. I honor the Ritualist for the courage with which he spreads usages and doctrines that he believes in and I shall seek to emulate his zeal by proclaiming the truth as I understand it, and seeking to develop this Church, as I believe that it ought to be developed. I hope that our next Septuagesima Conference will aid in this great work.

Ernest Hamlin Abbott hits the nail on the head in these words in the "Outlook" of October 26th:

As long as the churches insist upon maintaining theories and views of the universe that are inconsistent with what is accepted as true by those who command the best means for establishing facts, so long will the churches, not only repel the most highly trained minds, but will divert themselves from their real task of spiritual guidance.

What are the questions that are really troubling the world today? They are not questions whether the text of the Bible or any other text is to be accepted as literal statements of fact, whether a minister should be ordained by the laying on of a bishop's hands, whether some explanation of the nature of God devised centuries ago is better than some other explanation, whether one ceremony for admission of a candidate to the Church is better than another ceremony. The real questions are questions concerning the very heart of every-day life. Are we human beings mere machines, without any more moral responsibility than a tree or a dynamo? Is the life of the family to be preserved as a precious thing, or shall it be discarded together with old styles in clothes? Is life to be measured by the things we possess? Is the final answer to life, to daily duties, to the obligations as a citizen, to the relations between husband and wife and between parents and children, to the problems of business, the answer of the cynic? Does goodness or loyalty or reverence mean anything? Has man no better object than to get most out of life as it comes along? Is there a place in modern life for the influence of the life and character of Him whom the Church recognizes as its Lord?

People are searching for answers to these questions. They will go to psychology or anywhere else if they cannot find the answers in the Church.

A National Statesman, the Hon. George W. Wickersham, the Attorney-General in President Taft's Cabinet, has agreed to address the Conference on the duty of the Churches to aid in organizing the world for Peace.

I have always regarded the denial of the existence of Jesus as an absurdity and hardly worth discussion. Still some people do deny it. To meet their propaganda, Dr. Worcester has written a delightful booklet on the subject. He is not only convinced that Jesus lived on earth, but also that He wrought miracles. He has a robust faith. The book is published by the Oxford University Press, American Branch.

Some people have the idea that Prohibition has created lawlessness. One might as well say that the thermometer creates the fever whose presence it reveals. Americans have always been a very lawless people. A recent article in the "Atlantic" pointed out how persistently and shamelessly the laws are broken by automobilists. Another article in the same journal showed how we encourage lawlessness by our legal technicalities, so that only a few law-breakers are punished. We need a new emphasis on the moral obligation of Christian people to obey the law of the land. This notion that every man has a right to decide whether the law is wise before obedience is morally obligating, not only leads to anarchy in government; it also leads to dissoluteness in morals. One of the worse breeders of lawlessness and immorality is undoubtedly salacious and meretricious films. How shall we protect our young people from the contagion that results from familiarity with scenes of immorality and crime? We cannot wait till the state establishes a more efficient Board of Censors. For the sake of this congregation I have subscribed to Marjorie Daw's Review of Motion Pictures. This weekly will be kept on file in our Community House, and anyone who wants to know about the character of a new film can learn the opinion of a discriminating critic by phoning to the Office in the Community House. Marjorie Daw has no advertisements in her little sheet. She appreciates how the receipts from the advertisements control the policy of the newspapers on the subject of moving pictures. She is determined that the American public shall get an unbiased opinion. My friend, Dr. Twombly, who is himself such an authority in this department, has recommended her Review to me, and my personal examination has confirmed his judgment. I hope that the parents of children, and educators, will avail themselves of this service of information, and will make it widely known to their friends.

Marjorie Daw is no prude, but she is an utter disbeliever in the theory that nastiness is necessary or tolerable for the sake of art. Her journal is published in Cleveland, and in spite of the effort of Mr. Hays to silence this independent critic, it has prospered and won a position of recognized authority.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Miss Elizabeth C. Washington

Wide, indeed, was the circle that was shocked by the news that on Sunday night, October 23rd, Miss Washington had been run down by some unknown automobilist, near St. Martin's Station, Chestnut Hill, and had been carried in an unconscious condition to the Chestnut Hill Hospital, where she lay in unbroken unconsciousness with a number of serious fractures. In St. Stephen's the concern was particularly keen. As treasurer of the Women's United Offering, as the representative of our Auxiliary in the work among the colored people, and for years one of the leaders in the Benevolent Society, Miss Washington had borne many responsibilities, and had endeared herself to all by her gentle consideration for others, and her interest in good causes. She was also at one time one of the visitors of the Burd School.

When I became rector of St. Stephen's, three of the prominent workers in the parish were Miss Henrietta Wilkins, the Secretary of the Girls' Friendly, Miss Harriet Sanders, who taught a class of men in the Sunday School, and Miss Washington, who was one of the chief pillars of "The Female Benevolent Society." They were all cousins, and lived near each other on Locust Street, between 12th and 13th. Miss Wilkins in her home, and Miss Sanders in hers, and Miss Washington across the street from them in the Lincoln Hotel, which was at that time a small hotel, with permanent boarders, like the Clinton to-day. Miss Wilkins was cut off in her prime, one of the most serious losses that the parish has sustained during my ministry. Miss Sanders was prevented for years by invalidism from participating in parish activities, and removed a few years ago to Chestnut Hill. She was not able to attend the funeral, but as I conducted it, I could but think of her as the chief mourner, the life-long friend and relative left behind by this tragic death. It is good to know that she is one of those deeply Christian people, who realize that we cannot understand how God can overrule all these sad results of men's waywardness, and carelessness, but must trust and endure with patience and hope.

It is unnecessary to dwell at any length on Miss Washington's character. She had the responsibility of bearing a world-famous name, and certainly through her it lost nothing of its connotation of purity, high-mindedness, courtesy and sincerity. What higher praise can we give her than to say she set a good example in her day and generation. Her service to the parish, which deserves especial commendation, was the large part that she had in reorganizing the Benevolent Society and starting it upon its useful career of helpful cooperation with the hospitals. The new scheme was the joint product of Miss Washington's and Mrs. Grammer's observations and cogitations; but it was chiefly through Miss Washington's urgency and encouragement, that Mrs. Grammer attempted the reorganization.

It is sad to lose her, but it is better to have her at rest, than to have her linger here in suffering.

She passed from earth on Wednesday morning in her 72nd year.

There was a large attendance of her friends, and a profusion of flowers at her funeral on Friday, October 28th, in the Church that she had so loyally attended and aided. The burial was in the family lot in Laurel Hill.

Years ago we introduced into St. Stephen's, the Duplex Envelope System. It has been an unqualified success. Along with this system, there has also grown up in the Church the system of an every member canvass. Our parishioners are so widely distributed, being stretched out over an area reaching from Wayne on the Main Line, to Haddonfield, New Jersey, that we have never had a thorough every member canvass. The testimony is so overwhelming that such a canvass is of great value, that I should like to have a supper in November, and talk it over with the members of the congregation. We have about 275 envelope takers; most of them are most faithful envelope users. I have not the slightest desire to dictate to anyone what he should give. All that I want to do is to help you to introduce a system into your giving, and to bring home to each member of the Church the duty of doing his or her best for the common cause. I am profoundly interested in spreading the Truth and in not spending my life in propagating superstitions and out-worn fables. But if we are to wait until the Truth should be freed from all admixture of error, we should have to wait till the end of time. Let us imitate the workmen on the walls of Jerusalem in the days of Nehemiah, who were armed with a sword and a trowel. Let us join with Bishop Barnes in his courageous effort to resist the capture of our Church by superstitious usages and false dogmas, and also join with the nation-wide campaign in uniting all the members of the Church in the fellowship of sacrificial giving, not allowing our gifts to be merely emotional responses to occasional appeals, but making our giving a part of our budget, and a systematic and regular expenditure.

Women's Church Conference

You are cordially invited to a Devotional Service and Conference of Women's Church Organizations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Tuesday, November 15th, 1927.

3.30 P. M., Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia. Address, The Right Rev. Charles L. Slattery, Bishop of Massachusetts.

4.45 Conference, The Holy Trinity Parish House, 21st below Walnut Street. Leader, Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody. Subject, "The Relation of Women's Work to The Whole Work of The Whole Church."

6 P. M., Supper, a box-supper with coffee (50 cents) will be provided for those who notify The Woman's Auxiliary, 202 S. 19th Street, before November 10th.

7.30-8, Holy Trinity Church, Conference and answers to Question Box.

8-9, Devotional Closing Service, Bishop Slattery.

Rummage Sale Notice

At the suggestion of Mrs. Grammer, the President of the Benevolent Society, the rummage sale has been postponed until November 17th. By that time it is hoped enough donations will be received to make the sale a success.

Titania's Palace

Titania's Palace was designed by Major Sir Neville Wilkinson, K.C.V.O., and will be shown for the benefit of the children in the Philadelphia Home for Incurables at Gimbel Brothers, from November 21st through December 5th. It is the smallest palace in the world, and took more than twenty years to build. It is believed to be the most educational exhibit ever shown to the public. The whole world was visited to obtain specimens to fill this marvelous dwelling. Tickets, 50 cents; 25 cents for children.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held October 20th, preceded by a corporate communion service, which was well attended.

There was no speaker at the regular meeting, but the hour was well filled with reports from the delegates to the various mission committees.

The next meeting will be held November 17th.

Beulah E. Hollar, Secretary.

Diocesan Campaign for Missions and Institutions

October 19, 1927.

Rev. C. E. Grammer, S.T.D.,
1008 Clinton Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

The Bishop and Executive Committee of the Diocesan Campaign for Missions and Institutions have arranged to call together on Friday evening, December 2nd, all leaders and members of Parish Teams who participated in the Campaign of November-December last year. This brief notice is sent you with the request that you reserve Friday evening, December 2nd, for this purpose, and that you will also request all members of your Parish Teams to reserve the same date, that they may be present also.

You will recall that at the closing dinner of the Campaign in December of last year, it was unanimously voted by the Parish Teams to assemble a year later to hear the Bishop's report on the work done, and to

arrange to solicit from individuals who made a one-year subscription, a renewal of their subscription for 1928.

The dinner meeting on the evening of Friday, December 2nd, will be at the Penn Athletic Club, Eighteenth and Locust Sts. Please be sure to reserve this date and to notify the chairmen, together with each member of the Parish Teams, and to endeavor by personal appeal to secure the presence of all members.

Faithfully yours,
R. L. Montgomery,
Chairman.

The United Thank Offering

The Autumn Conference of parish treasurers of this diocese was held on Wednesday, October 26th, in the Church House.

Mrs. Baker reported that Pennsylvania had on hand $40,012.86 on September 30th. As this triennium is just half over, the women of the Church must put forth renewed effort if they are to equal the offering presented at New Orleans in 1925, when Pennsylvania sent in $86,000, the largest amount from any one state.

An appeal will go out shortly to every woman communicant in this parish and it is earnestly hoped that each one will respond by sending some contributions, large, if possible, small, if necessary, to this women's work for women.

Faithfully yours,
Mary DeHaven Bright,
Treasurer.

The Sunday School

October, with its "Rally Day" and reorganization of the Sunday School, has made it a busy place each Sunday morning. The Scribner series of graded lessons are now in operation. Mr. Kevin has brought in several new teachers from the Deaconess House and is planning to give us the envelope system, with apportionment of our offerings for missions as well as for our expenses, which should prove very helpful.

"The King of Kings," a most wonderfully realistic motion picture, depicting the glowing scenes from the ministry and closing events in the life of The Christ, is being portrayed at the Aldine Theatre, and on Saturday afternoon, October 22nd, all the older scholars, and their teachers, as well as the officers of the school, had the privilege of being present. We were the guests there of our good, kind and generous friend, Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, and we are all very grateful for his kindness in giving us the opportunity of viewing this great picture.

Faithfully yours,
G. H. Streaker,
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10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock

Oct. 30—Virginia Grace Linton.
Nov. 27—Eleanor Irving Green.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord."

Nov. 19—Alice Peirson Doriss.
Nov. 23—Laura E. Dobbins.

The treasurer of the envelopes would appreciate it very much if those who have envelopes would see that all are returned by the first Sunday in January, so that the money can be included in this year's account.

Life's a mirror; if you smile,
Smiles come back to greet you.
If you're frowning all the while,
Frowns forever meet you.

—Phillips Brooks.

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Domestic Missions	4.25	
Community House Debt	.50	
Colored Missions	.25	
Indian Missions	2.45	
Chancel Decorations	.25	
Deaconess House	40.55	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.85	
Woman's Auxiliary	7.90	
		1,271.05
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RECAPITULATION

Charities	$103.20
Parochial Maintenance	244.10
Missions	261.85
Theological Education	2.10
Our Work Among Young People	5.15
Benevolent Society	126.53
Episcopal Hospital	614.32
Domestic Missions	4.25
Community House Debt	.50
Colored Missions	.25
Indian Missions	2.45
Chancel Decorations	.25
Deaconess House	63.42
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.85
Woman's Auxiliary	7.90
Red Cross	9.30
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Only one month more and the New Year will be upon us. Let us see whether we can not close the year in fine shape. It is a great achievement to make a good ending; the end you know crowns the work. Starting is easy, but to hold on to the end is the test.

The first resolution that I suggest for the month is to get through with Christmas shopping early, and so lighten the tasks of clerks who are so pressed and rushed and overtaxed at this season.

The next is to remember our Christmas baskets. I do not aim to increase this benefaction. But I do not want those who have received the baskets to be deprived of this help, as long as they need it. We should hate to have families connected with us in any way spend a cheerless Christmas. Let us diffuse happiness and comfort at this joyous time as far as we are able. In brightening Christmas for others, we shall make our own homes radiate with good feeling.

Let me call your attention to the Kalendar of Daily Bible Readings. Those who used the Kalendar realize what a help it has been in introducing system into the devotional life. The Kalendars are on sale in the Vestry room, or in the Community House. I commend them cordially.

On the first Sunday in Advent, when Dr. Schmuck was the preacher for the day, I could but note with pleasure how remarkably well the congregation read the Psalter. Excepting, of course, the Virginia Seminary Chapel, where the conditions are unusual, I do not know of a congregation that joins in the responses more heartily than St. Stephen's. It is a great pleasure to take part in such a hearty service. I do not wonder that my friend Dr. Chorley speaks of this worship at St. Stephen's as unusually uplifting in its heartiness, as well as in its musical excellence.

Mrs. Keable has prepared, at my request, a record of the organizations and numbers using the Community House in two months. This report shows what a large service this building is rendering the public as well as our own parish. Our desire is to reduce somewhat the mortgage on this building every year. The income of our endowment is not available for this purpose, and the reduction of the mortgage and the interest are burdens that must be borne by the congregation. Our Christmas offering will be devoted to this object.

The Thanksgiving offering to the Episcopal Hospital is over $740. This will also count on the Expectation. With such a lift we ought to reach the amount of $5000 accepted by the Vestry; indeed, I have good hope that we shall pass it considerably, and prove better than our word.

One of the best ways to observe this season sacred to friendship and kindness is to send messages to friends, who are cherished in memory, but have fallen out of our lives. Let us pick up these dropped stitches. The Lawrence brothers, who were so famous in the history of British India, were talking together one day about their school life in the North of Ireland, and their old schoolmaster. They agreed that he had meant much to them, and wondered whether they had meant to him all that they should have signified. Sir Henry Lawrence was then the chief commissioner of the Punjaub, and John was his associate. So they gladdened the heart of the old man by a letter from "his boys in distant India," from a region not down on the school map. The dominie was delighted to receive this sign of remembrance from the distant days of his activity, for he was by that time retired, and from that remote region. The Lawrences gloated with rapture over his reply, and his naive wonder that "his boys" had risen to such

posts of responsibility and large service. The story is beautifully told in the Life of Lord Lawrence, by S. Bosworth Smith, my favorite biography of a man of action. Sir Henry Lawrence was immortalized by his gallant defence of Lucknow, where he fell, and Lord Lawrence was the first Commoner, who became Viceroy of India. His bust is in Westminster Abbey. He looks the part that he played, as the chief civilian support of the Army of India in the Mutiny.

"His face
Deep scars of thunder had entrenched and care
Sat on his faded cheek, but under brows
Of dauntless courage."

Both of these heroes exemplified Bayard Taylor's fine line:

"The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring."

They united courage, gratitude and courtesy. Where these are conjoined we have that fine product, a chivalrous nature. Surely what the world needs sadly is more chivalry. We must not be content to be honest, we must be men of honor; not merely just but also generous and magnanimous; not merely conventionally polite and correct, but aglow with the communicative warmth of kindliness, and consideration for others. Let us try to spread this contagion of kindliness in our homes, in our circle of friends, among all that we meet, especially during this season of Peace and Good Will.

I have just read the history of the early life of John Morley, and the biography of James Bryce. Both Viscounts of great ability, who achieved the highest distinction in letters, and in Parliament; it is interesting to compare them—Morley, a thorough agnostic, but a man of great moral earnestness, and Bryce, a liberal Presbyterian, who advocated teaching the elements of Christianity in State schools; Morley, English, and Bryce, Scotch-Irish; Morley, the great writer, and Bryce, the profound scholar. Morley, more occupied with abstractions, in spite of his close affinities with the Positive philosophers, and Bryce, more interested in the concrete, with the globe, and all who inhabit it, with institutions and laws; Morley, with great fondness for society, and aristocratic distinctions, and Bryce with a more passionate love of nature, and American modes of life and thought; both great believers in democracy, but with instructive differences.

I do not know how Morley stood on the great American experiment of Prohibition, though I do not believe that he had any sympathy with it; there are far too many references in his life to the delights of fine port, and the excellence of wine. But here is the judgment of Bryce, in a letter to President Eliot, dated February 5, 1920: "The extinction of intoxicating drinks all over a continent is one of the most surprising, and, on the whole, most encouraging phenomena of our time. There is no apparent likelihood of any such change here, but then, nobody believed twenty years ago in America that a prohibition bill could have been carried. We are anxiously waiting to see whether it is sufficiently enforced. If it is, the triumph of a sense of the general good over individual propensities will be well vindicated."

Later on he adds, "America has higher ideals and more conscientiousness than any Old World people, and can do more to set an example of disinterested philanthropy."

It is amazing to me that people who claim to be idealists, do not appreciate that Prohibition is a great idealistic experiment. Who can say that the law has been given a fair chance, when former bartenders are made enforcement agents? Let enforcement of the law be put in the hands of the friends of the law and taken out of politics by being

put under civil service. Give us time. This lawless traffic will ultimately destroy itself. The traffickers will cheat one another and kill off their customers. The little nations in the League of Nations are insistent that the control of alcohol is an international problem like the control of narcotics. Dr. Wurtz, in the Carnegie Institute of Technology, states flatly: "Liquor is in a class with opium. Both should be rooted out, moral suasion having failed and moral and ethical standards being unequal to the temptation."

The greatest issue before the American people is this question: Shall the will of the people Constitutionally and legally expressed be the supreme law of the land or shall it be nullified by the failure of officials to enforce the law, they have sworn to execute, and by unwillingness of the people, who wish to drink, to obey the law, they have solemnly pledged themselves to obey? What is the difference between Republicans and Democrats, compared to the difference between those who are loyal to the law and those who are not? This is the great political and moral issue before our people. No one has a moral right to agitate for modification of the Volstead Act and the Constitution, unless he is sound on the fundamental principle, that the will of the majority legally expressed and approved as Constitutional by the Supreme Court, is entitled to our obedience. Alteration is one thing and nullification is another.

By the way, the husband of one of my parishioners told me this interesting story which shows how bootlegging, like smuggling, contains the seeds of destruction in itself.

A friend of his asked my informant whom I will call Mr. Integrity, why he did not get some of the easy money that could be procured by bootlegging. "No danger," said the friend, whom I will name after the fashion of Bunyan, Mr. Anything-to-make-money, "Every one is doing it, and you can soon make your pile."

"No," replied Mr. Integrity, "I don't want any such gains, I couldn't sleep soundly if I resorted to such methods."

"Very foolish, very foolish," said Mr. Anything-to-make-money, as he walked away.

Months passed before they met again. Then Mr. Anything-to-make-money looked very shabby and seemed very depressed. Mr. Integrity greeted him heartily and inquired sympathetically after the cause of his manifest depression. "I have had hard luck," was the reply, "I had paid several thousand dollars for a load of liquor which was to be delivered to me at a certain cross-roads where I was to meet the seller's van. I hired a truck to take me there. After we had loaded the stuff on the truck I ordered its driver to take the load and myself to my storehouse. 'It is time to stop this nonsense right now,' the driver answered, pulling a pistol and pointing it to me. 'All this liquor is now mine,' and with that he drove away." So does bootlegger destroy bootlegger.

After a long illness most patiently borne, Mrs. Alice Peirson Doriss died on November 17th, at her apartments in the Gladstone. About nine years ago she moved to West Philadelphia from Baltimore, her native city, where she was at one time a parishioner of my father in St. Peter's, and at once associated herself at St. Stephen's on account of that tie. Greatly will she be missed by her friends. Her wonderful sweetness and serenity shed around her "something of an angel's light" whose radiance grew brighter as her body wasted. Surely for her to die was gain.

At its November meeting the St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary decided to solicit contributions for a special gift to the United Offering of the women as a memorial of Miss Elizabeth C. Washington, who was the treasurer of this fund in St. Stephen's, and deeply interested in the missionary work of our church. Contributions should be sent to Miss Susan P. Thackara, 5536 Spruce Street, or to the Community House.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Benevolent Society

The treasurer takes this opportunity of thanking the many friends of the Benevolent Society who helped to make the rummage sale a success. The sum of three hundred and one dollars was made and the following donations were received:

In Memory of Mr. Robert M. Black	$5.00
Miss Edwards	5.00
Mrs. Maris	5.00
Mr. Elmer E. Eakins	5.00
Mr. Hassenpat	5.00
Miss Paullin	3.00
Mr. Freestone	3.00
Mrs. Dudley Lane	1.00
Mrs. Mann	1.00
Mrs. Townsley	1.00

Making a total of $335.00.

Isabel P. Davis,
Treasurer.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Dr. Schmuck and Miss Sibson were the speakers at the November meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. They talked about mission work in China.

Miss Sibson was the founder of a free public school of Trinity Church in Wuchang. Five teachers were employed at the school at the time it was temporarily closed last year.

Both speakers urged the members to keep up their support of the missionaries whose work is discontinued for the present, owing to the general conditions in China; and also to support the native clergy who are trying to carry on the work.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held December 15th.

Beulah E. Hollar, Secretary.

The Community House

The congregation will be interested to know that during the month of October 69 meetings were held in the Community House with an approximate attendance of 1,526; and in November, 67 meetings; attendance, 1,793. The Sunday School is not included in either month. Ninety-two dollars has been paid to the treasurer: $61.00 association dues; $8.00 hot water charge; $25.00 auditorium privileges.

Young People's Club

Will have its annual Fair on Thursday, December 15th, afternoon and evening. Fancy and useful articles will be for sale and a buffet supper will be served. Donations of any kind, and the presence of our friends at the Fair will be most appreciated. The proceeds from the Fair will be used for the Community House and to give Christmas happiness to poor children.

Motion Picture Review

Marjorie Daw's Weekly Review of Motion Pictures, is kept on file in the office and it is hoped members and friends of the Parish will avail themselves of this opportunity of ascertaining the character of a new film—by calling the office and learning the opinion of a discriminating critic, "Marjorie Daw."

I see not a step before me,
As I tread on, another year;
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

—Mary G. Brainerd.

NOTES

New bishop for Japan. The great diocese of Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, with half the island of Saghalien, 45,000 square miles, with a million and a half population, has been without a bishop of its own for ten years. On All Saints' Day in Canterbury Cathedral, the Rev. Gordon Walsh, who has been working in Japan since 1914, was to be consecrated for this difficult field where the needs and opportunities for prayer and men and money are simply enormous.

An English missionary writes from Tokyo: "This last year has been the most wonderful since I came to Japan twenty-six years ago. I have never known so much response. The Church is alive and keen, so enquirers come in, and the only difficulty is to know how to teach them all."

During the past ten years 175,000 Jews have entered the Christian Church, according to a Church of England report on Missions to the Jews.

At St. Timothy's Hospital, Cape Mount, Liberia, still without a doctor, about 400 treatments a month are given by the nurses.

The former chief medicine man among the Arapaho Indians at Windy River, Wyoming, was baptized last year at St. Michael's Mission.

In spite of the floods and other discouragement, Terry, Mississippi, a station in the Bolton rural field, recently secured $3,000 needed for a much desired parish house to serve the community.

Iolani School for boys, in Honolulu, has started the new year in its long awaited, desperately needed new quarters. Not including fifteen more immigrant students to come directly from the Orient, the enrolment had reached 278, divided racially as follows: Chinese, 116; Japanese, 111; part Hawaiian, 25; Korean, 13; white (i. e., "Caucasian") 7; Filipino, 2; Portuguese, 4. Born in Hawaii, 176.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, Porto Rico, has been working on a Christmas box to send to a mountain mission in Tennessee.

Abednego Mangobe, of Motalava, was a native school teacher on a little Melanesian Island. After his death last summer, this was written of him in an Australian paper: "He had no pride and he never lost his temper. He was always humble and had the greatest respect for his work. In his death he suffered no pain; his only remark was, 'It is the dawn. I shall rest peacefully.'"

Notes from Brazil are scarce. The paper of the Brazilian Episcopal Church, Estandarte Christao, brings word that a Church Hospital Association has been formed to work for the establishment of a long desired church hospital. All the communicants of the Brazilian Church are members of this Association. An administrative committee, of which the Bishop is head, is elected by the Annual Convention.

The Church of the Redemption in Sao Gabriel has been consecrated.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Crucified, at Bage, held an entertainment for the benefit of the diocesan paper.—The Rev. C. R. Ramos, who has been in charge of Trinity Church, Meyer, Rio de Janeiro, has been ordained to the priesthood.—Work is progressing in Agnus Dei Mission, Colonia, in Uruguay. The treasurer of the mission has presented a piece of land, well located, for the future church.—Work has been started at a new station, Cascata, out from Pelotus, where a service held in the home of one of the people was attended by 180 persons, and 15 children were baptized.

A financial statement from the Philippines, as of September 15th, shows that St. Luke's Church, Manila, the Church of the Resurrection and Easter School, Baguio, and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Sagada (including Besao), have already considerably overpaid their missionary apportionment for 1927.

SELECTIONS

The vitality of an idea depends far less on the numbers of people who hold it than on the quality of the heart and brain of the people who hold it.

The forms of faith change, but the spirit of faith which is the Christmas spirit is immortal amid its endless vicissitudes. At a crisis of change, faith is weakened for the majority; for the majority it may seem to be dead. It is conserved, however, in the hearts of the great and in the hearts of the simple. The great are hidden from the majority, but the simple are seen of all men, and them we encourage, often without knowing why, to be the depositories of that which we can not ourselves guard, but which we dimly feel to be indispensable to our safety.

The secret of goodwill lies in the sympathetic exercise of the imagination.

It is impossible that the exercise of imagination about a person should not result in goodwill toward that person.

It is the supreme social exercise, for it is the giving of oneself in the most intimate and complete sense. It is the suspension of one's individuality in favor of another. It establishes a new attitude of mind, which, though it may all lead to specific social acts, is more valuable than any specific act, for it is ceaselessly translating itself into demeanor.

Yesterday is yours no longer; tomorrow may never be yours; today is yours, and in the living present, you may stretch forth to the things that are before.—Canon Farrar.

NUGGETS OF WISDOM

Always leave home with loving words, for they may be thy last.

Kind words are the music of the world. They have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes.—F. W. Faber.

He that taketh up the burden of the fainting,
Lighteneth his own load;
The Almighty will put His arms underneath him,
He shall lean upon the Lord.

Let us not be ashamed to be friendly or to show any friendly feeling we may have. Let us be the first to give a friendly sign, to nod first, smile first, speak first, give first, and if such a thing is necessary, forgive first and forget first.—Jarvis A. Wood.

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any.—Dr. Johnson.

The secret of getting on is getting started.

Man considereth the deeds, but God weigheth the intentions.—Thomas à Kempis.

Search thine own heart, what paineth thee in others, in thyself may be; all dust is frail; all flesh is weak; be thou the true man thou dost seek.—Whittier.

The great secret of making the labor of life easy is to do each duty every day.—Marsten.

There is nothing that costs so little and goes so far as courtesy.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of some one else.—Dickens.

Our patience will achieve more than our force.—Burke.

Memorial Flower Fund
1927

Jan. 2—Mrs. Lamb.
9—Miss Kirkpatrick.
16—Miss Ernst.
23—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.
30—Miss Gregg.
Feb. 6—Miss Gebhart.
13—Mrs. Sheble.
20—Miss Gebhart.
27—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
Mar. 6—Mrs. Brunner (In Memory of)
13—Dr. Grammer.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb.
27—Miss Tappen.
April 3—Mrs. Sheble.
10—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
14—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb
17—Easter.
24—Mrs. Lamb.
May 1—Mrs. Woodward.
8—Miss Townsend.
15—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
22—Mrs. Higham.
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12—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
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26—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
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10—King's Daughters.
17—
24—Mrs. C. E. Campbell.
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Aug. 7—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
14—Mrs. Love.
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28—Miss Laura Bell.
Sept. 4—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
11—Miss Powell.
18—Mrs. Sheble.
25—Miss Louise Betts Edwards.
Oct. 2—Miss Laura Bell.
9—Miss Maulsby.
16—Miss Thackara.
23—Mrs. Sheble.
30—Mrs. Keable.
Nov. 1—Mr. Arrison and
Mrs. Shellenberger.
6—Girls' Friendly Society.
13—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.
20—Miss Eisenbrey.
27—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.
Dec. 4—Mrs. Sheble.
11—The Misses Davis.
18—Miss Emily Bell.
25—Christmas.

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The wages of sin is death; the gift of God is eternal life.—Rom. 6:23.

Be faithful; that is all, go right on, and close behind thee there shall follow and shall find thee help, sure help.

A good traffic rule on the road of life: When you meet temptation turn to the right.

Try always to see clearly that right is right, and wrong is wrong.

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock

Dec. 4—Edward James King.
11—Fairlie Maxwell.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 5—Joseph D. Skepton and Blanche H. Strawson.

The Episcopal Hospital never fails to respond to a call from St. Stephen's. On application by Dr. Grammer the son of a parishioner was successfully operated on on December 23rd, and is making a good recovery.

Most people think of it in terms of getting, but success begins in terms of giving. —Henry Ford.

Life is not a goblet to be drained; it is a measure to be filled.—A. T. Hadley.

I like to see a man proud of his city, and I like to see him live so that it is proud of him.—Lincoln.

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Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Charities	$8.26	
Parochial Maintenance	20.18	
Missions	43.84	
		$72.28

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Theological Education	4.45	
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Benevolent Society	30.24	
Episcopal Hospital	137.20	
Domestic Missions	3.60	
Church Farm School	16.25	
Community House Debt	46.35	
Diocesan Missions	.75	
Foreign Missions	.75	
Colored Missions	3.00	
Missionary Box	1.90	
Indian Missions	3.65	
Chancel Decorations	1.35	
Deaconess House	17.20	
Daily Vacation Bible School	3.65	
Woman's Auxiliary	5.85	
Red Cross (through Miss Walsh)	103.25	
		$1,034.36
		$1,106.64

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$101.41
Parochial Maintenance	279.00
Missions	341.79
Theological Education	4.45
Our Work Among Young People	5.00
Benevolent Society	30.24
Episcopal Hospital	137.20
Domestic Missions	3.60
Church Farm School	16.25
Community House Debt	46.35
Diocesan Missions	.75
Foreign Missions	.75
Colored Missions	3.00
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

REV. DR. CARL E. GRAMMER, *Rector,*
St. Stephen's Church,
19 South 10th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

The Committee appointed by you to collect funds and to purchase and distribute Christmas Baskets for the poor of the Parish, herewith begs to submit the following report:

Balance on Hand January 14, 1927	$79.24	
Subscriptions received from 12-9-27 to 12-28-27	491.32	
		$570.56

Expenditures

Chickens	$206.38	
Coffee	36.00	
Tea	20.00	
Oranges	40.50	
Tomatoes	12.08	
Sugar	12.60	
Potatoes	25.20	
Apples	35.00	
Peaches	18.75	
Bags and Twine	3.39	
Baskets	17.75	
Envelopes, cards, etc.	25.75	
Stamps, extra help, tips, etc.	9.60	
	$463.00	
Less 10 per cent on Githens, Rexsamer Bill	.99	
		$462.01
Balance on Hand Dec. 28, 1927		$108.55

In addition to the above gifts of cash the Committee gratefully acknowledges:

From Clement Restein— 60 Chickens valued at	$89.64
From Craig Atmore— 125 Mince Pies valued at	75.00

The baskets contained chickens, coffee, tea. oranges, tomatoes, sugar, potatoes, apples, peaches, and mince pies.

We consider the contributions were most liberal and the Committee provided good quality in all of the articles of food. There were a few extra potatoes left over from our purchase, which Miss Lewis will distribute to those who seem in her opinion most worthy. A total of 114 baskets was given out as compared with 103 baskets last year.

The Committee extends to the Rector its compliments and good will, and thanks each and every one who contributed in any way to this good work.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD M. FREESTON,
JAMES CARRIGAN,
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A trifling kindness here and there
Is but a simple, small affair.
Yet if your life was sown this free,
Wide shall your happy harvest be.

Every man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he does not cheat his neighbor. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun.—Worship.

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

When the first Sunday in the month falls on the first day of January, New Year's greetings are in order. May this be a year full of courageous effort, and large achievement. Whatever struggles may fall to our lot, may they never disturb our inward tranquillity. Whatever fights we have to wage, may our hearts never cease to be sanctuaries of devotion and praise. Let us not make happiness our goal; let our aim be to do our duty, to be aggressive fighters for righteousness, to live a courageous, adventurous life, subordinating self to great causes and high aims, resolved to find our happiness in so living.

The first task of the New Year for your Rector will be the delivery of the Bohlen Lectures. The theme will be "Things That Remain." Beginning on Tuesday, January 10th, the lectures will be delivered on Tuesday and Thursday for three successive weeks, six lectures in all. The time will be 4.45 P. M.; the place, the Parish House of Holy Trinity Church. The subject will be some basic beliefs that remain, in spite of the new methods of science, and the new views of the Bible. The first lecture is important since it will explain the platform on which the discussions will be conducted. They are open to the public. Ultimately the lectures, increased by three more chapters, will be published in book form.

This month the Dramatic Club of St. Stephen's will play Jerome K. Jerome's famous play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back." I hope that there will be a fine attendance. The play is of supreme merit, and is one of the finest examples of a spiritual message from the stage.

The parish banquet on December 1st was a great success. Two hundred and thirty-six people sat down together, and the time passed most delightfully, singing favorite hymns in between the courses. Dr. Schmuck made a forcible presentation and committees were appointed to visit in the various sections of the city where our people live. There seems a general resolve to give more to the diocesan and general Church purposes, that is to the pocket outside the Parish. Wouldn't it be splendid if we could raise our expectation to $7,000? It is good to know that we passed our $5,000 pledge in 1927. Would that more people could be persuaded to accept the envelopes and to use them faithfully. They are a great bond. Those who do not use them would be surprised, if they knew how little and sporadically they give compared to the envelope-users. Many a little makes a mickle, applies here. Ten cents more a Sunday from 200 people would amount to $1,000 more in a year.

The Parish did so splendidly in the Diocesan Campaign that I cannot say that I expect much from this effort to get those who made a single contribution to renew their gift. Of course, it is fine when this can be done. Only by sacrificial giving can our hospitals and charities be supported. They are the glory of our Nation, not merely because they relieve suffering but also because they are the products of self-sacrifice. This last is, in truth, their highest glory.

The chief Lenten arrangements have been made. We shall have our well-tried favorites, Dr. Melish, and Bishop Cook, and two new prophets, Dr. Luke White, of Montclair, and the Rev. Dr. Walter Capers, of Jackson, Miss., the brother of Bishop Capers, of West Texas, who was at one time the rector of the Holy Apostles Church, in this city. The non-Episcopal preacher will be Professor Rufus Jones, of Haverford.

Some tribute must be paid here to the Rev. Murray Dewart. I only learned of his death on December 4th, through the return of a letter addressed to him. He had promised to come to us at Lent, and I was looking forward to his co-operation in the Septuagesima Conference. By his death our Church loses one of its most interesting and inspiring preachers, and one of its sweetest and bravest spirits. He was a rare man, so human, and yet so idealistic, so friendly and yet so outspoken, so true a Christian and so manifest a prophet. We may be sure that such a spirit, zealous, beneficent, firm, is serving elsewhere.

In Septuagesima Week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 7th and 8th, the annual Conference of Liberals will be held. The success of the former Conferences has encouraged us to attempt something a little bolder. The Conference this year will be conducted under the auspices of the National Church League, your Rector, the Rev. Dr. George Calvert Carter, and Dean Alan Van Meter, acting as the committee in charge, with patrons drawn from the prominent Liberal clergy of this section, and representative men as far South as Louisiana, and as far West as St. Louis. Subject to some modifications, and additions, the programme will be:

Tuesday, in the Community House, 2 P. M. The Apostles' Creed, as the baptismal creed, shall it be simplified or interpreted? The Rev. Robert Norwood, D.D., D.C.L.

Tuesday, in the Church, 8 P. M. The Church and International Relations. Hon. George W. Wickersham.

The Church and Economic Relations. Rev. Dr. Howard Melish.

Wednesday, in the Church, 11 A. M., after the Communion service. The Nicene Creed and the Catholic Theology: Can Their Values be Preserved by Other Forms? Canon Adye Prichard, Cathedral St. John the Divine.

Luncheon in the Community House for all registered clerical attendants.

In the Church, at 2 P. M. The Thirty-Nine Articles: What Purpose Do They Serve? Professor Sperry, of Syracuse University.

The laity will be invited to all the discussions, but for obvious reasons it is impossible to make the invitation to the lunch so inclusive and only the registered clergy will be invited to that function. Discussion will be limited to the clergy who register and to especially invited laity.

Great exertions were made to secure the presence of Bishop Barnes, of Birmingham, or some other eminent English leader of thought, and spiritual life. But with the best will in the world on the part of our English friends to help us, it was impossible to make arrangements at such short notice as we gave them. It is hoped that we may be more successful next year. If this conference equals the former two, we may confidently hope in 1929 to have a conference of national appeal which will be prepared for by various provincial conferences.

We ought to plan great things, for the defeat of the new Prayer Book in the House of Commons gives Protestantism and Liberalism new vitality in our Church. By that action the laity of England informed the

Bishops and other clergy of the Church of England that they would not tolerate any official recognition of Romish practices and doctrine in the national Church. When the Commons were appealed to to deliver the Church of England from the lawlessness of the Ritualists by a new book, the hard-headed legislators refused to conciliate lawlessness by rewarding it. "How," asked Sir William Joynson Hicks, pointedly, "Can we believe that the Bishop of London will under the new book be able to control the ritualistic clergy, with whom he himself has filled his diocese?" Transubstantiation was the burning article in the English Reformation, and this new Prayer Book by authorizing reservation paved the way for official recognition of a localized Presence in the elements. Sir John Simon argued forcibly that if these changes amount to anything worth while, they are a repudiation of the Reformation position. So the Commons of England rejected them by a good majority. The Church Assembly must now ask itself the question, whether it will not qualify the English Church to be the official church of Protestant England, by being what the Prayer Book makes it officially, an outspokenly Protestant Church.

A comprehensive Church is one thing, and a Church that seeks to combine irreconcilable positions is another. I do not believe that Protestantism and Romanism can be helpfully combined. Their union is like the mixing of milk and water, only a spoiling of elements. Excellent separately but tasteless and poor when united. The Roman Church has discipline and order. Protestantism has freedom and variety. But Ritualism has neither discipline nor freedom. It is lawless and yet under the dominion of the dead past. It is a disruptive element in our Church, forming a Church within a Church and driving out of our Communion the Protestant laity. Anglo-Catholicism like Ultramontanism is the foe and not the partner, nor complement of Liberalism and Comprehension.

The Liberals who think that they can combine logical Sacerdotalists and Liberals in one Church ought to ponder the experience of Cardinal Newman, a man of genius, who tried the Via Media between Romanism and Protestantism and discovered that it was a logical impossibility. Of course, illogical Sacerdotalists can live side-by-side with Protestants, and I am not trying to drive such people out of our Church to their logical goal. But I am convinced that it is our duty to point out that Sacerdotalism is inconsistent with the freedom of the Gospel and the teaching of Galatians, and can be proven by exegesis, by analysis and by experience to be a corruption of the religion of Jesus. But all will in one form or another come up in our Septuagesima Conference.

The following telegram was sent on December 16th, the day after Parliament's action, to the Bishop of Birmingham, by the National Church League: "Doctor Barnes . . . Bishopcroft, Harborne, Birmingham, England: . . . The National Church League of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, through its Executive Committee and for its members, congratulates you and the Bishop of Norwich upon the great work you have done and are doing for the Church of England and for our Church. The Church of England must remain Protestant if she is to retain the confidence of the Anglo-Saxon race. We rejoice that the Deposited Book has been rejected by Parliament. Please send copy of this cable to the Bishop of Norwich. . . . Signed, Alexander G. Cummins, Secretary. . . ."

The editorials in the secular papers that have fallen under my eye show that the issue in regard to the new Prayer Book in England is not properly understood, except in the editorial in the New York Times, which also had the best report of the debate in the House of Commons. The point of view of the American newspapers is that the Church ought to be free to mould its own life. This is, of course, true. But another point is that a Protestant Nation naturally desires that the National Church should be Protestant. The Church of England must give up her position as an Establishment and a large portion of her endowments, if she ceases to be Protestant. That is the significance of this action by Parliament. I do not believe in an Established Church in the abstract, but for sentimental and historical reasons I shrink from seeing the Church of England disestablished, as it will be if it becomes the representative of the religion of the minority. It was as the religion of the minority that the Church was disestablished in Ireland and Wales. It is because the Church of England is officially Protestant, that the Establishment holds on in Protestant England. The doom of the Establishment is sealed as soon as the Church of England ceases to be officially Protestant. Her doom as an influential Church is also certain, as soon as she separates herself decisively from the Protestant world, to be ground, as a tertium quid between the upper and lower millstones of Romanism and Protestantism. This last statement holds true also of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Protestant Churches of the same modes of government and kindred tempers are certain to get together ultimately, as they have done in Canada. Unless we can form some alliance with Liberal Protestantism the future of our Church is dark indeed. Yet the Protestant Episcopal Church has so many splendid traditions that we must continue to hope that the laity will see to it, that Sacerdotalism does not overwhelm her and that our Church continues to make her valuable contributions to religion and life.

How many things there are that I should like to write about in this letter; how many problems there are to be solved; problems international of organizing the world for peace; problems National of inculcating greater obedience to law; problems domestic of conserving and improving the family; problems ecclesiastical, parochial and social. How interesting life is if one doesn't drift, but seeks to react wisely, to modify conditions, to harmonize one's life, to know the Truth, and to walk with God, and do the right. May this be our spirit in 1928.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The Bohlen Lectures

The Bohlen Lectures this year will be delivered by Dr. Grammer. The place will be Holy Trinity Parish House on 20th Street near Walnut. The time will be 4.45, and the theme, "Things That Remain."

The first lecture will be on Tuesday, January 10th, and the subsequent lectures will be on Thursday, January 12th; Tuesday, January 17th; Thursday, January 19th; Tuesday, January 24th, and Thursday, January 26th. Six lectures in all.

The public is invited and especially the congregation of St. Stephen's.

The House of Laity in the Assembly of the Church of England, in the debate over the proposed revision of the English Prayer Book, passed the following resolution:

"That, while the House believes that the great majority of the laity are satisfied with the present service of the Holy Communion, the House will nevertheless agree to the insertion by the Bishops in the Prayer Book of one alternative form containing provision for vestments and reservation for the sick only if, in their opinion, this will promote peace and order in the Church."

Extracts from the speech of Sir W. Joynson-Hicks before the House of Commons, as reported by the London Times, on the proposal to accept a new Prayer Book:

"We are asked to trust the Bishops. Therein lies the difficulty. It is not a question of trust. It is a question of how so many of them can possibly deal with these offences, when they have connived at their existence for twenty years past, and from time to time have appointed men whom they knew to be guilty of these illegalities, to offices in the Church. When I was a witness before the Royal Commission, the Archbishop asked: 'Do you want wholesale prosecutions in the Church?' I said, 'No.' To be asked what would you suggest? I said, 'that is a suggestion I have been making for years past.' There is a vast amount of patronage in the hands of the Archbishops and Bishops. Why appoint to livings in the Church of England men who are guilty of practices and doctrines which the Royal Commission, the late Archbishop Temple, the Archbishop of York declared to be not merely illegal in law but against the doctrine of the Church?

"The Bishop of London has filled the Diocese of London with these men and how can he turn around in a fortnight's time and say to these men: 'You must give up incense, give up adoration, and all these practices?' He knows what the answer will be. A certain canon made a definite stand in St. Paul's Cathedral the other day, and then went back from St. Paul's and conducted an illegal service in his own church.

"I have here a list of the services in Canon Bullock Webster's Church at St. Michael's Paternoster Royal: 'Mass, Mass, Low Mass, High Mass, Requiem Mass for the Departed, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.' At the entrance of the Church, or rather, outside a small chapel of the Church is the statement: 'The Presence Chamber of Jesus Christ. For in this chapel is reserved the Blessed Sacrament ready with the Holy Anointing Oil in an aumbry close by to provide comfort for the sick and dying souls in their extremity.'

"The patron of that Church is the Archbishop. The man who appoints to this living is the Archbishop."

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N. B.—The Bishops now say: "Give up your Protestantism because we cannot enforce it upon our clergy."

The Woman's Auxiliary

The December meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary had many reports of things the little band of faithful workers have done this last month.

It warms the heart this time of year to know that a mission worker in North Dakota, where it is 22 degrees below zero, has fifty dollars for a new overcoat; that Miss Roberts has ten dollars for postage and expressage for Christmas packages of books and toys sent to all corners of our country.

Miss Sibson acknowledged ten dollars for her work in China. Miss Thackara has ninety dollars towards the special offering as a memorial to Miss Washington for the United Thank Offering, and Miss Bright has received one hundred and eighteen dollars to date from twenty-nine contributors for the Thank Offering.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held January 19th, and the hour has been changed to 10.30.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

Mothers' Meeting Sale

A sale of useful and fancy articles, cakes, candies and groceries for the benefit of the Community House will be held in the Parish House on Thursday, January 26th, from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M., by the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church.

It is hoped the members of the congregation will co-operate by sending contributions, and also by attending the sale.

Please send contributions to the Community House, marked Mothers' Meeting.

Young People's Club

The Annual Bazaar of the Young People's Club was held on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 15th, and proved to be very successful. We hope to clear $300, and wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends of the congregation for their kind assistance and support.

Fortieth Anniversary

The Fortieth Anniversary of St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was celebrated on November 28, 1927, with a dinner to all former members, present members, Diocesan Officers, and the Clergy and Vestrymen of the Parish, making 130 guests.

Mrs. David D. Wood acted as Toastmistress.

Greeting of welcome was extended by Dr. Carl E. Grammer, who has been Rector of the Parish for more than half of the forty years of the organization. He referred to studying trees this past summer, and said that in his studies he had found that trees transplanted from European soil to American soil seemed to grow more vigorously in America than American species. Dr. Grammer likened the trees to the Girls' Friendly Society, which was brought here from England, and, like the trees, it was planted in tree boxes, which were the Episcopal Churches, and it had become, like the trees, very vigorous in its growth in American soil. He spoke of friendship, and what it meant to be a friend. Friendship involves an exercise of the imagination, putting yourself in the other person's place, in order to realize his viewpoint. The G. F. S. is a great developer of the imagination.

Miss Maule, Diocesan President, extended her greetings and congratulations for the loyalty exhibited in the past, and brought to us the message of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the G. F. S., held in Boston, of "Looking Forward" and "Widening Horizons," and hoped we would continue in the good work and influence.

A history of the accomplishments of the G. F. S. in Pennsylvania from its origin in May, 1886, was read by Miss Mary Neilson, and was most interesting, especially as so many of St. Stephen's former associates and branch secretaries were referred to therein.

A brief résumé of the work of St. Stephen's Branch was read by Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Lucas, the last Branch President, paid a beautiful tribute to a member—Florence Sherrard—who has passed on to a higher and nobler life. The "Special Effort," which has meant so much to the Branch financially, was inspired and worked out so successfully by Miss Sherrard, and her influence and example will long be felt by the members.

The addresses and history were intermingled with hearty singing of songs from the Girls' Friendly Song Book, which made the evening a very enjoyable one for all present.

The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns and forty large candles gave light to the gathering, while small candle favors at each place added light, before the electric lights were turned on.

In going over the membership it is interesting to note that there are 47 members who have come regularly for over 20 years, 30 members who have come for over 25 years, and 9 members who have come regularly for 35 years.

Mrs. Louis Hall is the only Associate who has continued in service since the organization in 1887, and we were happy to have her in the place of honor. Sarah Gardiner is the only member who has continued since the organization, but she was unable to attend the dinner as she is crippled with rheumatism and can not get about, but she sent her greetings to the members, who remembered her with flowers.

To the Envelope Users

May I make a few suggestions for the coming year, which will be a great help to me?

1. In sending in money to cover a period of Sundays, will you please send the envelopes with the money, and it would be a great help if you would mark the amount to be given on the face of one of the envelopes.

2. Please do not paste the envelopes together as it is apt to destroy the dates.

3. Will everyone try to "catch up" with their envelopes every three months?

Ella Headman,
Treasurer.

The Daily Noon Services

In accord with annual custom, we beg to submit a brief report on the "Daily Noon Services" in "Old St. Stephen's," which will soon round out their sixth year.

The meetings have continued with regularity and promptness and with average attendance around 75. Words of appreciation for this "Open Door" continue to reach us; the following testimony being selected from among others as a beautiful example of things going on throughout the year, yet unheralded and unknown:

Hammonton, N. J., November 15, 1927.

To the Committee on
Noon-Day Services:

"Having received much help and encouragement at your noon meetings, I am glad to so inform you. I have gone in, tired in body and discouraged, but left refreshed and rejoicing in a free salvation through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Being 70 years of age, I cannot attend as often as I would like.

"I must speak of a beautiful experience on one occasion; I had come early as I love to do for meditation, and as I was admiring the scene where the beloved disciple, John, is leaning on the dear Saviour's bosom, I thought what a privilege that all who are His can do the same in spirit and find sweet rest. Just then the grand organ pealed forth softly and sweetly:

"'Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love overshadowing,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.'

"The Holy Spirit seemed to direct the organist and affording a charm to the scene that was indeed inspiring. How sweet to be in His keeping, for in Him is life eternal.

"Yours in Christ's love,
"Signed, A. F. W. Rublack."

Since the early part of the current year, Tuesday's services have been under the direction of the Women's Association, with a view to interesting the young women of near-by business places, including, of course, the public generally; and on Wednesdays, St. Stephen's continues their midweek service as usual.

Faithfully Yours,
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CHARACTERS

Prologue.....Little Lillian Reed
Captain Holiday, Commander of the Ship,
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An Old Sailor.....Mr. John Seed
Buttons, the ship's messenger boy....Charlie Acker
Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Waite, guests,
Mrs. Hopkins and Anna Ditman
Tiny Small, a future elocutionist...Dorothy Hopkins
Polly and Dolly, twins,
Virginia Reed and Bartina Lynch
Steward of the Ship, the cook.....Charlie Schmidt
Sparks, the radio operator for Santa Claus,
William Scherzer
Pickaninnies, afterwards aviators,
Violet Kuhn, Sarah Donoghue and Ethel Higgins
Captain Kidd and his Pirates, hunting for Santa Claus and his money,
Gertrude Allison, Adelaide Mastick, Elsie Martin, Catherine Bowman, Bernice Bovell, Mary Pointer, Florence Killian, Carol Rider, Charlotte Mitchell and Dorothy Witherow
Spirit of Love, who redeems the Pirates and becomes Pilot.....Muriel Bowman
Toyland Guests of the Ship,
Gene Perry, Miriam Mitchell, Gwendolyn Moore
Modern Girls and Girls of Grandma's Day,
Mildred and Mabel Wheeler, Edith Frey, Cicely Pointer, Lillian Gwynne and Ivy Perry
Boatswain, at the helm.....Risden Wenrich
Neptune, King of the Sea.....Risden Wenrich
An old-time Spanish Captain's Daughter,
Florence Allison
Two little Bears adrift at Sea,
Fred Schmid and John Bell
Stowaways, found in boxes and barrels,
Mary Reed, Ronnie and Elsie Bell
Properties and lights.....Roland Kuhn
Santa Claus, as usual.....George H. Streaker

God bless everyone and may you all find that Love is the Pilot of The Christmas Ship

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19—Miss Gebhart
26—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey

Mar. 4—Mrs. Barclay
11—Dr. Grammer
18—Mrs. Sheble
25—Miss Tappen
26—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb

April 1—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting
5—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb
8—Easter
15—Mrs. Sheble
22—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell
29—

May 6—Mrs. Woodward
13—Miss Townsend
17—Ascension
20—Mrs. Higham
27—Whitsunday—Mrs. Woodward

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23—Miss Thackara
30—Miss Louise Betts Edwards

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell
14—Miss Maulsby
21—Mrs. Sheble
28—Mrs. Keable

Nov. 1—All-Saints' Day—Mr. Arrison and Mrs. Shellenberger
4—Girls' Friendly Society
11—Miss Mary De Haven Bright
18—Miss Eisenbrey
25—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

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16—
23—
25—Christmas
30—Miss Emily Bell

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but for a line, be that sublime—not failure,
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Rise up, O men of God,
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of Kings.
—William P. Merrill.

Christianity is the spirit and quality of life breathed into people from fellowship with Jesus.—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Follow with rev'rent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was "doing good";
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's Temple,
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11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

THE BURD SCHOOL
(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

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Receives girls only. The conditions of admission are that the father must be dead, the mother not married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission. The children will be kept until they are 18 or equipped to earn their living.

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Superintendent—Mr. George H. Streaker.
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MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE

Thursday, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
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COMMUNITY HOUSE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock

January 4—Elenore M. Loben.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder."

January 4—Robert H. Ramstey and Elenore M. Loben.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Dec. 28—Anna Janney Lippincott.
Jan. 11—Louise Betts Edwards.
Jan. 19—Thomas Haskins Graham.

Community House

The approximate attendance in the Community House for the month of November was 1734—and 63 meetings. December, 1528—and 46 meetings.

AMOUNTS COLLECTED FROM 25TH DEC. TO END OF YEAR 1927

Amounts placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Community House Debt	$85.52	$85.52

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$26.70	
Parochial Maintenance	57.80	
Missions	115.25	
Theological Education	.99	
Our Work Among Young People	3.00	
Benevolent Society	6.90	
Episcopal Hospital	3.00	
Domestic Missions	3.97	
Community House Debt	128.39	
Diocesan Missions	2.12	
Foreign Missions	2.17	
Colored Missions	2.27	
Missionary Box	.65	
Indian Missions	3.97	
Chancel Decorations	.50	
Deaconess House	5.35	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.85	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.50	
		367.38
		$452.90

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$26.70
Parochial Maintenance	57.80
Missions	115.25
Theological Education	.99
Our Work Among Young People	3.00
Benevolent Society	6.90
Episcopal Hospital	3.00
Domestic Missions	3.97
Community House Debt	213.91
Diocesan Missions	2.12
Foreign Missions	2.17
Colored Missions	2.27
Missionary Box	.65
Indian Missions	3.97
Chancel Decorations	.50
Deaconess House	5.35
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.85
Woman's Auxiliary	2.50
	$452.90

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 1ST JAN. TO 8TH JAN., INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Charities	$32.43	
Parochial Maintenance	29.36	
		$61.79

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$54.20
Parochial Maintenance	65.95
Missions	106.38
Theological Education	2.00

Our Work Among Young People...	1.37	
Benevolent Society	4.59	
Domestic Missions	1.00	
Community House Debt	66.64	
Diocesan Missions	1.00	
Foreign Missions	1.30	
Colored Missions	1.00	
Missionary Box	1.12	
Indian Missions	1.00	
Chancel Decorations	.50	
Deaconess House	.75	
Daily Vacation Bible School.....	1.17	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.22	
		$311.19
		$372.98

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$86.63
Parochial Maintenance	95.31
Missions	106.38
Theological Education	2.00
Our Work Among Young People...	1.37
Benevolent Society	4.59
Domestic Missions	1.00
Community House Debt	66.64
Diocesan Missions	1.00
Foreign Missions	1.30
Colored Missions	1.00
Missionary Box	1.12
Indian Missions	1.00
Chancel Decorations	.50
Deaconess House	.75
Daily Vacation Bible School.....	1.17
Woman's Auxiliary	1.22
	$372.98

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENVELOPE SYSTEM, 1927

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Charities	$269.97	
Parochial Maintenance	235.41	
Missions	269.82	
Theological Education	59.74	
Our Work Among Young People..	13.12	
Benevolent Society	112.98	
Episcopal Hospital	30.07	
Domestic Missions	12.20	
Community House Debt	85.52	
Diocesan Missions	28.02	
Colored Missions	25.42	
Missionary Box	7.33	
Indian Missions	15.06	
Chancel Decorations	54.69	
Deaconess House	22.87	
Daily Vacation Bible School.....	27.97	
Woman's Auxiliary	20.71	
Expectation	124.28	
Red Cross (Flood Sufferers).....	17.01	
Red Cross	9.30	
		$1,441.49

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$816.54	
Parochial Maintenance	2,109.12	
Missions	2,370.82	
Theological Education	134.54	
Our Work Among Young People..	68.15	
Benevolent Society	280.34	
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.00	
Episcopal Hospital	773.20	
Domestic Missions	72.67	
Church Farm School	65.00	
Community House Debt	420.98	
Diocesan Missions	100.09	
Foreign Missions	68.22	
Colored Missions	59.87	
Missionary Box	53.45	
Indian Missions	68.07	
Chancel Decorations	79.50	
Deaconess House	66.20	
Daily Vacation Bible School.....	83.80	
Woman's Auxiliary	76.60	
		$7,768.16
Special Envelopes for Expectation.	$799.02	
Red Cross (Flood Sufferers).....	157.20	
Red Cross	103.25	
Near East Relief	24.25	
		1,083.72
		$10,293.37

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$1,086.51
Parochial Maintenance	2,344.53
Missions	3,563.94
Theological Education	194.28
Our Work Among Young People..	81.27
Benevolent Society	393.32
Endowment Fund, St. Stephen's Church	1.00
Episcopal Hospital	803.27
Domestic Missions	84.87
Church Farm School	65.00
Community House Debt	506.50
Diocesan Missions	128.11
Foreign Missions	68.22
Colored Missions	85.29
Missionary Box	60.78
Indian Missions	83.13
Chancel Decorations	134.19
Deaconess House	89.07
Daily Vacation Bible School.....	111.77
Woman's Auxiliary	97.31
Red Cross (Flood Sufferers).....	174.21
Red Cross	112.55
Near East Relief	24.25
	$10,293.37

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

God has made the universe so mysteriously that when sorrow and misery are shared, they decrease, but when joy and love are shared, they increase.—Dr. Takamatsu, of Kyoto.

The Rector's Letter

My Dear Parishioners:

The great events of February will be first the Septuagesima Conference on the 7th and 8th, the beginning of Lent on February 22nd, and the gathering together of the Confirmation Class on Friday nights in the Vestry Room, at 8.15 P. M.

This will be our third Septuagesima Conference. We have aimed to enlarge its appeal by placing it under the auspices of the Executive Committee of the National Church League, and a group of prominent Liberal Clergy, who have consented to act as patrons. The subjects discussed are of great importance to the Liberal element in our Church. On Tuesday night the session will be in the Church and the discussion of the relation of the Church to International and Economic issues will be of great popular interest. On the first point, the International Relations, the speaker will be the Hon. Geo. W. Wickersham, Attorney General of the United States in President Taft's Cabinet, and a member of the International Commission to codify International Law. . . . On the second point, the speaker will be Dr. Howard Melish, of Brooklyn. I particularly urge the congregation to attend this Tuesday night meeting, February 7th, at 8 P. M. They will be welcome at all the sessions. On Wednesday St. Stephen's Church will entertain the registered attendants of the Conference at lunch in the Community House. If the Conference goes off as well as its predecessors, I think that we may look forward to having some distinguished English theologians with us in 1929, and something like a National gathering of Liberals. We failed to secure such a visitor this year, because we did not begin soon enough.

Don't allow yourself to be frightened by the cry that controversies do harm to the cause of religion. "Let truth and falsehood grapple, who ever knew truth to be put to the worst in a free and open encounter?" The worst danger is that religion be ignored or overlooked; accepted or rejected supinely, and never have its claims and functions, its foundations and aims adequately and earnestly examined.

The list of Lenten speakers is published elsewhere. The two new names are, Dr. Rufus Jones, who needs no introduction to this community, and will certainly bring us a helpful message, and Dr. Walter B. Capers, who is the brother of the present Bishop of West Texas, the sometime rector of the Holy Apostles. Dr. Capers is a South Carolinian and possesses the gifts of oratory for which the Palmetto State has long been famous. We were to have had Dr. Murray Dewart with us, but he has been called to service in other realms. Greatly will he be missed in our Conference and in our Lenten Services. He was a true messenger of God, anointed with the oil of gladness, and proclaiming by his life as well as by word the gospel of love. It is an inspiration to have had such a man in our pulpit, and he counted so upon meeting us once more. How incomplete and futile life would be, if death could end all for such a radiant spirit.

I hope that the Congregation will remember that these services at St. Stephen's have a special claim to their presence, if they can attend Noon-day Services.

Confirmation season is always a time when the minister and the congregation ought to ask themselves the question, what are we doing, to gather in the unattached, unshepherded, unfriended? No man can live to himself. We need the help of kindred spirits. Especially is this true in religion. The world is so much with us, with its standards and its appraisals, with its subtle temptations, and its rude domineerings, that we need the support of like-minded people to cling to spiritual values in spite of these blusterings and allurements. The confirmation invitation is "Come with us and we will do thee good." "Confess your allegiance to God, openly to the world, and learn peace and strength that faith and courage give." The classes will meet on Friday weekly at 8.15 P. M., in the Parish House until Confirmation, which will take place on Sunday morning, March 25th.

Especial acknowledgment is due to the fine work of St. Stephen's Players' Guild, in giving Jerome K. Jerome's celebrated and difficult play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back." The rendition was very fine

—restrained, and yet interpretative. Especial mention must be made of Mr. Joseph C. Fox's splendid impersonation of the Passing Visitor. He had much the longest dialogue to learn, and the key part in the piece, and splendidly did he fulfil the demands of a difficult part. He had the most difficult role, but all participants deserve high praise and took their parts admirably. The play was the high-water mark of dramatic achievement at St. Stephen's. The organization of this guild was due to Mr. Kevin, and special acknowledgment must be made of the indebtedness that the parish is under to him for these two uplifting performances. What a splendid world this would be, if only there were more of the spirit of truth and love, which the lodger in the third floor back brought to that boarding house. Here is the cast list:

PASSING OF THE THIRD FLOOR BACK

By JEROME K. JEROME

Second Annual Production of the St. Stephen's Players' Guild

in

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Tuesday and Friday, January 17 and 20

A Fantasy in Three Acts

Mrs. Sharpe, the Landlady.....Mrs. Ruth German
Stasia, the Slavey.....Miss Gertrude Allison
Miss Kite, Unattached.....Miss Grace Armstrong
Mrs. Tompkins, a Shrew.....Miss Ann Shroder
Mrs. Percival De Hooley.....Miss Elsie Willmott
Cousin to Sir George Tweedle, Bart.
Major Tompkins, retired...Mr. Norman H. Vanaman
Vivian, his Daughter.....Miss Emily Shroder
Joey Wright, a rich retired Bookmaker,
Mr. Thomas Bell
Christopher Penny, a Painter.Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong
Jape Samuels, of the City.....Mr. Fred Fanz
Harry Larkom, his Jackal.....Mr. Edward McCanee
A Stranger, The Third Floor Back....Mr. Joseph Fox

SCENE: The first floor front of a boarding house at No. 13 Bloomsbury Place, London, W. C. The scene is the same for the three acts.

ACT ONE—Time: Friday afternoon, a bleak November day.

ACT TWO—Evening of the same day.

ACT THREE—Another foggy Friday afternoon much later.

Committee on Production—Miss Gertrude Bixler, Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, Jr., Miss Katherine Kennedy, Mr. Robert Oliver Kevin, Mr. James Carrigan, Mr. Charles Kleeman, Mrs. Ethel Keable.

In the interval between Acts 2 and 3, Miss Muriel Falkingham played the violin, being accompanied by Mr. Edward S. Barnes.

I hope that the Guild may give us another play before the summer dispersion, and may be able to give this play elsewhere. It deserves repetition.

Though I have spoken from the Chancel of the great loss that our Church has sustained in the death of Louise Betts Edwards, some tribute must be paid her in this paper, for the sake of those who were not present on the Sunday immediately after her funeral. While Miss Edwards was not able, on account of her strenuous business life, as the head for these last years of an important advertising department in Wanamaker's great store, to take an active part in the work of the Church, she was, nevertheless, one of the great helpers of the parish activities. No one was more responsive to appeals, in generous gifts, no one loved St. Stephen's with a more single-hearted devotion. Her connection with the Church went back to Dr. McConnell's days. All the rectors were enshrined in her loyal and affectionate heart. She was one of those friends, who cannot bear to sit silent and allow a friend's deficiencies to be pointed out, without coming to their defence, by pointing out the redeeming traits, if she could not deny the defect. She was an unusual combination of love of freedom, and strong loyalty. During my family's absence in Europe in the Winter of 1910 and 1911, I sat at the same table with Miss Edwards and her mother, Mrs. Holman, in Miss Colston's boarding house, the Cambridge, on Spruce street. We made a household, so to speak, for the season. Mrs. Holman was one of the first women to take up architecture as a profession, a person of vivid intelligence, wide reading, and strong personality. She and Louise were united with the closest bonds of intellectual affinity, and strong affection. Never have I known a daughter more devoted, and absorbed in the welfare of a Mother. Louise had early shown unusual creative gifts, both in verse and in novel writing. If she had had leisure, she could, I am sure, have written some verses or stories that would have endured. Her insights were remarkably clear, and she was able to express with crystalline clearness, all the nuances and shades of meaning of her thought. She has long been included in "Who's Who in America." Unfortunately the ill-health of her mother, and the demands of business, made it impossible for her to give to literature her main strength, and as her responsibilities increased she did less and less in that field. The death of her mother several years ago was a great shock from which she never fully recovered. With that loss, life for her began to darken, and sad as it was for us who loved her, to lose her, we recognize that she welcomed death as a great release.

Few except those who came in daily contact with her, can miss her more than I. She belonged to me, as a rector, not merely by canon-law. She was of my spiritual flock. We spoke the same language, felt in the same way about the Episcopal Church, and found comfort and solace in the same truths. When she was in Church, and she was a faithful attendant when her health and duties permitted, I had an auditor, who responded eagerly to the message, that it was vouchsafed to me to deliver. Her spiritual sympathy, and her friendship were sources of power. Greatly shall I miss her, so loyal, so loving, so gifted, so true, so staunch a follower of Jesus, so profound a believer in God and Immortality and Truth. We may well thank God, for having given St. Stephen's the honor of possessing such a member.

I hope that her verses may be collected in a memorial volume. She had much of the quality of Mrs. Browning in her fluency and wealth of emotion. It is a pity that she did not write hymns, for she had it in her, in her swift directness and warmth of emotion, to write beautiful hymns.

Here is the hymn she wrote, at my request, to the metre of "Come, My Soul, Thou Must Be Waking," that it might be sung to Selden Miller's noble tune. The words sing themselves. I wish that it were printed in our hymnal.

Christian soul, the times are calling,
Altars falling,
Men's hearts failing them for fear;
Unto thee their eyes are turning,
Spirits yearning
For the word of faith and cheer.

Christian soul! great deeds await thee,
Consecrate thee,
To the task that nearest lies;
Question not that God will use thee,
Nor refuse thee
Blessing on thy sacrifice.

Walk thou not as one benighted,
Nor affrighted;
Where the foolish see no God,
Thine to glimpse the fiery column,
Thine the solemn
Comfort of His staff and rod!

—*Louise Betts Edwards.*

I do not think that I am wrong in holding that this next hymn is also worthy of a place in the hymnology for use at anniversaries of churches.

Lord, we love Thy habitation, and our hearts rise to Thee,
In this place of consecration, as the tides seek the sea.
What a mighty congregation, what a psalmody sublime,
Should our ancient church assemble all it blessed within their time!

In this shrine of sacred beauty, where we kneel, thousands knelt.
Faith and service, love and duty, in their breasts burning dwelt.
As we reap the hallowed harvest of their travail and their tears,
God of sons, as well as fathers, may we sow for future years!

With a city's turmoil seething round its walls, grave and gray,
Let us keep it living, breathing; we must watch; we must pray;
To futurity bequeathing truths eternal, newly read,
And an house of holy worship, where the hungry soul is fed.

As we have received, O Master, may we give, freely give;
For a service fuller, vaster, nobly toil, nobly live.
Let our box of alabaster shed its fragrance far abroad;
Make us worthy of the keeping of the courts of our Lord! Amen.

—*Louise Betts Edwards.*

The grace she wrote for the Burd School runs thus:

Lord, bless the bread we break this day,
And bless the faith in which we pray.
For grace to grow and grace to live,
And grace, like Thine, to love and give.

Surely this is hard to equal as a grace for little children to sing. Whatever verse I turn out is, I know, compared to hers like a manufactured article beside a growing plant, but she loved verse so much that I have been moved to write this sonnet to her memory. I like to think that she would be gratified by an effort to praise her in a medium she loved so well.

LOUISE BETTS EDWARDS

By law mysterious hath nature bound
  Fragility with charm. Slender and small
  The birds, whose wild and warbling notes please all,
In harmonies orchestral sweetest sound

The fragile strings. And Beauty's favorite seat
  Is not on rock-piled hills nor landscape wide,
  But 'mid the flowers, where she loves to hide
In secret cell—a hermit-like retreat.

Such Barrett-Browning's form, where poesy
  So richly dwelt. Such slightness, too, was thine,
  Louise. Small toiler, brave, thou wast a shrine
Of genius, too, a-glow with loyalty
And love, equipped with logic's keen-edged sword,
With insight swift and bright, revealing word.

One of my activities this past month has been cooperating in the campaign for a Greater Woman's Medical College. Our present medical school, exclusively for women, is the first of its kind in the world, and it is still the only school of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. It is a great honor to Philadelphia to possess such an institution. The eminent Dr. Chevalier Jackson vouches for it as a school of the first rank, with graduates of proven efficiency. Not only does it turn out excellent practitioners, it also opens careers to female physicians as teachers and investigators. Unfortunately, it is miserably equipped. So they are attempting to raise an endowment of a million dollars. All the clubs of women, and all societies of women would do well, if they would follow the example of the St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly and St. Stephen's King's Daughters, both of which made generous contributions. In state institutions, girls' schools, women physicians are most efficient, in some cases they are required by law. Even greater is the demand for them in the mission field. No co-educational medical college gives women the welcome or the opportunity they have in this Philadelphia college for women only.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Mrs. Grammer will be at home, 1008 Clinton Street, after 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoons in February.

Benevolent Society

Miss Ewing, after many years of efficient service as the Vice-President and Director of the Benevolent Society, has resigned, and the members have elected her Honorary Vice-President.

I need not say how grateful this arrangement is to me. If the inner forces of the Church during my rectorship were revealed, a large place would be given to Hunter Ewing and Miss Ewing. Mr. Cleeman had been the Accounting Warden so long that people felt as if a tower had fallen down when he died. When I appealed to Mr. Ewing to take the place, he resigned the position of Accounting Warden that he held at the Church of the Redeemer to take this new responsibility. Never can I forget his helpfulness at that crisis. In the same spirit Miss Ewing came to the assistance of Mrs. Grammer in the Benevolent. Like Sister, and like Brother.

An Excellent Record

The Expectation agreed on for 1927 was $5,000. That was to be St. Stephen's contribution for the work of the Church outside the Parish for missions—Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign.

The report of Mr. Benjamin West Frazier, the Diocesan Treasurer, is before me. St. Stephen's gave in 1927: for maintenance, $5,468.96; specials, $520.00—within a few dollars of $6,000. In addition to this, we are giving our annual contribution to the great Diocesan Campaign and paying our assessments for the support of the Diocesan machinery. This is, of course, what we ought to do, and there is no reason for boasting. Still it is a record that a downtown Church need not be ashamed of, and as there are people who are never so happy as when comparing the present unfavorably with the past, I think it worth while emphasizing this excellent result.

I hope that we shall do better next year. Never, I am sure in all its history, was St. Stephen's a greater moral force than it is to-day, never was it more democratic and hospitable, never had it so many activities, never had it anything like the number of devotional services. These are great days for the Parish, if we see things in their right values.

IN PRAISE OF CHRISTMAS

I love the joyous Christmas-tide
  Which, like a rose begirt with thorns,
  Blossoms so sweet amid the storms—
A heart's-ease by a glacier's side;

When happy bells ring out their chimes
  And Winter old outbraves young May;
  When darkest night brings brightest day,
And solemn Church has jolly mimes;

When warmth within, in home and heart,
  Outvies the cold of earth and sky,
  And Brotherhood in God on high
Unites, whom earth's worm-fences part;

When children, steeped in nursery lore
  Of Santa Claus and deer-drawn sled,
  Are wild with mingled hope and dread
And sleepless half the night before;

When all forgot, except the need
  That on this day good-will should reign,
  Fond parents their resources drain,
To show their love by generous deed;

When greetings speed o'er sea and land,
  From Southern Cross to Polar star,
  And draw together near and far,
By loving word and clasping hand.

O happy feast of Solstice drear,
  Whose gifts are sent no ends to gain,
  But fall like Heaven's impartial rain
On good and bad, on far and near.

O sacred feast, whose Star's blest light
  Shines high to guide the sage and meek,
  Who, 'mid our wild confusions, seek
To walk with God and do the right.

C. E. G.

Strolling on the outermost foothills of Parnassus, I picked up this flower—perhaps it is a weed—but I hope that it may serve to assure you of my best wishes for

A Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

CARL E. GRAMMER.

Cake and Candy Sale

On Friday, February 17th, from 3 until 9 P. M., the King's Daughters will hold their annual Cake and Candy Sale, in the Community House. Contributions of cakes, candies, pies, preserves, etc., will be most welcome, and we will hope to see all our faithful friends at that time. Stop in and have a cup of tea and some cake! Proceeds are for the Community House.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Miss Elizabeth Howland, of St. Mary's School for Indian girls at Springfield, S. D., was the speaker at the January meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

This school is in Bishop Burlison's district. The thirty-seven pupils, ranging from ten to eighteen years of age, do all the work of the institution.

Each month their work is changed to a different routine, so that they may be taught every line of work in the making of a home.

During Lent last year these girls made eighty-eight dollars for their mite boxes. Most of it was earned by sewing.

The sum of ten dollars was given to the school by St. Stephen's.

The next meeting will be held February 16th, at ten thirty.

BEULAH E. HOLLAR,
Secretary.

DAILY NOON-DAY LENTEN SERVICES—1928

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
10th Street above Chestnut

February 22—Ash Wednesday—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.
February 23—Rt. Rev. Frank William Sterrett, D.D., LL.D., Bishop Coadjutor of Bethlehem, Pa.
February 24—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
February 25—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Assistant of St. Stephen's.
February 27-March 2nd—Rev. J. Howard Melish, D.D., Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
March 3—Rev. Harry St. Clair Hathaway, Dean of the Pro-Cathedral, Philadelphia.
March 5-9—Rev. Walter B. Capers, D.D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Mississippi.
March 10—Rev. Richard H. Gurley, St. Martin's Church, Radnor, Pa.
March 12-16—Rev. Luke M. White, D.D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Montclair, N. J.
March 17—Rev. Charles Henry Long, Zion Church, Philadelphia.
March 19-23—Dr. Rufus M. Jones, Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.
March 24—Rev. Joseph Manuel, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital.
March 26-30—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.
March 31—Rev. John L. Hady, Rector of Old Swedes' Church.
April 2-6—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
April 7—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Assistant of St. Stephen's.

The Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, acknowledges with thanks the contributions made to it by the members of St. Stephen's Parish, as listed, collected by Mrs. Brown.

Through the courtesy of Strawbridge & Clothier, a Fashion Show and Musicale will be given on the fifth floor of the store, on Tuesday afternoon, February 14th, at half past one o'clock, for the benefit of the missions of the North Convocation, under the auspices of the Woman's Aid, for which a charge of fifty cents will be made, to see the newest spring fashions on models and to listen to the music afterward.

CONTRIBUTORS TO WOMAN'S AID OF NORTH PHILADELPHIA CONVOCATION, 1928

Miss Laura Bell	$5.00
Miss Emily Bell	1.00
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Misses Eisenbrey	1.00
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Miss Susan C. Thackara	.50
Mrs. W. B. Townsend	2.00
Mrs. Frank H. Whiting	.50
	$30.00

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 2

Our first dinner which was given last month turned out to be very successful, and we take this opportunity to thank Mr. Fisher, a friend of the Rector's, and also our good friend Mr. Reifsnyder, for their kindness. Fifteen boys were present together with Dr. Grammer and the Troop Committee. The prizes which were given for the best All Around Scouting during the year were awarded to Scouts Fred Neimann, Jack Girogasian and Fred Schmid, all of whom have duly earned them.

On Friday, January 6th, we advanced our Junior Assistant Scout-Master, Frank J. McKenna, to Assistant Scout-Master, an office which he earned through his hard and earnest work with the troop.

Our troop is now operating under the Patrol System, and we are working hard in order to have every boy a First Class Scout. Fred Neimann and Jack Girogasian went before the First Class Review Board last month and came out successful in every test.

An Inter-District contest having been started, every troop in the district will have a chance to compete for a silver loving cup, which will be awarded to the best troop in the district.

In March our troop will celebrate its first anniversary. An open meeting will be held, and we extend an invitation to all to attend. The date will be announced later.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Annual Report of Librarian—January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928

Current periodicals sent regularly	76
Donors of above current periodicals	40
Bibles and Testaments	12
Prayer Books and Hymnals	203
Books—Theological and secular	212
Tracts and Catechisms	70
Odd magazines and papers	1093
Christmas and Easter Cards	228
Picture cards and calendars	65
Pictures, games and miscellaneous	68
Number of institutions in diocese aided	8

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance on hand	$47.36
Received from Rector	25.00
Received from Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Received from other sources	68.50
Total	$150.86

Expenditures

Postage and stationery	$9.90
Freight and express	1.95
Books	10.00
Magazine subscriptions	63.90
Annual dues	10.00
Balance on hand	55.11
Total	$150.86

MARY M. ROBERTS, *Librarian.*

Of the large edition of 80,000 of this year's Daily Bible Readings, 60,000 had been sold by the first of the year.

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND, 1928

Jan. 1—Mrs. William Bryant
8—Miss Kirkpatrick
15—Miss Ernst
22—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper
29—Miss Gregg

Feb. 2—
5—Miss Gebhart
12—Mrs. Sheble
19—Miss Gebhart
26—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey

Mar. 4—Mrs. Barclay
11—Dr. Grammer
18—Mrs. Sheble
25—Miss Tappen
26—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb

April 1—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting
5—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb
8—Easter
15—Mrs. Sheble
22—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell
29—

May 6—Mrs. Woodward
13—Miss Townsend
17—Ascension
20—Mrs. Higham
27—Whitsunday—Mrs. Woodward

June 3—Miss Mary M. Roberts
10—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
17—Miss Gebhart
24—Miss Cornelia Ewing

July 1—
8—King's Daughters
15—
22—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell
29—

Aug. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing
12—Mrs. Love
19—
26—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 2—Miss Cornelia Ewing
9—Miss Powell
16—Mrs. Sheble
23—Miss Thackara
30—Mrs. Lamb

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell
14—Miss Maulsby
21—Mrs. Sheble
28—Mrs. Keable

Nov. 1—All-Saints' Day—Mr. Arrison and Mrs. Shellenberger
4—Girls' Friendly Society
11—Miss Mary De Haven Bright
18—Miss Eisenbrey
25—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

Dec. 2—Mrs. Sheble
9—The Misses Davis
16—
23—
25—Christmas
30—Miss Emily Bell

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund kindly communicate with

MRS. WM. B. CAMPBELL,
Warburton House, Phila., Pa.

NUGGETS OF WISDOM

Do your duty. Reward comes by faithful service.—Emerson.

No idle person is ever safe, whether he be rich or poor.—Booker T. Washington.

Leisure is time for doing something useful. Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to gain leisure.—Franklin's Poor Richard.

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall.—Confucius.

Burd School Achievement

The girls of the Burd School last year established a record of splendid accomplishment in the raising of $20 as a gift to the Diocesan campaign for Institutions and Missions. The girls had pledged $100 in all, to be raised by each girl's giving a penny a week for five years. The managers of the fund at the school were Marie Carter and Mary Jane Gutierrez.

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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Thursday, 7.30 P. M.

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"Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder."

February 17—Charles Pfingstag and Minnie Herold.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

February 17—Richard Gardiner.

King's Daughters

We wish to thank each and every one of the many friends who contributed in any way to the success of our Cake and Candy Sale. This year we did not net quite as large an amount as formerly, so we are planning to have a card party on Tuesday evening, March 20th, on the third floor of the Community House. No tickets will be issued, but a contribution of 50 cents will be collected from each player. Provision will be made for playing Bridge, Five Hundred and Pinochle. Do come and spend a pleasant evening with us.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 15TH JAN. TO 12TH FEB., 1928, INC.

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$27.75	
Parochial Maintenance	30.43	
Missions	13.98	
Diocesan Missions	29.91	
Foreign Missions	20.87	
		$122.94

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$67.63	
Parochial Maintenance	219.60	
Missions	212.22	
Theological Education	1.60	
Our Work Among Young People	2.10	
Benevolent Society	3.20	
Episcopal Hospital	6.25	
Domestic Missions	2.10	
Church Farm School	6.25	
Community House Debt	7.75	
Diocesan Missions	83.87	
Foreign Missions	60.50	
Colored Missions	2.00	
Missionary Box	4.10	
Indian Missions	2.10	
Chancel Decorations	1.25	
Deaconess House	2.85	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.10	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.35	
		$687.82
		$810.76

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$95.38
Parochial Maintenance	250.03
Missions	226.20
Theological Education	1.60
Our Work Among Young People	2.10
Benevolent Society	3.20
Episcopal Hospital	6.25
Domestic Missions	2.10
Church Farm School	6.25
Community House Debt	7.75
Diocesan Missions	113.78
Foreign Missions	81.37
Colored Missions	2.00
Missionary Box	4.10
Indian Missions	2.10
Chancel Decorations	1.25
Deaconess House	2.85
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.10
Woman's Auxiliary	1.35
	$810.76

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Gtn.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioner:

Our Annual Septuagesima Conference was a great success. To enhance its dignity I placed it under the auspices of the National Church League, an organization which seeks to preserve the comprehensive character of our Church, by maintaining its official Protestantism. Its members are convinced that only a Church that is officially Protestant can be relied on to protect constitutional liberty; that such a polity as ours can never be conserved, if our Church repudiates its Protestant standards and falls into the hands of those who believe in the Divine right of Bishops and Priests to control the thought and conduct of the laity. This is the basic conviction of the National Church League. Along with the League were associated as Patrons, the following clergymen:

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Dean George S. Southworth, Marquette, Mich.
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Those who desired to take part in our deliberations were asked to register and pay a fee of $1.00. The registration was 170, the largest that we have ever had, and much the largest proportion of visitors from out of town. Sixteen dioceses were represented. A series of Reinicker Lectures at the Virginia Seminary by Rev. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin at the same time cut down the attendance from the Virginia dioceses. The papers will be published in The Chronicle. All of them were most interesting and rewarding. Through the generous gifts of friends, we were able to entertain our clerical visitors from out of town at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, on Tuesday night. They had a fine time together, and it is whispered that they got together in a room for a smoker, and continued their confabulations till midnight. Those who came from Anglo-Catholic dioceses enjoyed the fellowship with a special relish. The attendance at the luncheon which the Rector and Vestry gave our visitors on the second day of the Conference was 160. It was resolved that the Rector of St. Stephen's be authorized by the Conference to invite the Bishop of Birmingham to attend the Conference in 1929. This request has already been mailed. Of course, the expenses of travel and entertainment will be provided. It is hoped that with such long notice Bishop Barnes may be able to accept. In that case the next Conference will be for three instead of two days. One of the most significant results was the determination to get up a similar Conference some time this year in St. Louis. Something may be confidently hoped in this line for the clergymen who expressed it, the Rev. Dr. E. S. Travers, and the Rev. C. R. Taylor came all the way from St. Louis to examine our Conference, and announced themselves as delighted with its spirit and methods. After that I shall hope for Conferences in Atlanta, New Orleans, Denver, and California.

"As wild his thoughts and gay of wing,
As Eden's garden bird, ..."

you may quote. But surely the trouble with us, is not too much imagination, but too little. Only those who expect great things, attempt great things. What I should like to see is a Protestant Episcopal Church, that would unite the free children of the Spirit. If there is to be a consolidation of Churches, let it be a consolidation of the Liberal elements in all the churches in a church that is delivered from the bondage of the letter, and from the ravages of the wild-boar of Sacerdotalism.

The Bishop has at last been forced to ask for a Coadjutor. His physician says that he is overworking himself and must have help. Much is to be said for the English method of getting bishops with small

dioceses to assist the Bishops of great cities. So the Bishop of Rochester for years assisted the Bishop of London. How admirable it would be to have the assistance of the Bishops of Delaware and Easton in this manner. In this way the choice of a successor to the Diocese could be deferred. But when such a proposal is broached to a Delawarean or an Eastern Shore Marylander, at once he takes up arms. He is indignant that any one should think that Delaware, with its thirty clergy, or Easton with its thirty-seven clergy, should not require all the energy and the full time of a Bishop. Those regions are now all readily accessible by fine roads, over which the Episcopal automobile can speed swiftly and comfortably. But the people have not realized that any new adjustments are possible. The difficulty, of course, lies in their minds. These mental hazards are very troublesome, and I suppose we must accept the impossibility of such arrangements. May God guide our deliberations, and enable us to procure a Coadjutor, who will work harmoniously with Bishop Garland and continue the spirit that has made his administration of the diocese so successful in uniting all the elements of our Church in works of Christian service. The ideal choice would be a man of the same Churchmanship as Bishop Garland, at least ten years younger, fifteen years would be better, with experience in various fields, and in parishes small and large. There is much to be said for electing a clergyman of the diocese, if the right man can be found, but there is also sound objection to too much inbreeding—Colleges and Dioceses often profit by bringing in new blood.

Now that Lent has come, I hope that the members of the congregation will remember that these noonday services are ours, and that they have a claim on your support, if you can get off at the noon hour. Mr. Klink has been for so many years one of the chief pillars of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood services that I have to give him a dispensation. They would not know how to get on without him at the Garrick. But all the other parishioners who attend noonday services are looked for at St. Stephen's. Our chief speakers are Dr. Melish, Dr. Capers, of Jackson, Miss., where he is rector of one of the largest Churches in the South; Dr. Luke White, of Montclair, the successor of Bishop Stearly in the rectorship, who declined a call to succeed Bishop Freeman, at the Epiphany, Washington, D. C.; Professor Rufus Jones, of Haverford, and Bishop Cook, not to speak of myself and the local clergy who will help me out.

On March 25th, will be Confirmation. The class will meet every Friday till that date, at 8.15 o'clock, in the Vestry.

I call especial attention to the Ladies' Aid Society, that under the leadership of Mrs. Campbell, meets on Friday during Lent in the Guild Room above the Vestry, and makes layettes for distribution by Miss Lewis.

Thus far this letter has been entirely occupied with matters ecclesiastical, let me not neglect the domestic life. "The true pathos and sublime of human life," Burns tells us, is exhibited in the home. There is a great deal of wild talk now-a-days about the failure of marriage, as if the failure lay in the law, and the machinery, and not in the nature of the people. Herbert Spencer said, a golden society could not be created by people with leaden instincts. It is equally true that a happy marriage can not be made by the union of ill-tempered, mean-minded people. According to popular rumors, a brother-in-law is not usually the best qualified judge of a wife. But if there is any truth in this extraordinary epitaph, one feels sorry for that home. It is published in "The Spectator," of February 4th. "As a weekly monitor to the surviving wives of this Parish that they avoid the infamy of having their memories handed down to posterity with a patch-work character."

EPITAPH ON A MONUMENT IN HORSELEY-DOWN CHURCH IN CUMBERLAND

Here lie the bodies
of Thomas Bond and Mary his Wife.
She was temperate, chaste, and Charitable:
but
She was proud, peevish, and passionate:
She was an affectionate wife and a tender mother;
but
Her husband and child whom she loved
Seldom saw her countenance without a disgusting frown:
While she received visitors whom she despised
With an endearing smile.

Her behavior was discreet towards strangers:
but
Imprudent in her family.
Abroad, her conduct was influenced by good breeding;
but
At home by ill temper.
She was a professed enemy to flattery,
and was seldom known to praise or commend:
but
The talents in which she principally excelled
Were difference of opinion and discovering flaws and imperfections.
She was an admirable economist,
And without prodigality
Dispensed plenty to every person in her family:
but
Would sacrifice their eyes to a farthing candle.
She sometimes made her husband happy with her good qualities:
but
Much more frequently miserable with her
Many failings;
Insomuch that in thirty years cohabitation he often
Lamented that, maugre all her virtues
He had not in the whole, enjoyed two years of
Matrimonial comfort.
At length
Finding that she had lost the affections of her husband,
As well as the regard of her neighbours—
Family disputes having been divulged by servants—
She died of vexation, July 26th, 1768.
Aged 48 years.
Her worn-out husband survived her four months
two days and
Departed this life November 28th, 1768
in the 54th year of his age.
William Bond, brother to the deceased, erected
This Stone.

I do not publish it with any such limited application as is given it by the copyist, who sent it to the Spectator. I have no doubt that a critical sister-in-law could compose a similar "patch-work character" of her sister's husband. Such an epitaph has lessons for husbands as well as wives. It has lessons for every one. Let us try to be consistent, and make our lives all of one character, all of a piece, a whole, and so truly holy.

I notice that an admirable Church paper, the Reformed Church Messenger, has the custom of publishing a weekly hymn to set the devotional tone of the week. The following hymn I commend to the congregation for learning by heart as the hymn for this Lent. It was written by one of the great scholars and Broad Churchmen of the Church of England, Dr. Edwin Hatch. His chief studies lay in the dry field of Church Organization, but he made fruitful every subject that he touched. This hymn reveals the source of his power, and the ardor of his devotion.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou didst love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die;
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine Eternity.

—It is Hymn No. 380 in our Hymnal.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The Woman's Auxiliary

Miss Canning, of the City Mission, was the speaker at the February meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

She is in charge of the clothing department and made a strong plea for second hand clothing or money. On account of the great number of unemployed this winter the demand is very great for warm things—especially for underwear and stockings for children. Any contributions sent to 225 South Third Street, will be most welcome.

The Auxiliary gave Miss Canning twenty dollars for her work.

Boy Scouts of America—Troop 2

The contest which was held this month turned out to be very successful, our own troop being the victors. We defeated four troops and are now working hard in order to win the finals which will be held next month.

We are all looking forward to Friday, March 2, when we will be inspected by our Field Executive, Mr. Elliott. If we are up to our year's quota every boy in the troop will be awarded a Red Star which is evidence of a first class troop.

On March 9th and 10th one of the biggest scout exhibitions ever held will take place at the Commercial Museum. Outdoor Scouting will be brought indoors and every branch of activities will be demonstrated. A crowd of 50,000 people is expected to attend. This exhibition is given in order to show the public what Scouting really is; therefore, if you are interested, tickets can be obtained from Mr. Robinson for the admission fee of 50 cents. This affair will be one of the best shows Scouting has ever offered to the public, and I'm sure it will prove beneficial not only to the young ones but to every one that is interested in the welfare of the younger generation.

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19—Miss Gebhart
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11—Dr. Grammer
18—Mrs. Sheble
25—Miss Tappen
26—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb

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8—Easter
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13—Miss Townsend
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27—Whitsunday—Mrs. Woodward

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24—Miss Cornelia Ewing

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8—King's Daughters
15—
22—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell
29—

Aug. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing
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19—
26—Miss Laura Bell

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23—Miss Thackara
30—Mrs. Lamb

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell
14—Miss Maulsby
21—Mrs. Sheble
28—Mrs. Keable

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4—Girls' Friendly Society
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18—Miss Eisenbrey
25—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

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16—
23—
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30—Miss Emily Bell

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Keep on trying. Struggle is the father of Victory.—Heraclitus.

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"Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder."

March 3—Richard Paterson—Dorothy Steinmetz.
March 17—Axel B. Borgeson—Bertha V. Cour.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March 16—Catharine Hussey Lewis.

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ST. STEPHEN'S

March 25, 1928

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It will be of interest to the congregation to know from October 1st, 1927 (when our activities started after the summer vacations) until March 24, 1928, when this month's issue of the Parish News is going to press, the approximate attendance for not quite six months, has been 10,586, and 384 meetings in the Community House.

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club were glad to have so many from the congregation with them on Wednesday evening, March the 14th. The presence of Dr. and Mrs. Grammer and three of our Vestrymen, Dr. Cooper, Mr. Hauger and Mr. Ellis, was very much appreciated, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

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Church Farm School	5.00
Community House Debt	2.40
Diocesan Missions	21.90
Foreign Missions	5.10
Missionary Box	47.39
Chancel Decorations	1.60
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

For a number of years James Burns, Jr., was the Business Manager of the Parish News, and his sudden death calls for some expression of our sense of loss and our appreciation of his work in St. Stephen's. He was a man of intense feeling, and his death, we hear, came shortly after he received the news of the death of a very intimate friend. While it has been some years since he was a member of St. Stephen's, we have not forgotten how he ushered in the middle aisle; how regular he was in his attendance, and his work on the Parish News.

"In quietness and confidence undeterred and undiscouraged, let us take the best part our spirit can."

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Lent will be about over when you receive this number of the Parish News. We shall only have Holy Week left, so that I am safe in generalizing about the season. It has been unusually well observed. The attendance on the Noonday Services has been larger than usual and the addresses have been of an unusually high order. I hope that I may be able to secure again all three of the new speakers—Dr. Capers, Dr. White and Professor Jones. One of the best proofs of a Lent of self-denial is a generous Easter offering—I trust that we may have a fine gift and be able to reduce our debt on the Community House by a thousand dollars.

A most encouraging enlargement of our Parochial activities has been brought about by the acquisition of a troop of Girl Scouts. Ever since we organized the Boy Scouts, I have wished that we had a similar organization for the girls of the Parish. Now a troop of 30 girls has come to us. It will be St. Stephen's branch, and will gladly welcome into its membership the girls of the Parish. Its place of meeting will be in the third story room front in the Parish House on Thursday evenings, and it has the privilege of the gymnasium Tuesday evenings. Once a year the band will attend officially the Sunday Service. I want the Boy Scouts to agree to attend the same night and also the Young People's Club. It ought to be a great service.

Perhaps we ought to have it recorded for future reference in our Parish News, that the Fellowship of Faiths had its second meeting in St. Stephen's on Thursday, March 15th, at 8 P. M., when tributes were paid to Judaism. I give on page 8 my brief Address of Welcome. Appreciations of Judaism were expressed by men of various beliefs, Ethical Culturist, Unitarian, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, and an eloquent response was made by Rabbi Fineshriber. The Church was filled to its utmost capacity, and an over-flow meeting was held in the 12th Street Meeting House. The criticism of such fellowship by a narrow-minded Presbytery was based on a misconception of the implications of fellowship. Still I confess that the service did not please me wholly. A true Liberalism does not insist that worship should be repressed and opinions reduced down to the least common multiple. It was a mistake to think it necessary out of deference to the Ethical Culturists, I presume, to omit an opening prayer, and to avoid in a Christian Church any characteristically Christian hymns. If I went to a Synagogue or Ethical Culture Society, I should accept their service, and it seems to me that something of the same liberality towards our characteristic features ought to be expected from those who believe less than we do. Science ignores personal peculiarities and only considers averages and common properties, but Religion is like Art in its recognition of the sacredness of personality and in demanding for it adequate expression. The Fellowship of Faiths must develop a fellowship not merely in the common element of ethical idealism, but also a fellowship of frank recognition of the right of each faith to the fullest expression. When Bishop Brooks went as Bishop to a ritualistic parish, the rector asked the Bishop how he should modify the service for the occasion. The Bishop wrote back: "Turn it all on." That's true liberalism.

Miss Catharine Hussey Lewis

A link that united us with the early days of the Parish snapped when Miss Lewis was taken from us. If she had lived till next August, she would have reached her 80th year. She was a member of the first group gathered together by Mrs. Burd in the Burd Orphan Asylum, and must have been under 8 years old to have been eligible for that institution. So she must have been connected with the Parish for seventy-two years, as one of its wards. The parish is only 105 years old, and she knew it for more than two-thirds of that period. She remembered Mrs. Burd vividly, and had been a special favorite of Dr. Ducachet, who trained her to be a teacher. When I came to the parish I found her the teacher of the Parish School, a position to which she was elected in 1866, while still in her 19th year. By my time the school had manifestly outlived its usefulness. So with the permission of the Courts the secular education of the children was left to the public schools, and Miss Lewis was made the Parish Visitor, and helped us to gather the children into the Sunday School. Her special charge was to look after the very young, and the aged, and infirm and poor. The task was most congenial to her. She was peculiarly drawn to the children of those who had once belonged to her Parish School. The more difficult the case, the more unwearied her efforts. Waywardness, indifference and folly never seemed to embitter or to harden her. Although as an administrator of charities she had to exercise caution and prudence and often met ingratitude and deceit, she never allowed these experiences to make her hard and unsympathetic or indifferent. No one could possibly distribute the Church's benevolence with more sisterliness and friendship and less patronage or bullying. Her faith in God was as manifest as her love for mankind. She believed that she was under the protection of a Heavenly Father, and, frail woman that she was, knew no fear. It was her confident belief that God was guiding her, and the manifestations of his leading were sometimes extraordinary. It was her deepest desire that she might continue in her work till the last, and that wish was fulfilled.

For some weeks she had refused my urgent solicitations to take a rest, and go as the Church's guest to Atlantic City. All that she wanted, she said, was to keep on at her work. At last a heavy cold laid hold upon her, and we could only prevail upon her to go to the hospital on Sunday, March 11th. She had a private room and two nurses, and all that medical skill could do for her, but on Monday evening, March 12th, she fell asleep and entered into rest.

The funeral was on Friday, the 16th, at 2.30 P. M. The Rector and Mr. Kevin officiated, members of the Vestry acted as honorary pallbearers, and six young men of the Parish were the active pallbearers. The organist and choir volunteered their services, and flowers were sent by the Burd School, the Benevolent Society, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Mothers' Meeting and by individuals. No token of honor or affection was lacking. The Vestry assumed all the expenses of the funeral, and she was buried in St. Stephen's lot in Laurel Hill Cemetery in the grave of her mother.

Long will her influence remain in the Parish. We are grateful for her life and character, and for the influences that went out from her. It is good, too, to know that the Parish did its part by her so loyally, that she was never allowed to feel that her failing powers made her less valuable, and that for years her tasks had been carefully adjusted to her abilities. In her last half-conscious words, she revealed her consciousness of the atmosphere of affection and consideration in which she spent her last days. We are glad to have a picture of her in her youthful vigor. It will be hung in an appropriate place, where the Mothers, who were her special charge, can often see it. It will be an enduring record of a faithful Christian worker, and of a brave and loving spirit. Thanks be unto God for such a gift to our Parish.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

I publish, with her permission, Miss Burns' beautiful letter of appreciation of the Parish's attitude toward Miss Lewis:

5607 Whitby Avenue.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

I am trying to say something that will convey to you my deep gratitude for what has been done by you and your faithful helpers in St. Stephen's Church for my dear cousin, both before and since her death. I don't know how to do it. I am overwhelmed with the kindness, generosity and affection displayed on every hand. I feel I can never quite make myself understood to you and Mr. Carrigan for what has been done, and all so beautifully done. Will you please convey my thanks to your Clerical Family, and all the dear friends who sympathized with me (for her sake). I would like to write to them all, but my hand does not always obey my will, and my thoughts fly away from me. I feel like one whose mission is ended. I never realized what we were to each other until I lost her, and I will never cease to thank our Heavenly Father for her connection with St. Stephen's Church. It was her one great love to work for it, and I am so thankful that she was able to do it almost to the last; but, I fear, many a time, under a great stress.

I can only say thank you, but that sounds very tame.

Eleanor Burns.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

To Fellowship of Faiths, St. Stephen's Church, March 15, 1928

CARL E. GRAMMER, *Rector*

It gives me pleasure to welcome the Fellowship of Faiths to this historic Church, which is peculiarly qualified to be your host, by the principles that led to its organization. In 1823, when St. Stephen's was founded, the ascetic note was dominant in the life of the Protestant Churches, and in a certain school of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Christianity was not supposed to have any close relation to the Arts, and the prevailing architecture of our Church was on Greek and Roman lines, deficient in aspiration and standing "forever finished in this hasty world."

The Gothic arches of St. Stephen's were noticeable innovations and were the outward tokens of an effort to effect a union between religion and the arts. The same synthesizing influence in due time asserted itself in the pulpit in endeavors to reconcile Religion and Science in the latter part of the 19th century, and later in Dr. Worcester's emphasis on Comparative Religion and Psychology. Such a Church is manifestly an appropriate place of meeting for the Fellowship of Faiths.

We are gratified that the theme of the evening is an appreciation of Judaism. We are proud to bear the name of St. Stephen, and have not forgotten the race to which he belonged and the Faith in which his heroic soul was nurtured. The artist often overlooks these facts. When I ordered a medallion of the Saint for the outer wall of our Community House, the artist presented for my approval a placque in which St. Stephen wore a cowl, and looked like an Italian monk. Of course, I could not permit such an anachronism, and had the Saint represented as a Jew. To my amazement this portrayal excited some comment in the newspapers. Such ignorance reminded me of the criticism of a little boy who, after hearing me for the first time, reported that he did not like the new minister, because he had said that Jesus was a Jew! Perhaps he thought he was an Episcopalian. How badly had he been taught to be ignorant of a fact of such profound significance! In this Church, however, our regard is not restricted to those Hebrews who accepted Jesus as the long desired Messiah. Let me call your especial attention to that window next to the statue of the Angel of the Resurrection. It is the gift of a daughter in honor of an eminent ecclesiastical lawyer, a Nestor of the bar. I suggested that an appropriate theme would be St. Paul, in Mars Hill, the representative of Religion, speaking in a seat of Law, in the city of Philosophy. But the lady refused with some heat. She considered St. Paul deficient in appreciation of her sex; and far too ascetic. To her mind, that spiritual splendor, both of Judaism and of Christianity, was "less than the least of all Saints." So we settled on Gamaliel speaking before the Sanhedrim in behalf of religious toleration, or at least against the use of force to protect the Truth. When we recall that Gamaliel was the disciple of that supreme Rabbi, Hillel, who fused, in such a spirit of sweetness and light, the lofty theism and moral strenuousness of Judaism, with the philosophy of Greece, I think that you will agree with me that a Church with such a window is a singularly appropriate place for an appreciation of Judaism.

Heartily do I welcome this Fellowship of Faiths. I re-echo the words of Goethe, "Don't tell me your doubts: I have enough of my own; tell me of your faiths." There is something in us that whispers in low but thrilling tones that life is well worth while, that it is, in truth, an inestimable boon. We believe that that inner voice gives us authentic tidings of invisible things. We realize that religion resembles Art, more closely than Science, and is an appreciation, a response to the Universe, a vision of the light that never fell on sea or land, which is cast abroad upon the Universe by the Spirit of man, which is the candle of the Lord. I marvel at the narrow-mindedness of the people who object to such a Fellowship. Such protests of ignorance receive no sympathy in the Episcopal Church, where every Sunday we read a lesson from the Old Testament and chant and read responsively some of the Psalms. It is our belief, as the Epistle to the Hebrews puts it so grandly, that "God in sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the Fathers by the prophets," as well as in the last days by His Son.

While we do not care to hear about music from the deaf, or tone-deaf; nor about color from the blind, or color-blind, the response that Judaism awakes in religious spirits touched to fine issues, profoundly interests us. . . . I lend this Church in the conviction expressed so admirably by the philosopher Bradley, in a passage quoted with strong approval by that eminent philosopher and sometime Lord High Chancellor of England, Lord Haldane: "There is nothing more real than what counts in religion. To compare facts such as these with what comes to us in outward existence would be to trifle with the subject. The man who demands a reality more solid than that of the religious consciousness knows not what he seeks."

In this conviction I bid you welcome, and invoke upon you the blessings of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, whom we here also adore, as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The speaker at the March meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, was Mrs. Jennie A. Griffith, who is a Christian Social Service worker, representing the Woman's Interdenominational Union at the Juvenile Court.

She attends the court sessions so that Protestant boys and girls who are unfortunately brought there for misdemeanors, may find counsel and help, just as the Catholic and Jewish youths are befriended by their official representatives.

Every day from 50 to 75 dependent and delinquent children under 16 are brought before this court, and Mrs. Griffith thinks the greatest chance to help them is after their first offence. So she tries to get some church organization in the community from which the child comes, to take special interest in his or her case. She says almost every case begins with truancy.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held April 19th, at 10.30 A. M.

DAILY NOON-DAY LENTEN SERVICES—1928

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
10th Street above Chestnut

April 2-6—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's.
April 7—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Assistant of St. Stephen's.

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club will have a "Card Party" on Wednesday evening, April 25th, from 8.30 to 10 P. M. Tickets, fifty cents. The proceeds will be given to the Community House debt.

Rummage Sale

Don't forget the Rummage Sale in May. Now is the time for clearing things out. What you do not want some one else does. So please send any articles you have to the Parish House, marked Y. P. C., and we will store them until the sale.

The Sunday School

We cordially invite all our friends and former members and teachers to our Easter Carol Service and Pageant, in the church, on the Sunday afternoon next after Easter, April 15th, at 4 o'clock.

Faithfully yours,
G. H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

"When difficulties surround us, when, after all our labours, nothing seems to be done, and everything remains to be done, in the midst of apparent failures, in the midst of very real perplexities, in the midst of the babble of criticism, and the strife of tongues, let us, like St. Paul, sit down and bravely and at once and always to embrace the first plain, practical step of duty which seems wisest at the moment."

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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord.

May 8—John Hinds.

He who loves himself, not in idle vanity, but with a plenitude of knowledge, is the best equipped of all to love his neighbors.—Samuel Pepys.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—J. M. Barrie.

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ELLA HEADMAN,
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Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The reports of all the societies are full of encouragement, and deserve to be read attentively. They bear out the impression that every one must have received at the service on Sunday night, May the 6th, and prove unmistakably that St. Stephen's is doing fine work as an institutional Church, as well as providing a place of worship in the centre of the city, for weekdays, as well as Sundays. I hope that this union service of all the worshippers in the Church, and all the members of the societies and groups using the Community House may become a regular annual occurrence, and bind together our congregations and workers in a closer fellowship. If we could get out at this service all of our attendants and Community House users, the Church would not be able to hold them, though they should be as closely packed as the people were in our congregation at the great Noon-day Service on Good Friday. When I recall the small number of the organizations in the Church when I became rector (there was not even a Woman's Auxiliary) and the great vacant spaces on Sunday morning in the centre of the Church, I feel profoundly grateful that God has opened to us so many channels of usefulness, and given us such unforeseen assistances.

I wish that I could feel as hopeful about the Episcopal Church as a whole, as I do about St. Stephen's. It is, of course, a subject of rejoicing, that the rector of Holy Trinity, Boston, Dr. Sherrill, was elected Bishop Coadjutor. But the compromise resolution on the subject of the Articles was less definite than we had a right to expect from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in view of its history. This has always been one of the great Protestant dioceses, and it was reasonable to hope that it would oppose any lowering of the Reformation standard. The only argument advanced for taking the Articles out of the Prayer Book, was the statement that they did not belong in the book of devotion.

Against this it was pointed out, that Devotion and Faith belong together, if devotion is to be intelligent; that this theory was the basis of the recitation of the Creed in the Morning and Evening Prayer, and in the Communion Service; that this location of the Articles in the Prayer Book had behind it the usage of over 100 years in our Church, and of many centuries in the Church of England. People ought to know what their Church stands for. The Irish Church publishes in its Prayer Book the Canons of the Church. It would be a wise step to omit from our Prayer Book such out-of-date services as the Churching of Women, and the Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea, and such unnecessary repetitions as the full Litany and Suffrages, and Communion Service in the Consecration of Bishops, and put in their place the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. It would teach our people what they ought to know.

The bold statement that the Articles had better be published elsewhere, unreasoned, unexplained, a mere personal preference, stood thus unsupported against the usage of our Church for centuries, in many branches, and the tradition of the union of faith and devotion, manifested in our recitation of the Creed. This was the sole reason given for a change that is resented and opposed by many people. It is resented because it is an oblique and indirect way of getting rid of them, or weakening them. To drop them, without providing authoritatively for their publication elsewhere, is in my judgment a repudiation of them. But we are told that nothing of the kind is intended. It is not even meant to weaken them, it is urged. It is a mere change of place. But why change their place? What are the arguments?

1st.—The General Convention has passed the measure once, and it will certainly pass next time. Let that stand for reason number one. As if it was not the intention of this constitutional requirement of two passages, that the question should be argued on its merits each time.

2.—The Articles are no good anyhow. Let that stand for reason number two, though while all this ridicule is heaped upon them, it is stoutly asserted that no effort is being made to weaken them. Great is the power of ridicule, and the desire of people to find a path of compromise. A Quaker friend of mine remarked when I objected to the Church of England's sanctioning reservation, that anyhow those who did not want to practice reservation need not do it. It occurred to me at once that in a Quaker Meeting, those who did not want to sing or to observe the sacraments, would be in a bad way, if there were no rule, and those who desired to sing and observe the sacraments had the liberty of doing as they pleased. In a case like that we see that a law is the protector of the liberty of the majority; that those who want a hymnless service and those who wish to worship with hymns must establish a rule, if unseemliness and disorder is to be avoided. The same holds true of the Episcopal Church. I believe that the great majority of its lay members are Protestants and do not want the Protestant standard of the Articles lowered. It is very easy to ridicule the apprehensions of the Protestant element, but the folly of this cheap ridicule was made manifest in the Convention on Thursday, when 64 clergymen cast their votes for a nominee for Coadjutor Bishop of this diocese, who, it was admitted, substitutes for the Confession in our Communion Office the Confession taken from the Mass, in which confession prayer is addressed to the Virgin and Saints, who practices reservation for adoration, and observes the devotions at the Stations of the Cross. Some of us think that superstition and skepticism are the real names of Giant Pope and Giant Pagan, and that these two giants were not rightly described by Bunyan in his parable, as decrepit. While their methods of attack are different, they are confederates in this, that they are both the foes of a reasonable religious and holy hope. Skepticism refuses the soul the belief that fortifies it and superstition poisons the soul by drugging it into a false security, or by inflaming it with meretricious stimulants. What we want is the truth as it is in Jesus, the truth of the Gospels, in which God and the soul are brought close together, and His Spirit in our hearts is made our chief reliance and there is no need of interceding Saints, nor a local presence in Bread and Wine. These Articles that are derided in a spirit so unhistorical, and, I must say, with such small reverence for historic symbols and old flags, are valuable as protests against such unscriptural superstitions. But I must not be desponding. "God keepeth watch above His own."

> "It fortifies my soul to know,
> That though I perish, Truth is so,
> I steadier step when I recall,
> That though I slip, Thou dost not fall."

I am looking forward with much pleasure to my visit to Europe, and especially to attendance at the Cambridge Conference of Liberals, September 17th to 24th. I have already registered and engaged my room. We shall spend most of our summer in North Western France, in Normandy and Brittany and in the West of England. I feel that I leave the parish in good hands, and I am grateful for the harmony and progress that has marked the past year.

May God keep and bless us all.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Here is a sample of the kind of person that wants to get rid of the 39 Articles. Shall we encourage him?

"I reside in a normally High Church diocese, where Catholic practice reigns supreme. With exception of three or four Anglican Churches, every one of our parishes has Mass said on Sundays; the Sacrament is perpetually reserved, Confessions heard, Eucharistic vestments used, as well as the general use of candles, incense, and various other Catholic practices. All of this is acceptable to the great majority of the communicants. I venture to say that within a few years Catholicity will be an accepted part of our faith and worship.

"The Anglo-Catholic is simply and sincerely fighting for the recognition of the truth in our Episcopal Church. I have made a deep study of the history of the Anglican Church since Her very beginning. I have written at length on the subject, and I deny most emphatically that the Anglican Church is Protestant. On the other hand, I have found that Protestantism has been forced upon the Anglican Church, chiefly through the medium of the Puritan Protestant influence in the English Church following the Reformation, and except for this influence, all the various Catholic practices would have remained within the Anglican Church.

"The Anglo-Catholic is not trying to Romanize the Anglican Church; on the contrary we are really establishing the true Catholic faith as taught by the Catholic fathers, who founded and developed our Church. It is our common birthright and we are the exponents of truth.

"The Thirty-nine Articles are not consistent with the doctrines of the Anglican

Church. They were not written to govern the Church docrimentally [*sic*]. It has been proven that they were originally conceived to satisfy the German princes who sat upon the throne of England at the time, and to, if possible, keep within the English Church all of the people that were gradually breaking away and forming outside and non-conforming Churches. Thus, it seems to me, the Thirty-nine Articles were invented to satisfy a certain period, rather than to become the rule of faith for all time, or in short, to preserve unity.

"I most certainly agree that there are two religions within our Church, and that also, the same Church can not peacefully house both. I also believe that truth will prevail and that the whole Anglican Communion will eventually accept Catholicism. Because Protestantism has proven unsatisfying. The Anglican Church has stood at a standstill in the United States because of the internal strife within Her, and this evil must be removed if the Church must grow. I believe sincerely that the life of the Apostolic Church depends upon Catholicism.

"Yes, Dear Sir, I am an Anglo-Catholic, because I believe in the Catholicity of the Anglican Church, and if we are to be Catholic, we must be so whole and entire. I am a layman, the same as yourself, and I venture to say that the Catholic spirit will soon envelope the entire Church.

"Protestantism must go, and the manifestation of Catholic truth come into its own, Then, and then alone, will our Church fulfil Her mission on earth."

A Prayer for Airmen

Sing a new song to God, our King,
Praise now the Lord of speed and wing;
The circling stars His power declare,
The birds receive His loving care,
And to His people He has taught
That time and space to Him are naught.

God of our ocean, earth and air,
We feel Thy presence everywhere;
On pastures green Thy creatures feed,
Through waters deep Thy hand doth lead;
High in the clouds our airmen roam,
Oh, guide their flights and bring them home!

When on the wings of wind they fly
Ambassadors, 'twixt earth and sky,
Grant them Thy gifts of strength and skill,
Grant them Thy courage and Thy will,
And, under them, midst all alarms,
Stretch forth Thine everlasting arms.

—Christine S. Polk.

Report of the Accounting Warden

It is a pleasure to report the finances of the Church in a very satisfactory condition. The Endowment Fund at the close of 1927 amounted to $659,768.06 and was fully invested.

The receipts for the year 1927 came from the following sources:

Interest on Endowments and Bank Deposits	$ 38,429.44
Envelope Contributions	2,380.83
Pew Rents	3,287.24
Burd School	500.00
Community House, for use of Auditorium	107.50
	$ 44,705.01

and the disbursements were as follows:

Salaries of Clergy and Assistants	$ 16,880.00
Organist, Music and Choir	9,469.37
Pension Premiums	1,057.50
Diocesan Assessment	1,724.69
Interest on Community House Mortgage	1,708.61
Repairs	408.91
Operating Expenses	12,011.79
	$ 43,260.87

The receipts for Special Parochial Purposes were:

Communion Alms	$ 1,106.51
Envelope Contributions	988.40
Interest on Endowments	1,583.58
Amounting to	$ 3,678.49

and the disbursements were:

Communion Alms	$ 1,106.51
Paid to Treasurers of various Parochial Objects	2,859.75
Amounting to	$ 3,966.26

The receipts for Diocesan and General Church Objects amounted to $5,818.57 and the disbursements were $5,818.52.

The receipts for the Community House Debt amounted to $606.50. The amount contributed in 1926 for this purpose was $1,041.25, making a total of $1,647.75. One thousand dollars was paid on account of the mortgage on the Community House, leaving a balance now due on that mortgage of $34,000. We have at the present time a balance on hand of approximately $1,200 which we are hopeful to shortly increase, at which time a further reduction will be made in the Community House Debt.

The receipts for envelope contributions and pew rents for general church purposes showed a falling off of about $800 during the year 1927 as against 1926. The receipts for communion alms and envelope contributions were practically the same. The receipts for Diocesan and General Church Objects were approximately $800 less than in the year 1926, but it is to be borne in mind that during the year 1927 the members of the parish were meeting obligations in connection with the Diocesan Campaign, the payments on which would more than offset the deficit in general contributions to Church purposes.

It is to be hoped that without in any way diminishing the contributions to Diocesan and Parochial charities the members of the parish can continue to maintain their contributions towards the parochial needs and at the same time, and from time to time, make contributions for the liquidation of the Community House Debt. With a loyal and zealous support our Church, with its strong financial independence, is in a position to continue a most useful work in this city.

Respectfully submitted,
I. Smith Raspin.

Report of Lenten Services and Wednesday Noonday Services

It is very gratifying to report the continued success of the services of the Lenten Season. Excellent and profitable addresses were made by visiting clergymen who have assisted us in former years, and in addition by those who were with us for the first time. The average daily attendance was maintained and the generous contributions were sufficient to cover our expenses, notwithstanding the increase in the number of similar services now being held during Lent in our own vicinity and elsewhere in the city.

The largest attendance was at the service on Good Friday, which was addressed by our Rector and filled the church to its utmost capacity.

Balance May 2, 1927	$ 300.00
Receipts	1,291.51
	$ 1,591.51
Disbursements	1,210.89
Balance May 1, 1928	$ 380.62

Wednesday Services

Following the Lenten Services in 1919 a plan of holding a noonday service in the middle of the week was put into effect somewhat in the nature of an experiment. It was soon shown that this service filled a need and has become one of the regular services of the church and is entering its tenth successive year with good average attendance.

The slight excess of expenses over receipts is caused by having during the vacation period in August, clergymen from outside the Parish to conduct the weekly service for which an honorarium was given.

Balance May 2, 1927	$ 237.85
Receipts	250.95
	$ 488.80
Disbursements	264.75
Balance May 1, 1928	$ 224.05

Respectfully submitted,
W. Gardner Crowell,
Treasurer.

Report of the Benevolent Society

This season's activities of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church commenced November 7th, with a membership of eighteen sewers, of whom sixteen reported for service at that time. The work done by this faithful band has been most satisfactory, and in this connection it is gratifying to state that one hospital expressed a decided preference for garments made by our Society.

The Rummage Sale, held in November, was a great success, due to the help of the many friends interested in our work. The generous donation of Mrs. John Coats Browne added materially to the receipts, the sum total of which was $396.09. This very welcome asset enabled us to accomplish a greater amount of work than could otherwise have been done.

The Woman's Board of the Jefferson Hospital paid $125 to us for making 250 rompers. For this extra work our women were most grateful.

Owing to unemployment the past winter was a hard one for many families. For this reason we gave out work until, I regret to say, our treasury was depleted.

Ten thousand four hundred and twenty-five articles were made for twenty hospitals and institutions; the greatest number ever made by the Society.

Another Rummage Sale will be held in November, and it is earnestly hoped that through the cooperation of the church members, the sale will prove an even greater success than the last.

It was greatly regretted by all our members that on account of illness, Miss Ewing was compelled to resign as Vice-President. We hope in the fall she will be able to resume her usual activities in the Society.

In the death of Miss Lewis we lost a dear and valued friend, whose place, I fear, can never be filled. She will be especially missed by the sewers for whom she was always ready to do a kindly act, often carrying work to sick women who could not come for it.

The final meeting was held on May 11th, when the usual luncheon was served, followed by moving pictures.

Isabel P. Davis,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 9, 1928

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May, 1927	$127.66	
Received from Mr. Raspin, Accounting Warden	383.47	
Rummage Sale	396.09	
Woman's Board, Jefferson Hospital	125.00	
Donation from Miss Ewing	100.00	
Donation from Mrs. John L. Appleton	10.00	
		$1,142.22
Sales		$127.74
		$1,269.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Sewers	$1,181.24	
Paid for Material	62.60	
		$1,243.84
Balance on Hand		$26.12

ISABEL P. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
ISABEL KIRKPATRICK.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Seven stated meetings were held, beginning with a corporate communion in October, and the last meeting of the season was in April. There are sixty names on the list, thirty-three only contributing. There was an average attendance of nineteen, one resignation and two new members and five deaths.

The Auxiliary lost by death two revered active members, Mrs. Frank H. Whiting, a vice-president, and Miss Elizabeth C. Washington, delegate to the Committee of Colored Missions and Treasurer from St. Stephen's Parish of the United Thank Offering. Miss Mary de Haven Bright now officiates as Treasurer, and Mrs. Katharine Miesse is a new delegate on the Committee of Colored Missions.

News was brought from China by Miss Mabel Sibson, of Wuchang, a graduate of the Philadelphia Deaconess Training School, who has been teaching in Wuchang and assisting one of the native clergy in social service work. Dr. Elmer N. Schmuch also addressed the Auxiliary that morning, and both speakers emphasized keeping up the morale of all missionaries in the Orient by continued interest and support during these troublous times.

In January Miss Elizabeth Howland told of the interesting work at St. Mary's School for Indian girls at Springfield, South Dakota, where the pupils are trained in every line of work in the making of a home. She brought the enthusiasm of a young girl to the scholars, and it was a delight to her hearers to listen to her accounts of routine work.

The Philadelphia City Mission on Third Street, was represented at the February meeting by Miss Canning, who is in charge of the clothing department, and she made an urgent appeal for second-hand clothing to meet the needs of the many unemployed who apply for necessary clothing. Twenty dollars were donated and members are asked to send clothing at any time to 225 S. Third Street.

In March Mrs. Griffith, the Christian Social Service worker, representing the Women's Interdenominational Union in the Juvenile Court, related many incidents of rescuing children, particularly after a first offence, by getting in touch with the nearest church in the district from which the child comes, and having special inquiry made in the case and some human interest shown.

Mrs. George Woodward, President of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, sent a request that her letter printed in the annual report, should be read at a meeting of the Auxiliary of every parish, as it contained the outline of the year's activity, and promise, and the suggestion that a retrospective glance should be cast to see in so far such promise had been fulfilled.

If the text-book, "A Church Awake," was not studied during Lent, it is suggested that it be read during the summer. To attend a Summer Conference is an experience well worth while, as the conferences play an important part in the educational life of the church, and Miss Helen Washburn will give any information required, as it is desired that some one may attend from St. Stephen's, to go to the conference at Frederick, Maryland.

The Auxiliary initiated a memorial gift to the United Thank Offering from members and friends of Miss Washington, presented through St. Stephen's at the annual service held at the Church of the Saviour, on April 27th. Action was also taken to contribute $50 this year to the budget of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary instead of the $100 asked for.

Several members took part during Braille Week on the Diocesan Day by assisting in the lunch room, and all have participated in contributing to the Christmas packages, missionary appeals and donating periodicals.

Fifteen dollars were contributed by the Auxiliary toward the tablet for Miss Lewis, in addition to individual amounts given.

It is not possible to chronicle the many opportunities offered the women of the Church to attend meetings every month, devotional and educational, anniversaries and outings and bazaars, all animated with the same spirit of service and fellowship.

Let me conclude with the quotation that as "we pray that God will be merciful to us and bless us," we should remember that our "only justification for imploring God's mercy is that through our activity His way may be known upon earth, His saving health among all nations."

Laura Bell,
President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

May 9, 1928

Receipts

Balance on hand May 11, 1927		$139.77
Members' Dues	$127.00	
Envelopes	92.48	
Accounting Warden for Apportionment	300.00	
Dr. Grammer for Budget	15.00	
Speakers' Fund	30.00	
Speakers' Fund Special for Bishop Garland	50.00	
Miss May Noonan for Indian Missions	15.60	
Interest on Anna Sinclair Fund	26.58	
		656.66
		$796.43

Payments

Diocesan Missions	$45.00	
Domestic Missions	90.00	
Foreign Missions	90.00	
Indian Hope Missions	105.60	
Colored Missions	90.00	
Church Periodical Club	10.00	
Budget for 1928	50.00	
Special for Bishop Garland	50.00	
Annual Dues, Women's Interdenominational Union of Philada.	1.00	
Lewis Memorial Fund	15.00	
Philadelphia City Mission, Clothing Department	20.00	
United Thank Offering, Miss Washington Memorial	25.00	
Flowers for Miss Washington's Funeral	4.00	
Miss Mabel Gibson, for Work in China	10.00	
Miss Elizabeth K. Howland, for Work among Indians, So. Dakota	10.00	
Contribution Toward Expense of Meeting for Blind	5.00	
		620.60
Balance on hand May 9, 1928.		$175.83

Contributing Members—33

MARY C. ELLIS,
Treasurer.

Missionary Box Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 9, 1928

Balance on hand May 11, 1927	$83.80
Received from Church Envelopes	67.61
Received from Mrs. Reath	10.00
	$161.41
11-27-1927—Overcoat purchased for Rev. A. L. Parcells, Indian Missionary, Wahpeton, North Dakota	50.00
Balance on hand May 9, 1928	$111.41

MARY C. ELLIS,
Treasurer.

Yearly Report of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

This has been an important winter in the history of the Girls' Friendly Society. The national organization was fifty years old last November, and about one thousand members from all over the United States gathered in Boston to celebrate this great event—including one of our own members, Miss Bertha Walshe.

It was a most inspiring convention, the main topic throughout all discussions being "Widening Horizons." A visit was also made to St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Mass., where Miss Edson formed the first branch of the Girls' Friendly Society in America with twelve girls who were her Sunday School scholars. One charter member was present at the beautiful service held in St. Anne's for the visiting members and delegates.

Later in November St. Stephen's Branch celebrated its fortieth birthday, by having an anniversary dinner, to which were invited all past and present members and associates, also the Diocesan officers of the Society and the Vestry of St. Stephen's. One hundred and thirty-nine were present and the general opinion was that the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

One very pleasant feature of the winter is our acquisition of a much-needed associate, Miss Blanche Moore, who has already made herself a much-beloved one and fills a large place in the life of the whole Friendly, as well as in that of her band.

Various means were used to raise the customary "Special Effort" money this season—the money which is devoted to missionary work done by the Branch. A silver offering was collected at the interesting illustrated talk given by Dr. Moore on Mexico; also several members had "parties" at their homes, when each guest paid 25 cents. These parties were not only a source of pleasure, but of financial profit. Movies, a waffle supper and a card party also helped to bring the total raised this past year beyond any amount as yet collected—about $435, and perhaps more. This money will be distributed among the many needs (national, diocesan and parochial) presented to the Branch. On Special Effort Night, when this money was presented by the members, there was a splendid vaudeville entertainment, gotten up by Miss Irene Wilder, many of the performers being grown children of our own members.

Miss Canning visited the Branch one evening and gave an interesting talk on our City Missions. We had a Hallowe'en Party, also an evening of tableaux, representing the titles of books.

Following are some of the ways in which the Special Effort money collected last year has been distributed during the past winter: contributed toward G. F. S. Garden Party; $50 given to American Red Cross for relief of Mississippi flood sufferers; $50 to St. Stephen's Sunday School for two banners; $100 to St. Stephen's Community House; 100 filled stockings and 50 dressed dolls sent to Philadelphia General Hospital at Christmas; cost of Anniversary dinner; $25 to Philadelphia Home for Incurables Building Fund; $25 to Greater Woman's Medical Hospital Fund; second installment ($20) to Diocesan Campaign Fund; contribution toward educational work in Philippine Islands (Bontoc scholarship); and purchase of materials for Lenten sewing.

The associates as well as members of the Society have worked faithfully throughout the entire season to bring about the generous sum realized for their mission work, and the friendship and steadfastness of our present leader has been a source of great encouragement to all in the branch.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, April 29, 1927	$507.77
Receipts to April 19, 1928	672.01
	$1,179.78
Expenditures	744.02
Balance, April 19, 1928	$435.76
Special Effort (4-19-28)	$369.18
In General Treasury	66.58
	$435.76
In Beneficial Fund	$163.40

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer.*

Report of House Committee

The House Committee for the Community House has had four meetings. There have been 453 meetings held in the Community House with an approximate attendance for the season of 12,940.

Since the last report a kelvinator has been installed, stage equipped with scenery, screens bought to divide the auditorium, three oak closets placed in the building, etc. These were all paid for out of the House Committee Fund.

Receipts from May 11, 1927, to April 19, 1928	$1,598.93
Expenditures from May 21, 1927, to April 19, 1928	1,333.22
Balance on hand	$265.71

HANNAH G. REIFSNYDER,
Chairman.

Burd School

January 1, 1928, marked the Tenth Anniversary of Miss Tappen's management of the Burd School. During this period 79 girls have come under her care and guidance and it is largely due to her influence that so many of our girls have asked for the privilege of a college course. In October Miss Tappen returned from her vacation greatly benefited by the required rest and change of scene. Shortly after her return a tea was given at the school, to take the place of the usual spring exercises, which had to be deferred owing to Miss Tappen's ill health. There was an informal meeting greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Dr. Grammer made the address and presented the prizes for the past year. Miss Tappen's gift to the school of a Swiss clock for the large reception room, was also presented by Dr. Grammer and received with much delight.

Mr. J. Prentice Murphy, Executive Secretary of the Children's Bureau, visited the school early in the year. He has been opposed to children being placed in institutions. These convictions were greatly modified after visiting and inspecting the Burd School. He expressed his approbation of our school and asked the privilege of sending groups of Normal School pupils, studying social science, for visits of inspection.

There are now thirty-seven girls in the school. Three have left during the year. Five girls were confirmed. Excellent reports are received of our post-graduate students from their various colleges and schools. In this connection it is interesting to state that Virginia Downward completed her course at the University of Pennsylvania last year and received an appointment as teacher at the Willow Grove Junior High School, in charge of the Science Department.

In August the girls will go to camp for a month after having had the privilege of two weeks' holiday with relatives or friends.

It is a source of satisfaction to all those interested in the progress of the school to know of the growing pride and loyalty with which our post-graduates of today acclaim their connection with the Burd School.

I wish to thank all the members of the Board of Visitors for their cooperation and assistance..

Respectfully submitted,

Emily K. Campbell,
Chairman.

Mothers' Meeting

The Mothers' Meeting reports a successful year with 180 names on the roll, 20 new members, and 1 death.

At eight meetings through the season we have had an attendance of over 100.

Our closing party on April 26th was enjoyed by 160 members and about 40 guests.

Our entertainment on that evening, suggested by Mr. Carrigan and approved by Dr. Grammer, was the interesting moving picture, Seventh Heaven. Dr. Grammer presided and ice cream and cakes were served.

The moving pictures, provided once a month by Dr. Grammer and managed by Mr. Carrigan, continue to be an attractive feature of the season.

One hundred and thirty members attended the service on Sunday evening, May 6th.

No organization in the church could feel more deeply the sense of loss in the passing of Miss Lewis in March, than the Mothers' Meeting.

On Thursday evening, March 15th, Dr. Grammer left a large meeting in the church at which he was presiding, to hold a beautiful and comforting Memorial Service in the Community House for the Mothers' Meeting.

Many of the members attended the funeral on Friday, March 16th, and flowers were sent.

Our collections this season have amounted to $84.40.

On May 2nd our cheque for $120 went to

Mr. Frazier in payment of our yearly pledge for the Diocesan Campaign Fund.

One hundred dollars was turned over to Dr. Grammer from the proceeds of our Fair, for the Community House.

We have given $10 to the Memorial Fund for Miss Lewis; $10 to the United Offering in memory of Miss Washington, and our usual $5 for Altar Decorations for Palm Sunday.

On July 21, 1927, over 100 members enjoyed our Annual Outing, this time by special busses to Atlantic City.

We had the pleasure of having with us Dr. Grammer, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin, Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan, Miss Lewis and Mr. Streaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche M. Harper,
President.

Players' Guild

The activities of St. Stephen's Players' Guild this year were directed to the production of two plays, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," a lovely little story of the moral regeneration of a boarding house, and "Nothing But the Truth," presented Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, a comedy which has been amusingly presented on the professional stage. The coaching this year has been under the able direction of Mrs. Ruth German. J. Lewis Armstrong is president of the group of 12.

Altar Society

The Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Altar Society is herewith presented. At the annual meeting, held on January 4th, 1928, Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey, the Superintendent of the Altar Society for over thirty years, presented her resignation, which was received with profound regret. It was, upon motion, resolved that the following resolution be adopted and incorporated in the minutes:

Resolved, That the resignation of Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey of the superintendency of the Altar Society, which she has held for so many years with such advantage to the church, be accepted with great regret, and with the liveliest sense of her fidelity and the fine example that she has set to her fellow-members.

This condition is herewith annexed to this acceptance, viz., that she and her sister will allow their names to continue on the list of our members as honorary members, and that of Miss Eisenbrey as honorary superintendent.

A copy of the resolution was sent to Miss Eisenbrey.

Miss Susan C. Thackara was elected to succeed Miss Eisenbrey.

During the year one new surplice has been made and five new surplices are in the process of being finished.

A pair of white Bible markers and white Altar Book markers have been made, and three stoles relined.

Four Altar Hymnals out of date for duty in our Church service, have been sent to the Indian Mission, at Springfield, South Dakota; also a silk chalice veil, a linen credence cloth, white markers for Bible and Altar Prayer Book and a black stole, all in fairly good condition.

Miss Thackara's personal gift to this Mission was a new fair linen cloth which was sent with the donation from our Parish.

The Treasurer submits the following report:

Receipts

Balance on hand May 11, 1927	$365.05	
Received for Memorial Flower Fund	172.00	
Received from Envelope System	12.80	
Received from Bank Interest	2.45	
Received for Easter Decorations	71.96	
		$624.26

Expenditures

Easter Decorations, 1927	$103.00	
Altar Flowers during the year	191.25	
Making Surplices	7.50	
Repairing Stoles	25.00	
Repairing Jeweled Flagon	1.50	
Repairing Locks on Chest of Drawers	3.30	
Embroidering Surplice	4.00	
Fruit for Thanksgiving	9.80	
Church Calendar	1.50	
Palms	6.00	
Bible and Altar Prayer Book Markers	40.00	
Linen for Surplices	37.50	
Altering Linen Covers for Altar Rail Cushions	15.00	
		445.35
Balance on hand May 9, 1928		$178.91

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

St. Stephen's Aid Society

The meetings of the Aid Society were fairly well attended during Lent. The interest in finishing the work necessitated an extra meeting on Friday in Easter week.

Miss Lewis' death was greatly lamented, but we hope to continue the work under Mrs. Higham's able guidance.

One hundred and sixty-two garments were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand May 11, 1927	$ 17.64	
Received from Dr. Grammer	20.00	
Received from Baby Fund	12.75	
Received from Mrs. John Coats Browne	2.00	
Received from Mrs. W. B. Campbell	5.00	
Total		$ 57.39
Expenditures		44.04
Balance on hand May 9, 1928		$ 13.35

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL.

The Parish Visitor

The Parish Visitor's report is for three weeks. In that time 25 visits were made, including visits to the Home for Consumptives, Philadelphia General and Jefferson. An old man 86, was helped to get a pair of shoes, a visiting nurse sent to a woman in serious condition from cancer, two layettes to expectant mothers, and partly worn men's clothing given where needed. Through the kindness and generosity of a member of the church, a shut-in, also a member of one of our societies, are to receive a monthly sum during the summer. Weekly aid is given a woman, paralyzed and crippled, and several others given monthly help.

An 18-year-old girl, a stranger in the city, without funds or friends, came in to see if the church would give her $3 to pay an agency who promised her a position at housework. The help was given and the girl promised to return on her first free afternoon. As this happened less than a week ago, we have not yet heard from her.

The Parish Visitor would like to report that each one visited expressed love for Miss Lewis and regret and sorrow for her loss.

Idella W. Higham.

Report of "Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church

When the last meeting is held next week, this Society will have held seventeen meetings during the past season, with an average attendance of eleven members. Most of us come for supper, and this gives opportunity for social intercourse as well as an early start on our work, which consists chiefly in sewing. This season we have made 12 dresses, with bloomers, for the Hope Day Nursery, 22 infants' garments for the Sheltering Arms and eight heavy flannel caps which were sent to some patients at Mont Alto.

We held our usual Cake and Candy Sale in February, which brought us $83.15; also we had a card party in March which proved quite a success and added $47.60 to our funds. During the season we have sent Thanksgiving and Valentine gifts to a patient at Mont Alto and fruit and flowers to the sick. At Christmas we contributed toward the Church baskets, also gave a basket to an aged couple ourselves. Twenty-four stockings were filled with toys and candy and given to the Hope Day Nursery. One hundred dollars was given to the Community House debt and contributions have been made to the Greater Woman's Medical College Fund, the Diocesan Campaign Fund and to Miss Lewis' Memorial Fund.

Two new names have been added to our membership.

Bertha T. Walshe,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance, May 11, 1927		$ 27.38
Interest on Patten Legacy	$ 82.63	
Dues from Members	10.80	
Contributions from Members	16.25	
Interest on Deposits	2.37	
Proceeds from Cake and Candy Sale	83.15	
Proceeds from Card Party	47.60	
		242.80
		$270.18

Disbursements

Memorial Flowers (Mrs. Vanderslice)	$ 3.00
Materials	19.06
Cooking Utensils	1.99
Thanksgiving and Valentine Gifts to Patient at Mont Alto, Pa.	10.00
Christmas Baskets (St. Stephen's)	5.00
Other Christmas Work	23.93
Plants Sent to Sick Friend	4.00

Second Payment to Diocesan Camp Fund	10.00	
Contribution—Greater Woman's Medical College Fund	10.00	
Contribution—Community House Debt	100.00	
Contribution—Miss Lewis Memorial Fund	5.00	
State and County Dues	6.30	
Subscription to "Silver Cross"	1.00	
Membership Dues to Travelers' Aid Society	5.00	
		204.28
Balance, May 9, 1928		$ 65.90

ANNA TAGGART,
Treasurer.

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club is a social organization, but we try to do for others as well as ourselves, and we feel that we have been particularly fortunate this season in our charitable work.

On May 21, 1927, we took 40 children to the Zoo, and after showing them around, we gave them milk, sandwiches, ice cream and cake, and sent them home a tired but happy group.

In July the young people had a picnic, going to Valley Forge. They all had a very nice time.

In September, we spent a day at Atlantic City, which we enjoyed very much.

October 26th we had our Hallowe'en dance. The young people were in fancy dress, and the auditorium beautifully decorated. At the proper time suitable refreshments for the occasion were served, and we all decided our party was quite a success.

On November 2nd (our regular monthly supper) Mr. Reifsnyder treated us to a turkey dinner. We had 35 present. During the evening we were entertained with songs by Mary Page Grammer and Katherine Page, who with Dr. and Mrs. Grammer were our guests at dinner. We spent a very delightful evening.

These suppers we have the first Wednesday in each month (which I consider a very important feature), are just like large family gatherings, where we meet and eat and have a good, wholesome time, made possible through the kindness of Katherine Krebs, who prepares them. We all appreciate her willingness to do this work.

On November 9th we had a Rummage Sale, to raise money for our work.

December 14th we had our Annual Bazaar. Part of the proceeds we use for charity work, and part we give to Dr. Grammer for the Community House.

Mr. Reifsnyder treated us to another turkey dinner in December. We had an old man and his sister for guests, gave them each a Christmas gift and sent them home happy, with a well filled basket of turkey and fixings left from the dinner.

On January 11th, we had a party of 25 children, sent to us by the social worker from Jefferson Hospital. After a supper of sandwiches, cocoa, ice cream and cake, they were entertained by a magician, which they all enjoyed very much. We then gave each child a pair of shoes, two pairs of stockings and two suits of underwear, and there were at least 25 happy children that night.

On February 9th, we had a theater party. Our guests were Dr. and Mrs. Grammer, and any one who has been to the theater with Dr. Grammer knows he enjoyed it, and I am sure all the others did.

February 29th, we had 25 poor mothers to supper, giving them chicken croquettes and creamed oysters, coffee, rolls, ice cream and cake. It was a pleasure to see these women enjoy something they did not have to prepare themselves. After supper we had a movie and singing, and sent them home happy, each with a box of candy.

We decided this year instead of spending all the money Dr. Grammer so kindly gives us for an outing, to give a party and invite all the congregation, which we held on March 14th, and we feel it was a great success. We were sorry more of the congregation could not have been with us, but hope if we have another, more will come.

On April 25th, we had a card party, to raise money for the Community House.

We made a gift to the Mississippi flood sufferers; to the Lewis Memorial Fund, and gave Dr. Grammer a check for the Community House.

We wish to thank all who have co-operated with us, especially Dr. Grammer for his very liberal allowance for summer outings.

We feel we have had a successful season, and have been able to help others not as fortunate as ourselves, besides having some attractive social events.

Hannah G. Reifsnyder,
President.

Report of the Young People's Fellowship of St. Stephen's Church

The Young People's Fellowship is one of the most recent of our parish organizations. It started a year and a half ago with ten members and now has an active membership of about 35. The primary purpose in beginning the Fellowship was to afford a platform for the discussion of young people's problems in the light of Christian principles; secondarily, to provide an evening parallel to the Sunday School which meets in the morning.

This year's meetings of the Fellowship were opened October 16, 1927, with the election of Mrs. Ruth Brown, President; Miss Gertrude Bixler, Secretary; Mr. Richard Robinson, Vice-President; Miss Violet Kuhns, Assistant Secretary; Miss Violet Humes, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lidie Hammel, Treasurer; Mr. Howard Reifsynder and Mr. Robert Kevin, Counsellors.

The meetings are held in the Guild Room of the Parish House every Sunday at 7 P. M. There have been many helpful discussions and several very interesting speakers have visited us during the year. St. Stephen's Fellowship has become a member of the Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, having some 48 branches. This has been a considerable inspiration to our work.

The annual convention of the Diocesan Fellowship in which we participated was held at the Church of the Atonement, 47th and Kingsessing Avenue, in the late fall. Bishop Garland presided. Our Fellowship entertained the presidents and secretaries of the Diocesan Fellowships February 9th. They were given a one-act play and refreshments, and a conference on the general work of the Diocese was held.

On the first Friday of the month a social and business meeting is held. On Friday, April 13th, the Fellowship sponsored a card party which was successful in every way.

The Fellowship more recently undertook the responsibility of raising enough money to provide a marker and tablet in memory of our late parish visitor and friend, Miss Kate Lewis. So far there have been 138 responses, and a total of $505 has been received. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all who co-operated.

On Friday, October 5th, of this year, it is planned to have a "Pep" meeting for the Fellowships of the Diocese in St. Stephen's Church, when we expect at least 1,000 young people to be present. Mr. Kevin is chairman of the Diocesan meeting and is planning to have the new Bishop-Elect, Dr. Sherrill, as the speaker on that occasion.

There are no Fellowship dues or obligations and consequently the year was opened with an empty treasury. A collection box placed by the door provides sufficient income for the normal operation of the group. During the year $13.40 was taken in that way, $10 was donated by a friend; and $19.75 was received as the income from the card party. Disbursements were $16.78 and the treasurer's balance is $26.37.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Brown,
President.

REPORT OF UNITED OFFERING

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 1927-28

Balance carried over	$5.37	
Contributions from 42 donors	189.05	
From Miss Thackara, account Elizabeth Washington Memorial.	225.00	
		$419.42
Checks handed in, April 27th		$350.00
Balance at Penna. Co.		$69.42

Respectfully presented,
MARY DE HAVEN BRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Presentation Service, Friday, April 27th

Bishop Garland celebrated the Holy Communion. Right Rev. Walter Henry Overs, former Bishop of Liberia, preached.

Meeting of Parish Treasurer, Mrs. Baker, announced offering of $12,166.90. Sixty-seven thousand five hundred and fifteen total for Pennsylvania; $4,513.41 ahead at end of December. In 1925 U. T. O. was $86,031.67.

This year it is expected to go well over a million.

The Sunday School

On Saturday, June 27th, last, our annual excursion had two special cars on the 8 A. M. Reading train to Atlantic City. This generosity on the part of our loved church, enables us to give a day at the seashore to about 130, which includes, besides the scholars and teachers, a few of the relatives of

our children as well as some friends. For this great privilege we are very grateful.

In the middle of September we opened the fall and winter session, and after a conference with the Rector and Mr. Kevin, we had our Rally Day in early October, a reorganization, and a new system of lessons introduced. Miss Josephine Hecker was cordially received as Secretary with several new teachers from the Deaconess House.

Midwinter brought us to the joys of the Christmas season with a well-performed play, called "The Christmas Ship." During this week we were enabled by requests, to entertain some 2200 in our Sunday School room and elsewhere, at the Seamen's Church Institute and at the Navy Yard. The teachers were made happy with the usual large quota from the Sunday School, which the Rector presented to the Bishop on Sunday, March 25th, for confirmation.

The Lenten Season and Easter brought a happy response from talented scholars in the Easter Carol Service and Pageant of Sunday afternoon, April 15th. We for years, at this time, expect the return of many who have graduated as scholars or left us as teachers, and so this festival occasion saw the church well filled with our friends and relatives in a most happy way. The Pageant, "In the Garden of the Lord," was well portrayed with colorful costumes and excellently rendered dialogue. The offerings to Missions presented at this annual service was $236.95.

So we go happily on with lessons from the life of the Master each Sunday, besides especially celebrating "Mother's Day", "Children's Day" and other festivals. The Great Reaper has taken Miss Lewis from our midst. We miss her very much. Scholars and teachers move away and are transferred to other schools, but others are added from the throbbing, changing life at the heart of our city; and we keep ever young and going in the great work for The Christ.

Faithfully yours,

George H. Streaker,
Superintendent.

REPORT FOR 1927 AND 1928

Balance in Expense Fund April, 1927	$8.36	
Received from Mr. Raspin, 7-11-27—Int. on L. Bonds	1.06	
Received from Mr. Kevin—Check on Corn Exchange Bank	12.00	
Received from Mr. Raspin—Int. on L. Bonds, 1-12-28	1.06	
Total Receipts		$22.48

Expenses

Check 78—5-21-27—Mr. Streaker Slides for Mothers' Day	$2.80	
Check 79—6-20-27—Boy Scout Reels and Expressage	5.50	
Check 81—10-15-27—Methodist Book Store for Books	3.89	
Check 82—10-18-27—T. H. Milligan Slides for S. S. Outing	3.15	
Check 83—10-18-27—Geo. Streaker—Supt. Notices for Rally Day and Opening of Sunday School	3.75	
		19.09
Balance in Sunday School Fund		$3.39

Christmas Fund

Received Check from Mr. Raspin	$100.00	
Received from Mr. Hasenpat	5.00	
		$105.00

Expenses

Check 84—12-19-27—Mr. Streaker for Sundries	$40.00	
Check 85—1-4-28—Mr. Streaker Expense—Xmas Ent.	47.50	
Check 86—1-4-28—Gift for Miss Patman, Pianist	7.00	
Check 87—1-9-28—Additional for Miss Patman	1.20	
Total		95.70
Balance in Xmas Fund		$9.30

Itemized Account

R. G. Brenner, Printer—Programs and Notices	$16.50	
Methodist Book Store—Books and Music	4.90	
T. Ulmer & Co.—Steering Wheel and Hauling Same	3.00	
Rental of Costumes	28.00	
H. Warfield—Painting Ship Cabin	4.00	
Sundry Items—Hauling costumes from store and back again, paste, greens, scenery, papers, crayons, and the many little items	31.10	
Gift to Helen Patman in recognition of her services as pianist	8.20	
		$95.70

Lenten Offering

Yearly Offering of the Sunday School	$135.18	
Lenten Offering from the Sunday School	82.26	
Plate Collection in Church, 4-15-28	19.51	
Total Lenten Offering		$236.95

Sent check to George Jacobs, Treasurer, and received receipt for same.

Special Fund for Banner

Received from the Girls' Friendly Society to purchase a banner for the Sunday School	$ 50.00
Wm. Lehmberg for a Banner and Christian Flag	50.00

Respectfully submitted,

MAYBELLE S. NISSEN,

Polly Wants—Girl Scouts

Come, join our Pollyanna Girl Scout Troop. We wish to meet you all. Now, since we have headquarters in St. Stephen's Parish House, we call it "Our Scout Heaven," and Dr. Grammer is our wonderful "Chicko."

Our meeting night is every Thursday evening at 6.30 to 7.30 P. M.

Why not come and learn all the many things Girl Scouts do and how they do it? We have quite a few activities in the form of clubs.

"Our Buddy Club"—Means every Girl Scout a friend to every other Scout.

"The Indian Endobonuh Club"—Means outdoors to learn more of God's great handiwork.

"The Cheerio Club"—Means to help and cheer all we meet.

Do you know the poem, "Gladness of Nature"?

Is this a time to be gloomy and sad,
When our Mother Nature laughs around,
When even the deep blue heavens look glad,
And gladness breathes from the blossoming ground.

The Outlookers Club — (Not shut-ins) sends toys, books and cards to hospitals.

The Birthday Club—Watches how old you are to join the Girl Scout Troop. Are you 10 years, or 12, 14, 16, 18 or 20 years? Come along, then.

The Mothers' Club—For Scout Mothers who help us to learn to cook, sew, keep house and do laundry work. It's good housekeeper's test.

Our Sunny Hour Club—Sends letters to those who are disabled. We sent letters, calendars and gifts way out to Canada.

The Hospital Club—Takes books and toys to Jefferson and other hospitals.

The Community Club—Just sent three boxes of clothes, shoes, books and toys to the Deaconess' Home, at Sixth and Vine streets; also two big boxes of merchandise to Goodwill Association, 22d and Christian Streets.

Now, you see how busy we are. Every Buddy Scout will plant pretty flowers on some dear soldier's grave this coming Memorial Day.

We have two Pollyanna Scouts who passed their test in first aid and then after camp entered the hospital, one in Camden Cooper Hospital, the other in Children's Hospital, 22nd and Bainbridge Streets. Both passed and graduated and are now lovely nurses. Another, the third, is still in Hahnemann Hospital training. So you see, you can find out what your vocation is, and Scouting will help you.

Such fun working for Merit Badges, to wear on your pretty uniform. Oh! I must tell you that we really have two uniforms—the cotton khaki and another which we always keep with us and wear—it's our "Smile" Uniform (a Pollyanna plays the game). No matter how hard, she plays fair, also that is one reason she always wins.

Won't you come and play the game with us? We shall watch for you.

Greeting from Pollyanna.

Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America

Since my last report to the parish the troop has gone steadily along. During the summer we were able to have eight boys attend the scout camp at Treasure Island, where they had the opportunity to pass tests as well as have a good time, and I wish here to thank those who helped make this possible.

In December we held our first annual dinner which was made possible by a few of our friends to whom we are very much indebted, and I wish at this time to express my sincere thanks for their kindness and the interest they have shown the troop in the past year.

In January we entered the Inter-Troop District Contest, and came out victorious, defeating four troops—every one we competed against. In the finals we got fourth place, for which we received a pennant, and we are very proud of it. This contest consisted of the following: Knot tying, Signaling—both codes, First Aid, Nature, Leaves and Animals, also Birds.

We are very proud of our two boys who entered as signalers—Fred Schmid and Joseph Pawilonis. They are very good in this respect, and deserve a lot of credit.

In January we started using the Patrol System. This has proven very successful, and is a wonderful method of developing leadership. The Patrol Leaders are held solely responsible for their individual patrols and the success of the patrol depends on the cooperation of each and every fellow. The two organized patrols are the Cobre, under the leadership of Fred Nieman, and the Pine Tree, under the leadership of David Wallace.

The enthusiasm of the patrols is kept up by the keen competition which has developed between them.

On January 1st I had the pleasure of advancing to Assistant Scoutmaster one of our Scouts who has worked his way up in Scouting since 1924, Mr. McKenna. To him we owe a great deal for the splendid cooperation he has given us since we organized.

I wish to make mention here of the excellent work rendered by Mr. Hopkins, who has given freely of his time to help bring up the moral standing of the troop. His official capacity is that of Drill Master and his efforts in this line are to be commended.

March the 2nd we had our first annual inspection and won the Red Star, which makes us one of the leading troops in the district.

Our troop committee is functioning very well. We have had about seven meetings during the year, and here I feel I would be doing a great injustice if I did not mention the wonderful help our good friend Mr. Streaker has given us. Through his earnest efforts we have had two very enjoyable evenings in the auditorium with pictures which were very interesting.

In summing up the troop's work for the year we have had 20 overnight hikes and 30 afternoon hikes, with an average attendance of 15 scouts.

During the year a total number of 300 tests were passed.

Six Scouts were advanced to Second Class and two to First Class.

Twenty-two Merit Badges were earned during the year.

Our total enrollment at the present time is 30 Scouts and 4 officers.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. Robinson,
Scoutmaster.

Garden Party at Wyck

A word as to the annual garden party and fair at Wyck, Mr. Haines's place, at 6026 Germantown Avenue, to be held on Thursday, June 7th, from 2 until 8. St. Stephen's always takes an active part in this affair, and members are asked to show their interest by taking tickets, donating domestic and fancy articles, and by taking supper in the garden at a moderate price. The proceeds will go to St. Ambrose Mission, which is located opposite the Mormon Church in Kensington, and it is hoped to raise one thousand dollars for the annual pledge to the Diocesan Campaign.

Church Periodical Club

Much has been written about the power of the printed page. It is easy to use these words, but not so easy to realize in how many ways the power may be applied. In the midst of our pleasure in study or reading, let us give a thought to the multitudes who have no access to books and periodicals.

Let us share with them these sources of pleasure and improvement. For books are needed, not only by missionaries, but by many persons unable to obtain them in other ways; in schools; in community libraries; in hospitals, and other institutions.

And there is use for all our magazines. This is the way in which most people can help along the work of the Church Periodical Club.

Forty members of St. Stephen's continue to send regularly their current magazines and forty-two subscriptions are entered in the names of the recipients. Five of these still go to the soldier boys at Camp McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama.

Our Sunday School leaflets are passed on to others in need of them.

Calendars are mailed at New Year's, and cards are sent at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Many magazines are taken to Jefferson Hospital.

Books were sent to the Seamen's Institute; to the Marines under General Butler in China; and to the men of the Merchant Marine.

Money was given to purchase books for the new Community Library at Hulmeville, Pa., a mission in Bucks County.

Letters of appreciation are constantly being received. One missionary writes: "Your help in supplying us with pictures, books and Church papers has spread the Gospel in almost unspeakable places and lit lamps of faith that are burning brightly now. May each year increase your work and the Lord bless you in so greatly blessing others."

Can the Church Periodical Club do better than to continue and increase this work as its special contribution to the great cause of evangelism?

Mary M. Roberts,
Librarian.

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND, 1928

Jan. 1—Mrs. William Bryant
8—Miss Kirkpatrick
15—Miss Ernst
22—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper
29—Miss Gregg

Feb. 2—
5—Miss Gebhart
12—Mrs. Sheble
19—Miss Gebhart
26—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey

Mar. 4—Mrs. Barclay
11—Dr. Grammer
18—Mrs. Sheble
25—Miss Tappen
26—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb

April 1—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting
5—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb
8—Easter
15—Mrs. Sheble
22—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell
29—Mrs. Idella W. Higham

May 6—Mrs. Woodward
13—Miss Townsend
17—Ascension
20—Mrs. Higham
27—Whitsunday—Mrs. Woodward

June 3—Miss Mary M. Roberts
10—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
17—Miss Gebhart
24—Miss Cornelia Ewing

July 1—
8—King's Daughters
15—
22—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell
29—

Aug. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing
12—Mrs. Love
19—
26—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 2—Miss Cornelia Ewing
9—Miss Powell
16—Mrs. Sheble
23—Miss Thackara
30—Mrs. Lamb

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell
14—Miss Maulsby
21—Mrs. Sheble
28—Mrs. Keable

Nov. 1—All-Saints' Day—Mr. Arrison and Mrs. Shellenberger
4—Girls' Friendly Society
11—Miss Mary De Haven Bright
18—Miss Eisenbrey
25—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

Dec. 2—Mrs. Sheble
9—The Misses Davis
16—
23—
25—Christmas
30—Miss Emily Bell

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund kindly communicate with

Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell,
Warburton House, Phila., Pa.

NUGGETS

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labor. —El Dorado.

Nothing is given for nothing in this world; there can be no true love, even on your own side, without devotion; devotion is the exercise of love, by which it grows.—Henry David Thoreau.

We are all taught by interest; and if the interest be not merely selfish, there is no wiser preceptor under heaven, and perhaps no sterner.—John Knox.

When we discover that we can be no longer true, the next best is to be kind.—Some Aspects of Robert Burns.

Every heart that has beat strong and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind.—Æs Triplex.

I have seen wicked men and fools, a great many of both; and I believe they both get paid in the end; but the fool first.—Kidnapped.

The average man is truly a courageous person and truly fond of living.—Walt Whitman.

The man who cannot forgive any mortal thing is a green hand in life.—Prince Otto.

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the *Pew.*

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

THE BURD SCHOOL

(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

TRUSTEES

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen

PRINCIPAL

Miss Margaret Tappen.

Receives girls only. The conditions of admission are that the father must be dead, the mother not married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission. The children will be kept until they are 18 or equipped to earn their living.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS

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All meetings at the Parish House, Wednesday, 10 to 12 o'clock.

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.
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Meets Wednesday, 10 A. M.

Miss E. J. Davis, Mrs. Miesse, Miss Swift, Mrs. L. H. Hall, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE

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RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

GARMENT COMMITTEE

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Treasurer—

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 10.30 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Superintendent—Miss Susan Thackara.
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Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Superintendent—Rev. Robert Oliver Kevin.
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Choir Leader—Mr. Warren Holland.
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Teachers—Miss Eleanor Eccles, Miss Marian Von Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Whitney, Miss Mary Mangigian, Miss Mildred Alley, Miss Hagans, Miss Williams, Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Esther Hazlett, and Miss Margaret Kilpatrick.

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Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

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MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE

Thursday, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—
Chairman and Treasurer—
Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Miss Mary Roberts.

COMMUNITY HOUSE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Secretary—Mrs. R. Ethel Keable.
Treasurer—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

PARISH REGISTER

Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock

February 17.—Mary Mazie Long.
May 1.—Lillian Joyce Loisch.
January 7.—Joan Marie Brubaker.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder"

May 23.—Eugene A. Kelly and Florence Frank.
June 27.—William O. Taylor and Edith B. Ingraham.
July 5.—William Donley and Margaret Westscott.
July 21.—Arvid A. Peterson and Elsie Willmott.
Sept. 5.—Alfred T. Phelps and Margaret E. Otto.
Sept. 15.—Oscar Backman and Irene Dries.
Sept. 15.—Harris McKinney and Jean D. Totten.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

May 8.—John Hinds.
June 6.—Mary G. Swentzel.
July 24.—Joseph C. Rosemary.
Sept. 4.—Samuel R. Bealmear.
Sept. 8.—John B. Lowry.
Sept. 12.—Caroline Lynch.
Sept. 27.—Frances Lee Mann.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 20TH MAY TO 9TH SEPTEMBER, INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of the Envelope System:

Charities	$46.97	
Parochial Maintenance	34.80	
Missions	93.08	
Our Work Among Young People	19.82	
Domestic Missions	17.65	
		$212.32

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$151.49	
Parochial Maintenance	442.17	
Missions	508.63	
Theological Education	9.85	
Our Work Among Young People	51.00	
Benevolent Society	14.65	
Episcopal Hospital	21.25	
Domestic Missions	52.95	
Church Farm School	21.25	
Community House Debt	5.05	
Diocesan Missions	.60	
Foreign Missions	.35	
Colored Missions	1.50	
Missionary Box	.60	
Indian Missions	50.70	
Chancel Decorations	2.15	
Daily Vacation Bible School	27.45	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.45	
Near East Relief	100.00	
		$1,463.09
		$1,675.41

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$198.46
Parochial Maintenance	476.97
Missions	601.71
Theological Education	9.85
Our Work Among Young People	70.82
Benevolent Society	14.65
Episcopal Hospital	21.25
Domestic Missions	70.60
Church Farm School	21.25
Community House Debt	5.05
Diocesan Missions	.60
Foreign Missions	.35
Colored Missions	1.50
Missionary Box	.60
Indian Missions	50.70
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	$1,675.41

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Gtn.

The Parish Letter

My Dear Friends:

In this issue of the Parish News you will miss the familiar greeting, the words of wise counsel, and the message of inspiring helpfulness with which our loved Rector has been wont for many years to open our work for the winter season.

But rather than delay the issue until his return from England he has desired that we should begin the activities of the year as though he were here.

Even then, it is only because for the past month he has been confined to a hospital bed in London, that you do not receive the letter that would normally have had the place of this one.

In the second week of September while on a short visit to Ireland, preliminary to his attending the liberal conferences at Cambridge and Cheltenham, Dr. Grammer was suddenly taken ill with the recurrence of an internal disorder from which he has suffered in the past. He at once abandoned his visit to Ireland, hurried to London where he placed himself in the hands of a competent physician, and entered a hospital where he could have the necessary care and attention that his illness demanded.

After nearly two weeks a slight operation was deemed necessary and that was performed. He rallied quickly from the operation and, according to a cable from his physician to Mrs. Grammer, astonished those attending him by his rapid recuperation.

His days in the hospital were made bright by the visits of many friends who with flowers and books and companionship lightened tedious days of convalescence.

Necessarily the plans for attending the liberal conferences in England to which he had looked forward all summer with keen anticipation, were cancelled. But the hosts of friends he had made before his illness, among those of the English clergy who will be present at the conference sessions, will bring him much of that he has missed.

I wish I could give you something of the love and cordiality he has given me in his letters from abroad during the summer. Never was the time so short for writing that he contented himself with merely a word or two of the places he was visiting. But each letter brought with it pages of solicitous inquiry for his congregation, and especially for those who were sick and distressed. Nor did that suffice; to those who were plunged in sorrow here at home he wrote continuously. His letters to me were filled with observations upon the religious life and health of the places he visited. He was a keen observer of those little things that so ordinarily are inconspicuous to the tourist. The crisis that the Prayer-book rejection in England has precipitated, the influence of the cathedral life abroad upon the clergy and their people, the realignment of political and Church parties, and the rife social questions of the day, particularly England's reaction to America's problems, all brought comment that was not only enlightening and instructive, but at once brilliantly illuminating for his keen analysis.

His present plans call for sailing on October 17th, when, he is assured, he will find himself comfortable for traveling. He should arrive home near the end of the month to friends who will joy in his return.

My only request of you is for loyalty and co-operation to him, such loyalty and co-operation that I know in advance you are glad to give. Let us serve him who is our Rector and Him whom our Rector serves, as one already among us, and go forward to our tasks for the year with zeal and thankfulness that he is given back to us.

On the first Tuesday of October the Diocese of Pennsylvania met to elect a Bishop-Coadjutor to assist Bishop Garland in the discharge of his duties as Diocesan. The choice of the convention after three ballots had been cast, was for the Rt. Rev. Edward Makin Cross, Missionary Bishop of Spokane, Washington, a man who though still young, has built up an important work in the West for the extension of the Church of Christ's Kingdom. Bishop Cross, should he accept the election, can not come to us until next February, when he will have completed five years as missionary bishop. But if he comes he will return to the city of his boyhood. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School and the recipient of an honorary Doctor's degree from that institution.

There is one other matter of particular interest that came before the special convention of the Diocese, a matter that directly affects the future of the cathedral project in this city. Under the inspiration of the cathedral building programs in Washington and New York, for some years past many leaders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania have felt that this city should be equally represented with a cathedral of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The choice of Roxborough, by many considered to be an unfortunate one, as the site of the proposed institution was finally decided upon by Bishop Garland, a little more than a year ago.

The question whether the Diocese wanted to build a Cathedral in Roxborough or elsewhere, however, had never been presented to a convention of the Church in this city.

Many have felt, as Dr. Grammer and I have felt, that the construction of cathedrals in the twentieth century, is somewhat of an anachronism. Speaking of the English Cathedrals, Dr. Grammer in one of his letters to me this summer said: "The Cathedrals here are great historical monuments, but as influences they are fountain-heads of Toryism and Anglo-Catholicism. The dead hand of the past prevents the Church of England from adjusting itself to modern conditions. At the afternoon services at Westminster Abbey there are great crowds of tourists, yet the lessons are miserably read, the hymns are not well selected or sung congregationally, and there is not a word of exhortation or teaching. And that with a great staff!"

The Diocese at the special convention definitely decided, if any legitimate inference can be drawn from its action, that it does not want a cathedral in Philadelphia. For it voted down a proposal that had the approval of Bishop Garland, to authorize the Standing Committee, the Executive Council, the Church Foundation, and the Bishop, when they saw fit and when a fair price was offered, to sell the present Church House and ultimately put the proceeds into the Cathedral project.

To be sure the route was more devious. For the Church House, it was proposed, should be moved to the Bishop Mackey-Smith residence, on South Twenty-second Street, the present episcopal mansion. The money accruing from the sale of the Church House on Rittenhouse Square when sold, was to be used for the construction of an episcopal residence on the Cathedral site in Roxborough, and another residence on the same site for a Coadjutor. In the course of time, it was intimated, although not actually proposed, the Bishop Mackey-Smith house might be sold and from the proceeds of that sale, another Church House be erected on the Cathedral grounds.

But by a decisive vote the Diocese refused to consent to any such action. It refused to yield the privilege of selling the Church House on Rittenhouse Square to the special bodies suggested by the Bishop and the Standing Committee, and in so doing probably tabled permanently, or at least postponed indefinitely the expenditure of any Diocesan money in that way.

To many of us, the proposal of a Cathedral might have been more popular, had some more central location than Roxborough been chosen. But to decide that fifty years from now, the center of the Diocese would be in the neighborhood of

Roxborough, seemed too much of a guess, and filled with elements of uncertainty.

As one witty clergyman of the Diocese remarked, "You can take the hub of a wheel and place it on the rim and call it the center, if you wish. But you must not complain if then the wheel will wobble." It is unquestionably true that the center of the Diocese will always be where the arteries of entrance to the city converge. And no better location can be imagined than Rittenhouse Square for the permanent headquarters of our Church's activities in Philadelphia.

But all these things, while important, are nevertheless details of our Church's life and task. It is regrettable that they must take up so much of our time and attention. Our serious business is to discover more and more of the truth and wonder of God. The great business in which we are engaged is to find out more about God and to pass the good news on to men and women who are impoverished in soul for the want of it.

The souls of people are being starved today. Food that was once good for their soul's health, has partly become unfit for eating. Nor can mere rhetoric and fancy sustain a soul. A horse cannot adequately be fed only on hay.

Newspapers and moving-pictures conspire to keep people on the "newsy" side of life. There is much newsy, cheap, newthought nonsense that passes today for Christianity. It is charming chiefly to those who have superficial minds to shelter it. It is our business to cultivate our minds as well as our souls, to sift the gold from the dross, to be able to distinguish that which is temporary and transient from that which is eternal, and to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Disciples are learners, and learners will ever need teachers. Teachers need books. Our Teacher is Jesus, our Book is the record of His life, and we can be worthy disciples if we are true to the best ideals of His Church.

It is eminently proper and right in this place that I should speak a word of appreciation for the forty years of service which Mr. George H. Streaker has given the Sunday School of St. Stephen's Church. His length of service was a notable record for it betokened him a man who was unsparing in his effort to give all that he could to the inspiration and better living of young people. To the end of his life, he will keep the secret of living that has long been his, and that is the secret of perpetual youth. An interest in the young, a sharing of their problems, and above all, a constant and sincere love for them in their achievements and in their failures, keeps the boy alive in every man and the girl in every woman.

Faithfully yours,

Robert Kevin.

The Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society meets on the first Wednesday in November. It is their hope to carry on the work as successfully as in other years, but to do this money is needed to pay the sewers. This Society does a great amount of good, it not only supplies the hospitals and homes with articles for their use, but it gives sewing to many poor (some very old) women, who otherwise would be in dire need. The Society is planning to have a Rummage Sale this Fall to help meet its financial needs, but even a Rummage Sale must have your co-operation. Money is required at once for the sewers, and the Rummage will be held just as soon as anything is here to make the sale. **Won't you bear this Society and its benevolent work in mind,** and send checks or money to the Community House, for the Society, and send all your discarded articles for the coming sale?

Hearts, like doors, can ope with ease,
To very, very little keys;
And don't forget that they are these:
"I thank you, sir," and "If you please."

—Anon.

Report of the Lewis Memorial Fund

In the early part of April, 1928, the Young People's Fellowship of St. Stephen's Church, with the approval of the Rector, decided to collect funds to provide for the erection of a suitable marker for the grave of Miss Katherine Hussey Lewis, and a bronze tablet as a further memorial in the interior of the Church.

There were 164 subscriptions made, amounting in total to	$537 60
Interest from Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Company	75
Total	$538 35

This amount has been turned over to I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden, St. Stephen's Church, from which he has paid the following items:

Bill of George Burnett, No. 3849 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia. I Westerly Granite Grave Marker, cut with deep letters:

KATHERINE HUSSEY LEWIS
August 15, 1848—March 12, 1928
Teacher and Parish Visitor
St. Stephen's Church for 61 years
Who went about doing good.
A Memorial of Love and Appreciation $225 00

Bill of Shannon Metalcraft Corporation, No. 11 Letitia Street, Philadelphia, for Standard Bronze Tablet, marked as follows:

KATHERINE HUSSEY LEWIS
August 15, 1848—March 12, 1928
Teacher and Parish Visitor
St. Stephen's Church
for 61 years
Mother to the Orphan
Sister to the Weak
Minister to all who were Heavy Laden

At a cost of	$150 00	
Less cash discount of 2 per cent	3 00	
		$147 00
Bill of Laurel Hill Cemetery Company for levelling grave and planting ivy	$8 00	
		$380 00
Balance Remaining		$155 35

At the final meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in the Community House on June 8, 1928, the design of the Bronze Tablet, of which a pencil sketch was presented, was approved; and decision was made, endorsed by the Rector, to apply any surplus contributions, after payment of all bills, to a "Lewis Memorial Fund," to be dispersed by the Rector in such ways as he might approve and which in his opinion would have met with the approval of Miss Katherine Hussey Lewis.

The Young People's Fellowship hope that the contributors to this Fund will approve of the handling and disposal of the monies subscribed to this cause, and wish to earnestly express their appreciation and thanks for the generous contributions and co-operation.

The tablet, which is in the corridor of the Parish Home, will be unveiled on All Saints' Day.

The Sunday School

In pursuance of Dr. Grammer's plan of several years' standing, when the time was appropriate to reorganize the Sunday School and install a trained and paid teaching staff accustomed to the most modern methods of Sunday School work, this fall the time seemed ripe to begin.

The future of St. Stephen's Church as a parish religious center is inevitably tied up with the attention that is given to the religious training of the children and young people of the Church. Such a policy is true not only of St. Stephen's Church, but of the Episcopal Church as a whole. Unless the Episcopal Church is willing to sink back into semi-oblivion as a vital force in the moral and spiritual direction of twentieth century civilization a greater account has to be taken of the training of the young.

Fifty years ago the Christian Church in America attained a pre-eminence in the life of the times purely and simply because the Sunday School movement which then had its real inception in this country, devoted itself passionately to the teaching of the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth. But that crest of influence has waned. The Sunday School has depended upon its past glories to carry it along, without realizing that the young people of the country today are barely being influenced by the Sunday School at all.

The only solution for such a situation is an earnest and devoted return to the training of children for Christian principles of living, by using all that the past and present has to offer in the way of new learning, whatever psychology, pedagogy, and the newer understanding of the Bible has to give.

That can be gained only by the use of trained teachers, preferably college students and graduates and by the introduction of the most improved and modern methods that are known to education.

These general principles can be applied gradually to our Sunday School work at St. Stephen's Church. A beginning is being made this year by a change in the superintendence and teaching staff. Probably progress will not be very apparent for a long time to come but if the foundation is built upon a rock, as the Rector is confident it will be, the house cannot fall.

Among the newer teachers, some of whom are unknown to the congregation, and for whom we speak a hearty welcome are Miss Esther Hazlett, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Whitney, Miss Mary Mangigian, Miss Marian von Kessler, and some of the students of the Church Training School and Deaconess House.

Burd School Camp

One of the most profitable summers in the history of the Burd School was spent this last season. During July the girls of the School visited their homes, but August was devoted to outdoor life in two camps, one in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania.

In each camp scores in athletic attainment were achieved by the Burd School girls among all the others. So much so that several were invited to return next summer, during the month of July, to serve as counsellors to other girls who attend from all sections of the East.

At Camp Kit-ke-hah-ke, Echo Lake, Pennsylvania, the following prizes were awarded to the older girls of the School who attended it:

Bernice Bovell, a star medal for having been the best all-round camper; Muriel Bowman, a medal for star diving; Elsie Martin, a medal for track; Adelaide Mastick, a medal for swimming; Elva Thomas, diving prize; Mary Pointer, honorable mention for handcraft; Florence Kilian, honorable mention for handcraft; Margaret Cooper, gypsy degree; Eleanor Evans, second place in handcraft; Kitty Bowman, Atlanta degree.

The younger girls of the school were at Camp Niwauna, Branchville, New Jersey. There Lillian Gwynne received the senior cup and diving medal; Cicely Pointer received the Junior diving and swimming medal; and camp letters were awarded to Ivy Perry, Marie Carter, Eleanor Bacon, Miriam Mitchell, Edna Hallahan, Gwendolyn Moore, and Dorothy Witherow.

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 2

In submitting a report for the summer months it gives me great pleasure as we have done some very creditable work during this time.

On July 31st, our troop left for Treasure Island, the official Scout Camp, under the leadership of Asst. S. M. Hopkins, and upon their stay at camp they accomplished the following honors: David Wallace, Patrol leader of the Pine Tree Patrol, was admitted to "Wimachtendienk" the highest fraternal order in Scouting. Troop 2 also won the Unami Award, one of the highest awards that can be won in camp. Three boys were advanced to First Class, namely, Fred Schmidt, Leon Snyderman and Jack Girogasian. Three boys were advanced to Second Class. We received honorable mention in the Treasure Island Regatta. Three boys received Totems for special achievements in Camp Craft. Sixty per cent of our Scouts attended an overnight camp thereby winning the Camp Craft Coup. Due to the entertainment we provided at the Camp Fires we were awarded the Social Coup. The Patrol System which we told you we were starting in our last report has proven very successful and we were awarded the Patrol Coup at Treasure Island. In all we made a splendid showing at camp and the leader, Mr. Hopkins, is to be congratulated.

The Scoutmaster has completed the Scout Leaders Training Course in Advanced First Aid given by The American Red Cross and has received his diploma.

On Friday, October 26th, we will have the pleasure of having Mr. Finley McKichan tell us of his adventures in the Adirondack Mountains. We invite all of the parishioners that might be interested to attend this meeting.

We have been very busy the last few weeks planning our winter's program and we are all looking forward to an active season.

Richard Robinson.

Mothers' Meeting Outing

One of the most enjoyable excursions of the summer was the trip of the Mothers' Meeting, Thursday, July 19th, to Riverview Beach on the Delaware. Although Dr. Grammer was on his vacation in Europe and unable to attend, and the picnic missed his usual companionship, the day was replete with joys.

Approximately 130 were in the group who boarded the Wilson Line steamer, at the foot of Chestnut Street, at 8 o'clock in the morning to prepare for the trip down the river. Riverview Beach is below Wilmington, and so nearly three hours were consumed before the Beach was reached.

A luncheon spot beneath the trees was first selection, and about noon the mothers began to eat. The accompaniment of many children with their mothers to the Beach soon helped to consume two large fifty quart cans of milk and quantities of ice cream. But the day was not spent in eating.

After luncheon, bathing attracted the younger members and young and old delighted in tramping through the woods and enjoying the amusements with which the Beach was liberally provided. All the activities of a real vacation of a week to the shore were packed into the events of a few hours.

At 6 o'clock in the evening the group was gathered together and preparations made for the return journey. Tired mothers, happy and radiant, many with sleeping children in their arms, filled the boat and settled down to the pleasure of the ride home up the river. A few hours later saw the end of the boat ride, and of the day, and the beginning of another happy memory that will last as long as life itself.

The Young People's Club will resume their weekly meetings in the Community House, on October 3rd.

The Girls' Friendly Society begin their Fall work Monday nights, commencing October 1st.

The King's Daughters will hold their first meeting October 2nd.

All other societies will commence their activities between now and November, and further notice will appear in the Weekly Bulletin.

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND, 1928

Jan. 1—Mrs. William Bryant
8—Miss Kirkpatrick
15—Miss Ernst
22—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper
29—Miss Gregg

Feb. 2—
5—Miss Gebhart
12—Mrs. Sheble
19—Miss Gebhart
26—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey

Mar. 4—Mrs. Barclay
11—Dr. Grammer
18—Mrs. Sheble
25—Miss Tappen
26—Annunciation—Mrs. Lamb

April 1—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting
5—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb
8—Easter
15—Mrs. Sheble
22—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell
29—Mrs. Idella W. Higham

May 6—Mrs. Woodward
13—Miss Townsend
17—Ascension
20—Mrs. Higham
27—Whitsunday—Mrs. Woodward

June 3—Miss Mary M. Roberts
10—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
17—Miss Gebhart
24—Miss Cornelia Ewing

July 1—
8—King's Daughters
15—
22—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell
29—

Aug. 5—Miss Cornelia Ewing
12—Mrs. Love
19—
26—Miss Laura Bell

Sept. 2—Miss Cornelia Ewing
9—Miss Powell
16—Mrs. Sheble
23—Miss Thackara
30—Mrs. Lamb

Oct. 7—Miss Laura Bell
14—Miss Maulsby
21—Mrs. Sheble
28—Mrs. Keable

Nov. 1—All-Saints' Day—Mr. Arrison and Mrs. Shellenberger
4—Girls' Friendly Society
11—Miss Mary De Haven Bright
18—Miss Eisenbrey
25—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

Dec. 2—Mrs. Sheble
9—The Misses Davis
16—
23—
25—Christmas
30—Miss Emily Bell

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund kindly communicate with

MRS. WM. B. CAMPBELL,
Warburton House, Phila., Pa.

PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAYS

From the Public Ledger, Sept. 5, 1928

Turning Back the Pages

Ninety Years Ago Today

The Episcopal Convention for the United States met in this city today. The subject of the division of New York into the Eastern and Western was up for discussion.

Fifty Years Ago Today

July 7, 1928

Work was begun on a new transept for St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut.

DEFINES CHRISTIANITY

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Justice between men or between nations can only be achieved through understanding and goodwill.—Jane Addams.

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Let us be content, in work, to do the thing we can, and not presume to fret because it's little.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

It takes little time to administer a rebuke, but it takes a long time to forget it.—Chinese Proverb.

The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. I pray while I am engaged in my work in the laboratory.—Pasteur.

Strive not to banish pain and doubt,
In pleasure's noisy din;
The Peace thou seekest from without
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Oct. 21.—William Mountney Hauck.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Oct. 6.—Rembert T. Edsall, Anne E. Wayne.
Oct. 11.—Antonio M. Garcia, Geanne Durand.
Oct. 13.—Thomas Lauton Slough, Frances D. Wills.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord

Oct. 10.—Susannah G. Haydock.
Oct. 13.—Hansen Peter Nissen.
Oct. 15.—Frederick Frank, Sr. ..

Whoever undertakes a friend's great part should be renewed in nature, pure in heart. —Wm. Cowper.

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On Thursday, November 29th, Thanksgiving Day, the morning service will take place in the Church at 10.30 o'clock, to allow an early Thanksgiving Day repast and attendance at the foot-fall game.

Notice

Some weeks ago an umbrella was taken by mistake from the Vestry Room. If returned an exchange can be made that each owner may have the right umbrella.

Parish Letter

My Dear Friends:

For another month I greet you in the place of our Rector, a position since he has returned to America, I am quite unworthy to occupy. Nevertheless the task of writing a letter to you at the present time would have been too great a drain upon his strength, and in its place he has asked me simply to tell you how he longs to be with you, and how deeply he desires to return the love and sympathy which the congregation has visited upon him.

Shortly he will prepare for an operation at the Episcopal Hospital in which he and his family and physicians have every confidence and hope. Although the operation might have been delayed, the desire for as early a return to his work as possible, prompted Dr. Grammer's decision to have it performed within a brief time after his return home.

I need not say that all of us will visit him daily in our prayers and in our spirit to lend our strength to his, for his early recovery in an hour of trial.

By this time probably all of you have learned of the decision of the Rt. Rev. Edward Makin Cross to decline his election to the Coadjutorship of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. But you may not know that another election has been called for by the Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese to take place on Tuesday, December 18th.

It is a matter of no small regret and probably no little harm to the Diocese that two men elected to the office have seen fit to decline it, but I am not persuaded that Diocesan conventions for the electing of a Bishop, filled often as they are with political maneuverings of the kind that most right-thinking people would deplore, are not without the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As Christians we look back to the Council of Nicea in 325 A. D. as one of the milestones in our progress. For it was there that the Divine Sonship of Jesus was reaffirmed by the Christian Church in tones so unmistakable that they will never be lost. It can hardly have been other than God's will that this eternal truth should have been voiced for future ages, and to the confusion of pagan ideas which were then threatening its life.

And yet observers at the Council of Nicea described its delegates as "simpletons" for the most part; many of them were crudely ignorant of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and quite lacking in the ordinary Christian graces. And another writer dubbed the delegates there "a pack of wild animals" rather than Christian bishops.

A Roman Catholic theologian once declared that the Christian Church must be inspired, else it never could have performed the glorious testimonies to Christ from one end of the earth to the other as it has, and in the channels at its disposal, without the Spirit of God moving through its midst. There is more than just a witticism in such a remark. We can truly believe that God does often work through inadequate hands, weak wills, uninspired minds, and doubtful hearts. The Christian Church early in its history recognized that the validity of its sacraments was not affected by the human channels through which they were transmitted, and that is just another way of saying that God and His people meet face to face and heart to heart.

The idea of another convention to elect a Bishop may be painful to some of the delegates who meet there and to the congregations who send them. But there should be no discouragement and no criticism. The need for a Coadjutor is no less today than it was when Bishop Garland asked for one last May. If anything the need is greater, for the burden of the Winter's work must now be thrown on our Bishop's unrelieved shoulders, and we can readily believe that God will not abandon His people, but through them will work for the selection of a man as Bishop who will be capable of assuming the responsible duties of leading and guiding a part of His Church.

But a word for our own work at St. Stephen's Church.

Dr. Grammer has been delighted with the loyal way in which the congregation has taken up its tasks for the Winter, even in his absence. Few things could encourage him more in his illness than a confidence that that policy of loyal and faithful cooperation will continue. In his absence you will have my weaker and lesser leadership. But that handicap may readily be overcome with a generous and whole-hearted response on the part of the parish itself.

Immediately before us are two national anniversaries, Armistice Day, November 11th, and Thanksgiving Day, November 29th. Each of these in itself is sufficient for itself. Neither can fail to evoke in us a response equal to its lesson. The services when they will be observed should be largely attended. On their occasion prayers should ascend to the throne of God for the cessation of all wars for which Armistice Day is now a symbol, and a joyous thanksgiving for the benefits of peace.

An instance of the splendid manner in which the parish is already working together is afforded by the recent gift to Dr. Grammer of a new academic hood. To that gift each of the nine societies of the Church, the Girls' Friendly Society, the Young People's Club, the Mother's Meeting, the Women's Auxiliary, the King's Daughters, the Altar Guild, the Benevolent Society, the Players' Guild, and the Young People's Fellowship, contributed.

Again, each of these Societies has begun its yearly work and taken it up in an enthusiastic spirit. It is a token of splendid accomplishment.

Ten years ago, in the teaching of Chemistry, students learned of an agent in chemical reactions that was known as a "catalys." I mention ten years ago, because much can change in that time. But a catalys, while taking no part in a chemical reaction itself, nevertheless hastened and made possible the realignment of elements that was desired. For example an electric wire might be laid in a pan of water but no separation of elements into hydrogen and oxygen would have begun until a current was applied.

The thought of a catalys is a familiar one. It has many applications in life. It is said of Mozart that a game of billiards gave him the inspiration for his aria in the beautiful "Magic Flute" quintet. In that sense it was a catalys. Galileo's invention of the pendulum came when he chanced to notice the motion of a huge bronze lamp swinging from the roof. The German poet, Schiller, for instance, was said to have writwith the greatest ease when his nostrils were assailed with the odor of a decaying apple, and so when writing he always kept a handful of apples in his desk drawer. Shelley found that to munch bread helped him to compose. And Zola was so stimulated by artificial light in writing that even at midday he would pull down the shades to his study and light his lamp.

Probably a catalys in our modern day serves Chemistry much the same way as alchemists in the Middle Ages hoped that the "Philosopher's Stone" would serve them. It was to have been the magical means whereby baser metals were to be transformed into gold. Absurd though that idea was, there are a number of things which the Philosopher's Stone can do in life.

"Bobby" Burns could immortalize an unnoticed field mouse with his pen. Shakes-

peare could take the sordid and villainous intrigues of kings and make them into a noble literature. Michael Angelo could take a piece of marble, shapeless and uninspiring, and make of it an imperishable monument.

Friendship can transform the selfish soul into a thing of beauty. The summons of his country can change a humdrum clerk or salesman into a hero. Imagination of a Russell Conwell can change wasted by-products of industry into acres of diamonds. A Marconi can change air which we breathe into an orchestra of heavenly sounds.

The alchemy of time, and the catalys of sunlight, has changed rotten and decayed vegetable matter into fuel, and common carbon into a diamond of the "purest ray serene." Such is the alchemy of life.

Some would call it the chemistry of God.

There are, then, instruments of change in the world. Small, almost unobserved agents, unimportant in themselves, nevertheless can pave the way and hasten the day of mighty changes in the heavens and on the earth.

To the function of a catalys in society, I believe the Church of Christ has been called. For ages this function was obscured. Until comparatively modern times the Church and its services were a temporary release from the world. Conditions of living, with poor plumbing, miserable ventilation, and almost no sanitation, produced a condition of existence that was almost intolerable from our point of view, yet for thousands of years millions of downtrodden, poor working people endured it, finding occasional respite in the comforts of religion.

Today most of that is changed. People no longer go to Church to get a decent spot in which to breathe, or for rest that they could not get during the week. They no longer consult the village priest about rain, but the weatherman; nor the altar of God in earthquake times, but the seismograph.

The Church has outlived its usefulness as a respite from unlivable conditions. In so doing, I think she is coming back to the original purpose for which Christ intended her.

A bit of leaven in a lump of dough is a catalys that makes bread and that is what Jesus desired the Church should be in society. If the Christian Church has a future that is clearly marked out for her, she is to be a dynamic, creative force in the affairs of men giving them, through religion, a new idealism that will point a way in the uncharted seas of the future.

Cordially yours,

Robert Oliver Kevin.

Women's Auxiliary

St. Stephen's Branch of the Women's Auxiliary celebrated a corporate communion October 18th, followed by their first business meeting of the fiscal year.

Many reports were read of donations made and plans for the year's work.

A special plea was made through the delegates for funds to help the church's work of educating and training seven thousand colored workers in the South.

Another asks for funds to carry on the work of befriending the tubercular strangers in Arizona who go there seeking health. Many arrive without funds and their loneliness is tragic. Starting with a few tents twenty years ago there are now several homes and a summer camp. They have at present an endowment of $95,000, but a fund of $200,000 is much needed.

Miss Thackara would like pieces of material with which to make quilts: cotton, silk or wool, for the Indian women at Mission, South Dakota.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

The General Convention

For two weeks, from October 10th to October 25th, the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church met at Washington, D. C., to meet the many problems that were to come before it for solution.

Although it was generally felt that a crisis in the Church might be faced because of several doctrinal difficulties about which deputies to the Convention were known to have differences, some of them as highly explosive as dynamite should someone touch them off, much to the surprise of everyone after its adjournment the Convention was pronounced to have been one of the most amicable that had ever met, and pervaded throughout by a spirit of good-fellowship and good-will.

That is not to say that the differences did not appear, but as one reporter expressed it, everyone took his defeat "with a grin."

One of the outstanding achievements of the Convention was the retention of the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion in the Prayer Book. No small part of the credit belongs to Dr. Grammer who by pamphlet, letter and the Church press circularized the delegates with the Evangelical Education Society and the National Church League, and carried a resolution to retain them, without a dissenting vote.

Dr. Grammer's writings were published by the Evangelical Education Society and the National Church League and sent widely throughout the Church. They aroused so much interest, together with the activity of Judge Marsilliot, of Memphis, Tennessee, that petitions bearing the signatures of 35,000 Churchmen and Churchwomen, asking for the retention of the Articles, were presented to both houses of the Convention.

Another outstanding achievement was the closing of the revision of the Book of Common Prayer. Although the revision was closed with some of the offices in an incompleted condition, notably the Baptismal Office, still much is to be said for finishing the revision at this time and placing it in the hands of the Church at large. The use of the small manuals issued from time to time as the Revision progressed has been a source of constant annoyance to both clergy and people. Summarized, the following changes were finally authorized:

1. A rearrangement of the Contents of the Prayer Book.

2. A new office for Holy Baptism. In this the objectionable phrases, "forasmuch as all men are born and conceived in sin," and "the old Adam in this child," are dropped and the offices for the baptism of infants and adults are combined into one service. Unfortunately, while some of those phrases are excised, references to them are not, such as "that they may crucify the old man." In this the revisors seem to have lacked imagination and a sense of humor.

3. A new office of Religious Instruction, which is a renaming and revision of the Catechism.

4. Final revision of the Marriage Office.

5. Revision of the Service for the Consecration of a Church.

6. Revision of Service for the Institution of a Minister.

7. Many new family prayers.

8. Additions of collects, epistles and gospels.

9. Additional changes in the Holy Communion.

10. Changes in the Confirmation Service.

11. Changes of rubric in the Marriage Service.

12. Revision of the Office for the Visitation of the Sick.

13. Also in the Communion of the Sick.

Points of interest in the revision of the prayer book likewise included insertion of prayers for the dead, such as the following:

"O Eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

This was passed without a murmur of dissension although some opposition was expected from the Southern Evangelical Churchmen. On the other hand the anointing of oil, or the office of Unction was permitted. The word "militant" was omitted from the invitation to prayer in the Communion service, changing it to, "Let us pray for the whole of Christ's Church."

An unusually fine sermon was preached at the religious service of the Convention by Bishop Charles P. Anderson, of Chicago. Extracts from it follow:

"While recognizing the might of the State in the political realm, the Church can not

admit the omnipotence of the State in the realm of conscience, nor its infallibility in the realm of doctrine, nor its impeccability in the realm of morals. Nations operate under the sovereignty of God and should they set the law of God at defiance, the Church of God must fearlessly contend that 'righteousness alone exalteth a nation and that sin is a reproach to any people.' 'Go ye and tell that fox,' said our Lord of King Herod. And the day has not yet come when the brilliant iniquities of the mighty should escape rebuke in the name of the Lord.

"The Church, however, cannot consistently claim religious freedom for itself unless at the same time it claims freedom for the State. Church and State are distinct in purpose and power, but since they overlap each other and dovetail into each other, it is to the interests of both that mutual friendship and cooperation should abound. The doctrine of a free Church in a free State contains within itself an incurable incompatibility. The reason why there is so much controversy over it is that the two freedoms can never be reconciled in theory. It can never be more than a hope that they will work out more harmoniously in practice than on paper. Neighbors get on best by keeping up their line fences. Church and State get along together best by keeping up their line fences. Both must find self-expression. The State must be free to deal in its own way with its own heterogeneous constituency and cannot be expected to be at the beck and call of some one religiously homogeneous group, when there are many such groups. The State must be free to keep order, levy taxes, to establish or demolish tariffs, to regulate commerce and traffic, to legislate on matters pertaining to marriage and school, to accept or reject World Courts, and Leagues of Nations, to declare war or to advocate the outlawry of war as it has recently so happily done. In the discharge of these functions the State can brook no ecclesiastical interference from any quarter, Catholic, Protestant or Jewish.

"Unhappily, the priceless possession of religious liberty which has been won at great cost, is being threatened in our day. It is threatened by a conception of nationalism which takes the form of an intellectual imperialism, claiming not only omnipotence but omniscience, penetrating the recesses of the mind and branding constructive criticism as treasonable. It is threatened by a dominating secularism which takes offense at being told that 'the things which are seen are temporal and the things which are unseen are eternal.' It is being threatened by commercial and political interests which would use the Church for their own ends but otherwise abuse it. Is there to be a renaissance of religious intolerance in this land to which men came for freedom? Is Erastianism to be reborn in America where the separation of Church and State is fundamental? Are men to be compelled by law to teach their children a special brand of religion and to set them against the general trend of science, especially in these days when the reconciliation of science and religion is getting under way? Are ministers of the Gospel to be put under pressure to idolize the present social order, which brought about the greatest catastrophe in history, as if the Gospel of Christ had no further light to shed on human relationships? Are blacklists to be made of many of our pioneers because they are ahead of their times? God forbid! . . .

"I plead for a free and courageous pulpit, not a pulpit that invades territories.

"Here is the battleground of the Church. . . . . Throughout the world there are many people who see that the real issue of the day is between Christ and the world. They are moved to become followers of Christ, but perplexed as to how to reconcile discipleship with the spiritual mediocrity and narrow outlook of many a parish. They desire to find in the Church the vehicle through which ardent discipleship can find an outlet. Throughout the world there are many priests, far removed from the limelight, living in places where Christ is not popular, who are gladly giving their lives in making new allegiances to Christ and securing fresh verdicts for Him. These are the people who should have the backing of this convention. They can be cheered or chilled by the things on which this convention lays emphasis. It will break the hearts of many earnest disciples if this convention squanders time over obsolete issues or current questions of only secondary importance. 'Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.' . . ."

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I have been told
On a mountain steep
A Shepherd smiled as He heard the sheep
Debate if the black ones or the white
He would admit to the fold
That night

K. P. W. in *The World Tomorrow.*

SYMBOLS

Love is like a sunrise glowing,
  In the silver May;
Love is like a red rose blowing,
  Down a Garden way.
Like a jewelled, golden ring,
Like the coming of the Spring,
Like all Beauty. Yes, and sometimes
  Like a winter day;
But what Love is who can say.

Life is like a Master, driving,
  Sometimes cruel, sometimes gay;
Life is like a river rushing,
  Down a stony way.
Like a stormy, winter night,
Like a rainbow, heaven-bright,
Like all things that are, and sometimes
  Like a dream by day.
But what Life is none may say.

God is like a father yearning
  Over children gone astray;
God is like a mother giving
  More and more of love alway;
Like a brother, like a friend,
Like all things that do not end;
Like the holy urge that thrills us
  Always when we pray.
What God is, ah, who may say.

By M. C. H. in *The Churchman.*

The Church is deeply appreciative of the kindness of Mrs. Dudley Lane in planting two ivy vines on the Ludlow Street side of the Church Building. Visited with first her interest and then her tender care, the ivy bids fair to grow and make of our edifice "ivy-mantled towers" indeed.

Seek out the good in every man, and speak of all the best ye can; then will all men speak well of thee and say how kind of heart ye be.—Adolph Goss.

God gives us what He knows our wants require, and better things than those which we desire.—Dryden.

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PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAYS

From the Public Ledger, October 27th. Turning Back the Pages

Ninety Years Ago Today

The activities of officeholders at the polls on Election Days was deplored by a correspondent who expressed the wish that "we had a Jefferson to guide us now." In a gloomy rejoinder the editor said the spirit of Jefferson lived in only a few "old-fashioned spirits like John Quincy Adams," who were generally considered "impractical," and declared the destinies of the Commonwealth appeared to be in the hands of "blacklegs."

A mad dog was killed in College Avenue, near St. Stephen's Church in Tenth Street, after it had bitten four persons. "Our dog law," said the editor, "which caused a momentary stir a few weeks back, has become, like most of our precautions against burglaries and robberies—fit only to be forgotten.

Fifty Years Ago Today

Dr. Richard A. Cleeman was appointed a member of the Board of Health to succeed James Steel, resigned.

A great bank robbery in New York was the most exciting news of the day. Seven masked burglars entered the vaults of the Manhattan Savings Bank, overpowered the watchman and forced him to reveal the combinations and escaped with nearly $3,000,000.

Bishop Stevens, returning from the Lambeth Conference in England, resumed his official duties at a communion of clergy in the Episcopal Church of St. Luke. Later a reception was tendered him in the Academy of Fine Arts.

WYCK

Contributions of money for the garden party and fair last June were received from Dr. Grammer, Mr. and Mrs. Reifsnyder, Miss Roberts, Miss Tappan and Miss Emily Bell, and tickets were purchased by Miss Gebhart, Mrs. John C. Browne, Mrs. James, Mrs. Pancoast and Mrs. Reath, Miss Mockett, Miss Sharp and Miss Janet MacAlister, all of which were gratefully acknowledged individually at the time as well as thanks given for articles contributed, but this printed announcement emphasizes the fact of generous support, and special mention should be made of the service rendered by the Misses Davis and the young people of St. Stephen's who so ably helped Mrs. Browne in the cafeteria.

The children from the Hope Day Nursery were brought ont to Wyck by Miss Mockett as guests of the Woman's Aid, and gave an interesting series of drills and dances in costume on the lawn.

The feature of a trained pony and dogs was contributed by the President of the Woman's Aid, and at the meeting in October when final accounts were made out, the proceeds of the garden party and fashion show earlier in the season enabled the Women's Aid to contribute 1,000 dollars to the Diocesan Campaign Fund for St. Ambrose Mission, 190 dollars to St. George's, Richmond, 150 dollars to St. George's, Venango, 100 dollars to Deaconness Young for St. John's Settlement House and 100 dollars to Rev. Mr. Fulforth on his retirement from the North Convocation after many years of service in the diocese, so it is hoped that all who read this will be pleased to know that they have helped where help was needed and have made many burdens lighter.

Laura Bell.

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

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Nov. 25.—Harold H. Mortensen, Jr.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

Nov. 2.—Mary Jane Morrison.
Nov. 14.—Joshua M. Johnson.

In Memoriam

In the summer and during the fall the life on earth of some of the members of our congregation has been forever stilled. They have entered into another life of joy and fellowship. They are:

Caroline Lynch
Frances Lee Mann
Susan G. Haydock
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Joshua M. Johnson

"He giveth His Beloved sleep."

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Deaconess House	.35
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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Wanted

Contributions of new and partly worn clothing for men, women and children. Packages, addressed to the Parish Visitor, may be left in either the Parish House or Community House.

Tackle the hard jobs first; the easy ones have a tendency to settle themselves.—Samuel Rea.

Parish Letter

My dear People:

It is inevitable that our thoughts should shortly turn to the birthday of the Son of Man.

Some are now planning for it in the traditional way: gift-lists are being prepared, greeting cards are being printed, and the stores of the city will soon burst forth with a new beauty. Despite the commercial motives involved, places of business nevertheless will be pervaded with a sense of new life coming into being. And we would not be without it, something would be lacking, the human spirit needs that symbol.

But we must not be so swamped with symbols as to lose sight of the spiritual reality they represent. For after all, they are but tokens of things higher and deeper, and it is to a consideration of those infinite things that I invite you for the moment.

It is probably true, as many have said, that Christianity is at a cross-roads. But is it not also true that Jesus Christ is the horizon? Oftentimes in the heat and the struggle of life we forget it, but Christmas is the dawn of a new year, and at the dawn we lift up our eyes.

Dawn creates the horizon when the darkness of night is gone, as Christmas-tide reminds us of that dawn of the Light of the World, which has defined the human outlook through all the years.

The holiest aspirations of the race have been born at the dawn of some new time for it is then that the far-flung horizon is set clearly before us. It was so, two thousand years ago, when heaven bowed down to earth and touched it in a little town of Bethlehem and a new hope was born in the hearts of men. There burst the dawn of an Everlasting Light upon the eyes of a world grown accustomed to the dark, and those who saw it believed that they were born anew.

It will always be so. The ground whereon we stand will always be holy ground for it is of the same earth that stretches toward that horizon which is Jesus Christ. Whether Christianity be at a cross-roads or no, this one thing we know, that heaven and earth are one and will ever meet in Jesus Christ. In Him we find the meets and bounds of our humanity and the scope of our divinity. We have only to look at the horizon and see the miracle of the union. Christmas heralds the coming of the Light. It is a flame we should welcome, because it sets before us the horizon to beckon us on and on.

When the Christmas season is upon us we may not have time to stop and inquire whether this is so or why it should be so. But while we have the time, let us ponder it and test whether it be true.

In his "Foundations" was not Chamberlain right, when he wrote: "No battle, no change of dynasty, no natural phenomen, no discovery possesses a significance which can be compared with the short life upon earth of the Galilean. His birth is in a sense the beginning of history. The nations that are not Christian, such as the Chinese, the Turks, and others, have no history; their story is but the chronicle on the one hand of ruling houses, butcheries and the like, and on the other represents the dull, humble, almost bestially happy life of millions that sink in the night of time without leaving a trace."

There is a ring of truth in those words that bites into our consciousness. If we inquire why it is true we know that it is true primarily because of the character of our Lord. Jesus was not the pale figure of Church windows, the anemic, unreal being of the ecclesiastical artists. He was a man. We call Him The Man.

Scientific sociology arranges four types of character: the forceful, the convivial, the austere, and the critically intellectual. Jesus was forceful without harshness; He was convivial but never weak; He was austere and not disagreeable; and He was critically intellectual while still a young man.

The accounts in the gospels tell us how He drove out the money-changers and faced death with unmoved courage, yet little children clung to Him with joy. He attended the banquets of the rich, but His companions thought of Him as the Holy One of Israel. He fasted long and at times prayed all night, but He ate and drank like other men and spoke of the fulness of life. He gave a new law, more positive and profound than those of old time, and was crucified at the age of thirty. He had all the virtues of the character types and none of their defects. He combined their qualities in one harmonious whole and thus became a new portent, the dawn of a new light in the creative process.

By such tests, if we must have them, we can hold as genuine the significance of the Christmas story. His birth was attended by not only the unearthly light that flooded the shepherds as they watched upon the hills, but by the splendor of an earthly light that has bathed the hearts of men who bowed before Him then and now.

While I am writing this, the most recent word from Dr. Grammer's bedside in the Episcopal Hospital is that he is mending rapidly and will shortly be on the road to a complete and sound recovery. From day to day now he is able to sit up in longer periods of time. He has been the recipient of hundreds of cheering gifts and messages which, while showing the solicitude of the congregation, nevertheless have been immensely helpful and encouraging to him. We can believe that no small part of his recovery can be attributed to the love that has surrounded him afar-off and nigh.

In his convalescence he has desired me to invite as often as is conveniently possible, preachers who have been distinguished for various causes throughout the Church. In consequence of this I have invited the Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Shoemaker, the Rector of Calvary Church, New York, for the Sunday morning service of December 9th. I have not yet heard from him, but I do hope he will find it possible to come.

Although still a young man, Dr. Shoemaker has distinguished himself by leadership in a movement that while popularly called "Buchmanism," from the name of its founder, Frank Buchman, has nevertheless attained wide significance in the Church. In reality it is a movement that puts a new emphasis upon Conversion, a cardinal doctrine of the Christian faith, but one which in our own Church has been more often honored in the breach than in the observance.

The merits of the movement are being hotly debated by those who have come to close grips with it. On every side it is acknowledged that something of the sort ought to be done to make real the Christian religion to those who are not of it. And so "Buchmanism" is distinguished for an emphasis upon the value of small prayer groups; a leaving to the guidance of the Holy Spirit what shall be said and done; for a soul-searching analysis of the hearts of the participants to discover what secret sins or hindrances there are that shut the worshipper and the average person untouched by the Spirit, from complete and full union with it; and for an absolute standard and equality before the sight of God of all sons of men.

Illustrating this latter point the story is told that Shoemaker and Buchman, on one of their visits to Europe met Queen Marie of Roumania and interested her profoundly in the cause upon which they had set their hearts.

When subsequently the Queen visited America, and reporters asked her whom she would desire to see first of all, she said, "Sam Shoemaker." And she did. The story continues that when Dr. Shoemaker entered the royal apartment in a New York hotel,

the Queen of Roumania called out, "Hello, Sam," and he replied, "Hello, Marie."

The story is refreshing, if it may not be true.

Against the claims of the movement, it is urged by critics, that its philosophy and psychology are based upon an undue appreciation of Freudianism, and its emphasis upon the importance of the sexual functions in life; that the contemplation of such problems leads to morbidity on the part of believers; and that frequently the intimate revelations made of the inner life at such a time and in the spirit of real religious devotion, provokes a subsequent "let-down" that causes the penitent to shun the companionship of those who know his story. All this may or may not be true. But "Buchmanism" has a message for our time. Possibly some modified form of it will eventually find a real place in our religious life. At all events we are most hopeful that Dr. Shoemaker will tell us of it in the coming weeks.

Other special preachers who have been engaged for December, are the Rev. Dr. Rufus M. Jones, Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College, who has been a most successful Lenten preacher for us at St. Stephen's Church; and the Rev. Dr. George Cadwalader Foley, Professor of Systematic Divinity at the Philadelphia Divinity School. Dr. Jones will preach the evening of December 16th, and Dr. Foley, the evening of December 2th.

Lest this "letter" grow into the length of an epistle, may I close with the wish that the oncoming Christmas and New Year may bring you prosperity but not too great prosperity so as to destroy the zest of struggle, the comfort of sacrifice, and the sense of oneness with the rest of mankind; may it be satisfying but not too satisfying, so to keep alive the eager desire for justice and the abolition of misery and fear in the lives of the less-favored; may the New Year, and with it the Christmas dawn, be not overfull of peace, thus to stir us to fight for a warless world. And may you be brought a little nearer to a world free from suspicion, and wrong, and to a world a little worthier of the Great Commander and Divine Prophet whose birth we celebrate.

Affectionately yours,

Robert Oliver Kevin.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

There were nineteen members present at the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Miss Bright, Treasurer of the United Thank Offering in St. Stephen's was the speaker. She told an interesting story of the United Thank Offering.

The Woman's Auxiliary back in the seventies began holding triennial meetings at the same time and place as the meetings of the General Convention. The heart of that meeting was the Corporate Communion.

In 1866 Mrs. Soule of Pittsburgh asked Miss Emery if she would suggest an offering for the next triennial Communion for some special purpose. Miss Emery suggested two: A church building at Anvik, Alaska, and the outfit, traveling expenses and a year's salary for a teacher in Japan. These two objects required $2000.

In 1889 at the triennial only $400 was given, but the amount was soon pledged to complete the $2000. Once such a plan was begun it could not be given up—and now the Corporate Communion is for *all* the women of the Church and the offering at that service has grown to over a million dollars in 1928.

At each offering an amount is set aside for a certain building, and in this way gifts have been made to the Training School for Women in Sendai, Japan; St. Hilda's School for Girls in Wuchang, China; St. Augustine's School, Raleign, N. C; Hooker School, Mexico; the Hospital at Farmington, N. M.; the School at Guantanamo, Cuba; St. Paul's School at Lawrenceville, Va., and many others in all missionary fields.

The women of the Church give as members for their church's program, for enterprises in diocese, parish and community and that being done, they choose to give a little more, and those "little mores" make up this wonderful offering.

Miss Bright hopes *every woman* in St. Stephen's will give just a little more.

Beulah E. Hollar, *Secretary.*

The ideal is nothing more nor less than that which is practicable in the long run.

Adapt thyself to the things which thy lot has been cast.—Marcus Aurelius.

The man who really does his best is a success whether or not the world thinks so.

Why We Carol

Christmas would not be Christmas without the carols that have marked its celebration from the very beginning of its observance. Bishop Jeremy Taylor called the Angel's Song, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men," the first Christmas carol, and it might very well have been.

There is an old English hymn which begins:

> The first Nowell the angels did say
> Was to three poor shepherds in the fields as they lay.

Nowell may also be spelled Nowel or Noel. It is an old French-Norman word and was used as a synonym for the Nativity of Christ and for Christmas itself.

The English word "carol" is from Middle English, and comes from a verb meaning "to sing joyously." Just when the custom of singing Christmas carols in the streets came into vogue, it is difficult to say, but it is almost certain these were of a devotional nature and it was only later that a jovial kind were substituted.

But few of the earliest hymns used by the Christian Church have come down to us. Few of those we possess are earlier than the Middle Ages. There is a tradition, however, that as early as the year 129 it was the custom in Rome to sing Christmas carols. From the Fourth Century comes our earliest Christmas carol of human composition. It reads:

> Why from his narrow orbit's bound
> Turneth the burning sun away?
> It is because the Christ is born
> To be himself the Light of Day.

The Christmas carols we know need not be repeated, but here is one that perhaps few know, yet it is one of the daintiest and sweetest poems in the English language. It is by Christina Rosetti:

> What can I give him
> Poor as I am?
> If I were a shepherd
> I would bring a lamb,
> If I were a wise man
> I would do my part—
> Yet what can I give him,
> Give him my heart!

The famous old Christmas song, "Holy Night," is perhaps the most beloved of all Christmas carols. The words were written in 1818 by Joseph Mohr, a German. The melody was composed by Josef Gruber, a German schoolmaster in 1863. The aged poet, the composer, and the young women of the village formed the choir which first sang this exquisitely beautiful hymn, and they were accompanied only by a guitar. For many years the song was known only locally, but it was introduced finally to the outside world by a strolling band of singers who chanced to hear it.

Christmas Baskets

No small part of the joy of the Yule-tide comes with the cheer we are able to bring into the lives and homes of others. That is why grown people enjoy Christmas in a deeper sense than even children do, it gives them the opportunity to make children happy and that is one of the most richly rewarding experiences that falls to the lot of human kind.

At St. Stephen's Church it has been an annual custom to provide baskets for Christmas dinners to hundreds of poor people, and by doing that we make Christmas something more than simply a sacred feast for ourselves. This year it is Dr. Grammer's wish, although he may not be able to participate actively in the direction of it, that the custom should be continued and that the Christmas baskets be provided as of old.

The committee of the congregation which last year managed the collecting of offerings and the distribution of baskets, with their consent, will be continued this year. They are Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, chairman; Mr. T. Munroe Dobbins, Mr. James Carrigan, Mr. Howard Freeston.

Appeals for these baskets will go out within a few days. It is hoped the congregation will be able to respond as generously as it has in the past.

The Sunday School

Preparations are under way for the annual Sunday School Christmas entertainment which this year will be held Friday night, December 21st in the Community House auditorium. The feature of the en-

tertainment will be the giving of the Dicken's Christmas Carol in dramatic form. The play will be staged and acted by the children of the Sunday School themselves, in some cases assisted by members of the Dramatic Guild where older parts are required.

In addition there will be a minstrel show, contributed by two of the boys' classes, and a special feature arranged by the Primary Department. The direction this year will be by Mrs. Alexander Whitney, of Oak Lane, one of the teachers.

The Russian Choir

Judging by the many compliments that have been received as a consequence of the singing of the Russian choir of forty voices from the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Sunday night, November 25th, it may not be amiss at this time to say that there are many interesting features about the work of that choir and its organization that are appealing in their nature.

Because I wanted their work judged upon its merits alone, I did not mention on the Sunday night when they sang that the choir is made up entirely of workers at the Philadelphia Gas Works and the Atlantic Refining Company, men and women who through the week spend their time in the most manual kind of labor, making gas and distilling oil, and only on Sundays and in the evenings give vent to the spiritual impulses within them in the creation of song.

But their work is such a quality as to have won for them praise from music critics throughout the city and beyond. They have made several records for the Victor Talking Machine Company, and the litany they sang Sunday night has only recently been made in record form.

In judging work of that kind, we must be on our guard against expecting Russian singing of the Grand Opera quality. It is frankly peasant singing, and peasant singing of the kind that was heard in the Churches of Russia for ages before the Revolution, but which since has been largely stilled. For that reason it is often necessarily shrill, but withal plaintive, imaginative, and deep—voicing the spiritual aspirations of a people midway between barbarism and civilization.

It is naturally a volunteer choir, no member of it is paid a salary of any kind and the fees which it receives by singing in our Church and in others goes entirely to the building of their new Church which is situated at 28th Street and Snyder Avenue. A knowledge of these things helps our appreciation.

The Players' Guild

In the latter part of January the Players' Guild of St. Stephen's Church will present "Mr. Pim Passes By," for the benefit of the Mother's Meeting of the Church, and will probably give two other performances of the play to which members of the congregation and friends of the players will be invited. The cast includes Miss Emily Shroder, Miss Grace Armstrong, the Misses Gertrude and Florence Allison, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mr. Frederick Fantz, and Mr. Charles Cleeman.

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Dec. 12.—Ida E. Armhold.
Jan. 2.—Kate Forkum.

Community House

It will, no doubt, be interesting to the congregation to know that the approximate attendance in the Community House from September to January was 4946 and 150 meetings.

A record of the outgoing mail has been kept and with letters and postal cards the mail from September to January numbers 3936.

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The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends and Parishioners:

I regret that our Parish News comes out so late this month. I postponed its appearance till the 2nd Sunday in January, thinking that I might publish in it the decision of the Vestry on an important question of parish administration. I find, however, that the monthly meetings of the Vestry have been changed to the 2nd Monday in the month. This date will be too late for this issue. This change of meeting was agreed upon in the Spring, but it had escaped my memory.

Before I speak of my own personal feelings on returning to the Church after such a long sickness, I must refer to the wonderful escape that we had from a disastrous fire. On Thursday evening, January 3rd, the Mother's Meeting was to be held in the Parish House in the second story, and the Girl Scouts were to have a meeting on the 3rd floor. Some of the members of both organizations had already arrived and were in their rooms, when the electric lights suddenly went out. As they sat in the darkness Mrs. Gensheimer, of the Mother's Meeting, who knows the Parish House so well, that she can find her way around it in the dark, entered the building and carried some towels to the room on the first floor, where the surplices and hangings are kept. As she made her way thither in the dark, she heard the exclamation that the Church was lighted up. A glance, however, revealed to her that the Church was on fire. Calling out the alarm she at once opened and fastened back, with great presence of mind, both outside doors, asked a passerby to notify the policeman that the Church was on fire, and herself went over and phoned the Verger. Policemen, firemen and Verger were speedily on the spot. The marble around the switch board next to the effigy of Colonel Burd was torn away, and the fire was soon extinguished. In a few more moments the flames would have reached the organ, and if that great mass of inflammable material, with its numerous draughts, had ignited, the Church would have been badly damaged indeed, if not totally destroyed.

In this escape, I see a manifestation of God's righteousness and goodness. His righteousness was shown in that, Church or no Church, bad workmanship brought disaster. There was something wrong back of the switch board, and the defect brought its appropriate penalty. The goodness of God was manifested in the presence at the time of a quick-witted woman, and in the prompt stoppage of the fire.

In the same way God's justice and mercy were revealed at Tacony. The Church there burned down because God will not change His ways to prevent error from bringing disaster; but His mercy was seen in that two days before, the Diocesan office awoke to the peril of this uninsured property and had it insured. Put down that piece of foresight to the credit of the Church House, when you hear the economists declaim against its expensiveness.

The pillage of our Community House illustrates the same principles. We live in a lawless community, and the Churches, like private individuals, must suffer for the conditions for which, by the way, the Church people are, in a large part, to blame on account of their supineness and lack of public spirit. Yet God is merciful to us; the loss was not so great as to cripple our activities.

In such a fashion, it seems to me, a Christian Theist ought to look upon the occurrences of life. God is not an absent landlord, He is a present God, working through all things. Adversities are His files and His chisels; blessings are His polishings and oilings. Inanimate nature He rules absolutely, and human nature, with its mysterious gift of free will, He overrules.

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It is thus that I look upon my sickness. The physical laws were observed, and injury to a bodily organism brought pain and disaster, but law was tempered with mercy. I return to the Church full of gratitude for the goodness of God. Innumerable were His mercies to me. My stay at the Episcopal Hospital was made so delightful by the charming atmosphere of the place, the combined humanity and skill of the doctors, nurses, and the countless tokens of the affection and sympathy of the congregation that I felt all the weeks which I spent there, as if I was in a heavenly place. Wonderful and moving to me was the outpouring of the affection and loyalty of the congregation. I am deeply grateful for it.

It is great cause of gratitude that through the generosity of the hospital, of the surgeon and physicians, and the liberality of the Vestry, I come out of this long and expensive illness free from the burden of debt. Singularly have I been blessed in a staff whose members have worked together in my absence with fidelity, efficiency, harmony. Especially great is my debt, indeed, I should say the whole Church's debt, to Mr. Kevin for the cheerfulness, ability and loyalty with which he has fulfilled the additional tasks my sickness threw upon him. I do not claim that my methods and policies are perfect, and unimprovable, but it is plain that if I was to come back, it was the course of wisdom and loyalty to continue to sail the ship on the course that I had set. This Mr. Kevin did most loyally and efficiently.

When I spoke in the Church on the first Sunday in the New Year, I expressed this gratitude orally, but I wish to have some record of these expressions, so I repeat them here.

For the same reason I repeat the expression of gratitude to God, that I made standing in that beautiful and much-loved Chancel.

Whitehead has said that religion is what people think in their solitariness. Never did I feel so solitary as when I realized that I was seriously ill, alone, far from home, on the other side of the Atlantic, in a foreign land. And never did I feel more upheld by the realization that God was beside me to guide me, to uphold me, requiring me to rise by His aid to the duties of the situation. I assure you that I knew no depression of spirit in that London Hospital, and had a lively experience of the truth of the great text, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. When I recall what a sensitive child I was and how lacking in fortitude, I cannot ascribe my mental condition to natural endowments, but appreciate that it was due to the goodness of God.

Surely life can have no greater blessing than a constant sense of the nearness, the power, the goodness, the holiness of God. We flee to Him in time of trouble, and He welcomes the prodigals and takes us in His arms. But we ought by prayer and the use of all the means of grace to gain a constant sense of our relation to Him, as His children and of His relation to us as our Father, and Creator, our Preserver, our Over-Lord, our God.

It is a marvel to me that so many people allow their faith in God to be undermined by doubt without making any real struggle to preserve it. Perhaps they only see the responsibilities and duties that it brings in its train and are ignorant of the support and strength it bestows. A half and half faith knows nothing of this last.

But whatever may be the cause, they miss in this way the greatest source of consolation and strength that humanity knows. Here is matter for many sermons.

I must not omit to mention one cheering aspect of my sickness, and that is that the operations which I underwent, the one in England and the other in America, like operations for adenoids, or for the removal of tonsils, were operations which all the physicians assure me will prove after a reasonable time to have renewed rather than lessened my vigor, so that I return to

you not a broken man, but a man who has been repaired and restored to the vigor of an earlier day.

Since I am speaking of sources of gratitude, I must not omit the great victory of idealism at the polls in November. All the Protestant Churches in our land have with a united voice commended our great national effort to lessen the evils of alcoholism —our own Church among others. Great as have been the admitted economic benefits of the experiment, the full blessings have never been reaped. The law has neither been loyally observed by the classes who have the most to lose by lawlessness, nor loyally enforced by the agents. The country is determined to go on with the experiment and see what can be accomplished by better enforcement, by better observance and by the unmistakable revelation that this policy is the will of the majority. We ought to hear no more about a minority forcing on the country this reform. The churches looked on the election as presenting a great moral issue, like the elections that dealt with the extension of slavery. And it must be to the churches a great sense of thanksgiving that what they regard as the right, won. We must now continue our work of education on the evils of alcoholism and as well as our insistence on law observance and law enforcement.

In our own Church there is great reason to rejoice over the last General Convention. It was a fine convention, and I was particularly gratified that it took the view that I advocated about the 39 Articles. I deprecated the hauling down of a historic flag, and warned the Diocesan Convention that such an action would injure rather than help our Church. That was precisely the decision of the General Convention. As I exerted myself to get this view a hearing I was delighted at the radio message that Mr. Kevin sent me announcing the result. My one regret was that Pennsylvania had not led the way by taking that stand.

Our diocese has met with a temporary check in the declination of the election of the coadjutor-bishopric. I feel strongly that no man ought to allow his name to be presented, if he will not accept the responsibility. If he has been consulted, no conditions at home or in his parish which he could easily have ascertained, ought to be permitted to interfere with acceptance. The office of a bishop must be protected from such treatment.

I am confident that this mistake will not be repeated. As for the man whom we may elect, I hope that he will speak modestly of himself and generously of other bishops.

Let us pray that the convention may be rightly guided and make a wise choice.

When we see how all the universe of material things is bound together by mutual influences, who can doubt that the spiritual world must be still more closely co-ordinated. What tree, for example, is united to another tree by such cords as unite friends, bonds that laugh at time and space. Can we, then, doubt that the fervent prayers of God's people are a power in the universe? How can any follower of Jesus, who was such a man of prayer, and enjoined such persistence in prayer doubt the efficacy of prayer? I am sure that the prayers of the congregation were of great value in my sickness. We must not fail to pray for our Church, and for our Parish Church, both clergy and people, and especially at this time ought we to pray God to help this diocese.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep!
God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men.

—Longfellow.

Report of Christmas Basket Committee

Dear Dr. Grammer:

The Committee appointed by you to collect funds and to purchase and distribute Christmas Baskets, herewith begs to submit the following report:

Balance on hand January 1, 1928.	$108.55	
Subscriptions received from 12-10-28 to 12-28-28	434.02	
		$542.57
Expenditures		
Chickens	$160.66	
Coffee	27.00	
Tea	15.00	
Oranges	21.25	
Tomatoes	11.55	
Sugar	12.00	
Potatoes	16.50	
Apples	22.50	
Peaches	15.05	
Bags and Twine	1.91	
Baskets	16.50	
Envelopes, Cards, etc.	23.85	
Hauling, extra help, tips, etc.	5.70	
	$349.47	
Less 1% discount on Githens, Rexamer bill	.81	348.66
Balance on hand December 31, 1928		$193.91

In addition to the above gifts of cash the Committee gratefully acknowledges from:

Mr. Clement Restein ..... 60 Chickens
Mr. Craig Atmore ..... 150 Mince Pies

The baskets contained chickens, coffee, tea, oranges, tomatoes, sugar, potatoes, apples, peaches and mince pies.

The Committee tried to provide good quality in all of the articles of food. The Parish Visitor, Mrs. Higham, assisted by Mr. Carrigan and suggestions from others, prepared the list of names of the recipients of the baskets, which totalled 87.

Mrs. Higham also gave out of the purchases some oranges, apples and pies to others who were worthy and could use such to good advantage.

The Committee extends to the Rector its compliments and good will, and thanks each and everyone who contributed in any way to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard M. Freeston,
James Carrigan,
T. Munroe Dobbins,
Howard Reifsnyder.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The December meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary had twelve members present. There was no speaker.

Plans for future work, and reports of monthly meetings at the Church House filled the time.

The Missionary Box Committee sent a wonderful box this month to St. Peter's Mission, Carson City, Nevada, containing an entire winter outfit from hat to shoes, for the mission worker there.

The Scholarships in the Indian's Hope Committee have doubled in price this year, but notwithstanding that, all pledges have been paid for the year.

The Diocesan Committee made a plea for money to buy a horse for Miss Drinker, a worker among the mountaineers at Linville, N. C., so that she can visit the homes of her people.

Miss Roberts, Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, sent out several Christmas boxes of books, toys and knitted articles.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held January 17th, at 10.30 A. M.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

The Girls' Friendly Society

wishes to extend its hearty thanks to all who kindly contributed and assisted so willingly toward the Rummage Sale, held in the Gymnasium of the Community House, on Saturday, November 24th. Through the cooperation of all the members, and many kind friends, we feel greatly repaid for our efforts.

The programme of the Society, which began in October, has provided several enjoyable evenings in an educational way—First we had several speakers who enlightened us on the political situation, the forestry bond issue and pollution of streams and the Welfare Federation.

Some of the members have had instruction in the making of lamp shades.

On November 12th, a special supper was given to the Neighborhood Conference. Miss Smythe gave an interesting talk on budget making for branches of the G. F. S.

A Hallowe'en Party and a Thanksgiving Party were given, in which the members showed their talent in many ways.

Daisy Patterson gave us a delightful evening with an illustrated talk on her recent trip to England, Scotland and Wales.

A course in Current Events has been started by Miss Anne R. Daley, who gave us one delightful evening and the other meetings are being looked forward to with great interest and pleasure.

Hedwig Kauffman,
Secretary.

Polly's Christmas Greetings

A Happy New Year, from St. Stephen's Pollyanna Girl Scouts.

Oh! What a jolly time this is helping the Greatest Scout in the world, Dear Jolly old Santa Claus.

What fun to make the cripple kiddies, and incurables, happy. The Pollyanna are very busy these days. We had to take in five new little girl scouts, who were brought to us by their mothers and grandmothers, who are members of the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's.

Now come and join in the fun, on Thursday evening of each week, on the third floor of the Parish House, 6.30 P. M., until 7.30 P. M.

Yes, we are up there in our Scout Heaven.

We are glad to hear our "Wonderful Cheerie," Dr. Grammer, is getting well again.

Did you know we had a real surprise luncheon given to our troop on Thursday, December 7th, by our friends, Mrs. Davis and daughter Gertrude.

Playing the "Glad Game," means speaking love and kindness wherever you go, and when we are grateful for all our blessings our Heavenly Father sends us more and more in return.

Pollyanna Girl Scouts have discovered Santa Claus's secret, by playing the glad game all year.

Now, don't you want to catch some of this peace and joy? We will show you how. First step in line, yes right on St. Stephen's Parish House, then forward march up, up, to the top.

Will chat again Next Year.

Pollyanna.

Troop 2
Boy Scouts of America

Our troop is in a very good condition at the present time, although we have dropped nearly one-half of the members. This was done because they were not reporting regularly. We now have eighteen real active members, all doing good work.

Since our last report the troop has to its credit twelve merit badges. These were won by Scouts Schmid, Grindle, Snyderman and Girogasian.

In order for a scout to earn a merit badge he must be a First Class Scout, and we have at the present time ten boys who hold this rank.

In order to increase the number of first class scouts in the troop, the scoutmaster offers a prize each month to the one who advances the most.

Scout Harry Bloomquist was the winner for October. For November Schmid and Snyderman were tie. Each was presented with a Merit Badge Sash.

On Friday night, October the 26th, we had a very interesting lecture, given by Mr. McKichan, of District 10, on his experiences in the Adirondacks. He brought with him the snow shoes and mittens he wore, and let us try them on. He told us how to hunt with our cameras instead of guns. We enjoyed his lecture very much, and hope he will come again.

During the month of October we also had a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, playing all kinds of games and listening to ghost stories. Every boy did something towards entertaining. It was a masked affair and a good time was had by all.

Once a month we visit some place of interest. Last month we visited the Inquirer Building, and saw how this paper was printed.

On Friday, November the 9th, we had, through the kindness of Mr. Klingensmith, a visit from Capt. J. N. Patton, who spoke to us on knots. This was very interesting because the Scout must depend on his knots, to help him in most everything he does.

We regret very much to say that all of the Assistant Scout Masters we had have left us.

Mr. McKenna and Mr. Nolan have now a troop of their own in District 3. While we feel their loss, we must remember it is some other troop's gain.

Mr. Hopkins, who has been with us since we organized, resigned on Friday, December 7th.

We are very happy to tell you that our Scout Master received his fifteen year veteran pin at the last Court of Honor—a long time in the game. We count it a rare privilege to have one so long connected with the organization as our Scout Master. He has completed eighteen years in scouting. At the present time he is taking a course in Advanced Scouting at Temple. He expects to graduate the latter part of December.

We have already begun to make plans for our annual camp. However, I might add, that our troop committee is hard at work trying to get a place where we can have a camp of our own, and some place where we can go on week ends.

We are getting ready for our annual inspection, which will take place in March. At the last inspection we were made a red star troop. This means one of the best all around troops in the district.

In summing up this report I feel that we are forging ahead, and that we will soon be one of the leading troops in the city.

Francis Grindler,
Troop Scribe.

The Players' Guild

In the latter part of February the Players' Guild of St. Stephen's Church will present "Mr. Pim Passes By," for the benefit of the Mother's Meeting of the Church, and will probably give two other performances of the play to which members of the congregation and friends of the players will be invited. The cast includes Miss Emily Shroder, Miss Grace Armstrong, the Misses Gertrude and Florence Allison, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mr. Frederick Fantz, and Mr. Charles Cleeman.

The play itself is an amusing comedy of provincial English life. Two years ago it was presented by Plays and Players and there scored a popular success.

A friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine:
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er;
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing on in the soul alway.

—Spencer M. Tree.

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INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Susan C. Thackara.

DIOCESAN—Miss Laura Bell, Miss Janet MacAlister.

TREASURER UNITED THANK OFFERING—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

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Branch President—Miss Blanche Moore.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Superintendent—Rev. Robert Oliver Kevin.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Josephine Hecker.
Choir Leader—Mr. Warren Holland.
Pianist—Mrs. Idella Higham.

Teachers—Miss Eleanor Eccles, Miss Marian Von Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Whitney, Miss Mary Mangigian, Miss Mildred Alley, Miss Hagans, Miss Williams, Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Esther Hazlett, and Miss Margaret Kilpatrick.

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Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

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President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley
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ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929

Current periodicals sent regularly	76
Donors of above current periodicals	35
Bibles and Testaments	13
Prayer Books and Hymnals	42
Books—theological and secular	105
Tracts and Catechisms	10
Odd magazines and papers	1117
Christmas and Easter Cards	105
Picture cards and calendars	359
Pictures games and miscellaneous	57
Number of institutions in diocese aided	6

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance on hand	$55.11
Received from Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Received from other sources	65.00
Total	$130.11

Expenditures

Postage and stationery	$9.12
Freight and express	1.23
Magazine subscriptions	65.70
Annual dues	10.00
Balance on hand	44.06
Total	$130.11

MARY M. ROBERTS,
Librarian.

PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

January 19—Marguerite W. Walshe.
January 22—Howard Reifsnyder.

The Players' Guild

On February 28th the Players' Guild of St. Stephen's Church will present "Mr. Pim Passes By," for the benefit of the Mother's Meeting of the Church, and will probably give two other performances of the play to which members of the congregation and friends of the players will be invited. The cast includes Miss Emily Shroder, Miss Grace Armstrong, the Misses Gertrude and Florence Allison, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mr. Frederick Fantz, and Mr. Charles Cleeman.

The play itself is an amusing comedy of provincial English life. Two years ago it was presented by Plays and Players and there scored a popular success.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 16th DEC. TO END OF YEAR 1928

Amounts placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Parochial Maintenance	$37.19	
Missions	15.09	
Community House Debt	21.36	
		$73.64

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$52.30	
Parochial Maintenance	235.00	
Missions	305.06	
Theological Education	1.95	
Our Work Among Young People	1.75	
Benevolent Society	19.40	
Episcopal Hospital	6.00	
Domestic Missions	1.70	
Church Farm School	5.00	
Community House Debt	176.15	
Diocesan Missions	.10	
Foreign Missions	.60	
Missionary Box	.50	
Indian Missions	1.00	
Chancel Decorations	.30	
Deaconess House	10.90	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.30	
Red Cross (through Miss Walshe)	88.25	
		$911.26
		$984.90

Expenditures

Charities	52.30	
Parochial Maintenance	272.19	
Missions	320.15	
Theological Education	1.95	
Our Work Among Young People	1.75	
Benevolent Society	19.40	
Episcopal Hospital	6.00	
Domestic Missions	1.70	
Farm School	5.00	
Community House Debt	197.51	
Diocesan Missions	.10	
Foreign Missions	.60	
Missionary Box	.50	
Indian Missions	1.00	
Chancel Decorations	.30	
Deaconess House	10.90	
Daily Vacation Bible School	1.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.30	
Red Cross (through Miss Walshe)	88.25	
		$984.90

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Correction

In the Treasurer's Report in the January number of the Parish News, through an error in printing and an oversight in proofreading the amount for the Episcopal Hospital in the Recapitulation is given as $1,-116.45, instead of $1,166.45.

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENVELOPE SYSTEM, 1928

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of envelope system:

Charities	$424.64	
Parochial Maintenance	206.01	
Missions	283.37	
Theological Education	26.92	
Our Work Among Young People	19.82	
Benevolent Society	81.53	
Episcopal Hospital	17.03	
Domestic Missions	17.65	
Community House Debt	297.66	
Diocesan Missions	29.91	
Foreign Missions	20.87	
Colored Missions	11.97	
Missionary Box	9.29	
Chancel Decorations	6.95	
Deaconess House	33.69	
Daily Vacation Bible School	21.87	
Woman's Auxiliary	17.12	
Bishop's Fund	14.29	
P. E. City Missions	5.00	
Welfare Association (Family Relations)	5.00	
Red Cross	99.00	
		$1,649.59

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$872.56	
Parochial Maintenance	2,118.21	
Missions	2,569.00	
Theological Education	140.55	
Our Work Among Young People	75.57	
Benevolent Society	279.73	
Episcopal Hospital	1,210.42	
Domestic Missions	73.45	
Church Farm School	65.00	
Community House Debt	559.48	
Diocesan Missions	119.52	
Foreign Missions	76.75	
Colored Missions	55.54	
Missionary Box	55.04	
Indian Missions	68.30	
Chancel Decorations	76.61	
Deaconess House	64.45	
Daily Vacation Bible School	69.32	
Woman's Auxiliary	85.18	
		$8,634.68

Near East	100.00	
Bishop's Fund	5.00	
Porto Rico Relief	10.00	
Red Cross	88.25	
		$203.25
		$10,487.52

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$1,297.20
Parochial Maintenance	2,324.22
Missions	2,852.37
Theological Education	167.47
Our Work Among Young People	95.39
Benevolent Society	361.26
Episcopal Hospital	1,227.45
Domestic Missions	91.10
Church Farm School	65.00
Community House Debt	857.14
Diocesan Missions	149.43
Foreign Missions	97.62
Colored Missions	67.51
Missionary Box	64.33
Indian Missions	68.30
Chancel Decorations	83.56
Deaconess House	98.14
Daily Vacation Bible School	91.19
Woman's Auxiliary	102.30
Near East	100.00
Bishop's Fund	19.29
P. E. City Missions	5.00
Welfare Association (Family Relations)	5.00
Porto Rico Relief	10.00
Red Cross	187.25
	$10,487.52

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 6th TO 13th JANUARY, 1929, INCLUSIVE

Amounts placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$18.93	
Foreign Missions	38.93	
		$57.86

Envelope System:

Charities	$50.60	
Parochial Maintenance	80.39	
Missions	91.80	
Theological Education	2.00	
Our Work Among Young People	1.75	
Benevolent Society	7.65	
Domestic Missions	2.00	
Community House Debt	26.80	
Diocesan Missions	6.10	
Foreign Missions	32.65	
Colored Missions	1.50	
Missionary Box	1.00	
Indian Missions	2.00	
Chancel Decorations	1.00	
Deaconess House	4.70	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.25	
Woman's Auxiliary	1.90	
		$314.09
		$371.95

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$69.53
Parochial Maintenance	80.39
Missions	91.80
Theological Education	2.00
Our Work Among Young People	1.75
Benevolent Society	7.65
Domestic Missions	2.00
Community House Debt	26.80
Diocesan Missions	6.10
Foreign Missions	71.58
Colored Missions	1.50
Missionary Box	1.00
Indian Missions	2.00
Chancel Decorations	1.00
Deaconess House	4.70
Daily Vacation Bible School	.25
Woman's Auxiliary	1.90
	$371.95

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

This past month has brought us two bereavements. Mr. Reifsnyder was still in middle age and his death was a great shock. I publish separately the remarks that I made at his funeral. May it long be true that he, being dead, yet speaketh to us through his example, and the inspiration of his memory. His personality was so strong and unique, that it is difficult to realize that he has been taken from us.

Quite different was the death of Mrs. Hall. She had reached ripe years, her strength was failing, and we can but feel that Death was a good angel carrying the weary laborer in the vineyard to her reward. What a loving, loyal, uncomplaining spirit she was. How she will be missed at the Girl's Friendly, where she was not only the Senior Associate, but also the oldest person in the band. I feel with Mrs. Hall as with Miss Kate Lewis, that it would not be easy to estimate how much her quiet influence contributed to the vitality and peace of the organization. As there are little glands in the body whose efficacy for years escaped the physiological, so I am persuaded there are in the Church quiet, faithful, loyal, loving members who are without our knowledge pouring helpful and healing influences into the organization. Such a one was Mrs. Hall.

At her funeral there should be only a few tears, concessions to nature, the predominant feeling should be rejoicing that she has entered in the joy of the Lord, into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

The Septuagesima Conference was held for the fourth time at St. Stephen's. It has become a recognized rallying place for Liberals and Evangelicals.

I did not think it wise to attend and turned all the arrangements over to a Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church League.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Cummins in particular for his admirable work. As the letter which I wrote to him for reading at the banquet, gives my ideals for the Conference, I publish it here.

Christianity has always been at the crossroads. But surely not since the Reformation has there been greater need of spirituality, courage, insight, and learning on the part of the clergy. So much of our old Learning has lost its value with the modern realization of the true nature of inspiration, of the progressive nature of revelation, and of the final authority of Reason; in the large sense, as the response of man's whole nature to the totality of things. Surely we need to restore Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy to their proper place in the training of our ministers. Psychology and Sociology are all very well, but they must not be allowed to supplant these more fundamental departments. Old and young, we ministers need to educate ourselves anew to meet these new problems. I am persuaded that we waste our time threshing the straw of those outworn theories of the Church, Sacraments and Bible. I find it difficult to be patient with those who profess to believe in freedom, yet refuse to admit that if the Church is free and liberal, then men of similar minds are free to associate themselves, without incurring the charge of sectarianism, or narrowness to carry out their common purposes ... The Anglo Catholics have their Sodalities and Confraternities, etc., and have extended by them their exclusive views and their aesthetic propaganda, as a means of spreading an atmosphere in which their theology can bud and bear fruit. But the Liberals have been singularly lacking in any vivid sense of the value of associated effort. They appreciate organization in the State, but not in the Church. I hope that the Liberals in our Septuagesima Conference will recognize the value of organization. Most of them will, I think, agree that it would have been a mistake if the recent General Convention had dropped the Articles from the Prayer Book. This, however, would have occurred but for organization.

The recent election in November showed, among other things, not only how determined our Country is to try through the experiment of Prohibition, but as the vote in Maryland particularly disclosed how distrustful the Country is of so despotic a form of Church Government as Romanism, with its exaltation of the divine right of a class to rule and its excessive demand of docility and obedience in those who are not officials. It is basic that a man of any religion, or no religion, has the privilege of running for office in the United

States; but nothing can deprive the voter of the right to decide whether the religion professed by the candidate is a form that will help him to discharge his obligations to our Republic. Let a Mussulman or a Mormon be put up for the Presidential Office, and the absurdity of the claim that the voter must not consider the religion of the Candidate will be revealed. One of the lessons of the last election was the strong Protestant feeling of the country. Some may call this bigotry, but with the record of such Catholic Countries as Spain and Italy with their dictators and with the presence of strong Catholic parties in Continental Europe, I call it good sense. Anyhow this Protestantism of our people is a significant fact, for those who wish to equip the Protestant Episcopal Church to do a large work in our land.

Vain, indeed, it seems to me is the effort to unite Liberal Theology with autocracy in Church Government. We need to be thorough-Protestants if we are to help Progressive thought.

I confess, too, my deep distrust of the Aesthetic tendency to beautify and enrich worship by using postures and ornamental usages, that were the natural means of expressing doctrines, now discarded. Let the new wine have the new wine skins. I wish that in Architecture, Music, and Church Ritual we could have the new freedom and new insights manifest themselves naturally. . . Few things give me more disgust than to see men going through genuflections, etc., that mean so much to a convinced Anglo-Catholic, or a Roman Catholic, but which I know that the Liberal uses merely aesthetically or as a prudent concession. Surely religion is meant to harmonize and unify our lives. Need we be surprised that our people drift into unintelligent views of the Sacraments, localizing the presence in bread or on the altar, if we act as if we believed in a local presence. I plead for a courageous consistency.

I should like to say a word about the need of some doctrines in a Church. The right of the individual to be free, is conditioned by the right and need of the organization to stand for something. Mysticism has its value, but so has the Logical faculty its rights. Because our views of truth are tentative and probably will be superseded, many people think themselves excused from forming any views, or inculcating those they hold. But surely this is a great mistake, let us speak out and declare the truth, as we understand it with all possible clearness. This is the road to the larger truth. Only the definite leads to definite results. Quakerism has not spread because of its vagueness. Nothing but its organization and discipline saved it even in Fox's day. Doctrinal vagueness was counter balanced by the meetings, regulation of dress, speech, marriage, etc. . .. We have no such discipline, we do not want it, but with our liberty of conduct, we stand in special need as an organization of great moral enthusiasms and clear spiritual teaching. What will become of us without them? It is so easy for people to adopt the lazy theory that opinions do not matter and that the whole realm of religion is beyond reason.

I trust that our Conference, in addition to associating, as Liberals and Evangelicals, in a closer fellowship, for I hold that we are basically one, believing as we do in a spiritual conception of the Gospel, and relying, as we do, on the inner witness or Truth's inherent credibility. . . will also stir us up to study more earnestly, to grasp more firmly, and teach more clearly the great truths revealed in the New Testament, and through God's pregressive education of the world. . .

My little grandson, under two years old, has been delighting us by his efforts to talk. In some mysterious way he manages to catch the meaning of our sentences. He can't distinguish words, much less syllables. We know this because in his efforts to talk he imitates the sentence and not the words. His utterances are approximations to the sentences, only now and then does a word stand out. Yet he will understand a command. How does he do it? Of course, the answer is that he apprehends the sentence as a whole. He gathers the meaning of that smear of sounds, so to speak. Now his power of grasping the whole, without comprehending clearly the parts, is in essence a mystic sense. It is a method of reasoning that doesn't proceed by analysis, but by synthesis. The child adds together impressions. He argues not from premise to conclusion, but from the conclusion he works backward. He has an innate conviction that there is meaning in our utterances. He connects the sentence, the gesture, the smile, all the circumstances of the utterance, and he infers our meaning—from the transaction as a whole. Gradually he notes the special significance of the sentence, and eventually of the words. In time his indefatigable mind will break up the sentence into words, distinguish verbs and nouns without any grammar, as M. Jourdain talked prose without knowing it, and will show by the coining of strange words that he has learned the general rule of the formation of the comparative without the help of teacher or book.

How absurd it is to think that environment produces faculty, when one sees faculty in this way drawing meaning from environment, and then making deductions from that meaning.

Now just as the child proceeds from the impression of the whole, so does the religious mystic. He is one to whom the Soul of things brings a message, the beauty of nature, the wonder of character, and personality, this whole complex and wonderful creation are to him a manifestation of God. As St. Paul puts in Romans 1: 19, 20, "God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead."

It is this ability to catch the meaning of the whole that makes the poet, the seer, the mystic. Mysticism is not opposed to logic, it affords logic the material on which to work, as the child's comprehension of the sentence leads on gradually to his knowledge of words and grammar.

Lent will soon be upon us. Let me urge the members of St. Stephen's who can attend Noonday Services to attend St. Stephen's. We shall be particularly grateful if we can have a large band of ushers to take up the offerings on Wednesday and Friday. If this collecting is done quickly and thoroughly, we have no trouble in financing the Noonday Services.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Dr. Grammer's Remarks at Mr. Reifsnyder's Funeral.

The close friendship that has existed so many years between Howard Reifsnyder and myself makes it difficult for me to speak any words of testimony to his Christian service and character with the proper self-control. Yet this very intimacy gives its chief value to my witness, and makes its utterance the more obligatory.

His sudden death has brought sorrow to a wide circle, and stricken St. Stephen's to the heart. A Church, properly conceived, is a fellowship. Howard Reifsnyder was supreme among us in his vivid realization and loving expression of this element of Church membership. It was, in truth, but an intensified expression of his attitude to all men, especially to the unfortunate, and disadvantaged. Interest in others, sympathy, kindness, affection poured out of him like power from a great dynamo or genial warmth from a glowing furnace. Hundreds, indeed I am not exaggerating when I say thousands, (bearing in mind Old St. Stephen's Club) could testify to his tireless generosity and helpfulness, to his patience with the weak, though they fell again and again, to his inexhaustible compassion. His great heart never ceased to yearn after the wayward and incorrigible, whom he continued to remember in his prayers, after they had drifted beyond his aid. A great personality, loving and unique, has been taken from us.

One of his rarest and most beautiful gifts was his entire reality and sincerity. Never under any circumstances did he pose as being other than he was in any respect. He could afford to open his heart to people, for he had nothing to hide.

This is not the time to speak of his varied endowments—of his appreciation of beauty, and his interest in historic associations, his extraordinary sense of values and his abilities as a great merchant. Neither can I dwell on his services to St. Stephen's Church and the Burd School, though I must mention that he was the chief founder and sustainer of Old St. Stephen's Club which cheered and helped so many thousands of enlisted men during the World War. To him we also owe our daily Noonday Service on Wednesday at St. Stephen's and the Young People's Fellowship.

But to-day we think not so much of his achievements and activities as of what he was in himself, of his humor, his comradeship, his unworldliness, his friendliness with all sorts and conditions of men, of his loving heart, his tender sympathy, his touching humility, his earnest desire to have the mind which was in Christ Jesus, his faithful use of all the means of grace as an aid to walking close with God.

We are grateful to God for the example and influence of such a life, and sad as it is to have him leave us, we can but be grateful that he was spared the pain of a long lingering last illness and was taken by a short road to the higher service and the fuller blessedness. Let us not fear to follow him in thought. In our Father's house are many rooms. This is the cellar, and he has ascended to the upper stories. I hope and pray that under the inconceivable conditions of that higher life, he may know how much he is missed and honored and loved here. May God grant it and may He give us the grace to follow the example of this sincere and loving Christian. Amen.

Williamsport, Pa.,
January 22, 1929.

My dear Dr. Grammer:

Permit me to sympathize with you for the death of a beloved friend. I feel very keenly the loss which St. Stephen's and you, my dear rector, have sustained. Mr. Reifsnyder was an example of practical Christianity. I believe he felt at all times the nearness of the Master.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
Joseph R. Clair.

How wonderful is the profundity of Shakespeare. These lines from the Winter's Tale, are basic in many a philosophy.

"Nature is made better by no mean,
But nature makes that mean;
So, over the art
That better nature is an art
that nature makes."

When Tennyson died this play of Shakespeare was lying open on his bed. Doubtless his eye had recently fallen on these words.

The Woman's Auxiliary

In spite of the bad weather January 17th, twenty-five members attended the meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Miss Drinker, whose address at the Church House was reported last month, was the speaker.

She pointed out a correction she would like made. Last month it was said she wished a fund with which to buy a horse. She wishes to hire a horse once a week to cross the mountain near Linville, N. C., to teach handicraft to the children in a little public school.

Miss Drinker had with her many lovely things which the mountain people make—linens, rugs, bags, table covers, etc.

The next meeting will be held February 21st.

B. E. Hollar, Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WOMAN'S AID OF THE CONVOCATION OF NORTH PHILADELPHIA

January, 1929.

Miss Laura Bell	$5.00
Miss Emily Bell	1.00
Mrs. Craig Atmore	2.00
Mrs. Herman H. Birney	2.00
Mrs. John C. Browne	3.50
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie	.50
Misses Davis	1.50
Miss Sara H. Eisenbrey	2.00
Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey	2.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis	.50
Mrs. Fannie Gebhart	.50
Mrs. John Hay	.50
Mrs. I. W. Higham	.50
Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr.	.50
Mrs. Mary E. Newlin	.50
Mrs. Chas. E. Noblit	1.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	.50
Miss Harriet E. Parker	.50
Miss Blanche M. Porter	.50
Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath	.50
Miss Mary M. Roberts	.50
Miss Mary Swift	.50
Miss Susan C. Thackara	.50
Mrs. W. B. Townsend	3.00
Total	$30.00

Wanted

Contributions of new and partly worn clothing for men, women and children. Packages, addressed to the Parish Visitor, may be left in either the Parish House or Community House.

The Daily Noon Services

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 31, 1928.

Dear Friends:

In accord with annual custom, we beg to submit a brief report on the "Daily Noon Services" in "Old St. Stephen's," which will soon round out their seventh year.

The meetings have continued with regularity and promptness and with average attendance around 100.

Able speakers from both near and afar have administered the Word each day and of whom we may truly say—"being allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel,"—even so they spake. I Thess. 2:4.

The most notable gathering of the year occurred on April 20th at the 1000th service, still fragrant with happy memories.

The Friday service continues specially attractive through the able treatment of the Bible School lessons by Mr. Barnhouse, and the Christian fellowship which prevails among the large company of believers representing a variety of churches, yet with no thought of denominational lines; a beautiful symbol of the invisible Church of which our Lord himself is the Head. Col. 1:18.

As to finances for the year ending December 31, 1928:

Total receipts, all sources	$1,055.42
Total expenditures	1,039.59
Balance on hand, and no unsettled obligations	$ 15.83

(Audited and found correct. E. H. C.)

The administration of affairs has continued in fullest harmony (Ps. 133:1), and to Dr. Grammer and his able staff and to the kind people of St. Stephen's generally, as well as to all who aided in any way, we would again express sincere appreciation.

As illustrating the immeasurable value of these Services, we but quote the headlines of some interesting events:

1. A young Jewess hears the gospel here for the first time, and is now a joint-heir with Christ.

2. The message of an old-time hymn was transmitted through a nearby 'phone to the listener at the far away end, from the chimes in "the old Church tower."

3. One of our Jno. 3:16 medallions caused the distribution of 10,000 others, two of which handed to a lone farmer and wife in a Kansas field resulted in their conversion. Commander Byrd is also carrying one on his journey toward the South Pole.

4. A traveler, incidentally dropping in, returned thanks for the message which he stated specially helped him on his 3000 mile journey.

5. At a single service, seven souls manifested their desire to be saved.

6. Many attending regularly, express gratitude at the opportunity of here learning more and more of Him in whom is hid all the wisdom and knowledge of God.

7. A stranger dropping in, results in "preaching the Word" to several hundred prisoners in the South; also the weekly publication of a continuous series of Bible Studies in the "Southern Churchman," and other far-reaching developments.

8. The "up-building" of believers, and "edifying of the saints."

9. The opening of other doors to those who minister here.

10. The beginning of many happy fellowships which will doubtless find their sweetest echoes within the realms of a boundless eternity.

And thus upon the human tide
Our words and deeds are cast,
Not knowing just how far they reach,
Or just how long they last;
But this we know that Christ Divine,
Can use in wondrous deeds,
The power of His Holy Word,
Where'er the Spirit leads.

As we therefore consider this brief review of the results of the "Open-Door" at "Old St. Stephen's," we ask you to join with us in Psalm 34:3: "Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

We have the honor to remain,
Faithfully yours,
W. B. Coleman
Edw. M. Dilkes
L. E. Reed
W. S. Wills
J. G. Harris
F. M. Smith
Edw. A. Steele
Edw. H. Castor, Secretary
J. T. Bougher, Treasurer
Committee on "Daily Noon Services"
of the Christian Business
Men's League.
19 South 10th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

It is a dangerous thing for a young man to start out in life without the thought of God.—Gladstone.

Be strong. We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; we have hard work to do, and loads to lift; shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.—Maltbie Davenport Babcock.

The world makes way for the determined man.

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20—Miss Ernst.
27—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Feb. 3—Miss Gregg.
10—Miss Gebhart.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
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Mar. 3—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
10—Mrs. Barclay.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Palm Sunday—Mother's Meeting.
28—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
31—Easter.

April 7—Mrs. Sheble.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Mrs. Tappen.
28—Mrs. Higham.

May 5—Mrs. Woodward.
9—Ascension—Mrs. Lamb.
12—Miss Townsend.
19—Mrs. Higham.
26—Mrs. Woodward.

June 2—
9—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
16—Miss Gebhart.
23—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
30—

July 7—King's Daughters.
14—
21—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell.
28—

Aug. 4—
11—Mrs. Love.
18—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
25—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—Miss Powell.
15—Mrs. Sheble.
22—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
29—Mrs. Lamb.

Oct. 6—Miss Laura Bell.
13—Miss Maulsby.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
27—Mrs. Keable.

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3—Girls' Friendly Society.
10—Miss Mary De H. Bright.
17—Miss Eisenbrey.
24—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.

Dec. 1—Mrs. Sheble.
8—The Misses Davis.
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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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Theological Education	2.00	
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Benevolent Society	10.25	
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Community House Debt	16.65	
Diocesan Missions	73.10	
Foreign Missions	21.65	
Colored Missions	4.25	
Missionary Box	5.45	
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Chancel Decorations	4.75	
Deaconess House	5.35	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.40	
		$551.65
		$622.60

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Charities	$86.87
Parochial Maintenance	152.30
Missions	196.83
Theological Education	2.00
Our Work Among Young People	4.00
Benevolent Society	10.25
Episcopal Hospital	5.00
Domestic Missions	4.00
Church Farm School	5.00
Community House Debt	16.65
Diocesan Missions	89.85
Foreign Missions	21.65
Colored Missions	4.25
Missionary Box	5.45
Indian Missions	4.00
Chancel Decorations	4.75
Deaconess House	5.35
Woman's Auxiliary	4.40
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PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Gtn.

The Rector's Letter

Dear Parishioners:

In the February number of the "Atlantic Monthly," President Lawrence Lowell asks whether Prohibition can be enforced, and, if not, whether the present condition is better than some modification of the policy. I am entirely at one with the President of Harvard in holding that the question is worthy of the most careful consideration. I suggest, however, that it must not be prejudged. To link together the Reconstruction measures after the Civil War, and the Prohibition measure after the World War, as exhibitions of a similar spirit, or a similar excessive rigor, is surely a way of discrediting Prohibition before investigation. Reconstructon related to the treatment of the Negroes whose presence in our land was the ultimate cause of the Civil War, and it was a subject around which gathered all the passions engendered by that conflict. Prohibition was in no way connected with the causes of the World War, and was enacted against no party in that struggle. Reconstruction dealt with a condition created by the Civil War. Prohibition was the final chapter in a long volume of enactments that related to conditions with which the World War had nothing to do.

All such analogies are of doubtful value logically. Whatever force this analogy could possess would only arise after it had been ascertained that Prohibition can not be enforced, which is the question to be determined and not to be assumed.

President Lowell implies that Local Option was the proper solution, but the experience of years convinced the people of the United States that neither Local Option nor State Prohibition was adequate to cope with the lawlessness and injurious influence of the saloon. The chief obstacle to Prohibition thus far has been, first of all, that enforcement has not been in the hands of its friends. Secondly, that the upper classes who are not accustomed to endure any restrictions from the law, abuse the law, and justify disobedience to it, although, as President Lowell well says, "Obedience to the law is the basis of civil society."

In spite, however, of poor enforcement and this lack of observance among people who should lead public opinion, there has undoubtedly been a great lessening of drinking and a great improvement in the condition of the working classes, the people who constitute the majority of our nation.

It is astonishing that President Lowell omits all mention of the causes that are steadily working throughout the world in the direction of controlling the trade in intoxicants. The Chemists have taught us that alcohol is a habit-forming drug whose medicinal value has been greatly overestimated and whose stimulation is mainly a kind of delusion. The Life Insurance Companies have shown how even its moderate use shortens life. The great railways have restricted their employees from its use for the safety of their passengers and fellow employees. Great manufacturers tell us that workers amid machinery can not afford to use alcohol. We live in a machine age. Millions of automobiles are flying down our roads and whirling about our streets. Twenty-five million automobiles is the last count—one to every five inhabitants. The safety of society requires that these drivers, who do not run on rails or on schedules, should be just as much restricted from the use of liquor as the railroad engineers.

Every one agrees that the saloon is a festering sore, but no one has shown how intoxicating liquor can be brought back without the restoration of the equivalent of the saloon.

Since it is admitted that immense economic and social benefits have resulted from Prohibition, why should we imperil these blessings by relaxing the stringency of Prohibition in order to lessen the amount of disobedience to the law? Is not such a rewarding of disobedience the way to increase disobedience? If disobedience can secure light-wines, will it not be encouraged to further disobedience to get whiskey?

What is the motive of the people who disobey the 18th Amendment? Is it not exactly the same as the motive of the Opium user, viz., that appetite is placed above the Public Weal and the Public Will?

I had hoped that after the last election we should hear no more about a minority forcing its will upon the majority. Yet President Lowell, while admitting in some sentences that a majority favors the law, seems to think that the obligation of the law is weakened because it was for a long time a minority measure. Was there ever a beneficial reform of which this could not be said? What we have a right to expect from our educators, it seems to me, is greater emphasis on the duty of observance even of an unpopular law—loyal observance until the repeal of the law can be secured, if they hold it should be repealed. I find it hard to be moved by the horror of growing lawlessness expressed by people who apologize and condone law-breaking. Plaintiffs must appear in court with clean hands, and zealots for laws that can be enforced must be teachers of the obligation of obedience to the laws that exist.

Admirably situated for rendering service to the poor, our hospital is not well located if it is to be intimately known by the rich. Lehigh Avenue and Front Street is not a fashionable route. Yet, in fact, in these days of automobiles that location is accessible in a few minutes from the centre of the city. It is a visit worth making and rewards the visitor with many emotions, some of pride and some of sympathy and longing. As one walks along the hospital's broad corridors he reads on the tablets on the walls the names of our Church's leaders in philanthropy. There is the name of that statesman among bishops, Alonzo Potter, and of that wonderful preacher to children, Dr. Richard Newton, and beside them the names of many a loving parent and child and sister and friend endowing beds or making gifts in memory or those loved and lost awhile. How sweet it is to come across a chapel, amid all these appliances and devices to cure the body, a place for the comfort and strengthening of the soul, doubly sweet if a service is going on. I shall always recall with gratitude the delight the solemn yet comforting anthems gave me, when I was a patient in the hospital. How sweet it was to hear the familiar hymns—how good to know that God, the Author of life, was being worshipped and honored in this great institution dedicated to healing bodily ills.

Dr. Johnson said that he envied no man whose piety was not stirred by the ruins of Iona, that sacred isle off the coast of Scotland, whence the early British missionaries went out to evangelize the South of Scotland and the North of England. I feel sorry for the man whose soul is not stirred, in walking through the main wards of the Episcopal Hospital, by the texts on the walls over the beds. Here are some of them:

We know that all things work
together for good to them that love God.
Romans VIII, 28.
Fear thou not, for I am with thee, be
not dismayed, for I am thy God.
Isaiah XLI, 10.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
and He shall sustain thee,
Ps. 55: 22.
Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He
shall save His people from their sins.
St. Matthew I, 21.

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of
trouble and He knoweth them that trust Him.
Nahum I, 7.
The eternal God is thy refuge
underneath are the everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy XXXIII, 27.

As I have often mentioned, never have I appealed to this generous hospital that it has not responded to my request and helped

me to care for my sick people. This winter we have made an unusual number of requests of it, but not one has been refused.

Much will be done for the hospital as the result of our Diocesan Campaign inaugurated two winters back by our statesmanlike Bishop, but much still remains to be done.

For example, is it not a great defect in that splendid institution that it has no Maternity Ward and its nurses have to go to some other institution to round out their training by service in its Maternity Wards? What more beautiful memorial could a son pay to a Mother than the erection of a Maternity Ward in our hospital to his Mother's memory? Here is an appropriate inscription for the dedicatory tablet, "For all women in the perils of childbirth,—we beseech Thee to hear us Good Lord."

Another need of the hospital is a Solarium. When I was strong enough to get out of bed I longed for some place where I could bask in the sun. In the London hospital I had not enjoyed any sunlight for five weeks. On ship board I had only a few hours in the sun, and I yearned for its invigorating heat. But our great Hospital has no Solarium.

It seems to me that before our diocese puts up any monumental buildings on the Cathedral ground, we ought to equip adequately our great Hospital. When the Johns Hopkins was opened, a great scientist protested against architecture's domination in University and Collegiate life. "Let us here," he said, "put first things first; let a fine facade await upon adequate laboratories, well-salaried professorships, a sufficient number of assistants, a fine library." So I hold that in our diocesan life, a fully equipped Episcopal Hospital is one of the first things. Its claims should be kept steadily before our people.

I always regretted that I did not urge Miss Anna Magee, who made the parish so many generous gifts at my request, to endow some beds in a hospital and give the Rector of St. Stephen's the privilege of nominating occupants. It would be a splendid addition to the equipment of a downtown Church.

Perhaps some of our people may do this in their wills.

Among other things the hospital is urgently in need of is a supply of radium for the treatment of cancer, which would cost from seven to ten thousand dollars.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Resolution by the Vestry

February 13, 1929.

Whereas, Mr. William H. Hollar has resigned, on account of the increasing demands of his own business, the position that he has held for so many years in St. Stephen's as the Committee on Repairs;

Be it Resolved, that in accepting this resignation the Vestry desires to put on record its appreciation of the services of Mr. Hollar in this responsible post, and particularly to express its gratitude for the efficient part that he took in the building of the Community House, which was designed by an architect of his selection and erected under his general supervision.

Resolved, that this resolution be published in "The Parish News" as well as spread upon the minutes of the Vestry.

Notice

Class for Confirmation instruction will meet Friday nights at 8 o'clock in the Vestry Room.

Confirmation will take place March 17th, at 11.00 A. M.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Eight members and Mr. Kevin braved the storm for the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, February 21st. There was no speaker. Many full and interesting reports were sent in by delegates unable to attend the meeting.

The treasurer reported a balance of $73.56. The Missionary Box Committee has a balance of $63.70 with which to begin next year. Miss Bright has collected $103.47 from twenty-four contributors.

The next meeting will be held in the Community House, March 21st.

B. E. H.

St. Stephen's Expectation for 1928

The Rector, wardens and vestry of St. Stephen's Church are happy to announce that the congregation has more than met its financial obligations to the Church and to the Church's Missionary Program in the Expectation for 1928. St. Stephen's Church promised $5,000 to the Expectation, and a total of $5,689.84 from all sources was contributed. This was divided in the following ways: payments on account of Expectation, $5,369.34; specials, $320.50. Through the accounting warden $4,589.39 was received and through other sources, $1,100.45.

Jesus, as you pass along,
Doing right, overlooking wrong,
As you view the hurrying throng,
Pause a moment at my side.

Are there those that know not Thee,
So engaged they do not see?
Gently touch me, come to me,
Pause a moment at my side.

My eyes may not behold Thy face,
But my soul will feel Thy grace.
When you pause, my soul embrace;
Pause a moment at my side.

GILL.

The Girls' Friendly Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society takes this opportunity to thank the Honorary Associates and friends who kindly supported the Luncheon and Card Party given at the Food Craft Shop, 1211 Chestnut Street, on February 3, 1929. It was most successful, and a very attractive place to give a benefit.

Since the first of the year, we have lost our oldest member and associate, Mrs. Mary Anna Hall. She had endeared herself to every one in the Society and we wish to pay profound tribute to such a sincere character. Her wonderful spirit and sweet influence will live forever in the hearts of our girls.

A number of our members have been ill, and were taken care of by the Episcopal Hospital. So wonderful was the attention and care given them by the doctors and nurses, that we are full of appreciation and thanks to them for the kindness shown each member. We are also deeply indebted to Mr. Kevin for all the kindness and immediate attention administered by him.

Our programme since the first of the year has been a varied one. Miss Anne R. Daley has given several interesting Current Event Talks, and we are looking forward with keen interest to more of them. Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, gave us a most instructive talk. Two evenings have been given to Doctor Rachel Williams, whose advice and interest in the welfare of the girls made such an impression that we would like to hear her speak every week. Mr. Wm. Sharpless gave us a delightful evening with an illustrated talk on his trip abroad, and also showing some beautiful pictures of the country surrounding Philadelphia. This was not just illustrated slides, but real moving pictures, and was most entertaining. He presented the Society with two of his books, giving a full and inspiring account of his trip which will be read by the Society at one of its meetings.

A Waffle Luncheon, for the benefit of the special effort fund, was given by Mrs. Daisy Patterson at her home on Saturday, February 16th. Class in Bridge was started by Mrs. Stilz on February 18th. An interesting trip was made through the plant of Breyer Ice Cream Company, where we saw "ice cream in the making."

Our advance programme — An Illustrated Talk on Yellowstone Park, by Doctor W. H. Moore—Talk by Mr. Kevin—Talk on Russia by Mrs. Gosin—all of which are being looked forward to with great pleasure.

Hedwig L. Kauffmann,
Secretary.

NOTES

Outstanding action taken at the February meeting of the National Council was to direct what parts of the Church's activity must be reduced or stopped in order to make the budget equal to the amounts promised by the dioceses. All of this action has been reported in detail to the Church weeklies, The Spirit of Missions and The Church at Work. Will you not influence those to whom you write or speak to study it there? It is too long to include here.

The presiding genius of the Book Store in Church Missions House, Mr. Michael Francis Pfau, has completed twenty years of service there. The National Council sent him a hearty message of appreciation.

One of the clergy who comes nearer than most people to reading everything worth while among modern books recommends for Lent, as more worth while than most books of that kind, three of John Fiske's, which were published some years ago but are still to be had from Houghton Mifflin. The titles are: **The Destiny of Man** viewed in the light of his origin. **The Idea of God** as affected by modern knowledge. **Through Nature to God.**

Still they come, more bishops who have been consecrated "north of San Francisco and west of Nebraska." Bishop Shayler tells us that his own consecration took place in Seattle and that Bishop Ingley was consecrated in Denver.

The January issue of The Diocesan Chronicle of the Philippine Islands, in addition to its always interesting first-hand stories of the Church's work there, includes a complete list of the Church staff, missionaries appointed by the National Council and others employed locally.

On the site of Robert G. Ingersoll's home in New York City now stands the Gramercy Park Hotel. The New York Bible Society recently placed 200 Bibles in that hotel. Incidentally it is where the Presiding Bishop lives.

Bishop Binsted said recently that although Holy Trinity Church, Tokyo, seats only about 250 persons, seven hundred crowded in for the three-hour service on Good Friday last year and most of them remained throughout the service.

A new low record for lynchings was set in 1928, with a total of eleven. The previous minimum was sixteen in 1924. Forty years ago the number was 175.—The World Tomorrow.

Parish paper, St. Luke's Inkhorn, Cincinnati, reports two families in which every earning member makes a pledge for the work of the Church, ten pledges in all.

The original manuscript of "Alice in Wonderland" recently on view in the New York Public Library was visited by 114,000 people. (Yes, this is a legitimate item in this place! There are so many morals attached to it we have not space to state them.)

Reporting a visit to Shasi, a remote station up the river from Hankow, Miss R. B. Lustgarten says, in part:

It was nice to see the Chinese friends again and to be so cordially welcomed by them. One has to admire their sticking to their job during these difficult and trying days. Added to the troubles which have come upon the Church in Shasi district, as in the rest of China, there is the problem of drought and famine. Green vegetables are scarce and everything is exceedingly high. Our Chinese staff realized everything, but there was no talk of running away—only questions as to how to meet the emergency situation which they know was before them.

Best of all were the little chats with Father Yang about the work and the spiritual life of the local church and the Christians and our personal problems. One was struck anew by his devotion to his Lord and his Church, and his desire to do everything he can to extend the Kingdom of God wherever he may be able to do so.

Our Chinese are bravely tackling their problems. They need all the help and encouragement we can give them.

That there are, within the Church in China, men and women who really love our Lord and have given themselves to His service and to the service of mankind through love of Jesus Christ, was one of the greatest impressions this visit made upon me.

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March 25-29—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

March 30—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Assistant St. Stephen's Church.

You are cordially invited to attend all of these services and requested to bring a friend.

The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. I pray while I am engaged in my work in the laboratory.—Pasteur.

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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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PARISH REGISTER

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"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 23—Michael A. Dougherty and Elizabeth H. La Sanic.

Christian Burial

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March 7—John T. Lewis, Jr.
" 12—John Mackin.
" 16—Margaret J. Laird.

Confirmation, St. Stephen's, March 17th

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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Tuesday evening, April 9th, at 6.15 the Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters will give a dinner—to be followed by a card party. We hope to see all our friends at this time. Subscription is 75 cents and will include both the dinner and the card party. Proceeds will go toward the Community House debt. Don't forget the date!

The Rector's Letter

Dear Parishioners:

Philosophers are much occupied in discriminating between appearance and reality. This table on which I am writing appears to be a solid substance, but science tells me that the real state of the case is that there are a number of whirling forces which strike upon my senses so rapidly that they produce the illusion of solidity in much the same way that the rapidly revolving films of the moving picture machine produce the pictures on the screen. The real nature of the table, says the scientist, is disclosed by setting it on fire and noting how most of its substance goes off in smoke and gas. But surely there is another point of view. I was looking out on the ocean at Atlantic City the other day and watching the waves as they come in to the shore from the horizon. How gently they rise, how silently they move out there in the great deep, how varied their tints and then what transformations come over them as they near the shore, and the foam begins to crest them. What a steady purr they keep up on windless days, and how they roar on stormy days, and how the surf tesselates the sands, and how some giant wave that breaks far out comes in foaming and roaring, leaving behind a long tail of foam-flecked water as it rushes on the beach.

As I watch all this beauty and play of light and color and listen to this music of the ages, I ask myself, is this not a reality? Some may answer, No, that is appearance, an illusion produced by the nature and the limitations of human eyes and ears, the reality is the gases here combined, the hydrogen and oxygen, and the salts they hold in solution, or the profounder reality of their atoms and the atoms' component parts.

But wait, I ask, come, go with me to the Academy of Fine Arts, and let us stand before this beautiful picture of a harbor, with its water and ships and wharves. What is the reality there? Is it the canvas and the chemical elements that constitute the paints? Are these last the profound realities, or is the beauty of the picture the true reality, the inner Holy of Holies, to which all the other things are ministrant? To my mind the answer is clear; the beauty of that picture, the creative idea that it expresses, is the real thing about it. It really brought together the canvas and the paints, and so created the combination of elements which create the picture. So Beauty stands both at the beginning and the end, and is the Alpha and Omega of the picture. It is the true reality.

Can not the same be said of the beauty of the sea, of the flowers, of the clouds? They surely tell of Artistry. Why should not the combinations which result in these visions of loveliness be regarded as having their largest explanation, not in chemistry, but in beauty? Is not the beauty of Nature one of the supreme realities.

Though the gathering infirmities of age prevented Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., from attending church for some years, he was, in the days of his vigor, one of our most regular attendants. He was also, from 1895 to 1917, a member of the Vestry and a faithful member of an important Committee. He and his brother-in-law, Mr. Beauveau Borie, were bound together by the closest ties of friendship and business association, and were looked upon by all of us as remarkable examples of life-long friendship. It is sad to think how many of the members of the Vestry at the time when I came to St. Stephen's have, like Mr. Lewis, journeyed on "from sunshine to the sunless land." Their good examples, however, will long remain with us.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Miss Alley, of the Church Training and Deaconess School, who is attached to the Missionary District of North Dakota, and has been attending St. Stephen's and teaching in its Sunday School for over a year, is asking for help in her future work at the request of Bishop Tyler. She has been very active in our Young People's Fellowship, and I am sure that the congregation will be delighted to consider her appeal. Her bishop, Dr. J. Poyntz Tyler, at one time had a parish in Philadelphia and is a friend of your rector. Miss Alley will have charge of the religious education in that Missionary District; but she is interested in all the needs of the people, for our missionaries are engaged in teaching the people how to live. Many of them are Dacotah or Sioux Indians. To that end they have to instruct them in gardening, in sanitation and the simple arts of housekeeping. For this they need such tools as wagons and wells, if I may so designate one of the great necessities of existence in the region which is rainless for such a large part of the summer. $150 would buy a wagon. $250 would dig a well. $125 would support a child for a year. The rector would be glad of pledges that would enable them to promise one or all of these.

The Rev. Dr. J. G. H. Barry is quoted in the paper of one of his former parishes as saying that "not doing wrong, in the sense of merely not breaking the commandments, no more makes a man a Christian than not breaking the piano makes him a musician."

The Sunday School

Lent has been a busy time for the members of St. Stephen's Sunday School. Not only have mite-boxes been swallowing pennies that otherwise would have gone to more immediate satisfactions than the work of the foreign missions, but in nearly every case the classes have been engaged in some special work to raise a substantial offering. One class has been very busy sewing every Friday afternoon for weeks past and as a result have made dozens of pot and pan holders and aprons which they have sold at what seems to an uninitiated onlooker, an absurdly low price. Other classes have banded together in the making of marmalade, for which members of the congregation have generously subscribed. Still other classes have been engaged in the sale of various articles from which they derive a small profit that goes to swell the total of their subscription.

The largest endeavor, however, comes this afternoon with the presentation of the annual Easter pageant. The service will be at 4 o'clock in the afternoon as formerly, but this year the nature of the program will be somewhat different. The pageant will be the story of the "Consecration of Sir Galahad," a beautiful drama and pantomime.

Those taking part are as follows: Adelaide Mastick, Bernice Bovell, Elsie Martin, Mabel Wheeler, Violet Kuhn, Sara Donegh-ie, Kitty Bowman, Dorothy Witherow, Fred Schmid, Harry Blomquist, Arthur Brawner, Robert Brawner, Gwendolyn Moore, Mildred Wheeler, Eleanor Bacon, Jean Perry, Virginia Saunders, Dorothy Depond, Josephine Head and Edith Fry.

A Note of Appreciation

On Easter Sunday for the first time I used the new silk cassock which the women of the congregation have given me. It was intended as a Christmas gift, but the difficulty of getting a firm experienced in making cassocks, was responsible for the delayed delivery. The present was quite unexpected at Christmas time and its message of kindness and good-will deeply touched me. My own feeling of unworthiness was and is the only disquieting thought, but this I try to forget while I express my heartfelt appreciation to those who thought more highly of me than I deserved.

Faithfully yours,
Robert Oliver Kevin.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Cheston Morris was the speaker at the March meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. She is chairman for the Pennsylvania Diocese of the Corporate Gift.

The National Council Treasurer gave warning when he took that position that he would budget all current expenses for all Episcopal Institutions, but there would be no money for advance work. The women knew this meant stagnation and the Corporate Gift is the outgrowth of this thought.

At the December meeting of the Executive Board $50,000 was the goal set to be completed by Epiphany, 1930.

This money is to be used for four objects:

1st. To build a permanent church at Santo Domingo City, the capital of the Dominican Republic. A prominent Englishman has given a beautiful site commanding a view of the city upon the condition a church costing not less than $25,000 shall be built within this year.

2nd. To provide St. Michael's Mission of the Arapahoe Indians of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming, with a dependable, modern water supply by giving $10,000.

3rd. Five thousand dollars to build a church at Mt. Hope, Canal Zone, where there are three hundred communicants, all government employees, and they are compelled to conduct services in living quarters when available.

4th. Ten thousand dollars to build a much-needed modern dormitory for Christ School for boys in the mountains of North Carolina, at Arden.

B. E. Hollar.

NOTICES

Players' Guild.—On Friday, April 12th, at 8 P. M., in the Community House, the Players' Guild of St. Stephen's Church will present "Mr. Pim Passes By," by A. A. Milne, to help support the Convention of the Young People's Service League of the Province of Washington, which will meet in Philadelphia the latter part of April. Approximately 10,000 young people of the Province will appoint delegates to this Convention. Your cooperation in making the play a success will materially aid the success of the Convention.

King's Daughters—A dinner and card party will be given by the King's Daughters on Tuesday evening, April 9th, at 6.15 o'clock, in the Community House. Subscription, 75 cents. Proceeds for Community House Fund.

Girls' Friendly Society—An illustrated talk on Missionary work in Africa will be given by Dr. Geo. P. Goll. of Trenton, N. J., on Monday night, April 8, at 8 P. M., in the Auditorium of the Community House, for the Special Effort Fund of the Girls' Friendly Society. Admission, 35 cents. Dr. Goll has spent some time in Africa and an interesting evening is expected.

A platter luncheon will be given by the Girls' Friendly Society on Saturday, April 13th, from 1 to 2 o'clock, in the Community House. Tickets, 50 cents. Also cake and candy sale.

Sunday School Pageant—"The Consecration of Sir Galahad," will be given Sunday afternoon, April 7th, in the Church. The congregation is invited.

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 20—Julius A. Kaiser and Helen B. Rennebaum.
April 30—Thomas L. Hansom and Anna C. Blimmel.
May 24—Harold R. Tawresey and Hannah McCormick.

Christian Burial

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Feb. 9—Frances W. Taggart.
April 6—Anna Jeanes Maulsby.
April 10—Paul B. Hartman.
April 18—Virginia G. Cramer.
May 1—Louzette Cornish.
May 18—Alexander McClelland.

I believe most intensely in the need of that arm of contact with the live rail which we call "prayer."

—Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

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Charities	$53.58	
Parochial Maintenance	17.85	
Missions	65.98	
Theological Education	17.29	
Benevolent Society	19.90	
Community House Debt	317.04	
Colored Missions	10.18	
Chancel Decorations	29.60	
		$531.42

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Charities	$138.44	
Parochial Maintenance	202.95	
Missions	272.63	
Theological Education	82.70	
Benevolent Society	90.03	
Episcopal Hospital	10.00	
Church Farm School	10.00	
Community House Debt	261.00	
Diocesan Missions	4.60	
Foreign Missions	3.90	
Colored Missions	45.70	
Missionary Box	11.05	
Chancel Decorations	55.70	
Deaconess House	.30	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.05	
Woman's Auxiliary	.15	
		$1,189.20

Recapitulation

Charities	$192.02
Parochial Maintenance	220.80
Missions	338.61
Theological Education	99.99
Benevolent Society	109.93
Episcopal Hospital	10.00
Church Farm School	10.00
Community House Debt	578.04
Diocesan Missions	4.60
Foreign Missions	3.90
Colored Missions	55.88
Missionary Box	11.05
Chancel Decorations	85.30
Deaconess House	.30
Daily Vacation Bible School	.05
Woman's Auxiliary	.15
	$1,720.62

Ella Headman, *Treasurer.*

Truthfulness in work is as much demanded as truthfulness in speech.—Hugh Black.

Do not do that which you would not have known.—Franklin's Poor Richard.

The man who is going nowhere is always too busy to go anywhere.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The reports of the various societies speak their own message, and it is not necessary that I should enlarge upon them. They show conclusively what substantial work is being done in our down-town church. I am delighted that the Parish Meeting went off so well.

We are much indebted to Miss Laura Bell and her associates who made the social hour such a success.

On the statue of the great Protestant theologian, Vinet, in Lausanne, is carved the sentiment that Christianity is the germ of all true Democracy. It is a profound saying. Those famous democracies of Greece were really oligarchies; for Greek civilization was built upon slavery and the inferiority of woman. True democracy is based upon the dignity of man and the brotherhood of man, ideas which find their basis in the Christian teaching that man is a child of God, and, as such, a being of infinite worth. Unfortunately, this great seminal truth, which is constantly proclaimed from our pulpits, has not been adequately expressed in the organization and life of the Church. Even such a thoroughly Protestant Church as the Presbyterian has been too much an oligarchy. The Episcopal Church by its Canons gives the laity great power, but in practice the government of the parishes is too often oligarchical. Some Vestries act as if they were the owners of the property, and not the agents of the congregation. I have known a Vestryman to advocate the amalgamation of two Churches by act of the Vestries without any consultation of the congregations. Such misconceptions of the function of a Vestry are obviated by annual elections such as take place in St. Stephen's. I learnt the value of this method in my brief rectorate of the Church of the Epiphany, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, where there was a rule of rotation in the Vestry. This rule of rotation I found in Christ Church, Norfolk. I added to it, election at a Parish Meeting. It proved a great success and made the Vestry a truly representative body: the most fashionable Church in Norfolk making it a point to include in the Vestry representatives of all the elements in the congregation.

Before my time in St. Stephen's, the Vestrymen really elected themselves. The congregation had no voice and took no interest in the matter. I do not recall the date of the inauguration of these Parish Meetings; but they have now been our custom for nearly two decades, and have undoubtedly been creative of a wider-spread loyalty and a deeper interest. The envelope-system and the Parish Meeting together make every member realize that this Church is his society giving every one a voice in its affairs and expecting of each member cooperation.

Nothing but ultimate decay and disaster will be the fate of a society whose organization is not in harmony with its fundamental principles. The death of the Earl of Rosebery brings to mind a striking exemplification of this truth. His ability as Foreign Secretary under Gladstone, his eloquence and his great social position led to his choice as the successor of Gladstone as the leader of the Liberals. So it came about that the progressive and popular party of England, the party of reform, social and moral, had as its leader a member of the House of Lords, who had no strong interest in the Liberal solution of the Irish Question and was the spoiled darling of society. The result was disastrous. It is a true saying that the stags with a lion as their leader would be more dangerous than an army of lions under the leadership of a deer. There was no unity of council among the Liberals. The House of Commons' leader, Sir William Harcourt, felt that he was the proper head of the Liberal Party, and resented the half-hearted liberalism of the imperialistic Rosebery. The full story can be gathered from the biographies of Lord Rosebery, Sir William Harcourt and Campbell Bannerman. It shows Lord Rosebery is one of the most pathetic figures in the history of English statesmanship—a kind of liberal Hamlet, brilliant and inefficient, his political affiliations pulling him one way and his social proclivities and tastes another. His retirement was brought about by his own lack of internal harmony. He was destined (to use one of his own phrases) "to plow a lonely furrow."

Such will be the ultimate destiny, in an age, feeling its way in all departments towards a wider and more brotherly democracy, of all institutions that cannot bring their organization into harmony with their principles, and fail to adjust both to the spirit of the times. One of the greatest needs of the Episcopal Church is such democratization. It is the demand of the spirit of Christianity and of the spirit of the age.

This annual Parish Meeting with election of the Vestry, reports of societies, and closing social hour is, I think, one of the most notable features of our life as a Parish. I have received many inquiries about it and it has been copied elsewhere. I hope that it will never be abandoned.

The fear has been expressed that a Vestry so elected may not be competent to meet its responsibilities. This used to be urged in Norfolk by a former Naval Officer who naturally distrusted popular elections. The system worked so well, however, that the objection soon ceased to be urged. It is sometimes asked, as an objection to this method, whether designing people could not colonize in a church and get possession of its endowments by electing themselves on the Vestry at a Parish Meeting. The answer is, in the first place, that if such a nefarious design were really conceived, it would be much easier to carry it out with the old system of election than with the new one. Under the old system the tellers elected by the Vestry kept the polls open from 12 to 1 on Easter Monday, and during that hour one or two Vestrymen dropped in and voted for the old group. All that the conspirators would have to do would be to wait within 5 minutes of the time when it had been announced that the polls would be closed. If they had duly qualified themselves to be voters, and voted for nominees eligible under our Charter, their ticket would be duly elected and their purpose achieved. Such a trick is impossible under our present system where the nominees of a large Parish Meeting are elected. In the second place, there is no example of such a conspiracy and no likelihood. Public opinion would condemn it in unmistakable terms. It involves an amount of duplicity and hypocrisy that is incredible and would be visited with infamy that would be unbearable. Human nature is not perfect, but it does not stoop so low as to use such methods to get control of religious endowments. In any case publicity is the best protection against such perils.

In truth, the danger of churches lies in exactly the opposite direction. I have mentioned the significant fact that one of our Vestrymen, under the old system, advocated two Vestries making a combination of their churches without consulting their congregations. A striking instance of the same view of a Vestry is given in Dr. Rainsford's "Story of a Varied Life." Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan held the oligarchical view of a Vestry. At a meeting of the Vestry of St. George's Mr. Morgan rose and said: "I have a motion to make, Mr. Chairman, and I think that the Vestry will agree with me it had better be passed without debate." He then read his motion. It was that the Vestry should be reduced from eight members and two wardens to six members and two wardens. Dr. Rainsford was stunned by the proposal and asked for an explanation. Mr. Morgan's explanation was brief; it was all right to democratize the Church, but he did not want the Vestry democratized. A hot debate ensued that lasted till nearly midnight. Dr. Rainsford insisted that instead of diminishing the number in the Vestry, it ought to be enlarged and contain representatives of the church-workers and of the large wage-earning class that attended the Church. Dr. Rainsford writes: "I could feel that as I pleaded with all my soul for a democratic and more representative Vestry, I had the support, as yet unspoken, of a majority of those present; but I wanted to win a verdict, if possible, without a division. I wanted to save my warden from pushing his motion to certain defeat. 'Will you not withdraw your motion?' I said. Here Mr. Seth Low, Mayor of New York, who had for years been the teacher of the Senior Men's Bible Class in our Sunday School, appealed to Mr. Morgan in a moving speech to withdraw his motion. Mr. Morgan remained immovable. Then a dramatic thing happened. A member of the Vestry, one of his oldest friends, one to whom, in the financially troublesome times through which we were then passing, Mr. Morgan had been of immense service, (I did not know this till later) slowly rose. He was white to the lips, and, turning to Mr. Morgan, he said, 'Mr. Morgan I am compelled to agree with our Rector fully in this matter, and I move this Vestry be increased to eleven.' Mr. Low seconded it at once. Mr. Morgan would not withdraw and could get no seconder. So I put the second motion, which was carried. The vote stood seven to one. Mr. Morgan rose and said, 'Rector, I will never sit in this Vestry again.' Next day he sent in his written resignation to the Rector, who refused to submit it to the Vestry. In the end Mr. Morgan accepted the Vestry's

decision and resumed his place." The episode thus reflects honor on the magnanimity of all parties.

That a man who was such a patriotic American as Mr. Morgan should favor an oligarchy in the Church, shows how difficult it is to have the spirit of the Church, ideally the great brotherhood, expressed in the Church's own institutions.

One of the strongest arguments for the democratization of industry, is the difficulty of preserving democracy in government, when our economic or industrial life is dominated by oligarchies or dictators. It would often be amusing, if it were not saddening, to note how, on boards, financial magnates often manifest a feeling that their opinions are to be measured not by their rationality but by the speaker's wealth or prestige, and coolly ignore the opinions of the members who cannot be counted on to contribute much. It is difficult, indeed, in this world where money counts for so much, not only for pleasure and comfort, but also for philanthropy and all good causes, to appreciate adequately the inefficacy of money for higher purposes unless it is supplemented by the spiritual forces of cooperation, loyalty, interest, enthusiasm. The decay of many a highly endowed Church or institution has been brought about by an oligarchy's running things to please itself and ignoring the wishes of the congregation or members.

I am convinced that the election of the Vestry by a Parish Meeting is a source of power and not an element of weakness in the life of St. Stephen's. For years before we received the large increase to our endowments, St. Stephen's was maintained largely by the contributions from the envelopes, which fully made good the decline in the pew rentals. The worshipers felt that the Church was their Church.

Before closing this letter, I must express my sense of loss in the death of Miss Louzette Cornish. Her loyalty to St. Stephen's was remarkable. When she moved to Texas to become the Superintendent of Nurses in a hospital, I advised her to take a letter of transfer to the local Church. She declined, saying that she intended to keep up her envelopes at St. Stephen's as she wanted to feel that she had a permanent Church-home and her residence in Texas would not continue many years. This proved to be her experience, for she was later connected with hospitals in the North. At intervals she would return to Philadelphia to visit her relations, the Daleys, and would always come to St. Stephen's and speak to me in the Vestry. A noble Christian woman who lived a life of service, death had no terrors for her and she passed from earth in calm confidence that all was well, since she was in the hands of a loving Creator and Merciful Saviour. We might apply to her these lines:

The lights have gone out in the mansion of clay,
  The curtains are drawn, for the dweller's away;
She silently slipped o'er the threshold by night,
  To make her abode in the City of Light.

I am happy to be able to report myself as having regained much of my strength. My heart-beat is normal and my general condition shows marked improvement. I am advised, however, to keep up the rest-cure, and must wait till the end of the summer vacation before I can determine my real status.

With best wishes for the Summer vacation for all,

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The following verses were written in July, 1927, by a girl of nineteen, in domestic service, and were read to a large congregation by Dr. G. Campbell at one of the services in Westminster Chapel, London.

Lord of all pots and pans and things, since I've no time to be
A Saint by doing lovely things, or watching late with Thee,
Or dreaming in the light of dawn, or storming Heaven's gates,
Make me a Saint by getting meals, and washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's bonds, I have a Mary mind;
And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy sandals, Lord, I find;
I think of how they trod the earth, what time I scrub the floor;
Accept this meditation, Lord, I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love, and light it with Thy peace,
Forgive me all my worrying, and make all grumbling cease.
Thou, who didst love and give men food, in room or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do—I do it unto Thee.

W. T. G.

Report of the Accounting Warden

The close of the year 1928 found the Endowment Fund of the Church amounting to $670,438.41, an increase during the year 1928 of approximately $10,000. The largest portion of this increase came from the Estate of Caroline R. Tucker, deceased, amounting to approximately $9700, the same having been received in the latter part of the year. The Endowment Funds are fully invested and all of the securities are in the possession of our fiscal agent.

The receipts for the year 1928 came from the following sources:

Interest on Endowments and Bank Deposits	$40,663.86
Envelope Contributions	2,327.24
Pew Rents	3,035.49
Burd School	500.00
Community House, for Use of Auditorium and Miscellaneous Receipts	256.00
	$46,782.59

and the disbursements were as follows:

Salaries of Clergy and Assistants	$20,230.00
Organist, Music and Choir	9,268.07
Pension Premiums	1,057.50
Diocesan Assessment	1,623.22
Interest on Community House Mortgage	1,700.00
Repairs	4,273.59
Operating Expenses	10,593.53
	$48,745.91

The receipts for Special Parochial Purposes were:

Communion Alms	$1,297.20
Envelope Contributions	1,363.29
Interest on Endowments	1,685.13
Amounting to	$4,345.62

and the disbursements were:

Communion Alms	$1,297.20
Paid to Treasurers of Various Parochial Objects	3,019.79
Amounting to	$4,316.99

The receipts for Diocesan and General Church Objects amounted to $5477.56 and the disbursements were $5478.21.

The Community House Debt Fund has shown a slight progress during the year 1928. In my last report I showed a balance on hand of $647.75 as of the close of 1927. During the year 1928 this sum was augmented by $982.14 and the transfer from the building fund of $591.91, leaving balance on hand as of December 31, 1928, of $2,221.80.

Since December 31, 1928, we have received contributions in the sum of $622.69 so that at the present time we have a balance on hand of $2844.49. It is expected that we shall be able to make a reduction during the year 1929 of at least $3000 against the Community House Debt and bring it down to $31,000. It is the desire of the Rector and the Vestry that some very sustained effort be made to the end that we may wipe out entirely the Community House Debt.

The receipts from envelope contributions for general church purposes and pew rent receipts showed a falling off of about $575 for the year 1928 as against 1927.

The receipts for communion alms and envelope contributions for special purposes ran slightly in excess of 1927 and that is an encouraging fact in view of the obligations in connection with outside objects.

The total expenses for the year 1928 ran in excess of the year 1927 and the year closed with a deficit. The Church was met with some unexpected and unusual expenses and repairs, etc.

It is to be hoped that without in any way diminishing the contributions to Diocesan purposes that the members of the parish will continue to maintain their contributions towards the parochial needs and parochial charities and that the same loyal support will continue to be given to our Church. With its unique position and substantial Endowment Fund we are in a position to continue and enlarge upon the most useful work.

Respectfully submitted,

I. Smith Raspin.

ST. STEPHEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEMALE EPISCOPAL PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

Through Mrs. John A. Crane.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast	$2.00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath	3.00
Miss Ella Headman	1.00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	1.00
Mrs. Charles Noblit	1.00
Miss Susan C. Thackara	1.00
Miss Mary Gilman	1.00
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper	1.00
Mr. I. Smith Raspin	1.00
Miss Emily Bell	1.00
Miss Laura Bell	1.00
Rev. Carl E. Grammer	15.00
Mrs. John A. Crane	1.00
	$30.00

Report of Lenten Services and Wednesday Noon-day Services

Lenten Services

In presenting the annual report of these two services the Treasurer has no special comment to make which differs from the satisfactory reports submitted in former years.

The high standard of the Lenten Addresses was maintained, being delivered by those who have been with us in the past and others who spoke at these services for the first time.

While the attendance was less than in previous years, due to weather conditions, about 14,000 attended the services, culminating on Good Friday with a congregation which filled the church to its utmost capacity. Mr. Kevin officiated in the absence of Dr. Grammer, whose presence was prevented owing to his convalescence from his serious illness, and whose absence caused universal regret among his many friends who attended these services.

Balance, May 1, 1928	$380.62
Receipts	1,252.44
	$1,633.06
Disbursements	$1,229.60
Balance, May 1, 1929	$403.46

Wednesday Services

These services continue throughout the entire year and are marked with their usual popularity. A good average attendance is maintained and the generous voluntary contributions are sufficient for the necessary expenses.

Balance, May 1, 1928	$224.05
Receipts	223.73
	$447.78
Disbursements	$226.40
Balance, May 1, 1929	$221.38

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gardner Crowell,
Treasurer.

That best portion of a good man's life; his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.—Wordsworth.

Report of the Benevolent Society

Since submitting the last report, another milestone has been reached in the history of the Benevolent Society, completing almost a half century of successful operation.

The season for 1928 and 1929 was uneventful. There was the usual plea for "more work, more work." This year no sets of teeth were required, but one faithful woman was given extra work to help pay for much-needed glasses.

Nine thousand four hundred and fifty-two articles were made for the usual number of hospitals and institutions.

The following donations enabled us to give more work than we could otherwise have done, and to keep the society open another week:

Miss Ewing	$100.00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	100.00
Mrs. Pancoast	5.00
Mrs. Reath	5.00
Miss Porter	5.00
Dr. Cooper	5.00
The Misses Davis	15.00
	$235.00

The Rummage Sale, held last October, netted us $251.90, a small sum considering the time and energy expended. However, we feel that it is not alone the money realized from such sales that repay us for our work but also the fact that many worthy people can purchase, at a small price, what they would refuse to accept as charity. Another sale will be held next fall, and we earnestly request our friends to send their discarded furniture and clothing, thus helping the good work along. Donations may be sent at any time addressd to the Benevolent Society.

At the last meeting, held May 10th, the usual luncheon was served and was enjoyed by guests ranging in age from eighty-seven years to three months, the latter the twelfth child of Mrs. Blomquist. He behaved beautifully not violating the eighteenth amendment, though emptying his bottle not once but several times.

In the death of Mrs. Hall, we have lost our oldest member, in age and years of service. She was a faithful and loyal friend to the society and will be greatly missed.

Isabel P. Davis,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 8th, 1929

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May, 1928		$26.12
Received from Mr. Raspin, Accounting Warden		640.90
Rummage Sale		251.90
Donations		235.00
Sales		78.40
Total		$1,232.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Sewers	$1,017.45	
Material	51.47	
		$1,068.92
Balance, May 15th, 1929		$163.40

ISABEL P. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:
ISABEL E. KIRKPATRICK.

The Woman's Auxiliary

As is customary, the Woman's Auxiliary has held seven stated meetings during the season, beginning with a corporate Communion preceding the first meeting in October; the average attendance has been seventeen, with the addition of three new members, and a loss by death of three members. Mrs. Mann, a delegate to the Pennsylvania Branch, was a devoted member and is much missed.

In November, Miss Bright, as Treasurer of the United Thank Offering, gave an interesting paper on the work of that organization, and made an earnest plea for more subscribers, so that the women in the field might be sure of support from those at home, and thus feel encouraged by the thought that others were mindful of their welfare.

December is the month when Mrs. Reath sends a splendid missionary box to gladden the heart of some missionary at Christmas time, and this year the grateful recipient in Nevada was supplied with an entire winter outfit. Miss Roberts despatched several boxes of books, toys and knitted articles where needed, and Miss Thackara remembered the Indians with articles desired by them.

In January Miss Florence Drinker addressed the Auxiliary and gave a vivid picture of her work among the mountaineers of North Carolina, and showed specimens of heir handicraft. She was given twenty-five dollars to hire a horse from time to time when she has to cross the mountains near Linville to reach one of the schools where she teaches.

Despite another stormy morning nine members came in February to make their reports and to listen to those of others; however, twenty-two members assembled in March to hear Mrs. J. Cheston Morris tell of the Corporate Gift, which is a pledge of the women for advance work, as the National Council had planned the budget for current expenses only, and nothing beyond. Fired by the inspiration of Auxiliary meetings at the General Convention in Washington, and at the request of Bishop Murray, the Woman's Auxiliary undertook to raise a Corporate Gift of fifty thousand dollars for advance work by Epiphany 1930. It is wonderful to record that the gift has already reached twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, which means that the first unit of the four objectives is assured, viz.: the building of Christ Church, Santo Domingo City, Dominican Republic. St. Stephen's made a small contribution of twenty-five dollars and fifty cents toward this fund, and has paid her share of all the pledges expected from her through the different committees up-to-date.

The April meeting was crowded with notices of opportunities for instruction, devotion and pleasant reunions, stress being laid on the Summer Conferences to be held in different sections of the country, with a recommendation that one or more members from every parish should attend one of these conferences this summer, and take up the subject of "The World Mission of Christianity," the textbook for next year's Mission Study classes. The closing session of the Educational Department was held in the Community House on April 4th, with a very large attendance, and the following statistics show the interest displayed. There were classes in fifty parishes for six consecutive weeks from Advent to Easter and the combined attendance was one thousand three hundred and forty-two, of whom twenty were men. All these women are thoroughly conversant with the modus operandi of missions and have quickly assimilated all such information and have given their loyal support which is the avowed work of the Auxiliary. Incidentally their offering that evening amounted to one thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars, to be used for equipment for St. Mark's Memorial Hospital Cape Palmas, Liberia, as Liberia was the

study for the year. This is a signal example of what education has accomplished in this Diocese.

The seven meetings held by St. Stephen's Auxiliary and the monthly meetings attended by the faithful delegates represent a total of twenty-four hours only spent in furthering the cause of missions. It is well to be associated with good works, and cannot every woman in the parish spare one day out of the three hundred and sixty-five of the year, to share in the work of the Auxiliary in whatsoever way she can, to add to the spiritual growth of all, and strengthen her love for Christ and His Church?

Laura Bell,
President.

May, 1929.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER, MAY 15, 1929

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand May 9, 1928		$175.83
Members' Dues	$111.00	
Envelopes	90.43	
Accounting Warden for Apportionment	300.00	
Speakers' Fund	10.00	
Interest on Anna Sinclair Fund	30.00	
Miss May Noonan for Indian Missions	15.60	
Mrs. J. C. Browne for Indian Missions	4.00	
Corporate Gift	25.50	
		$586.53
		$762.36

PAYMENTS

Diocesan Missions	$45.00	
Domestic Missions	105.00	
Foreign Missions	105.00	
Indian Hope Missions	124.60	
Colored Missions	105.00	
Maintenance Fund, Pennsylvania Branch, Woman's Auxiliary	35.00	
Church Periodical Club	10.00	
Women's Interdenominational Union of Philadelphia	2.00	
United Thank Offering	25.00	
Flowers for Mrs. Miesse	3.00	
Degree Hood for Dr. Grammer	3.65	
Miss Drinker, for Work at Linville, North Carolina	25.00	
Corporate Gift	25.50	
Printing	15.75	
		$629.50
Balance on Hand May 15, 1929		$132.86

Contributing Members, 31.

MARY C. ELLIS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct
ELLA HEADMAN,
MARION HEADMAN.
13th May, 1929.

Report of Treasurer of the Woman's United Thank Offering of St. Stephen's Church

The United Thank Offering of 1928 was presented at the first service ever held in the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, Mt. St. Alban, Washington, D. C., on October 11th.

The whole offering amounted to $1,101,450.40, that of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to $94,305.55, the largest ever given by this State, and over $9,000 greater than the offering of 1925.

The contribution of St. Stephen's Church towards this sum was $745.00 and in addition a memorial to Miss Elizabeth C. Washington was raised by members of St. Stephen's Church and by other friends.

On Thursday, April 25th, 1929, at the spring presentation service in the Church of the Holy Apostles, your treasurer placed in the Alms Basin a check for $175.00 representing the contributions of 40 members of this congregation, towards the next triennial offering. There is at present, in the account at the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities a balance of six dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary De Haven Bright,
Treasurer.

Wyck

The annual garden party and fair for the benefit of St. Ambrose Mission will be held at 6026 Germantown Avenue, the home of Mr. Caspar Wistar Haines, on Thursday, June 6th, from 2 until 8 o'clock. The cafeteria is in charge of Mrs. John C. Browne, who will be glad to receive contributions of money or food, as St. Stephen's has assumed the cafeteria as her share of work. There will be an entertainment on the lawn at 4 o'clock by Italian children and the children of the Hope Day Nursery will also have drills and dances. Cards of admission, 25 cents.

Progressive increase in armaments,
Far from guaranteeing peace,
Has engendered an atmosphere
Of mistrust and hostility.
—International Congress at the Hague.

Altar Society

The thirty-fifth annual report of the Altar Society is herewith submitted. During the year five communion veils and six new surplices have been made and the old surplices repaired. Thanks are due to Miss Moore for her gift of six stole collars. Miss Thackara made a plea for any old altar hangings that we could not use in our services, but which could be of use in the Indian Mission in South Dakota. Dr. Grammer has granted permission to send them an old fair linen cloth and the purple altar hangings which have not been in use since we received Mrs. Taylor's gift of an entire new set of purple vestments.

The Treasurer submits the following report:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May 9, 1928	$178.91
Received for Memorial Flowers	150.00
Received from Bank Interest	.75
Received from Envelope System	19.35
Refund on Contribution Toward Hood for Dr. Grammer	1.85
Received for Memorial Flowers for Mrs. Kate Lowry	10.25
Received from Easter Decorations, 1929	80.90
Received from Special Fund for Surplices and Easter, 1928	175.00
	$617.01

EXPENDITURES

Easter Decorations, 1928	$103.00
Repairing Green Stole	10.00
Making and Embroidering Surplices and Veils	91.00
Linen for Surplices	8.24
Contributions for Dr. Grammer's Hood	5.50
Fruit for Thanksgiving	10.70
Church Calendar	1.50
Altar Brush	2.50
Linen for Surplice	1.25
Palms	6.00
Cleansing Red Altar Hangings	5.50
Memorial Flowers	162.00
Memorial for Mrs. Kate Lowry	10.25
Easter Decorations for 1929	103.00
Total	$520.44
Balance on hand May 13, 1929	$96.57

Respectfully submitted
SUSAN C. THACKARA,
Superintendent.
EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Aid Society

When Mrs. Higham assumed the duties of Parish Visitor, last year, she took stock of the contents of our closet and found quite a supply of infant garments on hand.

During the Winter season we confined our efforts to making special garments suggested by Mrs. Higham and purchased one dozen undervests by her request.

Our meetings were poorly attended. About 100 garments were made.

Treasurer reports:

Balance on hand May 9th, 1928	$13.25
Received from the Baby Fund	12.75
Received from Mrs. John Coats Browne	2.00
Received from Mrs. Charles E. Noblit	1.00
Received from Miss Dare	1.00
Received from Mrs. Campbell	2.70
	$32.70

EXPENDITURES

Muslin and Outing Flannel	$18.60
Ribbon, Cotton, Needles, etc.	4.80
Baby's Undervests	6.00
Safety Pins	1.10
Blanket Material	2.00
	$32.50
Balance on hand May 15, 1929	.20

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Missionary Box Committee
Mrs. Benj. B. Reath

On December 4, 1928, a box was sent from St. Stephen's Auxiliary to the Rev. Milton J. Hersey, St. Peter's Rectory, Carson City, Nevada, containing the following articles: Two pairs of pajamas, 1 bath robe, 3 cotton shirts, 1 flannel shirt, 6 pairs cotton socks, 1 heavy woolen sweater, 1 pair of leather gloves, 3 winter-weight union suits, 1 felt hat, 1 pair of black shoes.

Miss Roberts and I selected the articles, and the bill at Wanamaker's came to $55.25, making with discount $49.73.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE—TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, 1929

Balance on Hand May 9, 1928	$111.41
Interest on Bank Deposits	1.46
Received from Church Envelopes	58.59
	$171.46
Box Sent to Rev. Milton J. Hersey, c/o St. Peter's Mission, Carson City, Nev.	49.73
Balance on Hand May 15, 1929	$121.73

MARY C. ELLIS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:
ELLA HEADMAN,
MARION HEADMAN.
13th May, 1929.

Yearly Report of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girl's Friendly Society

This past winter has been a most active and happy one with the G. F. S. Inspired by the untiring efforts of our new President, Miss Blanche Moore, we have worked unceasingly for our Special Effort Fund, with the splendid result of more than $560.00, the largest amount we have ever been able to raise. Our Rummage Sale netted us $183.00. We followed with a Luncheon and Card Party at the Food Craft Shop, and a Waffle Luncheon was given at the home of one of our members. We have had a number of prominent speakers, who gave us very interesting evenings. Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus spoke to us on "The Coming Election"—Mrs. Gosin on "Russia." Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom gave us an interesting talk. Mr. Wm. Sharpless gave us a moving picture talk on "My Trip to Europe." Doctor Rachel Williams spoke to us on "Health." Doctor Wm. Moore gave us an illustrated talk on "Yellowstone Park." We had a talk on the Hawaiian Islands and Africa.

Lessons were given in Lamp Shade Making, Bridge, and Miss Anne Daley conducted our Current Events Class, which was most interesting. We sent two filled bags to the school children in Mexico, through the Committee on World Friendship. One of the children acknowledged receipt of her bag and sent us her picture. We filled one hundred stockings at Christmas, with candy and toys, and these were sent as usual to the Philadelphia General Hospital.

Parties were given in the Community House at Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, and on Special Effort Night, a Minstrel Show was given by the Entertainment Committee, which was excellently presented.

We have had trips to Longwood Gardens, The Graphic Sketch Club, and the Breyer Ice Cream Company Plant. On May 18th, we expect to visit the Museum and Philadelphia Library. We will close for the season on May 27th, with a Strawberry Festival.

We miss the kindly presence of our beloved Associate, Mrs. Louis Hall, who was taken from us by death, and the memory of her sweetness and goodness will live long in our hearts.

We feel that we have had a most successful season, and we are deeply grateful to the Associates and to our Branch President, Miss Moore, for the help and encouragement they have given us to make it so.

Respectfully submitted,
Hedwig L. Kauffman,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Parish Meeting May, 1929

Balance May, 1928		$435.76
Receipts to April 23, 1929		821.01
		$1,256.77
Expenditures		$654.07
Balance		$602.70
The above balance is made up as follows:		
Special Effort	$559.16	
General Treasury	43.54	
		$602.70
Beneficial Fund		$188.18

MARY TWEEDIE,
Treasurer.

Burd School

A couple of years ago when Miss Shipley, Field Representative of the Department of Welfare at Harrisburg, visited the Burd School, she found certain conditions which seemed to elicit her criticism. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to quote from a letter recently received by Dr. Grammer from Mrs. E. S. H. McCauley, Secretary of Welfare, after an inspection made this year:

"It is with pleasure that I have read the report of our field representative, Miss Shipley, on her recent visit to the Burd School.

Last year, I remember, we were somewhat troubled by the situation which seemed to exist in the absence of your Principal, Miss Tappen. Now that we find her again in charge, the difference in atmosphere is marked.

"It is a pleasure to know of the homelike and beautiful surroundings in which the Burd School girls live and of the real interest which is taken in giving to them every possible cultural advantage, as well as very homelike surroundings. Your school is almost unique among the institutions in Pennsylvania in this type of service.

"We were particularly interested to learn of Miss Tappen's concern in regard to raising the standard of those who have direct supervision of the children. The importance of personnel is a point which we are endeavoring to emphasize all over the State, as we feel it fundamental to good work for children. Your institution in its particularly favored financial situation should certainly lead in this respect, as it does in the matter of the educational advantages which you so generously offer to those in your care. We hope that you may be able to secure as assistants to Miss Tappen, the really superior type of person, who in education, understanding and love of children may have something of the life-giving quality to pass on to the children which is so evident in your principal.

Very sincerely yours,
MRS. E. S. H. MCCAULEY,
Secretary of Welfare."

During the year we have parted with two of our girls, one of them graduated, finishing her connection with the school, while the other left us to join her sister in Carson College. There are at present seven little girls on probation awaiting admission to the School. Eight girls were confirmed during Lent. Reports from our girls in their various colleges continue to give satisfaction. During the summer our college girls take positions as counsellors in camps, and waitresses in hotels. Many of these asked permission to spend their Christmas holidays at the school, each and all expressing a feeling of homesickness, and a desire to be back once more in the Burd School. In order to grant their requests, it was necessary for Miss Tappen to forego her usual Christmas holiday. Burd School Day will be celebrated on May 25th. It is hoped that all friends and members of the congregation will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the school.

Thanks are due to the various members of the Board of Visitors for their cooperation and interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily K. Campbell,
Chairman.

High honor has been conferred upon Adelaide Stuart Mastick, of the Burd School and St. Stephen's Sunday School by the graduating class of four hundred boys and girls of the West Philadelphia High School. Each year the most popular member of the class is chosen by vote of its student body. Recently, almost by acclamation, the choice rested upon Adelaide. She is seventeen years old and graduates in June. For nine years she has won the Mrs. John F. Combs prize given by the Burd School for the highest average in scholastic work.

Adelaide has a series of honors behind her. When she graduated from the Shaw Junior High School, she was President of her class. In her Junior year in High School she was again President of her class. Through her Senior year she has been regularly a member of the Class Council. In September she will go to the University of Pennsylvania. The congregation of St. Stephen's, of which she is a member, wishes her every happiness and success and many more achievements in her college work.

The Parish Visitor

From May 15th, 1928, to May 15th, 1929, the Parish Visitor made 368 calls on 104 different persons and $764 was used in giving help.

With the generous cooperation of Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, and Mr. Craig Atmore at Christmas time, 87 baskets filled with poultry, vegetables, fruit and mince pies, also 10 bags of fruit with a mince pie in each bag, were given to those applicants who would otherwise have had no Christmas joy.

During the winter 7 layettes, 27 pairs of shoes, and 33 pairs of rubbers were appreciated by those receiving them.

All contributions of clothing were used to good advantage, and every Monday the flowers from the Altar were taken to some one ill or in trouble.

Special mention should be made of the care the Episcopal Hospital gave to several of St. Stephen's members, and also of the financial aid St. Stephen's gave to a woman, now being restored to health, after two serious operations.

Through the generosity of a St. Stephen's member, monthly aid has been given to two women. One had cancer of the breast and died recently, the other has eye trouble and is being relieved.

Through Mr. Atmore, coal was secured at half price for a widow.

Many appeals for transportation were refused as there were no funds for that purpose, but when men were almost hysterical from hunger, help would be given.

Due to unemployment and influenza several families needed extra help.

St. Stephen's patient in the Home for Consumptives, Chestnut Hill, has been well cared for throughout the year and he is grateful for all he has received.

Thanking those who have assisted the Parish Visitor with their generosity and sympathy, this report is respectfully submitted.

Idella W. Higham,
Parish Visitor.

Mothers' Meeting

The Mothers' Meeting has 180 names on the roll with 16 new members, and 3 deaths.

We have had an average attendance of about 75.

Dr. Grammer was sadly missed especially at the last meeting at which it is his custom to so happily preside, and at the Summer Outing where he and Mrs. Grammer add so much to the pleasure of the occasion.

We were thankful however to have him with us on two evenings during the season.

At our closing meeting on April 25th, we were delightfully entertained by Miss Mary Page Grammer who in Spanish costume gave us an evening of songs in many languages.

We were happy also to have Mr. Kevin with us at that meeting.

Our Summer Outing was a boat trip to Riverview Beach, enjoyed by about 130 persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Mr. Carrigan accompanied us and were most helpful in carrying out the arrangements.

We have made our usual contribution of $120.00 to the Diocesan Campaign Fund, $100.00 to Dr. Grammer for the Community House, to be added to the dumb-waiter fund; $5.00 for Palm Sunday Altar decorations, and flowers for sickness and deaths in the membership. We also shared in gift of Dr. Grammer's new hood.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Kevin and the Players' Guild for the benefit performance which netted us $65.00 for our funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche M. Harper,
President.

Report of "Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church

This Circle has held sixteen meetings during the past season. We now have eighteen members on our roll, but owing to sickness and death several members have been unable to be with us part of the time, resulting in an average attendance of ten.

Our evenings commence with supper at 6 o'clock and about 7.30 we are ready to start sewing, which this year has been entirely devoted to making clothing for the Hope Day Nursery. We have about 50 articles finished and ready to be sent there. At Christmas we filled two dozen stockings for the children at the Day Nursery, and gave a contribution to the Church Christmas baskets. We also sent a small gift to each inmate of the King's Daughters' Home at Narberth.

In place of our usual Cake and Candy Sale, we this season gave a dinner and card party, which not only netted us $80.00, but proved also to be a very enjoyable affair. We have designated that our yearly contribution of $100.00 to the Community House shall be added to the fund being raised for installation of an electric waiter—a much-needed improvement.

One new member has joined our Circle this season.

Bertha T. Walshe,
President.

May 15, 1929.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May 9, 1928		$65.90
Dues and Contributions Received from members	$22.40	
Income from Patton Legacy	81.03	
Net Proceeds from Dinner and Card Party	80.51	
		$183.94
		$249.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Memorial Flowers (Mrs. Vanderslice)	$3.00	
Materials and Supplies	26.07	
Contributions Toward Hood for Dr. Grammer	3.65	
Church Christmas Baskets	5.00	
Cost of Christmas Stockings, etc.	19.90	
Gifts to Sick and Flowers	29.35	
Third Payment to Diocesan Campaign Fund	10.00	
International, State and County Dues	6.30	
Membership Dues to Travelers' Aid Society	5.00	
Community House Fund—Toward Cost of Electric Waiter	100.00	
		$208.27
Balance on Hand, May 15, 1929		$41.57

ANNA TAGGART,
Treasurer.

If your name is to live at all, it is so much more to have it live in people's hearts than only in their brains.—O. W. Holmes.

Church Periodical Club

The Church Periodical Club has a very definite ideal of service. The reading matter which it sends to missionaries, shut-ins, and lonely people brings them in contact with the world outside their own environment and makes them mentally alert. The friendly spirit and the constant thought shown by the regular sending of magazines is a comfort in loneliness and keeps up the morale.

Thirty-five members of St. Stephen's continue to send regularly their current magazines and forty-two subscriptions are entered in the names of the recipients. Five of these still go to the soldier boys at Camp McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama.

Calendars are mailed at New Year's and cards are sent at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Many magazines are taken to Jefferson Hospital.

Books were sent to St. Martha's House and also to the Community Library which is being operated by the Rev. Mr. Crosby, at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Money was given towards purchasing books for Dr. Teusler's Medical Library at St. Luke's Hospital, in Tokyo, Japan.

Many letters of appreciation are received and all those of us who help the work of the Church Periodical Club are very sure to feel the thrill of deeds performed in a righteous cause.

Mary M. Roberts,
Librarian.

Young People's Fellowship

The second year of the Fellowship really began last June 8th, when at a dinner in the Community House, elections for the coming year were made and the local Fellowship was addressed by several of the Diocesan officers.

The Fellowship meets regularly on Sunday nights in the Guild Room of the Church at 7 P. M. Its purpose is to discuss and become acquainted with the major religious, social and economic problems of the day insofar as they affect the young people of the Church and the young people have opportunity to improve them.

The opening activity of the Fall season was a meeting in St. Stephen's Church of all the Fellowships of the Diocese. Bishop Nathaniel Thomas was the speaker. Our own Fellowship was host to the Diocesan representatives.

Shortly thereafter the Fellowship assumed the responsibility of securing and erecting a suitable memorial to Miss Kate Lewis. In this we were aided largely by Mr. Reifsnyder, whose loss we have greatly felt. At Christmas time the Fellowship undertook the work of filling the Christmas baskets for the poor and assisting in their distribution.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Young People's Fellowships of the Province of Washington, April 26th, 27th and 28th, met in St. Stephen's Church on its opening night. Our Fellowship was then host to approximately 400 young people from the province who met here for the sessions.

On Friday night, May 17th, the election of officers for the coming year and the annual party of the Fellowship will take place. In this the Dramatic Guild will combine with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Brown.

Young People's Club

We started our club work for the year on June 2nd, taking 40 children to the Zoo; a number of our young people went along to look after them. At 4 o'clock we gave them sandwiches, milk, ice cream and cake and sent them home in a bus, a tired but happy lot.

Our last meeting for the season was on June 6th.

We began our Fall work with a musical in November, to raise money for our charity fund. It was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

We had our children's party at Christmas time, entertaining about 25.

We have contributed to the Red Cross—the fund to purchase a hood for Dr. Grammer—and to the Community House Fund.

On account of the unavoidable absence of some of our officers during January, February and March the work we had planned could not be done. We are hoping to increase our work next season, and do more to make those less fortunate happy.

Hannah G. Reifsnyder,
President.

May 15, 1929.

Treasurer's Report, St. Stephen's Community House Fund

Balance on hand May 9, 1928		$265.71
Receipts during the past season		886.46
		$1,152.17
Expenditures during the past season		$224.00
Balance on hand, May 15, 1929		$928.17
This balance includes:		
General Account	$637.94	
Dumb Waiter Account	250.00	
Scenery Account	40.23	
		$928.17

The above-mentioned receipts include rental charges for use of auditorium, Association dues received from the Business Women's Christian League, and for rental of stage.

Payment is made to St. Stephen's Church of all moneys received for use of auditorium; and money received for the use of the stage is credited to the Scenery Account. Other receipts are used for purchase of furnishings needed in the Community House, janitor service, etc.

The "Dumb Waiter" account is being held for the installation of an electric waiter, which is badly needed.

Bertha T. Walshe,
Treasurer.

Report of the Sunday School

In the year just past the Sunday School has been passing through a period of reorganization which inevitably affected its attendance. This was felt particularly in the upper school where approximately ten members have left. This number has been compensated for by a growth in both the upper school and in the primary department. In the latter case the membership has about tripled in one year. The number on the roll is just 100. Of these approximately 75 attend. Last Sunday when 76 were present the average was apparent. Of the average attendance, about one-half are members of the Burd School.

Among the innovations has been a staff of paid teachers. These in each case are especially trained in educational work, most of them being either college graduates or college students engaged in studying pedagogy and religious education. The teachers are paid in most cases, although the students at the Church Training School and Deaconess House who have Sunday School classes, and two other teachers refuse to accept any compensation for their services. In addition to the change in personnel, one of the most modern and scientifically correct courses of instruction in religious education has been installed with strikingly good results.

Particular attention should be called to the Children's Garden which is the new name of the primary department. Three teachers and assistants are in charge of the manifold activities in which they engage. In securing Miss Kilpatrick as head of this department, we were exceedingly fortunate. In another church she built this department up from a membership of 6 to about 60 within about three years. At the rate we are growing, from a membership of about 8 last year to 24 this year, the 60 mark should be reached at St. Stephen's in three years as well.

In the upper school, Biblical pageants, debates on religious topics, etc., have varied the regular work. The Christmas entertainment presented by the Sunday School, was a dramatic version of the Dicken's Christmas Carol; and the Easter pageant, a lovely setting of Tennyson's Consecration of Sir Galahad. The annual Lenten and mite-box effort resulted in a missionary contribution of $170, in which all the classes took part, varying their activities from the making of preserves to aprons, pot holders and useful household accessories. Sewing classes throughout Lent met for this purpose. A ritualistic feature, not entirely according to the traditions of St. Stephen's Church, but not yet with apparent calamitous results, was the installation of an improvised altar upon the stage during the Sunday School sessions. Its one effective result was to cultivate a serious devotional spirit that made unnecessary the repeated and constant calls to order in previous years. A report system was introduced, and quarterly reports given to the students. This marked their conduct, their attendance, punctuality and quality of their work. The grade of work was uniformly good. In conclusion, may I say, that the results of the year have been so promising that I can see no good reason for ever abandoning a Sunday School in this section of the city.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Kevin,
Superintendent.

Girl Scout Troop

May 15, 1929.

To the Members of St. Stephen's Parish:

I regret that the Girl Scout Troop of St. Stephen's Church will not be represented at the Parochial Meeting on Wednesday evening. Unfortunately the City Scout organization is having a function on the same date, and as our troop has entered a drill contest it will be necessary for all the members to be there.

Some of the activities of the Pollyanna Girl Scout Troop 110 for the past year have been:

(1) Distribution and donation of gifts and toys; 40 to one hospital, 25 to another, and 25 to the Children's Day Nursery.

(2) Taking care of families by furnishing food and clothing.

(3) Taking special interest in a boy in the Philadelphia Hospital, who had broken his back.

(4) Donation of 3 boxes of merchandise to the Goodwill Association for Aged, 22nd and Christian Streets.

(5) Holding a rummage sale.

(6) Selling candy to meet current expenses.

(7) Organizing two new Girl Scout Troops; one in New Jersey and one in Cornwells, Pa.

Our troop is quite small, but we are hoping that next year more girls from St. Stephen's will join us.

With great appreciation of the kind favors which we have received from St. Stephen's, I am

Sincerely yours,
Captain Margaret Schaller.

Annual Report of Boy Scouts of America Troop 2

We have at the present time twenty-two boys registered in our troop. Although this is a decrease in number from last year, it is by no means alarming, as twenty-two good scouts are worth sixty otherwise.

During the year the troop has had an average of four hikes a month. These hikes were well attended and the spirit shown in passing test was exceptionally good. The summer encampment was held at Treasure Island, the official Scout Camp, where fifteen of our scouts spent one week in the open. Instead of relating to you the many honors they won I would rather have you pay us a visit at one of our meetings so I can personally show you the rewards they brought back with them.

In order that more interest might be taken in test passing I offered a prize to the boys who advance the most for a period of three months. This stirred a considerable amount of enthusiasm and the victors were as follows: Harry Blomquist, Fred Schmid, Leon Snyderman.

The prize consisted of a sash for Merit Badges.

About ten boys have advanced to Second Class and seven boys to First Class. At the last Court of Honor three of our Scouts, namely, Fred Schmid, Richard F. Grindler, and Leon Snydermann, were advanced to the rank of Star Scouts. Before attaining this rank a scout must be First Class and have passed at least five merit badges. At the previous Court of Honor I had the honor of having the Court of Honor Committee present me with a Veteran Pin for fifteen year's service in the Scout Movement.

During the months of January, February and March, we competed in the Inter-Troop District Contest and held the lead in all the preliminary events. In the semi-finals we tied with Troop 22 and after a courageous battle lost to them. We are now preparing to enter the City Camping Contest, to be held on Saturday, May 18th, at Camp Biddle. The boys tell me they're going to win. Well, I hope they do.

Due to the great demand for leadership in Scouting and the growth of the organization, we have lost all our Assistant Scout Masters. Mr. Hopkins has organized a troop in Haddonfield, and Mr. McKenna and Mr. Nolan are at large in the district giving their assistance to the rebuilding of a troop at the Elliott House.

During the Christmas holidays we put on a minstrel show for the Sunday School and repeated it in February for the Mother's Meeting. At the present time we are working on a play to be given on June 27th, from which the proceeds will be used for our summer encampment. As camping is probably the most important activity in Scouting I ask the hearty cooperation of the parish in helping us make this play and dance a success. The boys will appreciate this sign of gratitude for their good efforts during the year.

The Scout Troop of this parish is at your service. If we can at any time be of any assistance to the various organizations in the parish do not hesitate to let us show you we are prepared to Do Our Good Turn Daily.

R. M. Robinson,
Scout Master, Troop 2.

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Peace is not made in documents but in the hearts of men.—Herbert Hoover.

All service ranks the same with God—there is no last or first.—Robert Browning.

Patriotism consists not in waving a flag but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong.—James Bryce.

Each duty honestly performed makes an easier way for the accomplishment of the next duty.

The trouble with most men is not that they do not know the right; but that while they know the right they choose the wrong. —Chadwick.

Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.—Horace Mann.

The parent's life is the child's copybook. —W. E. Partridge.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.—Emerson.

When we climb to heaven, 'tis on the rounds of love to men.—Whittier.

Do that which is assigned you, and you cannot hope too much or dare too much.—Emerson.

Who reverenced his conscience as his king;
Whose glory was redressing human wrong;
Who spoke no slander, no, nor listened to it.
—Tennyson.

WALTER A. KELLER
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Memorial Flower Fund
1929

Jan. 6—Mrs. William Bryant.
13—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20—Miss Ernst.
27—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Feb. 3—Miss Gregg.
10—Miss Gebhart.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Miss Gebhart.

Mar. 3—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
10—Mrs. Barclay.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Palm Sunday—Mother's Meeting
28—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
31—Easter.

April 7—Mrs. Sheble.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Miss Tappen.
28—Mrs. Higham.

May 5—Mrs. Woodward.
9—Ascension—Mrs. Lamb.
12—Miss Townsend.
19—Mrs. Higham.
26—Mrs. Woodward.

June 2—Mrs. Clarence K. Klink.
9—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
16—Miss Gebhart.
23—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
30—

July 7—King's Daughters.
14—
21—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell.
28—

Aug. 4—
11—Mrs. Love.
18—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
25—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—Miss Powell.
15—Mrs. Sheble.
22—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
29—Mrs. Lamb.

Oct. 6—Miss Laura Bell.
13—Miss Maulsby.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
27—Mrs Cooper.

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day—Mr. Jas. Arrison, 3d.
3—Girls' Friendly Society.
10—Miss Mary De H. Bright.
17—Miss Eisenbrey.
24—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.

Dec. 1—Mrs. Sheble.
8—The Misses Davis.
15—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
22—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
25—Christmas.
29—Miss Emily Bell.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund kindly communicate with

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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PARISH HOUSE

First Meeting, Thursday, November 7th, 7.30 P. M.

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PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

June 11—George Storrs Grigg.
June 17—Lizzie Norwood.
Sept. 3—Emma L. Mendenhall.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

May 28—Samuel P. Camp and Ruth G. Williams.
June 14—Wm. L. Scherzer and Alice H. Stevenson.
July 2—Richard B. Simler and Louella M. Howell.
July 27—Wm. J. McCoy and Bessie M. O'Hara.
Sept. 17—Dan C. Williams and Zaidee E. Creel.
Sept. 18—Walter Burns and Eleanor J. O'Neill.
Sept. 25—Harvey Powers and Carrie L. Frank.

BAPTISM

Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock.

July 14—John Struthers Dunn.

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Offerings placed in Alms Basins, exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$49.48	
Parochial Maintenance	31.19	
Missions	109.09	
Our Work Among Young People	6.25	
Domestic Missions	13.68	
		$209.69

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Charities	$151.90	
Parochial Maintenance	436.37	
Missions	467.83	
Theological Education	20.05	
Our Work Among Young People	38.50	
Benevolent Society	24.80	
Episcopal Hospital	11.25	
Domestic Missions	41.95	
Church Farm School	11.25	
Community House Debt	13.15	
Diocesan Missions	7.75	
Foreign Missions	1.55	
Colored Missions	2.50	
Missionary Box	25.75	
Indian Missions	44.95	
Chancel Decorations	6.10	
Deaconess House	.35	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.00	
Near East Relief	69.30	
		—$1,379.30
		$1,588.99

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$201.38
Parochial Maintenance	467.56
Missions	576.92
Theological Education	20.05
Our Work Among Young People	44.75
Benevolent Society	24.80
Episcopal Hospital	11.25
Domestic Missions	55.63
Church Farm School	11.25
Community House Debt	13.15
Diocesan Missions	7.75
Foreign Missions	1.55
Colored Missions	2.50
Missionary Box	25.75
Indian Missions	44.95
Chancel Decorations	6.10
Deaconess House	.35
Woman's Auxiliary	4.00
Near East Relief	69.30
	—$1,588.99

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Germantown.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

One of the great advantages of a summer vacation is that it makes us realize the comforts and advantages that we enjoy in our homes. It is good for a season to get rid of social obligations and the complexities of a city life, and live in plain rooms close to the glorious woods and streams, to see the flaming sunsets, to hear the rustle of leaves and the twitter of birds, and to gladden one's eyes with the changing tints of mountain and valley, with the green of the foreground and the blue of the distant hills in the background. There is a charm, too, in the simple religious service in the quiet church, and the long, quiet Sunday.

But there is also a great thrill in getting back. How manifold are the comforts and facilities that we enjoy. People are, after all, superior in interest to inanimate things, however beautiful they may be. Work is really more satisfying than play. The tasks of life constitute a large part of the interest of life. Duties are not merely responsibilities and tests, they are also fortresses against ennui and lassitude, they are stimulants and incentives, and when faithfully performed, they are comforts and delights. How much more satisfying is a duty, performed as to the Lord and not to men, than self-expression.

It will be pleasant to worship again in St. Stephen's. I take little pleasure in gloomy churches. Durham Cathedral is magnificent, but I always think of Scott's line, "Half house of God, half fort against the Scot." One Durham is enough. Most churches should suggest peace and joy. The worship of a God of Love ought to be predominantly cheerful and the architecture ought to help to create that frame of mind. St. Stephen's, with its bright lights, its lovely windows, its exquisite reredos, its cheerful chancel, suits me exactly. To my mind the memorials are not gloomy. They speak of victorious lives, and saints who have entered into rest. Surely the Angel of the Resurrection is a cheerful figure. I shall be glad, too, to hear again our choir, in which there is no invidious elimination of women, and music is rendered by natural and not by unnatural voices, and the organ is played by an accomplished musician.

It has been interesting to hear this summer the comments of various people on the voices of ministers. I confess that I am not an admirer of what is called a churchly voice, that is to say, a voice which holds to an unnatural pitch and keeps an unnatural monotony of inflection. The preference of such reading to a natural, interpretative reading, in which the tone changes to suit the sentiment and the emphasis falls on the significant words and is not controlled by the cadence, reminds me of the celebrated description in Joseph Andrews of the rustic at the theater who showered his praise on the stilted actor, and said as for the much-praised Mr. Garrick (who was acting the part of a frightened person), there was no merit in his acting because anyone could see that he was really scared. Yet one thing is to be said for churchly tones, and that is that they are usually distinct and carry well. Moreover, anything is better than slovenly, careless reading.

When this paper reaches you, Bishop Taitt will be our Bishop-Coadjutor. All of us intend to give him a cordial welcome to his new office and a hearty support. Years ago he was elected a Missionary Bishop by the General Church, and was obliged to decline on account of his mother's age and ill-health. His filial piety has not been unrewarded and he will now be a bishop in the diocese where he has his closest friends and the dearest ties.

It is a pity that the office of a bishop in our Church is encumbered with such excessive reverence and such superstitious theories of its necessity to the full efficacy of the sacraments. It is hard on a bishop,

who wants to be simple, natural, human and companionable, when he is treated as a repository of sacramental grace, whose ring is to be kissed, and whose authority is supreme in matters of faith, "whose very presence is a witness of the resurrection." The office is sufficiently great without such additions. It calls for gifts of administration, for statesmanship, for wide vision, for knowledge of men and affairs, and for insight into the needs of the day and for a firm grasp of the spirit and essential truths of Christianity. Its **authority** is definitely fixed by the law of the Church, but its **influence** steadily grows when the occupant is a wise and brave man and extends far beyond the bounds of his canonical rule. The Church being a society of people baptized into the same spirit, it is most becoming that the power of its chief officer should reside in influence, a spiritual potency, rather than in authority or the rule of law.

It amazes me how few people appreciate the constitutional government that we enjoy in the Episcopal Church. An intelligent layman, who knew more of the Army and Navy than of the Church, once asked me whether we were not compelled to write our sermons so that the Bishop could keep track of our teaching in the pulpit. I have known people trained in our Church from infancy ask indignantly, when some clergyman has offended against taste or good sense, "Why doesn't the Bishop silence him? What can the Bishop be thinking about to let such a man preach?" It is only just to our bishops to assert roundly that they have no such power. Before they are consecrated they promise to exercise their authority according to the Constitution and Canons of the General Church, and of their respective dioceses. Before a clergyman can be disciplined, he must be condemned by a court of his peers. Just as the Mayor cannot put a citizen in jail, but there is a machinery of justice in the State, so there is a machinery of justice in the Church.

There are some people who wish to put the clergy under the personal rule of the bishop. But they are very medievally minded people. Most of us consider a personal government a tyrannical government. We appreciate that authority and freedom can only be united when authority is exercised according to law. One of my objections to the Cathedral system is that its advocates hold that the Cathedral services are to be a norm for the diocese. Thus a tyranny of fashion is to be set up. It is to be bad taste to have the kind of service that the Bishop does not like. Against all such tyrannies we ought to set our faces. There has been far too much regimentation of worship in the Episcopal Church. The greater the flexibility the better.

Some one may think that I am not consistent because while advocating flexibility and freedom I am opposed to the official sanctioning of reservation of the elements. But it seems to me that the reproach is not just. The elements are being reserved and adored in some of our Churches, and I am not invoking the law against those rectors. They do this on their own responsibility. The Church is only thus far responsible, that it does not think this uncanonical conduct of sufficient importance to try them, or discipline them. It tolerates their practices, but it does not sanction or approve. I am willing to continue to tolerate, but I am strenuously opposed to sanctioning a use that I regard as a superstitious and hurtful accretion.

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As this paper reaches many who are not always at church on Sunday morning, I repeat here what I shall say on Sunday about my health. I have gained in health and strength beyond my most sanguine expectations in the early part of the summer. In the last three weeks I have played nine holes of golf a number of times without excessive fatigue and with beneficial results. I shall now see whether I have the strength for re-

suming the preaching and administration of the Parish. I shall at first restrict myself to preaching on Sunday morning, which is, by the way, all that Dr. Huntington did for years at Grace Church. I shall be guided by the results.

May God give us His blessings through the coming year and make the experience that I have had of His goodness and sustaining power a source of blessing and comfort to others.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

PRAYER FOR OUR HOMES

Help us to make our homes a place of love,
A place of prayer,
A place of all-beautiful living,
A place sweet with heaven's fragrance.
Help us to live each for the other,
And to find our happiness in doing good and denying ourselves.
O dear Lord, love these homes of ours
And all who dwell therein.
Care for our bodies, bless our hearts,
And keep our lives from sin.
God make our homes a place of joy
Where love and faith are given.
Make them the dearest place to us,
The nearest place to heaven.

—Dr. Oliver J. Hart.

Through a dusty window the whole world looks dull and ugly. Keep the windows of your soul clean, and life will look wide and clear before you.

At the devil's booth are all things sold; each ounce of dross costs its ounce of gold; 'tis heaven alone that is given away; 'tis only God may be had for the asking.—Lowell.

If we are to save ourselves and those who come after us from a renewal of all we suffered in the great war, we must in our every action, in our every-day conversation, even in our very thoughts, seek peace and ensue it.—Prince of Wales, Armistice Day, 1927.

Summer Diversions

It is so natural that there should be anxiety about my vitality after this long sickness, that I want to prove that this long recovery has not crushed my spirit nor narrowed my interests. I have always been fond, on occasion, of turning off rhymes or verses. One of the sources of congeniality in my long friendship with Captain Bartlett, of the Navy, was our common fondness for that sort of thing. Since he retired and went to California, I have largely given up the habit. This summer, however, at Cragsmoor, I was in a community much given to verse-making, and had near me, in Mrs. Christine Stevens Polk, a devotee of the Art. I was started on this line by my grandson, Donald Torrey, who, when he saw an eagle flying over Rondout Valley, exclaimed that Grandfather would write a poem on this if he were here. I was so much gratified by this expression of confidence in my power to make verses that I wrote the following lines:

ON AN EAGLE FLYING OVER RONDOUT VALLEY

High up on tireless pinion thou dost soar
Confronting wind and sun. Marauder fierce,
Off to thy hunt on Mountain's shaggy side
Or lonely gorge, the haunt of hare or deer.
Hateful to thee the barns and fenced fields,
The Valley's golden grain and gleaming roads,
The clover loved of bees and fragrant grape.
So robber Barons scorned and feared the spread
Of law and trade and arts industrial,
So fierce Apaches watched with hate and dread
The plough carve up the plain and men accept
The drudgery and toil once woman's task.
But strong to strike means ever weak to hold.
Majestic is the might of gentleness.
Worse than the rifled gun, aggressors fear
The spread of Reason and the growth of Law
The Leagues of Nations and the Pacts of Peace.

As I learnt about this time of the ill health of a boyhood friend in Baltimore, who used to make verses, I sent him this greeting:

LINES TO A BOYHOOD FRIEND, C. F.
July, 1929

In Memory of Auld Lang Syne

Years ago, I well recall,
Verses from your pen would fall
Celebrating festive times
With ingenious thoughts and rhymes.
Now life's winter winds are blowing.
Winter snows our heads are showing;
Let memory with its cheerful fire
Revive the boy within the sire.

Bright, indeed, the ruddy glow
Of those days so long ago,
When our talk was mostly chaff
And our wit was chiefly laugh;
When 'twas joy enough to be
In a youthful company.
Rapid then the brawling course
Of stream not distant from its source,
Purling gaily all day long,
Falling, but to make a song.

Now the stream feels Ocean's tide,
On its waters great ships ride;
Many lives are linked with ours,
Many burdens task our powers;
Yet not with youth would we exchange
Our balance and our wider range,
Our knowledge of the 'fore and after,
Our trust that grief will end in laughter.
Now we have a deeper joy
Than the rapture of a boy,
Hear more in the whispering breeze,
See more in the beckoning trees.
In the laughter and the groan
Hear the mellower overtone.
Columbus and his hardy crew
Were but coasters, when we view
Our prospects of adventures new.

—*C. E. Grammer.*

Then finding the exercise agreeable I wrote lines whenever an opportunity arose.

THE NEED OF IMAGINATION

The many-stringed piano stands
Silent without the player's hands.
Useless the chisel and the stone,
The statue sleeps till genius come.
Voiceless the hills, the vales, the skies,
The grim-faced crags and wooded slopes
Until the poet in us rise
And gives fulfillment to their hopes.

ACKNOWLEDGING A BOX OF CANDY

A new-fashioned dandy
Would give thanks for this candy
In verses both witty and sweet.
But an old-fashioned preacher
Is a much duller creature,
Unapt such occasions to meet.

Yet the box fully merits
Warmest thanks. All who share its
Fine flavors are loud in its praise.
After dinner we eat it
In French fashion we treat it
And munch it with many delays.

So oft evil is curled
Within joy in this world,
'Tis a pleasure to find sweetness pure.
May this gift so refined,
Index true of your mind,
Seal a friendship that long will endure.

THE GOLDENROD

I strolled across an upland field,
By winding pathway, rough and dim.
The farmer late had reaped its yield
Of hay and clover, harvest slim,
But near the fence, in unploughed sod,
Grew Autumn's boast—the goldenrod.

With graceful yellow plumes they waved,
Defiance to the blustering breeze.
Their slender stalks as gaily braved,
The blast as any forest trees,
Austere, slight, tall, these flowers fair
Seemed slender girls with golden hair.

Such, thought I, was the peerless Maid
Who saved the day for hopeless France,
Who courage gave to men afraid,
Whose little hand bore sword and lance.
A wild flower she, of peasant stock,
Whose head was bright with golden shock.

Dear wayside plants, how fair you are!
Your rootlets twine about my heart.
Your beauty, scattered near and far,
Stands never haughtily apart,
But flourishes 'mid briars and thorns,
Neglected spots it most adorns.

True symbol of Democracy!
Let lilies stand for ancient France;
The rose, for Tudor royalty,
The thistle let the Scotch advance.
But land of freedom, given by God,
Should take for emblem, Goldenrod.

—C. E. G.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH

(Gounod)

Tell me, lovely maiden,
Whither you would go?
Wide-spread is your sail,
Freshening breezes blow.

Ivory is the tall mast
Silken pennons stream.
The rudder is of burnished gold,
Oranges are in the hold.
The sail, an angel's plumy wing,
The cabin-boy, a seraphim.

(Refrain)
Tell Me Lovely Maiden, etc.

Hie you to the inland Baltic
Or the wide Pacific sea,
Or Java's sultry isle?
Perchance to cooling Norway go
To gather flowers by the snow,
The summer to beguile?

(Refrain)

"Take me," said the maiden softly,
"To the coast where love abides,
His constant seat and home."
That land, alas! my dearest dear,
I seek in vain, both far and near,
Gay Love will ever roam.

(Refrain)

"Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters

The King's Daughters will hold their first meeting on Tuesday evening, October 1st, and will be glad to welcome any one who cares to join the society. Our work varies as the need is presented, but at our meetings we are always sewing for some worthy object. On Tuesday evening, October 29th, we will have a card party—the purpose being to raise funds for an aged couple who are nearly destitute. We hope all our friends will come and help us have a large sum for these old folks who until now have always been able to do for themselves. Tickets may be had from Mr. Carrigan or from any member of our Society.

Woman's Auxiliary

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's will be held on Thursday, October 17th. A Corporate Communion Service will be held at 10.30 in the Church, immediately followed by a meeting in the Guild Room.

Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society starts its activities the first Wednesday in November. The Annual Rummage Sale will be held about November 15th. Members of the congregation are urgently requested to send their salable rummage to the Community House in care of Mrs. Bell.

The Sunday School

Although the summer was hot and dry for the most part, the season did not begin until shortly after June 5th, for on that day the Sunday School picnic, which had all the promise that a river excursion gives, was deluged with rain; rain that did not start and stop, but rain that was one long unforgiving, relentless downpour.

St. Stephen's Sunday School had arranged its excursion with that of St. Philip's Church and the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia. A Delaware River boat had been engaged for a long and happy day at Riverview Beach. But the weather man thought otherwise, with the result that the Sunday School had the boat-ride and the picnic and plenty of music and dancing, but it was all on the boat. With the versatility and adaptability of children, however, the best was made of the situation and a good time came out of it after all. To make up for the lack of sunshine when the excursion arrived back in the city early in the afternoon, a motion picture in which Doug Fairbanks played one of his most dashing roles, welcomed the entire Sunday School. When that was over, late in the afternoon, and the picnic emerged from the play-house to return to their homes, it was still—raining.

But later in the summer there was a Sunday School party, and for that the weather and the entertainment seemed ideal. A large attendance made up for the earlier disappointment.

The sessions this year begin on the first Sunday in October, with but few changes in the teaching staff. We are looking forward to a profitable year.

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club will give a rummage sale, the proceeds of which will be devoted to charity, on October 23rd, in the basement of the Community House. Members of the congregation are asked to contribute to the sale anything that they can. Rummage will be called for by members of the club on October 21st and 22nd. If those who have rummage to contribute will send word of it by letter or postcard to the Community House, marked for the Young People's Club, it can be collected on those two days.

Mothers' Meeting Outing

How I wish we could go on this picnic so gay,
We should love to cool off in the wave's dashing spray,
We should love to partake of the good things prepared,
And to join in the pleasures, increased because shared.
Such Mothers! Such leaders! Such busses! Such fun!
Nowhere but at our Church are picnics so run.

With this happy encouragement from Dr. Grammer, bidding them Godspeed and joy, one hundred and fifty members of the Mother's Meeting on July 11th left the Community House of St. Stephen's Church to enjoy one of the most pleasurable outings in all its history. Five large busses were needed to transport them to Atlantic City where the day was spent in a variety of delights.

Each year the picnic grows larger and larger as the Mother's Meeting increases in the number of its members, but with that growth there is a corresponding intensity of interest as the older members help to share their experiences with the new. So it was that Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Higham were ably helped in the details of the preparations by a corps of the older members who saw to it that the outing passed as smoothly and as happily as years of experience would permit.

Many of the mothers brought their children, some their infants in arms, so that the age range of those who enjoyed the picnic was from three weeks to eighty years, and the luncheon included suckled bottles as well as quantities of sandwiches, fruit, milk and ice cream.

That it was a Mother's picnic seemed to affect the babies not at all. They looked out upon the immensity of the ocean and the kaleidoscopic entertainment of the pier and boardwalk life with calm and understanding eyes. They, too, were a part of it all.

For many of the mothers it was the only outing and vacation that they would have and their day was filled to the brim with excitement. At 8 o'clock in the morning the caravan began, arriving in Atlantic City without mishap, two hours later. Arrangements had been made to have Young's Pier as the outing headquarters, and the mothers repaired there at once. Within a short time after the attractions of the pier had been examined, the mothers got down to the business of eating lunch. So it was that another hour was consumed, before the boardwalk promenade could commence.

It was the first visit that one mother had made to Atlantic City in forty years, and in that time she remarked, she "Could see a great change in the ocean!" And no wonder, for to those who bathed in it, those who were contented simply to look out upon its vast restless deep, and those who viewed it simply as a background to the picturesque parade of the boardwalk, it was a sea of unceasing change.

As before, Mr. Carrigan was a lieutenant in charge of operations, without equal. No small part of the success of the picnic was due to his foresight in providing for every contingency. Late in the afternoon, if the meeting was to return home before dark, the busses were again assembled and the holiday makers tumbled in, laden down with trophies of their visit. The cool, long, quiet ride back to the heat, and the rush and roar of the city, was a fitting postlude to a day of unmitigated joy.

If your name is to live at all, it is so much more to have it live in people's hearts than only in their brains.—O. W. Holmes.

That best portion of a good man's life; his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.—Wordsworth.

Do that which is assigned you, and you cannot hope too much or dare too much.—Emerson.

Who reverenced his conscience as his king; whose glory was redressing human wrong; who spoke no slander, no, nor listened to it.—Tennyson.

Truthfulness in work is as much demanded as truthfulness in speech.—Hugh Black.

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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

October 10—Hannah E. Taws.
October 31—Alfred Foster.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held October 17th, preceded by a Corporate Communion. Twenty-two members were present.

Miss Bell read a letter from Mrs. Ellis offering her resignation as Treasurer of the Auxiliary and the Missionary Box Committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Birney has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Ellis.

Reports and letters were read by the delegates and well laid plans for the winter are under way.

The next meeting will be held November 21st, at 10.30.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 15th SEPTEMBER TO 13th OCTOBER, INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins, exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$32 11	
Parochial Maintenance	18 40	
Missions	54 72	
Woman's Auxiliary	18 14	
		$123 37

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$123 37	
Parochial Maintenance	364 19	
Missions	390 89	
Theological Education	3 15	
Our Work Among Young People	12 20	
Benevolent Society	5 00	
Episcopal Hospital	16 25	
Domestic Missions	10 30	
Church Farm School	16 25	
Community House Debt	3 80	
Diocesan Missions	1 10	
Foreign Missions	80	
Colored Missions	1 65	
Missionary Box	5 15	
Indian Missions	4 70	
Chancel Decorations	65	
Deaconess House	1 15	
Woman's Auxiliary	42 74	
		$1003 34
		$1126 71

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$155 48
Parochial Maintenance	382 59
Missions	445 61
Theological Education	3 15
Our Work Among Young People	12 20
Benevolent Society	5 00
Episcopal Hospital	16 25
Domestic Missions	10 30
Church Farm School	16 25
Community House Debt	3 80
Diocesan Missions	1 10
Foreign Missions	80
Colored Missions	1 65
Missionary Box	5 15
Indian Missions	4 70
Chancel Decorations	65
Deaconess House	1 15
Woman's Auxiliary	60 88
	$1126 71

ELLA HEADMAN,
Treasurer.

Empty!

The Parish Visitor's closet is empty! Please leave contributions of new and partly worn clothing, either at Community House or Parish House.

I. W. Higham, P. V.

The Rector's Letter

My Dear Parishioners:

The last Sunday in November, which falls on the 24th, will also be the last Sunday in the Christian Year. It is also known as "Stir Up" Sunday from the Collect, which runs, "Stir up, we beseech, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works may by thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord." With such an animating name and petition for the day, this Sunday seems particularly appropriate for a stirring up of our hearts by an assembly on that Sunday night of all the people who worship in St. Stephen's at any time, or use its Community House during the week. There are really three regular St. Stephen's congregations—the Sunday morning congregation, the Sunday evening congregation, and the Wednesday noonday congregation. Then there are the attendants on the services conducted by the Business Men's Association on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, and on the service of the Business Women's Christian League on Tuesdays. Then there are all the organizations of St. Stephen's. What a goodly list it is: Benevolent Society, Woman's Auxiliary, Altar Society, Girls' Friendly Society, King's Daughters, Young People's Club, Young People's Fellowship, Players' Guild, Mothers' Meeting, Periodical Club and Sunday School. We must not overlook the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

One purpose of this meeting is to show to those who help to maintain this down-town Church by their gifts, attendance and cooperation, how wide-spread is the influence of the Church and what numbers it benefits. I therefore particularly request every one to make a point of attending that service. I have asked a distinguished clergyman, the Rev. Dr. C. G. Twombly, to preach. I want to make it an occasion of great inspiration and uplift. Please make no engagements for that night and make it a point to attend.

Other special services this month will be November 10th when we shall have a special Armistice Day service on Sunday morning, and a sermon on the responsibility of the Church for helping on the organization of the world for peace, and November 11th, Armistice Day proper, when the Bishop of Pennsylvania has consented to deliver the address at the noonday service, and an appropriate anthem will be sung by Mr. Noah Swayne.

The readers of the Parish News are, I am sure, much pleased with the substitution of the drawing of the Church for the photograph that used to vex the artistic with its queer proportions. It is the handwork of Miss Katherine Page, who has now set up a studio in Washington, D. C.

On my trip back from Sweet Briar College I was on the train which, on Friday, October 25th, was derailed and had its engineer killed. I was in the car next to the engine, and though shaken and for a time in imminent danger, escaped entirely uninjured. As any one can see from reading my Bohlen lectures, I am convinced that everything that happens is permitted by God, whose will is over all our wills, whose mind is cognizant of all our minds, and whose loving care is over all His works. The sudden and violent taking of the engineer is, of course, a mystery, but it is not a sign of God's displeasure with that engineer or his family. So far as I am personally concerned, I should look on such a death at the post of duty as a glorious death, finer than a death upon the field of battle where the soldier falls forward with all his wounds in front. But whatever had happened to me, it would have been well. God can bless us either by life or death. He gave me life and I am grateful. But we would not have had any right to upbraid Him if He had sent death, or pain or mutilation. Reason tells me this, though I might not have the consistency and fortitude to hold fast to it if the worst befell. But that is how I want to feel. Shall the clay tell the Potter, moulding it into a vessel fit for the Master's use, how he must mould the lump? Shall the scholar tell the teacher what the lesson is to be? Shall ignorance dictate to wisdom? Shall the sheep or the shepherd choose the way?

So I preached on Sunday, October 27th, on Providence and showed that a belief in Providential care was a central element in the teaching of Jesus. If we call him Master, let us accept the essential elements of His teaching. It is the fashion, I think, to exalt the Sermon on the Mount somewhat unduly to the disadvantage of the par-

ables. That great sermon does not contain all the religion of Jesus, but it is a valuable part of His message. Nowhere does He teach more emphatically the Divine Control of events. I did not argue the doctrine any further, though there are, of course, strong arguments for it, for I hold that Christianity is a reasonable faith. One test of truth is the beneficent results that flow from a true hypothesis. I dwelt on the benefits that flow from this belief, in the courage that it gives to the sufferer, who feels that pain can be made a discipline, a battlefield on which an important moral victory may be won; in the submission that it creates in bereavement, when Death is looked on as a messenger from God; and in the meekness and humility that it gives to a righteousness that is felt to be due, not to our own goodness so much as to Divine guidance, protection and support. How can the Christian be self-righteous and proud, who knows that God has been a fortress and defence, a sun and shield, a shepherd and friend, and guarded him from temptations too fierce for him to withstand and from burdens too heavy for him to bear?

The payee of a check, which a generous friend has drawn to his order, might as well take credit to himself for signing his name on its back and going to the bank and drawing the money, as a Christian, created by God, sustained by God, redeemed by God's Son, forgiven by God, sanctified by God's Spirit, protected by God's Providence, take credit to himself for his freedom from certain vices and for the peace and security in which he stands.

"Not unto us, not unto us, but to Thy Name," is surely the only rightful attitude.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The Faith of a Great Soldier

One of the last actions of Earl Haig's life was to set his signature to a letter composed by Sir Henry Newbolt and signed by five distinguished Old Cliftonians. (Clifton was the Public School Haig attended.)

The letter runs: "We look with pride on the spirit and success of the younger generations, and we are moved with a strong desire to send them a message out of the past, in the hope that our experience of life may perhaps here and there lighten a difficulty or confirm a faith. . . . Life has become more controversial; controversy is more violent; the unintelligent are perverting science into a new form of superstition; religion is in danger of being crushed out between the materialistic selfishness of the rich and luxurious, and the materialistic hopes of the overworked and underpaid.

"In the last forty or fifty years we have lived through times of great national prosperity and still greater danger and anxiety. These years have convinced us all that no kind of life is complete, no kind of life can make the world intelligible to us, or give us lasting satisfaction, unless there enters into it the element called Religion. We are not speaking of this or that form of religion, but of the impulse which is expressed in all such forms: the desire to find God in the universe, and to understand our relation to Him. Guidance and lasting satisfaction are, as we believe, to be found only in faith —in the assurance that the life of man progresses by conformity with a Universal Spirit and a divine beauty of character; so that every act and preference of every one of us is of imomrtal consequence, because it either helps or hinders the realization of the order which God is perpetually designing for the world."

This letter was drafted at Earl Haig's suggestion and signed by Sir Henry Newbolt, Sir Herbert Warren, Mr. J. H. Whitley, late Speaker of the House of Commons, and Sir Francis Younghusband, the famous explorer, and Earl Haig.

On the darkest day of all (Sunday, March 24th), Haig appeared as usual at the church service on the ramparts of Montreuil. Duncan, the minister, taking a risk that few of those who served under Haig would have ventured to take, said, as the Chief shook hands with him before the service, "I hope things are not too bad, sir?" "They will never be too bad," replied Haig, and added: "This is what you read to us a few weeks ago in Church, 'Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'" That same evening he was to face the greatest crisis of the war.

Quoted in Field-Marshal Earl Haig
by John Charteris
from Dr. Grammer's sermon, Oct. 13th.

Two missionary bishops were elected at the special meeting of the House of Bishops in Atlantic City in October. The Very Rev. Harry Beal, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, was elected Bishop of Honolulu. Dean Beal was born in Oneida, N. Y., in 1885; he was graduated from the Cambridge Theological School, and was ordained in 1911. He served in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York for some years until he went to Cuba, where he was Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Havana, 1923-26, since when he has been in Los Angeles. The Rev. Elmer N. Schmuck, D.D., one of the general secretaries of the National Field Department, was elected Bishop of Wyoming. Dr. Schmuck was born in Peoria, Illinois, in 1882. He was graduated from Seabury Divinity School, which has also given him his doctor's degree, and was ordained in 1905. He served in Minnesota until he became rector of St. Mark's, Denver, in 1923, and since 1925 he has worked in the Field Department. He is the third of that department's secretaries to become bishop, the others being Bishop Barnwell and Bishop Larned.

I do not see how God's work could be done without enthusiasm. A church savors very little of life when its work is done only in a half-hearted and indifferent way by its members. . . . Let us make up our minds to use our Church as a means through which we can come to God and He to us. Let us think of it not as a mere company of individuals, a few of whom we like, more of whom we do not, some of whom we know, and still more of whom are utter strangers, whose life and love are a matter of indifference to us. Let us rather realize and feel even more and more that the Church is God's agency for righteousness, and that all of these people are allied agents in promoting His Kingdom—(Rev.) Malcolm W. Lockhart.

Dedications

Two books, each of them outstanding contributions to the religious literature of the year, within the month of October have been dedicated to St. Stephen's Church and its congregation. The Bohlen Lectures for 1928, "Things That Remain," written by Dr. Grammer, is dedicated to his congregations at St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, and Christ Church, Norfolk. I content myself with merely speaking of it, for it is manifest that either praise or criticism is out of place in this paper, and from one standing as close to Dr. Grammer as the writer. But mention of it ought to be made. The other is "The Allies of Religion," by Dr. Elwood Worcester, former rector of St. Stephen's, and recently resigned from the rectorship of Emmanuel Church, Boston.

"Allies of Religion" is a volume of sermons by Dr. Worcester, taking its name from the address delivered by him here on the occasion of our centennial celebration, February 25, 1923. Several of its paragraphs are historically interesting, and bring out in a striking way the remarkable ministries that have served our parish.

"It is a great joy to me to stand again in this sacred place," said Dr. Worcester, in speaking at our Centennial. "As time is reckoned in America, one hundred years form no inconsiderable fraction of our country's history. When St. Stephen's Church was founded the United States was in its forty-eighth year. President Monroe was serving his second term, having been elected in the ninth general election by a vote that was practically unanimous. In this very year, 1823, he enunciated his famous 'Doctrine,' which on the whole has served our country so well. Three years before, the fourth general census had recorded a population of 9,638,191 persons, of whom nearly eight million were white and more than a million and a half were colored. The Treaty of Ghent which had ended our last war with England was less than ten years old. Our States, including the District of Columbia, numbered twenty-seven. Twenty years before, the vast territory, vaguely termed Louisiana, had been purchased from Napoleon Bonaparte for fifteen million dollars, and Illinois with a population of fifty-three thousand persons, was our westernmost State. At this time, Philadelphia was the second largest city in the United States and contained perhaps one hundred thousand persons. The bitter conflict looking toward the emancipation of the slave had just begun. St. Stephen's Church was designed by the most famous living American architect, William Strickland, who also designed the old Custom House on Chestnut Street, after the model of the Parthenon. Seven years

after this parish was founded the first American locomotive was built at West Point, New York; but it soon blew up, as the engineer, annoyed by the sound of escaping steam, had fastened down the safety valve."

"I cannot refrain from expressing my gratitude to God and to you for the years of peace and happiness I spent here. No spot on earth is dearer to me than this old street and this old Church. This was my first parish and I have always retained for it the sweet memories of a first love. Whatever mistakes and weaknesses I was guilty of were the mistakes and weaknesses of youth and inexperience, not of sloth and indifference. Indeed, I have often wondered at the amount of intellectual labor I performed in Philadelphia. Much of my philosophy of religion and life on which I have built ever since, was worked out here and was first offered to you. Much of my study of the Bible and of the religions of mankind, which the overwhelming duties of my later life cut short, was done here and I am unutterably grateful to you for giving me that opportunity. This was largely due to the fact that in those days I was able to work all day and also most of the night. And what I say, I believe all your other rectors, dead and living, would corroborate, were they able to speak—that some of their best and happiest years were spent in this church.

"In my day, Dr. Montgomery, the founder of this parish, had already become merely a name, about which no legends clustered. Dr. Ducachet was remembered for his many witty sayings and aphorisms. The spell of Dr. Rudder's preaching and personality, still lingered. The noble and chivalrous Dr. McConnell was a living power and his was always a name to conjure by; and since my day, Dr. Grammer has done more than we all to conserve St. Stephen's and to perpetuate its power and its influence in the days that are coming."

Dr. Worcester resigned his ministry at Emmanuel Church, Boston, to devote his time to literary work, and to the resumption under somewhat different conditions of the "Emmanuel Movement" of which he was the founder. In collaboration with Dr. Samuel McComb he is writing a volume on "Mental Healing" which is shortly to appear.

R. O. K.

MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND, 1929

Jan. 6—Mrs. William Bryant.
13—Miss Kirkpatrick.
20—Miss Ernst.
27—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Feb. 3—Miss Gregg.
10—Miss Gebhart.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Miss Gebhart.

Mar. 3—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
10—Mrs. Barclay.
17—Mrs. Sheble.
24—Palm Sunday—Mother's Meeting
28—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
31—Easter.

April 7—Mrs. Sheble.
14—Dr. Grammer.
21—Miss Tappen.
28—Mrs. Higham.

May 5—Mrs. Woodward.
9—Ascension—Mrs. Lamb.
12—Miss Townsend.
19—Mrs. Higham.
26—Mrs. Woodward.

June 2—Mrs. Clarence K. Klink.
9—Miss Mary M. Roberts.
16—Miss Gebhart.
23—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
30—

July 7—King's Daughters.
14—
21—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell.
28—

Aug. 4—
11—Mrs. Love.
18—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.
25—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 1—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
8—Miss Powell.
15—Mrs. Sheble.
22—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
29—Mrs. Lamb.

Oct. 6—Miss Laura Bell.
13—Miss Maulsby.
20—Mrs. Sheble.
27—Mrs Cooper.

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day—Mr. Jas. Arrison, 3d.
3—Girls' Friendly Society.
10—Miss Mary De H. Bright.
17—Miss Eisenbrey.
24—Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.

Dec. 1—Mrs. Sheble.
8—The Misses Davis.
15—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
22—Miss Cornelia Ewing.
25—Christmas.
29—Miss Emily Bell.

Members of the congregation desiring to subscribe to the Memorial Flower Fund kindly communicate with

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen

PRINCIPAL
Miss Margaret Tappen.

Receives girls only. The conditions of admission are that the father must be dead, the mother not married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission. The children will be kept until they are 18 or equipped to earn their living.

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Mrs. W. B. Campbell.

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Miss Blanche Porter, Mrs. Higham, Miss Dwier, Miss Bright, Miss Headman, Mrs. C. E. Noblit, Mrs. Anderson Polk.

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Meets Wednesday, 10 A. M

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Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. I. W. Higham.

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Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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President—
Treasurer—

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 10.30 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Superintendent—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
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Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

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Choir Leader—Mr. Warren Holland.
Pianist—Mrs. Idella Higham.

Teachers—Miss Eleanor Eccles, Miss Marian Von Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Whitney, Miss Pearl Keller, Miss Esther Hazlett, Miss Margaret Kilpatrick, Mrs. C. P. Shelten, Mr. Clarence K. Klink and Mr. Richard Robinson.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

Whatsoever Circle

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Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley
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MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE

First Meeting, Thursday, November 7th, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

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Honorary Chairman—
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COMMUNITY HOUSE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
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Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

"Received Into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

November 1—William Barclay Darrow.
November 3—John William King.
November 17—Alice Frances Arnett.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

November 6—James Sweeney and Anna Cavanaugh.
November 25—Joseph Panichelli and Florence Ferrillo.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

November 4—Alice E. Farris.
November 14—George E. Klahr.
November 20—Susan Sletor Granlees.

Without work, no amount of talent, no amount of influence will carry a man very far in this world. Cardinal Gibbons.

He that hath a trade hath an estate.—Franklin's Poor Richard.

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Domestic Missions	1 50	
Community House Debt	2 00	
Missionary Box	75	
Indian Missions	75	
Deaconess House	1 35	
Woman's Auxiliary	7 80	
		$469 32
		$570 56

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$73 60
Parochial Maintenance	157 15
Missions	218 15
Theological Education	35
Our Work Among Young People	1 80
Benevolent Society	102 12
Domestic Missions	1 50
Community House Debt	2 00
Missionary Box	75
Indian Missions	75
Deaconess House	1 35
Woman's Auxiliary	11 05
	$570 56

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Woman's Auxiliary

There were twenty-five members present at the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The monthly reports of work done by the various missionary committees were very interesting.

The Missionary Box Committee sent $105.00 with which to purchase overcoats for three Indian catechists in Idaho.

Mrs. John E. Hill, Diocesan Educational Secretary, was the guest speaker. She talked about the Jerusalem Conference.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 19th.

B. E. Hollar,
Secretary.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

A conference of the Christian Unity League was held in St. George's Church, New York City, on November 13th-15th, 1929. The Church building was lent for the purpose by the Rector and Vestry. When, however, Bishop Manning heard that part of the proceedings would be the celebration of the Lord's Supper by a Presbyterian minister, the Reverend Henry Sloane Coffin, he wrote to the Rector and Vestry, and at the same time published in the New York papers a solemn admonition forbidding such a use of the building as contrary to the Episcopal Church's law whose observance, as its chief officer in that diocese, he felt it necessary to enforce. The Rector and Vestry held that they had a legal and canonical right to lend the building for such a purpose, but yielded the point, as the President of the Church Unity League desired that this course be taken. The Protestant Episcopal clergy attendant on the Conference published in the New York papers, on Friday morning, November 15th, an indignant protest against the action of the Bishop as hurtful to our Church and hostile to the cause of Christian Unity. Your rector's name stood at the head of the list of signers, which included such well known names as Dr. Norwood of St. Bartholomew's, Dr. Melish of Brooklyn, Dr. Beverly D. Tucker, Jr., of Richmond, Dr. Luke White of Montclair, Mr. Opie of North Carolina, Dr. Twombly of Lancaster, Dr. Malcolm Douglas of Short Hills, N. J., Dr. Shipler, Editor of the Churchman, and others.

It seemed that a fuller statement of the argument in behalf of their interpretation of the law of the Church would be helpful. I therefore sent a brief argument to the "Churchman." I think that it will interest the congregation.

The task of giving to a Church a government of law, instead of a government of personal rule was not an easy one, with the historic Episcopate regarded by so many of the bishops and so many of our people as having the right to transcend the canons and over-ride the judgments and convictions of the clergy and laity. Bishop Hobart, one of the chief promulgators of the Divine Right view of the Episcopate, tried to prevent his clergy from meeting together in informal prayer meetings. The Church owes a debt to that great rector of St. George's, Dr. Milnor, who refused to regard such a prohibition as a "godly admonition." In the same way the Evangelical bishops had to over-ride admonitions of High Church bishops forbidding them to attend meetings of the great Evangelical Societies in the dioceses of those High Church bishops. The Church Congress had to over-leap the same barrier at its first sessions. The liberty that the clergy and laity now enjoy was won by resistance to such large claims for the Divine Right of the bishop. It is clear that this incident at St. George's was only an old claim, reasserted in a new form. If we are to have a government by law, it is to be stoutly resisted.

I need not dwell on the injury that this refusal has done to our participation in movements for Church Unity. I am not one of those who think the divisions of Christendom one of the chief causes of unbelief. I think the injury of division is over-estimated in that regard. My desire for Church consolidation is not based on the sin of schism which in many instances, notably in the case of the Methodists and our break with Rome, I regard as no sin at all, but necessary and serving useful purposes. Where the division has meaning, I think that it should be preserved, and that it will only be hurtful to tie the dissidents together more closely. But in many cases the divisions have lost all meaning and are only dissociate groups that could readily work together. In such cases church union is most advisable, and, indeed, a crying need. Moreover, Christian Unity

demands that we should acknowledge the Christians in all Churches and the Churches of all Christians, to use Dr. Ainslee's happy phrase. This treatment of the Presbyterian celebration of the Lord's Supper as a desecration of our Church building was an offence against Christian Unity. Here is my article in the Churchman:

BISHOP MANNING'S RECENT STAND.

There can be but little difference of opinion among broad-minded people in regard to the inhibition by Bishop Manning of the loan of St. George's Church to the Christian Unity League for a Communion Service, because a non-Episcopal minister was to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The incident was decidedly unfortunate. Its repercussion among our Protestant brethren is that now at last they know how their rites are looked upon by an Episcopal bishop who claims to be an ardent advocate of Church Unity; the Lord's Supper as celebrated by them is, in his opinion, a desecration of our church building. He is not opposed to the loan of the building for a conference in which there is prayer, teaching and hymn singing. But let one of their number celebrate the Lord's Supper, and the building has been desecrated. In the Bishop's judgment, the lack of Episcopal ordination in the minister makes the Lord's Supper an unhallowed rite. How preposterous are overtures towards Church Unity from a Bishop with such feelings. I have always contended that our Church did not have the right people in charge of our relations to the Protestant world. The good to be brought out of this evil is that the naked reality is disclosed behind Bishop Manning's cloak of appreciation of our Protestant brothers. In spite of his specious words about the Cathedral as a symbol of Christian fellowship, he is the same Manning who, as a presbyter, opposed the Panama Conference. His real aim is absorption and not association. Their most sacred rite is in his eyes a desecration.

The question, however, remains whether the Bishop was not within his canonical rights in issuing this mandate. Many people, misled by analogies from military command, or by usages in other Episcopal Churches, are of that opinion. Yet the protest of the Episcopal members of the Christian Unity League denied that the Bishop has this authority. The public is entitled to an examination of this position. What is wanted is not a pronunciamento, but a reasoned explanation. It is a pity that the Chancellor of the Diocese has not given this. Surely his ground will be something stronger than the Bishop's argument that the 23rd Canon forbids such a use of the building. The title of this Canon runs: "Of Persons not Ministers in this Church officiating in any congregation thereof." The marginal summary reads: "No person to minister in this Church unless duly authorized." Note the capital "C" in Church, which clearly indicates that the organization and not the edifice is meant. The language of the Canon is clear. "No minister in charge of any congregation of this Church or in case of vacancy or absence no Church Wardens, Vestrymen or Trustees of the congregation shall permit any person to officiate therein without sufficient evidence of his being duly licensed or ordained to minister in this Church." (The rest of the Canon refers to special cases and is not pertinent.) The proposed Lord's Supper would not have been celebrated in a congregation of this Church, but in a congregation of the Church Unity League. The Canon therefore does not apply.

But, it may be asked, has not a Bishop a general supervision that justifies him in over-ruling the action of the Rector and Vestry in lending the building? For aught I know this may be true of a Roman Catholic Bishop or of an English Bishop. But the case is different with regard to a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It is a great pity that so many of the English and Canadian clergy never fully grasp the unique features in the Constitution and Canons of our Church. The organizers of the Protestant Episcopal Church were men in love with freedom and constitutional government. They required of our Bishops, before they received Episcopal consecration, the promise of "conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church." Whatever might be the Bishop's views of the source of his authority, it was to be exercised according to our Constitution and Canons which constitute our discipline.

Now, nowhere do the Canons give the Bishop any authority over the Church building. Canon 23 Section II, gives the Rector

the use and control of Church and Parish buildings. This is a discretion which is not subject to the Bishop's over-ruling, just as the Bishop has no power of over-ruling a Rector in regard to his discretion about presenting people for Confirmation or administering Baptism. All these belong to a realm where the Church commits the subject matter to the Rector's judgment. His decision is final and subject to no reversal. This is, I believe, the general rule about powers of discretion. They can only be over-ruled where the discretion is exercised with manifest injury to the purposes of the organization, or of public weal. The handling of Church property is clearly such a case. The law of the land is opposed to ownership of real estate by a Church and requires that the title shall be held by a corporation in which laymen predominate. The only restriction on their use is that they shall be governed in its use by the laws of the Church. Our Bishops have agreed to govern according to law. The law of the Church is laid down in the 21st Canon: "For the purposes of his office and for the full and free discharge of all functions and duties pertaining thereto, the Rector shall, at all times, be entitled to the use and control of the Church and Parish Buildings." Who is to decide "what is necessary for the full and free discharge" of his "duties and functions" except the Rector himself? If he is of the opinion that the loan of his building to a group of admirable Christians of high standing for a sacred rite is a help towards discharging his solemnly acknowledged duty of "maintaining and setting forward . . . quietness, peace and love among all Christian people," who has the right to forbid him? It is true he promised obedience to "godly admonitions and godly judgments of his bishop." But if the Church is to have a government by law and all its machinery of limited rights and assigned duties as laid down in the Canons is to be made effective, great stress must be placed on the adjective "godly." For the minister is also pledged to "maintain the Discipline as this Church hath received the same"; "to drive away doctrines contrary to God's Word"; to "set forward peace and love among Christian people." Surely this admonition of the Bishop requiring the Rector and Vestry to recall an invitation that they had given in full confidence that they were within their rights, is not according to the Discipline of our Church, which gave him no such appellate authority; is based on a doctrine of values that places the ritual and legal above the spiritual and moral in a manner "contrary to God's Word;" and is prolific of ill-will and hard feeling rather than "peace and love." Who can call such an admonition godly? It cannot be required of the members of the Episcopal Church who value Episcopacy as an ancient mode of Church government, but do not believe in its **divine right** to rule that they should accept or acquiesce in claims which substitute a government by Episcopal opinion for a government by law. They believe that the closest analogy to the relation of a Bishop to a Rector is not that of a Colonel to a Captain, but that of the President of the United States to a Governor, or of a Governor to a Mayor; the one higher than the other, and, in an important sense, over the other; but the lower having his own special sphere into which the higher cannot intrude.

There is abundant precedent all over our country, of Episcopal Church buildings being lent in emergencies to non-Episcopalians for the administration of sacramental rites to their own people. Good-will ought to be able to make new precedents, but in this case it was only walking in old paths.

There is no need to raise the question of the authority of the Vestry. It is manifest that the Vestry as a corporation is responsible to the State, and must be satisfied that the Rector is using the building in obedience to the Canons. But that question does not enter; for the Vestry of St. George's, containing eminent lawyers, agreed with the Rector that the loan was not against any law, civil or canonical. Many will regret that they yielded the point, but we make no criticism. The situation was complicated by the message of the President of the Christian Unity League requesting that the courtesy be abandoned. That course may have been most conducive to the interests of the League; it certainly was not conducive of the best interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church. After this episode, who could be surprised if the non-Episcopal Churches paid less and less heed to the overtures of the Episcopal Church, especially those from a Commission in which Bishop Manning has a seat? If an Episcopal Rector and Vestry can be over-ruled so arbitrarily, who can hope that our ministry will attract

men who value freedom? Who can think that any man, Bishop or not, has a divine right to sow ill-feeling in this fashion?

On these grounds we hold that the Episcopal ministers at the Conference were justified in asserting that this mandate of Bishop Manning's was a "usurpation of authority under the guise of an interpretation of a Canon," which "ought to be resisted and disavowed."

It is unnecessary to do more than refer to the injustice of this action. It cries to heaven and the echoes are bound to resound far and wide. In a Church of many schools of thought and many types, the Bishop of New York goes beyond his canonical authority to restrain a generous and brotherly action of the Protestant element, while he supinely acquiesces in open violation by Anglo-Catholics of the Church's law forbidding Reservation and makes no effort to control the introduction of Romish usages. Such administration "ridicules the name" of Justice.

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The oath of the English bishop is:

"In the name of God, Amen. I, N., chosen Bishop of the Church and See of N. do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop of the Metropolitical Church of N. and their successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ."

In our book, for this is substituted a promise of conformity:

"In the name of God, Amen. I, N., chosen Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in N. do promise conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. So help me God, through Jesus Christ."

By request of the Bishop the use of the new Prayer Books will begin on the first Sunday in Advent, Sunday, December 1st. For the old Prayer Books, with the stamp of St. Stephen's, distributed so freely through the pews, the new edition will be substituted. For a while I shall not procure new books for the Chancel and Communion Table, for the books now in use are memorials, and it has occurred to me that the donors of these memorials should have an opportunity to give new books, if they desire to do so. So I shall wait a while.

We are about $1,500.00 behind in our Apportionment. The Thanksgiving Offering will reduce this considerably, but a united effort will be necessary if we are not to fall short. As there is a balance in the Church's treasury, and there will be no deficit at the end of our fiscal year, I suggest that all the gifts from this time on, in our envelopes, be given to the apportionment. I shall do this myself, and I recommend the same procedure to others.

I may add that next year I plan to select specific fields that we shall help, fields where we can feel enthusiasm and sympathy for the aim, the methods and the message.

The meeting on Sunday night of all those using in any way the Church or Parish Building or Community House was a great success. We had a large congregation of nearly 400, and all realized that if all entitled to be present had been there, the building could not have entertained them. For instance, the Lenten congregations were not represented. The sermon by Dr. Twombly was most helpful and most gripping.

Cordially yours
Paul E. Grammer

"Thou canst not prove the Nameless, O my son,
Nor canst thou prove the world thou movest in,
Thou canst not prove that thou art body alone,
Nor canst thou prove that thou art spirit alone,
Nor canst thou prove that thou art both in one:
Thou canst not prove thou art immortal, no
Nor yet that thou art mortal—nay, my son,
Thou canst not prove that I, who speak with thee,
Am not thyself in converse with thyself,
For nothing worthy proving can be proven,
Nor yet disproven: wherefore thou be wise,
Cleave ever to the sunnier side of doubt,
And cling to Faith beyond the forms of Faith!
She reels not in the storm of warring words,
She brightens at the clash of 'Yes' and 'No,'
She sees the Best that glimmers thro' the Worst,
She feels the Sun is hid but for a night,
She spies the summer thro' the winter bud,
She tastes the fruit before the blossom falls,
She hears the lark within the songless egg,
She finds the fountain where they wail'd 'Mirage!'"

—From "The Ancient Sage," Tennyson.

I have appointed the following Committee on the Christmas Baskets: Mr. Craig Atmore, Mr. T. Munroe Dobbins, Mr. Howard Freeston, Mr. J. Wiley Christie, and Mr. James Carrigan.

The Parish Visitor will go over the list and see to it that the baskets go where they are really needed. Recipients who may no longer need the baskets are requested to save her the disagreeable duty of dropping their names. At the same time we want to continue this gift to those whose Christmas will be lessened of needed cheer if the basket is not received.

I hope that the congregation will contribute generously for I feel that we ought to hand around good cheer at Christmas. We are, however, not as large a congregation as of old, and I hope that discretion will be shown in sending us new names. The recipients ought to have some claim on us and be united with us by some bonds of fellowship. This rule is not absolute in case of manifest and great need. But our stream of charity has to have banks, if it is to continue to flow. C. E. G.

Girls' Friendly Society

The Girls' Friendly Society takes this opportunity of thanking the Honorary Members and friends who so kindly contributed to the Rummage Sale. The help of the Boy Scouts was invaluable and it was a pleasure to see such a willing spirit shown by the boys to help in every possible way. The Rummage Sale was the first big affair the Society has had this season and while the articles for sale were not of great value, we cleared about $100.00.

On December 12th a Dinner and Christmas Sale will be held in the Auditorium—tickets can be secured at the office of the Community House and we will appreciate the cooperation of the members of the Church.

The Society has had several enjoyable evenings—a Hallowe'en party, a lecture on Armistice Day by Miss Anne Daley, a talk on interior decorating by Miss Kirby and a Thanksgiving party—now our minds are intent on the next big event, our Dinner and Sale. We will have attractive articles for sale, which will help with your Christmas shopping, and an appetizing dinner will be served from 6.30 to 7.30 P. M., for 75 cents.

One hundred Christmas stockings will be filled for the Philadelphia General Hospital, on Monday evening, December 16th. Any one wishing to contribute toys or oranges will help make these children very happy.

Some of the members of our Branch recently visited the Philadelphia General Hospital and the University Museum.

B. V. M.

Sunday School Entertainment

"The Little Boy Nobody Wanted," a modern dramatic form of the medieval legend of the passing of the Christ-Child on Christmas Eve will be presented by the members of the Sunday School as a pageant and play, at the annual Sunday School entertainment, Friday night, December 20th, at 8 o'clock. The performance, which will follow a short entertainment prepared by the Primary Department, will be held in the auditorium of the Community House.

The legend of the Christ-Child stopping at the home of some worthy family on Christmas Eve, is one of the most beautiful of the stories of the Middle Ages. In its symbolism is preserved much that is true. Because the pageant will not be played by trained actors but simply by the children of the Sunday School itself it will preserve the festival character that is truly representative of Christmas. As in former years gifts will be given to each child that comes that night, irrespective of whether they are members of the Sunday School or not. I hope each member of the congregation will come, but better still, come and bring some children.

Robert O. Kevin.

The Advent Evangel

The Gospel of Christ came as an "evangel," a Good News, to a tired, dispirited, and disilusioned Mediterranean World. In the truest and deepest meaning of the word an evangelistic service today is still one which brings the Good News.

The Advent Season is peculiarly appropriate for the emphasis of this note in our corporate Church life. Not only is it timely but at the fall fellowship meeting of the societies, organizations and congregations of St. Stephen's Church on the Sunday before

Advent we caught a vision of what the Good News still can mean in the Twentieth Century.

A revival is not an outworn term. It has signified a revivifying of the life of the Church in the past. It can do it again to-day. We can have a revival of interest, a revival of devotion, a revival of dedication, a revival of expectancy as much to-day and probably needing it more, than in the past.

Let our Advent preparation for Christmas then be in the nature of a revival, that is new as well as old. Let it be evangelistic in the New Testament sense of the word. The Sunday evening services during Advent will be designed with that particularly in mind. The hymns will be old familiar Gospel hymns, the preaching will be directed toward that end. As Lent is a fitting preparation for the Easter Season, let our Advent so prepare our Christmas.

R. O. K.

Security for a Loan

(From the Guardian)

Okmulgee, Okla.

"Mister, do you lend money here?" asked an earnest young voice at the office door.

The lawyer turned away from his desk, confronted a clear-eyed, poorly dressed lad of some 10 years, and studied him keenly for a moment. "Sometimes we do—on good security," he said gravely.

The little fellow explained that he had a chance "to buy out a boy that's cryin' papers." He had half the money required, but he needed to borrow the other $2.

"What security can you offer?" asked the lawyer.

The boy's hand sought his pocket and drew out a paper carefully folded in a bit of calico. It was a cheaply printed pledge against the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco. As respectfully as if it had been a deed to a farm, the lawyer examined it, and handed over the required sum.

A friend who had watched the transaction with silent amusement laughed as the young borrower departed.

"You think I know nothing about him?" smiled the lawyer. "I know that he came manfully in what he supposed to be a business way, and tried to negotiate a loan instead of begging the money. I know he has been under good influences, or he would not have signed that pledge, and that he does not hold it lightly, or he would not have cared for it so carefully. I agree with him that one who keeps himself from things has a character to offer as security."

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities; seize common occasions—and make them great.—P. L. Marden.

The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we need to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.
—Keble.

The object of education is not to teach the tricks of earning a living, but to learn how to enjoy living. —Wallace Buttrick.

He who is plenteously provided for from within needs but little from without.—Goethe.

Oh, many a shaft at random sent
Finds mark the archer little meant,
And many a word at random spoken
May soothe or wound a heart that's broken
—Scott.

Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.—Rabbi Hillel.

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FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

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December 7—Anna M. Reed.
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Not for one single day
Can I discern the way:
But this I know—
Who gives the day
Will show the way
So I securely go.

—John Oxenham.

It is not what we have, but what we are, that measures either our civilization or our worthwhileness—Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

The charities that soothe and heal and bless, lie scattered at the feet of men like flowers.—Wordsworth.

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Benevolent Society	37 10	
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Church Farm School	10 00	
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Missionary Box	80	
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Hands that ope but to receive
Empty close; they only live
Richly, who can richly give.
Love is sweet in any guise,
But its best is sacrifice.

Whittier.

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. —From the Sanskrit.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

On the Third Sunday in Advent I preached on the Christian Ministry, and enlarged at some length on its opportunities for service. Undoubtedly, the multiplication of denominations, often so unnecessary and now in many cases meaningless, has lessened the attractiveness of the ministry by narrowing its field of service. Moreover, the excessive emphasis placed on riches as a token of success and upon the comforts and opportunities that it brings has worked to make parents suggest other careers to their boys. It is sad to think how few youths enter the ministry from homes of culture and refinement. Sad to say, there has been a noticeable falling off in the number of the sons of ministers entering their fathers' profession. Probably it is all to the good that the ministry no longer enjoys its old time immense social prestige that brought so many men into the Church chiefly for the sake of lettered leisure and social consideration. As the very existence of the Church is dependent upon the continuation of the ministry, the great importance of its functions ought to be pointed out frequently.

The minister is an officer of an organization that exists to bring about the Kingdom of God. The Church is an Ethical Society, interested in training people in Ethics and in creating conditions favorable to morals. As a leader in such an organization, a minister is called on to be a Mr. Greatheart. That splendid companion of the women and children and feeble and halt, fought the giants that obstructed the way of the pilgrim and tore down their strongholds. So the minister is called on to lead in the assault against wickedness in high places. He who shuns such tasks as an interference with the proper service of the Church as a shrine of devotion, does not understand the conditions of acceptable prayer. True prayer is an incentive to heroic exertion, not a substitute for it. Prayer that reaches the ear of God is prayer that calls upon God to enter our lives and make us the agents of His will; it is a stimulant, not a sedative. The ministry, rightly understood, is an official rank in a militant organization. It is not a retreat from the world, but enlistment in a warfare to conquer the world for Christ. It is true that ignorant, blundering people can make great errors in assuming this rôle. Nowhere is incompetence more manifest, when it exists; but nowhere is competence more helpful. Unfortunately, Church leaders often become so much interested in building Churches or Cathedrals or Hospitals that they shrink from ventilating subjects that may offend hoped-for contributors. The Church's philanthropies have often silenced its testimony. But Jesus did not avoid offending the Pharisees in order to keep up His work of healing. It is really pitiable to hear ecclesiastical leaders advocating a policy of lying low. Was John the Baptist then wrong in his denunciations of corruption, Chrysostom mistaken in bearing his brave testimony in Constantinople, and Las Casas misguided in his campaign against the introduction of Slavery into the Spanish possessions? Why, these men are the glory of the Church. The reproach of the Church is the timid time-server who is afraid to speak out, the trumpet that gives an uncertain sound, so that the Christian forces are not aroused to the conflicts of the day. Any one can praise the Monk Telemachus who lost his life protesting against the cruelty of the Gladiatorial shows. Such praise is cheap. The only true praise comes from those who seek to emulate his example by contending for better movies, and for righteousness in all the multifarious forms in which the efforts to uplift society manifest themselves.

If the Church were no more than an Ethical Society, this would of itself make the

ministry one of the noblest callings; but this description does not correctly indicate its functions. The minister is also a man of God, a minister of Christ. It is his task to open the eyes of people to true values and bring them into relations of loyalty and fellowship with the Great Being, in whom we live and move and have our being. Man without religion is like a boy whom I once met who was born on shipboard and spent his infant years crawling round in a stateroom or ship's saloon. Little did he understand that there was an Ocean sustaining him, rocking him, conditioning his whole existence. It was all essential that he should learn of this Ocean as he grew older and understand his relation to it. It is all-important, too, for our growth in the higher qualities of character, that we should understand our relation to the Spirit that sustains and directs the Universe, Who upholds us by His power, Who has created us to be His co-workers and the recipients of His love and favor. A minister is a man who, having experienced the reality of religion, seeks to establish it for others. His supreme title is a Man of God—he is to be a prophet, one who speaks for God. He is an ambassador for God, the loving and righteous God, revealed to us as the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In his Phi Beta Kappa oration Barrett Wendell tells of a student who came to him with the light of a great discovery in his face. He said that he had been reading the Encyclopaedia and had been impressed with the fact that the several articles were written by specialists. Now, said he, through all this special knowledge there must run some harmonizing principles, this Science of Everything is the all-important Science. That is what I wish to be a professor of. It was a great ideal, crudely expressed. The boy realized that there was a distinction between knowledge and wisdom. He wished to get hold of principles that run everywhere. Isn't that the nature of Ethics, and also of Religion? Thus with their guidance and their power they enter into every situation. This is eternal life, to know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent. This relation of loyalty and obedience once established gives strength and elevation to all other loyalties. This is what a minister endeavors to effect. He seeks to turn people away from broken cisterns and surface streams that dry up under the hot suns of adversity or temptation, and to lead them to quench their thirst from the perennial fountains of living water. Surely such a calling will always make an appeal to spirits touched to fine issues, if it is faithfully followed by those who are in it and rightly presented to Christian boys seeking to invest their lives in a calling that will bring large returns in character and render large service to mankind.

I have just looked over the records of the envelope system for 1929. Comparison shows those who took the envelopes used them with more faithful regularity than in 1928. It is thrilling to look at the record. The names are kept in a key-book, which is not open to the public, and is reserved for the eye of the Treasurer and Rector. The record book deals only with the numbers of the packages, and the envelopes are checked off as they come in. It is glorious to see how large a proportion send in the envelopes faithfully.

There are, however, some numbers that show no returns. On looking up the names attached to those numbers I find that in many cases they belong to regular attendants and helpful members who, I am sure, contribute. In their case the trouble is clearly that they put their offerings in the plate. I would be much obliged if they would use the envelope. This is the system and it keeps up the *esprit du corps* if every one uses it. Besides, by that plan the Church secures the

gift on the Sunday that the envelope-user is detained at home.

Our total envelopes are 250. I congratulate this band on giving about $3000 for the Parish Support and $5000 for outside purposes, for I assume that we shall reach our $5000 this year. But I wish that more people would take them. Those who worship with us, but do not take the envelopes miss an important element in their Church life: they miss the fellowship in a common effort; they miss the aid of system in their giving; they miss the spur of a resolve to give a definite sum annually.

I hope that a new interest may be given to our gifts for outside purposes by a selection of definite fields and by taking Mr. Herbert Donovan as our special missionary. I have applied to the Church House for his assignment to this parish, but have not yet received any response.

I join most heartily in the request of the Committee that two-thirds of our former gifts for Parochial Maintenance be devoted to the Expectation.

I am glad to report progress on my road to former strength. To be on the side of prudence, I plan to take a little holiday before Lent. I shall seek to procure a special preacher. For this year I shall omit the Septuagesima Conference of Liberals.

With gratitude to God, for His goodness, let us resolve to devote ourselves more earnestly to His service in this coming year.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

To the Envelope Users:

The congregation of St. Stephen's has the responsibility of showing that unusual advantages can be incentives and not sedatives. This December our endowment is so increased by the bequest of Miss Anna J. Magee, whose income now first becomes available, that our Church is almost entirely supported by the income from its endowment.

Under these circumstances the Vestry agrees with the Rector that we ought to do more for outside causes. Last year the envelopes brought in (speaking in round numbers) $3000 for Parish support, and $5000 for the Expectation, which last helps on the work of our Church in the diocese, in the domestic field and in foreign lands. This year we shall need much of the increased income for greatly needed repairs of our interior, and a suitable memorial to Miss Anna Magee. Still our burdens will be greatly lightened, and we believe that our loyal members will feel that having received so much we ought to give more.

We therefore request the envelope users to transfer two-thirds of the contribution that was formerly given to Parochial Maintenance, to the pocket that contains the gifts for causes outside of the Parish, so that our Expectation may be increased from $5000 to $7000. We ask all who worship with us to join in this endeavor, and urge any who may not be using the envelopes to accept a package for 1930.

Signed,

Frank G. Cooper,
William H. Hollar, Jr.,
Howard Freeston,
Committee on Envelopes.

Carl E. Grammer,
Rector.

The Woman's Auxiliary

There was no speaker at the December meeting. The reports were full of Christmas spirit and zeal. Miss Roberts sent three boxes of toys and useful articles to three families in South Carolina. She also sent many calendars and cards to shut-ins.

The Diocesan Committee speaker, Mrs. Barrett, paid high tribute to St. Martha's House, St. John's House, the College Settlement and the University Settlement for what they were doing at this season for the "unprivileged children" born and brought up in the dark spots of the city.

The Domestic Committee speaker was Mrs. Wetmore who for twenty-three years has raised money for Christ School at Arden, N. C., where there are 109 boys, board-

ing students, whose upkeep for nine months is $250 for each student. Each year there is a deficit of about $5000, but it is always wiped out by voluntary contributions. Mrs. Wetmore states that the remote mountain conditions have not changed much and there is great need for education. These mountaineers are of a high type and develop rapidly into leaders as a result of their life at Christ School.

Miss Bright has collected $110.77 for the United Thank Offering from 17 subscribers.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held January 16th.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

From a letter sent to the Rector:

After another visit to the Church and enjoying the noonday service I feel compelled to write and express my appreciation.

Coming into the building out of the rush and hurrying crowds, one feels such peace and comfort. Truly the spirit of God is within these walls. We feel His blessing on us as we kneel in prayer and commune with Him, as we sing praises and listen to the gospel. It has helped me to enjoy the services of my own Church more, for when I return there for Wednesday evening and Sunday services I am refreshed and ready for worship.

I am sure there are many more who feel this way about your services. I am a member of St. Simon the Cyrenian, Holy Apostles Parish.

May God bless all those on the Committee and all associated with this work. It is far reaching.

The Christmas Dinner Basket Committee

This year we are very glad to report that owing to the invariable cooperation of the congregation, we have been able to continue the work as carried on by Mr. Reifsnyder and were fortunate enough to be able to slightly increase the number of baskets and amount of help given.

While receipts and expenditures are not yet complete, we have received so far about $410.00 and expended about $380.00, with only a few small bills left to be paid. As Mr. Reifsnyder left us a balance of about $190.00 we will probably be able to add $10.00 to that and to carry forward a balance of $200.00 for the use of next year's committee.

As nearly as I could check out there were approximately 80 Christmas Baskets given last year and owing to the very liberal contributions received, we this year were able to distribute 96 baskets and also to give some help without giving the whole basket.

Mr. Restein helped us with a donation of 60 chickens and Mr. Atmore contributed the usual number of Mince Pies.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Committee, Mr. Dobbins, Mr. Christie, Mr. Carrigan and Mr. Freeston, for the very active interest taken and help given and also my thanks to Mrs. Higham for the very hard work she did when the baskets were given out.

May I also add a word of thanks to the congregation of St. Stephen's Church for its unfailing generosity which enabled us to accomplish this splendid result.

Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare; who gives himself with his alms feeds three, himself, his hungering neighbor and me.—Lowell.

I believe most intensely in the need of that arm of contact with the live rail which we call "prayer."—Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

Love's secret is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are such very little ones.—Faber.

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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St. Stephen's Church Periodical Club

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Current periodicals sent regularly	70
Donors of above current periodicals	35
Prayer books and hymnals	300
Books, theological and secular	53
Odd magazines and papers	1133
Christmas and Easter cards	534
Picture cards and calendars	44
Music in books or sheets	10
Pictures, games and miscellaneous	187
Number of institutions in Diocese aided	3

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance on hand	$44 06
Received from Woman's Auxiliary	10 00
Received from other sources	74 75
Total	$128 81

Expenditures

Postage and stationery	$4 84
Freight and Express	2 24
Books and subscriptions	67 25
Christmas boxes	7 57
Annual dues	10 00
Balance on hand	36 91
Total	$128 81

MARY M. ROBERTS,
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		$410.96

ENVELOPES

Charities	$35.75	
Parochial Maintenance	120.93	
Missions	333.76	
Theological Education	4.65	
Our Work Among Young People	2.75	
Benevolent Society	14.05	
Episcopal Hospital	7.00	
Domestic Missions	3.25	
Community House Debt	49.30	
Diocesan Missions	.50	
Foreign Missions	.50	
Colored Missions	1.75	
Missionary Box	2.40	
Indian Missions	3.25	
Chancel Decorations	1.00	
Deaconess House	8.80	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.50	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.50	
Red Cross (through Miss Walsh)	83.00	
		$675.64
		$1,086.60

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$35.75	
Parochial Maintenance	120.93	
Missions	744.72	
Theological Education	4.65	
Our Work Among Young People	2.75	
Benevolent Society	14.05	
Episcopal Hospital	7.00	
Domestic Missions	3.25	
Community House Debt	49.30	
Diocesan Missions	.50	
Foreign Missions	.50	
Colored Missions	1.75	
Missionary Box	2.40	
Indian Missions	3.25	
Chancel Decorations	1.00	
Deaconess House	8.80	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.50	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.50	
Red Cross (through Miss Walsh)	83.00	
		$1,086.60

ELLA HEADMAN,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENVELOPE SYSTEM, 1929

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$236.76	
Parochial Maintenance	135.21	
Missions	482.09	
Theological Education	17.29	
Our Work Among Young People	6.25	
Benevolent Society	54.88	
Episcopal Hospital	37.13	
Domestic Missions	13.68	
Community House Debt	317.04	
Diocesan Missions	16.75	
Foreign Missions	38.93	
Colored Missions	10.18	
Missionary Box	5.46	
Chancel Decorations	29.60	
Deaconess House	10.42	
Woman's Auxiliary	21.39	
		$1,433.06

Envelope System

Charities	$782.68	
Parochial Maintenance	1,824.86	
Missions	2,679.57	
Theological Education	116.99	
Our Work Among Young People	63.92	
Benevolent Society	259.54	
Episcopal Hospital	832.45	
Domestic Missions	65.92	
Church Farm School	57.50	
Community House Debt	401.35	
Diocesan Missions	109.72	
Foreign Missions	69.34	
Colored Missions	59.12	
Missionary Box	86.56	
Indian Missions	60.57	
Chancel Decorations	72.30	
Deaconess House	72.10	
Woman's Auxiliary	70.39	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.92	
		$7,685.80
Near East Relief	$69.30	
Red Cross	83.00	
		$152.30
		$9,271.16

Recapitulation

Charities	$1,019.44
Parochial Maintenance	1,960.07
Missions	3,161.66
Theological Education	134.28
Our Work Among Young People	70.17
Benevolent Society	314.42
Episcopal Hospital	869.58
Domestic Missions	79.60
Church Farm School	57.50
Community House Debt	718.39
Diocesan Missions	126.47
Foreign Missions	108.27
Colored Missions	69.30
Missionary Box	92.02
Indian Missions	60.57
Chancel Decorations	101.90
Deaconess House	82.52
Woman's Auxiliary	91.78
Daily Vacation Bible School	.92
Near East Relief	69.30
Red Cross	83.00
	$9,271.16

ELLA HEADMAN,
Treasurer.

As the envelopes for Daily Vacation Bible School were discontinued in 1929 the money that has come in through the year for that purpose will be given to Our Work Among Young People.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 5 TO 12 JANUARY, 1930, INCLUSIVE

Amounts placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$26.86	
Foreign Missions	16.15	
		$43.01

Envelopes

Charities	$32.55	
Parochial Maintenance	57.75	
Missions	90.83	
Theological Education	1.50	
Our Work Among Young People	.50	
Benevolent Society	6.50	
Episcopal Hospital	1.00	
Domestic Missions	2.00	
Community House Debt	18.75	
Diocesan Missions	8.50	
Foreign Missions	44.80	
Colored Missions	2.25	
Missionary Box	2.00	
Indian Missions	2.25	
Chancel Decorations	2.00	
Deaconess House	1.10	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.00	
		$276.28
		$319.29

Recapitulation

Charities	$59.41
Parochial Maintenance	57.75
Missions	90.83
Theological Education	1.50
Our Work Among Young People	.50
Benevolent Society	6.50
Episcopal Hospital	1.00
Domestic Missions	2.00
Community House Debt	18.75
Diocesan Missions	8.50
Foreign Missions	60.95
Colored Missions	2.25
Missionary Box	2.00
Indian Missions	2.25
Chancel Decorations	2.00
Deaconess House	1.10
Woman's Auxiliary	2.00
	$319.29

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

My gratitude is profound that we reached our Expectation without any special drive. The ready response of the congregation shows that our people realize that we are not Congregationalists, but are Episcopalians; that we are part of a larger whole; that we are Churchmen, and appreciate that a church member must aid the Church to discharge its proper function of maintaining and extending the Kingdom of God among mankind. I feel confident that we, in 1930, shall reach $7,000. I think that we can do it, with the heightened interest that will be aroused by having Mr. Donovan as our own missionary, and by our knowledge of the special fields to which our gifts will be applied.

In order that interest in the field may play a large part in our giving, the following Designations for our Expectation were approved by the Vestry at the January meeting:

MR. DONOVAN $1,320.00
Mr. Donovan expects to return to Liberia in March. Before departure he will give a Sunday to St. Stephen's, and the Woman's Auxiliary will give him a reception that the congregation may meet him.

BOONE UNIVERSITY, WUCHANG..... 500.00
This University is doing a great work training the future leaders of China.

TRAINING BIBLE WOMEN, HANKOW.. 400.00
The Bible is a great Missionary, and these humble workers reach the women who mould the youth of China.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, TOKYO..... 250.00
The noblest philanthropic institution, by common consent, in the Sunrise Kingdom.

ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL, TOKYO..... 250.00
A school for girls of which my friend and sometime pupil, the Rev. J. H. Kobayashi, is head. He studied at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the Virginia Seminary, and is an accomplished scholar and a beautiful Christian character.

INDIAN WORK, SOUTH DAKOTA..... 500.00
Under Bishop Tyler, also one of my old scholars, a wise and earnest leader. At one time he had a church in Philadelphia. Nothing keeps the Indians back more than the lack of Christianity.

TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM, ARIZONA 500.00
The local resources are quite inadequate to providing for the care of the numerous tuberculosis patients who resort to Arizona. Our Sanitarium is a benefit to the sick of the Nation.

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL, PHILADEDPHIA 1,000.00
Our own noble hospital is entitled to our most liberal support. We turn to it for aid for our sick constantly, and it can always be depended on to help. Let us see that it can always depend on our support.

The total of these designations is..... $4,720.00

It ought to be explained that these are, except the Episcopal Hospital, appropriations that the General Church desires to have made. All count on the Expectation. All help the Church to meet its obligations. There will still remain $2,280.00, if we reach our goal of $7,000.00. This we ought to allow the Diocesan authorities and the General Church authorities to divide and distribute as may seem best to them. We shall easily reach $7,000, the amount that I am asking the Parish to take as its goal, if we are regular in our gifts and remember these causes in our prayers. Such giving will prove not a drain on our energies, but a source of vitality.

Let us take this missionary and these fields into our prayers, and make it a rule to pray for God's blessing on them when we ask for guidance and a blessing on our own lives. Such a practice will elevate our devotions by making them less self-centered, and will also stir us up to greater regularity in our giving, which will also, retroactively, give more reality to our prayers. We may be sure that easy confessions and petitions that involve no effort to make God's will prevail in our own lives and in the world, mean little, and being of small profit will steadily become more and more a form and less and less a source of help. Faithful praying and conscientious giving are closely tied together, as all Christian experience has shown. Here, system is a great help and the record shows that we are lacking in system. Here is our record for 1929. Our gifts received at the Church House for the Expectation amounted,

on July	1st, to	$1,818.94
on Nov.	1st, to	2,214.16
on Dec.	1st, to	3,041.66
on Jan.	1st, to	4,156.06

By January 10th, with the aid of the offering on the first Sunday in January, we reached $5,000.00.

This record shows that many waited till the end to bring in their envelopes. It was

fine and staunch that they caught up and sent them in at last. But there are many demands on us in the Christmas season, when the family life has naturally the foremost claim. So let us begin earlier. It will be helpful to us as well as to the cause, to be more systematic.

I publish with special pleasure the following item of news received from the Church House:

"You will be glad to know that on Friday, January 17th, the diocese of Pennsylvania paid the $229,000 promised to the National Church for its missionary work in 1929. Also that the Executive Council has accepted all that the Church has asked this diocese for the year 1930. You may not know that we are the only large diocese in the Church that is doing this."

This is the outcome of wise leadership and loyal cooperation. Where these are united success is sure.

Cordially yours
Paul E. Gramner

Some tribute ought to be paid to the memory of Miss Henrietta Wilkins Sanders who died recently. She was for years a faithful teacher in our Sunday School, and some of the men who were her scholars still attend St. Stephen's. In late years she was an invalid and lived in Chestnut Hill. Though I urged her to connect herself with a Church nearer her home, she was unwilling to sever her connection with this Church where she and her dear friend and cousin, Miss Maria Wilkins, had spent so many happy years together as worshippers and workers. We were not privileged to take part in the funeral service, but we cannot allow her death to be unnoted in our records.

Her exacting occupations prevented Miss Harriet Parker from participating in Church work. But she will be greatly missed by all who knew her as a sweet and cheerful Christian who adorned the membership of our Church.

About Thomas à Kempis

An admirable essay on George Eliot reminded me recently how that great writer found much comfort in her last days in reading Thomas à Kempis. I have never been especially attracted to the famous *De Imitatione Christi.* Perhaps I had gained too exalted a view of it from that popular religious novel, *Stepping Heavenward,* which had so much vogue in my youth. Scorn them who will, I had in my adolescent days great fondness both for that book of the gifted Mrs. Prentiss, and also for *The Wide, Wide World* with its interesting picture of life on a farm in Western New York, and particularly of the adventures of the heroine in Edinburgh. Lest I be thought ultra-sentimental I must protest that I could not read Queechy,—though an omnivorous reader.

Some of those religious tales displayed a great deal of literary power. I suppose that few now know anything of *Dunallan.* Certainly the piety in it is very severe, detached from all pleasure and adverse to any mingling in society. It ought, however, to be noted that it was such militant piety that brought in a better social life. Perhaps we have gone too far on the other side. Anyhow, *Dunallan* had a real plot, and the situation of the heroine, like that in the German story called *The Second Wife,* is full of dramatic interest. It is pleasant to note in *Macaulay's Life* that he wrote appreciatively of *Dunallan. Stepping Heavenward* was much less of a novel and much more of a book of edification. The mother of the heroine, a truly admirable woman, was a great devotee of à Kempis. The references gave me such an exalted opinion of the book that when, later on in life, as a theological student, I took it up, I was greatly disappointed in it. Being an ardent disciple of St. Paul, I disliked its legalism.

The admiration of George Eliot induced me, as I said, to take up this famous classic again. Of course, I had referred to it time and again, but always in a critical way. It occurred to me that great classics in all departments should be approached in a somewhat different spirit from that in which we take up ordinary books. We ought to realize that there may be some defect in us if we do not appreciate their merits. That is the way we listen to great music. If at first

it seems a jumble of sounds, we continue to listen till it reveals to us its themes and movements. In the same spirit we look on famous pictures. An American artist, whom I met years ago on the train from Chamouni to Geneva, was very contemptuous of European Art. "As for Mona Lisa," he said, "one look at her was enough for me: I don't care to be acquainted with a woman so secretive, so subtle, so all-knowing." Surely that was a very superficial view of such a masterpiece. Such a criticism would shut up Hamlet with a bang and cry out against such an heir-apparent who was such an irresolute philosopher. Indeed, the vivacious critic was probably expressing only a mood. Being very clear-headed he was tired of cant and wanted reality. As he well said, it's tiresome to hear praise of the forest of Fontainebleau when our native woods are so incomparably finer. His sane discovery is worth repeating: he said, "I realize for the first time that we Americans are really Europeans." Quite so, Europeans with a slight difference, but one that counts.

But to return to our theme, in a sense these great masterpieces judge us. We must approach them in a spirit of reverence. So I have taken to reading the *Imitation of Christ* with care. While I still appreciate its lack of the filial confidence and cheerful trust in God's Love that a Christian ought to possess, I feel that it is good to come in contact with its strenuousness and sincerity, its contempt of worldly standards and worldly honors. If the Age of à Kempis had limitations, our Age also has limitations. If he thought too much of the Life Everlasting, it is possible that we think too much of this Temporal life. Surely the meditations which follow are true for all times and for all sorts and conditions. They ring out like golden bells from the tower of a sacred and historic shrine. If we do not appreciate their beauty and truth, the fault must be in us.

SELECTION FROM THOMAS à KEMPIS

THAT THE TRUTH SPEAKETH INWARDLY WITHOUT NOISE OF WORDS

Speak, O Lord, for Thy servant heareth. I am Thy servant, grant me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies. Incline my heart to the words of Thy mouth: let Thy speech distil as the dew. The children of Israel in times past said unto Moses, "Speak thou unto us, and we will hear: let not the Lord speak unto us, lest we die." Not so, Lord, not so, I beseech Thee: but rather with the prophet Samuel, I humbly and earnestly entreat, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Let not Moses speak unto me, nor any of the prophets, but rather do Thou speak, O Lord God, the Inspirer and Enlightener of all the prophets; for Thou alone without them canst perfectly instruct me, but they without Thee can profit nothing.

They indeed may sound forth words, but they cannot give the Spirit. Most beautifully do they speak, but if Thou be silent, they inflame not the heart. They teach the letter, but Thou openest the sense: they bring forth mysteries, but Thou unlockest the meaning of sealed things. They declare Thy commandments, but Thou helpest us to fulfill them. They point out the way, but Thou givest strength to walk in it. What they can do is only without, but Thou instructest and enlightenest the heart. They water outwardly, but Thou givest fruitfulness. They cry aloud in words, but Thou impartest understanding to the hearing.

Let not Moses therefore speak unto me, but Thou, O Lord my God, the Everlasting Truth; lest I die, and prove unfruitful, if I be only warned outwardly, and not inflamed within. Lest it turn to my condemnation, —the word heard and not fulfilled, known and not loved, believed and not observed. Speak, therefore, Lord, for Thy servant heareth; for Thou hast the words of eternal life. Speak Thou unto me, to the comfort, however imperfect, of my soul, and to the amendment of my whole life, and to Thy praise and glory and honour everlasting.

Community House Report

From January 1st, 1929 to January 1st, 1930 approximately 15,988 persons used the Community House. This figure represents the attendance at 402 meetings. The total number of pieces of mail sent out by the Church Office during the same period reached 8,357.

Just the art of being kind is what a sad world needs.

A RAINY DAY

Upon the roof I hear the drumming rain,
Against the pane it dashes, and the street
Is flecked with splashes. In my youth the streets
Of Baltimore, on such a day, were filled
With rushing floods. By stepping-stones, high-raised
And far apart for childish feet, the streams
Were crossed by walkers, venturesome and few.
The floods are tamer in this Quaker Town.

Delightful is the "privacy of storm,"
To stay at home with good excuse and spend
The day in clearing-up the desk or shelves,
With undisturbed delight to read again
Some favorite book, or, pen in hand, to draw
Some thought elusive, like a gamy fish,
From out the deep—the scholar's dearest sport.

Now let us gather 'round the cheerful fire
And taste the sweetness of domestic life.
As in the whirling disk of periscope,
Let's watch in memory's magic glass the view
Of snow-crowned Alps with chalky glacier-streams,
And sapphire lakes, and hear with inner ear,
The tinkling bells of mountain goats aloft.
Undaunted now by steps, we climb again
The sacred pile of St. Michel, and watch
The tide in swift withdrawal streak the sand
With streams and lakes. We note the dungeon dark
And pillared chapel high, abodes of Fear,
Regnant alike in piety and Law.
Or, toying with an ice from side-walk chair,
We scan the crowds on Paris boulevard;
Or ride in 'bus beside historic Thames
And hear our tongue in accents crisp and clear,
And view Westminster's sacred hall and shrine,
While the rich hours are toll'd by Parliament's
"Big Ben," oft heard in midnight hours of pain,
Now happily long past. . . .
The visions fade,
A dash of rain recalls us to our home,
So safe from blast intrusive and from cold.
We grieve to know that many 'bide, on field
And flood, the pelting of this blinding storm;
The anxious sailor closely scans the coast
To find the harbor's mouth; great steamships grope
And sound hoarse notes of warning; engineers,
Far-leaning from their cabs, with hand on cord,
Watch glistening rails and blow their warning blasts.

O, wondrous many-colored web of life,
Thy strands how countless, thy design too vast
For our close view! We watch the shuttles fly
With awe. Secluded for the nonce we, too,
In work-shop vast have proper place and part,
Our "order for the day" from high command,
And share in toil with Him who ever works—
The thought of Him, like sun upon the rain,
O'er arches all our days with bow of hope
And makes the darkest scene with promise bright.

Jan. 14, 1930. C. E. GRAMMER.

Let us impart all the blessings we possess or ask for ourselves, to the whole family of mankind.—Washington.

The Woman's Auxiliary

There were 22 members present at the January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Henry D. Jump, Secretary of the Board of Prison Inspectors, was the speaker. She has done a great deal for the women in Moyamensing. From 4.30 in the afternoon when they have their supper, the women had nothing to do. Mrs. Jump conceived the idea of giving them material with which to sew. The plan has worked amazing results. The finished products are sold and the money used for the good of all the women. An appeal was made for any kind of materials—new or old. Old silk stockings and old kid gloves even, are acceptable. Send them to Mrs. Jump's home, 2019 Walnut Street.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held February 20th.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia

Contributions from members of St. Stephen's Church (19 S. 10th St.), to the Woman's Aid of the Convocation of North Philadelphia:

Miss Laura Bell	$5 00
Miss Emily Bell	1 00
Mrs. Craig Atmore	2 00
Mrs. Herman H. Birney	2 00
Mrs. John C. Browne	1 00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie	50
Misses Davis	1 50
Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey	2 00
Miss Sarah Eisenbrey	2 00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis	50
Miss Fannie Gebhart	50
Mrs. John Hay	75
Mrs. I. W. Higham	50
Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr.	50
Mrs. Clarence K. Klink	1 00
Mrs. Mary E. Newlin	50
Mrs. Chas. E. Noblit	1 00
Mrs. Arthur Pancoast	50
*Miss Harriet E. Parker	50
Miss Blanche M. Porter	50
Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath	50
Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder	5 00
Miss Mary M. Roberts	50
Mrs. H. R. Stevenson	50
Miss Mary Swift	50
Miss Susan C. Thackara	1 00
Total	$31 75

*Deceased.

Collected by MRS. JOHN C. BROWNE.

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church Whatsoever Circle

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

During the past four months we have been working on our yearly contribution of dresses for the Day Nursery, etc. We filled two dozen stockings at Christmas for these children. In October we had a card party, which gave us $65.00 with which we were enabled to give much comfort and happiness to an aged brother and sister both at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. Through the agency of the City Missions we were also able to have some coal sent to these needy folks.

Now we are planning for the big event of the season—a Dinner and Card Party. Perhaps some who read this may remember how delightful our last year's dinner proved to be, and will want to come again. We hope so, as it is by this means we raise our annual contribution to the Community House. Remember the date, Tuesday evening, February 25th, at 6.30; dinner and cards; 75 cents. Tickets may be had from any member or from Mr. Carrigan.

We would not permit the exploitation of a child that is precious to any one of us. Let us not, therefore, as citizens, tolerate the exploitation of other people's children.—Shirley W. Wynne, M.D.

Mailing List

We wish to revise the mailing list of the Parish News. If you have any corrections or additions to make, please fill in the blank below and send to the Parish News, St. Stephen's Church, 19 South Tenth St., Philadelphia,

☐ Add name to mailing list.
☐ Remove name from mailing list
☐ Correction in address.

Name .....

Address .....

City .....

Motion Picture

A Motion Picture will be shown in the Auditorium of the Community House on Friday, February 21st, at 8.15 P. M. Tickets, 25 cents. The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied to the Reifsnyder Memorial Fund, which is being raised to endow a bed in the Episcopal Hospital to the memory of the late Howard Reifsnyder. Members of St. Stephen's and their friends are cordially invited to attend. The picture selected will be one featuring Janet Gaynor.

Sensible farmers will not harness a young horse before it is ready to draw its load. It is sad commentary on human life that modern industry will harness the young with little thought as to possible deleterious effects. —Iago Galdston.

No man can follow Christ and go astray.—Faunce.

Nothing worth while is lost by taking time enough to do it right.—Lincoln.

When you come down from the summits, you do not come away from God, there is no task in life in which you do not need him.—Phillips Brooks.

Renew our strength, great God, we plead
With earnest cry this day,
Go with us through the coming year,
And be our help and stay.

—Charlotte Murray.

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Bolshevism Versus Christianity in the Dark Continent

In the light of Herbert Donovan's recent appointment as missionary to Africa from St. Stephen's Church, an effort to capture native workingmen in South Africa for Moscow, word of which has lately been received in this country, should prove of interest. According to Ray E. Phillips writing in the *Christian Century*, Russian money is being poured into the country, with no attempt being made to disguise the fact. Educated leaders are being employed to spread the doctrines of socialism.

A typical meeting of the Bolshevist agitators is reported by Mr. Phillips as follows:

"Let us kick God out, comrades! Kick him out! What has he ever done for us? Nothing, I say! Nothing! He has told us that heathenism is bad, has educated us, and then left us to starve!" The speaker is described as Thabedi, the son of a Wesleyan native clergyman, addressing a Sunday afternoon crowd of native workmen under the auspices of the communist party.

"I know what I am talking about," he went on to say, "My father is a Christian clergyman and I was educated at a mission school. The missionary sees our misery, but points to some place beyond the sky and tells us to be content. 'By and by' you will go to heaven if you are 'good boys' and you will be all right. After you die you will have a good time, plenty to eat, fine clothes. But that is not good enough for us, comrades! We want to live today. We want enough to eat right now! Isn't that right?"

"That's right!" comes up from the audience amid applause.

"So I say, 'Kick out the God of the missionary!' Join the communist party, which is out to give us plenty to eat today, and which is out to smash the rich men who are crushing us. Join the party which will bring justice to the workman, the real working man—the black man of South Africa."

Christianity has been described by native discontented ones as a narcotic; missionaries as those who have come to pull the wool over the eyes of the unsuspecting natives, while other white men stole their possessions. "When the white man came to Africa," it is said, "he had the Bible, and we the natives had the land. Now we have the Bible and the white man has the land." They are bitter because of the belief that while the missionary preached, their land was filched from them by the farmer, the miner, and the sugar-cane planter. Today the native population which numbers four-fifths of those living in South Africa, owns only one-thirteenth of the land.

"When the missionary came to this country," the native men say, "our fathers were living in an ideal communal state. They shared alike in food and other necessities of life. When the missionary came he said that way was good, and we continued to share alike in every good thing. But when we come now to the city we find that white men don't live like that. They grab as much as they can for themselves and hang on to it. The successful man is he who grabs the most, who cuts down his competitors as our chiefs used to cut down other tribal chiefs when they were at war. The missionary didn't know all this when he taught us, or he deliberately lied to us, for he didn't equip us for success. We have been betrayed into the hands of the unscrupulous white man by the missionary."

The native people are not natural revolutionaries, writes Mr. Phillips. But they may be driven to it if the present causes of discontent among them continue, and if Christian missionaries from overseas neglect to socialize their message.

The definitely anti-religious front that the Soviet movement in Russia has adopted, with the establishment of a university to teach atheism having a reported enrollment of some 300 young men and women as students, and with the beginning of a movement to accomplish the wholesale destruction of monastaries and churches in Russia, may not touch us very closely, much as we may regret it. But the extension of a world-wide propaganda of atheism is a foreboding and ominous prospect; it is a legitimate daughter of the kind of communism practiced today in the former empire of the Czars. The Christian Churches need all the Donovans, with a broad modern social vision, that they can get, and need to support them to the limit of their abilities if this menace to the freedom and enlightenment of the world is to be checked.

R. O. K.

Memorial Flower Fund

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Jan. 5—Mrs. William Bryant.
12—Miss Kirkpatrick.
19—Miss Ernst.
26—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Feb. 2—Miss Gregg.
9—Miss Gebhart.
16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Miss Gebhart.

Mar. 2—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
9—Mrs. Barclay.
16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Dr. Grammer.
30—Mrs. Higham.

Apr. 6—Mrs. Sheble.
13—Palm Sunday—
Mothers' Meeting.
17—Maundy Thursday—
Mrs. Lamb.
20—Easter.
27—Miss Tappen.

May 4—Mrs. Woodward.
11—Miss Townsend.
18—Mrs. Higham.
25—Mrs. Woodward.
29—Ascension Day—
Mrs. Lamb.

June 1—Mrs. Clarence K. Klink.
8—Miss Mary Roberts.
15—Miss Gebhart.
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2—Girls' Friendly Society.
9—Miss Mary DeH. Bright.
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Quench not the Spirit.
Despise not prophesyings.
Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1 Thessalonians 5: 19-21.

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BAPTISM

"Received Into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Feb. 9—Clara Melissa Marsh.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Jan. 30—George Kline and Mary Hillibush.
Feb. 19—Roland Binning and Mary Kevin.

St. Stephen's Aid Society

The Aid Society will resume the usual Lenten sewing on infant garments which are distributed by the Parish Visitor in her work among the people of our Parish. These garments are much needed as the supply has been exhausted during the winter. The co-operation of the women of the congregation is earnestly solicited. Those desiring to take garments home may apply to Mrs. Higham on Ash Wednesday or at any time during Lent.

E. K. Campbell, Chairman.

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Missions	41 78	
Diocesan Missions	22 47	
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ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$47 15	
Parochial Maintenance	89 29	
Missions	225 92	
Theological Education	2 25	
Benevolent Society	7 05	
Domestic Missions	2 00	
Community House Debt	9 45	
Diocesan Missions	88 10	
Foreign Missions	26 75	
Colored Missions	2 00	
Missionary Box	3 15	
Indian Missions	2 00	
Chancel Decorations	2 00	
Deaconess House	3 15	
Woman's Auxiliary	2 75	
		$513 01
		$599 01

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Charities	$68 90
Parochial Maintenance	89 29
Missions	267 70
Theological Education	2 25
Benevolent Society	7 05
Domestic Missions	2 00
Community House Debt	9 45
Diocesan Missions	110 57
Foreign Missions	26 75
Colored Missions	2 00
Missionary Box	3 15
Indian Missions	2 00
Chancel Decorations	2 00
Deaconess House	3 15
Woman's Auxiliary	2 75
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Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Germantown.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Moral sentiment is largely created by the opinions of onlookers. People who are interested in the struggle are looked upon as partisans and their opinions are therefore discounted. It is therefore very important that the on-lookers at political life, that is to say the people who do not hold official position and are neither official supporters nor official opposers of Governmental policies, should keep themselves informed on public affairs and speak out their unbiased opinions with courage. Never was this more necessary than in the recent refusal of citizenship to Professor Douglas C. Mackintosh, a Professor in the Yale Divinity School. He was refused citizenship by a District Judge on these grounds:

"It appearing that the said Petitioner, considering his allegiance to be first to the will of God, would not promise in advance to bear arms in defence of the United States under all circumstances, but only if he believed the war to be morally justified, it is decreed that the Petitioner is not attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and further decreed that said petition for citizenship is denied."

Certainly such a decision ought to excite widespread protest in the State of Pennsylvania whose founder and his associates in creating this Colony would have been excluded if such a policy had prevailed in their day.

If it seems logical, we recall that a great writer on the ideal of a judge has said that the judge "must be capable of stern logic, and yet refuse to sacrifice to logic the hopes and fears and wants of men."

Certainly there are multitudes of our present citizens who would decline to make that pledge. The welfare of Society is not imperilled by men who put the law of God above the law of the State. It is not strength of conscience, but the power of passion, appetite, ambition, lust, revenge, envy, pride, unscrupulous love of money, power, or pleasure that are the dangerous infections in civilization. The great anti-phagocyte, so to speak, that resists these germs, is the sense of duty, especially when enforced by a sense of responsibility to God. We have little to fear from excessive scrupulosity of conscience. Of course, there is such a thing as irrational and injurious fanaticism, but surely that reproach cannot be brought against unwillingness to take part in a war irrespective of its justice. War, as an instrument of National policy and a means of redressing National injuries, has been authoritatively condemned by the United States in the Kellogg Pact. Dr. Mackintosh is a teacher who can be counted on to spread ideas that will uphold that pact. Treaties entered into by the United States have the force of laws, so it might have been argued by the Judge, that whatever doubt he might have had about Dr. Mackintosh's sympathy with the principles of the Constitution of the United States, were entirely dissipated by our National acceptance of the Kellogg Pact. Ought it not to have had great weight with the Court that Quakers, who refuse to take arms in any war, just or unjust, have for years been admitted to Citizenship? If this is the Law, ought not the Law to be changed?

If this is the American Constitution narrowly interpreted, ought not that document be interpreted in a larger spirit?

In his tribute to Mr. Justice Holmes in a recent Harper, that eminent publicist, Harold J. Laski, of the University of London, well said: "The American Constitution was not made to compel the twentieth century American to move in the swaddling clothes of his ancestor's ideas. The American Constitution must be molded by reason to fit new needs and new necessities. A world of railroads and motor cars, of wireless and the telegram cannot be governed by the standards of an eighteenth century agrarian state. The law must recognize change and growth even when the lawyer dislikes their implications." This adaptation, however, should not be limited to machinery, it must also extend to ideas. It would be a great error by rigid interpretation to exclude from our citizenship a valuable element.

It is sad to see how, in the wave of reaction against idealism that is now sweeping over the country, there is so little zeal to maintain the widest liberty of opinion that is consistent with the maintenance of government and civilizations. It is a reproach to our country, when even in Spain, governed by Dictators who trample under foot their Country's Constitution, amnesty is declared for political offenders, while in the land that boasts so proudly its tolerant Jefferson and forgiving Lincoln, political prisoners should still languish in our prisons on account of opinions whose expression was only unlawful and in any important degree hurtful in time of War. Christians who believe in the power of the truth to confute error should be zealous for liberty of thought against oppression, as well as for the dominance of the will of majority in the realm of conduct.

Another question that calls at this time for our prayers and interest is this London Conference. We believe that the emissaries of America misinterpret their country when they speak of building a larger battleship. America is not afraid of the future. We were safe from aggression when we were few and weak. Now that we are powerful and wealthy we have little to fear. Our bonds with England are so close that any war between us is unthinkable. Mutual benefits have bound our country and France close together. The Navies of the world ought to be reduced to the size of police forces for the seas. They should be kept strong enough to put down law-breakers and criminals, but should be manifestly unequal to coercing a Nation. To quote the Reformed Church Messenger:

"It is not reassuring, therefore, when we read that our American representatives, instead of being willing to give up some or all of the battleships we now have, seem to be reaching out for the right to build an additional ship. Such a result would be a calamity. If the other Naval Powers are ready to abolish battleships, will our answer be in accordance with the great challenge laid down by President Hoover on the last Armistice Day: 'We will reduce our naval strength in proportion to any other. Having said that, it only remains for the others to say how low they will go. IT CANNOT BE TOO LOW FOR US.'

"Does not the demand for the abolition of battleships strike a responsive note in your heart? We believe that the Council for the Prevention of War states the literal fact when it says that we should abolish the battleships now. (1) Common-sense demands it; they are becoming obsolete. Even some naval experts regard them as a liability rather than an asset, and Admiral Sims advises that, in case of war, we'd better try to hide our battleships as far up the Mississippi out of harm's way as we can get them. (2) Economy demands it; we can save about $40,000,000 a year on upkeep and $40,000,000 each on replacement. (3) The Peace Pact demands it; battleships are solely for offense, and we are justified in maintaining our navies for defensive purposes only. (4) The immediate and total abolition of battleships would diminish the vested interest in war. This is the real reason why militarists are so strenuously fighting against it and why it will require the united and prayerful effort of all real lovers of peace to achieve it."

Professor T. N. Carver, of Harvard University, says: "The problem before the country is the elimination, or great diminution, of drunkenness. That fact will never be lost sight of. It will be useless to try to make the average voter forget it. He will give up Prohibition when, but not until, another plan for eliminating drunkenness is shown to be better than Prohibition. He will not be easily convinced so long as he has any reason for suspecting that the advocates of the new plan have some personal reason for wanting to get rid of Prohibition. The new plan must be sponsored and actively advocated by persons whose previous record shows them to be actively interested in the elimination of drunkenness. That is the only phase of the drink question which interests the average voter. When a plan advocated by people who are above suspicion is shown to be superior to Prohibition, it will not be difficult to get rid of Prohibition."

There will be confirmation at St. Stephen's on Sunday morning, April 6th, two Sundays

before Easter. This is a very convenient time, as we have a season of Lent with its numerous services to assist in gathering the class. It is also very thrilling to have the first communion of the class either on Thursday in Holy Week, the anniversary of the inauguration of the Lord's Supper, or on Easter Day. The class will meet in the Vestry Room on Fridays at 8 o'clock for a little less than an hour. No one is committed by attending the class. It is for instruction and inspiration. It is hoped that a decision to be confirmed will come at the end. But it is not required and in some cases it is not advised. It is believed that in most cases, it will be a great help to take this stand publicly on the Lord's side, and to join in the fellowship of believers, seekers and fighters for the Kingdom of God. But it is a great injury to profess dedication of self and at the same time to have a divided heart and a secret purpose to keep religion in a subordinate place. A religion is worth nothing that does not dominate life. Indeed whatever is the dominant purpose in a man's life is his real religion, regardless of his profession. If his chief pursuit is pleasure, then Pleasure is his god. If his supreme purpose is to get money, then Mammon is his divinity. If his dominant aim in life is to be prominent and to attain high position, then Rank and Station are his idols. Only those whose supreme desire is to fulfil the purpose of God, to achieve the character and accomplish the task that God must have in mind for them, are proper candidates for confirmation. That character, we believe, can best be achieved, not only by faithful performance of duty, but also by associating one's self with like-minded people. The establishment of that kingdom is a cooperative enterprise and calls for associated work.

There are some people in favor of lowering the age of confirmation, but my own experience and observation favor delaying confirmation till the full meaning of the step is comprehended and there is a sufficiently developed personality to warrant a public stand. I have so often heard communicants waive aside the obligations of their position by claiming that when they were confirmed they were too young to know what they were doing, that I do not care to give any weight to that excuse. I admit that it has not much validity. Confirmation does not create an obligation to serve God; it is only a public acknowledgment of a relation that exists whether we acknowledge it or not. It is our duty to live in loyal cooperation with our Creator, Sustainer and Heavenly Father and to seek to do His Will. This is the path of blessedness and peace, of growth and usefulness. It is a wild delusion to think that life can be enriched by weakening the bonds that unite us to the Source of Life, that the branch can grow apart from the Vine. We need God, and it is a great aid toward filling this need if we publicly acknowledge our dependence on Him and pledge ourselves to loyalty to our Suzerain and Lord. This is the deepest meaning of confirmation.

The class also affords a valuable opportunity for explaining the position, teaching and spirit of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It may be that some Church members are in doubt about the real teaching of our Church, and would like to attend and hear the Rector's views on that subject. They will be heartily welcome. Confirmation season brings its own searchings of heart to every minister who has to prepare a class and hold up to its members the ideals which he is conscious that he himself so inadequately embodies and has so feebly followed. The same profitable consciousness of short-coming and the same desire to do better hereafter will probably be the experience of communicant "sitters-in" at the conference. We believe that such attendance of communicants, if it be not too large, of which of course, there is little danger, will be wholesome to the "sitters-in" and helpful both to the teacher and the class.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

This notice was sent out to the Attendants at St. Stephen's Septuagesima Conferences:

February 12, 1930.

Dear Brethren:

It is with regret that I announce to the members of the Septuagesima Conference in St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, that I have decided not to invite the Conference this year. There are personal and parish reasons which make its assembly at St. Stephen's inexpedient. Among other grounds for this decision was the uncertainty which prevented the necessary selection of subjects and speakers. The aim of these Conferences would not be accomplished unless its papers and discussions awakened serious thought, and aroused in the attendants a sense of responsibility for the development of the Episcopal Church in all departments of its life. This cannot be achieved without longer preparation than was possible this year.

It may be that Lord Brentford, who, as Sir Joynson-Hicks the Home Secretary in Mr. Baldwin's Cabinet, was such a successful leader in Parliament against the adoption of the Deposited Book, which would have legalized Reservation, may visit the United States this spring. In that case I shall invite the members of our Conferences to meet him and hear his account of the situation in England, as he has promised to give me an opportunity for such a gathering, if he comes.

As you know, the Church Assembly has appointed a Commission to examine the question whether greater freedom of self-government ought not to be demanded by the Church of England, even at the cost of possible disestablishment and disendowment. Whatever affects the life of our Mother Church is certain to influence us profoundly, so it is important that we should appreciate fully the issues involved. Church and State have been so entwined in English Civilization that tearing them apart is quite a different matter from the simple process pursued at the organization of our Government. It is sad to think that the crux of the situation is that the Parliament of England is determined that the National Church must continue Protestant, and that the Bishops and the Church Assembly wish to repudiate in some degree the Protestant position.

The question is now being asked in our Country whether a Church is entitled to be called Protestant which is as tolerant as ours of Anglo-Catholic approaches to Rome in teaching and in ritual, and is so hostile to fraternal courtesies to Protestants, as in the widely-discussed case of Bishop Manning's prohibition of the loan of St. George's for the celebration of the Lord's Supper by a Presbyterian minister. It will be a sad day for our Church, if the consolidation of the Protestant Churches should proceed in the United States upon the same lines as in Canada and we should be left out. It looks as if this would be our fate. It is a sad outlook. It is the duty of brave and clear-headed people to face it and consider what can be done to better the situation. Already the *Living Church* has begun its campaign to eliminate the word Protestant from our title. Not content with having disturbed the Church by its proposal to retire into the background the XXXIX Articles, this propagandist paper is now going to stir up another hurtful agitation. The Congregationalist minister, Dr. Lynch, whose contacts with our Church are chiefly with the Anglo-Catholics, announced in the *Living Church,* which gladly welcomes his pronouncement, that we are not a Protestant Church. But neither the clergy, nor, as Phillips Brooks used to call them, the semi-clerical laity, who are prominent in Diocesan and General Conventions, are the true exponents of the mind of our Church. These are officials and have predominantly the official point of view. The laity of our Church is largely Protestant, and any repudiation of Protestantism will bring many losses.

Even more fundamental than the preservation of our Protestant character is the maintenance of Christian Theism and Christian Ethics. They are attacked from many quarters by Materialism, Agnosticism, Positivism, Secularism, Infidelity and Atheism. Christianity cannot be defended by rhetoric, nor by aesthetic services. Never was it more necessary for the clergy to devote themselves to fundamental issues, and to show the meaninglessness of existence without God, Duty and Immortality. We hope that at our Conference in 1931, these high

themes, in some form, may supply us with fruitful discussions.

Wishing you a profitable Lent and the richest blessings on your ministry,

Your friend and brother,

Carl E. Grammer.

Postscript—This announcement has called forth most gratifying expressions of regret that the Conference cannot be held this year, and of hope that it may be resumed next year. It is evident that the Conference has come to mean much to the attendants, and fulfills a useful function in bringing together men of a like spirit. Prophetic souls are apt to be lonely. It is no wonder that in old times they used to associate themselves together in schools, or in monasteries. In some small degree these Septuagesima Conferences have clearly met that yearning for fellowship. By this emphasis I would not disparage the importance of its discussion of vital themes.

C. E. G.

There is so much sophistry on the subject of Prohibition that I intend to do all that I can to make clear the moral issues involved. Mr. George Gordon Battle wrote a letter on the subject to the New York World. His total inability to grasp the problem was manifest. Our country has, by an overwhelming majority and in a constitutional way determined to put down the liquor traffic. Mr. Battle seems totally unaware that it was a gigantic evil. Here is my reply to him. I think it indicates the true philosophy of Law and the basis of the 18th Amendment:

Mr. Battle's Criticism of the Wickersham Report

To the Editor of the World:

Dean Pound, in a widely-read address, declared that the great need of law was a scheme of values, and that the fundamental problem of the law was a matter of relative values. The truth of this generalization is manifest in the confusion of values in Mr. Battle's letter. To his mind the breaking of the Fugitive Slave law and the Volstead Act are parallel cases. Yet, they are, when we consider the values involved, exactly opposite. In a case of disobedience to the Fugitive Slave law and an acquittal by a Jury a strong moral sentiment was allowed to outweigh the obligation of statute law. In a breaking of the Volstead Act and acquittal by a Jury, appetite and self-will are given greater weight than the public weal. If the breakers of the Volstead Act are to rank with those who refuse to obey a tyrannical law, then the violators of the Narcotic laws must belong in the same class, and bootleggers should be placed in the ranks of the martyrs who refuse to burn incense to idols. Such a confusion of values leads to moral anarchy.

Mr. Battle is sadly inaccurate in his reference to the trial of the seven Bishops. He says, "The seven Bishops undoubtedly violated the provisions of the statute in the time of James II . . . Nevertheless they were acquitted by the Jury." Now the fact of the matter is that the Bishops were presented for trial, not for breaking a statute, but because they refused to read a Declaration of Indulgence by the King. They refused on the ground that Parliament had pronounced both in the reign of Charles II and of James II that the sovereign was not constitutionally competent to dispense with statutes in matters Ecclesiastical. The Jury acquitted them according to the law and not against the law.

Mr. Battle's whole article is written in the spirit of the excessive individualism of a pioneer civilization. As to Jury-trial, there is a large body of weighty opinion that the eminent jurists who drew up the Wickersham Report are correct in asserting that no constitutional right is taken away from the citizen by their recommendation. Mr. Battle's total indifference to the welfare of Society is a pathetic manifestation of that 18th Century spirit.

In an address before the International Congress of Philosophy, held in Boston in 1926, Dean Pound said that we needed a new philosophy to help us "to make our pioneer devices for criminal justice serve the purpose of an urban and industrial civilization,"—a philosophy "that will enable us to overhaul our pioneer institutions and criminal law and adjust our 18th Century bills of rights with their extravagant securing of individual rights to the need for general security in the crowded city of today."

This philosophy will not be found in Mr. Battle's passionate article with its confused values, inaccurate history and unrestrained individualism. It is, however, latent in the 18th Amendment and the "hated" Volstead Act. Their underlying philosophy is the duty of the individual to submit to restrictions for the good of the whole. Individual liberty is limited by corporate responsibility. A realizing sense that people are, in the Biblical language, "members one of another" will give us the philosophy that will solve the problems of an increasingly complex civilization.

Carl Eckhardt Grammer.

Speakers at the Noon-Day Lenten Services

The following is the list of speakers who will preach at the Noon-Day Lenten Services this year:

Ash Wednesday, March 5—Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.
March 6—Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.
March 7—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
March 8—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
March 10-14—Rev. J. Howard Melish, D.D., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
March 15—Rev. Charles H. Long, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.
March 17-21—Rev. Ernest C. Earp, D.D., Rector of Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Penna.
March 22—Rev. John R. Hart, Jr., Ph.D., Chaplain, University of Penna.
March 24-28—Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D.D., Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.
March 29—Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton, Rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, Penna.
March 31-April 4—Rev. Thomas McCandless, Rector of St. Michael's Church, New York City.
April 5—Rev. Charles J. Harriman, Rector of Church of St. James the Less, Philadelphia.
April 7-11—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.
April 12—Rev. James M. Collins, Rector of Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.
April 14-15—Rt. Rev. Frank Du Moulin, D.D., LL.D., Rector of Church of The Saviour, Philadelphia.
April 16-17—Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.
April 18, Good Friday—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
April 19—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The usual cards, showing this list, have been printed, and may be secured at the Church or Community House.

Girls' Friendly Society

The program at the G. F. S. for the season of 1929-30 has been, and from all indications will continue to be, just full of good things. Starting with our first meeting on October 7, 1929, there has been "something doing" every night.

We have had a number of interesting talks and lectures, some illustrated—Doctor Moore on "Germany," Mrs. Pfahler, "Dallying Thru Devonshire, England," and Miss Blanche Moore on "A Trip to California," which she made during the past summer. Mrs. Jump gave an interesting account of the conditions of women in our prisons. We have had a talk on interior decorating, on "Peace," and our Armistice Day talk was given by Miss Anne Daley, who is in charge of current events.

We have had parties at Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving and Christmas. A surprise miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Helen Patman, who is to be married in the near future, and was such a happy occasion that a number of the girls have at last decided to "set the date."

Our Christmas Dinner and Sale, in spite of the stormy evening, was a great success, and we want to thank our many friends for their loyalty and support.

At Christmas we filled one hundred stockings and dressed fifty dolls for the Philadelphia General Hospital.

The first Diocesan Banquet of the G. F. S. was held at the Penn Athletic Club on January 25th. Nine hundred and fifteen persons attended, and forty-eight of these belonged to St. Stephen's Branch. It was most inspiring, and so successful that it will probably become an annual event.

On February 8th, there will be a trip to the Rodin Museum. On the 10th, a Valentine Party. On the 17th, Motion Pictures of the Conowingo Dam. and an interesting story, told by Ella Wistar Haines, of the historic Indian country along the Susquehanna. On the 24th, there will be a debate. Subject, "Will the Talking Pictures Ever Take the Place of the Legitimate Stage?"

Of course, we are working very hard for our Special Effort Fund, hoping to surpass last year's total, which was the largest we

have ever had, and there is no doubt that with the continued help and encouragement of our leader, Miss Moore, and our Associates, that we will "get there."

Hedwig L. Kauffmann,
Secretary.

McAll Mission

Mrs. George Donehower, 106 North 50th Street, Philadelphia, has been asked by Dr. Grammer to act as St. Stephen's representative for the McAll Mission, which is doing such a fine work among the unchurched and the neglected children of France. Mrs. Donehower will be glad to receive contributions from our members and friends. She acknowledges with thanks the following gifts, already received:

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For the Indwelling of the Spirit

Spirit of purity and grace: how can we thank Thee for the glory of those early visions and for Thy rebukes of our low ambitions? O gird us, we pray Thee, that we may no longer fear that which is difficult nor scorn that which is ordinary. Let our common task glow again with the light of holy purpose, and give us some part in Thy work which forever abides.

Conform our lives with Thine eternal will. Give us grace to cast ease aside and to act in the day of our opportunity. Let no past grandeur chill our ardor and no idle dream of the future arrest us in the duty of today; and if we need the discipline of failures and sorrow, help us to be refined and not consumed by the flame.

We acknowledge every movement of Thy Spirit within us to create and to release our best purposes. And when we fall from our enthusiasms may we be still with Thee. May we clasp hands with duty as with a dear friend, and so may we have the joy in Jesus in whose name we offer ourselves anew to Thee. Amen.

A Sign of Promise

In July, 1929, the total legal reserve life insurance in force in the United States companies reached and passed the sum of a hundred billion dollars. This amount is more than twice the volume of life insurance in the entire world, although the United States contains only one-sixteenth of the world's population. In 1922 the United States attained the first 50 billions, and in the last six and a half years there was acquired the remaining half of the 100 billions now in force, distributed among 65 million policy holders, being an estimated average of $1540 per policy holder and $850 per capita of the total population of the United States. It is estimated that a second 100 billions of life insurance will be attained in 1930.—Condensed from the annual report of the North Western Mutual Life Insurance Company.

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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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Quench not the Spirit.
Despise not prophesyings.
Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1 Thessalonians 5: 19-21.

PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

March 4—Cornelia Lansdale Ewing.
March 12—William B. Stimson, Jr.
March 17—Ada Florence Hart.
March 18—Mary Conway.
March 20—Mary Holt.
March 26—Ernest A. King.
April 1—Anne Magnus Earle.

Two One-Act Plays

On Thursday evening, April 24th, at 8.15, the Players' Guild will present two one-act plays, followed by moving pictures, in the Community House Auditorium, for the benefit of the Mothers' Meeting. The proceeds will be given to the Community House Fund. It is hoped that the congregation will cooperate in making this evening a success. Subscription, 25 cents. Tickets may be secured from Mrs. Higham, Mrs. Bell, or Mr. Carrigan.

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"Fifty Years Ago Today"

A memorial window was placed in St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, Tenth Street near Chestnut, in honor of James Magee, a former vestryman.—March 22, 1930.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

This number of the Parish News will come into your hands on Confirmation Sunday. I hope that there will be a good attendance to welcome the new communicants. Such an occasion is full of interest to every heart that sympathizes with youth and appreciates the aspirations that lead to such a step and realizes the importance for the spiritual life of a courageous expression of our ideals and higher instincts. Let each one recall his or her own confirmation, and ask whether there is not reason for repentance and a renewed dedication to the service of God.

"So much to do, so little done,"
Ah! yesternight I saw the sun
Seek beamless down the vaulted gray
The ghastly ghost of yesterday.

"So little done, so much to do,"
Each morning breaks on conflicts new.
Yet eager brave, I'll join the fray
And fight the battle of the day.

Mr. Donovan is so much in demand as a missionary speaker that I was not able to secure him for the Sunday after Easter. The first open date is June 8th. On that Sunday Mr. Donovan will come to us. I hope that arrangements can be made for a church dinner on Friday, June 6th, at which he will be the guest of honor. I would that his fiancée, Miss Kirk, could also be present. I learn that when she was at the Deaconess Training School on Spruce Street, she used to attend St. Stephen's. So there is another link uniting us, besides her missionary career in Africa where she continued the work of Mrs. Ramsaur, née Miss Conway. I look forward to a new interest in missionary work as a result of our association with these heroic missionaries. Not one leaf would I strip from the laurels of the Byrd expedition. They are all brave, much enduring, greatly-daring men. But it seems to me that the missionaries in Equatorial Africa essay a harder task for a nobler purpose.

Almost any religion is better than none. Just as it is better for the soil that weeds should spring up rather than that it should be exposed and unsheltered to the scorching rays of the sun. But there is a vast difference between religions. There is not one that has not some element of good in it. Indeed, a lie, naked and unashamed, disgusts and frightens every beholder, and is compelled to cover itself with some loin-cloth of truth to obtain admission in society. But in some religions the spiritual elements seem to evaporate with time, and the baser elements to increase. Such was the history of Mohammedanism and Buddhism.

One of the great sources of degradation of religion is the effort to reduce it to terms acceptable and understandable by ignorant and unspiritual people. It is easier to debase the message than to refine the convert. Students of Church History realize that the efforts of the Church to win converts among the barbarian invaders of the Roman Empire of the 6th Century, led to a great adulteration and degradation of Christianity, which became more and more an external law, a matter of rites and ceremonies, of Church law and ordinance, and less and less a life and spirit. Gregory the Great, the great Missionary Pope, who sent St. Augustine to England, was one of the greatest debasers of Christianity, culturally and spiritually. He extended the dominion of the Church, but he lessened the spirituality of the message.

Deeply ought the lesson of his life to be pondered by the Christian teacher. It is well to reach the multitudes, but it is not well if those who have the finer insights turn their backs on their visions and deliberately coarsen the message to suit a debased taste. It is inevitable and not blameworthy that an uncultured and unrefined person should reveal his lack of culture and refinement in his teaching. He can only express himself according to his kind and expression is one of the necessities of a developing life. But it is the betrayal of a trust, when those who have a deeper insight into the truth, copy such methods and shrink from delivering their own message for fear that the multitudes will take offence and turn away saying "This is a hard saying." Great injury has been done by erecting the man-on-the-street into the final judge. "I speak as to wise men, judge ye what I say," wrote the Apostle. As a teacher, he sought to bring men up to his level and appealed not to their prejudice, but to their reason and their higher nature.

One of the great services that St. Stephen's ought to render this city is to present the gospel of Jesus Christ in its purity, simplicity and spirituality. It is amazing how Ecclesiasticism and Bibliotary have overlaid the gospel. In some Churches, particularly among Anglo-Catholics, the great aim is to exalt the Church, not as an agency, but as an Ultimate End, whereby it becomes a great idol. While in other Churches, particularly among the so-called Fundamentalists, the chief aim is to exalt the Written Word so that the Bible becomes a weight instead of a wing, a book of rules and dogmas instead of a book of inspiration and principles. It shall be our aim more and more to present Christianity at St. Stephen's as predominantly a life, requiring indeed doctrinal statements and ecclesiastical institutions for its perpetuation and promulgation, but relegating them to a secondary place, as liable to change and adaptation, and without the ultimate character of a life of love and service.

As the Christian Business Men have given up their noonday services at St. Stephen's, we shall continue these services ourselves at the end of the Lenten season. Many prominent ministers have promised their aid. The Business Women's Christian League will continue to conduct the services on Tuesdays, after the Lenten season. I hope that the services under these new auspices will retain all the excellences of the past, and may even acquire some new elements of uplift and inspiration.

The following is a tentative list of speakers who have been secured to conduct the services in the near future:

Mon. April 21—Rev. Edward Yates Hill, D.D.
Tues. " 22—Business Women's Christian League.
Wed. " 23—Rev. Robert O. Kevin.
Thurs. " 24—Rev. James Ramsay Swain, D.D.
Fri. " 25—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.
Mon. " 28—Rev. George H. Lorah, D.D.
Tues. " 29—Business Women's Christian League.
Wed. " 30—Rev. Robert O. Kevin.
Thurs. May 1—Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D.
Fri. " 2—Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D.
Mon. " 5—Rev. Edward Yates Hill, D.D.
Tues. " 6—Business Women's Christian League.
Wed. " 7—Rev. Robert O. Kevin.
Thurs. " 8—Rev. Alexander MacColl, D.D.
Fri. " 9—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.
Mon. " 12—Rev. John A. MacCallum, D.D.
Tues. " 13—Business Women's Christian League.
Wed. " 14—Rev. Robert O. Kevin.
Thurs. " 15—Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D.
Fri. " 16—Rev. Gladstone Holm, D.D.

Cordially yours
Paul E. Grammer

Oberammergau Passion Play

The Rev. Dr. Otto Lang, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Highland Falls, will deliver a lecture on the Oberammergau Passion play in St. Stephen's Community House on Friday, April 25th, at 8 P. M. Dr. Lang himself is a native of the quaint Bavarian town, and as a child played minor roles in the great drama of the life of Christ. Many of his relatives and friends were and are principals in the cast. One of his relatives, Anton Lang, played the part of Christus for many years. The lecture will be illustrated with beautifully colored slides.

Dr. Lang is being brought here under the auspices of the Business Women's Christian League Club, the Girls' Friendly Society and the King's Daughters of St. Stephen's. It is hoped that many of the congregation will take advantage of this opportunity to hear Dr. Lang. Tickets, 50 cents.

Miss Cornelia L. Ewing

To her wide circle of friends the death of Miss Ewing must have come as news of her translation, rather than of a death in the usual sense. A few days before she had been with them, interested in their interests, alive to all the amenities, affections, claims of life, and then she was taken away and they saw her no more. In such a sudden transition the sense of our personal loss is obscured by a realization of her gain. We can but be glad that she was spared long suffering and any gradual decline of powers, that we can remember her as she was, with something of Britomarte in her look and bearing, like Spenser's heroine, unstained by the sordidness of life and alert and equipped to help others. Wide-spread were her interests. Sorely will she be missed. Nowhere more than in St. Stephen's, where, like her much loved brother, she was a tower of strength, a diffuser of loyalty and kindness, and the much beloved Director of the Benevolent Society for years.

Many members from St. Stephen's went out to the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, where the funeral service was held, the present Rector of the Church of the Redeemer being assisted by the former Rector of that Church, the Rev. Dr. George Calvert Carter, and by Dr. Grammer, who took the service at the grave.

Profoundly grateful ought both those Churches to be, St. Stephen's and the Church of the Redeemer, for the example and influence of such a life and character. The children of a soldier, both Mr. Hunter Ewing and his sister had in a pronounced degree the virtues of a soldier; gifts of leadership, loyalty, courage, a high and chivalrous conception of life and its duties. They were soldiers and servants of Jesus Christ, and they united most beautifully devotion to duty with the cultivation of the arts that adorn and beautify life. Greatly loving, she was greatly beloved.

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed,

C. E. G.

In Memoriam

In the death of Miss Ewing, the Benevolent Society has lost a dear, faithful friend. Her interest in our work was unwavering and her financial assistance often helped us carry on when otherwise our work would have been materially curtailed. Miss Ewing's cheery, happy disposition won the love of all members of the Society, and her good influence will be felt for many years to come.

Isabel P. Davis.

LORD BALFOUR

All honor to the miner who descends
Through gas mephitic, and death-masking gloom,
To rescue comrades from a prison-tomb
And bring them back to life and light and friends.

And honor to the Thinker, unafraid
Of hosts oppugnant and their boastful cries,
Who fights for Truth 'gainst crowned and regnant Lies,
For Truth by Judas Sophistry betrayed.

Such was thy glory, Balfour, in a day
When Comus with his magic brew had changed
Philosophy to Science, and deranged
The faculty that sees the heaven-sent ray.

Unshaken was thy trust in Reason high
And primal instincts that can never die.

To make up for inflicting my own apprentice verses upon you, I publish the following beautiful lines which I recently came across. They have the authentic note of poetry:

"The world stands out on either side,
No wider than the heart is wide.

Above the world is stretched the sky,
No higher than the soul is high.

The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;

The soul can split the sky in two
And let the face of God shine through.

But East and West will pinch the heart
That cannot keep them pushed apart.

And he whose soul is flat—the sky
Will cave in on him by and by."

—Edna St. Vincent Millay.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. George P. Pierson was the speaker at the February meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and there were thirty members present to hear her. She was for many years doing missionary work among the Ainu in Japan.

The Ainu occupy the northernmost island of Japan, and are a primitive and poor people, ravaged by tuberculosis. The climate is bitterly cold nine months of the year. With all their handicaps these people are earnest and eager for education and help.

Mrs. Pierson had many examples of their handiwork with her—wood carving, embroidery and pottery.

There was no speaker at the March meeting, but the time was too short for the many full and interesting reports of the delegates. The next meeting will be held April 17th.

Beulah E. Hollar, Sect'y.

Burd School Receptions in May

The Burd School ought to be more widely known. To that end the following invitation is being sent to the clergy of the diocese, and through them to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary in each parish. Of course the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's are invited with special urgency:

Reverend and dear Brother:

The Principal and Lady Visitors of the Burd School are planning to give two receptions and afternoon teas at the School, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, on Friday, May 2nd, and Saturday, May 3rd, from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

This institution, under the care of the Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, educates and equips for life fatherless girls, giving the preference to the daughters of the clergy. It is quite a unique institution in many of its features, and it is important that its work should be more widely known.

The School is supported entirely by the income from endowments, and there is no plan for raising money latent in this invitation. The only purpose is to bring together the members of our Church who should know about the workings of the School.

The clergy of the Diocese and their wives are being invited to the teas and receptions, and we shall be greatly obliged if you will transmit this invitation to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary in your parish.

In addition to a notice from the Chancel, will you please publish this invitation in your parish paper.

Yours sincerely,

CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Bishop White Parish Library Association has just completed its ninetieth year of service. It may not be generally known that the purpose of the Association is to furnish books of a theological nature to clergymen in feeble parishes and mission stations, whose slender salaries will not permit them any expenditures beyond the actual cost of living. When a request for books is made, it requires the endorsement of the clergyman's Bishop. A catalogue of standard books is then sent to the applicant, from which he makes his choice. An extract from the report of the Librarian is as follows:

"This has been a banner year for the Association. Fifty-two grants of books have been sent, and twenty more are about ready to go."

Appended is a list of contributors to the fund from St. Stephen's Church during the past year, and further subscriptions are requested from any other members who are interested in this work.

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Through Miss Emily Bell

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Mrs. John C. Browne	$2 00
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In Memory of Howard Reifsnyder	5 00
Mr. R. O. Kevin, Jr.	5 00
	$35 00

King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church

We take this opportunity to thank all our friends who made it possible to have such a successful dinner and card party in February.

On Friday evening, April 11th, we are going to visit the Atlas Storage Company Building at 4015 Walnut Street. This company kindly allows us a small sum of money for each person, so we would like to have fifty or more in our group. Any one caring

to inspect this storage plant at this time will be most welcome, and we shall meet at 4015 Walnut Street promptly at 7.30. All who go with us will, we feel sure, spend an interesting hour or so, and will also add to the funds in the King's Daughters' treasury.

The McAll Mission, a Brief Statement

So many have asked me, "What is the McAll Mission? What does it do?" that a word of explanation may be of service.

The Mission was founded in 1871 by an English clergyman, Robert Whittaker McAll, after a conversation with a French workingman who asked him for "A gospel of Reality and Liberty." The Franco-Prussian War, followed by the brief era of the Commune, had left in its wake thousands of disheartened, bewildered souls, who like this man were looking for a simple and reasonable faith. It was to supply their need and save them from atheism that Dr. McAll rented a small hall, and distributed cards with the invitation, "Some English friends would like to tell you of the love of Jesus Christ."

The work grew until there are now mission halls and institutional churches in a dozen of the large cities of France, while workers in automobiles and chapel boats carry the good news far afield. The work of the chapel boats is most interesting. As they go up and down the rivers, their missionary captains minister to sick bodies as well as souls, one of the boats being equipped with a violet ray machine. Their little paper, *The Boatman's Friend,* is greatly prized by the families who make their home on canal boats, and is used as a textbook to teach their children to read.

The work of the Mission is flexible, adapting itself to new needs. In the communistic centers of Paris, in isolated villages where there is neither priest, doctor nor nurse, you will find the McAll workers preaching the gospel, and helping the needy. An orphanage, started after the World War, now cares for 600 destitute children, and much work has been done among the refugee families from the devastated districts. The work among children, always a hopeful field, is expanding, and the Mission now supports seven recreation centers where little ones from the tenements enjoy fresh air, good food and the gentle Christian influence of the devoted men and women who minister to them. One dollar and forty cents will pay the expenses of a child for a whole week. The story of this work is told in a series of picture postcards, designed by a French artist, and issued by the Mission. The first card shows Toto, aged six, starting with his little sister Ninette, for their only playground, the city street. Toto falls into bad company, learns to smoke and is punished by his mother for neglecting Ninette. The next day he encounters a superb and imposing figure, an older boy in full Scout uniform. This young hero takes Toto to the Mission, where he has many wonderful experiences, not the least of them a bath, in which he is immersed until only his astonished face appears above the surface. He is given a toothbrush, and proudly explains its use to his friends at home. He goes to the vacation center and plays and shouts with the others on its spacious grounds. Best of all, as he tells his mother, Toto has found a friend—the Lord Jesus.

The work of the McAll Mission was warmly approved by the late Ambassador Herrick, our well loved representative in France. Dr. John R. Mott, who specializes in foreign missions, says of it:

"I am free to say, having studied organizations in possibly as many as forty-five different nations, that I know of no society more Christlike in conception, more wise in method and plan, more economical in administration, more apostolic in spirit."

The Mission is non-sectarian and is supported by gifts from all branches of the Church of Christ. The Philadelphia Auxiliary had its inception at the P. E. Church of the Holy Trinity.

You may be sure that your gift to the McAll Mission is a sound investment which will bear large dividends in the form of health and happiness and international good will.

Emilie Donehower.

McALL MISSION

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Mrs. Clarence K. Klink	$1 00
Miss Margaret Tappen	1 00
A Friend	50
	$2 50
Previously acknowledged	$19 50
Total	$22 00

I am very grateful to Mrs. Donehower for acting as the agent of this Mission in St. Stephen's. Mrs. Samuel Austin used to be greatly interested in it, and had parlor-meetings in its behalf. So many of our people have visited France, that I am sure there must be much sympathy for its people. Like Dr. Grenfell's work in Labrador the McAll Mission is above all denominational distinctions.

I commend it unreservedly. C. E. G.

Selection from Thomas à Kempis

This selection from Thomas à Kempis is full of wisdom. People make a mistake in giving such a preference to the last books (many of which are essentially ephemeral and unimportant) that they are ignorant of the great classics that express enduring thoughts in permanent form:

(CHAPTER LVII)

That a Man should not be too much Dejected, even when He falleth into some Defects

I. My son, patience and humility in adversities are more pleasing to me, than much comfort and devotion in prosperities. Why art thou so grieved for every little matter spoken against thee? Although it had been much more, thou oughtest not to have been moved. But now let it pass; it is not the first that hath happened, nor is it anything new; neither shall it be the last, if thou live long. Thou art courageous enough, so long as nothing adverse befalleth thee. Thou canst give good counsel also, and canst strengthen others with thy words; but when any tribulation suddenly comes to thy door, thou failest in counsel and in strength. Observe then thy great frailty, of which thou too often hast experience in small occurrences. It is notwithstanding intended for thy good, when these and such like things happen to thee.

II. Put it out of thy heart the best thou canst, and if it touch thee, yet let it not deject thee, nor perplex thee long. At least bear it patiently, if thou canst not joyfully. Although thou be unwilling to hear it, and conceivest indignation thereat, yet restrain thyself, and suffer no inordinate word to pass out of thy mouth, whereby Christ's little ones may be offended. The storm which is now raised shall quickly be appeased, and inward grief shall be sweetened by the return of Grace. I yet live, saith the Lord, and am ready to help thee, and to give thee greater comfort than before, if thou put thy trust in Me, and callest devoutly upon Me.

III. Be more patient of soul, and gird thyself to greater endurance. All is not lost, although thou do feel thyself very often afflicted or grievously tempted. Thou art a man, and not God; thou art flesh, not an Angel. How canst thou look to continue alway in the same state of virtue, when an Angel in Heaven hath fallen, as also the first man in Paradise? I am He who will strengthen with health them that mourn and do raise up unto Divine Glory those that know their own infirmity.

IV. O Lord, blessed be Thy Word, more sweet unto my mouth than honey and the honey-comb. What should I do in these so great tribulations and straits, unless Thou didst comfort me with Thy holy discourses? What matter is it, how much or what I suffer, so as I may at length attain to the port of salvation? Grant me a good end, grant me a happy passage out of this world. Be mindful of me, O my God, and direct me in the right way to Thy Kingdom. Amen.

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16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Miss Gebhart.

Mar. 2—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
9—Mrs. Barclay.
16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Dr. Grammer.
30—Mrs. Higham.

Apr. 6—Mrs. Sheble.
13—Palm Sunday—
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17—Maundy Thursday—
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May 4—Mrs. Woodward.
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29—Ascension Day—
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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

SPECIAL ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

GARMENT COMMITTEE

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—
Treasurer—

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 10.30 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 439 Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Mrs. Herman H. Birney, 4016 Chestnut Street.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY

FOREIGN—Mrs. Craig Atmore, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Newlin.
DOMESTIC—Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. J. Wiley Christie.
COLORED MISSION—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Mrs. H. H. Birney, Miss Mary Page Grammer.
INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Susan C. Thackara.
DIOCESAN—Miss Laura Bell, Miss Janet MacAlister.
TREASURER UNITED THANK OFFERING—Miss Mary De Haven Bright.

ALTAR SOCIETY

President—The Rector.
Honorary Superintendent—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
Chancel Committee—Miss Elisenbrey, Miss Sarah Eisenbrey, Miss Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Mann, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara, Mrs. Clarence Klink, Mrs. John A. Crane, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss Anna Taggart, Miss Julia Polk.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Meets Monday Evening, 7.00 to 9.30.

Branch President—Miss Blanche Moore.
Branch Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

WORKING ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Mrs. David D. Wood, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Florence Fitzpatrick, Miss Blanche Moore.

Literature Associate—Miss Florence Fitzpatrick.

HONORARY ASSOCIATES

Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. John H. Arnett, Miss A. Van Dusen, Mrs. John Coats Browne, Mrs. Leonard Beale, Mrs. Beauveau Borie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Superintendent—Rev. Robert Oliver Kevin.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Josephine Hecker.
Choir Leader—Mr. Warren Holland.
Pianist—Mrs. Idella Higham.

Teachers—Miss Eleanor Eccles, Miss Marian Von Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Whitney, Miss Pearl Keller, Miss Esther Hazlett, Miss Margaret Kilpatrick, Mrs. C. P. Shelten, Mr. Clarence K. Klink and Mr. Richard Robinson.

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

WHATSOEVER CIRCLE

President—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Secretary—Mrs. George T. Townsley
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 4310 Osage Ave.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

President—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Walter Krebs.
Secretary—Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Jr.
Treasurer—Mr. Robert Brown.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Mrs. John A. Crane.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE

First Meeting, Thursday, November 7th, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—
Chairman and Treasurer—
Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Miss Mary Roberts

COMMUNITY HOUSE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Secretary—Mrs. Dorothy A. Bell
Treasurer—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper.
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Church Motto for 1930

Quench not the Spirit.
Despise not prophesyings.
Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21.

PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 8—Hetty W. Hall.
May 15—James C. Montgomery
May 26—Clement Restein

CONFIRMATION

April 6, 1930

Mrs. Anna Gorman
Mr. Amos Hunsberger
Miss Gertrude Davis
Miss Mabel Wheeler
Miss Virginia Saunders
Miss Miriam Snavely
Miss Ruby Elgar
Miss Anna Sturm

Oh, many a shaft at random sent
Finds mark the archer little meant,
And many a word at random spoken
May soothe or wound a heart that's broken.
—Scott.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 16th MARCH TO 11th MAY, 1930, INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$36.73	
Missions	271.59	
Theological Education	21.32	
Benevolent Society	20.98	
Colored Missions	8.49	
Chancel Decorations	28.60	
Special for Mr. Donovan in Memory Mrs. A. F. Hart)	100.00	
Special for Mr. Donovan	2.00	
		$489.71

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$131.28	
Parochial Maintenance	130.92	
Missions	646.88	
Theological Education	99.69	
Benevolent Society	66.10	
Episcopal Hospital	30.00	
Church Farm School	15.00	
Community House Debt	7.75	
Diocesan Missions	5.25	
Foreign Missions	4.75	
Colored Missions	46.75	
Missionary Box	28.25	
Chancel Decorations	90.80	
Deaconess House	.95	
Woman's Auxiliary	.80	
		$1,305.17
		$1,794.88

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$168.01
Parochial Maintenance	130.92
Missions	918.47
Theological Education	121.01
Benevolent Society	87.08
Episcopal Hospital	30.00
Church Farm School	15.00
Community House Debt	7.75
Diocesan Missions	5.25
Foreign Missions	4.75
Colored Missions	55.24
Missionary Box	28.25
Chancel Decorations	119.40
Deaconess House	.95
Woman's Auxiliary	.80
Special for Mr. Donovan	102.00
	$1,794.88

ELLA HEADMAN,
Treasurer.

He who is plenteously provided for from within needs but little from without.—Goethe.

The object of education is not to teach the tricks of earning a living, but to learn how to enjoy living.—Wallace Buttrick.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

These reports of the various societies tell their own story and need little comment from me. We have had a successful year, a year of harmony and steady endeavor. The Church raised its Expectation. We have reorganized our giving and adopted a missionary. We have taken over the charge of the Noonday Services every week-day except Saturday (which has always been a holiday) and Tuesday, which the Business Women's Christian League has charge of. These were the services of which the Christian Business Men have had charge for the past eight years. They chafed under the restrictions which I laid upon the loan of the Church, for I wished unedifying and controversial topics to be avoided, and withdrew in spite of my invitation to continue on those terms. We felt that the services were too useful to be discontinued, and are keeping them up with the assistance of other ministers. Thus far the attendance has been most encouraging.

During August and half of September the Church will be closed for repairs. A window in memory of Miss Anna J. Magee has been ordered from the D'Ascenzo Studios and will be in place by the time that the Church is opened in September.

The Church has sustained a loss by the death of Mr. Clement Restein that will be felt, I fear, in many homes. For over 25 years Mr. Restein has presented a barrel of turkeys or chickens to be distributed in our Christmas baskets. Though his residence was near Hatboro, he kept up his connection with St. Stephen's. He looked on our down-town Church as a field of service. This is an aspect of a Church that needs to be emphasized. It is one in which a Church in the heart of a great city far surpasses the suburban Churches. I realized this first in my second rectorate, which was in a Church in Walnut Hills, a fashionable suburban section of Cincinnati. There was not a needy person in the congregation, and there was no demand upon the Communion Alms. I felt that my ministry was shorn of much of the power that it had exercised in the small town in Maryland that I had left. What the suburban Churches need is more poor members, so that the Church may not be merely a social club of people of a certain set. And what the city needs is more people of comparative leisure, who can take part in their activities and develop their societies. A Church ought to be first a house of prayer, a place of worship under the most favorable conditions, secondly, a place of teaching where Christian doctrines are taught and Christian principles are applied to life, and thirdly, a place of work, where Christian influence can be spread, Christian friendships formed and Christian service rendered.

May St. Stephen's prosper and develop in all these various fields. That is our aim.

I expect to leave for the Summer after the third Sunday in June, and will spend the holiday in the Schwangunk range of mountains, New York, the range in which the well-known resort, Lake Mohonk, is situated. My post office will be Cragsmoor, Ulster County, New York. I have a good hope since I have been able to stand up to the winter's work, that after this summer's rest I shall be more vigorous than I have been for years.

May God keep us all in peace, health and safety.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

SPEAKERS AT THE NOONDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

Mon.,	June	2—	Rev. C. W. Kitto, D.D.
Tues.	"	3—	Rev. Milton H. Nichols, D.D.
Wed.	"	4—	Rev. Robert O. Kevin
Thurs.,	"	5—	Rev. John A. MacCallum, D.D.
Fri.	"	6—	Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.
Mon.	"	9—	Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D.
Tues.	"	10—	Rev. Richard Radcliffe, D.D.
Wed.	"	11—	Rev. Robert O. Kevin
Thurs.	"	12—	Rev. James Ramsay Swain, D.D.
Fri.	"	13—	Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.
Mon.	"	16—	Rev. John Grant Newman, D.D.
Tues.	"	17—	Rev. James M. Collins
Wed.	"	18—	Rev. Robert O. Kevin
Thurs.	"	19—	Rev. Arthur C. Baldwin, D.D.
Fri.	"	20—	Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, D.D.
Mon.	"	23—	Rev. John Grant Newman, D.D.
Tues.	"	24—	Rev. Rittenhouse Neisser
Wed.	"	25—	Rev. Robert O. Kevin
Thurs.	"	26—	
Fri.	"	27—	

(International Sunday School Lesson taught on Fridays.)

The Lost Self
or
The Revisited Church

(On May 4th a young mother who used to be on our Altar Society and was married by me, revisited the Church with her two little daughters. I was charmed to meet them, and particularly thrilled by the young mother's emotions. "The theme both heart and my fancy employs," as Cowper wrote of the felled colonnade of trees. The result is these lines in which I try to reproduce the metre of Matthew Arnold's well-known lines on Rugby. Of course, the subtle modulations of those exquisite verses are quite beyond me, but I thought that the experiment might appeal to those who are interested in the technique of versification, and that the soliloquy might strike a responsive chord in some breasts.)

Softly the organ preludes,
Hark! the processional hymn.
Come, let us enter, dear girls,
And join in the worship of God.

This was the church of my youth.
Of its chancel once I had charge,
Laid out the surplice and stole,
Filled up its vases with flowers,
And placed the right marks in each book.
Seats let us take in this pew,
Where often on Sunday I heard
Of Duty and Service and God,
And thought of the future so dim,
Of the future so longed for and feared.

This very aisle I once walked
In the festive array of a bride,
To meet at the chancel your father,
To be blessed out of two into one.
Down it I passed on his arm,
In a rapture of wonder and hope,
The organ exultantly pealing,
Our friends beaming brightly upon us.

Familiar the strains of the organ,
The chancel, the lights and the service;
Familiar the voice of the preacher,
The voice that was heard at our wedding—
But where is the girl who sat here?
'Twixt me and those dream-lands of dawn
Roll oceans of surging emotion,
Rise mountains of effort and pain.
I dream of my future no longer,
The day's work my whole thought engrosses,
The future belongs to my children.

"Secure" thought I once "is the Past"
But gone is the Past, I now learn;
Never can old scenes restore,
Unchanged though they be, the old self.
Bound for Eternity, we
Can anchor in no harbor here.

C. E. G.

Report of Lenten Services and Wednesday Noonday Services

The Treasurer presents the annual report of these two popular services which continue to interest the public.

The daily average attendance has been maintained, the total number attending the Lenten Services being in excess of those of last year. The generous contributions were sufficient to meet all the expenses and will enable our Rector to use some of the balance of the funds for specific charitable purposes.

The high standard of the addresses was maintained, being delivered by several of the clergy who have assisted us in past years, augmented by some who were with us for the first time. It was particularly gratifying to note how well the services on Saturday were attended, the addresses being made by Rectors of churches in our own city.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, May 1, 1929	$403.46
Receipts	1,100.78
	$1,504.24
Disbursements	$910.25
Balance, May 1, 1930	$593.99

Wednesday Services

These services continue without interruption except during Lent.

It was noticed during the Lenten services that the attendance was larger on Wednesday, showing the interest taken in these services by the regular noonday congregation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, May 1, 1929	$221.38
Receipts	206.73
	$428.11
Expenditures	$184.50
Balance, May 1, 1930	$243.61

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gardner Crowell,
Treasurer.

Since Easter, the average daily attendance at the noonday services under our Church, i. e., all the week-days except Saturday and Tuesday, was 66.

Report of Accounting Warden

The Accounting Warden is pleased to report that the finances of the Church are in a sound and satisfactory condition. During the year 1929 there was a material increase in the Endowment Fund due to the receipt of additional funds from the James R. Magee Estate and to the sale of securities and the reinvestment of the same. In addition, the sums given under the will of Miss Anna J. Magee have now been retained by the Trustee for the five-year period, and the income which was accumulated during that period has been added to the principal, and commencing with this year we will receive the income on approximately $135,000 additional.

The Endowment Funds of the Church are fully invested and all of the securities which the Church owns in its own right are in the possession of our fiscal agent, and those which are held in trust for the benefit of the Church are in the hands of the Trustee.

The receipts for the year 1929 came from the following sources:

Interest on Endowments and Bank Deposits	$39,118.02	
Envelope Contributions	1,960.07	
Pew Rents	2,807.24	
Burd School	500.00	
Community House Receipts	77.00	
Total Receipts		$44,462.33

and the disbursements were as follows:

Salaries of Clergy and Assistants	$21,386.42	
Organist, Music and Choir	9,104.82	
Pension Premiums	1,102.50	
Diocesan Assessments	1,910.33	
Interest on Community House Mortgage	1,700.00	
Repairs	1,496.91	
Operating Expenses	8,270.53	
Total Disbursements		$44,971.51

The receipts for Special Parochial Purposes were as follows:

Communion Alms	$1,019.44	
Envelope aud other contributions	1,645.41	
Interest on Endowments	1,683.15	
		$4,348.00

and the disbursements were:

Communion Alms	$1,019.44	
Paid to Treasurers of various Parochial Objects	2,639.16	
		$3,658.60

The receipts for Diocesan and General Church Objects amount to $4,906.10 and the disbursements were the same.

The treasurer had on hand, December 31, 1929, $3,040.19 in further reduction of the Community House Debt and since December 31, 1929, some small additional payments have been received which will be used for the same purpose.

The contributions for parochial maintenance and pew rents showed a falling off of about $600 for the year 1929 as against 1928. The receipts for Communion Alms and Envelope Contributions for special purposes showed a slight increase. The total expenses for the year 1929 ran about $3500 less than the year 1928.

The arrangements have been made by the Vestry for the installation during the summer months by the D'Ascenzo Studios of a window in memory of Miss Anna J. Magee. It is expected that this window will be installed during August and early September, during which time the Church will also be closed for the purpose of having the walls of the Church suitably cleaned, provision for that having also been made by the Vestry.

The Accounting Warden is pleased to report the receipt of sums of money for the Howard Reifsnyder Memorial, not only from members of the congregation, but from people not affiliated with St. Stephen's Church. It is the confident hope that a sum sufficient will be received very shortly to enable the committee to finally complete its plans.

It is hoped that the Diocesan Missions and objects outside the Parish will continue to receive the support of the communicants of our Church so that the Church may continue to give to those objects the support which is expected of us and which the various objects properly deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

I. Smith Raspin,
Accounting Warden.

Benevolent Society Report

On November 7th, 1929, the first meeting of the Benevolent Society was held. All members were present and glad to begin the winter's work.

The winter of 1929 and 1930 was a hard one for the poor. Each week we were compelled to refuse appeals for additional sewing from women whose husbands were unemployed. In one case the small amount received from us was the sole income of a woman whose husband was in the hospital.

We provided work until our funds were about exhausted, and in January our bank account showed a balance sufficient for three more weeks only.

At this critical period friends came to our assistance and donated the following amounts: Dr. Grammer, $100; Mrs. John Coats Browne, $100; Mrs. Pancoast, $25; Mrs. Reifsnyder, $25; the Misses Davis, $50; making a total of $300. This enabled us to continue our activities until the close of the season.

In the season of 1928-1929 we received from the Church Warden, Mr. Raspin, $640.92, and in 1929-1930, $429.92. This was $211 less than was given the previous year.

Nine thousand eight hundred articles were made for 15 hospitals and institutions, and the appreciative letters received were a source of gratification to the members of the Society.

At the last meeting the usual luncheon was given and served by the managers and cutters. The tables were decorated with large vases filled with beautiful flowers sent by a friend. There was an abundance of chicken, ice cream, cake, etc. A number of mothers were given cake and candy to take home.

We greatly miss the presence of Miss Cornelia Ewing, our beloved Vice-President. Miss Ewing was always ready with words of encouragement and cheer in hours of doubt and perplexity; she never failed in love and sympathy for those in need, and invariably was the first to come forward with generous assistance when help was needed. The Society has indeed lost a friend whose place can never be filled.

In conclusion, the congregation is earnestly urged to give financial support to the utmost in helping the Society in its two-fold work for hospitals and the partial support of many worthy women.

Isabel P. Davis,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance, May 5, 1929	$163.40	
Received from Mr. Raspin	427.92	
Received from Donations	300.00	
Received from Sales	88.97	
		$980.29

Disbursements

Paid for Sewing	$913.24	
Paid for Material	55.10	
		$968.34
Balance on hand		$11.95

Isabel P. Davis,
Treasurer.

Altar Society

The thirty-sixth annual report of the Altar Society is herewith submitted. During the year six new surplices have been made. A letter from Bishop Tyler was received last Fall thanking us for the altar linens and hangings which we had sent him. One new member was elected at the annual meeting in November.

The treasurer submits the following report:

Receipts

Balance, May 15, 1929	$96.57	
Received from Church Work Fund	100.00	
Received from Envelope System	17.25	
Received from Easter Decorations	111.15	
Received from Memorial Flower Fund	131.00	
Bank Interest, 1928	1.95	
Bank Interest, 1929	.75	
Received from Mothers' Meeting for Palms	5.00	
		$463.67

Expenditures

Flowers	$158.00	
J. B. Sheppard Sons, Linen for Surplices	28.72	
Embroidering Surplices	12.50	
Making Surplices	34.00	
Berger Bros. Co. Making Flower Holders	7.50	
Fruit for Thanksgiving	10.00	
Calendar	1.50	
Repairing Dr. Grammer's Cassock	1.00	
Palms	6.00	
Easter Decorations	93.00	
		$352.22
Balance on Hand, May 14, 1930		$111.45

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Thackara,
Superintendent.

Emily K. Campbell,
Treasurer.

If I were to hazard a guess as to what people should do to avoid temptation. It would be to get a job and work at it so hard that temptation would not exist for them.—Thomas A. Edison.

The Woman's Auxiliary

Seven meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary have been held as usual, beginning in October, 1929, with a corporate communion. The average attendance has been 21; there have been three deaths, Mrs. Milnor, a shut-in of many years, Miss Harriet Parker and Miss Gilman. Several new names have been handed in, but only one new member has appeared. There are 60 names on the list, of whom 44 have contributed toward the support of the Auxiliary.

In November Mrs. John E. Hill, Educational Secretary of the Diocese, made an address on the Jerusalem Conference, using as her guide the text-book for the Mission Study Classes for the year, viz., "Roads to the City of God," by Basil Mathews.

At the December meeting Christmas cheer and cards and boxes were sent to missionaries and others, and in January, Mrs. Henry D. Jump, of the Board of Prison Inspectors, told of the seamy side of life, and what steps had been taken to relieve the monotony of the lives of the women, as she finally had obtained the consent of the authorities to allow her to furnish material for the women to make dolls, aprons and pincushions, this little sewing giving them occupation instead of wasting hours in idleness.

In February Mrs. George Pierson, recently returned with her husband from Japan, after many years of missionary labor, principally among the Ainu, the aborigines, gave an interesting account of their customs and brought with her many specimens of their clothing and handiwork, and dwelt upon their eagerness for education and help.

When no speaker has addressed the meeting at St. Stephen's the delegates have reported what has transpired at the monthly meetings at the Church House, so that every one kept fully in touch with the activities, not only of the Diocese, but of the whole country and abroad, wherever the Church has extended. The delegates have been most faithful, and it is a pleasure to record that St. Stephen's from among 84 parishes was on the honor roll of 11 for attendance at all the meetings of the Domestic Committee. That credit is due to Mrs. Raspin and Mrs. Christie.

A special Lenten service was held at the Church of the Incarnation on April 14th, conducted by Dr. Levis, the Dean of the North Convocation, for all the parishes in that Convocation.

The corporate gift of last year contributed by the women of all auxiliaries has appeared this year, by wish of the National Council, under the name of the Advance Work Programme, and St. Stephen's has contributed to that in addition to fulfilling all pledges for the year, and also has aided in the emergency appeal for feeding the undernourished children of the unemployed in our city, a most unusual condition of existence in our midst.

A small green folder, called the Woman's Auxiliary News is issued monthly, and contains all information up-to-date and in advance, concerning the different committees, educational days, missionary and other devotional meetings, summer conferences and suggestions to suit every one's inclination, all for 25 cents a year!

Many opportunities are offered at meetings of all kinds to unite in prayer, in social service, such as cooperation with the work of the blind one day at their annual exhibition and sale, and in friendly intercourse at luncheons and teas and garden parties, and if those who are not delegates only realized what that position meant in so many respects they would be eager to undertake this responsibility, and should there be any one present who would like to share in these privileges of work for others, please join our Auxiliary another season, and help in whatever way possible to further the extension of Christ's kingdom, and there will be much joy in the doing of it.

Laura Bell,
President, St. Stephen's Auxiliary.

May 14, 1930.

Report of the Woman's United Thank Offering of St. Stephen's, 1929-1930

Balance carried over		$ 6.77
Contributed during 1929-1930		181.15
Total		$187.92
Check to E. N. Ingersoll, Treasurer, April 21		$180.00
Balance in Penna. Co. May 1, 1930		7.92
Number of contributions		39

This includes a contribution of $10.00 from the Mothers' Meeting, representing over a hundred women.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary De Haven Bright,
Treasurer.

Annual Presentation Services

The Annual Presentation Services took place on Thursday, April 24th, at the Church of the Incarnation. Bishop Taitt was the celebrant, and Bishop Cook, of Delaware, preached.

The offering was collected by the treasurers of the banner parishes, not those giving the largest sums, but those having the highest average of contributors. In one parish every woman and girl had contributed.

The offering from our Diocese amounted to $12,500.31, an increase of $681.79 over last year. One hundred and ninety-eight parishes in the diocese had not been heard from.

This year $300,000 was spent for 190 workers—94 inside the United States and 96 outside; 31 retired and six in training.

REPORT OF TREASURER, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

St. Stephen's Church, May 15, 1929, to May 14, 1930

Receipts

Balance brought forward, May 15, 1929		$132.86
Received from Church Envelopes		90.23
Received from Accounting Warden for Apportionment		300.00
Interest on Anna Sinclair Fund		30.00
Membership Dues		142.50
Special Contributions for Indian Committee:		
Mrs. John Coats Browne	$ 5.00	
Miss May Noonan	26.00	
		$31.00
Speaker's Fund		$10.00
Total Receipts		$736.59

Disbursements

Diocesan Missions	$50.00
Domestic Missions	85.00
Foreign Missions	85.00
Colored Missions	85.00
Indian Missions	116.00
Maintenance Fund, Penna. Branch Woman's Auxiliary	35.00
Women's Interdenominational Union of Philadelphia	1.00
Church Periodical Club	10.00
Advance Work (Mrs. Charles Pancoast Treasurer)	25.00
United Thank Offering (Miss Mary DeH. Bright, Treasurer)	15.00
Special Committee for Feeding Children of Unemployed (John Radcliffe, Treasurer)	25.00
Mrs. John E. Hill, from Speaker's Fund	10.00
Total Disbursements	$542.00
Balance, May 14, 1930	$194.59

Elizabeth C. Birney,
Treasurer.

Audited, May 12, 1930, by:
Elizabeth G. Christie,
Idella W. Higham.

Missionary Box Committee

On November 5, 1929, a cheque for $105 was sent from St. Stephen's Auxiliary to the Rev. W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for three Indian catechists—each $35 cheque to be sent with order for one suit of clothing and two suits of heavy underwear. The names were Mr. Samuel Broken-Rope, care of Rev. Dallas Shaw, Allen, South Dakota; Mr. Charles Long-Fish, care of Rev. D. W. Clark, Fort Thompson, South Dakota; and Mr. John DeWitt, care of Rev. E. Ashley, 506 Fourth Avenue, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from all three with grateful thanks and God's blessing on St. Stephen's Parish. In fact, Arch-Deacon Ashley wrote: "Looking back over my almost 56 years of service among our Dakota Indians, I do not know how we would ever have gotten along were it not for the devotion and generosity of the Ladies' Auxiliary."

Mrs. Birney, our Treasurer, informs me we have a balance of $184.32 for the next year. This is most encouraging.

Florence Pancoast Reath.

FINANCIAL REPORT, MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Receipts

Balance, May 15, 1929	$121.73	
Gift from Mrs. Reath, May 16, 1929	10.00	
Received from Church Envelopes, August 5, 1929, to May 3, 1930	131.45	
Interest Allowed by Penna. Society on Transfer of Account	1.14	
Gift from Mrs. Reath, April 15, 1930	25.00	
Total Receipts		$289.32

Disbursements

Nov. 6th, W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls, S. D., Winter Clothing for Three Indian Catechists	$105.00	
Balance, May 14, 1930		$184.32

Audited, May 12, 1930, by
Elizabeth G. Christie,
Idella W. Higham.

Girls' Friendly Society

The season just closing for St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has been a most interesting and happy one. The usual parties have been held and enjoyed by all. We have had a number of interesting talks and lectures, several of which were illustrated.

At Christmas we filled the usual number of stockings and dressed dolls for the children at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Of course, the biggest thing was our Special Effort Fund, which we use for our mission work. This year we have reached the total of $581.00, with the returns not all in yet. It is very gratifying as the girls work hard for the fund, and we appreciate all the help we have had from our many friends in St. Stephen's. We held two successful rummage sales, also a card party at the Adelphia Hotel. Miss Moore held a dinner and movie in her home, which was a great success. Also a number of the girls gave parties in their homes. Each little bit helped to swell the total, and make this our banner year. We are very grateful to our loyal leader and associates for the help and encouragement they have given us.

Our closing night will be May 26th, and we are all looking forward to a busy and happy summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Hedwig L. Kauffmann,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Balance, May 15, 1929		$602.70
Receipts to May 1, 1930		1,055.78
		$1,658.48
Disbursements		$990.78
Balance on Hand, May 1, 1930		$667.70
The above balance is composed of:		
Special Effort Money (not yet distributed)	$579.00	
General Treasury	88.70	
		$667.70
There is also a Beneficial Fund of		$138.58

MARY TWEEDIE,
Treasurer.

Mrs. Donehower gratefully acknowledges the following additional gifts to the McAll Mission:

Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr.	$1.00
St. Stephen's Sunday School	10.00
Previously Acknowledged	23.00
Total to Date	$34.00

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club has held meetings twice a month and has given money for the bed for the Episcopal Hospital, a sum to the Community House, and the usual amount of work for the children and mothers from the Social Service Department of the Jefferson Hospital.

In June we were to take 40 children to the Zoo, but as the day was rainy we entertained them in the Community House with a lunch. Afterwards, one of the children, a boy of ten years, who shows a good deal of talent, played the piano and the children all sang and enjoyed themselves very much.

At Christmas we entertained 40 children for supper. When they had finished we had a movie and gave each a present and candy when they went home; and in February we had 25 of the mothers to supper and gave each one a nice new handbag, something I think very few had ever had before.

In March we had a guest with us for a turkey dinner, and each one gave her a small gift which pleased her very much.

We all feel we have given those less fortunate than ourselves some happiness, and hope it has been a bright spot for them to look back upon as they continue their daily tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah G. Reifsnyder,
President.

May 14, 1930.

Report of "Whatsoever" Circle of King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church

This Circle has held sixteen meetings this season, with an average attendance of twelve members. Our evenings commence with supper, served about 6 o'clock, which seems to bring us into closer fellowship with each other. About 7.30 we are ready for sewing, and this year we have finished 57 articles for the Hope Day Nursery. One of our members is experienced in the making of children's hats, and she has made an attractive hat to match each outfit. This same member also made 19 flannelette infants' night-caps, for little children at St. Christopher's Hospital. A package of clothing was sent by another member (in the name of our Circle) to an invalid woman with twelve children, living in Georgia.

We held a card party last October in order to raise funds for the support of an aged brother and sister, who had practically no income. We also had a dinner and card party in February.

This season we have come in closer contact with other members of the organization throughout the city, and had a very pleasant visit from the Vice-President of Philadelphia County, who came to supper and stayed the entire evening, giving us many helpful suggestions.

At Christmas we contributed toward the Church baskets and also filled two dozen stockings for the children at the Day Nursery.

Our meetings are very informal, but are happy occasions for us all, and each member can be counted on to work untiringly for any project undertaken.

Bertha T. Walshe,
President.

May 14, 1930.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand May 15, 1929		$41.57
Dues and contributions received from members	$32.50	
Income from Patton legacy	87.94	
Crisco demonstration	9.30	
Interest on deposits	3.35	
Proceeds from card party	65.00	
Proceeds from dinner and card party	67.16	
Atlas Storage Tour	5.00	
		$270.25
		$311.82

Disbursements

Materials and supplies	$24.15	
Memorial flowers (Mrs. Vanderslice)	3.00	
Contribution to Howard Reifsnyder Memorial Bed	25.00	
Support of aged couple	65.00	
National, State and County dues	9.00	
Travelers' Aid Society	5.00	
St. Stephen's Community House debt	100.00	
K. D. Shoe Fund (Holiday House)	1.00	
Fourth payment to Diocesan Campaign Fund	10.00	
Cost of Christmas toys, etc.	18.09	
Church Christmas baskets	5.00	
Gifts to sick	13.30	
Incidental expenses	8.23	
		$286.77
Balance on hand May 14, 1930		$25.05

Anna Taggart,
Treasurer.

Mothers' Meeting

The Mothers' Meeting has 175 on the roll with 26 new members and three deaths. There is an average attendance of 75—sometimes reaching 100.

Attractive pupils come on call to entertain us from the schools of Mrs. C. M. Stine, Miss Emily Krider Norris and Miss Dora Shoemaker. Miss Mary Page Grammer has delighted us with songs in several languages. We have also had a number of entertainments given by families of the members.

The moving pictures provided for us by Dr. Grammer once a month are a great attraction.

A word of appreciation is due our faithful verger, Mr. Carrigan, for his discretion in the selection of the films. Not once in the several years we have had these pictures has there been given us a single objectionable feature. In these days of lurid films we consider this worthy of note.

One hundred and fifty members enjoyed the outing to Atlantic City on July 11, 1929.

For many of the mothers this was their only day of vacation, and the enjoyment and appreciation were manifest.

The only drawback to the occasion was the absence of Dr. Grammer who always enters into the activities of the day with great enthusiasm, adding much to the pleasure of the members.

Our cheque for $120.00 has been sent to the Diocesan Campaign Treasurer, fulfilling our pledge for the fourth year for that fund; $55.00 has been turned over to Dr. Grammer to be used by him for the Community House. Of this amount $43.00 was the result of the benefit performance so kindly given to the mothers through the courtesy of Mr. Kevin and the Players' Guild of the Church; $10.00 each was contributed to the Howard Reifsnyder Memorial Hospital Bed and the Women's United Thank Offering, and our usual $5.00 for palms on Palm Sunday, making a total of $200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche M. Harper,
President.

Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.—Rabbi Hillel.

Parish Visitor's Report

When to give and when not to give has been the serious problem of the past year for the Parish Visitor. There was not enough money to give even a little to many who asked for help.

Men were looking for work, their shoes almost worn through, not warmly enough dressed for cold weather, and always hungry. The women were asking for a day's work to get food for their children. A number of the men wanted money enough to get out of Philadelphia, hoping to find work in another city. Funds for transportation were not available, but many were helped with enough for a meal, or a night's lodging, and milk for the children where there was a family.

Monthly aid has been given to three elderly men and several women, and fruit taken to those seriously ill.

Through Mr. Atmore, coal at half price was obtained for two widows, and a generous member of the church paid the rent, electric and gas bills for a family in most distressing circumstances.

The flowers from the altar were taken every week to the sick. This year, at the suggestion of Miss Laura Bell, a card was enclosed which read, "These flowers, from the Altar of St. Stephen's, are sent to assure you of our friendship. May their beauty bring you a message from our Heavenly Father."

The 97 baskets given at Christmas were joyfully received, and each recipient was sure the chickens were the tenderest, and everything else in the basket, the best ever given, with special mention of Mr. Atmore's mince pies.

Three hundred and forty-three visits were paid to 121 different persons. Twenty-six pairs of shoes, 63 pairs of rubbers and 7 layettes were given during the year. The Parish Visitor will close this report by asking for contributions of new and partly worn clothing. Were it not for the many baby garments made during Lent by St. Stephen's Aid Society, the closet would be empty.

Respectfully submitted,

Idella W. Higham.

The man who is going nowhere is always too busy to go anywhere.

The Burd School

We bring to you the report of the Board of Women Visitors to the Burd School, rejoicing that there is such a school, so ably conducted and with pupils and graduate scholars giving constant evidence in their school work and general behavior of the results of Miss Tappen's influence and direction.

We have now thirty-eight girls in the school, two of these, Adelaide Mastick and Bernice Bovell, are students at the University of Pennsylvania. Five other girls are continuing their education in various colleges, three in Virginia State College for Teachers and one at Pennsylvania State College and one at the University of New York. Lillian Bovell, at Virginia State College, has been awarded one of the coveted honors in recognition of her high scholastic standard. She has been elected to a society ranking with that of a Greek Letter Society. The two girls at Pennsylvania State College are on the Honor Roll. Shirley Edwards, who will graduate in June from the University of New York, is specializing in Harmony and the Theory of Music, preparatory to teaching in the public schools. Virginia Downward, a graduate of the Burd School and an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania, is working at the Newark Museum in Newark, N. J. She is evidently doing excellent work as she has been sent to the Museum in Buffalo, N. Y., for a week's observation of their methods.

During the year there has been but one case of illness, and that merely a case of mumps, a remarkable record for any school.

One new girl has been admitted during the year and one was withdrawn by relatives. On Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd, the Burd School gave a reception to all Church men and women in the Diocese, that the Diocese at large might become better acquainted with the aims and works of the school. As individual invitations could not be sent out the Rector of each Parish was asked to extend this invitation to all members of his congregation. It was disappointing that so few availed themselves of this opportunity to visit the school.

This year all our girls will go to the same summer camp, the younger children going in July and the older girls in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily K. Campbell,
Chairman.

May 14, 1930.

The Community House

The Community House has carried on about the same work as usual this season.

In the autumn the House Committee paid for some necessary work, and had an electric dumb-waiter installed which was very badly needed and which is working very nicely. Our Committee paid half of the bill from a fund we had for that purpose, the balance being paid by the Church.

I feel we owe Mr. Carrigan a vote of thanks for the work he did in getting bids, and also looking after the work while it was in progress.

We have endeavored to keep the building in good condition for its uses.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah G. Reifsnyder,
Chairman.

May 14, 1930.

TREASURER'S REPORT

St. Stephen's Community House Fund

Balance on hand May 15, 1929		$928.17
Receipts during the past season		1,170.89
		$2,099.06
Expended during the season		$1,180.78
Balance		$918.28
This balance includes:		
General Account	$847.05	
Scenery Account	71.23	
		$918.28

Our receipts come from rental charges for the use of the Community House; Association dues from the Business Women's Christian League; and for rental of the stage. Money received for use of the Community House is turned over to St. Stephen's Church, and the balance is used for purchasing necessary equipment. Our one big accomplishment this season has been the installation of an electric dumb waiter, costing $900.00.

Bertha T. Walshe,
Treasurer.

Church Periodical Club

A missionary bishop once told the Church Periodical Club that the greatest hardship his clergy had to meet was loneliness. In spite of the telephone and the motor car, this is still true in many localities, and the loneliness is not confined to missionary workers. What of the shut-ins, the aged couple left in the home from which the children have gone forth, the gifted boy or girl, with no encouragement for their ambitions, the man or woman striving to make good a life that has gone wrong? To these and to many other souls the Church Periodical Club ministers.

Thirty-five members of St. Stephen's continue to send regularly their current magazines, and thirty-seven subscriptions are entered in the names of the recipients. Five of these still go to the soldier boys at Fort McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama.

Calendars are mailed at New Year's and cards are sent at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Many magazines are taken to Jefferson Hospital.

Books were sent to help in establishing Community Libraries at Gulfport, Miss., and at Chester, W. Va.

We are also assisting St. Andrew's Mission-on-Mountain, at Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

Money was given towards purchasing books for the Lansdale Memorial Library, at East Birmingham, Ala.

Many words of gratitude come to us, for they tell us "letter friends mean much in our isolated lives." Most often the thanks are for simple remembrances. "It is good to feel we are not forgotten." "As the magazines come each month we know that some one is taking thought for us." "Work is made easy by these tokens that those at home are thinking of me."

It is for **our** magazines, for **our** thought that these people are giving thanks. How impossible that we should fail of this small service with its far-reaching effects.

Mary M. Roberts,
Librarian.

Get the pattern of your life from God, then go about your work and be yourself.—Phillips Brooks.

St. Stephen's Aid Society

The work of the Society was continued this year as usual during Lent. Instead of meeting on Friday mornings in the Parish House, the members of our group and other friends in the congregation took the baby garments and made them at home.

The change in our method of supplying the necessary garments for Mrs. Higham's work proved quite satisfactory and the number of garments on hand will carry the work through to next season. We wish to thank a friend of Mrs. Higham's, Mrs. William Carroll, of Red Cross Auxiliary 64, for her donation of five caps, one blanket and one pair of bootees, and to express our appreciation of her interest. Thanks are also due to an unknown benefactor who sent us two pairs of beautifully knitted socks.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on Hand, May 15, 1929	$ .20	
Received from Dr. Grammer	25.00	
Received from Baby Fund	12.75	
Received from Mrs. Campbell	5.00	
		$42.95
Expenditures		
Muslin, Outing Flannel & Domet	$29.22	
Buttons	1.08	
Ribbon and Bias	2.67	
Two Dozen Undervests	8.33	
		$41.30
Balance on Hand, May 14, 1930		$1.65

Respectfully submitted,

Emily K. Campbell,
Chairman.

Yearly Report of "Pollyanna" Girl Scout Troop No. 110

We are still playing the "Glad Game," although we are waiting for more playmates from St. Stephen's to join in the fun, to learn to do big things in a pleasant way.

Catherine, Marie, Alice, Grace, Margaret and Dorothy all invite the new Scouties to join.

Just now, we are getting ready for our big handicraft exhibit next fall. In fact, all Girl Scout Troops are busy as bees making useful and artistic things.

Sure you can learn, if you come to our Girl Scout Meeting, held every Thursday, in St. Stephen's Parish House, 19 South 10th Street, at 6 P. M.

We are so proud of our big "Pollyanna" Scouts. Three more are in training for nurses here. They are Margaret Justis, who went down to Maryland to a hospital; Edith Kilduff, at the Women's Private Hospital, West Philadelphia; Rita Fulton finished from the Hahnemann Hospital May 2nd, and graduated with high honors. So far, eleven "Pollyannas" have trained from Scouting to nurses from Troop No. 110.

During the year we have taken care of a family of poor kiddies in Croyden, Pa. We started a Girl Scout Troop in Cornwells, Pa. Forty girls joined, passed their test and named themselves the "Hoover" Troop. Next, we sent gifts to hospitals, fruit and toys, books and clothing, also to invalid friends.

We wish to express our thanks to the good people of St. Stephen's Church for courtesy extended in the past two years.

Our committee consists of—Dr. C. E. Grammer, Dr. C. Nevin, Mr. Carrigan, Troop Council; Mrs. L. Davis, Mrs. F. Johnson, Mother's Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Schaller,
Captain.

The Sunday School

Steady improvement and progress is to be noted in the work of the Sunday School during the year just past. There have been no radical departures from the change in curricula instituted last year. Our present effort is to develop to their highest point of achievement the new lines of approach in religious education which were then begun.

Both in offerings and in attendance there has been an increase. The Lenten offering this year was $195 as compared with $170 a year ago. Each of the classes, by special activities on their part, assisted in this result, although no small part in the increased interest in missionary giving was due to the person and the work of Mr. Donovan, in Liberia, whom they were privileged to hear. Inspired by him, missionary activities assumed a new perspective and significance. So far was this true that one of the Sunday School members has announced her intention of studying to become a missionary. And, of course, she wants to go to Liberia.

The Primary Department grew to such proportions during the year that it became necessary to create two classes. The boys' class in the upper school has doubled in size during the year.

With the presentation of the Sunday School Christmas and Easter festivals there was an effort to improve the traditional type of Sunday School pageantry by the adaptation of ancient legends and mystery plays to modern purposes. The performance of "The Little Boy Whom Nobody Wanted," a medieval legend, at the Christmas season, and "Quem Qaeritas," an eighth century Easter mime, more recently, was in the pursuance of this ideal. Each play, regardless of the strain it put upon the kindness of those who consented to view them, was entered into with reverent feeling by those who had a part in them.

So far as vital statistics are concerned, there are nine classes with a corresponding number of teachers, five Church school officers, and an enrollment of ninety-one children.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kevin.

Reifsnyder Memorial Fund

Contributions for the endowment of a bed in the Episcopal Hospital in memory of the late Howard Reifsnyder, have totaled approximately $2,070.00 from members of the congregation and from former friends and business acquaintances. As the endowment of the bed will require a total of $5,000.00, it is hoped that those who have been planning to make a contribution to the fund will shortly send their gifts to the Committee's headquarters in the Church offices.

Robert Kevin,
Treasurer.

The Young People's Fellowship

Meetings of the Fellowship have been held Sunday nights throughout the fall, winter and spring, in the Guild Room of the Church. Our activities have been evenly distributed between the devotional and the discussion of social and religious problems.

Fellowship among the branches of the organization throughout the Diocese had been promoted by visits which our members have made monthly to similar groups in other Churches. The social side of Fellowship life has included frequent parties, with participation in the Diocesan Young People's Dance, in December, and the Fellowship Play given at the New Century Club.

The Provincial convention of Fellowships was held this year at Washington, D. C. St. Stephen's branch sent two delegates for the three days' session. To the convention went 135 representatives from the 52 branches of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the largest single Diocesan representation there. Immediately following the provincial convention was the Diocesan Convention, which took place this year at St. Simeon's Church, Ninth Street and Lehigh Avenue. Bishop Taitt and the Rev. Dr. John R. Hart, Jr., Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, were the special speakers. We feel that the year just past has been one of renewed inspiration and spiritual growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Bixler,
President.

The Boy Scouts

Troop No. 2, the St. Stephen's Troop of the Boy Scouts of America, has grown steadily during the year and now numbers 34 members with an average attendance each week of between 25 and 30. Among these are one Eagle, six Star, and nine Second Class Scouts.

Last summer twelve of the boys of the troop spent a week at camp, there securing all the honors that were offered. Scout Francis Grindler passed the Junior Life Saving tests and Scout Fred Schmid was elected to the W. W. W., a fraternal organization in scouting.

On March 28th of this year, the troop engaged in an inter-patrol contest in knot-tying and semaphor signaling. The contest proved one of the most interesting of the activities in which the troop has engaged, and was won by William Madlung and William Bert, respectively. In April another contest in handicraft was arranged and this was won by William Madlung. A similar contest, this time in advancement, was won by Scout Keasley.

The boys appreciate the kindness of the many organizations at St. Stephen's Church who have drawn the troop in closer fellowship with the Church by permitting them to assist in the giving of rummage sales and in the packing of the Christmas baskets. A word of personal commendation should be extended to Assistant Scoutmaster Frank Labrie, for his untiring efforts to assist the growth and progress of the troop.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Robinson,
Scoutmaster.

Garden Party at Wyck

Now a word about the garden party and fair at Wyck, on Thursday, June 5th, from 2 until 8 o'clock. One thousand dollars for St. Ambrose Mission is the goal to be attained, and as Mrs. John Coats Browne has charge of the cafeteria, it behooves every good member of St. Stephen's not only to help her by contributions for the supper, but to come and eat it later.

Two hundred tickets at 25 cents each have been apportioned for this parish to dispose of for entrance to the garden at 6026 Germantown Avenue, the home of Mr. Caspar Wister Haines, and there will be music and other attractions at the booths, and the deaf and dumb choir from All Souls for the Deaf will "sing" hymns, and as Rev. Mr. Smaltz reads the words the choir illustrates them with rhythmic motions, an interesting and unique sight.

In case of rain the fair will be held at Christ Church parish house, Tulpehocken and McCallum Streets, Germantown, by courtesy of Rev. Mr. Arndt.

Shall We Not Call Our Experiences of Adversity Good?

That depends on what price we are ready to pay for deeper insight into the meaning of the world, for awakened hearts, for greater consequent ability to serve our comrades, and for unfaltering courage to further meet the demands of life. Some evil, some misfortune is inevitable. Nothing that we can do can change it or can drive it away. It is, as we say, as inevitable as a chance of Fate, but rather we should say, it is the will of God that we drink the bitter cup to the deep dregs. If we rebel and fight against it (as at first from human nature we can hardly help doing) we miss its blessing; and so it is, if we try to escape from it by flight or yield to it in weakness. Our path in the face of such inevitable ills is a dauntless acquiescence. Who knows, after all, what chains may be breaking which all unconsciously we had forged for ourselves, or how through calamity and acquiescence our souls may be freed to live on those higher spiritual levels to which we were blind in our unawakened hours of ease? On these levels a light is shining

"A light that never was on sea or land,
The consecration and the poet's dream."

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Registrations are made in advance, by applying in writing to Miss Bertha I. Benson, 4549 North Mervine Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Rev. Neville Joyner of Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, has made an appeal for quilt pieces. The Indian women make artistic quilts, which are sold to raise money for their Auxiliary and other church work. If donations of new cotton pieces, suitable for this work, are left at the Parish House, they will be greatly appreciated and forwarded by the Indians' Hope delegate.

Dare to be true,
Nothing can need a lie.
A fault, which needs it most,
Grows two thereby.
—George Herbert.

Memorial Flower Fund
1930

Jan. 5—Mrs. William Bryant.
12—Miss Kirkpatrick.
19—Miss Ernst.
26—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Feb. 2—Miss Gregg.
9—Miss Gebhart.
16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Miss Gebhart.

Mar. 2—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
9—Mrs. Barclay.
16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Dr. Grammer.
30—Mrs. Higham.

Apr. 6—Mrs. Sheble.
13—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
17—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
20—Easter.
27—Miss Tappen.

May 4—Mrs. Woodward.
11—Miss Townsend.
18—Mrs. Higham.
25—Mrs. Woodward.
29—Ascension Day—Mrs. Lamb.

June 1—Mrs. Clarence K. Klink.
8—Miss Mary Roberts.
15—Miss Gebhart.
22—Mrs. H. H. Barton, Jr.
29—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

July 6—King's Daughters.
13—Mr. Kevin.
20—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell.
July 27—In Memory of the Rev. Thomas A. Fernley.

Aug. 3—
10—Mrs. Love.
17—
24—Miss Ewing.
31—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 7—Miss Powell.
14—Mrs. Sheble.
21—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
28—Mrs. Lamb.

Oct. 5—Miss Laura Bell.
12—Miss Maulsby.
19—Mrs. Sheble.
26—Mrs. Cooper.

Nov. 1—All Saints' Day—Mr. James Arrison, 3rd.
2—Girls' Friendly Society.
9—Miss Mary DeH. Bright.
16—Miss Eisenbrey.
23—In memory of Edith H. Leithead.
30—Mrs. Sheble.

Dec. 7—Misses Davis.
14—Miss Ewing.
21—Miss Ewing.
25—Christmas.
28—Miss Emily Bell.

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THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month, and at
10.15 A. M. on the Third Sunday.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

THE BURD SCHOOL

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TRUSTEES
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Receives girls only. The conditions of admission are that the father must be dead, the mother not married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission. The children will be kept until they are 18 or equipped to earn their living.

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All meetings at the Parish House, Wednesday, 10 to 12 o'clock.

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Meets Wednesday, 10 A. M

Miss E. J. Davis, Mrs. Miesse, Miss Swift, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara.

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Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

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Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 10.30 A. M. in the Parish House.

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Meets Monday Evening, 7.00 to 9.30.

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Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Superintendent—Rev. Robert Oliver Kevin.
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Pianist—Mrs. Idella Higham.

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MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE

First Meeting, Thursday, November 6th, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

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Honorary Chairman—
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Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Miss Mary Roberts

COMMUNITY HOUSE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Secretary—
Treasurer—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper.
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

April 27—Kenneth Dale Lewin.
May 11—David Leedom German.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

June 4—John Lingo and Hanna U. Stewart.
June 7—Robert M. Wermaer and Maud May Parker.
July 23—John Mahoney and Helen R. Scholts.
Aug. 2—Christian F. Frederick and Dorothy C. Bailey.
Sept. 17—Howard D. Weir and Frances L. Seighman.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Sept. 12—Emma R. Lindenmayer.
Sept. 12—W. Gardner Crowell.

Wanted

Contributions of new or partly worn clothing and shoes. The Parish Visitor makes a special appeal, as unemployment still continues and there are many demands. Packages may be left at either Parish House or Community House.

I. W. Higham.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 18 MAY TO 14 SEPTEMBER, 1930, INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins, exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$40.59	
Missions	80.39	
Missionary Box	21.54	
Indian Missions	7.32	
		$149.84

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$121.65	
Parochial Maintenance	158.56	
Missions	457.88	
Theological Education	20.95	
Benevolent Society	42.20	
Episcopal Hospital	16.00	
Domestic Missions	35.20	
Church Farm School	5.00	
Diocesan Missions	.85	
Foreign Missions	.85	
Colored Missions	2.75	
Missionary Box	56.46	
Indian Missions	43.01	
Chancel Decorations	2.90	
Deaconess House	1.25	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.35	
		$967.86
		$1,117.70

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$162.24
Parochial Maintenance	158.56
Missions	538.27
Theological Education	20.95
Benevolent Society	42.20
Episcopal Hospital	16.00
Domestic Missions	35.20
Church Farm School	5.00
Diocesan Missions	.85
Foreign Missions	.85
Colored Missions	2.75
Missionary Box	78.00
Indian Missions	50.33
Chancel Decoration	2.90
Deaconess House	1.25
Woman's Auxiliary	2.35
	$1,117.70

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Woman's Auxiliary will open its first meeting of the season of 1930-31, with a Corporate Communion on Thursday, October 16th, at 10.30 o'clock.

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Germantown.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

How interesting is life with its surprises, its problems, its variety, its inexorable demands. How dull must be existence for those of whom the world exacts nothing, whose day is not largely controlled by imperative demands. It may seem to the worker, compelled day after day to rise early and meet promptly the claims of business or family life, that nothing would be finer than to be able to lie a-bed indefinitely. But such freedom would soon pall on most of us. We would not know what to do with ourselves, and would soon harness ourselves up to some task or duty to get a kick out of life. It is the unexpected, the difficult, the dangerous that give life its romance and flavor of adventure; that call for courage and alertness, and constant adjustment of our inner life to meet the new conditions.

Another element is added when we grasp a central teaching of the religion of Jesus, namely, that the Universe is under control and these varieties of experience are brought about by a Potter who is shaping vessels for various uses, by a Refiner who is separating gold from dross by purifying fires, by a Captain who is training solders for campaigns. This faith gives submission a new grace.

This summer I read the private letters of General Robert E. Lee, and was profoundly impressed by his constant faith in an overruling Providence, and his profound conviction that no character had had either the finest opportunity for development, or sustained any real testing that had not borne adversity.

It is not strength, but weakness that rebels against misfortune or trouble. Anyone can fret, or whine or complain, and shout out, "If this is life, I refuse to play the game." It takes fortitude, and wisdom, and faith—which is only another name for courage and wisdom, acting in a realm of confusion, uncertainty and gloom,—to find the right road in a thicket of troubles when the sun has gone down and the moon gives no light. Happy he who in such straits has the compass of duty to guide his steps, and the unfaltering faith that made the last days of General Lee so beautiful and inspiring.

I commend these thoughts to those who are downcast by the problems of employment, or by the loss of friends and dear ones. Let us be brave and steadfast. Whatever may be the causes of the present distress (and it looks as if they were world-wide and deep-seated), here the distress is, and we must bear it manfully, and in the spirit of Christians. Of course, it is right that we should seek remedies and investigate the sources of the trouble. But the immediate duty, our special personal task, is to find the course of wisdom under existing conditions. We Americans are so wasteful and prodigal, that it is wholesome that we should learn to practice economy. It is appalling to me, that so much money should be spent on diversion, when there is so much poverty. It is foolish at such times to stand out for the highest wages before accepting a job.

I heard a gardener bemoaning his ill-luck because his employer had been obliged by hard times to discontinue his services. It never occurred to the gardener to offer to take a smaller wage for a while. But is not some such concession good sense? I hear of young people without jobs who have refused positions, at this time when positions are not many, because they thought that they should be offered a larger salary. Surely such stiffness is not wise. A celebrated man got his first position by asking for an opportunity to show what he was worth, and stating that the remuneration was of little importance. That was the right attitude. In old times apprentices had to pay for the privilege of learning. The opportunity was paid for. Look on a job as an opportunity. Remember that it is always easier for a person with a job to get a place than for a man without a job. The jobless man has to explain his condition. The man who is in employment is manifestly a man of proven value.

It was good to see such a fine congregation on September 21st. Never was the usefulness of the Envelope System more manifest. The church having been closed for seven Sundays, the charity fund was at the lowest ebb, and I made a request for an early return of the envelopes to carry me through October. But as soon as the offertory plates were brought up for presentation I realized that my request was unnecessary, and that the envelope users had anticipated me. All the plates were piled so high with envelopes that they had to be "presented" in three instalments. It is good to know that our parish responsibilities and the needs of the general Church have been so loyally borne in mind.

Nothing but expressions of gratification were heard from the congregation in regard to the renovations and the Magee window. The smoke of that conflagration at the electric switch about a year ago, and the dust sent upward by our radiators had stained and defiled our interior more than constant users of the church realized. Old friends on their visits back to the church told me that its beauty was dimmed by the dirt, but I did not realize the extent of the "uglification," to use a word from the immortal Wonderland, until I saw our new interior, so pure and clean and well lighted. Our interior, and particularly our reredos, are artistic glories of Philadelphia. Our beautiful memorials make our church the chief ecclesiastic shrine of beauty in our city.

The window by D'Ascenzo, in grateful memory of Miss Anna Magee, fits well with our Gothic architecture, and harmonizes with the other windows in that portion of the church. It is a fitting memorial to one of St. Stephen's chief benefactors. During her life Miss Anna gave over $200,000 toward the beautifying and equipment of the church, the rebuilding of the community house, and the purchase of a rectory. She also remembered it generously in her will. The Burds and the Magees are the chief benefactors of our parish. The memorials of the Burds are the Burd School for fatherless girls, the marble group dominated by the Angel of the Resurrection, and our exquisite baptismal font. The Magees are commemorated by the double window by Halliday, the mosaic of the Lord's Supper by the same versatile pre-Raphaelite artist, by the organ, the reredos and chancel, by the renovated interior, by the bust of Mr. James Magee in the vestibule, by this window in memory of Miss Anna, and by their generous bequests to the endowment of St. Stephen's. They loved this down-town church, and did everything in their power to anchor it permanently on Tenth Street, and to enable it to continue its work in spite of the changes wrought by the encroachments of business.

The parish sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. W. Gardner Crowell. In early life he was a Presbyterian, and he never officially connected himself with the Episcopal Church; but he was one of our most loyal members, a helper of good causes, and a beautiful character. The newspapers referred to him as a Vestryman of St. Stephen's. This was, of course, a mistake. It was an honor that was offered him several times, but which he persistently declined in his modest way. Though so bashful about accepting official position, he was no shirker from service. For some eight years he was the treasurer of the offerings at the Lenten Noonday services, and latterly of all the noonday services. He will be greatly missed. He was a gentleman of the old school, modest, self-effacing, utterly averse to anything like self-advertisement, loyal to obligations, constant in friendship and kindly to all men.

> None knew him but to love him,
> None named him but to praise.

The loss of such a friend and helper arouses us to the duty of enlisting new members and workers. St. Stephen's has many appeals; it has a beautiful interior. There is not its equal in the city for the combination of beauty, and light, and an atmosphere of Christian cheerfulness and hope. It has splendid music. Our organist is a celebrated composer and skilful musician, and has gathered together a magnificent choir that sings with mastery and finish. We have a modern message in our pulpit. Avoiding the Scylla of hard dogmatism, and the Charybdis of vague and dazzling rhetoric, it seeks to throw the light of the eternal verities on new problems, and to add to old truths, new insight, and to give them new settings.

We believe that religion should be more than a sedative, or a stabilizer, or brake; it should also be a light to our feet and an awakener of our enthusiasms.

With this message and equipment, we need co-workers who will help us to gather in the churchless, and will commend our church as a teaching church, which offers a field for service. In this paper is spread out the goodly list of societies that need members and workers to continue their fruitful activities.

Our Noonday Services, which were re-

sumed on Monday, September 22nd, have an unusually large attendance, and will be addressed by leading ministers of this city. We bespeak for them the interest of the congregation.

I have recently been brought into contact with Anglo-Catholics. The more I hear them ventilate their theories and aspirations, the more reactionary and out of date appears their theology, and the more untenable their position. But they have one characteristic that I greatly admire; they pull together, they are ardent workers for their theories, and are indefatigable in their efforts to get people to come to their services. They do nothing but emphasize the good points of their ministers. If he is a poor preacher, they ignore it, and dwell on his pastoral gifts or his unworldly character, or his theological learning, or his beautiful reading. One thing they will not do, and that is to weaken his influence. They are his co-workers.

I have had such helpers in St. Stephen's, and have some still, but they are not numerous. Mr. Barton acted in this way, and brought in Mr. Reifsnyder, and Mr. Reifsnyder was constant in his efforts. Another such in-gatherer was Miss Mary S. Lee, who died early in the summer. She belonged to another parish, but whenever she met anyone to whom she thought that we could render spiritual aid, she sent them to us. She was a wonderful woman. A later and wiser age will gather such a born shepherd of souls into the ministry.

But the general attitude of our members has been the usual attitude of old-fashioned Episcopalians. They have felt it unnecessary to do any missionary work. They have left that to the minister. "Our church speaks for itself, makes its own appeal," Those who do not feel it may well be left to drift into other harbors.

All that I can say is that if that is to be the unchanged attitude of our membership, then the usefulness of our church will be greatly lessened. More and more must a down-town church rely on reaching the traveling public, the unchurched, the business people who feel the need of some devotional helps during the pressure of business. But there is also constant need for a working organization, to create atmosphere, to offer fields of service, and to knit together worshipers in Christian fellowship.

Why should not those who have found St. Stephen's a helpful church speak of it to others and invite them to partake of its privileges, and to share in its tasks?

One way in which this can be done is to send us the names of friends to whom we may send copies of our Parish News and of our special notices. We want to advertise more widely through postal cards our services both Sunday morning and night, and also on weekdays.

It is with great regret that I inform the congregation that our scheme of supporting Mr. Donovan, and having him as our missionary in Africa can not be carried out. His fiancee has been rejected by the Board. Her health, it is decided, is not equal to the requirements of a mission situated on one of the most trying coasts in the world—climatically. So Mr. Donovan can not return, if he marries. He believes that in a few years his fiancee's health will improve, so he intends to marry and stay in this country awhile, building up her health and further equipping himself for service in Africa.

There are troublesome conditions there which may clear up by the time he is able to return. This is his plan. I hope that he may be able to carry it out, for he is a uniquely gifted man of a rare spirit, of high courage and great faith. While I am profoundly disappointed that he can not be our missionary, it is good to know him and of his work.

Our contributions must go into the treasury of the Board, to be distributed by them according to their discretion.

Those who have been prevented from registering by absence from the city or any unsurmountable obstacle, can register at the City Hall any day between October 8th and 25th. The hours for registration may be ascertained by phoning to the City Hall. It is our duty to vote and to register our convictions.

As we enter upon a new year of work, I want to express my gratitude to God for my renewed health and strength, and to ask the prayers of the congregation for the Church and its ministers. If we pray for the Church faithfully, such petitions will both deepen our affection and arouse in us new energies for service. Prayer is not only a means of influencing God; it is also a door of communication whereby God enters us. The hand outstretched in petition is also a hand into which God can drop His gift.

If we are more earnest in prayer, we shall certainly be more richly blessed.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

A Western Vacation

At my request Mrs. Donehower has written this interesting account of her summer outing in the West, a trip that others in the congregation have made.—C. E. G.

On June 24th, in company with a good friend, I left Philadelphia for a visit to the Pacific Coast. The obliging agent of the Santa Fe Railroad had planned our trip in every detail, and arranged for three stop-offs on the outward journey, Chicago, Santa Fe, and the Grand Canyon.

Chicago proved much more attractive than I had anticipated. Boarding a suburban trolley, we left the noisy business section, and rode through mile after mile of well shaded residence streets. A cross-town line took us to the fine park system and afforded a glimpse of the bathing beach. We lunched at a restaurant on the lake shore, visited the new Field Museum, and spent some hours in Chicago's last new hotel, the Stevens House, where the Rotarians were bidding each other farewell after a successful convention.

Santa Fe, with its gardens and fine old trees, was a veritable oasis in the desert. The quaint old town lies basking in the sun, dreaming of the days when it was the scene of surging life and activity—the place where four great trails ended. In the old Church of San Miguel we saw the San Jose bell, cast in Spain in 1347 and brought to America some three centuries later. Santa Fe boasts the oldest house in America, occupied by an Indian chief at the time the Spanish adventurers arrived and took possession. Our courier guide took us to an Indian village, a forlorn little huddle of adobe houses baking in the pitiless noonday sun. The governor of the village proudly exhibited a cane presented by Abraham Lincoln to one of his predecessors as a symbol of authority, and handed down from one official to another. Although this home contained table and chairs, the chief's family had spread their meal on the floor—bread, coffee, meat, potatoes—and were about to sit about it in picnic fashion.

The Grand Canyon is, of course, indescribable. For miles we rode on the rim of this enormous fissure; we felt as if we were in nature's workshop, observing at first hand the processes of creation revealed in the many-colored strata.

At Los Angeles, our first California city, we spent several days. It is a town that has grown up in a hurry and looks it. Fine buildings like the new twenty-story city hall, are dumped down in poor and mean surroundings. The passers-by include Japanese, Filipinos, half-breeds and Indian women with shawls over their heads—a curious, un-American looking mixture. Wilshire Avenue (the "t" has disappeared from the name) and its intersecting streets contain some beautiful homes and well kept gardens. Hollywood, with its broad central avenue, is much more attractive, though cross streets where the inhabitants live are so steep as to suggest the abode of mountain goats. We admired the Chinese theater, with its magnificant hangings and decorations, but the film show there was unworthy of its setting.

From Los Angeles we motored one hundred miles up the coast to Santa Barbara. The blue Pacific was on our left hand, but on the other side the hills rose bare and brown and desolate, save where a patch of green showed the presence of an irrigated ranch. Water is the great desideratum in California; where it is granted vegetation is unbelievably luxurious; without it there are immense tracts of desert, unproductive land.

Of Santa Barbara we have happy memories. It is truly called the gem of the Pacific Coast. An atmosphere of peace and contentment pervades this beautiful little city, with its quiet streets shaded by feathery pepper trees, and flowering eucalyptus. Like Marathon it lies between the mountains and the sea, protected from extremes of heat and cold.

The old Mission Church, carefully pre-

served, was the tenth mission founded by the Franciscan fathers. It is to these devoted men that the city owes its distinctive architecture, of which the new courthouse is a fine example. This picturesque building, with its clock tower, its iron grilled windows, its balconies and outside staircase, transports the beholder back to old Granada. Even the jail which adjoins it is so attractive that it would seem a pleasure to be detained there.

In and about Santa Barbara there are many wealthy and generous people who delight to lavish gifts on the city of their choice. Montecito, nearby, is the abode of millionaires. Their magnificent estates command a noble view. Santa Barbara boasts a number of sumptuous hotels, whose very names are musical—Em Mirasol, El Encanto, the Miramar, the Samarcand.

Once a year the town is given up to the Old Spanish Days Fiesta. Business is suspended; hotels and private dwellings vie with each other in brilliant decorations, Spanish costumes are donned, and the town's early history is lived again in tableau and pageant. Old and young dance in the streets, and there are theatricals before the court house. Youths who seem to have strayed from a Carmen chorus strum on guitars and sing passionate serenades to lovely senoritas who look down from grilled windows. Motor cars are barred during the festivities, and ox-carts plod along in their place, while descendants of the old Spanish families ride proudly on magnificent horses, decked with silver trappings.

Nor is the old Mission Church forgotten in these joyous days. The ancient building with its quiet graveyard where the old Spanish pioneers lie at peace after their strenuous career, is a central point of interest, and on its broad steps the people sit to listen to tales of the brave old days of the Conquistadors.

An eight-hour railway journey brought us into San Francisco, with its fine shops, and lofty business buildings. This city has been likened to New York, but it has its own distinctive flavor. Its steep streets run up at unbelievable grades. "I can never climb them," the visitor exclaims, but soon he feels an exhilaration in mounting up, block after block, till he stands against the horizon and looks down triumphantly on the busy scene below. It is a city of good cookery and famous restaurants. Its climatic conditions are ideal for the toiler; Santa Barbara is a place for lotus-eating repose; San Francisco is a town in which to be up and doing.

We sailed across the bay and visited Leland Stanford University, where we recognized one of the windows which we know and love at St. Stephen's, the one where the angel seated on the tomb tells the glad tidings of the Resurrection. In the Chicago Art Institute we recognized St. Gauden's Angel of Purity; it was in bronze, and seemed less effective than our own marble relief.

San Francisco is less given to boasting than Los Angeles, but here, too, the belief prevails that California is the only State in the Union worthy of mention. Probably summer is not the best time to view it; certainly we found it less attractive than Oregon and Washington with their great forests and mighty rivers. We crossed by steamer to Victoria and then to Vancouver, most English of Dominion cities, feasted our eyes on the marvels of the Canadian Rockies, and spent a day at Lake Louise and another at Banff. At Minnesota we reentered the United States, and after a journey through immense stretches of prairie land and wheat fields, found ourselves once more in our own home State, which, in spite of the long drought, seemed green and beautiful to our eyes, and certainly held its own against the desert lands of the Far West.

An Appreciation

Quite the most pleasant feature of the ceremonies begun by the University of Pennsylvania when it recently invested 75 of its graduates with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (a generous act of faith on its part in my case) was the gift to me of a handsome hood by some of the members of the congregation. On the occasion of my first opportunity to wear the hood, I spoke my appreciation, but the Parish News provides a medium whereby I may more personally thank those who not only shared the faith of the University but in this touching way gave me of their friendship. The hood will be no mark of academic information, nor a means of further enriching our already beautiful chancel, but a continued reminder to me of the goodness and affection I have enjoyed in the four years I have been permitted to serve at St. Stephen's.

Robert O. Kevin.

Sunday School

The fall sessions of the Sunday School began September 21, coincident with the reopening of the Church. The first meeting was attended by an unusually large number, the primary department, under Miss Margaret Kilpatrick, alone having nearly thirty pupils there. The class in the upper school which for two years has been taught by Mrs. Alexander Whitney, this year will be led by Miss Miriam Snavely. A new class of girls, from 11 to 13 years of age has been organized this year as a result of our continued growth.

On Saturday, June 7th, the School went to Forrest Park on the Perkiomen for its annual picnic. The excursion this summer was of a different character from those which have preceded it. In one respect, it was notably different, in that the weather was glorious. Moreover, it was a joint picnic with the Sunday School of Old Swedes' Church. The picnic itself in the large grove of trees in the park, the afternoon's swim in the large modern pool, the pleasurable but not harmful amusements, and the long delightful bus rides there and back provided a delightful day's experience for the hundred and fifty children and their friends from St. Stephen's who went.

R. O. K.

The King's Daughters "Whatsoever Circle"

Resume their meetings for 1930-31 season on Tuesday evening, October 7th. We are always glad to welcome and enroll new members, who would be interested in our work and wish to enjoy a sociable evening with us.

We regret to lose our retiring president, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, who is loved by us all and who has led us so capably for the past nine years. We are glad she will be with us for a few more months. We wish her happiness and success in her new environments.

E. H. T.

Girls' Friendly Society

The Girls' Friendly Society will begin its regular meetings on Monday evening, October 6th, and continue throughout the season until the last of May, 1931.

The program has been arranged for the month of October. Later on we hope to have some classes in various lines, which will interest the girls.

A Rummage Sale will be held in November. At this season of house renovating, we will appreciate donations of any character from members of the congregation who may care to cooperate.

A Christmas Supper and Sale will also be held. Further notice will be given.

A Junior Branch for the G. F. S. is under consideration. If any girl would care to interest herself in the work of the society, we will be happy to receive her and gladly have her friends come.

A supper is always served at 6 o'clock for any G. F. S. member. Price, 25 cents.

The society is non-sectarian.

Personal Rights v. Alcohol

Against the personal right of the indidivual to drink alcohol when he pleases and where he pleases are balanced the following:

The rights of his body to proper treatment.

The rights of his mind to clearness of vision and accurate judgment.

The rights of his will to a sane chance at self-control.

The rights of his spirit to a chance to assist his brother in the doing of good deeds.

The rights of children to walk the streets unscandalized by his conduct.

The rights of his home to the money he earns.

The rights of his home to joy and respect in society.

The rights of his neighbors to live peaceful and orderly lives.

The rights of society to his good judgment unharmed by a debased mind.

The rights of his employers to clean-cut, faithful service.

The spiritual rights of even the bootleggers whose business rises out of his demand.

The rights of law to his faithful cooperation.

The rights of the Constitution to his unwavering support.

The rights of justice to his help in suppressing crime.

The rights of God to the service of spirit unclouded by a dreadful narcotic.—*Joseph B. Egan, Boston Schoolmaster, in The Congregationalist.*

Our Memorials

Many visitors ask questions about our Memorials. Years ago a little handbook was compiled by our Rector giving a brief account of them. We shall publish from time to time extracts from this booklet, so that members of the congregation may be equipped to answer the questions that may be asked by visitors.

St. Stephen's Church, founded in 1823, A.D., was one of the results of a great influx into the Episcopal Church that marked the early decades of the nineteenth century, when the popular prejudice against the daughter of the Church of England had lost its power.

To modern eyes, the exterior of the edifice is severely simple and somewhat fortress-like, but it is described in early accounts as "A specimen of the Gothic Architecture of the Middle Ages."

It is interesting to know that the aim of the congregation was to erect a building in which the historic portion of our church and its peculiar characteristics should be fittingly expressed.

The first rector was the Rev. James Montgomery, D.D., to whose memory a memorial has been placed in the south wall, near the font.

The taste of the Gregorian era for classical architecture and embellishment is manifested in the slender memorial urns on both sides of the tablet.

His successor was the Rev. Henry William Ducachet, M.D. and D.D., whose fine personal presence, ready wit and social charm, combined to make him one of the most interesting personalities of Philadelphia in his day. During his rectorship the Burd Memorials were given to the church. Colonel Edward Shippen Burd, who died in 1848, enjoined his executors in his will to erect in St. Stephen's Church a memorial of the finest Italian marble to the memory of his three children.

The commission was given to Carl Steinhauser, a native of Bremen, born 1813, who went at an early age to study under Rauch, and later went to Rome, where he received instruction from Thorwaldsen. His art was regarded as reflecting glory upon his native city, and a reproduction in plaster of the group, known from its chief figure as "The Angel of the Resurrection," which he executed for St. Stephen's, may still be seen on exhibition in Bremen, with an inscription stating where the original may be found. The student of art will be interested to know that there are three pieces of statuary by Steinhauser in the Academy of the Fine Arts, Broad and Cherry Streets. The mural monument with its recumbent effigy of Colonel Burd, near the door was erected by Mrs. Burd in the following year. These two monuments are still unsurpassed of their kind in America.

Besides these monuments Mrs. Burd gave a large sum to St. Stephen's Church, and also founded, with a munificent gift of $500,000, a school and home for orphan girls, which she placed for all time under the control of the Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's. Its stately and picturesque buildings stood in a fine park near the corner of Market and Sixty-third Streets.

In 1859, the year before her death, Mrs. Burd presented the church with the Font which stands in the southwest corner, near the door. It was sculptured in Italy by Steinhauser, and represents three cherubs supporting on their wings a large marble bowl. Each cherub has in his hands one of the instruments of the Saviour's torture, the nail, the crown of thorns and the spear. The angel with the nail is testing the sharpness of its point on his chubby hand. Inside the bowl are sculptured in relief the sacred fish, by which the early Christians secretly expressed their faith. Christ's use of the net with the fish, in a parable of the Kingdom is brought to mind by the mural decorations back of the font.

These memorials all belong to Dr. Ducachet's rectorship. His personal memorial is a handsome bust of Italian marble that stands in a slight recess in the south wall, under a beautiful and richly-decorated ogee arch.

There are two things that men should never weary of, goodness and humility; we get none too much of them in this rough world and among cold, proud people.—R. L. S.

He that lives to live ever, never fears dying.—Wm. Penn.

Memorial Flower Fund
1930

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Jan. 5—Mrs. William Bryant.
12—Miss Kirkpatrick.
19—Miss Ernst.
26—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

Feb. 2—Miss Gregg.
9—Miss Gebhart.
16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Miss Gebhart.

Mar. 2—Miss Sarah Eisenbrey.
9—Mrs. Barclay.
16—Mrs. Sheble.
23—Dr. Grammer.
30—Mrs. Higham.

Apr. 6—Mrs. Sheble.
13—Palm Sunday—Mothers' Meeting.
17—Maundy Thursday—Mrs. Lamb.
20—Easter.
27—Miss Tappen.

May 4—Mrs. Woodward.
11—Miss Townsend.
18—Mrs. Higham.
25—Mrs. Woodward.
29—Ascension Day—Mrs. Lamb.

June 1—Mrs. Clarence K. Klink.
8—Miss Mary Roberts.
15—Miss Gebhart.
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29—Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell.

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13—Mr. Kevin.
20—Mrs. Charles E. Campbell.
July 27—In Memory of the Rev. Thomas A. Fernley.

Aug. 3—
10—Mrs. Love.
17—
24—Miss Ewing.
31—Miss Laura Bell.

Sept. 7—Miss Powell.
14—Mrs. Sheble.
21—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
28—Mrs. Lamb.

Oct. 5—Miss Laura Bell.
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Nov. 1—All Saints' Day—Mr. James Arrison, 3rd.
2—Girls' Friendly Society.
9—Miss Mary DeH. Bright.
16—Miss Eisenbrey.
23—In memory of Edith H. Leithead.
30—Mrs. Sheble.

Dec. 7—Misses Davis.
14—Miss Ewing.
21—Miss Ewing.
25—Christmas.
28—Miss Emily Bell.

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
10.30 A. M.—Thanksgiving Day.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

October 22—Joseph Rockhill Clair and Elizabeth L. Llewellyn.

Holy Baptism

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

October 12—Lena Frances Marbet.

Christian Burial

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

June 20—Margarita E. Kuhn.
July 21—Henry W. Green.
Aug. 5—Grace Elsie Traul.
Aug. 13—Mabel H. Watson.
Sept. 4—James Mayne.
Oct. 6—Miriam Douglass Thropp.
Oct. 8—Charles Pemberton Pleasants.
Oct. 11—Yanka Ferenczy Graham.
Oct. 22—Sarah Kinsley.

Without the sustaining influence of faith in a divine power, we could have little faith in ourselves. We need to feel that behind us are intelligence and love. Doubters do not achieve. Skeptics do not contribute, cynics do not create. Faith is the great motive power and no man realizes his full possibilities unless he has a deep conviction that life is eternally important and that his work, well done, is a part of an unending plan.—Calvin Coolidge.

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Foreign Missions	.55	
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Woman's Auxiliary	44.45	
		$778.08
		$864.18

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Community House Debt	.40
Diocesan Missions	.15
Foreign Missions	.55
Colored Missions	.20
Missionary Box	7.15
Indian Missions	10.95
Chancel Decorations	.10
Deaconess House	.10
Woman's Auxiliary	44.45
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Ella Headman,
Treasurer.

The women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania are urged to attend the Annual Devotional Day Services of the Woman's Auxiliary, to be held in Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, 22nd and Spruce Streets, on Tuesday, November 25th.

Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M., followed by address by the Rev. T. A. Conover, of Bernardsville, N. J. Luncheon at 12.45 P. M. Afternoon service and meditations from 1.45 until 3.00 P. M. Please bring box luncheon with you.

Your committee thinks that Mr. Conover can give us the ideal of worship and service which will help us all in our work for Christ.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

How mysterious and wonderful is philosophy. It differs as much from knowledge as a plant differs from the soil. It is knowledge organized so as to produce results, to serve as a guide or set a program. A man's philosophy is the organizing principle of his life. For this reason there is nothing so important as the formation of a correct philosophy; nothing so dangerous as sophistry that is a specious but misleading philosophy.

In my judgment we had a remarkable specimen of misleading philosophy at the dinner of the Synod of the Province of Washington on Tuesday, October 21st, when the Church was admonished to keep away from political and social questions on the ground that the redemption of the individual was the Church's supreme task, a task of such an absorbing and unique character, that it must necessarily exclude other more mundane interests and shut out especially the affairs of State. This neglect of the State was given additional justification by an extraordinary definition of the State. St. Paul regarded the State as a Divine agency, but the orator of the banquet defined the State as an organization having as its primary function antagonism to other States. Aristotle thought of the State as an association for mutual benefit and suggested that no City or State should be too large for all the citizens to hear the voice of the herald. Mutual aid was the great Pagan's philosophy of the State: a divine agent of justice was the Apostle's theory of the State; an organized hostility was the post-prandial orator's theory.

As we heard this crude philosophy we understood how it was that the speaker had been one of the outstanding foes of the adherence of the United States to the League of Nations; a union of essentially repugnant factors would be as disastrous as tying together a dog and a cat, as futile as bad logic.

But we cannot accept such a philosophy for a moment. In the first place the speaker transgressed his own canon. If the affairs of the State are no concern of the Church, then he ought not to have spent any time in laying down a philosophy of the State. It was as much out of place as a discussion on heat. In the second place such a philosophy is sharply contradicted by the facts of life. The States in the American union neither now, nor as Colonies were organized against one another. The United States are not organized against Canada, or against England. Separate organizations are not necessarily or essentially hostile to one another. Thirdly, the speaker was not in harmony with his conduct on former occasions. At the General Convention at Richmond in 1907 he ardently advocated the Convention's protesting against a proposed tariff upon cotton goods manufactured in the Philippines as injurious to the welfare of a people who are our wards.

The great trouble in much philosophizing of the kind to which we were treated at that dinner is that while it purports to be a theory gathered from a survey of the Universe it is selected, because it is the road to a desired goal. The goal in this case clearly was that the Church should keep out of the burning question of Prohibition. Already the great Protestant Churches have come out strongly in favor of the "noble experiment." While it has not been as unqualified a success as we had over-optimistically hoped; still it has been an unspeakable blessing to the country. The people who deprecate the lawlessness of bootleggers and their patrons are not conspicuous for their zeal for law-enforcement. The philosophy of selective obedience which they proclaim would undermine all government.

The Churches with a progressive morality, the Churches of the Reformation, are convinced that they cannot consistently pray "Thy Kingdom come," and remain indifferent to the effort to expel from Society one of the worst foes of that kingdom.

Their instinct is sound. Alcohol, that insidious habit-forming drug, in spite of the glamour that has gathered around it from its use in social functions, is one of the worst foes of mankind. The facts of life are too much for this wire-drawn theorizing. The true liberals are not those who would perpetuate and protect the traffic in an enslaving and debasing drug; but those who would free mankind from this slavery.

Just as Stephen A. Douglas defended the permission for Slavery to go into the territories in the name of liberty on the ground of leaving the squatters free to decide the matter, so the people who advocate the letting down of bars to liquor proclaim themselves liberals today.

In both cases this pseudo-liberalism extends the dominions of slavery. It is as true of alcohol as it was of slavery, that it must be nationally controlled, and that as freedom could not permanently co-exist with slavery, so the States that desire prohibition, the majority of our Union be it noted, cannot continue to enjoy that blessing, if they are surrounded, or have interspersed among them States that permit its manufacture and sale. It is a national question, a question fraught with momentous issues, and so a moral question which the Christian cannot avoid considering and in whose consideration he is entitled to the guidance of his church and of his minister.

While looking at the books in the window of a second-hand book store a few days ago, I was invited in by the proprietor. "Why do we not hear from you on the political situation?" he asked. "I have been expecting a letter from you in the papers." I explained that I could not get my letters published. "Well," he exclaimed, "here is a sermon delivered on November 6th, 1864, just before the second election of Abraham Lincoln that met with such approval that it was published by request." Glad to find such good precedent for a minister's participation in governmental questions, I bought the sermon. Here is a pertinent quotation:

"Ever and anon, some billow of our tempest-tossed ocean, surging to an unwonted height, bears aloft the ship of State far above the level of considerations merely political, into the purer region of Christian morals. At such times when the Almighty visibly makes bare His arm and the nation passes through some sublime moral crisis, that minister is false to his trust, as the prophet or spokesman of God, who does not seize the occasion and turn it to a religious use. Such an occasion, I solemnly believe, is the approaching Presidential election." Such an occasion I believe is the approaching November election in Pennsylvania.

Here is the preacher's view of Civil government. After quoting a number of texts he says: "We see, then, what the scriptural teaching concerning Civil Government is. It teaches us to accept government as a Divine fact, which exists as soon as and wherever men exist. There never has been a nation so degraded that it had no government. There has never been a nation so advanced that it intentionally based its government on the idea of Social contract except as a figment of law. Men never have lived, and men never will live and this simply because men never can live, without government.

We shall never be able to trace the origin or basis of Civil government further back than was done more than two thousand years ago, by the great philosopher of Stagira: "It is manifest," says Aristotle, "that the State is one of the things that exist by nature and that man in virtue of his very being is a political animal."

There we have, indeed, a solid philosophy of the State. According to Aristotle it is a product of nature, and according to St. Paul a Divine Ordinance. That sermon is a noble memorial of great days. I do not wonder that Philadelphia should remember with gratitude and reverence, George Dana Boardman, its author.

An additional reason for writing on this subject in the Parish News, is our inability to get a fair hearing in the newspapers. Prohibition was brought to pass without their aid, and its perpetuation will be without their assistance.

Vain have been my efforts to get a modest letter into their columns. Moreover if such letters are published, there is often appended some critical comment or prefixed some unhelpful caption. This boasted liberal movement does not foster that most basic of all principles of liberality, the freedom of the press.

One of the great moral principles involved in the government of our States and Cities under modern conditions is the necessity of preventing the heads of great utility corporations from dominating our politics, and in this way standing on both sides of the question when the State is legislating with regard to such corporations. The Courts pronounced strongly on the wrong done to Philadelphia in some contracts where the politicians who let out the contracts were the creatures of the head of the Corporation with which the bargain was made, and where the bonding company that guaranteed adequate performance had at its head a leading official of the City who thus had every inducement to refrain from penalizing the contractor for imperfect work, since the

loss would have to be made good by his company. It seems to me a fundamental policy of good government and a basic principle of morals that the heads of these great corporations should not be leading politicians.

I wrote a letter on the subject and submitted it to an eminent lawyer in New York who pronounced it sane and well-balanced. But I could not get it published in a single paper in Philadelphia, though I sent it to four.

If it were not for the church papers and little parish and local papers, I do not know how this side of the question could be presented. The separation of politics from these influences is in the interest both of politics and business. Nothing does so much to foster the destructive and Bolshevistic forces at work among us as signs of the domination of politics by the heads of great utility corporations. He is the true conservative, who limits such activities.

We have two months now in which to make up the amount that we told the Diocese might be expected of us. These are hard times for many people and among the sufferers are our missionaries and agents. Let us not begin our economies with our charities but with our luxuries. Now is the time to do all that we can for the Welfare Organization and the Envelope System.

When I first came to Philadelphia I heard that a small group of people did all the giving, the same names appearing again and again in the lists of contributors to all the great charities. The Welfare Society was organized to bring in more people. It has been a great success and is entitled to our hearty support. Now is the time to practice some self-denial, not to add lustre to our crown, a selfish motive in the medieval system of charity, but in order to help our less fortunate brethren. He that seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him.

My theory of the State being larger than the theory that it is an organized antagonism to other nations, I am in favor of an appropriation of $300,000 by Philadelphia for the unemployed. This is the amount asked for by well-informed social workers.

We should be in line with our sister cities in making such provision. The world is not so organized now, that if a man is willing and able to work he can always find a job. That is the ideal. It ought to be striven for, but in the meantime worthy and unfortunate people must not be allowed to starve.

The congregation will be interested to know that our Sunday School is doing good work under an efficient band of teachers, and has grown in numbers. There are also a number of new members of the Girls' Friendly Society. This Society has its annual Corporate Communion on Nov. 2nd. According to its custom the flowers on the Altar are in memory of its beloved Secretary for so many years, Miss Maria Wilkins, and an Associate, Mrs. Louis Hall.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The Woman's Auxiliary

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the season of 1930-1931 was held October 16th, preceded by a corporate communion in the church.

Miss Bell was in the chair, and Dr. Grammer was present to hear reports of the various committees and talk over plans for the new work.

It was with deep regret that the members accepted Miss Bright's resignation of the treasurership of the United Thank Offering, on account of illnesss.

The Indian's Hope of the diocese has undertaken as a "special" the task of raising $1200 with which to lay pipe lines for running water at the Shoshone Indian School at Wind River, Wyoming.

Miss Roberts would like more magazine subscriptions for her very useful work in the Church Periodical Club.

The Woman's Aid of the Northern Convocation cleared $1445 at the annual garden party at Wyck.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Thursday, November 20th.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

The Misses Charlton, 4708 Chester Avenue, West Philadelphia, have five rooms to rent with or without board.

OUR MEMORIALS

(Continued)

Under Dr. Ducachet's successor, Dr. Rudder, the congregation grew so large that the north transept was added. At the same time the whole Church was decorated by Mr. Frank Furness, of Philadelphia.

In the summer of 1909, chiefly through the liberality of Miss Julia Garrett, this decoration was restored. The color scheme was rich and unusual, and set off admirably the pure beauty of the memorial marbles and the stately reredos with its brilliant mosaic-picture. A handsome brass and marble tablet on the south wall commemorates Dr. Rudder's great ministry.

He was succeeded by Dr. S. D. McConnell, under whom the Parish House next to the Church was built on the site of an old graveyard. The tombstones are preserved in the pavement of the cloister. One of the most interesting tablets is let into the wall just outside the door, and commemorates three medical students from the south, who died in Philadelphia, A. D. 1825, while pursuing their studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1889 the Venetian mosaic of The Last Supper was presented to the Church by the children of Mrs. James Magee, in memory of their mother. It was made from cartoons drawn by Henry Holiday, of London, and was executed under his own supervision, partly by workmen of Salviati in Venice, and partly by Mr. and Mrs. Holiday's own hands. All the heads were executed by Mr. and Mrs. Holiday. It contains upwards of 180,000 pieces, and has a surface of sixty square feet. It was a showpiece at a garden fete in London, where Mr. Gladstone was a guest, and he made an address of an hour upon it.

Mr. Holiday attained fame both as a painter and a sculptor. His pictures have been exhibited chiefly in the Grosvenor Gallery, London, and his statue "Sleep," and two bas-reliefs, one a Biblical subject "Jacob's Ladder," may be seen in the Royal Academy.

There is a picture of Mr. Holiday in his studio amid his statuary in the life of Lewis Carroll, whose poem "The Hunting of the Snark," this versatile artist illustrated with sympathetic humor.

The stone reredos ordered by the Vestry as a fit setting for this mosaic altar picture was after a design by Mr. George C. Mason, Jr., the architect of the Parish House.

Other memorials given by the children of James Magee, for many years a vestryman of the Parish, are: the large double window in memory of their father, in the transept, also by Holiday, the upper portion representing Eliezer, the faithful steward, and Rebekah at the well, and the lower part portraying Abraham entertaining three angels; the tablet to John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, on the west wall of the transept; and the new organ which was given Easter, 1907, in memory of Eliza J. Magee, by her brothers and sisters.

This great instrument, one of the largest in the city, was built from a scheme prepared by Dr. D. D. Wood, in consultation with the builder, C. T. Haskell, of Philadelphia, and has been universally admired by music-loving critics. The pipes were voiced in the building when they were to be played, an unusual and most admirable procedure, and the result has been a sweetness and just proportion of tone that reflect accurately the personality of the master who designed it and played it. It is of four manuals and pedals, and has sixty-seven speaking stops, beside fifty mechanical stops and accessories. Its echo organ is located about one hundred feet away from the main organ, in the loft over the chancel. The main organ weighs about ten tons, and is enclosed in a case of black walnut, thirty-three feet long by eighteen feet deep, with a front of one hundred and thirty-three pipes decorated in old gold. The total number of the speaking pipes is 4,218. They range in length from sixteen feet to half an inch, and their combined length would reach four miles. Their cross sections vary from four hundred square inches to nine two hundred and fifty-sixths (9/256) of a square inch, that is to say three sixteenths of an inch square.

The action is electro-pneumatic, and the organ contains five hundred and sixty electro-magnets which, together with the cables connecting the various parts, required about twenty-five miles of wire for their construction.

The entire vestry has pledged itself to attend church every Sunday for a year, in Grace Church, Glendora, California.

Girls' Friendly Society

A talk by Dr. Wm. H. Moore on "Better Water for Philadelphia," will be given on November 3rd, to the Girls' Friendly Society, at 8 P. M. Members of the congregation who would care to come, will be welcome. There will be a silver offering.

A Rummage Sale will be given on Saturday, November 15th, in the Community House, 11 A. M. to 3 P. M., by the G. F. S. Any donations of clothing or articles for sale would be greatly appreciated.

Benevolent Society

Benevolent Society meets every Wednesday morning from 10 A. M. to 12 noon. The members of the congregation are invited to come in any Wednesday morning and see the good work that is being done.

Down in Virginia people walked five and six miles over rough mountain roads to attend the Church Army Mission. One man walked three miles every night, with a crutch. It was fourteen years since he had been to church; he had not thought, he said, that there was so much in religion.

Development would seem intolerably slow to those who live where the Church is well established and is accepted as a religious force, but here where prejudice, often of the bitterest kind, must be overcome, where resources are limited and endless patience with small things is required, we welcome all signs of growing strength and of more settled conditions of Church life.—From a Mid-Western Diocese.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Nov. 13—William Richard Engfield, Jr.
Nov. 18—Elizabeth Hazlett Kevin.

The Girls' Friendly Society

The Girls' Friendly thanks the members of the congregation for sending rummage for their sale, the proceeds of which will probably amount to $80.

The members also express their appreciation for the furniture on the third floor and want to thank Mr. Fisher for his interest in the matter.

We had a pleasant evening hearing about the G. F. S. Conference in Chicago from the Diocesan President, Miss Maule, and our own President, Miss Moore, and Miss Daley and Mrs. Wood, all of whom attended and brought us such interesting reports.

Our next big event is the Annual Christmas Sale and Supper, to be held in the Auditorium on Monday, Dec. 8th. Supper will be served from 5.30 to 7 P. M. The price of the supper is 75 cents. We are planning for a good number. Tickets may be secured from the office or from any of the members.

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Charities	$75.31
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Missions	349.62
Theological Education	3.50
Benevolent Society	2.15
Episcopal Hospital	5.20
Domestic Missions	4.40
Community House Debt	5.50
Diocesan Missions	.50
Foreign Missions	.50
Colored Missions	.50
Missionary Box	4.55
Indian Missions	4.10
Deaconess House	1.60
Woman's Auxiliary	17.80
	$584.08

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Parish Visitor thanks all those who responded so generously to Dr. Grammer's appeal for partly worn clothing. Now that winter is here, there is a continual demand for warm underwear. An 86-year-old man needs a winter overcoat, size 42 or 44. Another man, the father of 12, needs everything and so do the children. Packages, addressed to Parish Visitor, may be left at Community House or Parish House.

I. W. Higham,

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Most gratifying and heartening was the celebration of my completion of 25 years as your Rector. My own purpose was to ignore this flight of time. But it was very pleasant to find that the congregation had spontaneously resolved otherwise.

The committee in charge, of which Miss Laura Bell was chairman, managed everything very cleverly—not till within a few days beforehand had I the slightest inkling of the conspiracy.

Mrs. Grammer and I were delighted to find so many at the reception. Bishop Garland's gracious words were deeply appreciated. My reply was entirely spontaneous, and I have no notes of what I said. Yet for the sake of those who were not present, I will endeavor to recall the substance of it.

After thanking the Bishop for his presence and words of praise, I confessed that I was somewhat overcome. I felt like the traveler in Uhland's poem who insisted on paying triple fare at a ferry, since invisible friends had crossed over with him. Many invisible parishioners attended this reception. Never could I forget those who first welcomed me and my family when we came out of the sociable South to this more formal City and gave us in addition to their loyalty as parishioners, the support of their friendship. Dr. and Mrs. Weir Mitchell, Mr. George L. Crawford, Miss Wilkins and Miss Washington, Mrs. H. P. Taylor, Louise Betts Edwards and Charles McKeehan and others too numerous to mention. Our supreme helpers at that crisis were undoubtedly Mr. Hunter Ewing and Miss Cornelia Ewing. I do not believe that I could have weathered those trying days without their aid.

As I had spoken recently at the unveiling of her memorial window of our great debt to Miss Anna Magee, I passed over her and referred to the great work done for enlisted men during the World War. Here the preeminent figure was Howard Reifsnyder. Never could we forget his devotion, generosity and tender interest in the welfare of others. With Mr. H. Barton and others standing beside him, he was the great dynamo in all that work. Widely was he loved and greatly has he been missed.

I did not venture to mention the names of the living friends some of whom belonged to the band who welcomed us, loyal parishioners through all these years, and others, brave souls who have joined us in this down-town Church and helped us in its numerous fields of service. Their friendship makes us feel rich indeed.

I felt confident that those who know me, do not imagine that my lack of emphasis upon the peculiar features of the Protestant Episcopal Church is due to lack of appreciation of them. As the son of an Episcopal minister and the grandson of an Episcopal minister, I am a living embodiment of our Church's traditions and influences. The combined years of my father's ministry and mine are over 90 years and if I added my grandfather Sparrow's ministry, the total would be 138. Dr. Sparrow was ordained in 1826. The peculiar features of our Church are not peculiar to me. I take them naturally. Dear as they are, I appreciate that the power of God unto salvation lies not in these peculiarities; but in the everlasting Gospel, the common possession of all Christians.

Such an occasion made me realize my blessings. I have a bishop who is both a friend and an admired leader, a warmhearted and constant congregation, an efficient and harmonious staff, a congenial and able assistant, a loyal vestry. Nor could I fail to mention, on such on occasion when she was a participator with me in these honors, my brave and idealistic wife, who ever sustained me by her courage, spirit and example. Best of all, I felt that God had as years passed, drawn nearer to me. Never a mere tradition, always more than a working hypothesis, or a philosophical conclusion, He had, as I approached Him in prayer, as I read the life and teachings of His Son, as I worked for His Kingdom, become more and more the supreme reality—a reality and a passion. Never had I felt that religion was so important, and that I had so much of a message.

The evening was brightened by two musical selections by Miss Manning of the Choir and closed with light refreshments. The company remained together till nearly 11 o'clock. In spite of the fact that there was a great Town meeting on the same night, and the secrecy of the arrangements (for it was intended as a surprise), the attendance of 178 was gratifyingly large and quite representative of the congregation.

At the reception nothing was said of any presents. Gifts have, however, appeared at the rectory—not only flowers, but also a handsome light for the study and a splendid Encyclopaedia Britannica, the 14th Edition. The Ninth Edition was on my shelves; but it is quite out of date and also outworn and this new edition is greatly appreciated. I can hardly keep away from it—always a great user of Cyclopaedias, with a special devotion to maps, I have now an additional interest in looking up the new historical appraisements. It thrills me to find my heroes exalted, and to see the imposters, selfish time-servers stripped of their peacock-feathers and shown as the daws they were. I have in this great library, not only a thesaurus of learning and exact information, but also an unfailing delight.

Not content with these fine gifts the congregation has since sent us a handsome purse. Certainly our cup is filled to the brim and runneth over. Such a generous recognition of the Past will be a great inspiration for the Future.

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Let me say a final word about our Expectation of $6,000, the amount that we promised to contribute to the Diocese and General Church. I can see from the packages of envelopes that are filling the collection plates on Sunday, that the Envelope-takers are sending in their back envelopes. We still have about $2,500 to raise. I have a good hope that in November nearly half of this came in and that with the aid of the Christmas collection we shall raise the rest in December. These hard times call for an increase of generosity. Let us add to our Christmas pleasures the joy of unselfish giving—of giving outside of our family, outside of the circle which repays us in gratitude and friendship, and give to the strangers, the needy and especially to those who are poor because they are living to help others.

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In our giving and planning let us not forget the Christmas baskets. This custom of giving out bountiful baskets to the poor has prevailed at St. Stephen's for more than a quarter of a century and I know not how much longer. Consecrated by time, it is also cherished because of its wonderful helpfulness. No one is injured by special gifts at Christmas. By the distribution of the dinners in baskets the recipients can enjoy their Christmas dinners in the privacy of their own home and without being exhibited as objects of charity. Not for years has this benevolence been so much needed. It will be difficult to keep up our standard, now that we have lost such generous givers as Mr. Clement Restein, who always donated a barrel of turkeys, and Mr. Howard Reifsnyder; but we can do our best. I am asking Mrs. Higham to take the usual safeguards, that our gifts do not overlap the gifts of similar agencies. We can count on her discretion and good sense, to see that our gifts are wisely bestowed.

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Superficial and frivolous people are largely governed by words. For example, I often hear young people who have thrown over the principles of their parents, speak of themselves as "Emancipated." It is such a splendid achievement to be free from bondage and enter into a larger liberty that I have examined with care this new "emancipation." To me it looks astonishingly like slavery. I notice these emancipated people are absolute slaves of fashion. They may not like tobacco, especially if they are girls and young women, who would really prefer to keep their mouths clean, their breath pure and their complexions fresh, but they feel obliged to smoke. All the others do it and these emancipated people can't differ from the crowd. They may know that liquor has to be bought, if it is to be much used socially and that its purchase must breed bootleggers and racketeers and encourage lawbreaking—not to speak of other aspects of drinking—but they do not feel free to refuse to take a cocktail, if the host is serving drinks.

They may know that gambling is a passion that has wrecked many a life and introduces into social intercourse a fierce element of competition and covetousness, but they are ashamed to refuse to play for stakes. Strangely like the members of a chain-gang are these emancipated people. They have to keep step; they dare not break the ranks.

They may joke about the timid subservience of those who stand by ancestral

principles; but they themselves are afraid to profess a principle. If they don't smoke, it is not because they dislike the practice, but because it disagrees with them. If they don't take a cocktail, again they must elaborately explain that principle does not enter in; it is their defect of vitality or unfortunate idiosyncracy. If they do not play for a stake, it is, of course, for no puritanical scruple, but simply because they have no head for cards.

They will be fortunate, if their excuses are accepted. For there is an extraordinary amount of tyranny among these emancipated. The hostess is so apt to frown and say, "Don't be a spoil-sport," or the host to exclaim, "You mustn't queer my party." Their boasted emancipation looks much like the slavery of fashion and the fear of man that bringeth a snare.

These emancipated people remind me of the fable of Aesop. The sleek and comfortable dog, who was chained all night, almost persuaded the unowned dog, that he was as free as he, until the free dog happened to spy around his neck the marks of a collar.

These emancipated people talk big of their freedom, but I see the unmistakable marks of the collar. They are fashion's slaves. They do not dare to stand alone.

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I hope the members of St. Stephen's at this time of social festivities will remember that Christianity must not be left out of our Social life. We cannot be free or living the Christian life if we have to leave our principles behind when we are having a good time.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

A Pastoral Letter

This title is usually given to a communication from a Bishop to his Diocese. But it seems to me equally applicable to a letter from a pastor to his flock. I am much occupied in this last month of the Church's fiscal year in gathering your contributions for various good causes. I can see from the way the packages of envelopes are piling the offertory plates, that this responsibility is on your minds. These are the objects we agreed to support and the amount we promised.

We promised a total of $6,000, of which we designated for:

		$6,000
Boone University, Wuchang	$500	
Training Bible Women, Hankow	400	
St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo	250	
St. Margaret's School, Tokyo	250	
Indian Work, South Dakota, Bishop Tyler	500	
Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Arizona	500	
Our Episcopal Hospital	1,000	
		$3,400

We intended to pay the salary of Mr. Donovan, our Missionary, $1,320. As he did not return, we only contributed to his salary for a part of the year, till he was dropped. The balance of the $2,600 promised will be spent for the Mission work of the Church at the discretion of the Board.

The report from the Church House is that we have contributed:

Thus far	$3,945.49
The Thanksgiving Offering will be at least	600.00
Total	$4,545.49
We still have the offerings of Nov. 30th and the December Sundays and Christmas Day to raise	$1,454.51

With a pull all together we can make it. Who will help?

The Church's work is planned on the faith that these expectations will be fulfilled.

Yours cordially,
Carl E. Grammer.

The Reifsnyder Memorial

A bed in the Episcopal Hospital having been endowed by the friends of the late Howard Reifsnyder, a tablet to his memory has been placed on the wall of one of the Hospital's main corridors, which will be unveiled on Sunday afternoon, December 21st, at half-past three o'clock, with appropriate exercises.

Mr. Reifsnyder's friends are invited to attend and it is particularly desired that the contributors to this memorial to a most affectionate and generous giver, should grace the occasion by their presence,

The tablet will be unveiled by Mr. Reifsnyder's grandsons.

Wm. A. Longshore	Robert M. Coyle
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Chairman.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The guest speaker at the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was Bishop Jenkins, of Nevada.

He has a territory more than twice the size of Pennsylvania, with no railroads running north and south, and not very many automobile roads.

Notwithstanding all this, Bishop Jenkins has made three trips this year, driving not less than twenty-five hundred miles each trip.

The towns are widely scattered and are of two kinds—new towns and old. Virginia City is an example of the old town. Once it was a mining town of 30,000 population, but now it has only 600.

In some of these old towns there stands a closed Episcopal Church.

Bishop Jenkins hopes to open them, and do something for the small population, for most of these towns have no other churches of any denomination.

In a few instances some loyal woman has opened a school or a Sabbath School to try to help hold a group together, and has succeeded so well it has made Bishop Jenkins wish for trained women workers. He would like to have three come to Nevada this year and more next year, if it is possible.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Thursday, December 18th.

Beulah E. Hollar, Sec'y.

Our Memorials
(Continued)

Besides these memorials, the Church contains the window, by Tiffany, in memory of Albert Pancoast, representing Christ in the garden among the lilies, the only flower He mentions in the Evangels, and the accepted symbol of the resurrection-purity, the gift of Mrs. Albert Pancoast and her daughters; the double window in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Griffith; and the memorial window in the transept, in which is depicted in the golden after-glow of a cloudless and serene sunset "the faithful witness in heaven" of Psalm 89, verse 37, a memorial to Henrietta Constantia Wilkins, by her niece, Miss M. S. Wilkins.

The artist and maker was Maitland Armstrong, of New York. The window in memory of Mrs. Eliza Graham McDowell, from her husband, J. Austin McDowell, is a copy of a picture by Axel Ender, which hangs over the altar of a church in Molde, Northern Norway. The angelic visitant sits light as a bird on the edge of the tomb, and the wings are partly unfolded as if to steady the figure from swaying backward. On the eastern wall, near the reredos, and facing the pew where the Cadwaladers have sat for generations, is one of the masterpieces of St. Gaudens, our greatest American sculptor, a memorial to Maria Gouverneur Mitchell, the daughter of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, and Mrs. Mary Cadwalader Mitchell, who consecrated much of her young life to the service of others in the Sunday School and charities of St. Stephen's, and in the duties incident to her official position in the Church's organizations.

The commission was given to St. Gaudens by Mrs. Mitchell, and the great sculptor, out of his strong sympathy for his bereaved friends, since he had a friendship of many years' standing with Dr. Mitchell, stopped all his other work to design this monument. It is generally spoken of as a modification of St. Gaudens' figure "Amor, Caritas" in the possession of the French Government, and now at the Luxembourg; but this is incorrect, for the pose, the expression, and the flowers are all different, and the artistic conceptions are diverse. St. Gaudens expressed himself as considering this figure, "The Angel of Purity." This exquisite memorial was given during the rectorship of Dr. Elwood Worcester, who succeeded Dr. McConnell in 1896.

After Dr. Worcester went to Emmanuel Church, Boston, he was succeeded by Dr. Grammer, the present rector, in October, 1905, who by a remarkable coincidence was called from the rectorship of the same church, Christ Church, Norfolk, of which Dr. Ducachet was rector just before he came to St. Stephen's.

On the walls are also tablets in memory of Crawford Arnold, some time vestryman of St. Stephen's, and of Ellicott McConnell, a son of the former rector. There is a plate in the transept marking the vault of the Watson family. A tablet placed in the Church was given by Miss Josephine Lewis as a memorial to her sister, Mrs. Juliet Hamersly Lewis Campbell, in whose memory an endowment fund was also given by the same donor for the relief of special cases

of distress. The brass pulpit was one of the first brass pulpits erected in Philadelphia; and was considered a great innovation in its day. In the front vestibule is a tablet in memory of William Brown, for thirty-seven years a bellringer in the Church.

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer,
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile;
"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar, now two, only two,
Two dollars and who'll make it three?
Three dollars once, three dollars twice,
Going for three, but no,
From the room far back, a gray haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up all the strings
He played a melody pure and sweet
As sweet as an Angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.
A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two,
Two thousand dollars, and who'll make it two,
Two thousand, and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once, three thousand twice
And going and gone, said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried
"We do not quite understand—
What changed its worth?" swift came the reply,
The touch of a master's hand.

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and torn with Sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like the old violin.
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,
A game, and he travels on.
He is going once, and going twice,
He's going and almost gone.
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand,
The worth of a Soul and the change that's wrought
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I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Dec. 21—Edward Philip Schulgen.

MARRIAGE

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 23—John Lawrence Pryor and Emma H. Marbet.

BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Dec. 26—Mary A. Wareham.

The Woman's Auxiliary

On account of the busy season the December meeting is frequently not very well attended, so Miss Bell does not provide a guest speaker.

The delegate members had full reports and plans were made to try to fill apportionments in the various missionary committees.

Mrs. Reath, chairman of the Missionary Box Committee, has sent money for suits and underwear for two mission workers in the West. A new camera is to be sent to an Indian worker, and Mrs. Higham was given $50.00 for her work—all from the Missionary Box Fund.

Miss Roberts sent four boxes of toys and books to St. Andrew's Mission, Harper's Ferry, and a box to a family of nine in South Carolina.

Mrs. Cooper has received $104.00 for the United Thank Offering from fourteen contributors. She now has a total of $112.99.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held January 15th.

Beulah E. Hollar, Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 16 NOV. TO 14 DEC., 1930, INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$14.22	
Missions	50.81	
Episcopal Hospital	26.44	
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Episcopal Hospital	578.20
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Community House Debt	13.85
Diocesan Missions	.25
Colored Missions	.15
Missionary Box	2.10
Indian Missions	3.60
Deaconess House	52.10
Woman's Auxiliary	10.45
	$1,272.50
	$1,381.95

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$101.55
Parochial Maintenance	124.45
Missions	441.43
Theological Education	3.20
Benevolent Society	1.85
Episcopal Hospital	604.64
Domestic Missions	4.35
Community House Debt	13.85
Diocesan Missions	.25
Colored Missions	.15
Missionary Box	2.10
Indian Missions	3.60
Deaconess House	70.08
Woman's Auxiliary	10.45
	$1,381.95

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

Word was received from Bishop Thomas in Southern Brazil, that the Church's mission has not suffered in recent revolutionary troubles in that land, and the bishop believes the country will go forward in better conditions under the new regime.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

What better message can I bring you for the New Year than this message with which Carlyle closed his celebrated address to the students of the University of Edinboro. His election as rector of that famous university was felt to be a supreme honor by the great Scotch historian and essayist. So in spite of ill health, he bade farewell in London to his gifted wife, whose purely negative and critical spirit did so much to deepen his own pessimism, and journeyed under the care of the great physicist Tyndall to the picturesque city, where he had studied as the undistinguished son of a poor Scotch stone-mason. All Great Britain wondered what the sage would say. It was well-known that no one took a gloomier view of modern tendencies in Church and State. He couldn't bear shovel-hats and despised democracy and parliaments. According to his view of things, civilization was going down the rapids and would soon go over Niagara. Such was his philosophy in general, but what was the upshot of it all? When at last he poured out his heart and looked down upon the fresh faces of the students, and felt the ardor of their young enthusiasm, when he realized the new life that was in them, pushing its way up in spite of all incumbrances, somehow he couldn't end pessimistically. His final word, he said, was the message that he had received from his Master, Goethe:

"We bid you hope."
Wir heissen euch hoffen.

Pessimism confronted with radiant youth fled ashamed away.

What other message can I bring you on the opening of the year? I who believe that the universe is not a wreck, drifting helplessly through the oceans of space and time, to go to pieces on some jagged reef, or to have all its voyagers die as the provisions are consumed; I who believe that behind all is God, over all is God, and working in and through all is God; that the universe is under control and that love and wisdom will overrule all the folly and wickedness of man.

If hope springing eternal in the human heart could make Matthew Arnold with his twilight faith sing:

The world's great era dawns again,
After long ages rude,
Divinlier imaged, clearer seen,
With happier zeal pursued,

how much more ought we to be hopeful, we who believe that God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all? Has he not given us the earnest of His spirit, that is to say, the pledge of better things in the gift of His spirit now?

When St. Paul assured his converts that nothing could come upon them that they would not be able to stand, he based his confidence on the nature of God. If the God of the prophets had proven a refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble, how much more could Christians trust in God, now that He had more fully revealed Himself in His Son!

Let us enter on the New Year in this confidence. Our Master overcame the world, even though it seemed to conquer. Faith, whether in garlands or in chains, is always moving on to victory. Surely Christ's victory through death teaches that.

We bid you hope.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The Septuagesima Conference will be resumed this year. It will open on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 3 P. M.

3.30 P. M.—A paper by Prof. Nash, of Cambridge, on "Christian Ethics and Modern Business."

Governor Pinchot has been invited to follow in a fifteen minute address.

8 P. M.—Dean Knudson, of Boston University, will read a paper on "Theism, Humanism and Crisis Theology."

Wednesday, February 4th, 10 A. M.—"Marriage: Its Social Purpose and Spiritual Function." Rev. Lester L. Riley.

"How Shall We Relate Our Loyalties?" Dr. Alex. G. Cummins.

12.30.—A Devotional Service.

1 P. M.—Luncheon by St. Stephen's to the registered attendants.

2 P. M.—Paper on "Some Needed Changes in Our Canons and Customs." Dr. Carl E. Grammer.

I call the attention of the congregation to the report of the Committee on Christmas Baskets. Surely that was a fine showing—108 baskets, eleven more than in 1929—containing ten dinners in each basket, 1080 dinners in all. The letters of thanks are pleasant reading. Here is an extract from one:

"Thanks to you and the very kind lady that gave me a Christmas basket of food for my four children and myself as we would have had nothing only for the basket."

An Interesting Testimony

December 29, 1930.

Dear Dr. Grammer:

Due to the unpropitious industrial conditions, now so widespread, the writer has found himself with an abundance of time on his hands, and has obtained much temporary comfort from attending the brief informal services held in your church. The opportunity for private prayer during the day and worth-while sermons are of much comfort to many of us who need **strength and courage** to help bear up.

This letter was prompted by Dr. Schaeffer's talk today on "What Do We Live By?" This sermon certainly was timely and seemed to fit in with my general condition to such an extent that I feel that at this time, more talks along this line might be of great benefit to others who are in the same position.

I am beginning to wonder if affliction is not a powerful force in bringing a man to his senses.

No Removal

It is unfortunate that in a post-prandial discussion of the future of the mid-City Churches it was not stated positively that St. Stephen's is rendering such efficient service that it will certainly remain where it is. The reports of that address (probably imperfect) have caused so many people to ask me whether there is any probability of our removal and merging with another Church, that I am afraid that the taking of envelopes may be interfered with, and the morale of the Congregation weakened, unless I make a frank and clear statement.

In my judgment there is not the faintest likelihood of any removal of St. Stephen's or of the merging of the mid-City Churches with their widely different types of Churchmanship into one Central Church.

St. Stephen's stands nearly at the centre of a circle of a diameter of two miles. It is about a mile away from Christ Church, St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, St. Clement's and St. Jude and The Nativity. As business continues to move westward, there is every reason to believe that a large population will continue to live near it. The new subways have made it increasingly accessible. Its large endowments and fine memorials were given to anchor it at the old stand, and to enable it to continue there. The congregation now worshipping in the Church recently built a costly Community House and paid $70,000 upon it, and fitted up a new rectory on Clinton Street to which Miss Anna Magee gave at my request $10,000 that the rector might live down town and near the Church.

Last year St. Stephen's contributed to outside causes nearly twice as much as it gave 27 years ago. Its Mothers' Meeting has 165 active members, a small church in itself. Its Girls' Friendly of over 90 is one of the largest and most active in the City, has National standing through Mrs. Wood's Song Book, and has recently gained more new members than it has acquired for years. All the Societies are flourishing. It has a troup of 40 Boy Scouts.

Its Sunday School of 100 is conducted on Modern lines. The Lenten Services are as successful as ever and its Daily Noonday Services have an average attendance of 245 weekly. Its Community House is in constant use. The position of the Church as a leading Liberal Church is well-established and its Septuagesima Conferences of the Liberal Clergy have an attendance of about 200. The elimination by a merger of such a Church is unthinkable. I hate to write anything that sounds like boasting; but there is a defeatist note in the suggestion of the possibility of our removal and I want the Congregation to know that I feel hopeful of the future. What is needed is a profounder realization of the important service that St. Stephen's is rendering to this City and to our whole Church.

Instead of considering the removal of the Church, people who believe in what St. Stephen's stands for, ought to ask themselves whether they ought not to attend a

Church which affords such a fine field for service. That is what St. Stephen's wants, workers in its vineyard—all around it the fields lie white for the harvest.

Carl E. Grammer.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1930, to January 1, 1931

Current periodicals sent regularly	70
Donors of above current periodicals	35
Prayer books and hymnals	23
Books, theological and secular	104
Odd magazines and papers	1010
Christmas and Easter cards	25
Picture cards and calendars	597
Pictures, games and miscellaneous	64
Number of institutions in Diocese aided	5

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance on hand	$36.91
Received from Rector	15.00
Received from Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Received from other sources	68.75
Total	$130.66

Expenditures

Postage and Stationery	$5.12
Freight and Express	2.74
Books and Subscriptions	56.25
Christmas Boxes	14.25
Annual Dues	10.00
Balance on Hand	42.30
Total	$130.66

MARY M. ROBERTS,
Librarian.

Miss Anna Magee's Gifts
(Our Memorials—Continued)

BY C. E. GRAMMER

The previous articles about the Memorials were taken from a little hand-book written by me about twenty years ago at the request of the Brotherhood. The congregation will be interested to learn of the later memorials and improvements. We will not follow the chronological order.

First in importance and in costliness were the splendid gifts of Miss Anna Magee. When I came to Philadelphia only two of the Magee family, Miss Fanny and Miss Eliza, were regular worshippers at St. Stephen's; Miss Anna went to Holy Trinity, Mr. James Magee to the Church of the Advocate, and Mr. Horace Magee only appeared at St. Stephen's on special occasions. Not long after my coming Miss Eliza Magee died. She was the first treasurer of the United Thank Offering, and a devoted member of the Church. In memory of her the family gave the Eliza Magee Memorial Organ, our present splendid instrument, which was "voiced" in the Church under Dr. David D. Wood's personal supervision and owes much to his exquisite taste and fine judgment.

Realizing Miss Fanny's loneliness in the family pew, and at my urging, Miss Anna returned to the family Church and took her place among us, to become eventually an assiduous collector for the United Thank Offering, of which she was the treasurer, and a regular worker in the Benevolent Society.

When Miss Fanny died, Miss Anna was the sole survivor of her family. Knowing that she had a large income from the estates of her brothers and sisters and as well as a large property of her own, I called on her one day and asked her to put in a memorial window above the reredos in memory of her sister Fanny. I told her frankly that I was afraid that the unmeaning window then there might be replaced by some memorial window, that would not harmonize with the exquisite Venetian Mosaic. I advised her to protect that memorial to her parents and enhance the beauty of the Chancel by a proper window. "But my sister Fanny did not want a memorial," she protested. "That was modest of her," I replied, "but you do not share that feeling, I am sure, for this Church was a central interest in your sister's life and she remembered it in her will." "How much would it cost?" asked Miss Anna. "About $7,000," I suggested, "Or $10,000." Said Miss Anna, "That was what the Halliday window cost." "Very probably," I assented. She smiled and said, "Very well, I turn it over to you."

Whereupon, as the World-War made it impossible to get in touch with the English glass-makers, whom Miss Anna preferred, I turned to the Tiffany studios. Their able manager, Mr. George, came down, with some plans along the line I suggested of a proper setting for the Mosaic. Miss Anna, Mr. George and myself met in the Church and considered these proposals.

As we stood there I realized vividly that now or never was the opportunity to enlarge and raise the Chancel. The old Chancel

was very small and the minister stood at morning and evening prayers close up to the pulpit, outside of the rail, only a shallow step above the floor of the Church, so low that he was invisible from the back of the Church, when the congregation stood up as at the reading of the Psalter. That the Magees might realize what a great improvement it would be to elevate the Chancel, some months before I had had a box placed in the chancel, (of course, suitably covered), and taken my stand upon it at a service and called the attention of the Congregation to the enhanced dignity that would be given to our worship, if the Chancel could be raised to that height. Miss Fanny was shocked and expressed her strong opposition. I found Miss Anna much more open-minded.

"Miss Anna," I said, as we stood there together, "if this window is put in now with the mosaic at this height, the Chancel can never be raised. This is our opportunity to give a new dignity to our worship and to make our services more effective. Let us tear away one pew all round, and raise the chancel two or three feet, at the same time raising the Mosaic. It is a much-needed improvement." Those were almost my exact words. I realized in some mysterious way that persuasion had gone out of me. Miss Anna waited a moment and then said decisively, "I will do it." I immediately tore up the sketch submitted by Mr. George and told him to work out a larger scheme. The result was the enlarged and elevated chancel, the new stone Communion table, pulpit, lectern and chancel furniture. The total cost was about $45,000. Miss Anna made a formal presentation at a great service and tasted the delights of generous giving. Of course, there were critics; people who thought Miss Anna ought not to erect a memorial during the war, who wanted Miss Anna to give her money according to their wishes and not according to her own judgment, who asked her why she didn't give us a new Sunday School building, thereby making it more difficult to interest her in that scheme when the necessity for a new building arose. We had at that time an unusual abundance of the people who trouble every parish more or less, who are prolific in criticism and in untimely and disturbing suggestions. Of course, we had the folk whose loyalty to the past, made them indifferent or irresponsive to the needs of the future.

Fortunately, the approval of the majority of the Parish was echoed and re-echoed by outsiders. Miss Anna began to realize her opportunity.

She began to help the Jefferson Hospital for which, with associated hospitals she did such fine things in her last will, a new happiness had come into her life. In a few years she drew me aside and handed me a check for $25,000, saying, "You did so well with the Chancel, I want you to make the rest of the Church to correspond. Ask the Vestry to give you a free hand, as they did with the Chancel." "I have no doubt the Vestry will do so," I replied. "But you are in the position of a woman who, pleased with a beautiful bonnet, has ordered a dress to match it. I know that $25,000 will not be enough." The upshot was that we acquired a new interior.

I copy here my statement in the booklet, published after the second presentation service:

The chief alterations were: Cutting back the south gallery to the line of the north gallery; closing the circular windows on either side of the reredos, the walls replastered and covered with canvas, a new baptistery of Champville marble, a screen of Champville marble and glass in place of the old wooden screen inside the front door. All the aisles and the vestibule were floored with Casota marble. New lanterns of Gothic design were hung all over the church. An elaborate and costly ventilating system was installed in the roof.

Later on Miss Magee gave me $20,000 to improve the exterior of the Church, and $10,000 towards the purchase of the rectory on Clinton Street.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the value of these improvements. The old church had been dark and miserably lighted and badly ventilated, since opening the windows let in all the dust and noises of the street. The total cost was $100,000.

When the Sunday School building burned down I went most reluctantly to her for aid. She said, "I am not going to build that building for you. People have told me that I ought to do it, but I won't." I repeat the conversation because I want it to be brought home to the congregation

how those self-appointed leaders, suggesters and critics embarrass the rector, the duly appointed Chief in his leadership. "I sympathize with you, Miss Anna," I answered, "in resenting this attempt at dictation to your generosity. But you have taught me to come to you with my problems. If I raise $20,000 in addition to the amount we have on hand, will you give me $20,000?" "I will," she said. "If I raise $30,000 will you give me $30,000?" "Yes," she said, "But not a cent more." I thanked her with the liveliest gratitude, and asked her to put it in a form that would bind her estate. She was always a person of prompt decision and a lively realization of the practical requirements of good business, and did so at once. The congregation made a heroic effort and as soon as the subscriptions for $30,000 were secured, Miss Anna paid her pledge. The result is our splendid Community House, the most costly structure erected by the Church, since its first foundation. I should not be surprised if its total cost of $100,000 did not exceed the original cost of building the Church.

In all Miss Magee gave me over $200,000 for the renovation and improvement of our equipment. It is good to know that she found great joy in this giving. Her memory is fittingly preserved in the last of our memorials, the beautiful window by Ascenzo, near the recumbent effigy of Col. Burd. She also left in her will $105,000 to our Endowment Fund to enable the Church of her love to do its needed work in the heart of a great City.

Christmas Basket Committee

Once more it is my pleasant duty to report on the work of the Christmas Basket Committee, and again I have found it as always in the past a real pleasure to work for the congregation of St. Stephen's Church. Your unfailing generosity makes work like this very easy for your committees.

Your committee distributed 108 Christmas baskets, most of them to families selected by Mrs. Higham, with a few others added from outside sources. We believe they are all worthy people and that your charity was not abused in any way.

In each basket we packed the following items:

2 4-lb. Roasting Chickens.
1 Mince Pie.
2 lbs. Sugar.
½ lb. Orange Pekoe Tea.
1 lb. Coffee.
5 lbs. Potatoes.
3 lbs. Onions.
6 Apples.
6 Oranges.

We could have packed more by using a little more money, but as it was, the baskets were so heavy that it was almost impossible to carry them without breaking the handles, and most of the people had to take the chickens out and carry them in one hand and the basket in the other.

In some of the baskets where a family was very large, an extra Mince Pie was placed, and I understand one widow with 14 children was given 3 chickens and 2 mince pies to help out, which was certainly a well-deserved tribute.

We started with a balance from last year of $206.93 and we have received contributions of $343.45.

Our payments were $388.75, which leaves a balance in the treasury of $161.63 to start next year.

The value of the baskets, including the mince pies was about $4.00. As it is one of my greatest pleasures each year to present the mince pies, I haven't included them in the account of cash received.

I want to express my thanks and appreciation of the work done by the other members of the committee, especially Mr. Fisher and Mr. Carrigan, and my very deep appreciation to all the members of the congregation for their very generous support.

Craig Atmore.

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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President—Miss Laura Bell.

Vice-President—Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath.

Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 439 Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill.

Treasurer—Mrs. Herman H. Birney, 4016 Chestnut Street.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN AUXILIARY

FOREIGN—Mrs. Craig Atmore, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Newlin.

DOMESTIC—Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. J. Wiley Christie.

COLORED MISSION—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Mrs. H. H. Birney, Miss Mary Page Grammer.

INDIAN HOPE—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Susan C. Thackara.

DIOCESAN—Miss Laura Bell, Miss Janet MacAlister.

TREASURER UNITED THANK OFFERING—Mrs. Frank G. Cooper.

ALTAR SOCIETY

President—The Rector.
Honorary Superintendent—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
Chancel Committee—Miss Elisenbrey, Miss Sarah Eisenbrey, Miss Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Mann, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara, Mrs. Clarence Klink, Mrs. John A. Crane, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss Anna Taggart, Miss Julia Polk.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Meets Monday Evening, 7.00 to 9.30.

Branch President—Miss Blanche Moore.
Branch Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

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Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Mrs. David D. Wood, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Blanche Moore.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Robert O. Kevin, *Superintendent*
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Miss Josephine Hecker, *Secretary*

TEACHERS

Miss Eleanor Eccles	Miss Marian von Kessler
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Miss Esther Hazlett	Mr. Richard Robinson
Mr. Alexander Whitney	Miss Margaret Kilpatrick
Miss Marian Brown	Mrs. Nellie Mearns

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WHATSOEVER CIRCLE

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

President—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
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Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 4310 Osage Ave.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

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President—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
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Secretary—Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Jr.
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Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETING

PARISH HOUSE

First Meeting, Thursday, November 6th, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—
Chairman and Treasurer—
Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Miss Mary Roberts

COMMUNITY HOUSE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Secretary—Mrs. Annabelle T. Ball.
Treasurer—Miss Bertha T. Walshe.
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper.
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Jan. 5—Sarah Myers.
Jan. 5—William Richard Engfield, Jr.

HOUSE INSIDE

I have a house inside of me,
A house that people never see;
It has a door through which none pass,
And windows, but they're not made of glass.
Sometimes I like to go inside
And hide and hide and hide and hide,
And doctor up my wounded pride,
When I've been treated rough outside.
And sometimes, when I've been to blame,
I go inside and blush for shame,
And get my mind in better frame,
And get my tongue and temper the same.
I meet my Heavenly Father there,
And He stoops down to hear my prayer.
To heal my wounds, and cure my care,
And make me strong to do and dare.
Then, after I am made quite strong,
And things are right that were all wrong
I go outside, where I belong,
And sing a new and happy song.
And then I hear the people say:
"You're blithe and bonny, good and gay."
It's just because I feel that way,
But they don't know the price I pay.
You have a house inside of you,
Where you can fight your battle through,
And God will tell you what to do,
And make your heart both strong and true,

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 21 DEC. TO END OF YEAR 1930

Offerings Placed in Alms Basins Exclusive of Envelope System:

Missions	$64.57	
Special Envelopes for Expectation	277.50	
		$342.07

ENVELOPES

Charities	$16.65	
Parochial Maintenance	57.60	
Missions	292.16	
Theological Education	2.44	
Our Work Among Young People	.12	
Benevolent Society	2.26	
Episcopal Hospital	2.00	
Domestic Missions	1.32	
Community House Debt	70.52	
Diocesan Missions	1.15	
Foreign Missions	1.15	
Colored Missions	.72	
Missionary Box	1.19	
Indian Missions	1.32	
Chancel Decorations	.50	
Deaconess House	14.70	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.17	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.12	
Red Cross (through Miss Walshe)	97.00	
		$567.09
		$909.16

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$16.65	
Parochial Maintenance	57.60	
Missions	634.23	
Theological Education	2.44	
Our Work Among Young People	.12	
Benevolent Society	2.26	
Episcopal Hospital	2.00	
Domestic Missions	1.32	
Community House Debt	70.52	
Diocesan Missions	1.15	
Foreign Missions	1.15	
Colored Missions	.72	
Missionary Box	1.19	
Indian Missions	1.32	
Chancel Decorations	.50	
Deaconess House	14.70	
Woman's Auxiliary	4.17	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.12	
Red Cross (through Miss Walshe)	97.00	
		$909.16

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

As the envelopes for Daily Vacation Bible School were discontinued in 1929, and those for Our Work Among Young People in 1930, the money that has come in for these purposes will be given to Missions.

The Boy Scout movement has been introduced among the prisoners in some of the jails in and around Madras, India, with fine effect, it is reported. There is at least one reform school in the United States where Scout work is done.

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENVELOPE SYSTEM, 1930

Offerings placed in Alms Basins, exclusive of Envelope system:

Charities	$205.45	
Missions	707.54	
Special for Mr. Donovan	102.00	
Theological Education	21.32	
Benevolent Society	20.98	
Episcopal Hospital	26.44	
Diocesan Missions	22.47	
Foreign Missions	16.15	
Colored Missions	8.49	
Missionary Box	36.44	
Indian Missions	7.32	
Chancel Decorations	28.60	
Deaconess House	17.98	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.85	
		$1,224.03

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Charities	$634.53	
Parochial Maintenance	949.32	
Missions	3,360.66	
Theological Education	137.43	
Our Work Among Young People	1.37	
Benevolent Society	131.56	
Episcopal Hospital	657.40	
Domestic Missions	64.22	
Church Farm School	35.00	
Community House Debt	128.17	
Diocesan Missions	112.50	
Foreign Missions	85.65	
Colored Missions	55.72	
Missionary Box	157.00	
Indian Missions	67.73	
Chancel Decorations	98.60	
Deaconess House	75.95	
Woman's Auxiliary	81.92	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.12	
		$6,834.85
Red Cross	$97.00	
		$97.00
		$8,155.88

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$839.98	
Parochial Maintenance	949.32	
Missions	4,170.20	
Theological Education	158.75	
Our Work Among Young People	1.37	
Benevolent Society	152.54	
Episcopal Hospital	683.84	
Domestic Missions	64.22	
Church Farm School	35.00	
Community House Debt	128.17	
Diocesan Missions	134.97	
Foreign Missions	101.80	
Colored Missions	64.21	
Missionary Box	193.44	
Indian Missions	75.05	
Chancel Decorations	127.20	
Deaconess House	93.93	
Woman's Auxiliary	84.77	
Daily Vacation Bible School	.12	
Red Cross	97.00	
		$8,155.88

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 1 TO 11 JANUARY, 1931, INCLUSIVE

Amounts placed in Alms Basins, exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$21.80	
Foreign Missions	20.60	
		$42.40

ENVELOPES

Charities	$32.67	
Parochial Maintenance	46.75	
Missions	56.25	
Theological Education	.30	
Benevolent Society	1.05	
Domestic Missions	.30	
Community House Debt	17.35	
Foreign Missions	44.05	
Missionary Box	1.20	
Indian Missions	.30	
Deaconess House	.30	
		$200.52
		$242.92

RECAPITULATION

Charities	$54.47	
Parochial Maintenance	46.75	
Missions	56.25	
Theological Education	.30	
Benevolent Society	1.05	
Domestic Missions	.30	
Community House Debt	17.35	
Foreign Missions	64.65	
Missionary Box	1.20	
Indian Missions	.30	
Deaconess House	.30	
		$242.92

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO WOMAN'S AID

Convocation of North Philadelphia, from Members of St. Stephen's Church:

Collected by Mrs. John C. Browne, January, 1931.

Miss Laura Bell (President, Woman's Aid C. of N. P.	$5.00
Mrs. Phillips Appleton	.50
Mrs. Craig Atmore	2.00
Mrs. Herman H. Birney	1.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie	.50
Misses Davis	1.50
Miss Ella Dwier	1.00
Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey	2.00
Miss Sarah Eisenbrey	2.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis	.50
Miss Fannie Gebhart	.50
Mrs. John Hay	.50
Mrs. I. W. Higham	.50
Mrs. Wm. H. Hollar, Jr.	.50
Mrs. Clarence Klink	1.00
Mrs. Katherine Miesse	.50
Mrs. Charles E. Noblit	1.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	.50
Miss Blanche M. Porter	.50
Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath	.50
Miss Mary M. Roberts	.50
Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder	5.00
Miss Mary Swift	.50
Miss Susan C. Thackara	1.00
Mrs. John C. Browne	5.00
	$34.00

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

The law of the land does not allow the Protestant Episcopal Church to hold property as a Church. The reason for this legislation lies in the history of the Middle Ages. As the Church never dies, the property that passes into its control rarely comes back into common uses. Much of it is exempt from taxation and so increases the burdens of others. Let any one read of the causes of unrest and revolution in Spain today and he will find that the large holdings of real estate by the Church and the religious orders is a prominent factor.

To provide against such evils the State insists that the laity and not the Bishop and Clergy shall have control of the property of the Church. Moreover, the State is anxious that persons rather than doctrines should, as far as possible, control the disposition of property. It, therefore, provides a Vestry to hold the property for a congregation and the general policy of the Legislatures and the Courts is to favor the title of the people continuously using the property and making it effective for religious purposes. In the case of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of England and New England, Congregations were allowed to retain their property even when there had been changes of doctrine, if there had been continuity of life. Thus the policy of the State is to foster lay control of property and to emphasize the rights of the people who build and vitalize each particular Church.

I have always sympathized with this attitude of the State, since I have felt that the dominion of the Church was in the realm of belief and ideals and not in the realm of real estate. The Church has, however, often girded against the law of the State and shown a desire to control people through the real-estate, rather than through the laws of the Church or by spiritual influences. I will illustrate: When I was on the Committee on Canons in the General Convention, a Bishop appeared before us to advocate a Canon that would in some way—I have forgotten the details—ensure the Bishop of the Diocese being on the board which held the property of sisterhoods. He frankly confessed that he wished to have some power over the property because he found it hard to control these sisterhoods in their preference for the service of the Mass to the Communion Office in the Prayer Book. He knew that the Committee on Canons was loyal to the Communion Office, and counted on our support. He did not receive it. We pointed out that his remedy lay not in controlling property but in regulating persons. He ought to discipline the Clergy who were conducting these lawless services.

That may be said to be in principle the theory of the State. Let the dominion of the Church be exercised over persons, through canons and teachings, and let it not resort to control of property in order to dominate persons. By these general principles I am guided in my relation to the property and endowments of St. Stephen's. The people in legal possession of these properties are the Rector and Vestry as the custodians for the benefit of the people who worship in the church and give it vitality. They know best the terms on which the various bequests were made. Theirs is the knowledge and theirs is the power and the responsibility.

No one knows better than I the purposes for which most of our endowments were given. About seven-eighths of the endowments available for the support of the Church, as distinguished from the endowments held for specified benevolent purposes were given during my rectorship, and I was in close touch with the people who left them to us.

When you hear this talk about removal and mergers and various applications of our funds I want the congregation to know that we should have lost all of these gifts, if we had hearkened to the counsels of those who wished us to move and merge with some other Church. I had not been rector of St. Stephen's long before the first suggestion was made. Dr. Bodine had died and the Church of the Saviour was vacant. One of my Vestrymen came to me and asked whether I would consent to a union with that Church. "All we ask is that you consent; leave it to us to bring it about," he said. I refused most positively. I pointed to the long decline that had followed the fusion of St. Luke with the Epiphany; a decline that only stopped when a new rector appeared. The difficulty of uprooting people and combining congregations had been proven by many experiments. "The effect," I said, "will be that you will secure the money for the real-estate of St. Stephen's,

but you will lose the people and all the rich possibilities of their loyalty. A church will be wiped off the map and no compensating gain secured." The Vestryman soon after left St. Stephen's.

The next proposal came when Mr. Gunnell resigned from St. Andrew's. St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's were founded the same year, 1823—and were near neighbors. Some of my leading people, as for example, Dr. Weir Mitchell, had been brought up in St. Andrew's. Mr. Francis A. Lewis asked me what I thought about a consolidation, St. Andrew's to come to us with four of their vestrymen on our Vestry.

In my opinion the proposal had great merits. We had a meeting with the St. Andrew's Vestry. They favored consolidation. So I wrote a report advocating the combination. Some of my leading people outside of the Vestry favored it. A few nights before the meeting of the Vestry, which was to pass on my report, the Magees sent their carriage around and asked me to come to their house. The whole family was assembled and Miss Fanny acted as spokesman. "Do you favor this combination?" she asked. I replied, "I do, if it can be brought about without too much friction and opposition." "Is it the St. Andrew's endowments you are after?" said Miss Fanny. "You need not consider them, for we engage to provide for the future of St. Stephen's." "That is fine," I replied, "but I am not willing to sit down and wait for endowments. I want to minister to people. It would greatly add to the efficiency of my ministry, if we could secure these people." "Let them come, as individuals," said Miss Fanny, "but we do not believe in these combinations. We will provide for St. Stephen's and we will fight a consolidation." "Well," I replied, "I shall test the sentiment of the Vestry, and I am glad to know how you feel, for that is one of the elements in my problem."

Mr. Francis A. Lewis, who was ardently in favor of the combination, came to me at the Vestry meeting, and asked if he could not read my report since I was in the Chair. I assented, although I knew that Mr. Lewis's advocacy did not help the project, with Mr. Cleeman and the older Vestrymen, who were vividly aware of the fact that Mr. Lewis had left St. James's when there was some trouble there and was not attached to St. Stephen's by any such loyal ties as the older Vestrymen. I could not, however, obscure the fact that Mr. Lewis was a prime mover in the matter. So he read the report favoring a combination. The vote was a tie, Mr. Hunter Ewing, my closest friend, voting "Aye" because he was not willing to antagonize me, his rector, but stating frankly that he did so against his own judgment. Charles L. McKeehan voted "no." "It is up to the Rector to cast the deciding vote," said Mr. Lewis, exultantly, thinking the victory won.

Without a moment's hesitation I said, "I vote 'No.' A project of this kind ought to be abandoned unless it is carried by an overwhelming majority. Moreover, since I wrote the report I had had word from the people in St. Andrew's that they resent the action of their Vestry in dealing with us, without consulting them, and will, under no circumstances, come to our church. I have also been informed by the Magees that they will fight the deal, but will provide for the future of St. Stephen's, if the combination is not made. If this scheme only secures a bare majority, by my casting vote, here, how could we hope to have it approved by a Parish meeting, with the Magees opposing it and making these promises?" "But," interrupted Mr. Lewis, "we need not consult the congregation." "I certainly would oppose any plan to make a combination without the consent of the congregation," I replied. "The proposal is defeated."

At the next meeting Mr. Francis A. Lewis sent in his resignation. I heard some adverse comments on my vote, as an undue subservience to the money of the Magees. But it is pleasant to recall that Bishop Whitaker when I narrated these circumstances to him, approved my conduct. At least one good came out of the agitation, we had definite assurances that the future of St. Stephen's would be provided for.

St. Andrew's subsequently moved to West Philadelphia and its endowments went into providing a Chapel for the Divinity School. Only a few of St. Andrew's people transferred their membership to St. Stephen's.

This narrative will make it plain that the Magees gave their money to prevent either removal or merging.

This conclusion would be further strengthened by a study of the terms under which their various bequests were made; some being for the organ, others for the upkeep of the Memorials, and all being not for the Protestant Episcopal Church in general, but for the Parish Church of their affection, St. Stephen's on Tenth Street.

In my judgment the Diocese would lose more by weakening the general confidence that such bequests will be loyally used for the purposes for which they are given, than it could possibly gain by pleading that these local uses are impractical and getting permission to appropriate the funds to kindred purposes.

I have already been informed by a person who proposes to leave money to one of our Societies, that if there is any uncertainty about our continuance on Tenth Street, this bequest will be changed.

If people have imagined that our Endowments were secured without any prudent management, I hope that this narrative will open their eyes. I could write other revealing chapters on this subject. The ship was not brought without careful piloting into the safe harbor where it now rides.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The Bishop Coadjutor will visit St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, March 22nd, at 11 A. M. service for Confirmation.

The Owl and the Skeptic.

An Owl who had so successfully dominated the mice in his barn, that he felt himself to be a ruling spirit in the universe, by some mischance was out in the open air at noon on a summer day. Dazzled and pained by the light of the Sun, he fluttered home as best he could and thus complained to his mate: "The sun is nature's great mistake; it dries up the delightful little pools, it makes the weeds grow, fills the air with fog, and gives poor farmers the sunstroke. What a pity it can't be done away with. Then we should always have soothing night, so grateful to our eyes. So the beneficent sun, that gives vitality to our planet, ripens our crops, fills our morning and evening skies with glory and holds the Earth in its orbit is regarded by the Owl. So is Theism regarded by the Skeptic.—From St. Stephen's Bulletin.

The Woman's Auxiliary

There were twenty-three members present at the January meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Christie reported the need for help for the Blue Ridge Industrial School at Bris, Va. The school was founded in 1910 with 15 pupils, 4 teachers and employees and one building. Today there are 200 pupils, 22 teachers, and 21 buildings. Preference is given to the most isolated mountain children. Owing to this year's drought the school is much in need of money. In former years the garden and orchard furnished food for the school and made quite a sum of money extra. This year not even enough food was raised.

The Indian's Hope is far behind in the advance work. Twelve hundred dollars was promised for Shoshone water works—$472 has been raised.

A Ford car was promised Mrs. Kent, at Ethete, Wyo., but only $238 has been collected for it. Last year $1400 was given for salaries in the Indian mission field; so far only $803 has been raised for this work this year.

In the Diocesan Committee a drive has been made for second hand clothing for the City Mission. In less than three months 5416 garments have been sent in.

The Committee on Colored Missions needs $550 to complete this year's pledges.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be held February 19th.

Beulah E. Hollar,
Secretary.

MYSELF

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know;
I want to be able, as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye.
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done.
I want to go out with my head erect;
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.
I can't ever hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know;
I never can fool myself, and so
Whatever happens I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience-free,

LIST OF ENVELOPE USERS

Mrs. D. G. Anderson
Miss Grace Armstrong
Mrs. James F. Armstrong
Mrs. James Lew Armstrong
Mrs. John H. Arnett
Mr. Craig Atmore
Mrs. Craig Atmore
Miss Emily Bell
Miss Laura Bell
Miss Mary D. Bright
Mrs. Robert Brown
Mr. Robert Brown
Mrs. John Coats Browne
Miss Louisa B. Bell
Mrs. William Bryant
Mrs. Anna Bachman
Mrs. Herman Birney
Mr. Roland Bickerstaff
Mrs. Roland Bickerstaff
Miss Bernice Bovell
Mr. James Bealmear
Miss Amelia Bealmear
Miss Florence Burk
Mrs. C. H. Buehler
Mrs. Charles E. Campbell
Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell
Mr. James Carrigan
Mrs. James Carrigan
Mr. Joseph B. Cash
Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiley Christie
Dr. Frank G. Cooper
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper
Miss Elizabeth Corrigan
Miss Minnie Corrigan
Mrs. Joseph Clayton
Miss Elizabeth Chandeler
Miss Elsie Dahl
Miss Anne R. Daley
Miss Emma Daley
Miss Elizabeth C. Dare
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Miss Annie W. Denney
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Mrs. George Donehower
Mrs. M. Dougherty
Mrs. Viola J. Downward
Miss Virginia J. Downward
Miss Ella Dwier
Miss Carrie DeRonde
Miss Emily R. Denney
Mrs. William Denney
Mrs. Mary Dumphy
Miss Miriam Daley
Miss Anna Elizabeth Eastwood
Mrs. William Eastwood
Miss Eleanor Eccles
Mr. William Elliott
Mr.and. Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis
Miss Isabel Elliott
Mrs. Robert L. Edsall
Mr. Robert Taylor Edsall
Miss Ruby Elsie Elgar
Miss Anna Farrell
Mr Joseph C. Fox

Miss Isabel W. Franklin
Mr. Howard M. Freeston
Mr. Gilman Fisher
Mrs. Gilman Fisher
Mrs. Florence B. Fitzpatrick
Miss Florence D. Fitzpatrick
Miss Eleanor Fitzpatrick
Mr. Robert Fitzpatrick
Miss Mary Forbes
Mr. Stephen Forbes
Miss Florence Frank
Mrs. Harry Gabell
Miss Fannie W. Gebhart
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Miss Laura H. Harvey
Mr. Harry J. Hauger
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hay
Miss Florence M. Hay
Miss Ella Headman
Miss Marion Headman
Miss M. Josephine Hecker
Miss Emily Hewitt
Miss Catherine Hewitt
Mrs. I. W. Higham
Mr. Wm. H. Hollar
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Miss Clarissa W. Hughes
Mr. Charles K. Hay
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Miss Violet Humes
Miss Esther M. Hazlett
Mr. Frederick Holly
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Miss Eleanor Hill
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Mrs. Harry Hahs
Mrs. Belle F. Johnson
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Mrs. J. M. Johnson
Miss Josephine Jones
Miss Hedwig Kauffmann
Mrs. Blanch H. Kennedy
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Mrs. A. O. W. Lautenbach
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Mrs. Mary Leupold
Miss Josephine Lindenmayer
Miss Mary V. Llewellyn
Mr. Andrew Luffbarry
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Mrs. Joseph Lamb
Mrs. Emily G. Lippincott
Miss Carrie Lynch
Miss Mildred Leach
Miss Louise Leupold
Mrs. Mary Love
Mrs. Fannie Long
Miss E. M. Mann
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Miss Katharine Mayne
Mrs. Edward G. McCollin
Miss Frances McCollin
Mrs. Sara A. Metz
Mrs. Katherine Miesse
Miss Margaret A. Millar
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A peaceful world to me is of very little value unless human life is lived on a high moral and a high spiritual standard. Mere material gain is comparatively of little value. The authorities of the world must not, therefore, merely pass resolutions in favor of peace. They must bend their attention to great programs relating to social well-being.—Ramsay MacDonald, quoted in The Living Age.

Denver is headquarters for the Rev. Homer E. Grace, a deaf priest who has charge of the Church's work for the deaf, not merely in Colorado, which is a large field in itself, but also in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota, and he ministers regularly to his scattered flock.

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.—St. James.

DAILY NOON DAY LENTEN SERVICES, 1931

St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18—Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Feb. 19—Rt. Rev. Frank William Sterrett, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Bethlehem, Pa.

Feb. 20—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Feb. 21—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Ph.D., Assistant St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Feb. 23-27—Rev. J. Howard Melish, D.D., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Feb. 28—Rev. Charles H. Long, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia.

March 2-6—Rev. Thomas McCandless, Rector St. Michael's Church, New York City.

March 7—Rev. John L. Hady, Rector Old Swedes' Church, Philadelphia.

March 9-13—Rev. Clifford G. Twombly, D.D., Rector St. James' Church, Lancaster, Pa.

March 14—Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, Rector Trinity Church, Swarthmore, Pa.

March 15—Sunday Evening Service, 8 P. M., Rev. Halford E. Luccock, D.D., of Yale University Divinity School.

March 16-20—Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of New York City.

March 21—Rev. William M. Sharp, Assistant Minister Chapel Prince of Peace, Philadelphia.

March 23-27—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.

March 28—Rev. John R. Logan, D.D., Vicar St. Simon the Cyrenian, Philadelphia.

March 30—Rev. Lewis G. Morris, D.D., Rector of Calvary Church, Germantown, Philadelphia.

March 31—Rev. Chauncey Snowden, Rector Memorial Church, St. Paul, Overbrook, Philadelphia.

April 1—Rt. Rev. Frank Du Moulin, D.D., LL.D., Rector Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

April 2—Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.

April 3—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

April 4—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Ph.D., Assistant St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

King's Daughters "Whatsoever Circle"

The Circle will give a dinner on Tuesday evening, February 17th, at 6 P. M., in the Community House. Subscription, 75 cents, the proceeds to be given to the Community House Fund. We are very anxious to make this a success, and will be pleased to see our old friends, who so kindly helped us in the past and will also be glad to meet any new friends who can come, as we need and will appreciate everyone's support.

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club have been doing their usual charity work this winter.

At Christmas time they entertained 24 children (aged 6 to 10 years), furnished by the Jefferson Hospital Social Service Department. We gave them a substantial supper, had movies and as they were leaving, gave each one a nice warm sweater, a box of candy and a toy.

In January we entertianed 24 "Mothers" with a supper and movies, giving each one a nice warm blanket. They all appreciated what we did for them, and one in particular told me it was the first time she had been away from home for nine years, and she had to borrow most of the clothing she had on to be able to come.

Very few do much for the women of the family, so we feel we are doing a good work by giving them a party where they are the guests of honor and they have a chance to get away from their families for a few hours.

Hannah Reifsnyder,
President.

The motto of the John C. Campbell Folk School, at Brasstown, S. C., is taken from a Danish song, "I sing behind the plow."

Fifth Septuagesima Conference of Liberals

The Fifth Septuagesima Conference of Liberals will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3rd and 4th, 1931. This Conference of Liberal Churchmen will meet in St. Stephen's Community House and Church, 19 South Tenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church League. Program:

Tuesday, Feb. 3rd—In the Church

3 P. M.—Opening Service.

3.30 P. M.—"Christian Ethics and Modern Business." Papers by the Rev. Dr. Norman B. Nash, Cambridge Theological Seminary; S. Davis Wilson, Deputy Controller of the City of Philadelphia.

8 P. M.—"Theism, Humanism and Crisis Theology," Rev. Dr. Albert C. Knudson, Dean of the Boston University School of Theology.

Wednesday, Feb. 4th—In the Church

10 A. M.—"Marriage: Its Social Purpose and Spiritual Function," the Rev. Lester Leake Riley, Rector Zion Church, Douglaston, L. I.

11 A. M.—"How Shall We Relate Our Loyalties?" Rev. Alexander G. Cummins, D.D., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

12.30 P. M.—Devotional Service. Rev. Dr. Robert Norwood, Rector St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City.

In the Community House

1.15 P. M.—Luncheon will be served for registered attendants, essayists and speakers as guests of the Conference and St. Stephen's Church. Please indicate when you register if you will attend the Luncheon.

2.00 P. M.—"Some Needed Changes in Our Canons and Customs." Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector St. Stephen's Church.

NOTE.—The floor open only to registered attendants who are in sympathy with the liberal ideas of the Conference. The Conference is not a debating society. The Lay as well as the Clerical attendants are asked to register. Registration fee, One Dollar. Essayists and speakers are guests of the Conference. Registered members from other dioceses who do not have friends in the city with whom they can stay over Tuesday night and who want hospitality, may obtain the same as the guests of the Conference at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin, Ninth and Chestnut Streets, if they will send their names to the Secretary.

The Wickersham Report

The best thing about the Wickersham report is the fine declaration it brought forth from the President. President Hoover realizes that the evil inherent in the liquor traffic cannot be eliminated by legalizing the business. He appreciates that the Prohibition law has brought us gains that must not be lost. He is entirely opposed to providing for defeat, and is determined to press on now that the enforcement of the law is at last under the right department, the Department of Justice, and the officers of enforcement are chosen under Civil Service laws.

The next good thing is Mr. Wickersham's sensible opinion that it is unwise to think of changing a law that has only recently been made effective by proper legislation.

The comment of the only woman on the Board that the Prohibition law was injuring the morale of our people, shows a singular inability to distinguish between causes and the occasions for their manifestation. A thermometer reveals the presence of fever, but does not cause it, and the Prohibition law reveals lawlessness but does not create it. Its origin is the self-will and lack of loyalty to the legally expressed will of the people, that is the basis of bootlegging and the patronage of bootlegging. Nothing could be more destructive of our National morale than to yield to lawlessness. Our duty to obey is not measured by the size of the majority that passed the Amendment or that passes the necessary enforcement laws, nor by the votes pro or con of the Wickersham Commission.

The final resolutions of the Commission are satisfactory except the suggestion of a new amendment in case the present amendment should not be enforceable. That possibility ought not to be contemplated in a law-abiding land.

The individual opinions show that although the Committee was representative of the various Geographical sections, it was not sufficiently representative of the different social strata. Certainly the woman on the Board did not express the conclusions of women. After all Government by representation is better than government by experts, who like the rest of us are greatly influenced by their social environment and in this case were taken chiefly from one class.—C. E. G.

What Can We Do to Help?

We must give what we can.

We must look around and find what work we can give others.

We must give away our old clothes and hats and shoes. This is not time for saving. Mrs. Higham can use them.

We must contribute something even if only a little to the Red Cross.

Many mickles make a muckle.

We must not seek to make political capital out of this trouble.

We must pray to God to stir us to do our part and to arouse others to their duty, and to bring good out of this adversity.

West Africa bishops had a meeting during the Lambeth Conference, attended by the bishops of Lagos, Sierra Leone, Accra, Niger and Liberia. (One needs a map!) Bishop Campbell says, "One of the outstanding things that emerged is the enormous amount of missionary work being carried on by the African Christians themselves in Nigeria. The Bishop of Lagos said that one of his African priests has sixty stations to look after—nearly as many as we have in all Liberia! When will we in Liberia ever wake up to our duty to our heathen neighbors?"

Dr. Rudolf B. Teusler, head of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, made a detailed report on the present progress of the hospital building. Funds on hand are sufficient to go ahead with certain units and Dr. Teusler was authorized to proceed with them. For other units, money is still needed. Dr. Teusler is now in the United States endeavoring to secure it, but no further general appeal is to be made.

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8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

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PARISH HOUSE

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ST. STEPHEN'S AID SOCIETY

The Aid Society will resume the usual Lenten sewing on infant garments which are distributed by the Parish Visitor in her work among the people of our Parish. These garments are much needed as the supply has been exhausted during the winter. The co-operation of the women of the congregation is earnestly solicited. Those desiring to take garments home may apply to Mrs. Higham at any time during Lent.

E K. Campbell, Chairman.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Bishop Taitt will visit St. Stephen's Church Sunday morning, March ~~22~~ 13th to administer the rite of confirmation. Classes in confirmation preparation, accordingly began on Friday evening, February 13, at 8 o'clock, in the Community House. Those this year who wish to join the fellowship of St. Stephen's members are asked to attend these classes and make themselves known either to Dr. Grammer or Dr. Kevin.

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Parochial Maintenance	66.45
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Foreign Missions	22.70
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THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

There was no guest speaker at the February meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Reports of the delegate members, letters and plans for future work made a full and interesting meeting. Dr. Grammer gave a short talk on the McAll Mission. The next meeting will be held March 19th.

B. E. Hollar, Secretary.

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Germantown.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Never do I feel so profoundly my own short-comings as a Minister, and a Christian, as when I am gathering together and instructing a confirmation class.

I realize that the chief difficulty in winning recruits for Christ is the feebleness with which our own light shines. I often think of the sad remark of Horace Bushnell, who became very much interested in the construction of the beautiful park around the State House in Hartford, Connecticut, which now bears his name, that he was ashamed to think how much greater was his zeal for this material improvement than for the spiritual life of his people. I do not think that Bushnell was entirely just to himself in this judgment for he was a wonderful shepherd of souls and a great religious teacher. Yet every minister will feel that there was a measure of truth in his self-reproach. We allow ourselves to be deceived by the notion that the Eternal issues can be considered at our leisure and are not dependent on Time like sublunary concerns, where times and seasons and opportunities seem all important.

But while it is indeed true, that Eternal Truths are not so clamorous for immediate attention as bodily needs, and temporal affairs, still it is a great mistake to imagine that the claims of religion can be safely postponed or lightly set aside for temporal concerns. The truths of mathematics have no relation to time, they are eternally true. But our ability to learn them has a very definite relation to Time. I have never heard of any one learning the Calculus, when he was over sixty. Thiers, the famous French historian and statesman, took up the study of Conic sections late in life, but his mind was so slow to accept mathematical proof that his tutor had to give him an ocular demonstration of the effect of cutting a cone in various directions before he would accept the mathematical demonstration. In spite of the eminent professor who has recently claimed that people of advanced age can learn a foreign language as readily as a child, if they would give as much time to the endeavor as the child gives, I remain unconvinced. For one thing their ears are not sufficiently sharp to catch the subtilties of pronunciation; nor their vocal organs able to frame to pronounce the new sounds. This new theory is sufficiently refuted by listening to the English of immigrants who have come to this country late in life and done their best to learn our language and fallen far short.

Life has a dramatic quality. It has its seasons, its opportunities, its tides, making things possible or easy at one conjunction, that will be difficult and almost impossible later on.

The religious life comes under this law. When the affections are warm, the ideals high and unperverted by the false standards of the world, then is the time to consider the claims of the service of God, as set forth by the Church and expressed in the Bible. That is the time for sowing the seed. Spring weather then prevails in the soul. Sad will be the Autumn if there is no sowing in the Spring and Summer.

Another favorable time is after a great bereavement. After the plough has torn open the soil, the seed finds safe lodgment. And after some great loss or bereavement has pierced our hearts, spiritual truths come home with special power. When the night falls, the stars come out, and when earthly joys grow dim, heavenly realities reveal themselves. Sorrow, adversity, trouble, bereavement afford the soul glimpses of realities never seen before. I believe that this season of national distress is a great opportunity for sowing the seed of the Word. I look for an abundant harvest in an increased spirituality among our people.

With some gracious souls a great happiness is a source of spiritual uplift. When the life is brightened by reciprocated love, it is easy to believe that the Universe is governed by a loving spirit. When that miracle of miracles takes place and a new-born babe is laid in a parent's arms what powerful and unselfish emotions well up, life seems a different scene, all things become new.

These manifold experiences are taking place all around us. The great problem is how to utilize them, how to help others to turn them to the best advantage. If we could only realize that success in the spiritual life is largely dependent upon our taking advantage of these seasons and using them profitably! It has been well said that seven-eights of wisdom consists in being wise in time. To be wise too late, is only to be tortured by remorse.

I would that all of us could realize the opportunity of this Confirmation season. To the Communicants it is a call to self-examination. If our Christianity were more apparent in the sweetness of our countenances, the kindness of our words, the generosity and friendliness of our lives, there would be no difficulty in winning recruits for the cause of God. People would long to join such a resplendent band of children of light. The cause is straitened not in lack of opportunity, but in the lives of the professed followers of Christ. For the young this is the time of decision. With them life is plastic, to them the largest possibilities stand open; to them the invitation is specially urgent.

My general rule is that the candidates for Confirmation shall be 14 years old. I make this rule that the step may be taken with a sense of personal responsibility. My pastoral experience has taught me that if the vows are taken earlier, there is danger that they may afterwards be considered, as taken without a knowledge of what they involved. Of course, these vows do not create obligations; they only recognize them; still experience has taught me that it is wiser to wait till 14 at least. In cases of unusual precocity, spiritual or mental this rule has been waived—on the advice of parents. We can have no iron-bound rules in dealing with persons.

On Saturday, February 14th, were held the Commencement Exercises of the Burd School, and the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of this noble institution which was placed by Mrs. Burd under the perpetual care of the Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church. Diplomas of graduation were given to Lillian Bovell, Shirley Edwards and Dorothy Ziegler. All three after their graduation at the Philadelphia High School were given special training; Lillian Bovell and Dorothy Ziegler in Farmville, Virginia, and Shirley Edwards in teaching music in New York.

The address was delivered by the Rev. John Hart, Jr., and the usual prizes were awarded for proficiency in Music and in School, for punctuality and for neatness.

An unusual and most artistic feature were the Old Valentines, tableaux accompanied by the reading of verses written for the most part by Edward Shippen Burd.

The valentines were:

(1) "Lines to a Young Lady Playing the Harp."
Harp Solo.
(2) Peggy Shippen and Daughter.
"Now is the Month of Maying." Burd School Chorus.
(3) Eliza Howard Sims.
Verses in Acrostic by Edward Shippen Burd.
(4) Edward Shippen Burd and Eliza Sims at Bedford Springs.
Lines to Eliza written by Edward.
Minuet—Burd School Chorus, "Grandma Told Me All About It."
(5) The Sisters.
Lines Addressed to Elizabeth and Margaret Burd.
(6) Woodrop Sims Burd.
Writings from his original copy book of penmanship.
(7) Mrs. Burd (Eliza Howard Sims)
"A Mother's Voice," from "Manuscript Gleanings."
(8) The Original Twelve.
(9) A Last Glimpse.
"Cornish May Song," Burd School Chorus.

The prologue was pronounced by Miriam Mitchell.

Mrs. Emma Rous was the Harpist; the Director, Miss Louise Everts; the Pianist, Mr. Vladimir Sokoloff; and the Music Director, Miss Frances McCollin.

The Burd School was inaugurated under Dr. Ducachet. Since his day there have been the rectorships of Dr. Rudder, Dr. McConnell, Dr. Worcester and myself. It is hard to realize that I have been Chairman of its board longer than anyone else. Few things in my ministry give me greater satisfaction than my share in the administration of this trust. During my rectorship it has been entirely reorganized, its finances put on a sound basis, its property at the end of Market Street sold at a satisfactory figure, and the School transferred to its present site and buildings.

The old property was sold in order to gain more income to meet the increased cost of living. It was also desired to house the School in buildings less institutional in character, and more like a home, with more modern conveniences. A location was sought closer in town in order that the girls might be kept in contact with their mothers who in a large majority of cases live in Philadelphia and also for the sake of the admirable Public Schools. It was also felt that it was

very desirable that the children should be near enough to attend St. Stephen's Church's services and Sunday School. All these purposes were met by our present site and buildings near Clarke Park.

Under the admirable management of its principal, Miss Tappen, the School is adjusting itself to modern conditions and has received the highest praise from the State's Department of Social Service.

The Committee of the Vestry which administers this trust is unremitting in its interest, and administers the affairs of the School with exemplary fidelity. The Treasurer is Dean Emory R. Johnson. The Principal is assisted in her work by a board of Lady Visitors of which Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell is Chairman.

Let me say a word about funerals. The clergy are anxious to be of service to our members in every way possible. But there are some clerical services that must be asked for before they can be rendered. No minister has the right to assume that he will be asked to marry a couple. He may be their rector or close friend, but there may be relations who have the first claim at such a time. So ministers wait to be asked to officiate at a wedding.

The same holds true of a funeral. We offer our sympathy, and such consolations as we can give, but we must be asked to officiate; for aught we know there may be closer ties that may assert themselves. Still I confess that we are pained when we are entirely overlooked. We don't insist on the first place, but we are gratified when the pastoral tie is acknowledged.

We believe that friends who arrange the funeral overlook the wishes of the deceased, when they entirely ignore the pastoral relation. Where this occurs I should like it known, that we deeply regret our inability to pay this last tribute of affection and to discharge our pastoral office.

There are two considerations with regard to Prohibition. The first is whether it has brought benefits, that are worth the trouble it has cost. The second is the problem of enforcement—whether it is feasible and if so, how the result shall be achieved. This latter problem is for the statesmen and lawyers. But the first, which is the all-important one—can be decided by everyone on his own observation. If he wishes for expert advice the best advisers are the economists, and the social workers. Again and again we read in the Wickersham report, that "American ingenuity can be trusted" to discover some other way to solve the liquor problem if the 18th Amendment prove unenforceable. But it may be argued with equal plausibility that American ingenuity may be trusted to find some way to enforce the 18th amendment now that we have at last got enforcement under the right department, the Department of Justice, and organized the force under Civil Service rules. American ingenuity, I hold can be trusted to find a way, if the 18th Amendment has brought social, economic and moral benefits in its train that are worth conserving.

In the February **Survey Graphic** Whiting Williams testifies emphatically that Prohibition has brought marvelous improvements in the drinking conditions among working men. Passing himself off as a hobo he mingled last summer among the unemployed in Pittsburgh, Detroit, Gary, and Chicago. Here are some of his testimonies: *"In the old days, more intoxicated men than I discovered this year could have been discovered in two, or possibly three, saloons within a few blocks in a single one of the whole list of communities visited."*

Again: "All the speakeasies of Homestead are not handling in a whole average day of 1930 as much of either Alcohol or money as crossed a single average saloon bar in Homestead during a single morning of 1919."

Again: "Our present effort to control John Barleycorn has provided a cushioning of vast proportions against the impact of current unemployment."

Again: "Anything like a loyally backed efficiently organized, and ably staffed effort at nation-wide enforcement is not yet two years old."

The article is certainly worth reading.

One remark I should like to add; every one agrees that the saloon must not be brought back. I do not understand how we can have liquor sold for beverage purposes without the equivalent of the saloon. It was not the name that made the saloon injurious but the fact that it sold alcoholic drinks. Any place selling the same beverages will be equally harmful—let it be named what you please.

When this reaches you Lent will be well under way. I hope that it may be a profitable season to all of us, and that those who can do so, will make a point of attending some of our noon-day services.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

DAILY NOON DAY LENTEN SERVICES, 1931

St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut

March 2-6—Rev. Thomas McCandless, Rector St. Michael's Church, New York City.
March 7—Rev. John L. Hady, Rector Old Swedes' Church, Philadelphia.
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March 14—Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, Rector Trinity Church, Swarthmore, Pa.
March 15—Sunday Evening Service, 8 P. M., Rev. Halford E. Luccock, D.D., of Yale University Divinity School.
March 16-20—Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of New York City.
March 21—Rev. William M. Sharp, Assistant Minister Chapel Prince of Peace, Philadelphia.
March 23-27—Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishop of Delaware.
March 28—Rev. John R. Logan, D.D., Vicar St. Simon the Cyrenian, Philadelphia.
March 30—Rev. Lewis G. Morris, D.D., Rector of Calvary Church, Germantown, Philadelphia.
March 31—Rev. Chauncey Snowden, Rector Memorial Church, St. Paul, Overbrook, Philadelphia.
April 1—Rt. Rev. Frank Du Moulin, D.D., LL.D., Rector Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.
April 2—Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania.
April 3—Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., Rector St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.
April 4—Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Ph.D., Assistant St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

THE McALL MISSION

At the February meeting of the American McAll Association one of the members gave a vivid account of a recent visit to the Mission headquarters in France. After attending service at one of the Paris centers she joined a party bound for one of the chapel boats on the Seine. These boats minister to the families living on the canal boats, who find in them their one chance to attend a religious service. The auditorium with its alter occupied the main portion of the boat, the pastor and his wife living in tiny rooms at either end. The American visitor was filled with pity as she surveyed their cramped quarters, and especially the poor little oil stove on which the wife prepared food for the family. They were quite happy, however, and enthusiastic over their work. The good pastor had won the hearts of the boatmen by giving them violet ray treatment for rheumatism, a complaint to which these men, living on the river amid low-lying plains, are peculiarly liable. The little paper issued by the Mission, "L'Ami de Batelier," combines religious teaching with the news of the river and a story for the children.

The Mission work is conducted with the strictest economy. The dispensary, though clean and well-kept, has none of the tiled floors and walls, the porcelain and nickel accessories used in our own hospital work. The playground for children at Montmartre is simply an enclosed plot of ground with a few swings in one corner, but to the little ones who come from the narrow winding streets of the old city, this open space for games is a wonderful boon. The attendant in charge is a nurse, and under her watchful care many children receive needed medical attention. These devoted and cultured women receive but $600 a year, and without our help even that small sum could not be paid, for the Protestants of France are few in number, and some are very poor. It is good to know that the McAll Mission is on friendly terms with its Catholic neighbors. One Roman Catholic priest advised his people to attend the meetings; "You will learn only good there," he said.

The McAll Mission was founded by a clergyman of the Church of England, but it is undenominational, and supported by Christian people in England and America, regardless of sect. Surely the fact that Meth-

odists and Presbyterians contribute to it should not induce us to withhold our hand, but rather move us to generous emulation, that we, too, may have a share in this good work.

Gifts for the Mission are being received by St. Stephen's representative, Mrs. George Donehower, 106 North 50th Street. Mrs. Donehower acknowledges with thanks the following contributions, already received:

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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

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Minute

The Altar Society herewith records its sense of the loss it has sustained in the death of Miss Sarah Eisenbrey. Although in recent years she has not been able to serve actively, her influence was potent with all who were ever associated with her. She loved to serve diligently and to do whatever she did with thoroughness. She had many ties with St. Stephen's and loved the Church devotedly. The members of the Society send their sympathy to her bereaved sister, for so many years the superintendent of the Society and now its Honorary Superintendent.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary meeting was held Thursday, March 19th, in the Community House, with sixteen members present. Dr. Kevin made the opening prayer. Although there was no guest speaker, it was a most interesting meeting, the reports of the committees being particularly instructive and enlightening.

Christ Church at Cristobal, in the Panama Canal Zone, is used by both the colored and white population. Archdeacon Sykes is endeavoring to raise money to build a church for the white congregation, which consists of Army and Navy men and their families and civilian government employees and their families.

Mrs. Birney reported the address of Mrs. Hunt, wife of the Superintendent of Ft. Valley School. Mrs. Hunt is proud that the Harmon Reward of $400 for outstanding work for negroes had been given this school.

It was gratifying to learn the high standing of St. Stephen's Branch in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese.

The next meeting will be held April 16th, at ten-thirty. All women of the church are cordially invited to attend.

Beulah E. Hollar.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

Feb. 28—Dorrance Barrell.
Feb. 28—Edgar Alden Barrell.
Mch. 1—John Ransberry Lunsford.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Feb. 17—Harry Gay.
Feb. 28—Sarah Eisenbrey.
Mch. 10—Eva K. Cooling.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 26—Horace G. Griffis and Florence E. Glasby.

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The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

This Parish News will be distributed on Easter Morning, and must bring you an Easter greeting. What a glorious day this is, which commemorates that great triumph over the grave, when the risen Christ appeared to His mourning followers and cheered them by His presence, and words. I greet you in the words of the Angelic chorus in Faust, in Bayard Taylor's translation:

Christ is arisen!
Bliss hath invested Him,—
Woes that molested Him,
Trials that tested Him,
Gloriously ended!

Christ is arisen,
Out of Corruption's womb;
Burst ye from prison,
Break from your gloom!
Praising and pleading Him,
Lovingly needing Him,
Brotherly feeding Him,
Preaching and speeding Him,
Blessing, succeeding Him,
Thus is the Master near—
Thus is He here!

That is the message of Easter: since our Leader has conquered, let us conquer, too, walking in His steps and drawing our strength from Him.

We need the exhortation and the encouragement; for these are days of trial in many homes, and of discouragement in many hearts. With many the vision splendid of a Kingdom of God on earth, of a better order, when the blessings of civilization shall be more equally distributed have faded away. They live for pleasure, and for self-aggrandisement. Sometimes this self-seeking takes the form of wild invectives against things as they are, and the aim is to ride to prominence as the spokesmen of unrest. All restraints are scorned, moralities, proprieties, decencies are all scoffed at. "The old prudish world missed the good things of life, let us not repeat its mistake. We have only one life here, let us suck the orange, before it dries up." So they say.

With others the self-seeking takes the form of resisting all change and trying to keep things as they are lest present advantages be lost. With these cowardly, self-seekers, all reforms are false lights on the shore luring us to shipwreck. The cry is "Down with the idealists."

Where can we find guidance amid this confusion, these contradictory appeals and claims,—this wide-diffusion of worldliness, self-seeking, frivolity, superficiality shallowness, and self-indulgence! I know no remedy except in the Gospel of Service in the gospel of brotherliness, in the gospel of self-sacrifice for the good of others, in a word in the gospel of Him, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister and give His life a ransom for many.

If we be risen with Christ, let us seek those things that are above, and let us go about doing good as Christ did on Earth. He has left us behind as His representatives.

Undoubtedly one of those idealisms is the aspiration to rid the world of the evils of Alcoholism. Whether the 18th Amendment was wise or not it was undoubtedly the expression of an exalted purpose. The question of the hour is whether that amendment is enforceable, and whether it has brought benefits that are sufficient to justify persistence in the "noble experiment."

In our March number I quoted the explicit testimony in the "Survey Graphic" of Whiting Williams, an accomplished student of social conditions to the marvelous improvement in the drinking conditions among the working classes.

The Wickersham Report states roundly, "that there is general agreement among social workers that there has been distinct improvement in standards of living among those with whom such workers came in contact, which must be attributed to prohibition."

The testimony of the Manufacturers Record on this subject is conclusive and has never been met. Monday is a different day, a sober day in the factories since prohibition.

Now let us hear the testimony of the Educators. Elmer Joy Morgan, editor of the Journal of the National Education Association, speaks authoritatively the mind of the school teachers:

"Next to the establishment of the Christian church and the founding of the common school," said Mr. Morgan, "the coming of the Eighteenth Amendment has done more for the welfare of childhood and youth than any advance in the history of civilization.

"There is not the slightest foundation for saying that conditions are worse in the high schools and colleges since the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment. All the facts I have ever seen show just the opposite. High school enrollment has increased from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 since 1920. Many young people have been brought into high schools who never could have had a chance with the saloon competing for their father's dollars. Undoubtedly many of the additional 3,000,000 come from homes of the poorer classes. The ones who drink represent an insignificant minority.

"I have talked with hundreds of school men who almost invariably tell me that the newspaper reports of drinking among high school students are either exaggerated or without foundation. The school men with whom I have talked recently tell me that conditions are steadily improving."

The Eastern daily papers, with the exception of the Christian Science Monitor, are so marked by hostility to Prohibition, so unfair and so unwilling to quote evidence for it, that I think it necessary to give the truth of the matter in this monthly. At some later issue I shall tell of the Swedish system, which is being so highly commended, of the bureaucratic control it would set up—workable in law-abiding Sweden with only six million people, but thoroughly impracticable in our vast, lawless America. I shall also tell of the disastrous future of a similar system in South Carolina.

A Suggestion

I suggest as a needed equipment of our down-town Church and a beautiful memorial, a full chime of bells. Our present set is a make-shift. When I came to St. Stephen's I found in the tower only nine bells which were badly out of tune. An enthusiastic bell-tuner who dropped in on me one day made such a moving plea that I should let him tune the bells and add two new ones at the moderate cost of $600 that I made an appeal for that sum in the Parish News. Mr. H. H. Barton liked the suggestion and sent me a check for the full amount. He added to the gift later. The total improvement cost less than one thousand dollars, all the expense, according to my recollection, borne by Mr. Barton. We were thus enabled to enlarge our list of hymns. Greatly is this music appreciated by the walkers on the streets, the workers in offices, the patients in the Jefferson hospital. Far and wide is the message flung. Still the range of our bells is small and the number of hymns they can play accurately sadly restricted. Greatly would their appeal be enhanced if we could have a modern set of chimes with an adequate number of bells of a beautiful tone. I suppose they would cost about $10,000. It would be a beautiful memorial and a splendid addition to our equipment. It seems to me our greatest need in equipment.

Do not think me discontented or unappreciative of our present fine plant, because I make such a suggestion. This is the method of growth. Where there is no vision the people perish. To show how such planting of seed leads to a harvest, I quote an extract from a sermon preached on April 17, 1917, on the Sunday after the papers had made known that Mr. James R. Magee had bequeathed St. Stephen's $100,000 to be paid after the death of Miss Anna.

Most of the plans indicated in this extract have been carried out. The fire precipitated upon us the necessity of building the Community House sooner than we expected.

Sunday, April 17, 1917.

Let me say a word about my ideals with regard to this parish, and of the means whereby we may reasonably hope to work them out.

A distinguished layman of New York asked me where my church was situated in Philadelphia, and when I answered that it was on Tenth Street between Market and Chestnut, he inquired whether that location was not very far down-town. I replied that the position of St. Stephen's Church in Philadelphia is not geographical but theological. We stand for a certain attitude towards truth and towards other Christian people, and those that sympathize with that attitude are drawn to us from all quarters.

If St. Stephen's is to become the exponent of a stereotyped theology, it makes little difference whether that theology be of the Middle Ages or of the Reformation period; if it should represent the Christian Church as having reached a final form incapable of further growth, or if it should emphasize the peculiar features of our church and treat people of other usages and forms and modes of church government as outside the household of Christ, I believe that it would cease to fulfill any useful purpose in the City of

Philadelphia, and the congregation would soon be dissipated.

This is a great city, full of philanthropies and loyalties and its people are endued with many splendid qualities derived from many fountains of idealism, that were opened in this land by the heroism of the early settlers. But it cannot be denied that theologically the churches of Philadelphia are excessively conservative.

In the midst of a world of change, where Medicine is being made over into a new science, and Law, having altered entirely its methods of teaching and its modes of practice is rapidly moulding itself along new lines, we find the Christian pulpit very slow to respond to new movements of thought. Wherever our affections are deeply engaged, we are prone to be conservative. The last place that we wish to see changed is the home in which we grew up, all of whose features are consecrated by our tender associations. The last word in the English language that will drop the unnecessary "u" will probably be the word "Saviour." Still it is not intended that our lives shall be dominated by sentimentality, but that we should be the servants of truth and that we should be guided by reason. In justice to the next generation we must remove those things that can be shaken and must speak the truth according to the light that God gives us.

Now my idea of St. Stephen's is that this Church can only rightly fulfill its functions by being the home of a liberal theology. It was because I believed that the pulpit was of such a character that I accepted the call in spite of the difficulties that lay around a down-town church.

But it is not enough that we should have a liberal pulpit; we ought also to have a liberal organization. Our charter requires that the vestry be elected by the pewholders. After a while I think that charter ought to be amended so that the vestry can be elected by the communicants who contribute a specified sum, not less than $5 toward the support of the church. But before any such change should be made we ought to accustom ourselves to working the machinery that we have. A liberty that expresses itself only in theories and does not mould life, is not worth much. I should like the parish to be a homogeneous parish, by carrying out the liberty of its doctrines in the progressive nature of its government. My ideal for this parish is that instead of the Easter election, we should simply have a formal meeting, and postpone the election of the vestry till the parish meeting. At the parish meeting the qualified voters should elect the vestry. I have no doubt that they would elect the gentlemen who already occupy that position. I don't expect anything revolutionary. I made such a change at Norfolk, and it worked admirably.

I should like to introduce it here gradually, first electing the vestry by the pewholders and later on extending the franchise to all communicants who contribute a specified sum.

The newspapers have spread abroad the information that by the will of Mr. James R. Magee we shall come into a generous bequest of one hundred thousand dollars at the expiration of an intervening life. Long may that gift be delayed, and when it comes may it be rightly used!

There are some churches that are killed by their endowments, because there is not sufficient energy in the congregation to make a right use of these blessings. Instead of being stirred up in a large and grateful way by these generous bequests, people accept them and lie back supinely, ungratefully enjoying them in inglorious ease. I am very solicitous that when the bequests come to us from the generous Magee family, to which we owe so much, the congregation shall have the organizations and societies and ramifications of various kinds that will enable us to make a fruitful use of these large means. Our institutional activities must be vitalized and prepared for that day. Our Girls' Friendly must not be allowed to grow smaller for lack of laborers or for deficiency in accommodation. Neither must we turn away workers for our Benevolent Society because we have not room for them. Our Boys' Clubs should not be permitted to grow less. Yet these are the dangers that lie ahead of us unless we can improve our parish building.

Nearly eighteen years ago, when I accepted the rectorship of Christ Church, Norfolk, I decided that we needed a new parish house there, and persuaded the congregation to build one. On my way north to look into the matter I passed through Philadelphia,

and I recall that on inquiring at the Church House as to the parish houses that would be worth my inspection they replied there were only four churches whose parish houses would be worth my while, and they mentioned St. Stephen's as one of them. When I came around and inspected it I was very much astonished that it should have been indicated as worth a special visit. It was not to be compared to the parish building that I built for my church in Norfolk. Indeed, we have one of the poorest Sunday School buildings in the city. The lower story is cut up very unwisely. The Sunday School room has to serve too many purposes, and the boys' clubs have no advantages worth speaking of. I should like to put up a four or five story building there with a cage on the top in which the boys could play their basket ball; with rooms for the verger and the parish visitor; with a suitable hall to serve as a Sunday School room, and for theatrical entertainments. I do not know whether it would not be worth while to throw a bridge across and use some portion of the attic of the church. The furnaces could be carried over into the basement of the church.

I believe that I can lay my hand on ten thousand dollars for this purpose, if it should appeal to the congregation as a whole. In view of the great distress abroad and of the war clouds that are gathering over us at home, I do not think it proper to lay this burden now upon the congregation, for we would need about $40,000. All that I want to do is to present it to you as an ideal. I should be very glad if some of you would give the money that you wish to devote to the endowment to this purpose. It is more pressing just now than any increase in the endowment.

This is an object worthy of our endeavors. It would be a great mistake if the people should get into their minds the false notion that these future additions to our endowments are to relieve us of responsibilities. Just the opposite is the case. It is our duty to see that when they come, they become the possession of a living, working church, and are through it made widely useful to the community.

I hope that we shall have a good offering today for our expectation. We did splendidly in 1930; but we put off our gifts to the last month. We seem to be following the same procedure this year. By this time we should have contributed $1625.00, yet our total up to date is $577.98, according to the report of the Diocesan treasurer. Let us gird up our loins, give promptly. The Latin maxim tells us that he gives twice who gives quickly.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

The following resolution was passed by the Vestry at their meeting on March 9, 1931:

"The Vestry of St. Stephen's Church hereby places on record its profound sense of loss in the death of our late honored and beloved bishop, Thomas J. Garland. He was greatly endeared to us by his beautiful Christian character, and by his zeal for the cause of God and the welfare of humanity, by the consistency of his life and the friendliness and simplicity of his bearing. Clothed with humility he was worthily elevated to authority.

"Greatly was the Diocese blessed by his just and wise administration, and his remarkable gifts of initiative and organization. Long will the influence of his example and of his great bishopric be felt in this diocese to which he devoted almost his entire ministry. Profoundly grateful are we to God for the blessing of such a life and such a bishopric."

Carl E. Grammer, Rector.
Herbert Old, Secretary.

A PRAYER

Oh! that mine eye might closed be
To what concerns me not to see:
That deafness might possess mine ear
To what concerns me not to hear:
That truth my tongue might even tie
From speaking words of vanity:
That no vain thought might ever rest
Or be conceived within my breast;
So that in deed and word and thought,
Glory may unto God be wrought.
But what are wishes? Lord, mine eye
Is fixed on Thee, to Thee I cry!
Cleanse, Lord, and purify my heart
And make it clean in every part;
And when 'tis pure, Lord, keep it so,
For that is more than I can do.

A THRENODY

MARCH, 1931

Bleak are the days of this month,
Vernal month, often colder than Winter,
Fatal month, when the frost in retreat
Shoots backwards its deadliest darts;
When Death swings wide his keen scythe,
And funerals wind through our streets.

Fatal the Ides of this month,
To Caesar unscathed by his wars,
And fatal the Kalends of March
When our Bishop so suddenly left us,
So quietly breathed his last breath,
Unexpectedly laid down his burden
And entered so calmly his rest,
Our leader, so valient and true,
Our chieftain, far-seeing and sage,
Our friend, ever helpful and kind,
Our Bishop, so self-less and just,
So saintly in zeal for his Lord,
In patient forbearance and trust;
So heroic in sickness and pain.

All too few were the years of his rule;
But long will the memory last
Of his leadership, dauntless and wise,
Of his character humble and brave,
Consecrated to Christ and His Church.

Solemn the days of this month
When Lent calls us often to Church
To dwell on the sufferings of Christ,
On the treason, the cross and the shame,
On the life the disciple must lead
To walk in the steps of the Lord.
Chilling the blasts of this month,
And solemn the lessons of Lent.

But reviving the breezes of April
And joyous the message of Easter
Of victory over the grave,
Of re-unions and life everlasting.
In the light of that hope let us view
This bereavement so sudden and awful.
Eternity's brightness can change
Our tears into rainbows of hope.
The Master has taken him home.
The Chief Shepherd will care for the flock,
Over-ruling the folly of men.

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27—Mrs. Lamb.

Oct. 4—Miss Laura Bell.
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13—Dr. Grammer.
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9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
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Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the Pew.

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Cutting Committee

Meets Wednesday, 10 A. M

Miss E. J. Davis, Mrs. Miesse, Miss Swift, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara.

Parcelling Committee

Meets Wednesdays, 10 A. M.

Mrs. I. W. Higham.

Distributing and Paying Committee

Miss Isabel P. Davis, Mrs. P. Appleton.

Selling Committee

Meets Wednesdays, 11 A. M.

Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

Special Orders Committee

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

Recorder of Work Taken Out and Returned

Mrs. John Coats Browne.

GARMENT COMMITTEE

Meets every Tuesday in Sunday School Building, from 11 to 12 o'clock.

President—
Treasurer—

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 10.30 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
Vice-President—Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath.
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., 439 Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill.
Treasurer—Mrs. Herman H. Birney, 4016 Chestnut Street.

Delegates to the Diocesan Auxiliary

Foreign—Mrs. Craig Atmore, Mrs. C. E. Grammer, Mrs. Newlin.
Domestic—Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. J. Wiley Christie.
Colored Mission—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Mrs. H. H. Birney, Miss Mary Page Grammer, Mrs. Joseph Clayton.
Indian Hope—Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr., Miss Susan C. Thackara.
Diocesan—Miss Laura Bell, Miss Janet MacAlister.
Treasurer United Thank Offering—Mrs. Frank G. Cooper.

ALTAR SOCIETY

President—The Rector.
Honorary Superintendent—Miss Eisenbrey.
Superintendent—Miss Susan C. Thackara.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Campbell.
Chancel Committee—Miss Elisenbrey, Miss Maulsby, Miss Moore, Miss Mann, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara, Mrs. Clarence Klink, Mrs. John A. Crane, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Bertha Walshe, Miss Anna Taggart, Miss Isabel R. MacMillan, Mrs. James Mearns, Mrs. John Mearns.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Meets Monday Evening, 7.00 to 9.30.

Branch President—Miss Blanche Moore.
Branch Treasurer—Miss Mary Tweedie.

Working Associates

Mrs. Carl E. Grammer, Mrs. David D. Wood, Miss Anne Daley, Miss Blanche Moore.

Literature Associate—

Honorary Associates

Miss Emily Bell, Miss Laura Bell, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Miss Jane Harper, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. John H. Arnett, Miss A. Van Dusen, Mrs. John Coats Browne, Mrs. Leonard Beale, Mrs. Beauveau Borie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings at 9.45.

Robert O. Kevin, *Superintendent*
Mrs. Idella Higham, *Pianist*
Warren Holland, *Leader*
Miss Josephine Hecker, *Secretary*

Teachers

Miss Eleanor Eccles	Miss Marian von Kessler
Mr. Clarence K. Klink	Miss Miriam Snavely
Miss Esther Hazlett	Mr. Richard Robinson
Mr. Alexander Whitney	Miss Margaret Kilpatrick
Miss Marian Brown	Mrs. Nellie Mearns

KING'S DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Whatsoever Circle

Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in each month.

President—Mrs. George T. Townsley.
Secretary—Miss Nellie Miller.
Treasurer—Miss Anna Taggart.

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Librarian—Miss Mary M. Roberts, 4310 Osage Ave.
Assistants—Mrs. Katharine Miesse, Miss M. V. Llewellyn.

OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

President—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Vice-President—Dr. Frank Cooper.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Walter Krebs.
Secretary—Mrs. H. Reifsnyder, Jr.
Treasurer—Mr. Robert Brown.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society—Mrs. John A. Crane.

Representative of St. Stephen's of the Bishop White Parish Library Association—Miss Emily Bell.

MOTHERS' MEETING

Parish House

First Meeting, Thursday, November 6th, 7.30 P. M.

President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
Secretary—Mrs. I. W. Higham.

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman—
Chairman and Treasurer—
Associates—Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Miss Mary Roberts

COMMUNITY HOUSE

House Committee

Chairman—Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.
Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Frank G. Cooper.
Secretary—
Treasurer—Mrs. I. W. Higham.
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 18—Charles R. Allen and Fanny Hancock.
May 23—Rev. Wm. MacD. Sharp and Catharine E. Kevin.

Christian Burial

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

April 6—Francis C. Headman.
April 27—Georgianna Foote.

Holy Baptism

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

April 5—Edward Charles Bell.
April 19—Leonard Francis Scherzer.

Oh may this bounteous God,
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
With blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

—Martin Rinkert.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 15 MARCH TO 10 MAY, 1931, INCLUSIVE

Offerings placed in Alms Basins exclusive of Envelope System:

Charities	$28.85	
Missions	223.44	
Theological Education	18.01	
Benevolent Society	8.93	
Colored Missions	7.38	
Chancel Decorations	48.56	
		$335.17

Envelope System

Charities	$89.80	
Parochial Maintenance	124.40	
Missions	645.16	
Theological Education	54.85	
Benevolent Society	53.05	
Domestic Missions	.50	
Community House Debt	.75	
Foreign Missions	4.20	
Colored Missions	43.50	
Missionary Box	14.55	
Indian Missions	.60	
Chancel Decorations	33.44	
Deaconess House	.50	
Woman's Auxiliary	.50	
Salvation Army	7.00	
The Gideons	8.00	
		$1,080.80
		$1,415.97

Recapitulation

Charities	$118.65
Parochial Maintenance	124.40
Missions	868.60
Theological Education	72.86
Benevolent Society	61.98
Domestic Missions	.50
Community House Debt	.75
Foreign Missions	4.20
Colored Missions	50.88
Missionary Box	14.55
Indian Missions	.60
Chancel Decorations	82.00
Deaconess House	.50
Woman's Auxiliary	.50
Salvation Army	7.00
The Gideons	8.00
	$1,415.97

Ella Headman, *Treasurer.*

One who never doubted clouds would break, never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph; held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep to wake.—Browning.

Do your duty and don't swerve from it. Do that which your conscience tells you to be right, and leave the consequences to God.—B. R. Haydon.

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

There are many reasons for rejoicing as we close our winter's work. All the reports of the Societies are encouraging. The Benevolent Society has done a truly astonishing amount of work, and has cooperated with the Lloyd Committee in giving employment to sewing women. The Community House has rendered large service to the Public. There has been a modest growth in our Sunday School and other Societies; not as large, of course, as we should like, but growth, and not decay. The Noon-day Services have improved both in attendance and in the quality of the Message. Religion may be used as an emotional luxury, or as a narcotic, or as a club with which to beat others, or as a stand on which to climb and look down on others. In short, like most good things, religion can be wrongfully used. The proper use of religion is to produce the fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, kindliness, fortitude, purity, generosity, helpfulness. It seems to me that the seed, that ought to produce such fruits is being sown abundantly at our noon-day services. The same may be said of our popular Lenten services.

The average weekly attendance at the daily noon-day service is between 200 and 250. The average daily attendance at the Lenten service is about 250.

The Parish Meeting on May 13th was unusually successful. The attendance was over a hundred in spite of the weather. The new method of having the Vestry nominated by a Committee saved trouble and left more time for social intercourse. The reports were commendably brief and to the point.

We are much indebted to Miss Laura Bell who was in charge for her excellent arrangements.

We missed the presence of Miss Emily Bell, Miss Blanche Moore and Mrs. John Coats Browne who were all three kept away by illness. Their absence was referred to with regret and messages were sent to them. Miss Laura Bell brought an affectionate message from her sister that was highly appreciated. This was the first Parish Meeting, I believe that Miss Emily Bell had missed, when she was in the country.

The congregation will take great pride, I am sure, in the generous gift that one of our number, Mr. T. Munroe Dobbins, has made to the Church Farm School of a finely equipped Infirmary in memory of his Mother. In her last days Mrs. Dobbins took a pew in St. Stephen's, where she used to sit with her son by her side. This was about ten years ago. After her death Mr. Dobbins moved his pew further back, and sits now near the Wood memorial. He has unfailingly responded generously to any appeals to him. Most grateful to me was the $500 which he gave to the Episcopal Hospital on Thanksgiving Day when I was lying sick there, and I am delighted that he has made such a generous gift to the Church Farm School, and erected such a beautiful memorial to his mother. Like his cousin, Mrs. John F. Combs, Mr. Dobbins belongs to a family of generous givers.

The Church has undertaken to raise $6,500 this year for causes outside the parish, the same amount that we promised last year. We waited till the last months of the year before sending in the money in 1930, but we are trying this year to send in our contributions more promptly. Here is the record of 1930 and 1931 as received from the Financial Secretary of the diocese.

Expectation 1930-1931	Proportion due in first 4 months	Paid first four months 1931	1930
$6,500.00	$2,167.00	$1,163.56	$781.66

The record shows improvement, but we might do better. Let us all try to send in our envelopes up to date before we leave for the summer. This will be a great help.

More and more is it borne in upon me that the two great forces needed in the Church are a spirit of cooperation, and friendliness. Experience has shown me that the loss of recalcitrant and obstructive people is never a real loss to the Parish. What a Church needs above everything else is a spirit of appreciation, interest in others, good will and zeal.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Report of Accounting Warden

It is a pleasure to the Accounting Warden to again be able to report the finances of the Church in a sound and satisfactory condition. The Endowment funds of the Church showed a slight increase during the year 1930, and all funds are fully invested. The securities which the Church owns in its own right are in the possession of the fiscal agent of the Church, and those which are held in Trust for the benefit of the Church are in the hands of the Trustee.

The receipts for the year 1930 came from the following sources:

Interest on Endowments		$47,840.19
Envelope Contributions		966.97
Pew Rents		2,546.24
Burd School		500.00
Interest on Deposits		47.48
Community House Receipts		104.00
Total Receipts		$52,005.18

The disbursements were as follows:

Salaries of Clergy and Assistants		$20,350.00
Organist, Music and Choir		9,135.68
Church Pension Fund		1,102.50
Diocesan Assessments		1,795.91
Interest on Community House Mortgage		1,700.00
General Repairs	$2,192.27	
Cleaning the Interior of the Church	1,485.00	
		3,677.27
Installation of the Anna J. Magee Memorial Window		2 500.00
Operating Expenses		8,924.75
Fire Insurance		2,439.58
Taxes and Water Rent on Rectory		685.00
Total Disbursements		$52.310.69

It will be noted that during the year 1930 there were some non-recurring items and some unusual expenses. The beautiful window in memory of Miss Anna J. Magee was installed by the D'Ascenzo Studios at a cost of $2500, and some repairs were made to the Church, including the entire cleaning of the walls of the Church at an expense of approximately $3600. The fire insurance premiums were particularly heavy in 1930, due to the maturities of fire insurance in substantial amount during that year. With these unusual expenses taken into account the Accounting Warden feels that the income and disbursements were very well balanced.

The receipts for Special Parochial Purposes were as follows:

Communion Alms	$ 839.98
Envelope and other Contributions	1,430.44
Interest on Endowments	1,622.40
	$3,892.82

All of this money was disbursed for the purposes for which it had been given, and in addition there was contributed from various sources and to a large extent outside of the parish the sum of $5,000 for the endowment at the Episcopal Hospital of a bed in memory of the late Mr. Howard Reifsnyder, which sum was paid over to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Hospital for the purpose for which it had been donated.

The receipts for Diocesan and General Church Objects amounted to $5,921.67, and the disbursements were the same.

The Accounting Warden had on hand on December 31, 1930, the sum of $3,297.84 in reduction of the Community House debt, and it is hoped that during the year 1931 a substantial additional sum will be raised for that purpose.

Considering the period of financial distress through which we have passed in the year 1930 the Accounting Warden feels that the contributions made by the members of the Church, not only for the Diocesan Missions and Objects outside the parish but for special purposes within the parish and for parochial maintenance, have been on a most satisfactory basis. It is hoped that the communicants of our Church will continue to give to these objects the continued support which is expected of us and which they properly deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

I. Smith Raspin,
Accounting Warden.

The Bishop White Parish Library Association

Miss Emily Bell, representative of St. Stephen's, submits the following list of members who have contributed to this association in 1931:

Miss Farrell	$1.00
Miss Emily Bell	2.00
Miss Maulsby	1.00
Miss Roberts	1.00
In Memory of Miss Zeilin	1.00
Mrs. Reath	2.00
Mrs. John C. Browne	2.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	2.00
Miss Laura Bell	1.00
Mrs. William B. Campbell	1.00
In Memory of Howard Reifsnyder	5.00
Dr. Grammer	10.00
Miss Paullin	1.00
Total	$30.00

Reports of the Noon-day Services, and Noon-day Lenten Services

Noon-day Services

Since the last annual report was submitted, a change has been made in the noon-day services.

The business organizations that have been maintaining the noon-day services, except the church service on Wednesday, having withdrawn, the church has assumed charge of all noon-day services.

These services have a promising outlook, and should be encouraged by members of the parish, as far as possible, both by their presence and interest. Those who make up the congregations are largely not members of the parish, but devout worshipers, whose daily attendance justifies the maintenance of the work.

There has been a gradual improvement in the attendance. The offerings dropped in the boxes at the church entrance, have thus far been sufficient to cover the expenses, but with the changes above referred to, the expenses will increase. The Vestry has made an appropriation to cover the arrearages.

Balance, May 1, 1930	$304.11
Receipts	432.91
	$737.02
Disbursements	648.55
Balance, May 1, 1931	$88.47

Noon-day Lenten Services

The Noon-day Lenten Services, which have been in existance for a great many years in this parish, are well known, far and wide, and awaken a great spiritual interest from year to year.

The estimated aggregate attendance this season was about 12,000. The largest attendance was 1,000 on Good Friday. Notwithstanding there are many other churches in the central part of the city now maintaining similar services, the attendance at St. Stephen's is very little affected.

It is no easy task to secure a full complement of acceptable preachers for the Lenten period. The Rector deserves a full measure of praise for his splendid selection.

Balance, May 1, 1930	$481.33
Receipts	893.13
	$1,374.46
Disbursements	1,198.00
Balance, May 1, 1931	$176.46

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence K. Klink,
Treasurer.

Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society began the season of 1930 and 1931 with a cash balance of $11.95.

Just prior to our closing in April, 1930, we were advised that the former treasurer had deposited with a trust company her balance and that, with interest added, then amounted to $264.90.

Since only one envelope was given this season, Dr. Grammer added a generous contribution of $300 to make up the deficiency.

Had it not been for these two large amounts unexpectedly placed at our disposal, we should have been obliged to discontinue our activities in February.

With this great help, however, we were able to give our women more work than we had before, and were able, also, to employ two additional sewers, members of the church, who greatly needed this assistance.

We appreciate the donations from the Girls' Friendly Society, and from the King's Daughters of $10 and $5 respectively.

On account of the business depression and need of employment it was considered best this year to give work until our fund was exhausted. The result is that we now have an empty treasury; but the satisfaction of a record of articles made reaching the amazing total of 11,400.

The illness of Mrs. John Coats Browne has given us grave cause for anxiety; but we trust that we shall soon have more favorable reports of her condition, and we hope that she will be able to resume her work with us in the fall. She is indeed greatly missed, for her affectionate and sunny disposition endears her to all her friends, and to those in need she is ever sympathetic and generous.

Even in her illness she did not forget the Society in which she is so interested, sending her usual generous contribution for the luncheon to be served May 20th.

In conclusion, the treasurer appeals to the members of the congregation for support in this work, and she hopes that a goodly sum of money may be available for our use in the fall.

Isabel P. Davis,
Secretary.

Benevolent Society

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 13, 1931

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, May 14, 1930	$11.95
Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Church Warden	318.96
Provident Trust Co.	264.16
Donations	20.00
Rummage Sale	79.14
Through Dr. Grammer	300.00
	$994.21
Sales	99.90
	$1,094.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Sewing	$1,084.40
Paid for Material	14.96
	$1,099.36
Leaving a deficit (which was donated by the treasurer)	$5.25

Isabel P. Davis,
Treasurer.

Report of Sewing Done for the Committee on Unemployment

In February, 1931, the Benevolent Society was advised by the Committee on Unemployment that it would pay $7.25 a week to each of ten women if we would provide the sewing and be responsible for the work done.

We were glad to help in this good cause though it entailed extra time and work for those who attended the afternoon sessions when the sewing was given out.

The $7.25 per week each, meant more to these families than any one of us can imagine. They were most grateful for this help, and also for the personal interest shown them.

It was with sincere regret that on April 29th, owing to lack of funds from the Lloyd Committee this work ceased. We bade our new friends good-bye, knowing that they were going to homes where not a dollar was coming in for daily needs.

The number of articles made was 4200.

Altar Society

Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Altar Society is herewith submitted. During the past year the Society has lost many of its members through death, sickness and several resignations. Owing to change of residence to Roanoke, Va., Miss Bertha Walshe is severing her connection with the Chancel Committee. She has served as a member for many years, giving such dependable and faithful service that she will be greatly missed.

The Society recorded in a minute the sense of loss that it had sustained in the death of Miss Sarah Eisenbrey, who had been a member for many years.

Three new members have been elected to membership within the last month.

The Treasurer reports:

Balance on Hand, May 14, 1930	$111.25
Received from Memorial Flower Fund	159.00
Received from Palms	5.00
Received from Envelope System	12.05
Received from Easter Decorations	80.90
Total	$368.20

EXPENDITURES

Memorial Flowers	$135.50
Printing	4.25
Surplice	7.50
Embroidering Surplice	3.00
Fruit for Thanksgiving	10.00
Calendar	1.50
Palms	5.50
Easter Decorations	85.00
Total	$252.25
Balance on hand May 13, 1931	$115.95

Examined and found correct by Marion Headman.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Thackara,
Superintendent.
Emily K. Campbell,
Treasurer.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL JUNE FETE
of
CHAPIN MEMORIAL HOME for AGED BLIND
6713 Woodland Avenue
THURSDAY. JUNE 4, 1931
From 3 to 10 P. M.
Admission, 15 Cents, Including Ice Cream
Supper will be served from 5 to 7
Price, 75 Cents
Music, Entertainment, Sale of Fancy and Useful Articles

The Woman's Auxiliary

The usual seven meetings have been held beginning in October with a corporate communion. Only one speaker has addressed the Auxiliary during the season, Bishop Thomas Jenkins, of Nevada, so much time being required to hear the reports of the faithful delegates that it has seemed unfair to curtail their time, and also it is not justice to a speaker from a distance to hurry him. Moreover, the Treasury has not been overflowing, so that donations outside the pledges have been restricted.

Two new members have been attending the meetings, and every woman connected with the parish is asked to show some interest in the Auxiliary, either by being a delegate to one of the committees, by attending the meetings or making a contribution toward the pledges expected from each parish. Interest grows in this way by becoming familiar with the names at least of the missionaries and their work in various parts of the world for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

There are many opportunities of hearing speakers at educational and devotional day meetings, and pleasant outings in the spring often lead to friendly relations with coworkers. Altogether, the church woman who does not join the Woman's Auxiliary misses an objective in her life which nothing else can fill.

Laura Bell,
President.

Wyck

The annual garden party and fair at Wyck, 6026 Germantown Avenue, the home of Mr. Caspar Wister Haines, takes place on Thursday afternoon, June 4th, when it is hoped to raise the last one thousand dollars due on the seven thousand pledge to be paid in five years to the Diocesan Campaign Fund.

St. Stephen's is asked to co-operate in this effort with the other parishes of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, contributions of money, fancy and useful articles or whatever else the donor may wish to give, will be gratefully received at the Parish House in care of Miss Laura Bell and tickets are always available.

Woman's Auxiliary

Balance Forward, May 12, 1930	$194.59
Received from Accounting Warden, May 12, 1930, to May 13, 1931	83.22
Apportionment	300.00
Income from Sinclair Fund	30.00
Special Gift for Indian Missions, Miss May Noonan	26.00
Special Gift for Indian Missions, Mrs. John Coats Browne	15.00
Special for Speaker's Fund, Miss Laura Bell	10.00
Gift of Dr. Grammer	5.00
Gift for Hudson Stuck Hospital	6.50
Dues from Members of Auxiliary	117.00
Total Receipts	$787.31

DISBURSEMENTS

United Thank Offering	$45.00
Church Periodical Committee	10.00
New Minute Book	1.50
Pennsylvania Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, Annual Dues	35.00
Women's Interdenominational Union, Annual Dues	1.00
Diocesan Committee	15.00
Committee on Colored Work	105.00
Committee on Foreign Missions	105.00
Committee on Domestic Missions (Including Special Gift of $30 to Bishop of Nevada.)	135.00
Committee on Indian Missions (Including $26.00 from Miss Noonan, $15.00 from Mrs. Browne, and $6.50 Special to Hudson Stuck Hospital.)	152.50
Total Disbursements	$605.00
Balance as of May 13, 1931	$182.31

Elizabeth C. Birney,
Treasurer.

Audited, May 12, 1931:
Idella W. Higham,
Elizabeth G. Christie.

Missionary Box

On November 27th, a check was sent from St. Stephen's Auxiliary to Mr. W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for $70.00 for two suits of heavy underwear and two suits of clothes for two Indian Catechists—William Crow-Eagle and Amos Mocassin, on the Rosebud Reservation.

Seventy-five dollars was given Mrs. Higham for work for the unemployed. In one case a poor woman wanted work and Mrs. Higham bought a small sewing machine so she was able to make garments and help support herself in that way.

In January a kodak was sent through Miss Thackara for the Reverend Levi M. Rouillard, Missionary to Indian Schools, Rapid City, South Dakota.

The amount paid was $37.95—this included the camera, leather case and portrait attachments.

In January a portable Remington typewriter was sent to Rev. Paul H. Barbour, Rosebud Indian Mission, South Dakota. A letter was received saying he had every reason to be grateful for this gift.

The amount paid for the typewriter was $51.55.

In February a check was sent for $15.00 to Mr. Albert W. Eastburn for undernourished children, Third and Dauphin Streets. He wrote they were daily giving hot suppers, the menus carefully made out under direction of dietitians, to children and their mothers sent to them by hospitals and health centres. The work is done by volunteers from the auxiliaries of five other parishes. They were in great need of shoes, and this gift was to be spent for that purpose.

I am glad to report we had more money this year, as Mr. Crowell, whom we all miss, gave us a check for $100.00. Last year we had more from the Lenten services. We have a balance for the year of $269.53.

Florence P. Reath.

Missionary Box Account

Forward May 12, 1930	$184.32
Lenten Offering, 1930, to Missionary Box from Lenten Services	100.00
Lenten Offering, 1931, to Missionary Box from Lenten Services	25.00
From Church Envelopes, May 12, 1930, to May 13, 1931, from Accounting Warden	181.42
Gift of Mrs. Reath	25.00
Interest Allowed on Deposit	3.29
Total	$519.03

DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls S. D., Suits for Indian Catechists	$70.00	
To Camera for Levi M. Rouillard, Rapid City, S. D.	37.95	
To Idella W. Higham, for Parish Work, St. Stephen's	75.00	
To Typewriter for Rev. Paul Barbour, Rosebud Mission, S. D.	51.55	
To Contributions Sent to A. W. Eastburn, for Undernourished Children	15.00	
	$249.50	
		$249.50
Balance, May 13, 1931		$269.53

Audited, May 12, 1931:
Idella W. Higham,
Elizabeth G. Christie.

United Offering

The 27th Annual Service of the women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for the presentation of the United Thank Offering was held on Thursday, April 30th, in St. Paul's Church. The offering was over $15,000—the largest gift in twenty-seven years. Your treasurer received $207.55 from thirty-five contributors, and gave as your offering at this service a check for $205.00.

On taking office I found a:

Balance in Bank, April 30, 1930	$ 7.92
Interest	1.07
I have received from Oct. 27, 1930 to April 26, 1931	207.55
Total	$216.54
By Check to United Offering, April 30	205.00
Balance in Bank, May 12, 1931	$11.54

May I express my thanks to the contributors and I hope more names will be added to the list next year. The United Thank Offering is a gift from the women of our church all over the world, in thanks for daily blessings and is used to train, pay the salaries, etc., of women missionaries, and these women so maintained are known as "United Thank Offering Missionaries."

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE UNITED OFFERING

Mrs. Craig Atmore	$2.00
Mrs. John Coats Browne	25.00
Miss Emily Bell	5.00
Miss Laura Bell	5.00
Miss Louisa B. Bell	3.00
Miss Mary DeHaven Bright	5.00
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper	3.00
Miss Elizabeth Dare	2.00
Miss Anne Daley	5.00
Miss Isabel Davis	1.00
Miss Margaret Davis	1.00
Miss Elizabeth Davis	1.00
Miss Annie Denny	2.00
Miss Ella Dwier	5.00
Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey	5.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis	5.00
Miss Anna Farrell	1.00
Mrs. Carl E. Grammer	5.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper	1.00
Mrs. Idella Higham	5.00
Mrs. John T. Hay	1.00
Miss Florence Hay	1.00
Mothers' Meeting	5.00
Miss Matilda Maulsby	10.00
Sale of Spirit of Missions	.30
Mrs. Albert Pancoast	15.00
Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder	5.00
Mrs. I. Smith Raspin	1.00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath	15.00
Miss Mary M. Roberts	2.00
The Anna Sinclair Fund	45.00

Miss Mary Swift	1.00
Miss Susan Thackara	14.25
Mrs. T. Mellor Tyson	5.00
Total	$207.55

Ethel Cooper, Treasurer.

St. Stephen's Choir

It is a pleasure to be invited by Dr. Grammer to include in the Parish News this brief report of the activities of the Choir. It may be said without boastfulness, I believe, that the season just ending has shown the highest grade of work from this organization that has been produced since it has been my pleasure to act as Choirmaster. The trouble to which many of our congregation have gone to express personally their pleasure in the music has been most gratifying and is deeply appreciated, and we would say that we are most anxious to perform such works as are particularly desired by any of our friends and hope that they will always feel free to proffer requests.

The general tendency this year has been to reduce somewhat the number of singers and to retain only the most proficient at fair rates of compensation. This seems to result in no impairment of volume or dignity of tone and in a more clean-cut, malleable and refined ensemble.

Every choir must depend largely upon acquired repertoire for the mass of its work, but we have this season also produced (or will have produced by the end of June) musical works new to this organization to the number of twenty-two. This is about an average year's addition to repertoire, and the total number of compositions available through merely "brushing up" is now very large.

The spirit of the Choir as a "Choir Family" remains, as it has always been, most delightful. There is great interest and firm loyalty and the utmost willingness to work very hard. We have held, at intervals, choir suppers, which have been most amusing and enjoyable, and to the committee in charge of which I would express my thanks.

The results we have obtained have necessarily been obtained with but one rehearsal a week. I have often wished that two rehearsals might be possible, for the still greater refinement of our music, but this could not be, in fairness, undertaken without increasing the remuneration of the members beyond our present appropriation.

To Dr. Grammer and Dr. Kevin we extend most sincere thanks for their complete cooperation and encouragement. I would also mention the care expended by our soloists, Mrs. Wynkoop and Mr. Williamson, in the preparation and beautiful execution of their solos, the careful and competent work of our Secretary and Librarian, Miss Falkingham, and the untiring devotion of the chorus members, several of whom have acted in solo capacity—to all of whom I would express my grateful recognition.

Edward Shippen Barnes,
Organist and Choirmaster.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, Oct. 1930, to May 1931

It is impossible to give a record of the year's work of St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, without first mentioning the serious illness of our beloved President, Miss Blanche V. Moore, and expressing our gratitude to God that He has graciously spared her life. Giving herself in such unstinted measure to all the interests of the Society, it has indeed been difficult to carry on without her presence among us.

According to custom, Dr. Grammer presided at the first meeting in October, making the program delightfully reminiscent of the summer vacation just passed.

On subsequent evenings two of our own girls gave very interesting talks descriptive of their travels:

"A Vagabond in Porto Rico" (illustrated) by Helen Ramsey, and, "California and the West," by Anna Dice.

Miss Anne R. Daley, one of our associates, whose resourcefulness never fails, has stood ready at call to fill in any gap in an otherwise meager program. On Armistice Day she gave a very interesting talk, and again on Lincoln's Birthday she was delightfully entertaining, giving some unusual anecdotes of the great Lincoln.

On other Monday evenings we have had:

An illustrated lecture by Mr. L. C. Kight, "The Beautiful City of Washington."

A talk by Dr. William H. Moore, entitled "Better Water for Philadelphia," Educational and illuminating.

A Health Talk, by Dr. Stanley Reimann.

Miss Margaret Maule, Diocesan President, came for an evening to give instruction to probationers and to discuss problems of interest to the whole group.

There was also a religious talk by Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill.

Appealing to our Honorary Associates, Miss Laura Bell responded by reading a very interesting and enlightening paper on India, and Mrs. John Coats Browne sent for our entertainment a moving picture. This assistance was greatly appreciated.

In November the Annual Corporate Communion was held in the Church.

The following events, however socially inclined—and we enjoyed them to the full—had as an ulterior motive the making of money to increase our Special Effort Fund: numerous card parties; dinner and sale of Tartan brand products; a rummage sale; Christmas dinner and sale, from which we realized $117.00; on the evening of May 4th, our so-called "Special Effort Night," a play, entitled, "Modest Maidens of 1900," was given, followed by tableaux. The grand total of our effort will amount to something over $400.00.

A delegate was sent to the National Council Meeting in Chicago in October, $100.00 having been appropriated for this purpose. It may be of interest to note that in addition to the delegate, two associates from St. Stephen's Branch attended the Council Meeting, an unusual representation from any one branch to a convention at so great a distance from Pennsylvania.

At that time we contributed $150.00 to the National Budget G. F. S.

It was at this convention that the new song book of the Girls' Friendly Society, edited by one of the associates of our own Branch, was first used.

One hundred dollars was contributed to St. Stephen's Community House.

At Christmas time one hundred stockings were filled for the children in the Philadelphia General Hospital. There were also fifty dolls dressed and fifty toys provided for boys.

In common with other societies with which she was connected, the Girls' Friendly Society keenly feels the loss by removal from the city, of its friend of long standing, Miss Bertha T. Walshe, Member Chairman, whose unfailing enthusiasm and untiring zeal have contributed so much to the success of our Branch. On May 11th a surprise farewell dinner was tendered Miss Walshe. Dr. Grammer added to the happiness of the occasion by reading an original poem dedicated to Miss Bertha Walshe.

Miss Anna Dice has been elected to fill the office of Member Chairman resigned by Miss Walshe.

"True friends love each other, gladly give and take,
Bear with one another for sweet friendship's sake,
Even when parted, always love each other still,
Both in joy and sorrow, sharing good and ill."

Never has this hymn, the rallying song of the Girls' Friendly Society, had such meaning for St. Stephen's Branch, as this year of grace 1931!

A. B. W.

Treasurer's Report
Girls' Friendly Society

Balance, May 1, 1930		$667.70
Receipts to May 1, 1931		702.62
		$1,370.32
Expenditures to May 1, 1931		1,097.44
Balance on Hand May 1, 1931		$272.88
The above balance is composed of:		
Special Effort Money (not yet distributed)	$241.63	
General Treasury	31.25	
		$272.88
There is also a Beneficial Fund of		$141.63

Mary Tweedie,
Treasurer.

The King's Daughters ("Whatsoever Circle")

The King's Daughters have held sixteen meetings this past season, with an average attendance of ten members. One of our members passed away and one new member joined our Circle.

We all regret that Miss Walshe, our past President, is leaving us to go to Roanoke, Virginia. We shall miss her, she was a faithful and loving leader. We wish her success and happiness in her new home.

We have about 62 articles finished. We are giving some to Mrs. Higham and are going to give some to the Hope Day Nursery; we have also given some to families who have been in need. At Christmas we contributed toward the Church baskets, and twenty-four stockings were filled with candy and toys for the Hope Day Nursery.

We held our dinner this year in February, which netted us $52.00—we made this amount up to $55.00 which we gave to the Community House fund. We have also

made contributions to the Travelers' Aid Society, Home for Aged at Narberth, and The Benevolent Society.

Elizabeth H. Townsley, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May 1, 1930	$25.02	
Proceeds from Passion Play	.75	
Income from Patton Legacy	86.00	
Dues from Members	9.40	
Received from Members for Christmas Work	6.52	
Proceeds from Dinner	52.00	
		$179.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Home for Aged, at Narberth	$5.00	
Memorial Flowers (Mrs. Vanderslice)	3.00	
Fruit for Sick	.70	
Flowers for Member Who Passed Away	3.50	
Community House Fund	55.00	
Dr. Grammer's Anniversary Gift	5.00	
Christmas Gift	2.75	
Church Christmas Baskets	5.00	
Final Payment to Diocesan Campaign Fund	10.00	
Benevolent Society	5.00	
Membership Dues to Travelers' Aid Society	5.00	
County and National Dues	5.75	
Mortgage Fund on Home for Aged, at Narberth	5.00	
Christmas Stockings, Toys, etc.	14.61	
Materials and Supplies	26.53	
Party	6.85	
Tumblers for Community House	1.33	
		$160 02
Balance on hand, May 1, 1931		$19.67

Anna Taggart, Treasurer.

Burd School

The year 1931 is a memorable one in the annals of the School, as we have celebrated our Seventieth Birthday. Three score years and ten is a venerable age, but this Seventieth Anniversary finds the school in the heyday of its youth, full of vigorous life, more ably administered than ever before, and with a promise for each girl of a happy, busy future if she will work and strive for the rewards the Burd School has to offer.

On the 14th of February, this birthday was most artistically commemorated by Tableaux Vivants, the scenes of which were taken from pictures and paintings of Mrs. Burd and the various members of her family. The tableaux were accompanied with music and appropriate descriptive recitations in verse. Poems written by Mr. Burd and his son, found among the Burd papers, were brought to light for this occasion and added their quota to the most charming program ever given in this school.

Following this entertainment came the Graduation Exercises with the presentation of prizes, an event of double interest this year, owing to the postponement of similar exercises last year, due to quarantine on account of measles and whooping cough. Fortunately for the school and the pleasure of the guests this year, scarlet fever of which there were three cases early in the winter, did not interfere with the carrying out of the well-prepared plan for this celebration. Dr. Grammer and the Board of Trustees asked Miss Tappen to extend to the Alumni of the School an invitation to dinner following the exercises of the afternoon. The dinner, given at Hamilton Court, was attended by fifty-seven graduates, twenty-one of whom had passed through the school during Miss Tappen's administration. An honored guest at the feast was one of the original twelve with whom Mrs. Burd started the school. She came from Gettysburg for the occasion. The only other original member now surviving is resident in California. The reunion proved most felicitous in every way, and will be remembered by all who participated as one of the high lights of the present administration.

In June, 1930, Lillian Bovell, Dorothy Zeigler and Shirley Edwards finished their collegiate courses and are now engaged in gainful occupations. Marie Carter is at Temple College and Mary Jane Gutierrez is taking a business course in Buffalo, and is now living with her brother. Elsie Martin entered Pierce's Business School in September, 1930. Nine children have been admitted since September. Eight girls were confirmed during Lent.

Again this year our girls will go to camp. The majority to a camp in northwestern New Jersey and some of the older girls to a camp near Lake Champlain.

The Board of Women Visitors have made the usual weekly visits during the year, except during the periods of quarantine. Their reports have been most favorable.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily K. Campbell, Chairman.

Parish Visitor

The past year has been very trying to a number of families connected, in various ways, with St. Stephen's.

Designated contributions from several members of the church for rent, in two cases where the constable was threatened, the physician's fee for bringing a child into the world, electric and gas bills, coal, groceries and a new hat for an elderly man, all helped to relieve anxiety and tide over difficulties for a time.

Another member gave material and the money to pay for the making, of nine girls' dresses. The King's Daughters made and gave eighteen different articles which will make the children who get them very happy.

The Missionary Box Committee of Woman's Auxiliary contributed $75.00 for the Parish Visitor's work. This fund was used for six tons of coal at $5.00 per ton, six baskets of groceries, $5.00 per basket, and a $10.00 sewing machine for a woman, deserted by her husband, and left with four children to support. This woman was able to get sewing from the Supply Bureau of Church House, and in this way help with the rent. A member of the church gave her beds and bedding, clothing and food.

The church funds were used to take care of our regular pensioners, and a dollar or two given to those in need and known to the Parish Visitor. Strangers coming in and asking for aid, would frequently be given a small amount—enough for a cup of coffee or a bowl of soup.

In return for a small contribution to the Salvation Army, lodging and meal tickets were secured, and 125 men were cared for in this way. The Volunteers of America sent word to send hungry men to them for a hot meal at night. There was no place to send a hungry woman.

During the winter months 1327 articles of clothing, 5 pairs of new shoes, 83 pairs of partly worn shoes and 14 pairs of rubbers, helped to make many comfortable that would otherwise have suffered.

Layettes made by St. Stephen's Aid Society were in demand, ten being given out. This includes one to the Family Society and one to the Unemployment Relief Committee.

At Christmas 108 families were given generously filled baskets that were received with real appreciation. The mince pies added to their enjoyment of the dinner.

During the year 372 visits were paid to 126 different people, living in all parts of the city and suburbs.

With grateful appreciation for the help received in her work, the Parish Visitor submits this report.

Idella W. Higham.

Aid Society

The work of the Aid Society was carried on during Lent under the able direction of our Parish Visitor, Mrs. Higham. Many baby garments were made and a well-stocked closet will enable Mrs. Higham to carry relief and aid to many a household.

Treasurer reports that the balance on hand last year of $1.65 was turned over to Mrs. Higham at the end of the Lenten season.

Received, 1931, from Baby Fund		$12.75
Received from Dr. Grammer		20.00
Received from Mrs. Campbell		5.00
Total		$37.75

EXPENSES

Outing Flannel, Muslin and Domet	$30.36	
Buttons	1.76	
Babies' Undervests	4.41	
Total		$36.53
Balance on hand, May 13, 1931		$1.22

Respectfully submitted,

Emily K. Campbell,
Chairman.

The McAll Mission

In spite of the many calls at home, the friends of the McAll Mission in St. Stephen's did not forget the workers across the sea. Those who heard Mr. Donovan describe his work in Liberia will remember how discouraged he felt when obliged to cut down his work because the subscribers in the homeland had reduced their subscriptions. The workers on the field need all the sympathy and support we can give them, and the McAll Mission, in particular, gives such tiny salaries to its faithful staff that further reduction seems impossible. The $43 turned in by your representative to the Philadelphia Auxiliary included a gift of $10 from our Sunday School, to be used in the summer vacation work of the Mission. A fine old chateau has recently been fitted up to take in children from the industrial sections of Paris. As $1.60 pays for a week's board in this lovely home with its spacious grounds, the boys and girls of St. Stephen's will act as hosts for half a dozen little Jeans and Jeannettes from the crowded city streets and insure them a whole week of bliss to be remembered throughout the year. The annual meeting of the Philadelphia branch was held this year in St. James' Church, which indicates a growing interest on our part in this great interdenominational work.

Emilie Donehower.

The Sunday School

During the past year the Sunday School has sustained marked growth with the organization and addition of another class to its membership and the necessity facing us of adding a second new class with another teacher at the opening of the fall term.

Sessions began the third Sunday of last September and will continue until the middle of June. We have 100 pupils, with nine classes, nine teachers, three musicians, a secretary-treasurer, and the superintendent.

Of the teachers, four are college graduates, two are students at the Church Training School and deaconess house, two are Philadelphia High School teachers, one a grammer school teacher, two are scout masters in the Boy Scouts. The work of the Sunday School is carefully graded according to the best educational and psychological standards with no one lesson course invariably followed, but the best of five different lesson systems, as they seem to fit most admirably the needs of the age of our classes.

The Sunday School picnic in the early part of June last year took place in Forest Hills Park, near Chalfonte, Pa., where buses engaged for the purpose transported the children. This year the probabilities are we will go to Riverview Beach on the Delaware in the last week of June.

The Christmas and Easter festivals were given in the Community House and in the Church, as in former years, the Christmas play being a modern adaptation of an old French masque, "The Holy Night." Miss Frances McCollin greatly assisted the production by directing the singing of the French carols used in the work. The Easter pageant was dramatized by Miss Hazlett, one of our Sunday School teachers, and followed a poem of Thomas Bailey Aldrich, called Friar Jerome's Beautiful Book.

The Lenten offering was larger this year than last, $100.37 being raised during Lent as compared with $73.10 last year. The Sunday School's total missionary givings this year, all of which with the exception of a gift of ten dollars to the McAll Mission in France, were sent in with our Lenten offering were $210.00.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert Kevin,
Superintendent.

Mothers' Meeting

Although financially the past year has been a difficult one for the members of the Mothers' Meeting, we have made our last payment of $120.00 for the Diocesan Campaign Fund, thus fulfilling our pledge of $600.00.

Our annual contribution of $5.00 for palms for the Altar on Palm Sunday, and $5.00 for the United Thank Offering leave us a small bank balance for next season.

Our average attendance has been nearly 100. We have lost three members by death —and a number of our older members have become unable to attend, but new ones have filled the places.

Besides our usual entertainments, moving pictures, etc., we have been delightfully entertained by the B. W. C. L. on three League nights, and are anticipating with great pleasure the Reception and Musicale, to be given by Miss Vida Hunt Francis, at Alden Park Manor on May 21st.

Our last meeting was a Real Party, with Dr. Grammer presiding, Dr. Kevin our guest, a beautiful moving picture, "Babes in the Woods," baskets of flowers from the mothers for officers and guests, cakes and ice cream, and 140 present.

We look forward with pleasure to our Summer Outing to Atlantic City in July, hoping that Dr. Grammer and Dr. Kevin will both be with us on that occasion.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche M. Harper,
President.

Young People's Club

The Young People's Club had their first meeting in November and have met the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month.

In January we entertained the Young People's Fellowship at dinner, and on our invitation they joined our Club. We were very glad to welcome them.

In June we had our usual children's party at the Zoo.

At Christmas time we entertained twenty-five children for supper, had a movie and gave each child a sweater and a toy.

In January we entertained twenty-five mothers for supper, having a movie for them also, and each one was given a blanket.

In April we had an auction supper to raise money for our charity work, which was very successful.

We have given toward the purchase of the new furniture in the third floor, for Dr. Grammer's twenty-fifth anniversary gift, and toward the fund to reduce the debt on the Community House.

As we have increased our membership we are hoping to do more work another season.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder,
President.

The Young People wish to thank all who purchased tickets for our supper and auction sale, and also those who attended.

We had prepared for seventy-five and over one hundred and twenty-five came. We were very sorry not to be ready for so many, and wish to thank you for your patience and good humor, and promise when we have our next one (which we hope will be next winter), to be prepared for you all.

Be sure to give us another trial.

Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder,
President.

The Community House Committee has endeavored to carry on during the past season.

We deeply regret to report the resignation of our Treasurer, Miss Bertha Walshe. She has done this work most efficiently and it has been a privilege to work with her. Mrs. Higham has very kindly consented to accept the position.

From May, 1930, to May, 1931, about 11,360 persons have used the building, consisting of some 21 groups, such as Church Organizations, dances, bazaars, suppers, meetings, receptions, Sunday School, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Howard Reifsnyder.

Community House Fund

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand May 14, 1930	$847.05
Received from May 14, 1930, to May 1, 1931	639.03
Total	$1,486.08

DISBURSEMENTS

May 26th, 1930, to May 1st, 1931	$671.62
Balance on Hand May 1, 1931	$814.46

Church Periodical Club

It was the realization of a great opportunity that led the founder of the Church Periodical Club to conceive the idea of an organization to supply good reading matter where it was much needed. So long as our rural and missionary clergy are shut off from libraries and unable to buy books and magazines; so long as they need in their work Church literature which they have no means of securing; so long as there are schools and missions here and abroad where magazines and text and reference books are needed; so long as there are people whose minds are starving for good literature which they have no way of providing for themselves; just so long will there be opportunity for the work of the Church Periodical Club.

Thirty-five members of St. Stephen's continue to send regularly their current magazines, and 32 subscriptions are entered in the names of the recipients.

Greeting cards are sent at Christmas and Easter.

Many magazines are taken to Jefferson Hospital.

Books were sent to help in establishing Community Libraries at Collegeville, Pa., and at McKenney, Va.

We are also assisting St. Andrew's Mission-on-Mountain, at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

Many words of gratitude come to us. One letter says: "In whatever I have done that is worth while the Church Periodical Club has been the active partner. Religion needs to be mixed—well mixed—with brains. The Church Periodical Club has given the spoons to do the mixing. God bless the members, every one."

A deaconess tells us: "Entire families are enjoying the books and they are lending them to the neighbors also."

"Suppose there were no books!
No books to read in cozy nooks!
No books to fill the hungry mind
And teach the art of being kind.
No books to while an hour away;
To link today with yesterday;
No books to charm us for awhile;
To bring a tear or lure a smile.
But there are books, praise God above!
If we have books and we have love
We can dispense with other things—
'Tis books, not crowns, that make men kings."
—J. B. R.

Mary M. Roberts, Librarian.

Young People's Fellowship

The past year has been an interesting one for the Young People's Fellowship. Starting mostly with new members the organization has progressed by degrees. We changed our meeting night from Sunday to Thursday, in order to enlarge our activities. Different members led discussions on many topics, the most interesting of which were on justifiable lies, the ideal boy or girl, the boy scouts, conscience, and admirable traits of character. We were also privileged to hear the Rev. John Roak and Mr. Paul Lewis tell of their experiences with fellowships and young people.

A basketball team was organized with the intention of entering the Fellowship League, but because of youth and lack of training, we decided to play independently. We won the majority of about 25 games and everyone who participated derived the many benefits of the sport.

Other events included a Hallowe'en party and a dance, which both met with fair success.

The diocesan commission on young people also had a delightful program which many of our members enjoyed. The program consisted of a dance at the Brookline Square Club, and a play. There followed Inspirational Day, and many conferences which helped solve some of our problems. We are now anticipating the Diocesan Convention next week, Corporate Communion in June, and a picnic later in the summer.

Another beneficial development has been the closer association of the Fellowship with the Young People's Club, which has served to add new blood and new interests to each group.

We have gained much by our experiences in the past year and we are looking forward to entering the new year, a stronger and a more secure organization.

The treasurer's report shows a balance of $5.90 in the treasury after having paid all expenses, including diocesan dues.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Brawner,
President.

You say, "What can I do?" You can furnish one Christian life.—Phillips Brooks.

Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America

There are at present 34 boys registered in the troop, all of whom have made some advancement in the last year.

At the Fall Court of Honor last year Richard Grindler and Jack Girogasian reached Life Rank, and at the Spring meeting John George, William Leyrer, George and Joseph Dougherty were advanced to Star Rank. William Leyrer also made Life Rank. Incidentally, more boys earned Merit Badges this year than ever before.

Most of our success, I believe, is due to our Summer Encampment, as this is the best opportunity I have of coming in close contact with each boy individually. The camp provides the foundation for the next year's work, not only in recreation and education, but in the morale of the troop. This encampment is made possible through the kindness of Dr. Grammer, and I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks for his help. During the summer of 1930, twenty-nine boys spent at least a week at Treasure Island.

A considerable amount of interest was shown in Indian lore.

Much credit is due to the following Scouts for their wonderful cooperation for the advancement of the troop: Fred Schmid, Richard Grindler, John George and George Dougherty who with his brother, Joseph, were transferred to our troop a few months ago.

In January the following scouts were elected to office:

Fred Schmid, Junior Assistant; William Leyrer, Scribe; and William Bert, who has been a member of the troop for some time, was advanced to Assistant Scoutmaster.

We had the honor again of winning the Red Star at our annual inspection, which keeps our troop in the lead in our district.

In order to hold the older boys' interest in scouting we have organized a group of Sea Scouts. At present there are seven boys enrolled. These boys are taught the use of boats and life saving at the Sea Scout Base, which is just above Torresdale on the Delaware River. They also learn the various nautical terms as well as the building of ships and how to sail them.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Robinson,
Scoutmaster.

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Tenors—Mr. George H. Morgan, Mr. William B. Craig, Mr. C. Whiting Carr.
Basses—Mr. Longshore Williamson (Solo), Mr. W. Rex Crawford, Mr. Warren W. Holland, Mr. Stewart Payne.

VERGER

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Telephone—Locust 5315.

THE REGULAR SERVICES WILL BE

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion on the First Sunday of the Month.
8.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Address.
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Daily Noonday Service—12.30 to 12.55.

Persons wishing pews or sittings will apply to Mr. Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Ave., Germantown, who will also remain in the Church a few minutes after the service on Sunday morning.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, the sum of
dollars, for the purpose of said Endowment Fund.

FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF A PEW

I give and bequeath to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of Pews in St. Stephen's Church, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the Endowment of a Pew, to be called the *Pew.*

NOTE.—*The Act of April 26, 1855, requires that a will containing a bequest to Religious and Charitable uses must be executed at least one month before decease, and be attested by two disinterested witnesses. Otherwise the bequest is void.*

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(4226 Baltimore Avenue.)

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The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen

PRINCIPAL
Miss Margaret Tappen.

Receives girls only. The conditions of admission are that the father must be dead, the mother not married again at time of application; the child between *four and eight* years of age. Daughters of Clergymen have the first right of admission. The children will be kept until they are 18 or equipped to earn their living.

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Miss E. J. Davis, Mrs. Miesse, Miss Swift, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Porter, Miss Thackara.

PARCELLING COMMITTEE

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Mrs. I. W. Higham.

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Mrs. Albert Pancoast.

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RECORDER OF WORK TAKEN OUT AND RETURNED

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 10.30 A. M. in the Parish House.

President—Miss Laura Bell.
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Branch President—Miss Blanche Moore.
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PARISH HOUSE

First Meeting, Thursday, November 5th, 7.30 P. M.
President—Mrs. D. R. Harper.
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PARISH REGISTER

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

August 26—Newlin Fell Dickie and Victoria M. Popow.
September 30—William A. Coffey and Ethel E. Pearce.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

June 16—Robert Till.
June 20—Linda S. Duffield.
June 22—Emily Ada Browne.
August 22—Emily Bell.
August 29—Elizabeth Wallace.
September 1—Agnes M. Karb.
September 3—Elizabeth C. Birney.
September 3—Joseph A. McCauley.

HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the Congregation of Christ's Flock."

July 12—Mary Ellen Stover.
September 27—Dorothy Helen Burns.

An Appeal

The Parish Visitor makes a sincere and earnest appeal for all kinds of clothing and shoes. Her closet is empty, and there will be many demands on it with the approach of winter.

Cast all your cares on God: that anchor holds.—Tennyson.

Of all the elements that are important for success the most important is faith.—Cardinal Gibbons.

Yet God is good: I started sure of that, and why dispute it now?—Browning.

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Charities	$78.04	
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Missionary Box	14.15	
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Charities	$151.30	
Parochial Maintenance	206.55	
Missions	591.27	
Theological Education	5.80	
Benevolent Society	46.90	
Domestic Missions	41.95	
Community House Debt	.10	
Diocesan Missions	.10	
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Colored Missions	2.60	
Missionary Box	52.45	
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Chancel Decorations	4.10	
Deaconess House	.05	
Woman's Auxiliary	2.20	
		$1,152.07
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RECAPITULATION

Charities	$229.34
Parochial Maintenance	206.55
Missions	673.57
Theological Education	5.80
Benevolent Society	46.90
Domestic Missions	49.25
Community House Debt	.10
Diocesan Missions	.10
Foreign Missions	.95
Colored Missions	2.60
Missionary Box	66.60
Indian Missions	58.30
Chancel Decorations	4.10
Deaconess House	.05
Woman's Auxiliary	2.20
	$1,346.41

ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

PEW RENTS

Be pleased to take notice that the rents of pews and sittings in St. Stephen's Church will become due on the 25th inst. If paid by cheque, make payable to the order of I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, and remit to Clarence K. Klink, 6848 Stenton Avenue, Germantown.

The Woman's Auxiliary will open its first meeting of the season of 1931-32, with a Corporate Communion on Thursday, October 15th, at 10.30 o'clock.

Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

It used to be the custom of the Johns Hopkins, when that great University was still a small group of scholars, to begin the session by a meeting at which those who had had any unusual opportunities or experiences would tell them freely and informally. It would be interesting if such a custom prevailed in St. Stephen's. During the last months I have received postals from our travellers, from Wales, from North Cape, from Moscow, from Greece, from New England, from the mountains of New York, from Southern Germany. Think of the rich experiences that many have enjoyed. No reports would be more profitable than news from Soviet Russia, where such a remarkable experiment is being conducted with such ruthlessness, such disregard of the rights of personality, and property, that bulk so large in the eyes of Americans and Western Europeans, and such a strange religious enthusiasm in behalf of an atheistic philosophy and the social theories of Karl Marx.

My own holiday has been passed in Summit, New Jersey, where I have had unusual opportunities for study and writing. Never have I written so much, excepting the summer at Cragsmoor when I wrote my Bohlen Lectures, and never have I read so much. I have not thought it advisable to risk the fatigues of golf, so I have had much time for books.

It was always a basic theory with me as a teacher of Church History, that that department could not be profitably cultivated, unless the student also acquainted himself with secular history. I have heard of a Theological Seminary where Ecclesiastical law was made the backbone so to speak of the history. It is the least edifying of all possible approaches.

Other teachers of Ecclesiastical History throw all their emphasis upon the history of doctrine, and trace the sequence of doctrines, as if they were the flappings of a bird's wings, each of which leads to the other, although, in fact, the progress of doctrine is like the bounding of a stag, which passes from the air to the earth, and from the hard earth to the air. Theory and the facts of life constantly react upon one another. Christianity affecting life, and life reacting upon Christianity. No one, for instance, can understand that great awakening in a spiritual life, which we call the Reformation, who only knows of its effect upon Church government and doctrinal standards. It breathed a new spirit into the Northern nations of Europe, and I don't know any more fruitful way to study it, than in reading the effect of that great movement upon the people of the Netherlands, and among the Huguenots of France.

The Reformation in England was brought about under the most unfavorable circumstances, in the predominance of such characters as tyrannical and cruel Henry VIII, unscrupulous Somerset, embittered Mary Tudor, and worldy and selfish Queen Elizabeth. Its progress in Germany was retarded and the heroic element taken out of it, when Germany settled down contentedly on the agreement; cujus regio, ejus religio: [whose the reign, his the religion].

> i. e., that the Sovereign had a right to establish the religion of his realm. On this principle, Philip II and the House of Valois sought to keep the Netherlands, and France in obedience to Rome. The Protestantism of those lands was an assertion of the sacred right of the individual to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

The heroism of the converts to a purer faith was unparalled. Certainly there was nothing in the famous persecutions of the early Church equal to the cruelties of Philip and Alva. Alva boasted that he caused 20,000 people to be put to death for heresy in the Low Countries. The sufferings of the Huguenots in France in their long contest with a State controlled by Jesuits is appalling. At one time, for example, in Toulouse, about 4000 "of the religion" as the Huguenots used to call themselves, were slain.

The anniversary of the Massacre, May 16-23, 1562, was celebrated as late as 1762, when Voltaire remonstrated against a jubilee "to thank God for 4000 murders." A century later in 1862, the Archbishop of Toulouse wished to celebrate the tricentennial of "the glorious act accomplished among you 300 years ago." But the French Government forbade the procession and all out-door commemorations "of a mournful and bloody episode of our ancient religious discords." It is a pity, that those in our Church, who admire so greatly the Church of Rome, do not read of those times, for as an eminent scholar, once a Roman Catholic priest, reminds us in his **Letters to His Holiness, Pope Pius X**, "while the Papacy no longer has the Inquisition in practice, it still stands committed to the Inquisition in principle" . . . for which he quotes the bull of Gregory XVI, August 15, 1832: the famous Syllabus of Errors of Pius IX 1864 (one error according to that Syllabus is that "the Church has not the power of inflicting violence"). The records of these glorious Reformation struggles, I have been reading this summer in Motley's **Rise of the Dutch Republic,** the same author's **United Netherlands** and **John Olden Barneveld.**

Such fascinating and eloquent pages; all the statements based on original sources, such as the correspondence of the famous Venetian ambassadors, with their Masters at Venice, the private letters of Philip II, and Alva, and William of Orange, and the confidential reports of the English, French, and Dutch envoys to their home governments. I have followed this up with Baird's **History of the Huguenots.** Baird was the professor of Greek in the University of New York, an accomplished scholar in his own department, the author of a highly esteemed work on Greece; but the main literary interest of his life was the history of the Huguenots which he brought down to the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in six solid volumes, drawn like Motley from original sources and written with the most admirable care and balanced judgment. I am persuaded that he is correct in his view of the Massacres of Saint Bartholomew, as not a carefully prepared conspiracy, but as an outbreak of hate, for which Catherine de Medici, and her favorite son, the Duke of Anjou—afterwards Henry III—were chiefly responsible. They feared that the King, poor, weak Charles IX, would yield to the influence of Coligny and escape their control; and so set fire to the combustible elements that were everywhere present in France and particularly in Paris as the result of the fierce efforts of Roman Catholics, urged on by fanatical popes and Jesuits, to keep France a people of one faith, as well as of one law and one King. The same hateful theory that had established itself in Germany, that the people must have the religion of the Sovereign—which led to the terrible Thirty Years War—and which was the principle by which Elizabeth and James in England harried the Puritans, as well as the Roman Catholics.

Along with these volumes of Motley and Baird, I have read the **Invitation Heeded** of Kent Stone, a clergyman of our Church, the grandson of the eminent Chancellor Kent, who went over to Rome, and the **Letters to the Pope** of a Modernist who left Rome—the book I referred to above. I ought to state that of Baird's Volumes, I only read through two and consulted two others. I have also had a fine time testing these writers by referring to the great Ranke's **History of the Popes,** a favorite book of reference with me, in old days. It has been quite a refreshment to revisit these old fields. I was richly rewarded in learning to know better William of Orange and Coligny, who is, I believe, the grandest man of affairs

France has ever produced, and Grotius, John Barneveld, Lewis Nassua, and St. Aldegonde, and the Queen of Navarre, dauntless Jeanne d'Albert—a thousand times wiser and nobler woman than over-praised Queen Elizabeth—and Beza and Calvin and Andelot Chatillon, the younger brother of Coligny, and the first wife of Coligny and hundreds of nameless heroes, who counted not their lives dear unto themselves but followed Christ in witnessing a good confession.

Take the following incident; how it warms one's heart. It is worthy of Weyman, and might be the basis of one of his tales. There were in Paris two gentlemen, named Vezins and Regnier, of good families, in the province of Quercy in Southern France. Both were equally distinguished for valour; but their dispositions were singularly unlike; for while the Huguenot, Regnier, was noted for his gentle manners, the Roman Catholic had acquired considerable notoriety for his ferocity. Between the two there had existed for some time a mortal feud.

While the Massacre was at its height, Regnier was visited by his enemy Vezins who broke down the door and fiercely ordered the Huguenot—who well assured that his last hour had come, had fallen upon his knees to implore the mercy of God—to rise and follow him. A horse stood saddled at the door upon which Regnier was told to mount. In his enemy's train he rode unharmed through the streets of Paris, then through the gates of the city. Without a word of explanation Vezins kept on his way to Cahors, the Capital of Quercy, whither he had been dispatched by the government. For many successive days the journey lasted. The prisoner was well guarded, but he was also well lodged and fed. At last the party reached the Castle of Regnier, and here his captor broke the long silence. "As you have seen," said he, "it would have depended only on myself to take advantage of the opportunity which I have long been seeking; but I should be ashamed to avenge myself in this way upon a man so brave as you. In settling our quarrel I desire the danger shall be equal."

It need scarcely be said that the Huguenot could not find words sufficiently strong to express his gratitude. But Vezins merely replied: "I leave it to you to choose whether you wish me to be your friend or your enemy. I saved your life only to enable you to make your selection." With these words he abruptly left him and rode away, nor would he even consent to take back the horse upon which he had brought Regnier to safety so many leagues.

At some other time I may tell what noble use Regnier made of the life so saved, and how he delivered the city of Montauban.

But I must close this letter, already too long. But one question I must ask: why should people waste their time on poor literature, when all these great deeds are gloriously recorded, and will enrich us by noble admirations if we read them. Years ago I read Meredith's **Egoist,** a powerful novel in some respects. It happens to be in the library of this cottage. I pick it up and read some of the tedious conversations, in which Dr. Middleton tries to show his wit and learning, and the interminable analyses of the self-centered heart of Willoughby Patterne and I ask myself, why should we live in thought with such people when we may associate with heroes, sages and martyrs?

One of the most instructive books of my summer reading was a **History of Mexico** from a communist point of view. It was very illuminating. Such were my chief travels this summer, in the realm not of geography but of history.

It is too soon to speak of the General Convention, which I shall discuss in a Sunday Morning Sermon. And I shall in another place refer to our bereavements. One of the pleasant incidents of the summer was a lunch in Garden City, with Miss Blanche Moore, at her sister, Mrs. Donald's home. It was grand to see Miss Blanche strong and well again and to know that she could resume her place at the head of our vigorous branch of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Obituaries

During the summer St. Stephen's lost three parishioners, whose places it will be hard to fill.

In June, Mrs. John Coats Browne was taken from us. Widely loved, helpful, friendly, interested in others, lovely in face and in character—greatly will she be missed. Born in England, for a time a student in Germany, a trained nurse in Edinboro, the superintendent of nurses of the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, Miss Ada Payne had had a rich experience of life in many lands, when she married Mr. John Coats Browne of this city. Shortly before her marriage she came to St. Stephen's, where she interested herself particularly in the activities of the Benevolent Society, which will greatly miss her generous contributions and her friendly aid and presence. Her married life lasted only seven years. After the death of Mr. Browne, she devoted all her time and means to good works. The Deaconness' House was especially dear to her. But no good cause and no needy person found her indifferent.

When I lay ill in the London Hospital, I counted it a special kindness of God that she should be in London. Frequently have I mentioned and never can I forget how she visited me in the Hospital, changed her date of sailing and came home with me, giving my nurse a berth in her cabin. Never can I forget her wonderful care of me during the voyage. Wherever she went, she was a ministering angel, living, even here on Earth, in heavenly places of kindness, love and generous helpfulness.

In the death of Miss Emily Bell, St. Stephen's lost a member who had achieved prominence in the social life of Philadelphia. A member of the Civic Club, Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames, Contemporary Club, New Century Club, and other organizations, she also at one time served as President of the Traveler's Aid Society. A daughter of the late John J. Bell, at one time Associate Judge of Monroe County, and Antoniette Jordan Bell, she was a native of Philadelphia. One of the Church's most loyal members, she represented the Parish in an important Diocesan society. Widely travelled and indefatigible in her activities, Miss Bell will be greatly missed. After an illness of eight months, she passed from earth on August the 19th.

Her funeral in St. Stephen's was largely attended and was conducted by the Rector and Bishop Taitt. The sympathy of the whole congregation goes out to her sister, Miss Laura Bell, who has been such a leader in the Diocesan activities and is the honored head of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Birney, on August 31st, has deprived the Woman's Auxiliary of a Treasurer who was coming to mean more and more in the work of that important organization. She was drawn to our Church especially by her friendship with Dr. Kevin, who is a friend of her son and was with us only in the latter years of her life. In former days she was the President of many important clubs and a woman of large influence. Her bereavements and sickness had greatly circumscribed her activities during her latter years, but it seemed as if she might regain something of her former zest in life when she was taken from us, just as we were beginning to realize her full worth.

May the influence of the good examples of these noble women long live in the Parish and may God grant that successors may be raised up to continue their work.

Miss Laura Bell wishes to thank the individual members of St. Stephen's congregation who have been kind enough to send her telegrams, letters and cards of sympathy for the loss of her beloved sister, and trusts they will please consider this as a personal acknowledgment.

A GLIMPSE OF INDIA

Letter from Stanley Jones to Mrs. Megrew

My dear Friend:

We are now about to finish up the work of the Ashram for this summer, so I will send you word how things have gone.

The term Ashram means the ancient forest schools where the guru or teacher would retire with his chelas, or disciples and by personal contact indoctrinate them with his ideas. The keynote of these schools was and is simplicity and spirituality.

We have tried to be true to this ideal, with this difference that we made Christ the center. This is the second year of the Ashram, so we are no longer experimenting. Our purpose was clear and our goal definite. We who have been in active service for the rest of the year wanted to get aside in the quiet to brood over our problems, in private meditation and prayer. This could only be done in an out-of-the-way place where there would be no cross currents whatever. Sat Tal lends itself to that for here we are surrounded by forests. This morning while we were in our time of meditation and prayer a barking deer stood close to us and barked at us! Some leopards have visited us but have taken nothing more than some dogs! We make the place a sanctuary for birds and animals so they become very tame.

The rising bell goes at five and at five-fifteen we assembled on the knoll with our Bibles for our early morning hour of meditation and prayer. We opened this with a hymn, but the rest of the time was spent in personal quest and quiet. At the close of this prayer hour, we came back, walking in a line, singing a processional hymn, written by one of our Indian members who is quite a poet. We kept silence as far as speaking with each other from the time we arose until morning tea-time at 6.30. After tea we hurriedly cleaned up our rooms and then went to the grounds to work an hour with the hands at something.

My job was carrying wood, and I learned to bring it in Indian style on the head. Many a time as we trudged home with a heavy load of wood we discussed God and life with some companions. It is a good time to discuss things for then you feel the problem from the standpoint of the toiler.

After this hour of work we assembled at 8 for our first group study. This was usually a study in the New Testament. For the most part, I led it with a study of the Sermon on the Mount. During the year I had written a book on the subject so I have had the very great advantage of going over the manuscript with the members of the Ashram. Their criticism was invaluable. After this we studied various topics connected with the Christian message which was our general topic for this year's study.

Four experts came to study with us our message to Islam. Three of these were connected with the school of Islamics at Lahore. One gave us a picture of what the Gospel is according to Islam.

It was interesting and instructive to find out just what the Gospel is according to the Koran. The fatal twists they give to things! Then we studied the Christian message on sex, led by a lady who had spent years studying this subject. The Christian message and Immanence was led by a man who has given years to it. One of the members of the Christian Leva Sangha, a group of Christian ascetics, led us in a course on Karl Barth's teaching. A member of the Servants of India Society led us in a study of the Christian message on the Social, Economical and Political. Two friends came from South India and gave us a course on Church Union, with special reference to the Union about to take place in South India between the Wesleyans, the Anglicans and the South India United Church. We felt the Union there was rather weighed on the side of the bishops. So we are approaching the matter from the side of the Congregation in the North. Perhaps in the end, when we put these two schemes together we will get something that is close to comprehensive.

Two friends of very real ability led us in the Bhakti movements and their relation to the Gospel. One led us in the study of the history of Indian Culture and showed the elements that were worth preserving in it. Some of the younger group of Indians and Missionaries got together and brought in a paper on the Reconstruction of Missions, which caused a good deal of heart-searching. Another friend talked to us about ways of sharing with other faiths which brought out a real difference of opinion. We felt there was real danger of syncretism and this would be fatal to the Gospel.

The "Impact of Science on Religion" was a topic that made us think, and in thinking we found ourselves in healthy disagreement with the writer of the paper.

Of course, this cursory statement gives nothing of the beautiful spirit that ran through all our study and meditation. Some described the days we spent together in this way as days of "Heaven on Earth." They were. While the divergences were often real yet we were always true to a motto on the wall of our meeting-room: "Here we enter a fellowship, sometimes we will agree to differ, always we will resolve to love and unite to serve." The spirit of that motto has been through the whole of the summer. I do not think there has been an ugly thing spoken and yet we faced questions with a realism that was searching. Out of this summer discussions we will publish a book which will be published as our Ashram volume.

One of the most beautiful things of the summer was the coming to the Ashram of a rather famous swami. He has a very large Ashram himself and has about 3000 families who take him as their guru. When he walked into the room on arrival, he fell at my feet and said, "You are my guru." He took that literally and was ready to do anything I said. It laid on me a very heavy responsibility. But he opened like a flower to Christian Truth. The day came when he wanted me to baptize him. But just before the Sunday came on which he was to be baptized he revealed, as in a flash the terrible hatred he had toward the English. It wasn't the ordinary nationalistic feeling. It was bitter and fierce. I told him I wanted him to be a nationalist, but I could not baptize him when his heart was filled with this fierce bitterness. It was a terrible disappointment to him. He had walked hundreds of miles to get to me and here I was refusing him. The tears rolled down his cheeks. He turned to me rather fiercely and said, "How can I get rid of this hatred? Can I change my own heart?" **He could not. But Christ did.** Some time later he came to me and said: "You will baptize me next Sunday. The hatred is gone." It was!

I have scarcely ever been in such a meeting as the one in which we baptized him. Every heart there was melted. Two of our missionaries wanted their little baby baptized along with the swami, so we baptized them together for the swami had become a little child, too. He stayed with us a month and then went back to the place where he had built up his great work as a Hindu, to begin all over again as a Christian. He will have to stand much but he faces it with a song. He declared that he would win 500 sannyasis in a year. I believe he will. He has rajas and maharajas as his disciples and many temples under him. It will be a grim struggle but he will win. The day he left, we asked him where we could send him the photos we had taken of him. He waved his hand with a laugh and said: "I have no address now," and off he marched with just a little bundle of books and a change of his saffron robe.

It has been a great summer, one of the very best of my life. The intimate fellowships, the hours of communion, the struggle for souls that needed light, the clearing of truth in the mind, the exquisite presence of the living Christ, the enriching of the whole of life, these are some of the things that happened.

I have decided I could not go to China, India is too interesting and compelling, so I shall stay on here and throw myself into this great struggle for the soul of a great people. You who are helping with prayer and money are the real partners. Keep it up!

Yours in Him,

Stanley Jones.

THAT THE TRUTH SPEAKETH INWARDLY WITHOUT NOISE OF WORDS

Speak, O Lord, for Thy servant heareth. I am Thy servant, grant me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies. Incline my heart to the words of Thy mouth: let Thy speech distil as the dew. The children of Israel in times past said unto Moses, "Speak thou unto us, and we will hear: let not the Lord speak unto us, lest we die." not so, Lord, not so, I beseech Thee: but rather with the prophet Samuel, I humbly and earnestly entreat, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Let not Moses speak unto me, nor any of the prophets, but rather do Thou speak, O Lord God, the Inspirer and Enlightener of all the prophets; for Thou alone without them canst perfectly in-

struct me, but they without Thee can profit nothing.

They indeed may sound forth words, but they cannot give the Spirit. Most beautifully do they speak, but if Thou be silent, they inflame not the heart. They teach the letter, but Thou openest the sense: they bring forth mysteries, but Thou unlockest the meaning of sealed things. They declare Thy commandments, but Thou helpest us to fulfill them. They point out the way, but Thou givest strength to walk in it. What they can do is only without, but Thou instructest and enlightenest the heart. They water outwardly, but Thou givest fruitfulness. They cry aloud in words, but Thou impartest understanding to the hearing.

Let not Moses therefore speak unto me, but Thou, O Lord my God, the Everlasting Truth; lest I die, and prove unfruitful, if I be only warned outwardly, and not inflamed within. Lest it turn to my condemnation—the word heard and not fulfilled, known and not loved, believed and not observed. Speak therefore, Lord, for Thy servant heareth; for Thou hast the words of eternal life. Speak Thou unto me, to the comfort, however imperfect, of my soul, and to the amendment of my whole life, and to Thy praise and glory and honour everlasting.

Just a Word of Greeting and of Counsel

These are dark days in many homes, days of anxiety and of gloom. Let us then make it a point to be cheerful and hopeful. It was said of Cromwell that in dark hours, in the high places of the field, hope shone in him like a pillar of fire. Brave people are braced by danger, and believing people in times of trouble lean hard upon God—a very present help in time of trouble. One of the deepest sources of our present evils is panic-fear—a fear that instead of putting us on our guard against danger, increases our peril. Let us put our trust in God, Who has led us safely through many dangers and taught us thereby many lessons. Let us not think only of ourselves but also mind the things of others. If all of us will be willing to run the usual risks together, none seeking to secure greater safety than others, all willing to share the same risks, then there will be no risk and prosperity will return.—C. E. G.

Mrs. Coolidge's Poem

The poem written by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, inspired by the fifth anniversary of the death of her son, Calvin Coolidge, Jr., July 27, 1929, appeared in Good Housekeeping.

THE OPEN DOOR

You, my son,
Have shown me God,
Your kiss upon my cheek
Has made me feel the gentle touch
Of Him who leads us on.
The memory of your smile when young,
Reveals His face,
As mellowing years come on apace,
And when you went before,
You left the gates of heaven ajar
That I might glimpse,
Approaching from afar,
The glories of His grace.
Hold, son, my hand;
Guide me along the path
That, coming,
I may stumble not,
Nor roam,
Nor fail to show the way
Which leads us home.

The world has tried war with force and has utterly failed. The only hope of success lies in peace with justice.—Calvin Coolidge.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Oct. 7—William H. Donly and Lou Ethel Nye.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

October 10—Elizabeth Borie Lewis.
October 14—Robert J. Corrigan.
October 15—William J. C. Brassell.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The first meeting of St. Stephen's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the season of 1931-1932 was held October 15th, with seventeen members present for corporate communion, celebrated before the regular meeting.

Miss Bell was in the chair and Dr. Grammer was present and made a short welcoming address. Two new members were enrolled.

Three of our most valued members were taken by death this summer: Mrs. Birney, the treasurer, Mrs. John Coats Browne, and Miss Emily Bell.

Reports were read and plans for the year's work made. The treasurer's balance was $240.20, and the Missionary Box Committee has a balance of $333.33, both quite good sums with which to begin the work for this busy winter.

Beulah Evans Hollar,
Secretary.

No one is so poor that he cannot give something at this season of the year. Hope, cheeriness and courage are far above rubies; sympathy, friendship and love, are beyond price.

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ELLA HEADMAN, *Treasurer.*

ANOTHER—ANY OTHER—EVERY OTHER—EACH OTHER

How different the meaning
Of words so much alike!
Though close together leaning
What diverse notes they strike!

Two boys each other teasing,
One calls the other, "fool."
To this epithet displeasing,
"You're *another*" is the rule.

Gay girls together seated,
Waiting partners for a dance,
By awkward bumpkin greeted,
Sigh for *"any other"* chance.

A youth to party going,
Without a dress-suit clad,
Cries, "I'll make an awful showing
While *every other* lad———!

A girl and boy together,
(Not sister and not brother),
Whatever be the weather,
How happy in *each other.*

C. E. G.

The Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

These are times when luxuries must be cut out, that we may be able to give more, and spend more in a helpful, constructive way. Money spent for jewelry helps only a few persons, money spent for a vacuum cleaner lightens labor, and helps to employ labor. Such discriminations and economies as we ought to practice in our personal affairs, I wish to introduce into our Church's affairs.. To this end I decided to discontinue a separate Bulletin for every Sunday, with the weekly notices, and a little message at the back. When a kind friend heard of this decision the present form of the Bulletin with all the Music for six Sundays was kindly given to the Church. I have asked myself the searching question whether I ought not to discontinue the Parish News. It costs a good deal and some of my advertisers have asked to be dropped on account of the hard times. Yet I have decided to keep on. It is an ancient custom of the parish. I have enlarged it a little, and had all the numbers bound. They are an invaluable record of St. Stephen's for a quarter of a century. The other day Dr. McConnell sent us the bound volumes of the numbers published during his rectorship. I dislike very much to terminate such a record. Moreover scattered as our members are, this monthly is an invaluable means of spreading information and keeping up interest. Hundreds of dollars are brought into our treasury for worthy causes by givers whose knowledge of our appeals and responsibilities is derived from the Parish News. There are some important annual checks that might not come if this **nexus** were destroyed. Then there are sick members, the "shut-ins" to whom it brings cheer. Besides there are a number of outsiders who read our paper and the editor of a widely circulated religious weekly has quoted our News letter a number of times and so given our message a wide circulation. The secular press is largely controlled by the big advertisers; it is impossible to get them to publish any criticism of the Motion Pictures. A resolution was passed at the General Convention favoring Federal Control of the production of films intended for inter-state circulation, but the secular papers omitted all mention of its passage. The National movement for the control of alcohol made its way against the opposition of the secular press, and it is a scandal the way in which the breaking of the Volstead Act is condoned, apologized for and justified in our great dailies. This little paper gives me an opportunity to deliver my message on these subjects.

An appeal to the past would show how safe a guide the moral and religious point of view has been in National and International affairs. Long ago I advocated our participation in the League of Nations, holding that the minority in the Senate were wrong to insist on conditions, and also that President Wilson was equally wrong not to accept the conditions and go in on terms that were acceptable to England and France. I was an advocate of the Kellogg-Pact and differed entirely from those who belittled it as an unreal and hypocritical profession.

Events have shown that the signatories are going to hold Japan up to the obligation of the Pact. If the Sunrise Kingdom does not yield to persuasion, I hope the other signatories will declare an embargo against trade with Japan. I favored scaling down of the world debts and we now know that the present condition of world trade is largely due to this unbearable burden. The claim I am making is not that I am infallible or inerrant, but that a minister occupies a detached position apart from political, partisan and corporate interests and has in his occupation with moral issues a helpful clue to the wise course for the Nation as well as for individuals. The Parish News is a useful medium for the diffusion of these views.

Years ago I asked Louise Betts Edwards, a loyal member of St. Stephen's who was the gifted writer of verses and also the author of a well-written novel, to write a hymn to be sung to the tune composed for the third hymn in our Hymnal by Selden Miller, who succeeded Dr. Wood as our Organist. The result was the following hymn, which I think worthy of a permanent place in the Hymnal. How appropriate it is for this time. I recommend my readers to learn it by heart as I have done. It is well worth it.

Christian Soul, the times are calling,
Altars falling,
Men's hearts failing them for fear;
Unto thee their eyes are turning,
Spirits yearning
For the word of faith and cheer.

Christian Soul, great deeds await thee,
Consecrate thee,
To the task that nearest lies;
Question not that God will use thee,
Nor refuse thee
Blessing on thy sacrifice.

Walk thou not as one benighted,
Nor affrighted;
Where the foolish see no God,
Thine to glimpse the fiery column,
Thine the solemn
Comfort of His staff and rod!

—Louise Betts Edwards.

The figures below show where we stand on the **Expectation.** We raised what we promised last year, and I am sure that we can do as well this year. We are further ahead in spite of the hard times. Everybody has approved of the decision at Denver, to keep up our various activities in spite of the hard times, but that approval means nothing unless we back it up by self-denial and giving. I do not go to the Motion Pictures often, but I went lately to see that instructive film, **The Dreyfus Case,** and there was a full house. If a tithe of the money spent on pleasure were given to help those in distress, there would be but little distress.

Expectation for Year 1931: $6,500.00.
Total for 9 Months, 1931
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Expectation for 9 Months, 1931
$4,875.00

I do not wish to appear unsympathetic with the unemployed. But there is no reason why their leisure should not be utilized. There is a great deal of work about a house that a man can do, which will make life easier for the woman. Mark Twain tells a true story of a man who walked into a store and asked to be allowed to make himself useful—no wage specified—just to show how useful he could be. He was so helpful that they felt he was indispensable. One thing is certain, that it only makes matters worse if the unemployed lose their **morale** and self-respect. Learn to draw, learn to read music, learn to play an instrument, learn to sew and knit, learn to cook. Don't despair, don't allow yourself to become mentally and morally disheveled. Make this undesired leisure contribute to your future equipment. Above all deepen the springs of your soul by drawing near to God in faith and self-dedication.

The Party-system has its advantages and disadvantages. It is undoubtedly important that there should be official critics, as well as official defenders of the administration's conduct of affairs. But there are limits beyond which partisanship should not go. It used to be said that partisanship ought not to extend to foreign policy. It seems to me that partisanship ought not to be allowed to control our conduct and speech at this time. It is good to see how broad-minded men like Newton D. Baker and Owen Young come forward with words of praise for President Hoover in his surpassingly difficult task. Let us take large views of the situation and avoid partisan strategy. The fate of the Nation is more important than

the fortunes of the Republican or Democratic parties.

The congregation will be interested to know that the campaign against the so-called American Missal attained the full measure of success that was expected. The General Convention is not a court and has no right to punish any one for using the Missal. The Protestant Episcopal Church has no *Index Prohibitivus* and attempts to exercise no jurisdiction over publishers.

The campaign was inaugurated to reveal to the Church the propaganda that is going on in our midst and make plain both its lawlessness and its pro-Roman character. This it succeeded in doing. Anglo-Catholicism was under a cloud at Denver, and the General Convention condemned such authorization by the custodian of the Standard Prayer Book.

On the morning of November 8th, the preacher will be the Reverend Joseph S. Loughran, who is applying for admission into the Ministry of our Church, and has been granted by the Bishop a license to make addresses. Mr. Loughran has had a most interesting career, and is a preacher of charm and inspiring power. After his graduation from Georgetown University and his ordination as priest of the Roman Catholic Church, he studied for a year at the University of Freiburg in Baden. For five years he was Chaplain in the United States Army and in that capacity went to Siberia during the World War, journeying as far west as Lake Baikal. His experience of life and further study finally destroyed his faith in the peculiarities of Roman Catholicism and he left that Church and spent a year of study at Oxford, England. Hearing that Unitarianism was the freeest Church in the world, he became a pastor in that Society, as the Unitarians used to describe themselves. During the last four years, he has been pastor of the Unitarian Church in East Orange. It has, however, become increasingly plain to him that Unitarianism was out of touch with historic Christianity, and not a Church home in which he could continue to work with enthusiasm. His religion is Christo-centric and he has no sympathy with a religion that is not thoroughly theistic. So he has applied for admission to our Ministry. Your rector is one of the two clergymen who will sign his papers, and Bishop Taitt has accepted him as a candidate. During the interval before his examination, he is authorized to make addresses and I hope to have him at times in our pulpit on Sunday, and at our Noonday services.

In these trying times people naturally cast around for supports and stays. They naturally turn to religion. It has been well said: "Religion is no languid luxury, no mere embellishment like a tassel on a robe or a feather in a hat. Its world-wide and world-old existence proves that it is a necessity of human nature. With all its imperfections, because of its too human instruments, it centralizes and stabilizes our lives. Religion touches the dark night with a morning of promise; it lifts eyes dimmed with struggle to fulfilments offered to the heroic; it rings the bell that wakens within us what no man can ever wholly lose—the power to dedicate ourselves, to hope grandly, to trust nobly, to endure victoriously."

But to gain this support it is not necessary to turn to new forms of religion, or to hectic phases of religion. There is no comfort greater than our belief that we have in God a Father, and Supporter. How can a belief in Guardian Angels or Spirits give more comfort than such a trust in God? His is a belief in a return of Jesus in the flesh, as imminent and near, more comforting than our confidence that God has not left us comfortless but sent down to us His Spirit to guide us. What the world needs is a reasonable, religious and holy hope,—not a faith that is ecstatic but lacks reason, nor a faith that robes itself in aesthetic adornments but lacks moral content, nor a faith that is mere Stoicism, and seeks comfort in resignation to things as they are without any reference to God. Reasonable, religious and holy:—such must be the grounds of our confidence.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

Girls' Friendly Society

Members of the Girls' Friendly Society (St. Stephen's Branch) began their meetings on Monday, October 5th.

Dr. Grammer came and gave us an interesting account of his summer vacation, spent at Summit, New Jersey.

Plans were discussed for our winter's work.

On November 16th an illustrated talk, on the Port of Philadelphia, by Mr. Berry will be given in the Auditorium of the Community House. Members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend this very interesting lecture.

We had two new members the opening night. The organization is non-sectarian. Young married women are admitted and we will be glad to welcome any one who may be interested in joining the Society. Our work is educational. It is an opportunity to meet your old friends and to make new ones. Dues, $1.00 a year.

The Society feels the loss greatly of two of our Honorary Members: Mrs. John Coats Browne and Miss Emily Bell. They were always interested in our work and their support and kindness in every way are keenly missed. Also we feel the loss of our member and friend, a delightful young girl, Miss Laura Frisch.

The Branch President is very happy to be able to take up the work of the Society this fall and wishes to express her sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the members for their many kindnesses and loving prayers during her illness last winter.

B. M.

The women of the congregation will be happy to hear that the United Thank Offering presented at the triennial convention just ended at Denver, this time totalled $1,059,575.27—a surprising figure in the light of present economic conditions. The total at the last triennium in 1928 was $1,101,450.40.

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To Worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

—Whittier.

Hatred never yet was overcome by hatred, but hatred is always overcome by love.—Buddha.

All within the four seas are breathren.—Confucius.

Beware what you set your heart upon, for it surely shall be yours.—Emerson.

Whate'er thou lovest, man,
That, too, become thou must;
God, if thou lovest God,
Dust, if thou lovest dust.

—Silesius.

We are stumbling in the dark, but we are facing toward the light—Helen Keller.

Let every occasion be a great occasion, for you cannot tell when fate may be taking your measure for a larger place.

We must go on and leave our past. Let us go as those whom greater thoughts and greater deeds await beyond.—Phillips Brooks.

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.—George Eliot.

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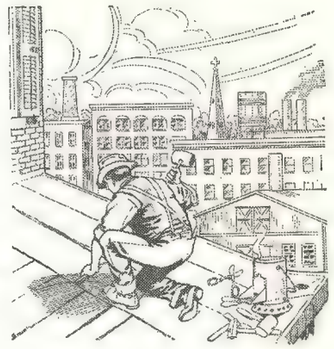

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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Some Sentences from Washington's Private Letters Showing His Belief in Providence

A. D. 1778:

The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith and more than wicked that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations.

A. D. 1791:

The great ruler of events will not permit the happiness of so many millions to be destroyed.

A. D. 1792:

But as the all-wise Disposer of events has hitherto watched over my steps, I trust that in the important one I may be called on soon to take, he will mark the course so plainly as that I cannot mistake my way.

A. D. 1794:

At disappointments and losses which are the effect of providential acts I never repine because I am sure the alwise disposer of events knows better than we do, what is best for us, or what we deserve.

A. D. 1798:

While I believing that man was not designed by the all wise Creator to live for himself alone, prepare for the worst that can happen.

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Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners:

Here we are in Mid-Lent; Easter still three weeks away. I hope that we are all bearing in mind our Easter offering, and endeavoring by little economies and self-denials to accumulate a generous offering on that great day for the extension of the Kingdom of God. Let us not wait as we did in former years till November and December and then have a great scramble and repeated appeals, just at the season when Christmas rightly claims so much of our money for gifts and attentions to those near and dear to us. Lenten self-denial is given a new purpose and meaning if it is made to bear the generous fruit of helpfulness to the Church of God. "Miserable aims that end in self" are justly scorned by moralists. Christian living must be like the Master's, who said, "For their sakes I sanctify myself." Let us practice self-denial, not merely to control our own desires and appetites, but also for the sake of helping others.

I hope that our Easter Offering may be the largest that we have had during all my rectorship. We have never made enough of the Easter Offering. It has never been held up as it should be, as the goal of Lenten self-denial and Lenten effort. Let us make it such a goal this year.

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At the Noonday Service on Ash Wednesday, I opened Lent with an address on the duty of weighing the messages of the preachers. The profit of a sermon, like the prosperity of a jest, lies in the ears of those who hear it. For my own part, the older I grow, the more do I value good sense. It is the peculiar glory of the English Church, that it had as one of its formative teachers the judicious Hooker, who defended Episcopacy on grounds of reason and insisted that religion should not be segregated from the other interests of our complex nature. It used to be a saying that a master of texts was a master of Theology, but the adage was coined in an age of Bibliolatry. With our modern grasp of the necessity of construing the parts in the light of the whole, we attach less importance to separate texts and sayings, and more to the general spirit of the Bible, and the guidance that a study of conditions must always exercise in the application of general principles. The texts enjoining us to feed the hungry do not apply to the ravenous appetite of the convalescent from typhoid, and the injunction to clothe the naked loses much of its force in the mild climate of the South Sea Islands. I believe in organizing the world for peace, but I am convinced that the injunction "Resist not evil" does not apply to policemen dealing with robbers, or to soldiers putting down lawless aggressors. Such cases call not for declamation, but for a weighing of conditions. The following words from Bowne's chapter on Fallacies are worth pondering: (He is discussing the fallacy of the abstract). "Even the virtues themselves depend in some degree upon the context. As abstract principles they may be affirmed, but in application they must be adjusted to circumstances. In fact the abstract principle (such as justice) may be so insisted on as to make society impossible. No perfectly just system of taxation is possible. The order of life itself seems unjustly partial. What could be more unjust than a world of heredity and social solidarity? With such facts abounding it is easy for the ideologist to heat his own and other weak heads. . . . . Here is where the ethical casuist, the religious disciplinarian and the social reformer all come short. They fall back on the abstract. The amateur sociologist falls back on some glittering generalities about man, and the golden rule, and possibly some theological doctrine."

Illustrations of these fallacies may be found in the argument of the pacifist, that war is wrong under all circumstances, and in the recent declaration of a prominent New York rector that the 18th Amendment and Volstead Act are contrary to the teachings of Jesus. When such gales of declamation are blowing it is well to remember the injunction not to be carried away with every wind of doctrine. At the present juncture of affairs in China, I hope that our Missionaries do not feel called on to preach the duty of submission to the Chinese. I agree with those who wish our country to induce the Nations of the world to forbid the shipments of the munitions of war to the Japanese.* It seems to me that it is important that the sacredness of treaties should be enforced by an embargo of this kind and by an even more extensive boycott, if necessary. The problems of life are too intricate to be solved by abstractions without a study of conditions. John Wesley long ago said that the great need of the world was the union of knowledge and vital piety. Neither can be dispensed with.

Cordially yours
Carl E. Grammer

*It is appalling to learn that nitrates are being shipped to Japan from America, and that the English government has acquiesced in the sale of munitions of war to those treaty-breakers.

A Letter Full of Instruction

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 18, '32.

Dear Grammer:

I have read Wieman's Article, and his conception of God seems to me to be utterly lacking in dynamic power or comfort. I have never cared for his writings on the subject, and I take no stock in such an impersonal nonentity. Such a God would mean nothing to me. There is really no fatherhood nor personal relationship in it, as I understand such things.

I cannot imagine calling such a conception of God "Our Father who art in Heaven." Wieman does not seem to have even been born again into Jesus' view of religion. He may be clever, but his view will never help the world on to God.

I am glad that the women are doing something about the magazines. I am about ready to give my new pamphlet on "The Shamelessness of the Movies" to the printer. The state of the movies is deplorable, and why Christians all over the country don't rise en masse against this last going of the "limit in sexology," is hard to understand. *We are at a low stage of ethical endeavor, and that means that something is the matter with our modern grasp of religion. Religion without ethical application is as bad as ethics without religion.** I am glad that the "Father of his Country" laid so much stress upon this latter point. We need a revival of his spirit.

Ever Sincerely Yours,
Clifford G. Twombly.

*Italics mine—C. E. G.

To the distinguished character of patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian. —Washington.

Girls' Friendly Society

At this late moment the G. F. S. takes the opportunity of thanking the congregation of St. Stephen's Church for their loyal support toward the Christmas sale and supper given on December 14th.

It was well attended and we are happy to report, our proceeds amounted to $111.00 clear.

One hundred well-filled stockings, fifty for girls and fifty for boys, also a case of oranges were sent to the Philadelphia General Hospital.

An illustrated lecture was given by Dr. Wm. H. Moore on one of his motor trips through the State of Colorado.

A large box of bottles was sent to St. Martha's Settlement House to aid in the distribution of medicine given to the poor. Also a large box of Christmas cards was sent to a hospital in India, and some to a chain of kindergarten schools in India, China and Japan, through a Mrs. W. L. Bath, of 930 West 39th Street, Los Angeles, California. She sends them, free of charge, through the Dollar Steamship Line. If anyone wishes to contribute cards for this purpose, we will be glad to receive them.

The girls are helping to refurnish two rooms at the Cape May Holiday House, one in memory of Miss Maria Wilkins, and the other called St. Stephen's Room. Miss Julia MacAllister gave a most interesting talk on Interior Decorating and showed a number of very beautiful materials, giving the ancient history of the weaving.

On February 1st a complimentary dinner was given to the members of St. Stephen's Branch by the President and Associates. Fifty girls attended and we had fourteen guests. We were honored by the presence of Mrs. Wm. Spiess, our Diocesan President, and Miss Laura Bell, one of our Honorary Members.

Several witty speeches were made giving all of us a hearty laugh, and with the singing, under the leadership of Mrs. David Wood, we all had a jolly time.

The Woman's Auxiliary

In the absence of the Secretary, for the first time in years, these notes are prepared by the President, who records that twenty members assembled at the meeting on February 18th, and after the opening exer-

cises, when Dr. Kevin read Washington's prayer, the delegates made their interesting reports, some of which were encouraging, but all stressed the need of assistance in money and clothing, which requests were responded to so far as possible within the resources of the Treasury both last month and pledged for the following. An additional donation toward a missionary box was made, and all pledges for 1931 were filled, also clothing taken down to the City Mission.

Two letters were read from Miss Riddell, of the Kumamoto Resurrection of Hope, (a hospital for lepers in Japan) and it was a shock to hear that a cablegram had been received saying that she had died just a few days later than the date of her last communication, and since then calendars have been received from her. It will be remembered that St. Stephen's Auxiliary contributed to the permanent endowment of the hospital for its support for one day annually, St. Stephen's Day; this was accomplished chiefly through the effort of Miss Washington.

Miss Riddell was a fine type of Englishwoman, whose interest in the lepers was aroused during a trip for pleasure in Japan, and she felt herself called to devote her life to trying to ease and comfort these poor people in their forlorn condition, uncared for as they were until she put her whole energy and Christian love into this work, crowned with success by English and American supporters, and the recognition of the Emperor of Japan by a visit from him last year, thrilling the patients by such an honor. The buildings and grounds were inspected by his chamberlain, as it was not considered "appropriate," as was expressed by his representative for the Emperor to approach in person.

All those who had the privilege of knowing Miss Riddell will remember her as a splendid Christian woman who inspired others by her faith, and will rejoice that she has entered into her reward.

Her niece, Miss Wright, will carry on her work, and Rev. Dr. A. E. Clattenburg, Bala-Cynwyd, Penna., will be the American representative authorized to receive subscriptions.

Laura Bell,
President.

George Washington and the Presbyterians

By James Hosmer Penniman, Litt.D.

[For some years Dr. James Hosmer Penniman used to sit in the North Gallery of St. Stephen's, and give the most marked attention to the message of the Rector. Invited to deliver one of the addresses at the Centennial anniversary of the parish, he prepared a paper of unusual erudition and wit, which was printed by the Vestry, and will long remain the best portrayal in a short compass of conditions in Philadelphia in 1823, the year when St. Stephen's was founded. Some years ago Dr. Penniman sent me the following paper in which, as he assured me in a private note, the evidence for Washington's partaking of the Holy Communion with Presbyterians is given with greater fullness than it has ever been stated before. I am sure that our readers will be particularly interested in its republication this bicentenary year. It was originally published in *Forward*, an illustrated weekly paper for young people by the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church. It is republished by permission.—C. E. G.]

"Patrick Henry was known to say that Samuel Davis was the greatest orator he ever heard. Davis went to England to collect money for Princeton and made a great name there as a preacher. In 1755 he established the first presbytery in Virginia. On August 17 of that year he preached a sermon to the volunteers of Hanover County entitled, 'Religion and Patriotism the Constituents of a Good Soldier.' Braddock had just been defeated by the French and Indians near Pittsburgh, where Washington had two horses shot under him and four bullets through his coat. Samuel Davis, in speaking of the great men of history whom God has raised up to accomplish His purposes, uttered these prophetic words: 'I might point to the public that heroic youth, Colonel Washington, whom I cannot but hope Providence has hitherto preserved in so signal a manner, for some important service for his country.' Not long afterwards, at the age of thirty-four, Samuel Davis succeeded Jonathan Edwards and became the second president of Princeton.

"On March 1, 1777, Alexander Hamilton was appointed aide-de-camp to Washington at Morristown. Rev. Hugh Knox, who had been Hamilton's instructor in boyhood, wrote from St. Croix, December 10, 1777, these prophetic words: 'The honorable post you hold under the **Great** General Washington, and so near his person, will give you a peculiar advantage for delineating his character, both in his amiable private virtues, and military abilities. And depend upon it, the very minutiæ of that incomparable man will be read with avidity by posterity. You know me too well, I hope, to suspect me of superstition; yet I feel myself, at times, under a strong impulse to **prophesy,** that **Washington** was born for the deliverance of America, that that Providence who has raised him up and trained him up for that very purpose, will watch over his sacred life with a paternal and solicitous care; will shield his head in every day of battle—**will** give him to see America **free, flourishing,** and **happy**—and will adorn his fame, among latest posterity, with a Garland of Laurel, more verdant, blooming, and enviable, than ever adorned the brow of a Marlborough.'

"Washington's army was at Morristown from January 6 to May 28, 1777, and from December 7, 1779, to June 7, 1780. Washington was a regular attendant at the Presbyterian church during both winters, and became an intimate friend of Timothy Johnes, who preached independence from his pulpit. Washington and Parson Johnes both attended the meetings of the New Jersey Council of Safety which were held in the parsonage. In 1777 two hundred and five of this parish died of small pox, diphtheria, or dysentery. The Presbyterian and Baptist churches and the courthouse were used as hospitals. Parson Johnes's congregation worshiped in private houses, and when the weather permitted in the orchard back of the parsonage, where benches were arranged in a semicircle. The Lord's Supper was celebrated twice a year. The account comes direct from Doctor Johnes of Washington's riding up on his magnificent charger and, throwing the reins to Billy Lee, with stately tread going up the porch steps and giving a short rap with the knocker on the door. The good Doctor received the most distinguished man in the world with courteous benevolence, and in reply to his inquiry if an Episcopalian might partake of the coming Communion, said, 'It is not the Presbyterian table; it is the Lord's table.' At the service Washington was sitting in a chair which had been brought out of the house, but gave it to a woman with a child in her arms.

"Dr. James Richards, pastor in 1851 of the First Presbyterian Church, and whose father in 1794 succeeded Dr. Johnes, said that he often heard his father tell of Washington's receiving the Communion, and that he had obtained his information directly from Dr. Johnes. Jared Sparks, who talked with many persons who lived with Washington, had no doubt of this important event. Albert Barnes, another pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, always considered that the evidence was conclusive. Charlotte Morrell Brackett, a great-great-granddaughter of Dr. Johnes, wrote May 19, 1902: 'It is not a matter of tradition only, but of pure authentic history—in fact a part of the history of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown—as it was the first pastor of the church, the Reverend Doctor Timothy Johnes, who administered the rite to Washington. It has always been a matter of family history.'

"Mrs. Ford, whose house Washington occupied, was a daughter of Dr. Johnes. Her home remains unchanged and is now a museum. On January 22, 1780, Washington wrote to General Greene, 'Eighteen belonging to my own family and all Mrs. Ford's are crowded together into her Kitchen and scarce one of them able to speak for the colds they have caught.' The winter of 1779-1780 was the most severe ever known. For two months sleighs used the Delaware River as a road from Trenton to Philadelphia. Teams crossed on the ice from Hoboken to New York. Snow was from four to six feet deep.

"On account of the mutiny of some Pennsylvania troops, Congress left Philadelphia for Princeton late in June, 1783. Washington with his army was at Newburgh, but being summoned by Congress he moved his headquarters to Rocky Hill. The house, the last headquarters of the Revolution, is still standing.

"On Wednesday, September 24, the commencement exercises of the College of New Jersey were held in the First Presbyterian Church. Congress was meeting in the library room of Nassau Hall, the northeast

room of the third floor, since divided into several rooms, but adjourned to attend commencement. Dr. Ashbel Green was valedictorian, and in his autobiography gives this account of the closing exercises:

"'The church in Princeton had been repaired during the summer (1783) which preceded the commencement at which I received my bachelor's degree. An extended stage, running the length of the pulpit side of the church, had been erected; and as the President of Congress was a trustee of the college, and the president of the college had recently been a distinguished member of Congress, and that body itself had been accommodated in the college edifice, an adjournment to attend commencement seemed to be demanded by courtesy, and was readily agreed on. We accordingly had on the stage, with the trustees and the graduating class, the whole of the Congress, the Ministers of France and Holland, and Commander-in-chief of the American army. The valedictory oration had been assigned to me, and it concluded with an address to General Washington. I need not tell you, that both in preparing and delivering it, I put forth all my powers. The General coloured as I addressed him, for his modesty was among the qualities which so highly distinguished him. The next day, as he was going to attend on a committee of Congress, he met me in one of the long entries of the college edifice, stopped and took me by the hand, and complimented me on my address, in language which I should lack his modesty if I repeated it, even to you. After walking and conversing with me for a few minutes, he requested me to present his best wishes for their success in life to my classmates, and then went to the committee-room of Congress. I never took a copy of my valedictory oration, but carelessly gave the original, at his request, to Shepard Kollock, who then printed a newspaper at Chatham, in Morris county. It was published by him in October, 1783. I have made several efforts to find the paper which contained it, but hitherto without success.'

"The Presbyterian Magazine, which published an article on Washington and the Presbyterians in 1851, made every effort to rescue this 'literary treasure from oblivion' and called in vain for the aid of antiquarians and the secular press. It is here published for the first time since 1783, having been sent to me by Mr. George Mann Peck.

"Let us picture young Ashbel standing before that illustrious assemblage and thus addressing the General who sat near by in his blue-and-buff uniform: 'Nor in that day, illustrious and magnanimous chief, shall thy actions and thy exploits be unrecorded. Some future bard, whom all the muses love —O that it might be some happy son of Nassau Hall—shall tell in all the majesty of epic song, the man whose prudent conduct, and whose gallant sword, taught the tyrants of the earth to fear oppression, and opened an asylum for the virtuous, and free to all the world— But adventurous bard, whoever thou art, beware! Leave poetic fiction and ornament to those whose themes require it; the greatest panegyric of my hero is his true character.'

"The trustees requested Washington to sit for his portrait, and it was painted by Charles Peale. The background represents the battle of Princeton and the death of Mercer. It was in this battle that Washington said that he was in the greatest danger of his life."

Washington's Prayer

Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection: that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large * * * And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation Class

Bishop Taitt will visit St. Stephen's on March 13th, the fifth Sunday in Lent, at the morning service to administer the rite of Confirmation.

St. Stephen's Aid Society

The Aid Society has resumed the usual Lenten sewing on infant garments, which are distributed by the Parish Visitor in her work among the people of our Parish. These garments are much needed as the supply has been exhausted during the winter. The cooperation of the women of the congregation is earnestly solicited. Those desiring to take garments home may apply to Mrs. Higham at any time during Lent.

E. K. Campbell, Chairman.

Books Wanted

There is an urgent call from many small, isolated places where libraries are sadly needed. Can you not help? Both old and new books, for young people or grown folks —all will be gladly welcomed and will give cheer and comfort to many lonely souls.

Please look over your books at home (if you do not care to buy new ones) and send or bring to the Parish House any that you can spare.

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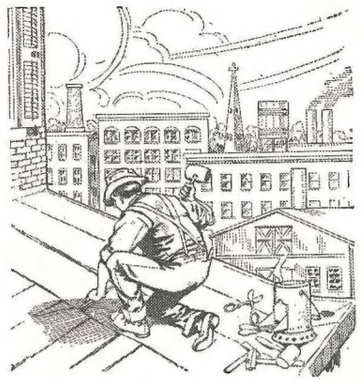

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